

Heath Robinson Museum

Heath Robinson's Hidden Treasures: Works from a private collection

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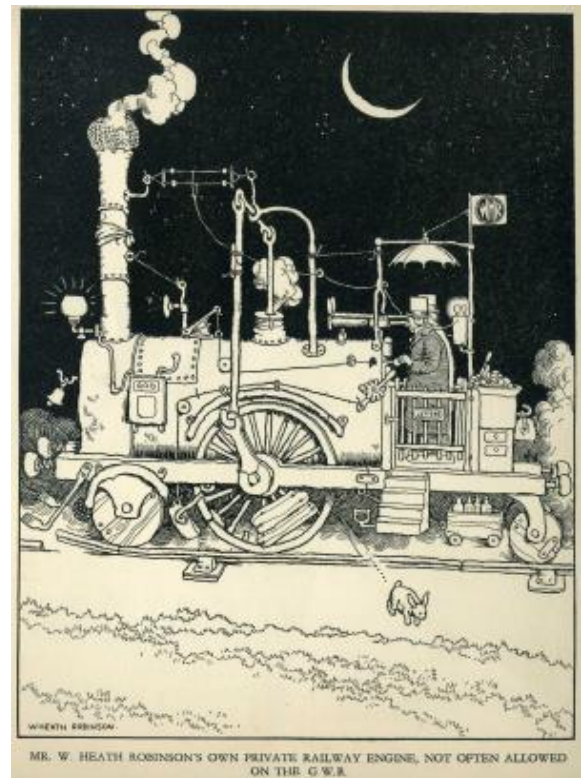


Martin and Joanne Verden were both Pinner residents brought together by a shared passion for art, music and theatre. Their love of the arts was enhanced by a love of travel, leading to a move to Australia in the 1950s. In 1957 they had returned to their home village, and their commitment to the local community remained for the rest of their lives. They were very involved in several community groups and initiatives, including the creation of the Heath Robinson Museum. Their legacy continues to be recognised through the support they gave to creative pursuits

The Verdens' were keen collections and this special exhibition reveals hidden treasures from their private collection,

many of which have not been exhibited before, and will be seen by the public for the first time.

The collection is diverse, presenting William Heath Robinson's humorous cartoons, illustrations and advertising work, as well as work by his brothers Charles and Thomas. Brought together for this exhibition, these artworks tell a story of companionship, community involvement and a true love for the arts. Come and discover these hidden treasures for yourself.



Notes to Editors:

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATIONS

Top of the Season at Lovely Lilleshall Pen and watercolour. Publication not yet traced, 1932

This picture, drawn in 1932, was made to promote 'Lovely Lilleshall', a tourist attraction opened by industrialist Herbert Ford in 1927. It was located in Shropshire between Shrewsbury and Stafford.

Mr W Heath Robinson's Own Private Railway Engine, not Often Allowed On the GWR. Pen and ink
Published in *Railway Ribaldry*, 1935

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Heath Robinson Museum, is a serious museum with a smile on its face. A permanent gallery allows visitors to explore Heath Robinson's life and artistic development through the gallery timeline, original artworks and interactive exhibits. A further gallery holds special exhibitions which change every three months showcasing selections from the museum collection and other renowned artists and illustrators. An activity studio hosts workshops and has drop-in activities for children. The Museum, which has recently been accredited by the Arts Council, is run by The West House & Heath Robinson Museum Trust, a charity.

In 2016, the Heath Robinson Museum opened thanks to a £1.3 million grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. At that time, it was the first purpose built museum in London for 40 years and was built thanks to the National Lottery players.

Address: Pinner Memorial Park, West End Lane, Pinner, HA5 1AE

Opening Times: Thursday – Sunday from 11am to 4pm and Bank Holiday Mondays

Entry Fee: Included in cost of museum entry.

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