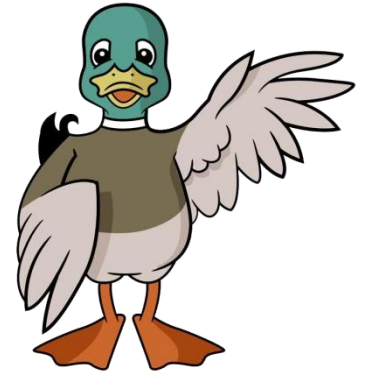




**HEADSTONE
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A message to our
visitors and friends from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 🖐️

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from May 25 to May 31, 2020.

This week we took part in the Museum Buddy programme! This saw museums around the country paired up in order to share each other's collections with new audiences, and to celebrate our similarities and differences! Our buddy was Maidstone Museum, which you can visit virtually here: <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/>

We also celebrated London Rivers Week with a watery wall hanging craft project, and learned some more about Victorian and Georgian Harrow.

Enjoy!!

Monday, May 25th 2020

Post #1

This week usually heralds the start of London Rivers Week, a celebration of London's waterways – brooks, streams, rivers and the ponds, lakes & Moats which they feed!

The event has been postponed until the Autumn but we can still celebrate our waterways at Headstone, Yeading Brook and our Manor House Moat which is fed by the Brook.

The creation of a wetland in the Park will mean that the water will be much cleaner and healthier with more wildlife.

Help us celebrate and create your own Watery Wall Hanging following our artist instructions: <https://buff.ly/2RYI7U0>

[Thames21](#) [Harrow Council](#)



Lucy Lardner



Lucy Lardner

Monday, May 25th 2020

Post #2

This week we are excited to join up with [Maidstone Museums](#) as our [#MuseumBuddy](#). Every day this week we will be sharing aspects of Maidstone's history with you to spread the love of Museums around the UK. This museum is home to a vast collection of fine art and historical artefacts, with over 600,000 objects! Check out their website here: <https://buff.ly/2OWirqG>



Monday, May 25th 2020

Post #3

You can check out our [#MuseumBuddy](#), Maidstone Museum, on social media too! Follow them on Twitter @MaidstoneMuseum, on Instagram <https://buff.ly/2zeeyrE> & Facebook [Maidstone Museums](#). We ♥ this pic of their staff, they're keeping the Museum with tons of online content like us! [#MuseumFromHome](#)



Monday, May 25th 2020

Post #4

Thank you 🙌 we're loving [#MuseumBuddy](#)
[@MuseumBuddy](#)



Maidstone Museum @MaidstoneMuseum · May 25

We will be sharing aspects of @HeadstoneManor1 with you to spread the love of Museums. The Collections at Headstone Manor reflect the people and places of Harrow across 1200 years of history! They have lots of great resources, and you can visit digitally: headstonemanor.org

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Tuesday, May 26th 2020
Post #1



Our [#MuseumBuddy Maidstone Museums](#). Today we're sharing some of their collections which are similar to ours. Maidstone's photographic collections holds over 6,000 items covering historic Kent. We have a similar size here at Headstone. We love this old photograph from their website! Here's Bill the duck exploring our Kodak collections in the Manor House! [#CollectionsUnited](#)

Today Bill's telling us some more
about Victorian Harrow!

Over to you Bill 🦆👤

[#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#)

