



Stokes Croft Local Learning

Between 2008 and 2011 Myers-Insole Local Learning Community Interest Company (MILLCIC) managed a three year Stokes Croft Local Learning project for Bristol City Council. Over the course of the project MILLCIC worked with local schools, colleges and community groups to create material for an annual Stokes Croft Heritage Trail.

This work will be on display in various parts of Bristol Central Library from November 14th 2011 to December 16th 2011. The exhibition will showcase some of the activities created during the project and provide an opportunity to learn more about Stokes Croft's history through the www.locallearning.org.uk website. Other resources made by local students will also be on display throughout the library. In the foyer, visitors will be able to see the beautiful tapestry celebrating the first balloon ascent in 1810 from Stokes Croft. This artwork was designed and assembled by local artist, Rachel Griffin and features decorative balloons created by people on the final heritage trail in June 2011.

Each year had a different focus, ranging from Victorian Stokes Croft through to Stokes Croft in the 1940s and concluding with myths and legends of Stokes Croft. As well as being able to read illustrated fairy stories and poetry based on the mythical characters of the area and view models of the infamous St. James Fair, visitors to the library will be able to piece together a jigsaw of an illustrated poem, *Journey to St. James Fair* and play *Buildings of Stokes Croft Top Trumps*.

Playing on the recent success of the gorillas in Bristol, students produced 3D plaster traffic cones that reflected the various businesses on Stokes Croft. Each cone was tailored to a specific business and represented themes and concepts relating to that business. A selection of these cones will be on display.

The exhibition will also provide access to radio plays based on newspaper articles from the archives of the Western Daily Press held at Bristol Central Library. The first a report in 1875 of a William Pascoe being found guilty of stealing 1 shilling from his employer, Stokes Croft greengrocer Frederick Tucker and getting 6 weeks hard labour. The second a story from 1940 about two Canadian soldiers charged with assaulting a police officer on Stokes Croft. There will also be a rare opportunity to view films made with members of the Centre for the Deaf, Kings Square sharing their memories of the area and an interview with a woman who grew up in the Dighton Street convent.

Visitors to the library will be able to collect a limited edition pack of *Buildings of Stokes Croft Top Trumps* cards produced by students from local schools and colleges based on 50 of the buildings along and around Stokes Croft (while stocks last) by participating in the Stokes Croft Local Learning Central Library Trail.

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