

Heath Robinson Museum
Heath Robinson's Children's Stories
Special Exhibition 15 January – 15 May 2022

Meet a cast of strange and mysterious characters at the Heath Robinson Museum's first exhibition in 2022, featuring artwork from the children's stories that the artist both wrote and illustrated.

In 1902 Heath Robinson was commissioned by Grant Richards to write and illustrate a new children's book and he took the episodic structure of Don Quixote as his model, with the hero embarking on a quest and each chapter introducing new characters.

The book was *The Adventures of Uncle Lubin*. When asked for a follow up he chose to write and illustrate *The Child's Arabian Nights*, published in 1903.

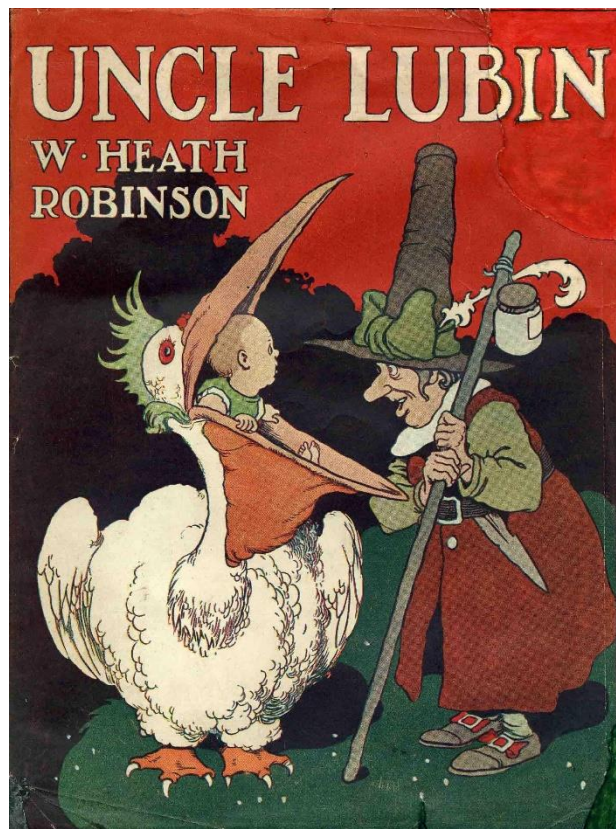
From 1908 Heath Robinson was illustrating deluxe gift books full of coloured plates. Typical titles were *Twelfth Night* and *Kipling's Poems*. However, in 1912 he wanted to see another children's book that he had both written and illustrated in print. He turned to Constable & Co. who published *Bill the Minder* in 1912 in gift book format.

The fourth and last children's book that he wrote was *Peter Quip in Search of a Friend*, another episodic story with the cast of characters that grew with each chapter, published by Partridge & Co. in 1922.

Children of all ages will enjoy the inventive, colourful stories displayed in this temporary exhibition as well as the permanent collection of illustrations and cartoons charting this former Pinner resident's life and work.

Heath Robinson Museum, Pinner Memorial Park, West End Lane, Pinner HA5 1AE
heathrobinsonmuseum.org. Opening Times:
Thursday – Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Entry Fee: Included in cost of museum entry

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The Heath Robinson Museum was built in 2016 to house a collection of nearly 1,000 original artworks. Visitors can explore Heath Robinson's life and artistic development in their permanent gallery which features a timeline, original artworks and interactive exhibits. A further gallery holds special exhibitions through the year showcasing selections from the museum collection and other renowned artists and illustrators. An activity studio hosts workshops and has drop-in activities for children and their shop sells a range of books and memorabilia about Heath Robinson and have a changing display of original contemporary craftwork by leading local artists. The Museum, which has recently been accredited by the Arts Council, is run by The West House & Heath Robinson Museum Trust, Registered Charity Number 1086567.

Heath Robinson's 150th birthday

2022 marks the 150th birthday of William Heath Robinson, English cartoonist, illustrator and artist, who was born on May 31st 1872. The Heath Robinson Museum will be celebrating with a programme of events including three special exhibitions, a Big Birthday Party for families on May 31st, art workshops, competitions, theatrical performance, expert talks and new, contemporary artwork, responding to the humour of Heath Robinson in their shop on [online](#).

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