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WELCOME TO THE 2013 COOKHAM FESTIVAL

It's Festival Time and, once again, Cookham lays out its wealth of talent. Building on the success of previous years, and featuring some new activities, the 2013 Festival offers something to suit most tastes and all ages.

Our programme has a rich mix of music, drama, comedy, art, exhibitions and talks. We have even introduced a link to business and the sciences, building on unsung parts of Cookham's heritage.

As always we like to focus on participation so there are plenty of opportunities to get directly involved, as well as the chance to see Cookham people developing their talents or discovering new ones. Our Creative Hub should entice you to try out new skills; sing along with Karaoklahoma; help us create new images of Cookham through *Cookham on Canvas*; live your own 'Strictly' dream. Alternatively sit back and enjoy wonderful music and theatre, visit the Open Studios and exhibitions - and much more.

This is a community event. The Festival happens because of the time, energy and creativity of many people in and around Cookham. Our thanks to them. And, of course, to you - without you there would be no festival. Enjoy it!

Mike Copland, Chairman

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Until Thursday, 21 March, please send this form to Louise Wood, Seaton Cottage, Station Hill, Cookham SL6 9BT with your cheque, payable to Cookham Festival and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. For ticket queries until Thursday, 21 March, please contact Louise on 01628 522215.

From Friday, 22 March, bookings ONLY through the Box Office at The Stationery Depot, Station Parade, Cookham SL6 9BR. For ticket queries after 22 March, please contact the Box Office on 01628 531178.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

STRICTLY COOKHAM DANCE WORKSHOPS

Thursdays, 25 April and 2, 9 and 16 May Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham, SL6 9EH 4.30pm. £3 per workshop

Join these hour-long ballroom and latin dance workshops for beginners with local enthusiasts Peter and Penny Bysshe. Learn enough basic steps in the waltz and quickstep to get you safely round the dance floor, and some groovy moves in the cha cha and jive to set the dance floor alight!



Couples and singles welcome. See page 11 for details of the Tea Dance.

Wednesday, 8th

TALK: THE ORIGINS OF COOKHAM

Moor Hall, Cookham, SL6 9QH 8pm. Tickets £4

The layout of Cookham village has not changed dramatically over several centuries. Local archaeologist Colin Berks tells Cookham's story from Neolithic times into the Anglo-Saxon period when Cookham was a significant religious and political centre. Hear the latest news on recent digs and surveys in and around the village that tell us more about our local heritage. An exhibition accompanies the talk and is open until Saturday, 11 May (see page 21).

Thursday, 9th

ODNEY PAINTING DAY

Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham SL6 9SR, 10am-4pm Tickets £3. Pay on arrival

Enjoy a day's drawing and painting in the beautiful riverside grounds of the Odney Club.

TALK: GREAT WIRELESS MOMENTS

Holy Trinity Primary School, School Lane, Cookham, SL6 9QJ

4.30pm. Refreshments available from 4pm

Tickets: £3 adults, free for children under 16, includes preview of the Marconi and Science for the Arts exhibition (see page 21).

Marconi lived in Whyteladyes Lane in Cookham and carried out many of his early wireless experiments between Cookham and neighbouring Hedsor. Brian Hawes talks about Marconi and the part wireless played in the loss of the Titanic, the first radio broadcast and other great wireless moments. He also demonstrates equipment of the type used by Marconi for his early experiments.

An engineer and physicist, Brian is fascinated by early wireless technology and recently worked on the detectors for the Large Hadron Collider which discovered the Higgs Bosun particle.

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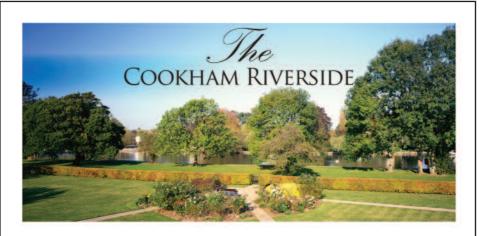






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Thursday, 9th

THE PEOPLE'S SHAKESPEARE - RICHARD III Sponsored by Harwood House

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH 7.30pm. Tickets £8

Following 2011's A Midsummer Night's Dream, the People's Shakespeare is back with one of Shakespeare's most darkly comic plays, Richard III. Join a cast of thirty at Pinder Hall - newcomers and familiar faces alike - where the unique staging will bring you even closer to the action. Shakespeare for the people of Cookham by the people of Cookham!