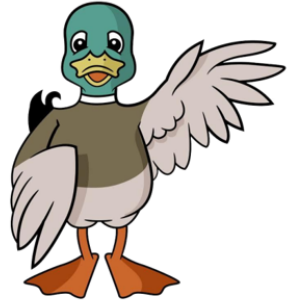
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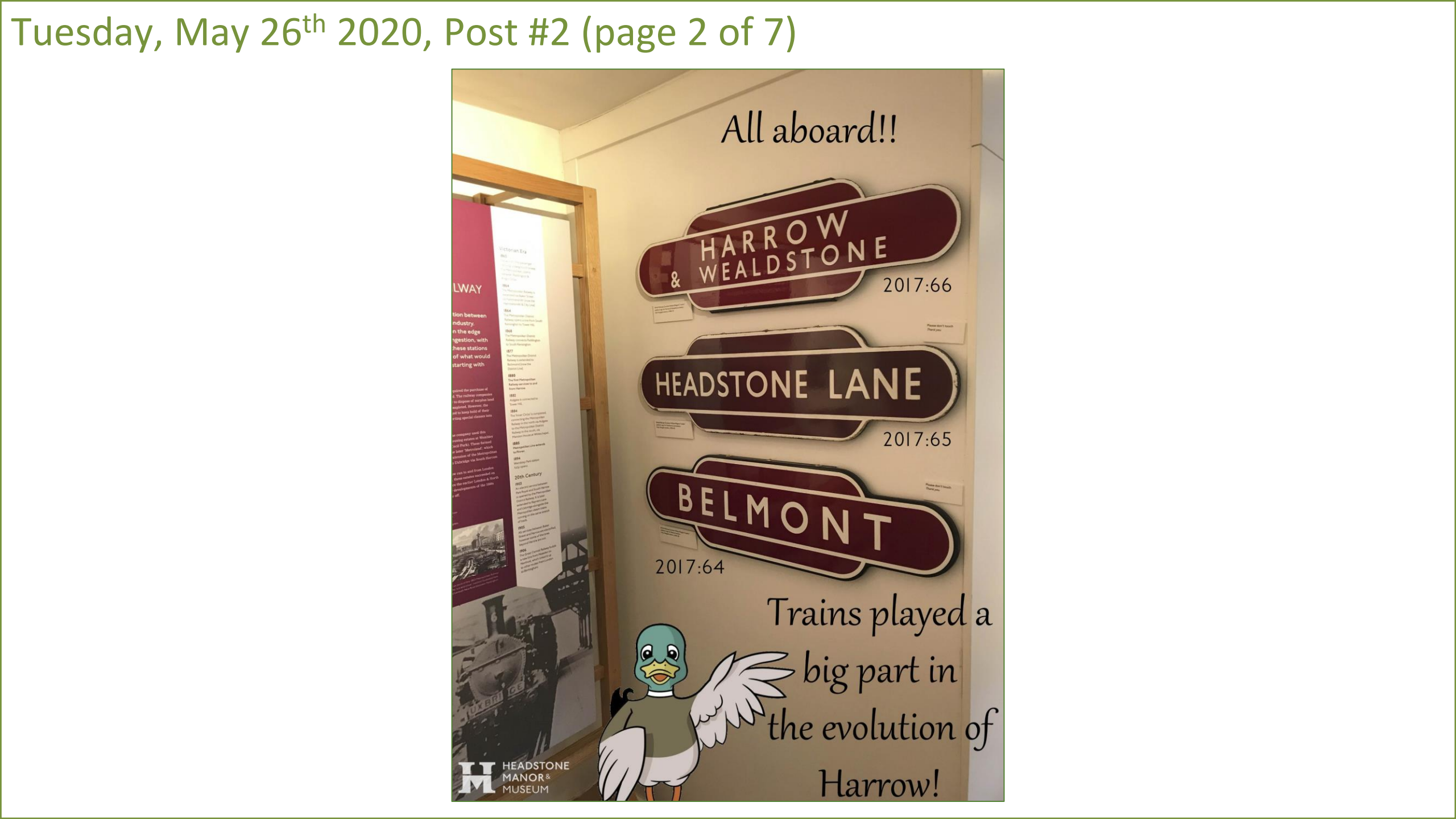


Hi again! 🙌 We're staying in this room today as I want to tell you all about one of Harrow's biggest changes & a famous resident! On 20th July 1837 the first train ran through Harrow, on the London & Birmingham Railway line, one of the first railways in the world. The route included a station at Harrow (Wealdstone), changing this whole area forever. Soon, more stations popped up, and the Metropolitan Underground Line was extended to Harrow in 1890.

The train carriages would have looked a little different in those days, with fancy red velvet seats and nets above to hold your luggage, but they haven't changed all that much! The main difference would be the steam engine pulling you along - have you ever been on one? They're so loud and smelly!

Mrs Isabella Beeton was one of the first female commuters to live in Harrow. She worked as a journalist in Central London so was always hopping on and off the Metropolitan railway when it was first built - how cool! This Victorian lady was good at so many things, but is most well known for her book on Housekeeping! It has all sorts of hints and tips in it about how to keep a proper Victorian Household (some of them are a bit weird!).

