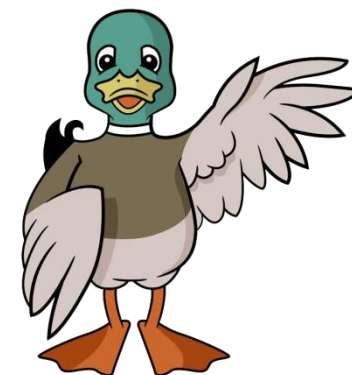




A message to our
visitors and friends from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 🙌

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from June 1 to June 7, 2020.

This week was Volunteers Week! Celebrated in the UK every year from June 1-7, this year felt especially important as we want to let our volunteers know how important they are to the Museum even though we aren't there at the moment! Find out more here: <https://volunteersweek.org/>

We also celebrated World Environment Day with a mindfulness nature walk, learned about some of the crises of the Stuart period, and shared some important & helpful messages from the Council and Harrow Libraries.

Enjoy!!

Monday, June 1st 2020

Post #1 (page 1 of 2)

In support of National [#VolunteeringWeek](#), Headstone Manor & Museum would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers. With such a wide range of roles here at the museum, our volunteers are truly the backbone of our operations and we genuinely could not operate without them day-to-day.

Each day this week we will highlight a specific volunteer group to share how they help us bring local history alive to the community. Today we are focusing on our amazing House Wardens!

We like to think of our House wardens as “The face of the Museum”, being the first people who you meet when visiting us. Our House wardens welcome you to the Museum with a smile, sharing their experiences and favourite parts of the museum for you to keep an eye out for! All while keeping an eye on the condition of the building and exhibitions for us!

We receive so much feedback from visitors of how our House Wardens have brightened their day and how their passion really made their visiting experience!

If becoming a volunteer at your local museum is something you have thought about before, or after reading this post, please email us info@headstonemanor.org for more information and a friendly member of our team will be in touch.

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Monday, June 1st 2020
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Monday, June 1st 2020

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Did you know we can find out the name of some people living in Harrow as far back as the Romans!

Archaeologists found a pot made by someone called Doinus, thousands of years ago! The ground in Harrow was very good for potters like Doinus because it has clay in it and lots of streams for fresh water. We can find out lots of different things from pottery because they are marked by makers or by things around them. Have a look at this Roman tile with a pawprint 🐾

Have a listen to this story about a magic pot before making your own pot! <https://buff.ly/3eIngmy>

Try joining in with the actions with this song about a little teapot! <https://buff.ly/3en7GXw>

Can you make your own pot and mark it with your name? Have a go at making a coil pot by rolling all the clay or play dough into a long sausage and coiling it, or a pinch pot by pinching all the clay into a pot shape. Don't forget to mark it so everyone knows you made it!

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Tuesday, June 2nd 2020

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Here at Headstone Manor & Museum we are particularly proud of our beautifully kept grounds and the variety of historically relevant and interesting flora we nurture on site. All of this hard work is completed by our fantastic Volunteer Gardening Group who usually meet once a week.

If you are one of many who have discovered their green fingers during the last couple of months and would like to expand your skills, knowledge and help your local Museum please email us at info@headstonemanor.org to request further information and join the team once lockdown restrictions have been relaxed [#VolunteersWeek](#)

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Tuesday, June 2nd 2020
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Wednesday, June 3rd 2020

Post #1

What's special about our education volunteers? Well, they love to get stuck in. Whether that's chopping up hundreds of head bands ready for the public to make flower crowns at May Day. Or hundreds of bats for the Halloween Spooktacular. Did we mention the tonnes of clay for our school sessions? They are never afraid of hard work or getting their hands dirty. Education volunteers are the best communicators, and the friendliest crew around. For the last twelve years they've worked with us at the museum, and have never let us down. It's hard work dealing with thousands of school pupils and families, but they assure us it's all worth it (especially when we've finished and are tucking into the Moat Cafe's delicious cake).

Big love and thanks to the superstar team! Love Laura, Hailey and Emily, Learning and Access Team.

[#VolunteersWeek](#)



Wednesday, June 3rd 2020

Post #2

We understand times are tough right now but the Museum is here to listen even though we are closed. We want to hear your stories during the current pandemic so we can capture them for future generations. Can you contribute?

More info <https://buff.ly/2XICKvP>

Please share this post to your friends, families and colleagues.

