

Stories of Lynn

Update from Learning and Engagement Office

for the Museum Committee 8 January- 8 September 2020

- **Summer holiday activities were possible after careful planning and comprehensive Risk Assessing for Family Bubble Learning Activities. A rolling theme for each day of the week was repeated over the four full weeks in August. a total of 81 children with 82 accompanying adults attended in August.**

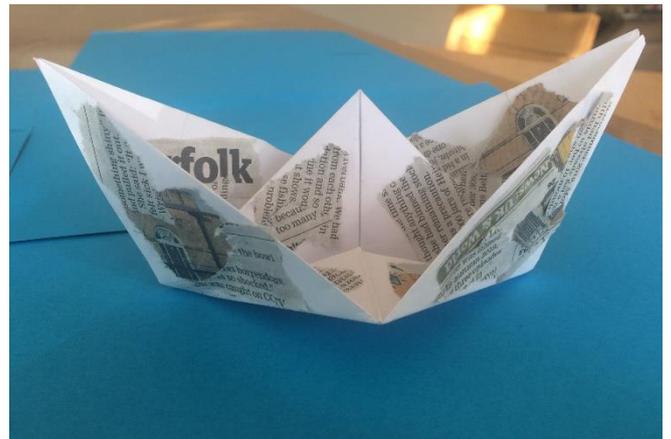
The themes were:

- Museum in a Jar – make a peg mayor or a King John Egg Cup
- Peace – linked to VJ Day Peace Cranes, making Origami cranes for an installation;
- Everyone's an Artist – torn paper tissue sunsets over Lynn;
- Peddlers and Merchants – make a kite;
- Buildings – shoe box houses.

The events were well received and none of them was noticeably more popular than any other. The last week of August was the busiest. There were four sessions run in a day; every day had someone attending. All materials used were from the LEO's existing stock or recycled except for 10 plastic pint mugs for Museum in a Jar making it cost effective.

- **Kick the Dust**

- Kick the Dust continues to go well despite Lockdown restrictions, although numbers are greatly reduced because no face to face meetings are possible.
- The main group, The Time Turners, using the Zoom platform, regularly meet on a Tuesday at 5pm for the Time Turners has operated every week throughout Lockdown.
 - This group has worked on a Google Arts and Culture Online Exhibition with the theme of Ancient Egyptians. Dayna Woolbright (curator) has joined the group and her support, guidance and involvement has been invaluable. The exhibition it is about to be launched and whilst we wait for that release, the YP have been working on a board game, having it professionally produced by the BCKLWN Graphic Design Officer, Kristina MacArthur.
 - KTD Time Turners have also worked with West Norfolk Youth Advisory Board's Young Commissioners to attend a virtual online tour of the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool. The LEO attends YAB meetings regularly and at one of the meetings the Black Lives Matter protests were discussed, prompting the idea of a virtual tour of ISM. This co-worked partnership had 11 participants from WNYAB and 7 from KTD. Artwork was produced following the tour by individuals at home and then shared at a follow up session at the end of the day – it was powerful and showed their insight and commitment to stop racism and inequality. (images)



- Our next project will be linked to Nelson and Trafalgar with the YP learning about Nelson and curating an exhibition for the King's Lynn History Festival in October half term (22 Oct – 1 Nov 2020) in SOL. A link to Nelson and the slave trade will be made through this work with the YAB and KTD working together.
- Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, the KTD groups had been working very successfully in a number of ways:
 - The Reprocessors (Wednesday group) involved work experience students supporting the work of the Single Use Plastics Committee of the Council, with the Young People attending a meeting with the councillors. They produced a PowerPoint for use in school but this had to be converted to a Web Page so that the work could be shared for Home Learning when COVID restrictions came into play. see www.storiesoflynn.co.uk
 - Churchill Park Champs worked with the Reprocessors and both groups led an Early Years session with 31 under 4s from King's Lynn Nursery, in March. The theme was "Angelina Ballerina Goes to the Fair" a book including a visit to a funfair, linked to the Mart. The YP ran games that the children and their parents played, recreating a fun fair in the SOL gallery. It was enjoyed by all the YP felt proud of their success.
 - The Time Turners have had to pause a project working with the Bridge for Heroes charity, producing a mural for the end wall of their building. It is well-through the design phase but again got interrupted by COVID-19. We are still working to get that completed as soon as is safe to do so.