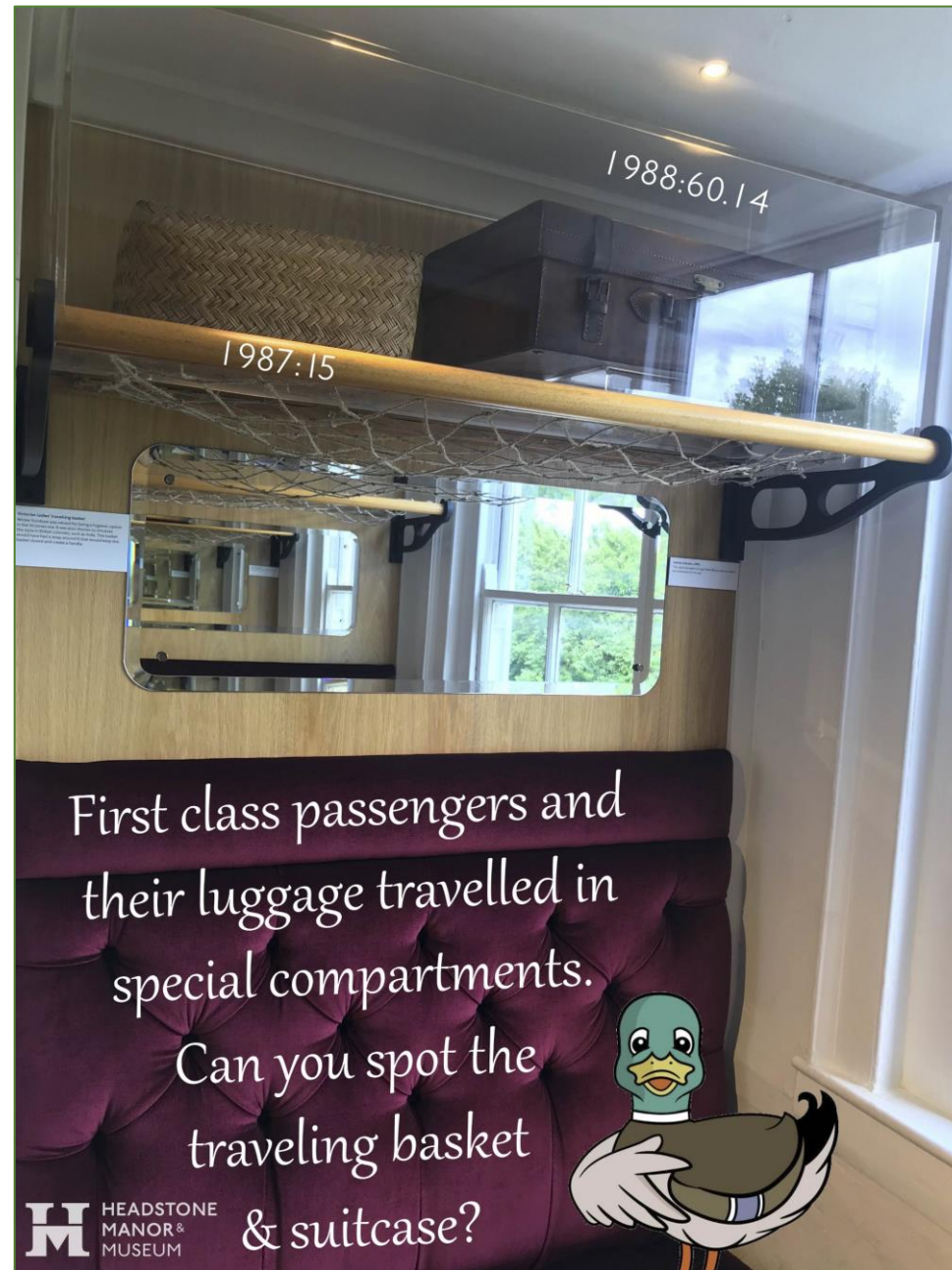
She also wrote lots of recipes and was one of the first to write them down like we do today, with an ingredients list first! People before her used to just write the method and you'd have to find the ingredients in the description, very complicated! There's all sorts of objects in this room that Mrs Beeton would have owned, like funny shaped jelly moulds, and some fancy silver-ware (oooooh!).



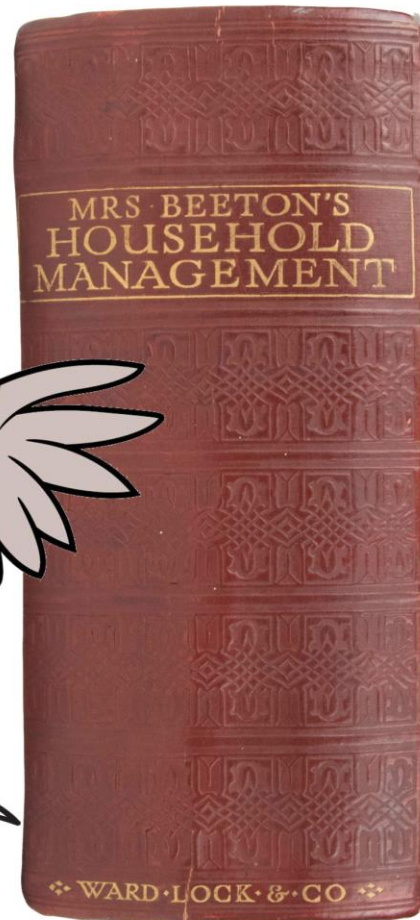
The Metropolitan Line was extended to Harrow in 1880,
and this station was renamed 'Harrow on the Hill' in 1894.