[#COVIDINHARROW](#) [#Harrow](#)

**HEADSTONE
MANOR &
MUSEUM**

**COLLECTING
HARROW'S STORIES
#COVIDINHARROW**

People's personal stories can provide great insights into parts of history that might otherwise be forgotten, as thoughts and feelings are very difficult to uncover through objects. We want to collect your stories from Harrow that reflect this current pandemic. Can you share yours?

**WE WANT TO HEAR
*YOUR STORIES***



Has Coronavirus affected the way you work?



How has the situation affected your family life at home?



Are you working on the front line in Harrow?



What are you doing to keep yourself calm, healthy and relaxed?

This can be in the form of a simple note, photograph(s), letter, diary entries, audio, video, drawing or artwork. Please send them digitally via collections@headstonemanor.org. We cannot accept any physical items right now at the Museum, Thank You!

Wednesday, June 3rd 2020

Post #3 (page 1 of 5)

Today it's the Stuart Room that Bill wants to show you! Take it away Bill 🦆

[#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#)

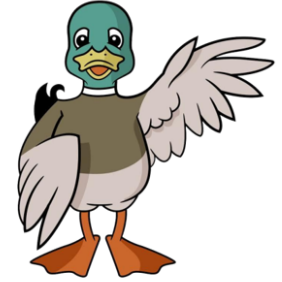
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A message from....
Bill the Duck!



Back in time we go again, 🖐️ and it's time for the Stuart Era! Quite a lot happened during this era, including the English Civil War. The owner of Headstone Manor even lost the house because he supported the losing side! Interestingly, during this time districts were allowed to mint their own money, called 'tokens'. We have one on display! 🏛️

This period also saw The Great Plague and the Great Fire of London. At this time, Harrow wasn't a part of London but it was still affected by both the disasters. The Parish of Pinner have some of the clearest records surviving from the Stuart time. Cause of death wasn't recorded in burial certificates in Pinner at the time of the Great Plague, but the records show that in Pinner over 50 people died between 1656 and 1659, when previous averages had been just 8 a year. That would have been a lot of people in such a small Parish – so it may have been from the plague. 🏰

Thankfully, Harrow was too far away from the Great Fire of London to have been in danger! But many people watched the fires from St Mary's Church on top of Harrow Hill and Pinner Hill, as written in reports, and there are also drawings of the fire with these hills in the distance. 🔥

Just before the Stuart era came the Elizabethan era and with that came the famous Harrow School!

In 1572 a landowner, John Lyon, applied for a charter from Elizabeth I to open a free grammar school for the 'sons of farmers' in Harrow. Little did he know it would become a world famous school where future Prime Ministers would attend! 🏫

Have a look at the photos below to see more about this room, and meet my cousins! 🦆



Not many objects survive from the Stuart period in Harrow... but we do have these really cool coins!



The one to the left was found behind the Granary in 2015 by the Museum of London Archaeology team!

It's a Copper-alloy Rose farthing coin, which was minted under Charles I from 1636-1644.

This one is a Civil war trading token minted by John Millgate of Harrow Hill.



It was worth a half penny.

Can you spot the initials of Millgate and his wife on the reverse?