See page 15 for more information.



COMEDY CLUB

Sir Bernard Miller Centre, Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham SL6 9SR

8pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £10

The Festival's top rank comedy event, compered by local comedian Helen Huscroft (pictured) features a first class line-up of specially selected stand-up comedians. An evening of adult laughter and humour. Book early for a guaranteed 'sell out' event!



Friday, 10th

THE PEOPLE'S SHAKESPEARE - RICHARD III

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH 7.30pm. Second of four performances. See details above

MUSICAL STARS OF TOMORROW

St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Cookham Dean SL6 9PD 7pm. Tickets £5

Assembled from the astonishing talent of young adults in the local area, this concert will include some truly magical performances. The musicians are of grade eight standard and beyond; and some are planning a professional career in music. Ranging from jazz to classical, this is a rare opportunity to support such local skill and hear what the youth of today can really do.

Saturday, 11th

COOKHAM ON CANVAS

Creative Hub on the Moor. SL6 9SB 10.30am. Entry £5

For this open art event, artists are allocated a location from which to paint a view of Cookham. Over the weekend, visitors to the Festival can pick up a map from the Creative Hub and visit them as they work. The paintings will be judged on Thursday, 16 May and thereafter exhibited at The Grove Heritage Centre.

Prizes donated by Bovilles Art Shop and Art on the Street.

See Arts for All on pages 18-19 for more information.

ART AND CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Creative Hub on the Moor, SL6 9SB

Workshops 11am-4pm

Ideal for a great family day out, the activities are suitable for a range of ages and abilities.

See Arts for All on pages 18-19 for more information.

PLAYLET: WHO WAS GUGLIELMO MARCONI?

 $Holy\ Trinity\ Primary\ School,\ School\ Lane,\ Cookham,\ SL6\ 9QJ$

3.30pm. Refreshments available from 3pm Tickets £3 adults, free for children under 16 Bill Moulford plays Guglielmo Marconi in Professor Jim Bennett's playlet about the multi-faceted inventor Marconi, who once lived in Cookham.

Vote on which of the three dramatised presentations of Marconi 'the wireless wizard' you think is the most credible.

Includes private viewing 3pm-4.30pm of the Cookham local primary schools' collaboration Marconi and Science for the Arts exhibition (see page 21).



Guglielmo Marconi

THE PEOPLE'S SHAKESPEARE - RICHARD III

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH Final performances - matinee 2pm and evening performance at 7.30pm See details Thursday, 9 May.

Sunday, 12th

ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOPS

See Arts for All on pages 18-19 for more information.

COOKHAM ON CANVAS

See Arts for All on pages 18-19 for more information.

RECITAL - TEA AND SYMPHONY

with Geneviève Usher, Joanna Henwood, Gillian Salmon and Jacqui Edwards St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Cookham Dean SL6 9PD 3pm. Tickets £6

Come and savour the perfect digestif after Sunday lunch: two stunning, professional Cookham sopranos singing a mix of duets and arias from Mendelssohn to Mozart as well as modern classics including Ivor Novello. Listen to Gillian Salmon, one of the finest classical pianist in the area, who is well-known as both a soloist and accompanist.







Joanna Henwood

To complement the musical delights, indulge in tea and home made cakes prepared by the ladies of Cookham Dean Church.

FESTIVAL EVENSONG - IN PRAISE OF GOD'S CREATION

Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Road, Cookham SL6 9SP 6pm

This Festival celebration includes music from Vivaldi's "Gloria", sung by the three choirs of Holy Trinity Church, led by choirmaster and organist Sara Wood.

All are welcome.

KARAOKLAHOMA - OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL EVENING! Sing the songs from Oklahoma!

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH 8pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £8

Enjoy a humdinger of an evening singing along to the music and lyrics of Rogers and Hammerstein. The evening will be led by Maidenhead Musical Comedy Society. Song-sheets will be provided, but bring a score if you can find one.

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ON AND OFF THE BEATEN TRACK, IN AFRICA..., AND BEYOND....





AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY DR JOHN CHURCH

Tuesday May 14th 2013 6.30pm - 8.00pm

An illustrated talk by Dr John Church, a British doctor who was born in Uganda. John, the son of medical missionaries, worked in hospitals in Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya in the sixties and seventies, and witnessed first hand many of the historical events of these emerging independent African states. The talk will encompass episodes in his medical work from helping polio victims in Uganda prior to Idi Amin's reign and saving the lives of those caught in the Rwanda genocide. John is captivated by African music and culture. He will give us a glimpse of the history of African music, and will [briefly] play a kalimba, one of numerous instruments immortalised by his uncle, Hugh Tracey, a pioneer African ethnomusicologist.

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Monday, 13th

TALK: SPENCER'S VIEW OF COOKHAM

Stanley Spencer Gallery, High Street, Cookham SL6 9SJ

7.30pm. Tickets £5

Talk on Sir Stanley Spencer and his local landscape paintings by Spencer specialists Chrissy Rosenthal and Ann Danks.

POETRY: SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

River Room, Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham SL6 9SR

8pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £5

Poetry on a summer's evening as local poet Tony Turner brings together a group of poets to showcase their work alongside poems by other authors read by local readers. The second half of the programme begins with an 'open mic' session, giving Cookham poets an opportunity to read their own work.

To submit work for the 'open mic' session, contact Tony Turner at Cherrycroft, Popes Lane, Cookham Dean SL6 9NY or at tony.cherry@talktalk.net.

Tuesday, 14th

TALK: ON AND OFF THE BEATEN TRACK, IN AFRICA AND BEYOND

Bel and the Dragon, High Street, Cookham SL6 9SQ

6.30pm. Drinks reception and canapés sponsored by Bel and the Dragon Tickets free, but pre-booking required

An illustrated talk by Dr John Church, a British doctor who was born in Uganda and who worked in hospitals in Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya in the 60s and 70s, and witnessed many of the historical events of these emerging independent African states.

AN EVENING WITH THE ROYAL HARMONICS

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH 8pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £8

The Royal Harmonics is one of the UK's leading close harmony a cappella groups. Silver Medallists at the 2012 British Barbershop Chorus Championships, the group comprises 50 guys under the direction of John Palmer. The Royal Harmonics specialises in imaginatively staged and innovative performances of songs from across the spectrum of modern music, including pop, swing, doo-wop, barbershop, and songs from the shows. Expect a highly entertaining evening of top quality vocal harmonies.



Wednesday, 15th

TALK: THE JOHN LEWIS FABRIC ARCHIVE

The Grove Heritage Centre, Odney Estate, SL6 9SR 3.30pm. Refreshments available from 3pm Tickets £4 adults, free for children under 16 Judy Faraday, company archivist, talks about the relocation of the John Lewis Archive to Cookham.

See the archive and the Textiles and Craft exhibition in the new Heritage Centre (see page 21).



Pugin textile design 1850

ORGAN RECITAL - RHIDIAN JONES

St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Cookham Dean SL6 9PD 8pm. Tickets £5

Rhidian Jones has been a regular performer on the organ at St John the Baptist Church in Cookham Dean for many years. The organ, built in 1932, has been considerably enlarged and has a great dynamic range.

His programme includes music in a variety of styles by composers J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, William Walond and Charles Marie Widor.

THE DEAN OF INIQUITY (or The Confessions of a Parish Constable)

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH 8pm. Tickets £8

Sex, lies and highwaymen feature in local playwright's musical play based on the diaries of Cookham Parish Constable William Gibbins. Jonathan Yates imagines how the inhabitants of 19th century Cookham might have responded to their sins and crimes being made public. Is there anyone without sin? The characters from Cookham's history are played by stars of the local stage and concert platform.

Thursday, 16th

VOCAL RECITAL - ELISABETH TOYE Michael L. Roberts and JozefJanik, piano

Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Road, Cookham SL6 9SP 8pm, Tickets £5

Elisabeth Toye is a prize winning soprano, vocal coach and choral trainer and is the Principal Conductor of both Cookham's Cantorum Choir and Berkshire Young Voices. She has won numerous awards for her interpretation and performance of English songs.



