



**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 July 20 to July 26, 2020.

Most importantly, we are REOPENING! August 6th! See the post on July 24th for more details.

This week we launched our Summer Holiday Fun programme featuring VE Day crafts and celebrations! They will be live every Saturday all through August and FREE to join in – keep an eye on the Facebook page.

We also had some bugs!! But not the creepy crawly kind – the cool crafty kind! Check out the video on July 26th to make your own. On Thursday we shared more of our On Our Doorsteps - Harrow in Lockdown photos, and just look at those smiles!

Enjoy!!

Wednesday, July 22nd 2020

Post #1

We are celebrating VE Day this summer with free online family fun!
Complete our weekly WW2 challenges to get to VE Day! Find the challenges on our Facebook page from 27th July - 2nd September





Learn more about this event here:


<https://www.facebook.com/events/317748139260129/>

Wednesday, July 22nd 2020

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Learn more about these events here:


 Headstone Manor & Museum added an event. 



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SATURDAY FROM 00:00-23:00

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Online event 

<https://www.facebook.com/events/331594778236856/>

 Headstone Manor & Museum added an event. 



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SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2020 FROM 00:00-23:30

Street Party Hats

Online event 

<https://www.facebook.com/events/316892609446386/>

Wednesday, July 22nd 2020

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Learn more about these events here:

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SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2020 FROM 00:00-23:30

Memory Teacups

Online event 

<https://www.facebook.com/events/275758293687750/>

 Headstone Manor & Museum added an event. 



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SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST 2020 FROM 00:00-23:30

Nature Crowns


Online event


<https://www.facebook.com/events/349195106082012/>

Wednesday, July 22nd 2020

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Learn more about this event here:

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SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2020 FROM 00:00-23:30

VE Day Medals

Online event Join Event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/317686332944068/>

Thursday, July 23rd 2020

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Dig into your recycling bin and follow our instructions to craft your own 'Bug from the Bin'. Be sure to share your buggo creations with us here when you're finished!



Watch the video in the post from July 26th!

Thursday, July 23rd 2020

Post #2 (page 1 of 4)

We'd like to share some more photos with you from our project, 'On Our Doorsteps - Harrow in Lockdown'. Over a period of two weeks, we worked with local photographer Jenny's Tiny Shoots, to capture life in Harrow during this strange time.

Over the two weeks, 25 households from across the borough were photographed on the doorsteps of their houses. Each participant was asked to hold an object that has meant something to them during lockdown - a great variety of objects (and pets!) were captured!

We will be sharing the stories and photos over the coming weeks, so keep a look out for more!

[#OnOurDoorsteps](#) [#HeadstoneAtHome](#) [#MuseumFromHome](#)

(see next pages for pictures for this post)



"Our Household has been a little different to normal during the Covid-19. Myself and my husband have been working and also home schooling Amelie and Ethan. I am a teacher, so I've been in to school a few times, whilst my husband juggles the children and his job. We have been lucky that the children have been able to complete their school work that has been sent home, as well as enjoying the sun with family walks, bike rides and making memories.

The children have had their lock down Birthdays recently and really enjoyed seeing their family on zoom along with all their presents. We have been keeping busy, so it helps them collect memories to fill in their Lock Down Diaries. We look forward to meeting friends soon and the children will return to school in June 2020."





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"We have been trying to think of imaginative ways to occupy the children during the lockdown period. This 'Stay At Home' colouring page was designed by a UK based designer / printing company, Aubergine262. My daughter and I had fun colouring our sheets in. They are special to me because I was born in Harrow and I now watch my small family grow here too, surrounded by a wonderful community. Our neighbours have come together (in a socially distanced manner) during this pandemic and this has given our family some strength to get through this strange, difficult time."

