

THE

Society Scoop

News from the Ferrymead Printing Society

Labour Day

We had a good turnout on both Saturday and Sunday of Labour Day celebrations.

Festa

This was very successful with a lot of people expressing interest in printing/ the Society

Bindery

Equipment is now shifted and in storage. To be set up in the New Year along with some other changes to displays.

Keys to be changed

The lock on the rear door of the Printery is to be changed and members will need to sign for a new key.

Scoop mail out

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Labour Day

We had quite a good crowd come through the Printery over the two days of Labour Day celebrations at the Park, even if it wasn't quite as successful financially as it was last year. The young (and not so young) enjoyed all the activities available for them in the Printery, including setting their name in the Wanted Posters, making a 'My Little Book of Secrets' notebook with blind embossed cover, and creating a stencil of their name in the Bradley Stencil maker. Thanks to the wonderful helpers, especially some of our Junior Print Group, that turned up to lend a hand over the two days (made it much easier this year being able to spread the load a little) and to Gary for all his prep work before the event to make sure there was plenty for visitors to do.



Some of the crowd in the Printery with Gavin helping a young printer set her Wanted Poster.



Chris Cullen assists a young princess to cut her name on the Stencil cutter.

From the Executive

- * Keys to be changed on the 1st Saturday of December with people needing to sign for their new key.
- * Because of the proximity to Xmas if the Exec meeting is held on the 3rd Sat as per normal, it was decided to hold a Working Bee in the morning and an Exec meeting /Xmas function in the afternoon of the 1st Sat in Dec (3rd)
- * Letter sent to Hutchings Trust requesting financial assistance for the Library.
- * Scoop newsletter no longer to be mailed out to non members due to cost / time involved.
- * Further revisions to the Constitution was presented which will be presented for acceptance at the next AGM.
- * Plans for revision of the Printery / Whitcombe and Tombs Annex to provide space for the new Bindery were presented.
- * Gary presented some ideas for what the Printery could offer on Nostalgia Day 2017 which was very successful for the Society this year - lots of new members as a result.
- * A new software programme is being used to catalogue all Library books under a new catalogue system. This will be made available on a computer in the Library, allowing people to search for books in the Library on a particular topic.
- * There is a need to have an up-to-date Asset Register of all major plant and equipment the Society owns for Charity Funding applications. This will be developed in the coming months.

Festa



We were also very grateful for the assistance of two of our Junior Group members, Isana and Soraya (shown to the right), who assisted Gary with the Festa Arts event run by Juliet Arnott on the Saturday of Labour Weekend.

It was a very busy day and the girls helped a lot of people make their own poster on Juliet's Farley set up with the assistance of Gary. There was a lot of interest in the Society which led to membership interest.

Bindery

As mentioned in the last Scoop, we were very grateful to family of the late Eric Goult for the donation of his complete hand bindery to the Society. This equipment was recently shifted with the assistance of Murray Aspinall and is stored in the Linwood Store until we can assemble it as part of our printing display, this hopefully being achieved over the Xmas break.