Her recital features a new work: 'The Avocatus Suite: Part 1', an art-song cycle by Michael L. Roberts, premiered in 2010 and includes early songs by Schoenberg and Mahler and Britten's magical song cycle 'On this Island'

The Dean of Iniquity (or The Confessions of a Parish Constable)

8pm. Final performance. See details above

Friday, 17th

TALK: MY LIFE IN TEXTILES AND CRAFTS

The Grove Heritage Centre, Odney Estate, Cookham SL6 9SR

3.30pm. Refreshments available from 3pm

Tickets £4 adults, free for children under 16

Prize winning needlewoman Ruth Daniel talks about her life in textiles and crafts and shows some of her exquisite work. A Cookham resident, her ancestors were involved in textiles and crafts for over 100 years. She has carried on that tradition and her commissions for ecclesiastical embroidery include Eton College Chapel and many local churches.

'The Textiles and Crafts Exhibition (see page 21) includes examples of Ruth's lace making and wood carving.

STRICTLY COOKHAM TEA DANCE

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH

2.30pm. Refreshments provided. Tickets £5

Calling experienced dancers and new recruits to the dancing world! The Festival tea dance gives you the chance to show just how good you are and have some fun.

If you already know how to dance come and dance the afternoon away to great music in good company. If you are a beginner come along and try out the moves you have learned at the Strictly Cookham dance dance workshops (see page 3).

JAZZ WITH THE BRASS VOLCANOES

Pinder Hall, Lower Road, Cookham SL6 9EH

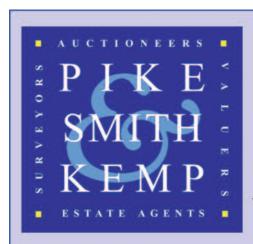
8pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £10

The Brass Volcanoes, a talented group of young jazz musicians from London, are inspired by the great traditions of New Orleans brass bands playing a mix of styles from

Mardi Gras to funk and jazz to popular standards.

The band combines brass and saxo-phones with a backing of drums and sousaphone - they are highly likely to take off into the audience at any time and are guaranteed to provide a fun evening!





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Saturday, 18th

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS

10am-6pm

Visit local artists showing and/or demonstrating their work - pick up a map from the Creative Hub on the Moor, or any event at the Festival or online at www.cookhamfestival.org.uk. See pages 18-19 for more information.

PAVEMENT CHALKING

Station Parade, Cookham SL6 9BR 10am. Free event

LET'S ROCK THE MOOR

Marsh Meadow, Cookham Moor SL6 9SB Noon. Gates open at 11:30am Tickets £30 adults, £17 children 3-12 Families (2 adults and 2 children) £79, VIP tickets £100.

Let's Rock The Moor! returns for its fifth year with an action-packed day of live music at this boutique, family friendly, 80s festival.



Tickets for this event are available directly from The Stationery Depot, 23 Station Parade, Cookham SI 6 9BR

See page 17 for more information.

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Sunday, 19th

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS

10am-6pm

See page 19 for more information.

GALLOPING GODIVA

Sir Bernard Miller Centre, Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham SL6 9SR 3pm. Tickets (including tea and refreshment) £6 adults, £2 for children under 16 Four Primary Schools of Cookham (Cookham Dean, Cookham Rise, Holy Trinity and Herries) will combine to perform *Galloping Godiva*. Described by its composer, Andrew Carter, as 'a romp for schools', this hilariously retells the story of Lady Godiva's ride through Coventry in a pop-jazz cantata style. The performance will be conducted by Gillian Dibden MBE, one of the country's leading young people's musical educators and conductors.

FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Cookham Dean SL6 9PD 6pm

A traditional choral evensong sung by the choir of St John The Baptist led by choirmaster and organist, David Colthup. Music will include: 'O Holy Spirit Lord of Grace' by C.Tye; Stanford's 'Magnificat in Bb' and the anthem 'Let their Celestial Concerts all Unite' from Handel's Samson.

All are welcome.

FESTIVAL CLOSING CONCERT Bach and Beyond Sponsored by Hitachi Europe

Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Road, Cookham SL6 9SP

8pm. Refreshments. Tickets £12

The Albrecht Ensemble, led and directed by Cookham-born, internationally celebrated violinist Alexandra Wood (pictured), will present an evening of exciting, dynamic string music. The programme will include the charming "Simple Symphony" by Benjamin Britten (2013 is his anniversary year), as well as two well-loved favourites: The Bach 'Double Violin Concerto', and Vivaldi's dramatic, virtuosic 'Four Seasons'.