Can you spot my Great Grand-duck
Billeth waiting for the train in 1910?



One of Harrow's most notable early train travellers was Mrs. Isabella Beeton, the famous cookery writer and one of the first female commuters! She literally wrote the book on how to cook!



1989:147

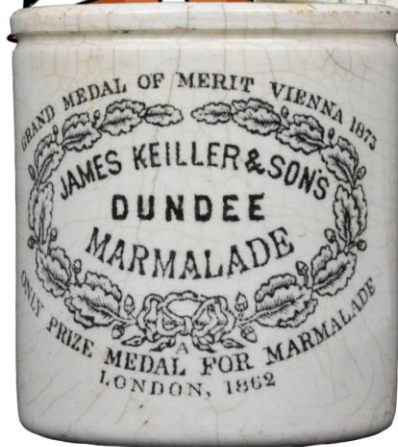


Some of those recipes look.... interesting! I think I'll stick to duck food, though!



Many of the Victorian utensils, tins, bowls, and other implements on display in the Museum are still in use today!

Do you see any that you use in your house for baking or cooking?



1990:65

1985:12.1-5

1991:81.7-8

1987:292

CORN FLOUR BLANC-MANGE
BROWN & POLSON'S.

21 oz (5 table spoonfuls filled level) Corn Flour, Patent
2 Pints (3 breakfast cups quite full) good sweet milk.
Mix Corn Flour well with a little of the milk.
Heat the rest of the milk to boiling point.
Pour Corn Flour into heated milk, stirring well.
Add half a teaspoonful of butter.
Boil and stir well for 10 minutes (by the clock).
Sugar and flavour, if desired, but served with
jam or marmalade is better.
Pour into this mould, and cool.
Re-heat gently, in mould, if desired, before the fire or in oven.
Then turn out and serve, cold or hot.



1991:138.8



1991:81.5



1993:230.4-12

Wednesday, May 27th 2020
Post #1 (page 1 of 2)

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Thursday, May 28th 2020

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Did you know there were two different groups of women who campaigned for women's rights? They were called suffragists and suffragettes. Suffragists used peaceful protests but Suffragettes caused disruption and were vocal when they campaigned.

Emmeline Pankhurst formed a group called the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). Have a look at this picture of the Pinner group meeting. Many members of the WSPU were arrested including Janie Terrero who was the first secretary of the Pinner WSPU.

Sewing was a key part with many members sewing banners to wave at their protests. Can you design your own suffragette badge or banner? You could draw it, make it from paper, or if you would like a challenge try learning to sew! Here is an example from a workshop at HMM last year. Remember key colours are purple, white, and green! You might also include one of the slogans which "Deeds not Words" and "Votes for Women".
[#HeadstoneHistoryDetectives](#) [#MuseumFromHome](#) [#HeadstoneAtHome](#)

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Thursday, May 28th 2020

Post #2



Today we are sharing our
[#MuseumBuddy](#) [Maidstone Museums'](#) [#exhibitions](#)!
Do You See What I See? Nepalese Community is current behind closed doors but you can
find out more about it through their exhibition video online <https://buff.ly/3gvb84D>.
Don't forget to discover our [#VirtualExhibitions](#) too <https://buff.ly/3c6USDc>
[#LocalCommunities](#) [#MuseumFromHome](#)