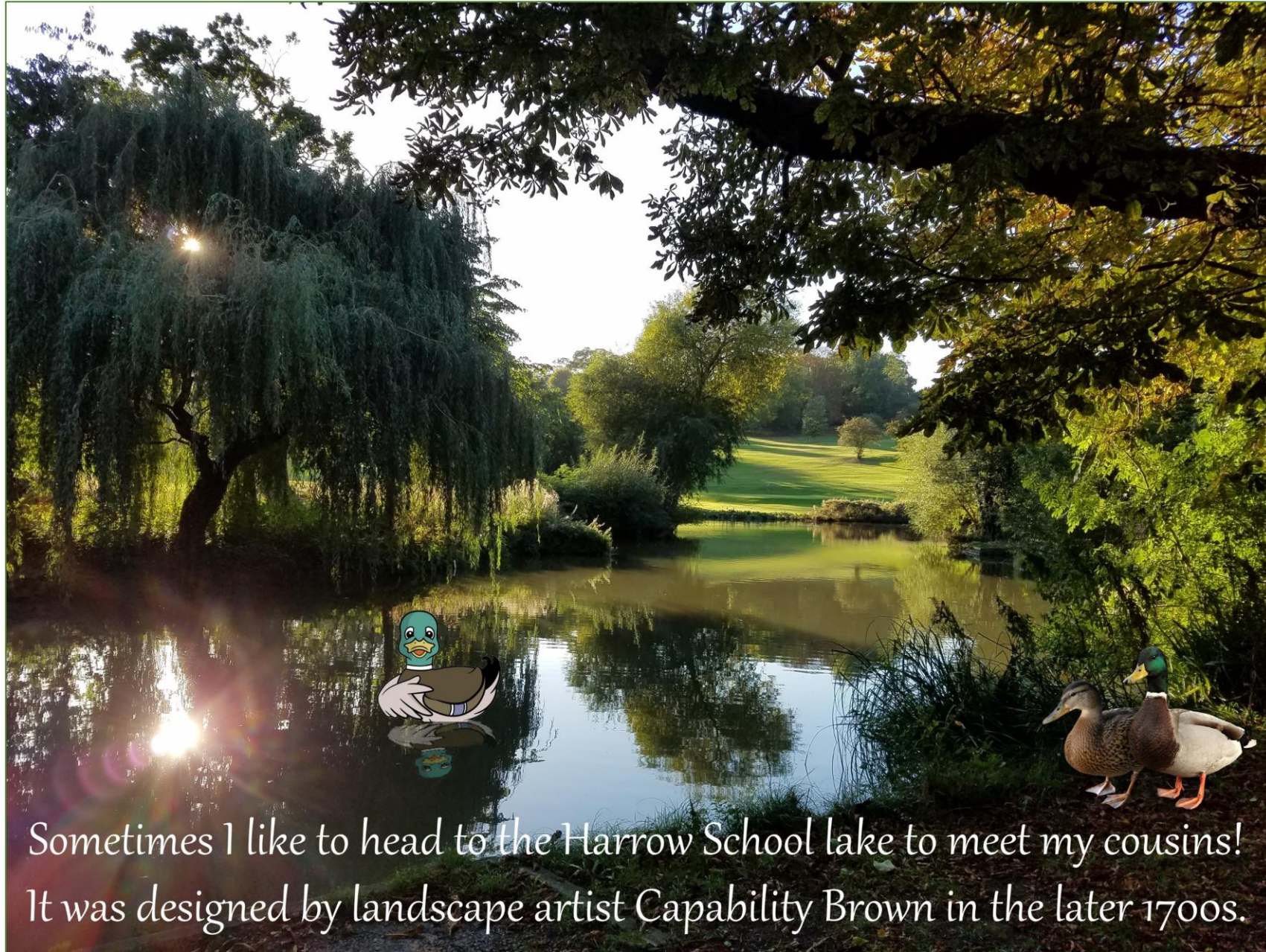


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The Elizabethan era saw the founding of Harrow School.
Half of this building is part of the original school
building, erected in 1615.
Can you guess
which half?



(It's the left!)



Thursday, June 4th 2020

Post #1 (page 1 of 2)

Did you know? People could see the great fire of London from the top of Harrow Hill and Pinner Hill. Can you spot St Marys Church in the background of this great fire drawing? What do you think people would have been thinking as they watched the fire from Harrow?

People in Harrow were safe from the fire that swept across London in 1666. Some wealthy families may have fled to Harrow from the plague and were lucky to escape the great fire.

Did you know the fire burned for 3 days and was only put out after houses were blown up to stop it!

Have a go at making a fiery collage. Use red, yellow, and orange tissue paper to build up your flames. Use some twigs for the base of the fire and make it look like a campfire! You could also try making a fire breathing dragon using a cardboard tube and some tissue paper!

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

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Thursday, June 4th 2020

Post #2 (page 1 of 2)

What is a museum without its objects? It's hard work looking after over 65,000 objects, and that's why we are so grateful to our fabulous Collections Volunteers! From inventorying boxes and shelves, to photographing and scanning, to transcribing and recording, our volunteers help to track, care for, and document the objects from our two collections.

Whilst some of them are all-rounders, others like to specialise in maps, books, or cameras! There are those of you who came in brand new, and others who had volunteered with collections for years – each of you helps us more than can be measured, and we really appreciate it.

