

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION: CRAFTING A PASSION FOR DESIGN - THE KEN STRADLING COLLECTION

20 September to 7 November 2014

Thanks to Broadway Modern's support the GRDM autumn show will feature pieces of British and European ceramics and glass dating from the 1940s to the present day. Examples from Ken Stradling's remarkable collection of 20th century design, supplemented with items from the museum's own collection, will be displayed on Gordon Russell furniture from the period.

After visiting the show, why not walk over to Broadway Modern to see their exhibition of work by Edward Noott RBSA. Their show runs from 20 September to 5 October 2014.

For more information: <http://www.john-noott.com/>



GRDM MEMBERS FORUM LAUNCHED



The first meeting of the GRDM Members Forum took place on 27 July 2014. After a lovely afternoon tea the Chairman, Richard Paice, introduced the new GRDM Treasurer, Chris Smith before reporting on his attempts to encourage groups to come to the museum. He invited the Members Forum to suggest the GRDM as a venue for their own groups and to help with publicizing the museum and its activities. Please contact Susan Bennett at grdmuseum@gmail.com if you wish to help with the museum's publicity or would like to organize and manage visits and events for the Members Forum.

The annual subscription to the Forum is for £25 for two. An application form is available from grdmuseum@gmail.com.

RUSSELL FAMILY MEMBERS DROP BY FOR TEA

Richard and Monique Paice were delighted to welcome to tea Russell grandsons and their families, who were making a brief visit to Broadway from their homes in Hong Kong and Singapore respectively.

BROADWAY'S 'DOWNTON'

The GRDM's summer exhibition looked at pre-war life at the Lygon as its contribution to the Broadway Arts Festival and to mark the centenary of the First World War.

The show opened with an Edwardian tea service displayed on a GR gateleg table, and concluded with Gordon Russell signing up with the Worcestershire Regiment.



Gordon Russell was described by his commanding officer as: *"A capable and fearless officer with great influence among men."*



MEMORIES: FORMER GORDON RUSSELL EMPLOYEE JEAN TAYLOR (NEE RADLEY) REMEMBERS HER TIME WITH THE COMPANY

I worked for Russell Furnishings Ltd. in London for five years from 1963 to 1969 the contract outlet for Gordon Russell Ltd. First of all in the office with Betty Deal and Eddie Blackburn and then for 'Smithy' and Laurie, also coordinating the reps Terry Green, Richard Hopkins (Hoppy) and with Peter Horniblow the estimator. The showroom in Stratford Place was the hub with Terence Conran, Ray Leigh and ETO visiting frequently. We specialised in study bedrooms at the end and furnished the rooms at University of Surrey, Guildford, where I now live!

I have a very nice and special glass fronted bookcase given to me as a wedding present and I have recently purchased a nest of tables at an antique sale. All made by your wonderful workshops.

Why not send in your memories of Gordon Russell and the company.