Thursday, May 28th 2020

Post #3

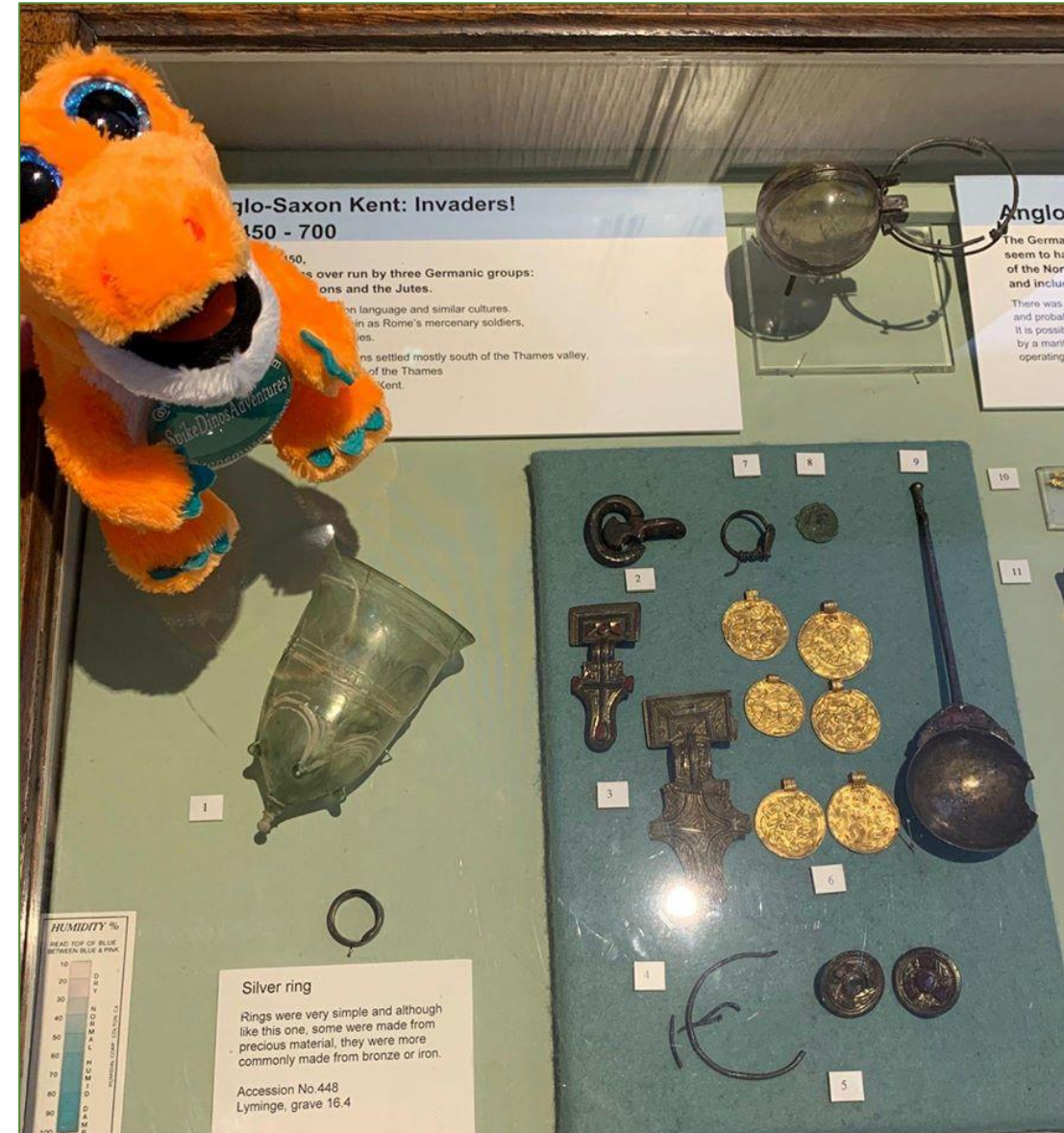


Like us, [Maidstone Museums](#) is hosting a [#VirtualExhibition](#)! Maidstone Apart Together aims to highlight the creative juices of their communities during lockdown <https://buff.ly/2X30J8n> - soon to go live on their YouTube channel. We can't wait! <https://buff.ly/36AjpQa> [#MuseumBuddy](#)

Friday, May 29th 2020

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Have you been following Bill the Duck on tour? If you have missed them check out our online learning page <https://buff.ly/2zpr9IC>. Our [#MuseumBuddy](https://buff.ly/2zpr9IC) [Maidstone Museums](https://buff.ly/2zpr9IC)' mascot has also been on tour around their Museum! Spike the Dinosaur has been on adventures around the Museum learning about Maidstone's rich history, discover more here; <https://buff.ly/36tIYCn>. [#OnlineLearning](https://buff.ly/36tIYCn)



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Friday, May 29th 2020

Post #2

Have you ever wondered what the gardens of Headstone Manor may have been like in times past?

Join garden historian Dr Twigs Way for a fascinating FREE Online Tuesday Talk when she will explore the gardens of the early Tudor Medieval period.

This Tuesday Talk is FREE to view and will be hosted by Dr Twigs Way via Zoom. You must confirm your place by signing up here:

<https://headstonemanor.org/events/online-tuesday-talk-medieval-tudor-garden/>

You will also find more information and an introduction to Zoom at the above web link.



