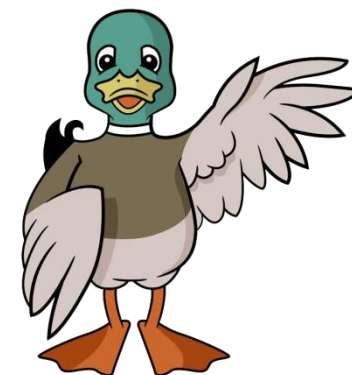




A message to our
visitors and friends from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 🖐️

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from June 8 to June 14, 2020.

This week was the last week of my tour! I do hope you enjoyed going around the Museum with Margery and me. I loved showing you my home! Don't worry, I'm still around – I might pop over to some other sites in Harrow to check them out, and I'm still doing the Headstone History Detectives!

We also finally got our Instagram account back! You can follow us @headstone_manor_museum, or by clicking on the link: https://www.instagram.com/headstone_manor_museum/

Enjoy!!

Monday, June 8th 2020

Post #1 (page 1 of 3)

Have you ever seen the Great Hall at Headstone Manor? During Tudor times the Archbishop (a very important man in the Church of England) owned Headstone Manor. There would have been lots of feasts in the Hall!

Have a look at these pictures and discover what kind of food might have been eaten. Can you think about what it might have smelled like? Do you think it looks yummy?

The very hungry caterpillar has a very big feast in this story. Have a listen!

<https://buff.ly/2OqVOYO> check the link.

Three blind mice is a rhyme that first appeared during Tudor times. Do you know the song?

<https://buff.ly/2A0wztk>

As well as all the delicious food, there would have been dancing at the feast, here's a video of some Tudor dancing. Have a go! <https://buff.ly/3bXUjvo>

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Monday, June 8th 2020, Post #1 (page 2 of 3)



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Today Bill is in the oldest part
of the Manor House,
the Great Hall!

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Bill the Duck!



Hey! 🙋 We're now visiting the last and oldest rooms of Headstone Manor!

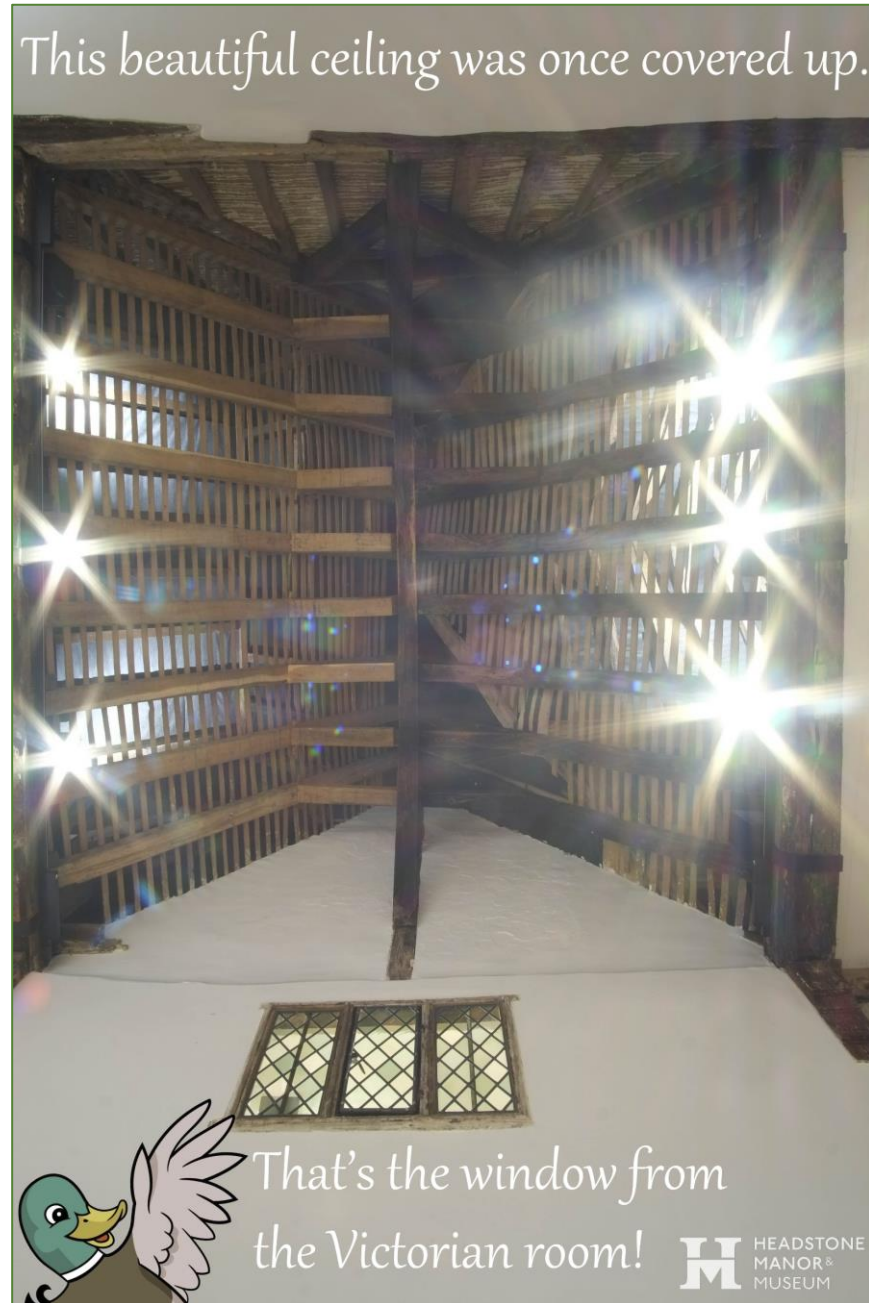
The beautiful Great Hall was built in 1310 and was originally three times the size it is now. Sadly the other two thirds burnt down at some point, but there's a drawing below that shows how big it would have looked! So grand! And look at that feast - it just goes to show how fancy the Ramsey family, who built this house, really might have been. It's the same with the moat - it wasn't to keep away enemies, they just wanted to show off!