Friday, July 24th 2020

Post #1

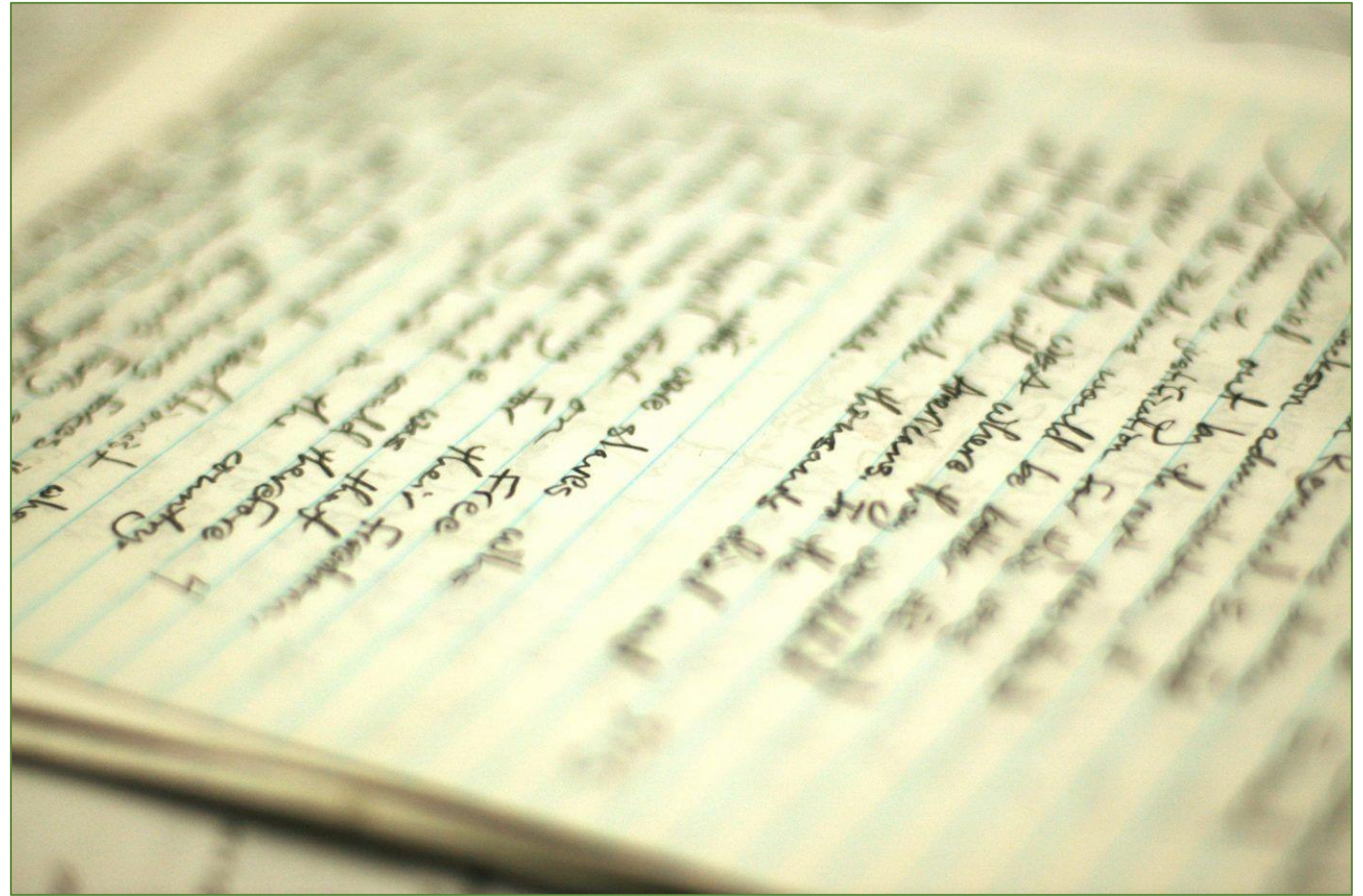
After months of hibernation, we are super excited to announce that we will be reopening from Thurs 6th August! 🎉
Here's what you can expect when we reopen our doors: <https://buff.ly/3f5xDM6>
[Harrow Council](#)



Friday, July 24th 2020

Post #2

To celebrate [#SouthAsianHeritageMonth](#) we are collaborating with Mental Wealth & Re-Route to present an online poetry workshop aimed at supporting mental health in South Asian communities in Harrow through creative writing. 6th Aug / 5PM / Pay What You Can <https://buff.ly/2OOxEbL>



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Post #3 (page 1 of 5)

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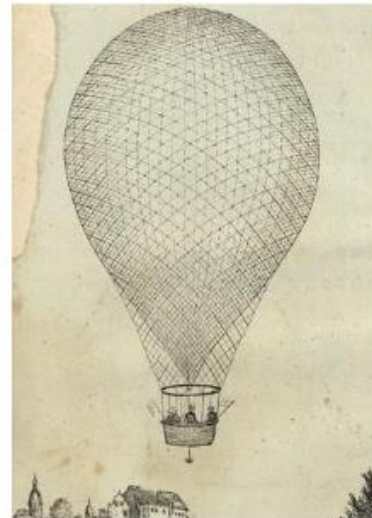
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HISTORY SNAPSOTS

What does a hot air balloon pioneer, an island in Greenland, an executed archbishop, a Prime Minister and London's first creche have in common?