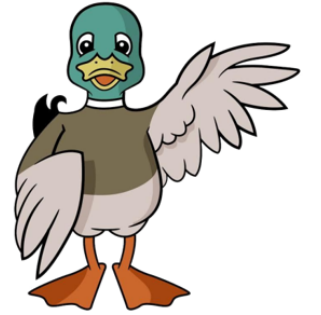
The link to the Facebook event above can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/994942234297122>

Bill has come out of his Duck House to show you around the Georgian Room today! What's your favourite part?
[#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#)
[#HeadstoneAtHome](#)
[#HistoricHarrow](#)
[#MuseumFromHome](#)

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A message from....
Bill the Duck!



Hi everyone! 🙋 I'd love to show you around the Georgian Room and all the great artefacts in here today. During the Georgian period big fancy houses were popular – like Canons and Bentley Priory in Stanmore. Did you know, a queen even lived at Bentley Priory in the Georgian period – Dowager Queen Adelaide! 👑

Headstone got a makeover, too – the timber frame of the house was covered by a fashionable brick façade and alterations were made to the inside of the house to bring it 'up to date'. As this room was part of the original 15th Century Manor House, it has some odd quirks! There are two windows from the original house that have now been blocked in, one of them is even on an inside wall as this would have been the end of the original house! 🏠

This room also would have been where the garderobe (or toilet!) was. Now this small room is just a funny little addition to the house, but I certainly hope it wasn't this dark in there when they were trying to use it! 🚽

The Georgian times in Harrow have given us some interesting characters, including Daniel Dancer, the Miser of Harrow. He was well known for his strange money saving ways, including washing in puddles and never using soap, he must have been smelly! 🧼

Hmm I think I might go and have a bath in the moat after talking about that! See you soon! 🛁



Welcome to the Georgian Room!
Here you can learn about Daniel Dancer...
who may have been the inspiration for
Ebenezer Scrooge!



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In the medieval house, this door would have led to a garderobe – which is just a fancy word for the loo!

Garderobe grandeur



Garderobe, meaning wardrobe in French, was the medieval name for a small private room, often a toilet. Clothes hung there would be protected from moths because of the ammonia. Typically, waste from the toilet went down a wooden chute in to a barrel in a small room below. A servant, called a gongfermour, would empty it. This facility is indicative of the grandeur of this medieval house.

Garderobe window



Door for the gongfermour to empty the toilet barrel



Many of the objects in the Museum from the Georgian period come from archaeological excavations; here at the Manor House, in Pinner, at Halls Farm, and all over Harrow! Like a wine bottle, clay pipe stems, and possibly even this George III ‘cartwheel’ twopenny!



2017:87

Have you been on a dig, or found anything old in the ground in your garden?



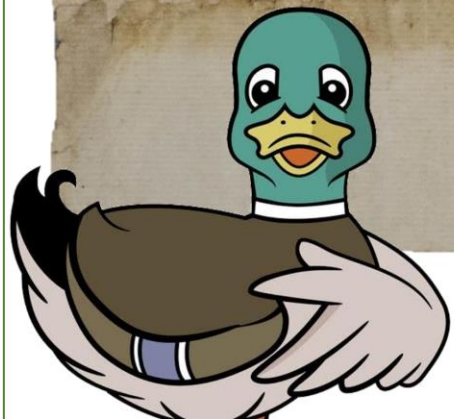
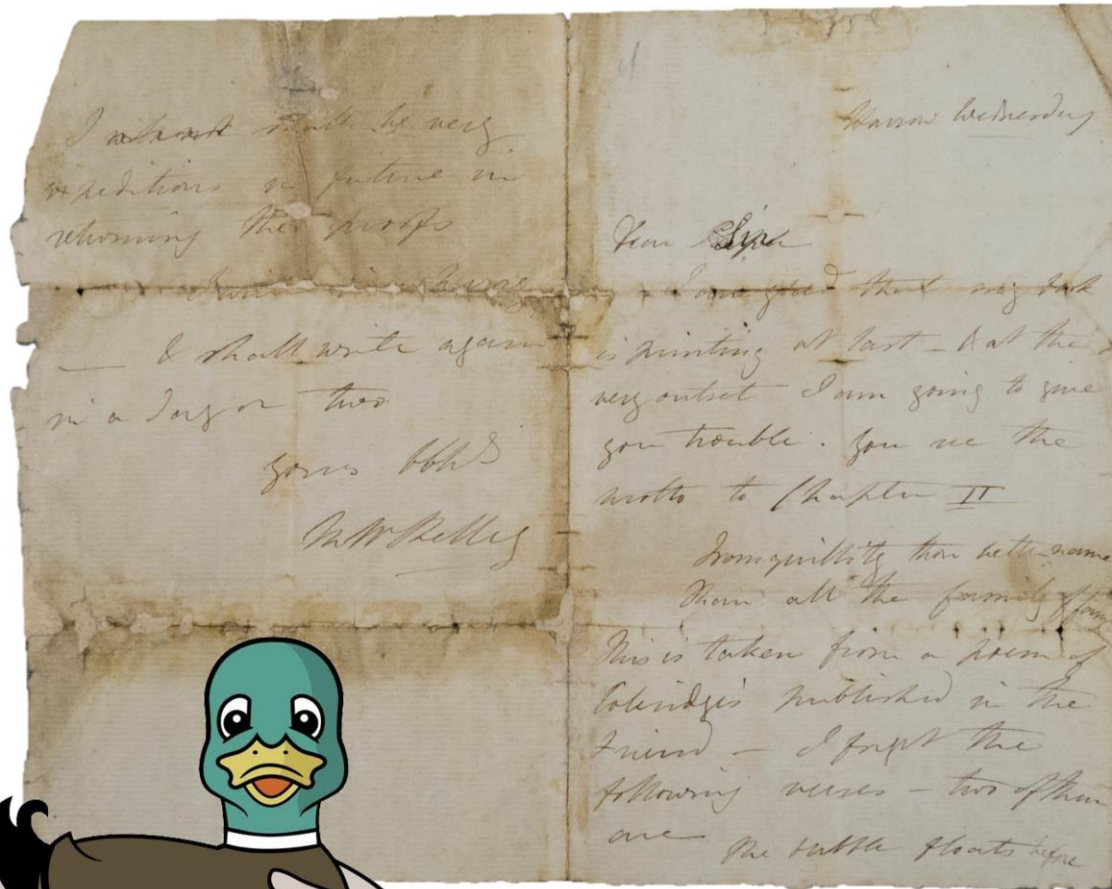
Archaeology is one of the best ways to find out about the distant past!



