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**14 JUNE – 31 AUGUST 2022**

## 1. Schools

1.1 From 14 June – 13 July 2022, 8 schools visited bringing a total of 445 primary school pupils, with 48 accompanying adults.

1.2 Most of our visits are two-site day visits between Lynn Museum and Stories of Lynn.

1.3 The College of West Anglia visited with one final group of students from the Foundation courses (with varying degrees of additional needs) for this year. These have been well received with an escape room, and a focus on understanding different job roles in a museum. A group of 10 students came.

## 2. Kick the Dust in King's Lynn

- 2.1 The Time Turners' English Civil War in King's Lynn game was launched on Norfolk Day, 27 July (10 – 1pm). The Young People ran the open day at Stories of Lynn with visitors invited to play the game, hear about the archaeological dig in North Lynn from David Flintham (Civil War specialist and archaeologist), have a look at the Southgates film made at the start of our KTD project, have a tour of the museum. Two freelancers were funded by KTD to attend the session and teach about daily life and a Civil War period doctor. The YP from Time Turners visited the North Lynn dig on that day, as guests of David Flintham in the afternoon.
- 2.2 The Town Sign Team of KTD work experience students were commissioned to create a design for the Purfleet Street sign to go over the walkway behind Boots the Chemist to the Cashino. They researched, surveyed school children, interviewed business owners and presented their design to two different panels of officials. They also were entered into the Lynn in Bloom competition as a special project category. It is hoped that their tree design can be manufactured and installed in the next year. Partnership working is powerful and offers students the opportunity to work on real projects and take on a challenge. They did extremely well and grew in confidence.
- 2.3 Time Turners Top Ten Treasures exhibition is in the temporary exhibition space of Stories.
- 2.4 The Kick the Dust Work Experience skills-based programme completed the year with the premier of their History of Chapel Street film, at the Corn Exchange cinema as part of the Historic England Heritage Action Zone project completion. It was also national museum week. Guest speakers recognised and celebrated the work of the YP and the success of the HAZ project.
- 2.5 The former NMS KTD Curatorial Trainee has been successful in acquiring a job in the British Museum following the completion of his training based in the west of the county. He is an Assistant Collection Manager: Storage and Moves
- 2.6 Wednesday's Churchill Park Complex Needs School students completed their Platinum Jubilee Challenge and were entered into the Lynn in Bloom competition for their "Queen Elizabeth" rose planting with the Open Spaces Team and their bug hotels (from recycled materials) in the Mayor's Garden at the Town Hall.
- 2.7 Shannon Starr has been assisting Rachael Williams for the summer activities (Platinum Jubilee and Hanse), and the August Family activities (see below). She has attended 12 per week for 4 weeks and has been an asset to the SOL team. She has also assisted at the Guildhall for Play here with Shakespeare (2 x 6 hours). She was also part of the Town Sign Team.

### 3. Family Learning Activities

#### 3.1 Tudor Day at South Lynn Community Centre

This was funded by Cllrs Kemp and Joyce to offer the community some historic activity days. It was a successful day with 120 visitors to the centre between 12 and 3pm. Freelancers provided input in costume and there were craft activities (crown making and quill pen writing) and Tudor food on offer (fresh fruit, gingerbread and Jumble biscuits). Press coverage was very good.

#### 3.2 Summer Holiday activities at Stories of Lynn – A Banquet fit for the Queen!

Shannon Starr assisted Rachael each day and her confidence grew with each session. This was work experience for her and she was an asset to the team. Kick the Dust funds some financial reward as a gift token for her to spend.