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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST OLD CHURCH, STANMORE!

In 1632 a new church was built in Stanmore, made of local bricks. It also had a porch of Portland stone, which might have been crafted by Nicholas Stone, master stonemason to both King James I and King Charles I.



The church was central to village life for the next two hundred years. However, Stanmore was no ordinary village, as you'll find out!

Photo by Christine Matthews

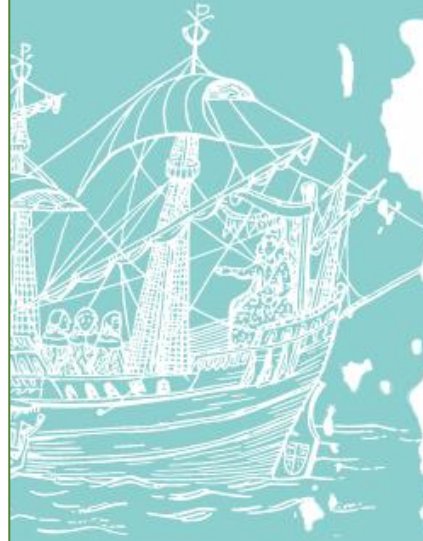
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A local man, Sir John Wolstenholme, paid for the building of the new brick church. He started his career working in customs, a profitable area of work at that time!



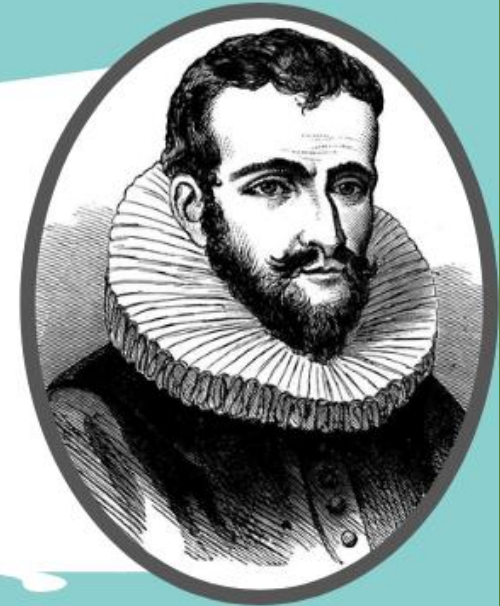
He married well, giving him connections to powerful families, like Thomas Smythe, an important figure in the East India and Virginia Companies. Sir John joined both companies and held many official offices, eventually becoming an MP.



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Sir John also financed explorations to discover a route around the top of Canada to China, the fabled NorthWest Passage. Henry Hudson led the 1610 attempt, he charted whole new areas of Canada and immortalised Sir John by naming several areas after him.



**Henry Hudson,
British Sea Explorer**



**Wolstenholme Fjord
NASA**

William Baffin, another explorer financed by Sir John did the same, naming a fjord and island on the coast of Greenland after his sponsor. Sir John was laid to rest in the church he had built, after living a long and prosperous life!

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St John's church proved to be unlucky for William Laud, Bishop of London, who consecrated the building on the 17th July 1632. William eventually went on to become Archbishop of Canterbury, the most senior member of clergy in the land. However the country was in political and religious turmoil.



William Laud

William was seen as favouring Roman Catholic doctrines and was despised by the puritan faction of protestantism. The puritan's said that St John's church was actually Sir John Wolstenholme's private chapel and used the fact that William had consecrated it, against him. Eventually he was imprisoned in the Tower of London, and executed in 1645, despite the fact he had received a royal pardon!

Saturday, July 25th 2020

Post #1

Join us tomorrow as we premiere our 'Bugs from the Bin' Family craft activity! Dig into your recycling bin and follow our instructions to craft your own Bug. Live on FB @ 11am tomorrow! <https://buff.ly/2Ecyiho>



Saturday, July 25th 2020

Post #2

Join [Peter Chand Storyteller - Tales from India](#)
(virtually) as he tells his favourite stories from
around the world!
Book your free ticket on our website
Online event suitable for over 14's.



Learn more about this event here:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/284050876244162/>

Sunday, July 26th 2020

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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 Instagram (headstone_manor_museum)!

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