2007:35

2017:61

We also found this incredible original Georgian-era letter from Mary Shelley in the Archive.
She's best known as the author of *Frankenstein*!



She lived in Harrow whilst her son, Percy, attended Harrow School.

[Page 1] Harrow, Wednesday

Dear Sir

I am glad that my book is printing at last & at the very outset I am going to give you trouble. You see the motto to Chapter II.

Tranquillity thou better name
Than all the family of fame

This is taken from a poem of Coleridge's published in the Friend – I forget the following verses – two of them are

The bubble floats before

[Page 2] The shadow stalks behind

I want to go the whole or greater part of them (the two standing alone as they do are nonsense) as the motto – but I have not the Friend nor Coleridge's Poems – a friend of mine here has the former work so I thought I could refer to it at any time – But when I sent for it I found that his is the second edition, so unamended as to leave out most of [Page 3] the verses & especially those I want – Will you look in Coleridge's Poems and put in the verses as you find them but adapted – This is one of the evils of being out of town but I cannot help it.

I am not sure that you will find the verses in the collection called the Sibylline Leaves but you will in [illegible] Edition & the neighbourhood of Saunders and Ottly [sic] will render it not very difficult I trust for you to [illegible].

[Page 4] I will not shall be very expeditious in future in returning the proofs.

I will [line illegible where paper torn]

I shall write again in a day or two.

Yours [illegible]

