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Hastings Embroidery in the Triodome on Hastings Pier in 1966



Queen Elizabeth II visits the Hastings Embroidery (HPC068.026)



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In 1966, the Hastings Corporation built the Triodome on the parade extension to house The Hastings Embroidery, it was produced by the Royal School of Needlework as the main feature of the 1966, 900 year celebrations of The Battle of Hastings. It was the suggestion of Group Captain Ralph Ward, the Celebrations Organiser.

The Embroidery is partly applique, done by hand, and is given depth and variety by the use of threads, cords and metals. Materials used included tweed from Scotland, fabrics from the Victoria and Albert Museum, and feathers from London Zoo, for the Red Indian feathers in the Boston Tea Party scene. To achieved the effect of fire in the Armada scene and the Great Fire of London an overlay of nylon net was used.



The women from the Royal School of Needlework (HPC041.125d)

It consists of 27 panels, each 9 foot [2.7432 metres] long by three feet [9144 cm.] high, making a total of 243 feet [74.0664 metres]. The panels display 81 pictures depicting the most important events in the history of this country in the 900 years up to 1966. It was originally housed on Hastings Pier in the purpose built Triodome.

After the Hastings Embroidery was moved out, there were amusements in the Triodome, followed by the zoo called the Zooquarium, which was a petting zoo, with a circular section in the middle where children could lean over and pet the animals. Caged creatures were around the outside. They were all small animals, birds, and reptiles, nothing large. The Zoo closed in 1974 to be replaced with an amusement arcade. The Triodome was finally dismantled in 1986 and sold to Brighton Pier.

A List of panels in the Hastings Embroidery

Panel 1

- The Battle of Hastings

Panel 2

- Family tree of the Sovereigns of England from William 1-James 1
- Coronations of William I
- The Domesday Book

Panel 3

- Death of William Rufus
- Henry I's White Ship
- Henry II's Possessions [Kingdom]

Panel 4

- The Jury System
- Murder of Thomas A'Becket [Thomas Becket]
- Strongbow [Earl of Pembroke] in Ireland

Panel 5

- Richard I and the Crusades
- Robin Hood
- King John and the Magna Carta

Hastings Embroidery (continued)

Panel 6

- Simon de Montfort. First [true] Parliament
- Edward Principality of Wales
- Parliament 1295

Panel 7

- Bruce and Bannockburn
- 100 Years War. Seige
- Black Prince and Crecy

Panel 8

- Burghers of Calais
- Black Death
- Translation of the Bible

Panel 9

- Watt Tyler's Rebellion
- Chaucer
- Henry VI and Owen Glendower [Owain Glyndwr]

Panel 10

- Agincourt
- Dick Whittington
- Henry VI. Scholarships
- Wars of the Roses

Panel 11

- Caxton
- Princes in the Tower
- Battle of Bosworth Field
- Henry VII and Cabot

Panel 12

- Field of the Cloth of Gold
- Catherine of Aragon's Divorce

Hastings Embroidery (continued)

Panel 13

- Mary and Elizabeth enter London
- Burning of the Martyrs
- Drake and the Golden Hind

Panel 14

- Raleigh
- Mary, Queen of Scots
- The Armada

Panel 15

- Shakespeare
- Family Tree of the Sovereigns of Great Britain from James I to Elizabeth II
- Jame's I Envoy to India
- Guy Fawkes

Panel 16

- Mayflower Sails
- Civil War
- The Restoration

Panel 17

- Great Plague
- Great Fire
- Wren and St Paul's

Panel 18

- The Bloody Assize
- William at Brixham
- Battle of Blenheim

Panel 19

- Union of England and Scotland
- Walpole
- Bonnie Prince Charlie

Hastings Embroidery (continued)

Panel 20

- Clive and Plassey
- Wolfe and Quebec
- Boston Tea Party

Panel 21

- Cook Discovers Australia
- American Independence
- Industrial Revolution

Panel 22

- Nelson and Trafalgar
- Battle of Waterloo
- Stephenson's Rocket

Panel 23

- Florence Nightingale
- Queen Victoria, Empress of India
- Boer War

Panel 24

- Great War. The Tank
- Armistice 1918
- First Direct Atlantic Flight

Panel 25

- First Television Broadcast
- Battle of Britain
- Invasion of Normandy 1944

Panel 26

- Conquest of Everest
- The Commonwealth
- 1966

Hastings Embroidery (continued)

Panel 27

- Churchill
- Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports
- H.M. The Queen

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