THE PEOPLE'S SHAKESPEARE

Following A Midsummer Night's Dream for the 2011 Cookham Festival, the People's Shakespeare this year brings Richard III, Shakespeare's best known, darkly comic history play, to the Pinder Hall stage.

Local actor Richard James has again drawn a cast from among the people of Cookham to scale the heights of the bard of Avon. Some of them you may have seen in their last production, but many have never set foot on stage before, let alone performed Shakespeare.

Richard has always been interested in this play and in the character of the

hunch-backed monarch and he will be sharing the central role with Nick King who played Oberon in their last production. "That way", explains Richard, "I get to have a crack at a part I have always wanted to play, whilst staying true to the spirit of the People's Shakespeare by letting someone else have a go, too".

It is, of course, a very topical production following the discovery of bones which may very well belong to the last English king to die in battle. "If this proves to be the case," says Richard, "we may find a way of incorporating this amazing discovery into our production, too!"









THE COOKHAM SOCIETY

Annual subscription is just £3 per household

The Cookham Society is an active local Amenity Society with over 1600 members and a very strong track record in looking after the interests of Cookham and its residents. Its aims are to protect, preserve or improve features of general public amenity, historic, architectural, artistic, social or cultural importance and those relating to the beauty and ecology of the environment within the geographical area known as "The Cookhams' in Berkshire. The Cookhams are enjoyed by countless visitors and non-residents are very welcome to join and give their support to the Society's aims.

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Let's Rock The Moor! returns for its fifth year with an action packed day of live music at this boutique, family friendly, 80's festival, with the following artistes:

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The event has plenty for everyone! This year boasts a second stage where local bands will perform.

The new 80's themed children's play area has entertainers from BBC/ITV, a circus, rides (including bumper boats and dodgems).

There will be a fantastic selection of caterers and multiple bars, wacky stalls and much, much more!

For the latest information go to www.letsrockthemoor.co.uk





A R T S

Saturday, 11 May and Sunday, 12 May

CREATIVE HUB ON THE MOOR

Cookham Moor SL6 9SB

Weekend 11 and 12 May. 11am to 4pm

A fabulous mixture of activities where you can try something new with workshops, craft stalls and demonstrations all under one roof.

To add to your enjoyment, local artisans and crafters demonstrate and show their work; local musicians and dancers dance on the Moor and delicious home-made food is available.

ART AND CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Join a workshop and learn a new skill. Enrol on the day at a workshop to make glass bead jewellery, ceramics, mosaics and other crafts or book (see page 2) to reserve your place on the workshops below:

Charcoal drawing with Pamela Clarke

Explore the versatility and fun of charcoal drawing from life with local artist. Suitable for all abilities age 12+.

Embroiderers' Guild

Enjoy your favourite stitches and perhaps learn some new ones as you create your own piece. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Make 2-D or 3-D props with Paul Robbens

Make your own models with film and TV prop-maker. Suitable for all abilities age 7+.

COOKHAM ON CANVAS

In the spirit of Stanley Spencer

Saturday, 11 May from 10.30am

Registration fee £5 adults, free for children under 16

Artists entering this open art event set off on their creative journey from the Creative Hub to capture Cookham on canvas at a location chosen by the Stanley Spencer Gallery, using a medium of their choice. Open to all ages and abilities.

To visit the artists at their allocated locations, pick up a map from the Creative Hub or from The Stationery Depot, 23 Station Parade, Cookham SL6 9BR.

Prizes generously donated by Bovilles Art Shop and Art on the Street will be awarded on Thursday, 16 May to the winners in each category and the artists' pictures will be exhibited at the Grove Heritage Centre (see page 21) until Sunday, 19 May.

Obtain a registration form from The Stationery Depot or from Bovilles Art Shops, 124 High Street, Maidenhead SL6 1PT.

Artists who book in advance are invited to a private talk in the Stanley Spencer Gallery on 17 April. To register on 11 May go to the Creative Hub on the Moor from 10.30am.

For more information, email gail.dorrington@sky.com

OR ALL

Saturday, 18 May and Sunday, 19 May

ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS

Locations around Cookham and Maidenhead Weekend 18 and 19 May. 10am to 6pm

Discover the wealth of talent on our doorstep. The Festival's popular art trail is bigger than ever this year, with many new artists showing their work at venues throughout Cookham and its surrounds, ranging from barns to empty shops, small sheds and private homes.