A few years after the Ramseys built the Manor house, it was sold to its first Archbishop of Canterbury owner, John Stratford. The Archbishops had owned a Harrow Manor since the 9th Century and now Headstone became their new main residence. Lots of changes went on in here, what with the post-fire Georgian-era eastern wall with sash windows which were later bricked up, and the new fancy Elizabethan window, but it still retains its Medieval grandeur!

Next to the Great Hall is the Buttery, which was also built in 1310. It's the coldest room in the house, Margery says she liked to find work in there in the Summer so she could stay cool! Although the name makes it sound like this is where butter was made, it is actually where they kept the 'butts', casks of beer, wine or water (tehe!). It's quite likely though that because the room is so cold they also kept food in here.

So, that's the last room in the Manor House, but don't worry, the tour is not over yet, Headstone Manor's history goes back even further than this!



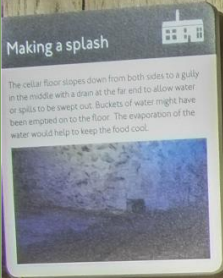






The final room in our tour of
the Manor House is the Buttery.

Even though it's as old as the Great Hall,
it's barely changed at all since 1310!





This room was naturally cool, as it
is partially below ground!

All sorts of delicious
food was kept here,
under lock & key!

In fact, the original
medieval door and
lock are still in
place.

Wednesday, June 10th 2020, Post #1



This month [#ExploreYourArchives](#) celebrates archives [#online](#)! We're just getting started digitising our collection, but soon you'll be able to explore [#HistoricHarrow](#) through pics like these two of Pinner High St! Bring back any memories?