Keys changed

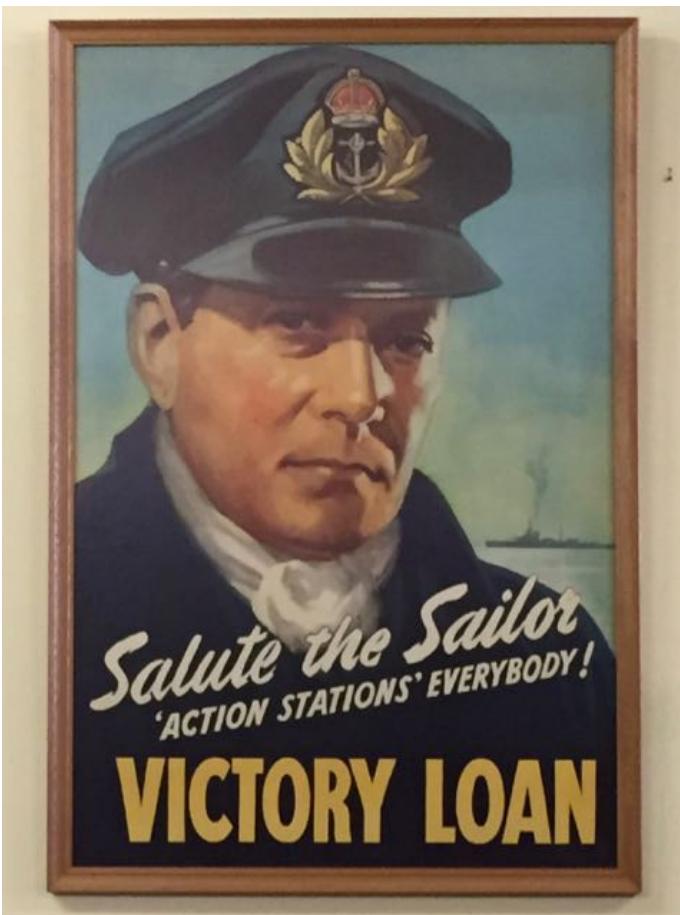
For a number of reasons, we have decided we need to change the padlock on the back door of the Printery. This will occur on the first Saturday of December so after that date, your old key will no longer work. You will need to make contact with an Executive member to arrange for an exchange of your key.

Or you may wish to come along to our Xmas event mentioned elsewhere in this issue which would be a perfect time to undertake this exercise and to socialise with other members of your Society. It won't cost you anything for your new key but they will be numbered and you will need to sign for it. Thanks to Exec member Fiona for arranging this.

Scoop Mail out

If you are not a financial member and we do not have your email address, this will be the last Scoop newsletter mailed to you. The time involved and the rising cost of postage means it is no longer possible to continue this for non-members. If you wish to continue to receive the Scoop, you can either pay your subs or send an email address for delivery. While we would like to see everyone renew their subscription, people receiving their Scoop by email and not currently a member will, for the time being, continue to receive a copy as there is no cost involved. Please contact Gary 021 047 9621 or Howard on 021 353 886 if you need to change your delivery of the Scoop.

Stolen / Missing?



There is a substantial reward offered by a Society member for any information about these missing posters / where they could have got to or anything that could help us recover them. If you are involved in the Print world, could you please spread the word.

It is a real tragedy that these were given to the Society in good faith that they would be treasured and preserved, and now these wonderful examples of a long lost art form and exceedingly valuable posters have been seemingly lost for visitors and members to enjoy and treasure.

Please contact an Executive member if you have any thoughts on this issue.

A bundle of 1930s Art Deco posters have been removed or stolen from the Library in the Printery. These were part of a very large collection gifted to the Society many, many years ago by Clifford Barrell, a well known poster artist for Whitcombe and Tombs. Sadly, the majority of these wonderful Art Deco posters were stolen from the Printery many years ago and never recovered. The bundle that was left from the previous robbery was 're-discovered' a few years back when a group of students were helping Dr Judith Poirier sort out wooden type in the Printery loft. For temporary storage, until something could be done to allow the display of these very valuable items, they were placed in the Library. Some time between April and September, these were removed.



Register of Assets

As part of our applications to Charity Funders for assistance with maintaining the building and repairing the inside of the Library, we need to have an Asset Register - a record of all major items of plant and equipment owned by the Society. This is going to be a very large task to record and value items within the Printery, but we are also aware that some members have items out on long term loan from the Society. Some of these loans, unfortunately, are seemingly not recorded. So we are reaching out to our Society members asking if they could let us know if they currently have items on loan from the Society. We are not wanting them back. We simply want to ensure we have an up to date record of these items and their approximately value for our Asset Register. Please contact an Executive member if you have items we need to know about.

Xmas Social

Saturday 3rd Dec

2:00pm

Friendly Societies Lodge
Ferrymead Historic Park

An invitation is extended to all Society members and their families, Junior Print Group members and their families, Thursday night students, anyone connected with the Society. This is a great opportunity to socialise with members from other groups within the Society.

Bring your own drink but tea, coffee etc will be available as well as a BBQ for those wanting to burn their snarlers.

Please keep this date free - see you there!

Usual 1st Saturday Working Bee 10:00am