

HeadStart with ASK

HeadStart is a social program for young people developed by The Challenge. This organization is a UK leading charity that creates different kind of projects to integrate people in our local community. HeadStart allows graduates to continue their NCS journey taking part of volunteering opportunities to gain experience and confidence in a working place. During this Summer we welcomed two young volunteers, which gave us their time and helped our Heritage family events and assisted our Heritage research projects.



Creative Workshops

This summer children came to All Saints church to design their own coat of arms, to decorate tiles and stained glasses. They were introduced to the decorative art of the Saxons and their architectural building techniques.

This newsletter was written and edited by guest editor, ASK Heritage Intern Ixchel Prada.

Our Heritage Lectures

brought to this Summer a breath of fresh air. Renowned historians, David Robinson, Tom Holland, Nicholas Howgill and Caroline Godden talked about Kingston's history; from the making of England with King Athelstan, to the East Surrey Regiment on 1917.



My Favorite Feature

Ixchel Prada – Heritage Intern



Figure 1 Drawing British Library

Hertcombe Brass

This memorial brass from 1488 of the Kingston merchant and his wife, John and Katherine Hertcombe, was partially stolen in the 20th century. The drawing on the left side was made after the brass was concluded. In the medieval period Brasses in England and Flanders were a form of artistic expression.



Meet the Heritage Team



Name: Michael Hodgkinson

Role: Head of Heritage Volunteers and Deputy Churchwarden

Why did you become a heritage volunteer?

I've always liked history and I enjoy explaining history to others. Most of my working life was spent as a tour guide and I like being able to continue that job here in the church.

What is your favourite part of volunteering at ASK?

Meeting new people.

Favourite historical period?

I like lots of them! The Early Tudors family history is so interesting. How they went from farmers on the Isle of Anglesey to ruling England.

You can see full volunteer profiles on our website

www.allsaintskingston.co.uk

Interested in becoming part of the heritage team? Email Kate at heritage@allsaintskingston.co.uk for more information.

Open House ON

All Saints in the Open House London

The *Open House London* is an annual event that is usually held on the third weekend in September, a week after of the Heritage Open Days. Originally this event started in France as *Journées Portes ouvertes des monuments historiques* (Historic Monument Open Door Days) in 1984 sponsored by the Ministry of Culture in France. the event was later extended to the other European Cities. London became part of it in 1992. This event is part of *The Open City* organisation; the aim of it is to increase awareness about the buildings which are considered of the most architectural significance.

This year over 800 buildings were featured in *London Open House* and for the first time All Saints church was taking part of it. Being the only Grade 1 listed building in Kingston, the relevance of the church is not just architectural but historical too. Here, the seven Saxons kings, including Athelstan and Ethelred the unready, were crowned. Participating in this event is important because people can discover this hidden place with his fascinating past.

In this fashion, this past Saturday the 16th of September, with the support of five volunteers from Open House London, over 80 visitors came to All Saints to enjoy the photographic exhibition which showed images of the church with its history of over 1000 years.