Friday, June 12th 2020, Post #1



🍷 WE ARE BACK ON INSTAGRAM 🍷

Following some Instagram technical issues, we are back on Instagram here:

https://www.instagram.com/headstone_manor_museum/

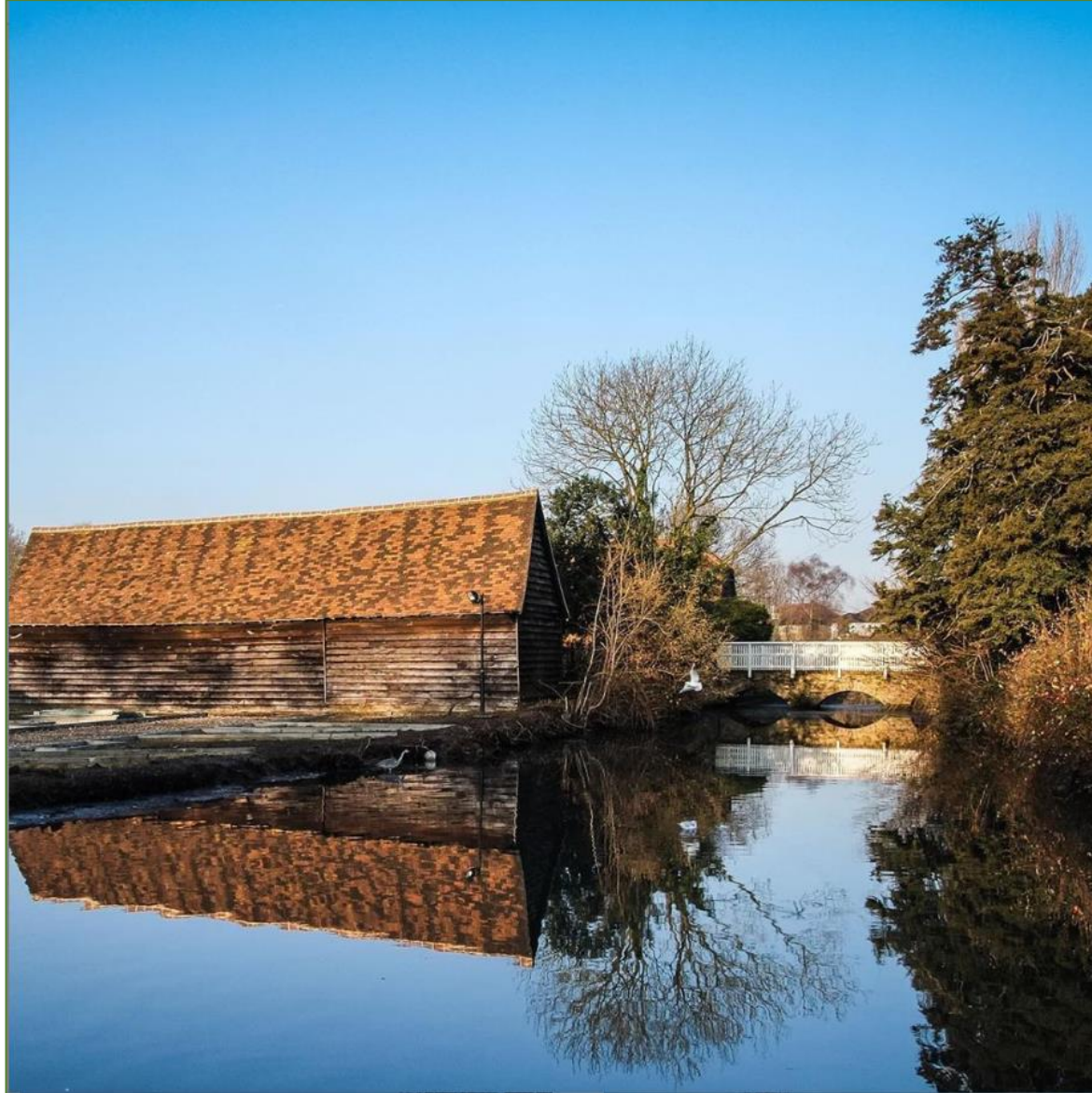
Make sure to share and follow to discover more about the history of Harrow!



Following some Instagram technical issues we have lost access to our old Instagram page! But fret not, we are back and here to stay. Please like and share to keep up to date with Harrow's History!