Painters, photographers, jewellery designers and pewter makers are just some of the local artists and crafters exhibiting their work who will be happy to talk to you.

Details about individual artists and a map of where to find them is available to download from www.cookhamfestival.org.uk or to collect from The Creative Hub on the Moor, The Stationery Depot or from Bovilles.

PAVEMENT CHALKING

Station Parade, Cookham SL6 9BR Saturday, 18 May 10am No booking required

Phyllida Shelley leads this popular activity for children.



Finally keep your eyes peeled throughout the festival for some surprising art popping up in unexpected places!

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FXHIBITIONS

ODNEY SCULPTURE GARDEN

Gardens of the Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham SL6 9SR Friday, 3 May to Sunday, 19 May, 10am to 6pm Entry £2 adults, free for children under 16

The Odney Club hosts a varied collection of sculptures in its grounds. With local artists at its heart, the exhibition features works by established sculptors across the country. See p23 for more information.

THE ORIGINS OF COOKHAM

Moor Hall, Cookham SL6 9QH Thursday, 9 May to Saturday, 11 May 10am to 5pm Free entry

The Marlow Archaeological Society, with the Cookham Society, presents an exhibition of Cookham's past, including the results of recent and current archeological surveys, with photographs from the past 100 years.

See Talk: Origins of Cookham on Wednesday, 8 May.

MARCONI AND SCIENCE FOR THE ARTS

Holy Trinity Primary School, School Lane, Cookham, SL6 9QJ Saturday, 11 May 11am-2pm and Sunday, 12 May 11am-3pm Free entry

An exciting collaboration by the four Cookham primary schools (Holy Trinity, Cookham Dean, Cookham Rise and Herries) looks at the work of Marconi and others whose inventions contributed to the development of many of today's digital art forms.

See related entries: Talk: Great Wireless Moments on Thursday, 9 May and Playlet: Who was Guglielmo Marconi? on Saturday, 11 May.

TEXTILES AND CRAFT

The Grove Heritage Centre, Odney Estate, Cookham SL6 9SR Wednesday, 8 May to Sunday, 19 May 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Take a peek into Cookham's rural past when local outworkers made lace, and boots manufactured in Cookham were recommended to 'pioneers' bound for Canada or Australia.

An 1863 directory reported that 'the whole of Maidenhead and its neighbouring villages are employed in agriculture, and in making boots and shoes which are manufactured here in considerable numbers'.



Festival of Britain 1951

See related talks: The John Lewis Fabric Archive on Wednesday, 15 May and My Life in Textiles and Crafts on Friday, 17 May.

COOKHAM ON CANVAS

The Grove Heritage Centre, Odney Estate, Cookham SL6 9SR Friday, 17 May to Sunday, 19 May 2.30pm to 5.30pm

For three days only, see the finished work by the Cookham on Canvas artists who have had less than a week to capture a view of Cookham in a medium of their choice.

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ODNEY SCULPTURE GARDEN

A Feast for the Eye, a Joy for the Senses

The Odney Club welcomes Cookham Festival visitors for a third year to a top class exhibition. The Sculpture Garden, curated by Barn Galleries of Henley on Thames, promises to be a highlight of the 2013 Festival, with plenty of works to interest and inspire.

Nationally known names such as Mike Speller, Helen Sinclair and Jenny Pickford will be showing their latest work. And with more 'domestic' sized pieces available too, like the much-loved dogs by Rosemary Cook and colourful glass by Sarah Hayhoe.

Walk around the large scale sculptures placed among the trees, in the wild areas and along the waterside, smaller pieces nestling in herbaceous borders or showing off on the terrace.



Bridget Fraser and Lucy Irvine from Barn Galleries will be on hand to advise, to answer any queries and to help you find the perfect sculpture for your garden.

A proportion of the proceeds from the sale of each work will go towards the Festival and the charities it supports.

The Festival organisers are grateful to Barn Galleries, the John Lewis Partnership and everyone at the Odney Club for hosting the Sculpture Garden.

The Odney Sculpture Garden opens on Friday, 3 May - six days prior to the formal start of the Festival and visitors are welcome between 10am and 6pm daily. Entry £2 adults, children free. Refreshments available.





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