- The Youth Offending Team group that had been so successful on their Escape Rooms finished but it was proposed to get parents of YOT participants to get involved with KTD. The Sailmakers group was created with two parents and a work experience student from COWA helping to create sails for the Hanse Festival. This was well on the way but never completed the work because of Lockdown. The sails have been saved and hopefully we can start those again, next year for the next Hanse Festival (if possible).
 - Work experience placements that were taking place with YP enjoying supporting the work of the museum are not possible now and neither is work with Nova Training, College of West Anglia, Churchill Park, however, YMCA is continuing their work as they operate in House Bubbles in the residences. LEO has supported with materials for a garden development and information on VE75 Day celebrations.
- A successful event was coordinated with BCKLWN and SOL for the VE75 Day celebrations that was entirely virtual. Materials were put on to the SOL Website and into the newspapers. See Website: www.storiesoflynn.co.uk
- School sessions were greatly reduced this reporting period due to Lockdown but St Michael's Academy did a visit about WW1, Holly Meadows School attended the Opening of the Mart Banquet, taking part in the Mayoral Procession. Just before lockdown, LEO attended Fairstead School to do an outreach Mayan Day (originally a joint run project with Lynn Museum), just the day before Lockdown as the school could not come out of the building.
- The Heritage Education Network (HEN3) termly meeting for teachers took place 5th March 2020 with 12 teachers attending. This third meeting visited The Minster, a walking tour of Lynn and the King's Lynn Library. As usual, input (educational and financial) from Historic England's Kate Argyle was welcomed. HEN4 has also taken place on Zoom with a focus on Black History. 5 different presentations were delivered covering resources and input for teachers to use. Attendance was quite small (8 teachers) but it was the end of a busy, strange summer term!
- The SOL Volunteer team has 6 regular adult members who help to support and deliver tours and school sessions; the Youth Group are willing volunteers too.
- The Scroll depicting The history of Lynn from 1204 to the present day was created using images drawn by local artist, Nicola Marray Woods was completed, and a play commissioned to tell this history. the scroll and play were funded by Historic England and three performances were enacted in the Assembly Room of the town Hall – one to three primary schools, one to secondary school pupils (KLA) and one for the public. it was very well received and could be performed in schools easily when restrictions permit.



- Museum Takeover Day 26 June 2020 was a virtual event this year and KTD Time Turners provided some material for upload to the SOL Twitter feed. There was also an Art competition as part of that event and two of our Time Turners won prizes – one of which was an overall winner nationally (see right).

- The Dragon Parade, working with the Shakespeare Guildhall Trust had been planned but had to be abandoned with 90 children no longer able to attend.
- Hanse Day had been planned but was abandoned.
- The West Norfolk Young Carers had a morning with Luke Feb 2020 in the archive where he showed them the archive and where he was going to keep their personal records for 10 years as a “Time Capsule” style event.
- a successful reflection and remembrance event was planned and carried out virtually with BCKLWN and LEO for VJ Day with online activities, resources and downloads available; the Press also published materials for the public.

- Numbers since the last meeting (excluding town events such as HOD (2000) and 1940s Lynn)

Visitor totals prior to lockdown Jan – Mar 2020

1446 in total with LEO	=	1047 Children & YP	
		399 Adults	
January:	37 under 5s; 337 children	52 YP	183 adults
February	0 under 5s 292 children	69 YP	60 adults
March	57 under 5s, 324 children	23 YP	156 adults

Visitor totals with LEO activities when museum reopened: August 2020

173 in total with LEO	=	81 children
		82 Adults

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