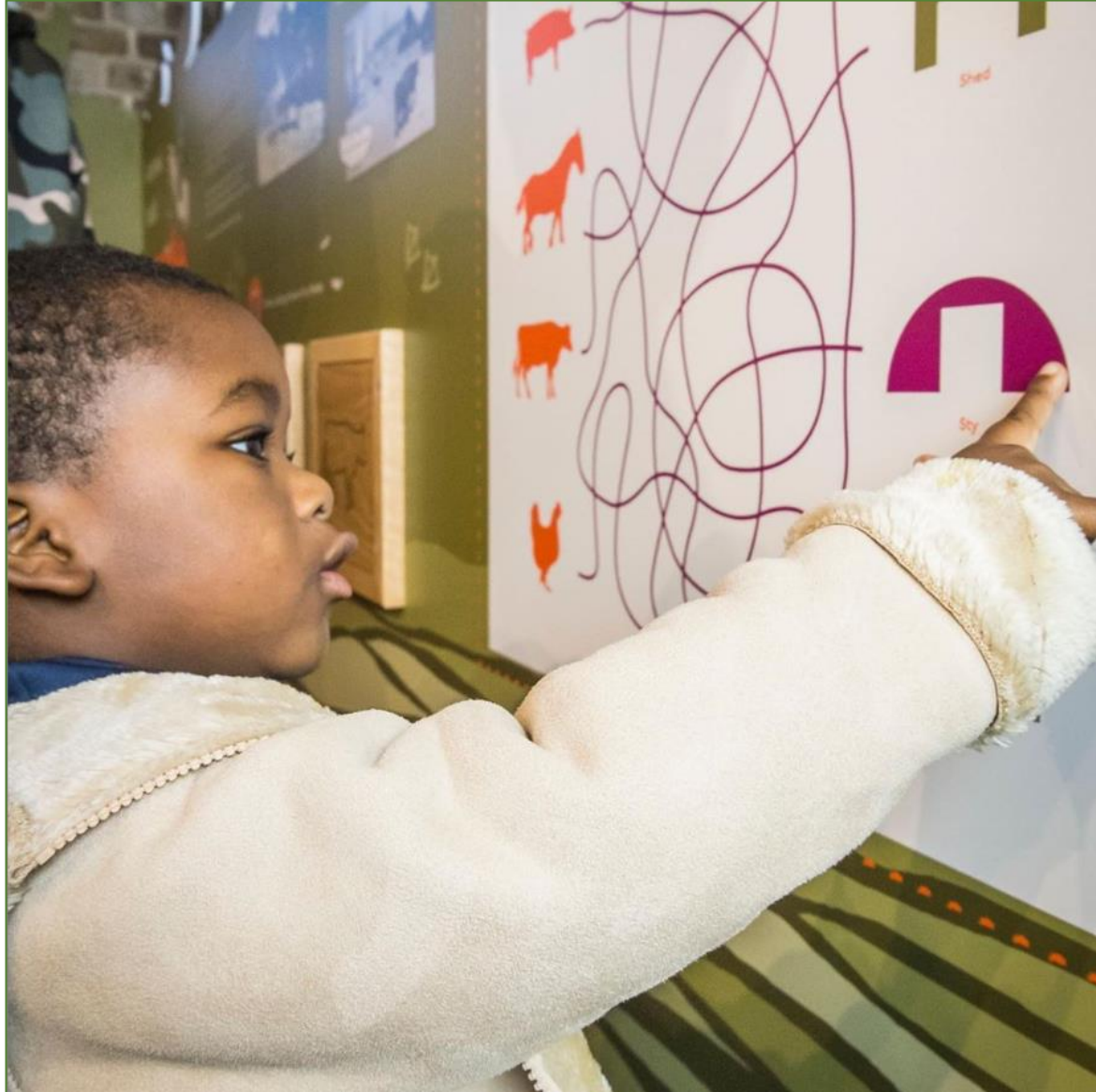
To launch our new insta page, we are going to share some favourite images of our beautiful Headstone Manor & Museum!