We welcomed ten new Collections Volunteers this past year, and are always interested in new faces! You don't have to have prior experience or an area of expertise. If becoming a Collections Volunteer interests you, please email us on collections@headstonemanor.org for more information and a friendly member of our team will be in touch. [#VolunteersWeek](#)

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Thursday, June 4th 2020
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Thursday, June 4th 2020

Post #3

Retweeted from Maidstone Museum



Maidstone Museum @MaidstoneMuseum · Jun 4

Today we had a great catch-up with Stacey, Laura and Hailey at [@HeadstoneManor1](#), bringing our [@MuseumBuddy](#) Week to a close. We've had a great time working and learning together, and we have some great ideas in place to work towards. So watch this space! 🦖 🦆



Friday, June 5th 2020

Post #1 (page 1 of 2)

Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do here at Headstone Manor & Museum and we really would not be able to share our incredible local history with the community without their commitment, thoughtfulness and passion.

We have a range of Volunteer positions here at the Museum from Collections volunteers digitising and cataloguing our exhibition items, Gardening Group Volunteers maintaining and nurturing our impressive grounds and House Wardens welcoming visitors and passionately explaining our exhibitions.

If becoming a volunteer at your local museum is something you have thought about before, or even something that seems interesting to you after reading this post, please email our team at info@headstonemanor.org for more information and a friendly member of our team will be in touch. We have virtual projects going too! [#VolunteersWeek](#)

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Friday, June 5th 2020
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Friday, June 5th 2020

Post #2

Shared from Harrow Council:

Stand together against racism:
Message from the leader of the
council, Cllr Graham Henson

Read his full statement
here: <https://bit.ly/2Y42NMu>

"The death of George Floyd at the hands of the police in Minnesota has highlighted the deep inequalities and systemic racism that still exists in many countries.

"The shocking and heart-breaking video shared around the world has left many of our residents hurt, scared and angry. I share your feelings.

"We stand with the Black Lives Matter movement and those protesting peacefully against racism across the world.

"In Harrow we have worked hard with all our diverse communities to build a cohesive borough and make it the place where we are all proud to live and work, without fear..."

Cllr Graham Henson
Leader of Harrow Council



Friday, June 5th 2020

Post #3



Discovering mindfulness through nature

with Life Coach - Indra Jackson

Today is [#WorldEnvironmentDay](#) and this year's theme is [#biodiversity](#).

As we have such lovely natural surroundings at Headstone to celebrate this day we've commissioned a short film by life coach Indra Jackson, Discovering Mindfulness Through Nature!

Will you make time [#ForNature](#) ? Try out some of Indra's suggestions for using nature to help you relax and find calm.

<https://youtu.be/xr6bQZ7YeXo>

Bill and Margery are here today to tell us all about the Tudor times! What was the Manor House like back then Bill?

[#TimeTravellingThroughHarrow](#)