MW Shelley

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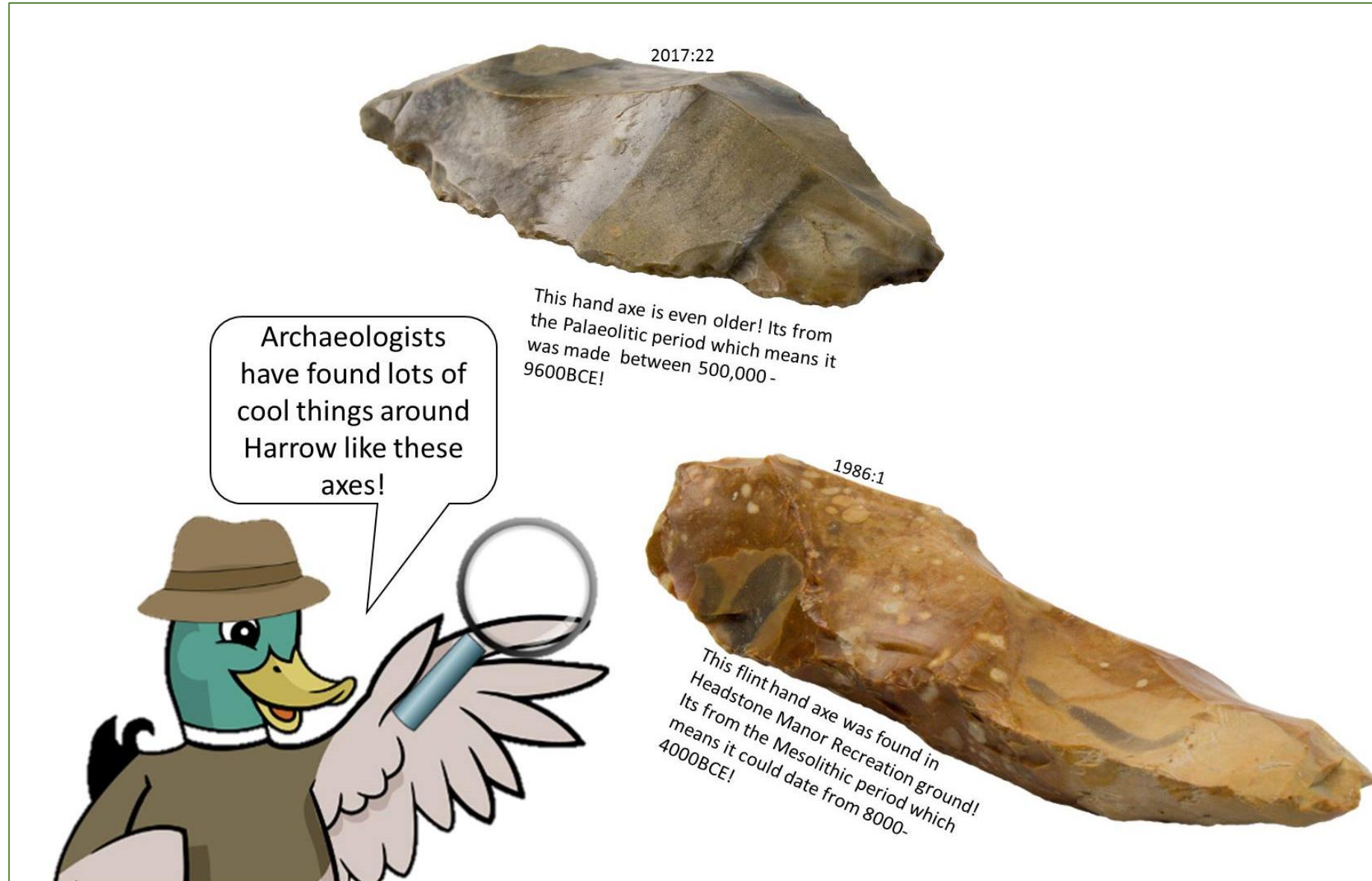
Did you know there is evidence of people in Harrow as far back as the Stone Age? That's over 5000 years ago!

We know this because they left their stone tools behind. There isn't any evidence of them settling but we can see things like flint axes were left behind. Can you think why somewhere like Headstone would have been appealing? (Hint: its to do with the Moat! △)

Try out being an archaeologist with a fun finding game! Bury some objects in sand or even use shredded scrap paper and try to dig them out. To make it even more of a challenge hide puzzles pieces and try to find the whole puzzle as fast as you can!

[#HeadstoneAtHome](#) [#MuseumFromHome](#) [#HeadstoneHistoryDetectives](#)

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Sunday, May 31st 2020

Post #1

We're celebrating [#LondonHistoryDay](#) by sharing our recent [#VEDay](#) in [#Harrow](#) sneak preview film that we created to commemorate [#VEDAY75](#). You can watch it here: https://youtu.be/k_vSbM7tVg8



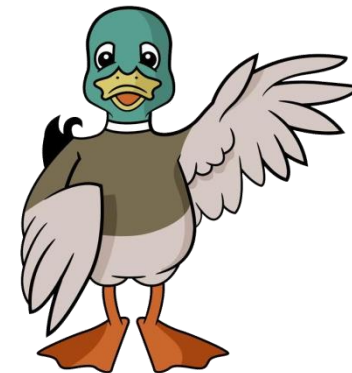
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Victory Day in Harrow Film Trailer WWII

We commissioned this film for our upcoming exhibition 'Peace at Last' on ...



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That's all for this week folks! 🙌 Keep an eye out for the next social media update newsletter!

If you have social media, you can follow us on Facebook (Headstone Manor & Museum) and Twitter (HeadstoneManor1). And be sure to check out our virtual exhibitions on Pinterest (HeadstoneMMuseum), too! Keep an eye on our Online Learning page for new activities: <https://headstonemanor.org/learning/online-learning/> And please get in touch with us if you have material for our Covid-19 in Harrow or VE Day 75 callouts.

Catch you next week – I better shake a tail feather and get back to organising my tour!

Love,
Bill the Duck