The beautiful moat surrounding The Manor 🐦



We can't wait to be able to welcome schools back to HMM! 📖



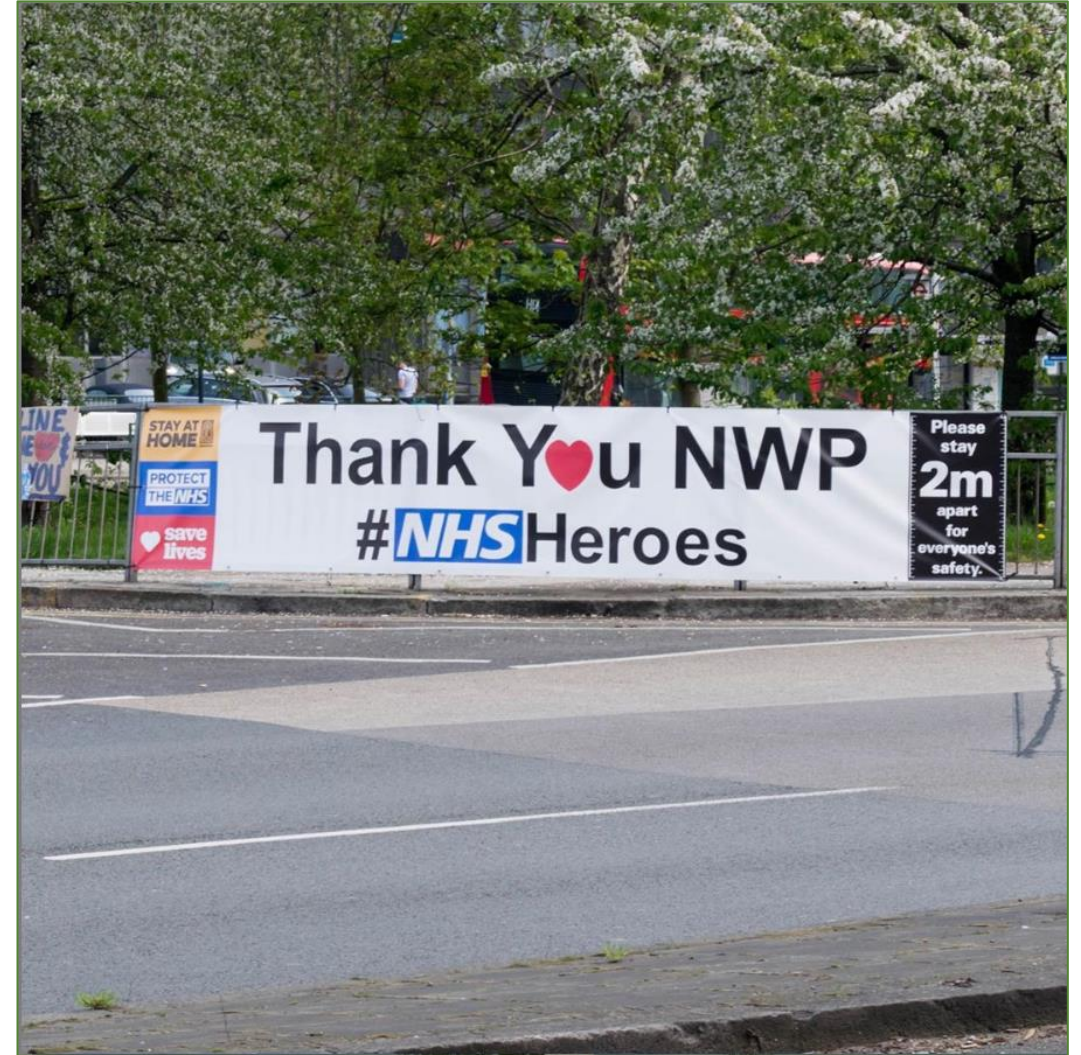
Our Granary Learning Centre is designed to bring Harrow's History to those creative growing minds!



Entry to our Headstone Manor Museum is FREE for all. We can't wait to welcome you all again once we reopen!



We may be closed but there is still plenty to learn about the history of Harrow from the safety of your own home! Follow along to our extensive array of online resources now (check link in bio)



We are calling on the people of Harrow to submit materials for our new collection project focused around the current Covid-19 pandemic. Help us document these unprecedented times! (Check link in bio for more info)

Friday, June 12th 2020

Post #3 (page 1 of 6)

It's Bill's final instalment in his tour around Headstone Manor! What are you showing us today Bill?

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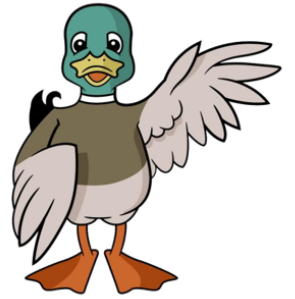
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MANOR &
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A message from....
Bill the Duck!