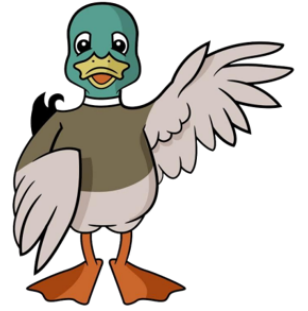
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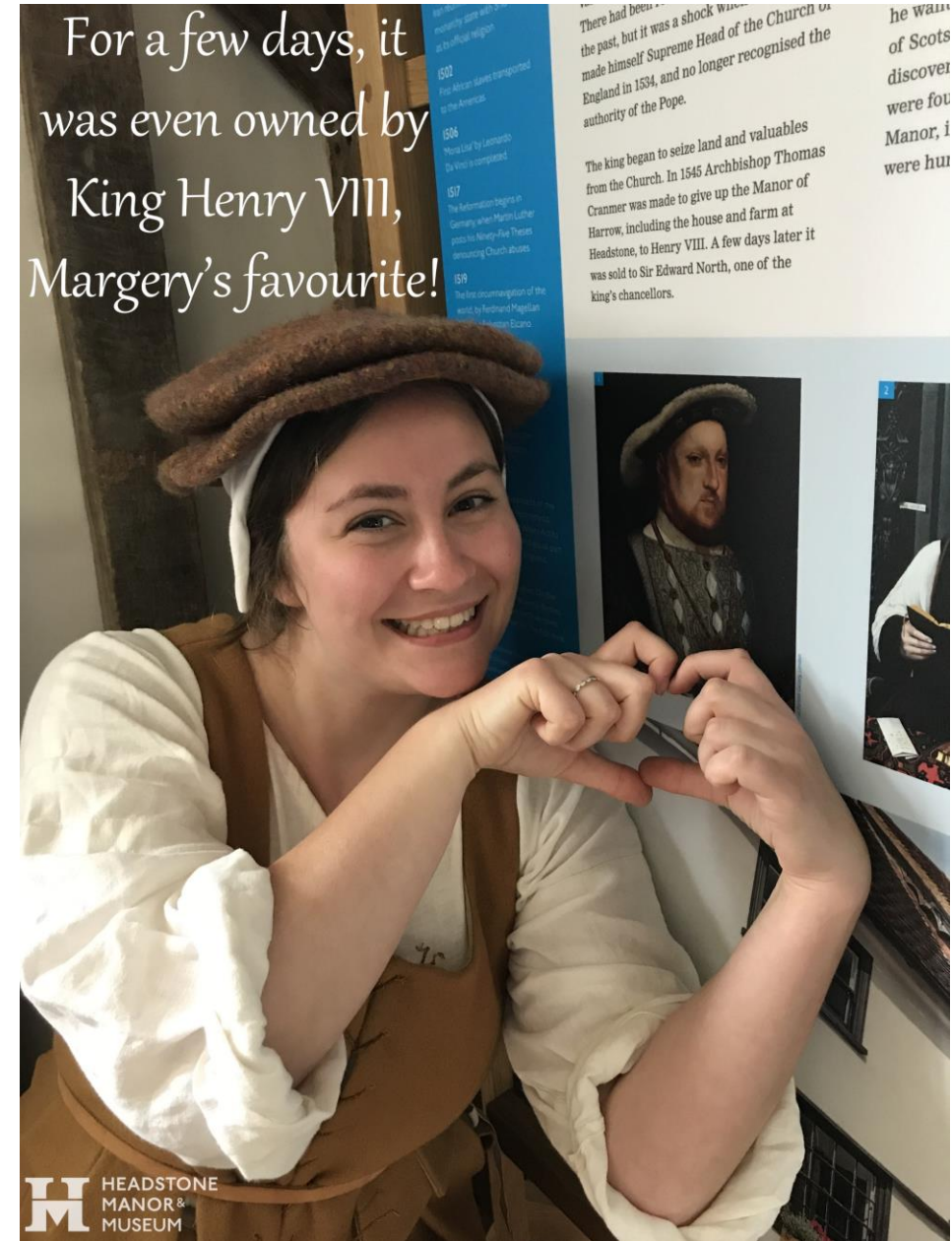
A message from....
Bill the Duck!



Hi everyone! 🙋 The Stuart era quickly moved into the Tudor times, featuring the most famous of Kings, Henry VIII (who happens to be Margery's favourite!). The King even owned Headstone Manor! For all of 6 days....

But before he came on the scene, Headstone Manor had actually been owned by the Archbishops of Canterbury since 1344. During this time the farm was let to the Reding family, who provided service to the Archbishop and his guests as part of their rent. One of the services may have been attending on the Archbishop and his guests in the Great Hall (which we'll see next week) during feasts! They might even have used the staircase you can see in the picture below to get to the first floor without being seen by the fancy people! The rest of the stairs have gone now, just leaving this floating section here...weird!

When King Henry VIII made himself the head of the Church, he forced Archbishop Thomas Cranmer to give up Headstone Manor. Clearly it wasn't good enough for him though and he quickly sold it to Sir Edward North, one of his chancellors. But even Sir Edward didn't want to live here (what was wrong with all these people!). So the Reding family were able to stay and treated the house as if it were their own - finally, someone recognised this gem! Talking of which, I'm off to do some swimming, have a good weekend everyone! 🙋



Saturday, June 6th 2020

Post #1

Shared from Harrow Libraries:

We've updated our resources page again! You can find everything you could possibly need to keep yourself busy, as well as guidance and advice. There's ideas to keep you and the kids entertained along with ideas for homework help

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/.../harrow-libraries-useful-resourc...>



Saturday, June 5th 2020

Post #2 (page 1 of 3)

Can you be a detective and spot a house with a name instead of a number? 🔍

Some houses are given a name instead of a number! Some houses even have a special blue plaque to show that someone very important lived there. In Harrow you might be able to spot the blue plaque for Heath Robinson!

What name would you give your house, or if it has one what would you change it to? Use things you can see from your house to give you ideas.


Blue plaques are put on houses where very special people live. Who would you give a blue plaque to? Draw one for them!