Week1	Children	Adults	Total for the day	Comments
Monday	3	2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Bubble sessions were successful and really enjoyed by those attending.</li> <li>Some families are regular attendees. 53 participants (32 children and adults 21 adults).</li> <li>Mondays = Peacock Feast Day (Make a peacock and do some brass rubbing).</li> <li>Tuesdays = decorate a Victoria Sponge cake and make a cake box in which to take it away.</li> <li>The sessions operated each Monday and Tuesday for the first four weeks of the school holidays, with 7 bookable 30-minute sessions on offer.</li> <li>The bookable family sessions limit the number of people we can include, and it helps to enable cost effective planning of resources and to ensure we have steady attendance. The events require minimal outlay on materials as we use SOL stock in the Education Room.</li> <li>The session was chargeable at £2 per child in addition to the museum entry fee.</li> <li>Attendance was lower than in previous years but this is probably linked to families enjoying being able to be out rather than having to stay in due to COVID lockdown.</li> </ul>
Tuesday	5	5	10	
	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Week 2</b>				
Monday	5	2	7	
Tuesday	5	3	8	
	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Week 3</b>				
Monday	1	1	2	
Tuesday	5	3	8	
	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Week 4</b>				
Monday	2	2	4	
Tuesday	6	3	9	
	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Summer Total</b>	<b>32 children</b>	<b>21 adults</b>	<b>53 total</b>	
<p>Mondays: 33 % of total visitor numbers; SOL is the only museum open in Lynn on a Monday.</p> <p>Tuesdays: 67 % of total visitor numbers; The Town Hall upstairs rooms are open on Tuesdays.</p>				

#### Additional activities in the Undercroft

These were free with paid admission to the museum for any visitors who wish to take part and were well received. They were available to those in the booked sessions and those who just visited SOL.

1. A free trail: A Peacock Feast table display had been created in the undercroft with a trail sheet on offer with stickers for children who were visiting.
2. Children were also able to decorate a plate fit for a banquet.

### 3.3 St George’s Guildhall Events: “Shake it all out!”

Rachael Williams and Dayna Woolbright planned and delivered family sessions and youth sessions to take place at St George’s Guildhall in August:

- every Tuesday, KTD Time Turners at the theatre at 4- 5.30pm instead of at SOL.
- every Wednesday family activities, “*Play here with Shakespeare*”, based on a Shakespeare play;
- Thursday 25 July, 4 August, 11 August, and 18 August: “*Play in a Day*” workshops for Young People.

All sessions were attended except one on the first day, in the afternoon.

Numbers of attendees ranged from 1 to 9 participants.

The AWN Theatre Tech team supported the work of the group and the Curatorial Museum Trainee attended most weeks to offer assistance. Shannon and another volunteer also provided additional support.

**Wednesdays:** The format of the family activity sessions for the Play here with Shakespeare involved a theatre trail, a tour behind the scenes, listening to the story of the Shakespeare play chosen for the day, craft activities linked to the story and a chance to say lines and dress up on stage. The session lasted 1.25 hours. There were three sessions a day. We have a number of returning visitors.

**Thursdays:** the format of the Play in a Day youth sessions were a theatre trail, a tour behind the scenes, listening to the story of the Shakespeare play chosen for the day, reading of part from the actual play script, understanding the meaning of the language used, acting out the scene. We did three scenes in total.

We planned and delivered the following Shakespeare plays: A Midsummer Night’s Dream, As you like it, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and the Tempest.

Wednesdays			Thursdays		
Target Audience: General Public Families			Target Audience: Youth 12 – 25 years		
Date	Play	Number of Participants	Date	Play	Number of Participants
03/8/22	Midsummer Night’s Dream	14	28/7/22	The Tempest [WN Young Carers]	9
10/8/22	Romeo & Juliet	20	04/8/22	The Tempest [South Lynn Youth]	5
17/8/22	As You Like It	16	11/8/22	Midsummer Night’s Dream [General Youth]	8
24/8/22	The Tempest	9	18/8/22	Macbeth [General Youth]	5
31/8/22	Macbeth	8			
<b>Play here with Shakespeare Total</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>Play in a Day Total</b>		<b>27</b>

- Evaluations were gathered and we had pleasing results that will be reported on fully at a later date.
- As a result of feedback, we have reviewed and tightened our procedures for the booking system, and for working with staff, volunteers, and visitors at St George’s Guildhall.
- We were delighted that we had a number of returning participants as this always suggests that the pitch and offer must have been appropriate.

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