Hi again! 🙋 In my last post I said that Headstone Manor's history goes back even further than 1310, when the oldest parts of the Manor House were first built. The name 'Headstone' comes from the Saxon name 'Heggeton', which is what the farm was called when Ailwin de la Hegge lived and worked here - he's the first recorded person to live on this land, around 1233!

'Heggeton' is made of two Old English words 'Hege', meaning surrounded by hedges, and 'tun' meaning a large homestead - sounds like Headstone to me!

The history of Harrow goes back even further than this though. In fact, Harrow's history goes all the way back to the Stone Age! Can you believe it? People have found Stone Age tools in Harrow-on-the-Hill, like axes, which suggests people were using the land, and maybe even staying here! There's also a lot of evidence of Romans in Harrow, such as shards of pottery and coins! One of the pieces of pottery has a stamp on it that belonged to Doinus, a Roman potter. I think that's really cool! After the Romans left Britain, the Anglo-Saxon people who farmed this land founded the villages which would go on to become Stanmore, Pinner, Roxeth, and more. So there we have it, did you know people had been in Harrow for all that time? That's even older than my Great Grand-duck Billeth! It's even older than his great grand-duck... now that's really old. 🦆🦆🦆

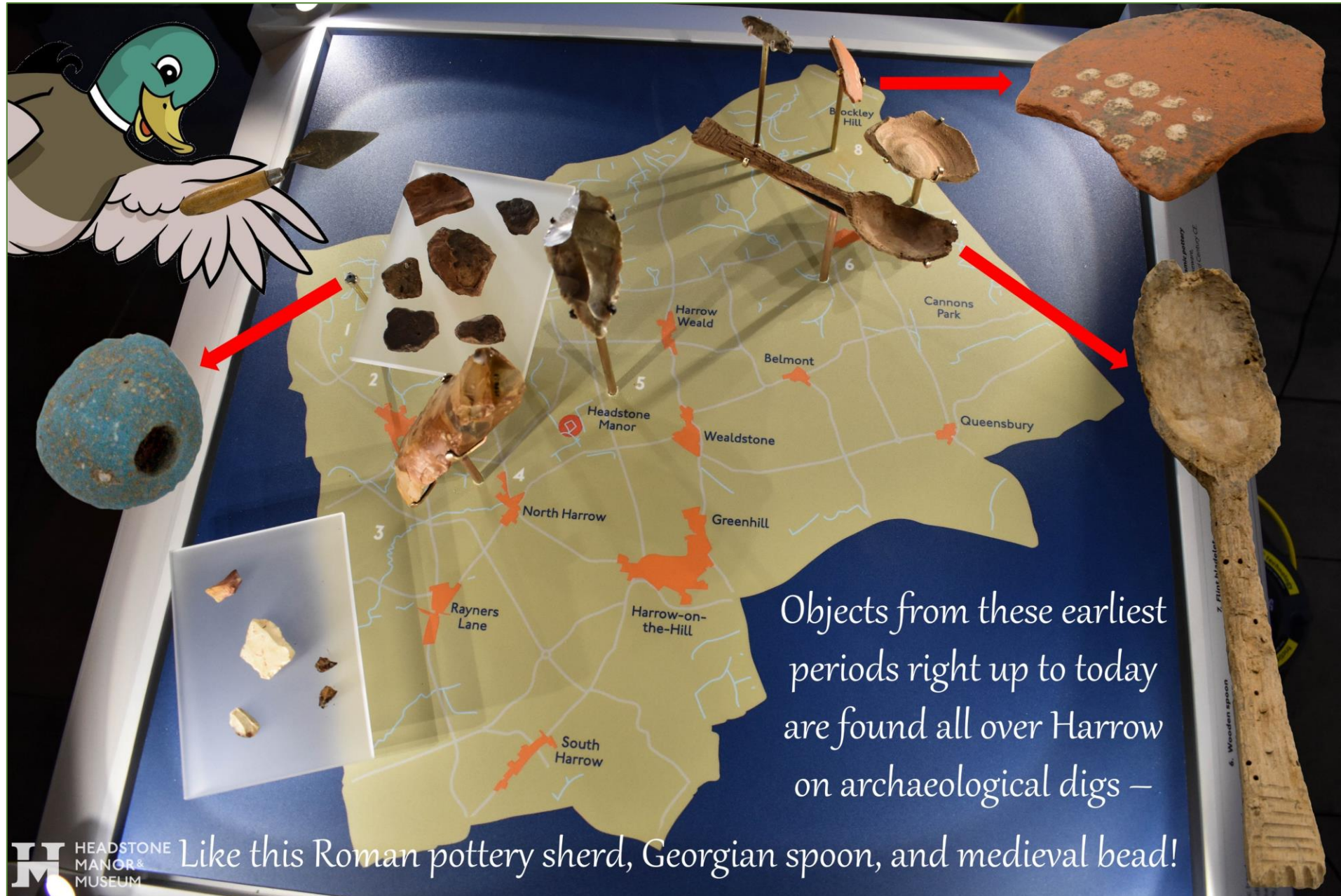
Finally, on our way out
we go through the Small
Barn again – to see
Harrow's earliest history!