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











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Headstone History Detectives BINGO card

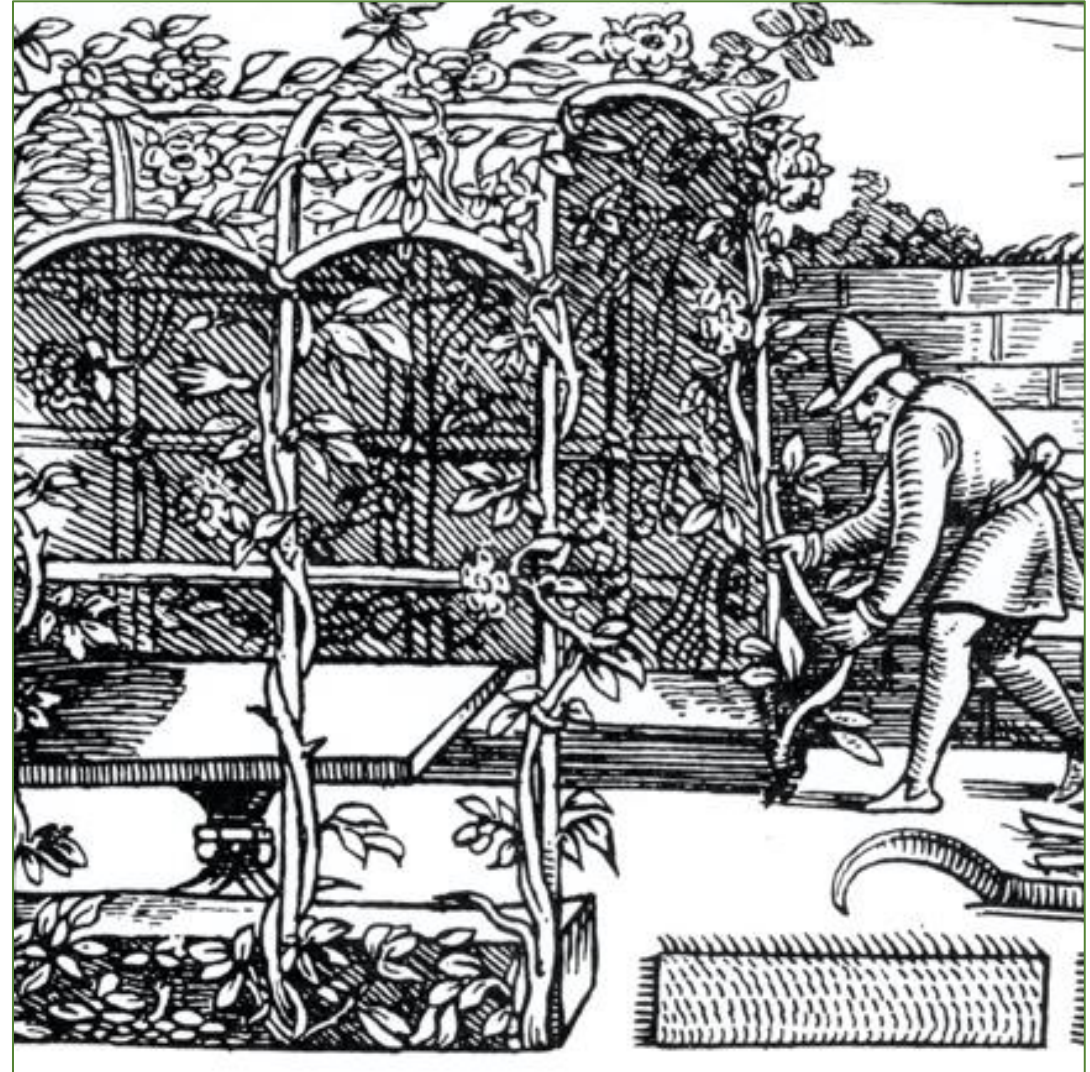
<p>Post Box</p> 	<p>House with a chimney</p> 	<p>St Marys Church Spire (or other religious building)</p> 	<p>The Roundel (Sign for TfL – look on tube stations and bus stops!)</p> 	<p>Teddy Bears (some people are putting teddy bears in their window for people to spot! Why don't you?)</p> 
<p>A house with a name – or a date on it.</p> 	<p>A block of flats</p> 	<p>A tree</p> 	<p>What shall we add to the card? Give us your ideas!</p> 	<p>What shall we add to the card? Give us your ideas!</p> 

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Sunday, June 7th 2020

Post #1

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 at 2pm on 23rd June, via a Zoom video conference, when she will explore the gardens of the early Tudor Medieval period. To find out more and sign up: buff.ly/2TQ0cok





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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 callout.

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

Love,
Bill the Duck