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Objects here are related to
the Stone Age, Roman
period, and Anglo-Saxon
era in Harrow.





Early in the Anglo-Saxon period (c. 410-1066CE), a 'herga' was built atop Harrow Hill.

That sacred site was rebuilt as St Mary's church in 1094, and the word 'herga' gave the town its name – Harrow.



Can you spot Anglo-Saxon Princess Cwoenthryth giving the deed to the lands of Harrow to the Archbishop in this stained glass window at St Mary's?



Before the Anglo-Saxons ruled, the Romans occupied Britain from 43CE.
Here are some of the cool things they left behind in Harrow!



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1999:23.4

A sherd of a bowl decorated with mythical sea creatures, the top to an amphora-like vessel, a coin all the way from Germany, and a tile which a dog stepped on whilst it was drying!



But Harrow was inhabited long before the Romans came!
Here are some earlier objects found around Headstone Manor and the park.



The Iron Age pottery sherds show that settlements were here when the Romans arrived.
In fact, stone tools like microliths, blades, and large hand axes tell us that people lived here
as early as 500,000 years ago!



Friday, June 12th 2020

Post #4 (page 1 of 3)

Bill wants to say a fond farewell
to you all 🦆

But don't worry, we still have
lots of interesting posts coming
your way, so keep watching!

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A message from.... Bill the Duck!

Well folks, that's the whole of Harrow's history very quickly covered in our tour of the Manor House! But it won't be the last you see of me. Keep an eye out for the Detective Bill posts (you can find old posts on the museum's website!) and I think I'm going to take a few trips around Harrow and learn a bit more about its history - watch this space!

I hope you've enjoyed the tour of the museum, and as soon as we're open again come and say hello! I'll probably be swimming on the moat, but there's always lots of friendly human museum people who will answer any of your questions. Maybe you'll even see Margery...

See you all soon! 🙌



But this isn't the end! Harrow's history is being made every day, by each and every one of us!

What's next for me? Maybe I'll write a book about a duck's life in Harrow!

Margery says she'll keep learning more about the Manor House!

What's next for you?



Saturday, June 13th 2020

Post #1

This year our Teddy Bears Picnic is going online! From Monday 29th July we have a whole week of teddy bear activities for you to join along with at home including craft, songs and storytelling to entertain under 5's 🧸

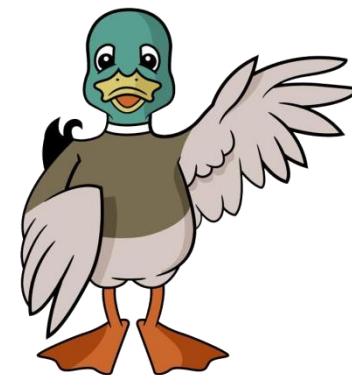
Visit our Facebook page for more details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1107997662904207/>





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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), Twitter (HeadstoneManor 1), Pinterest (HeadstoneMMuseum), and finally Instagram (headstone_manor_museum), 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!

Love,
Bill the Duck