

MICHAEL LOVIBOND APPOINTED AS MUSEUM MANAGER

The Gordon Russell Trustees are delighted to announce that Michael Lovibond will start work as the new Museum Manager on 1st February 2016. He has recently completed a Master's degree in Heritage Management at Bath Spa University. He is a Trustee of Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts, has worked with Poole Museum, the National Trust and, before his move into the museum world, he worked as Head of Corporate Development for the General Dental Council in London and Director of Operations for a business unit at Southampton University. He is looking forward to welcoming you to the Museum.



THE BADA ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR 9-15 March 2016

The BADA Fair loan exhibition this year *By Hand and Machine - the Gordon Russell Legacy* will consider the work of Sir Gordon through items in the Gordon Russell Design Museum. The gold medal Paris cabinet and the chest made for Lloyd George will be on display, alongside other designs by Gordon Russell including a unique 'Glove Box' with inlaid elderflower design. Visitors will also see the bronze bust of Gordon Russell, original design drawings, and the 'Coventry' chair designed by his brother Dick Russell for Coventry cathedral. Founder Chairman of the Gordon Russell Trust and former Chairman of Gordon Russell Ltd, Ray Leigh will give a talk on the Gordon Russell legacy at the BADA Fair on Thursday 10th March.

The GRDM Members Forum will receive their free ticket to the Fair in due course. To join the Forum please email: grdmuseum@gmail.com for an application form. Membership £25 p.a. for two people.



Gordon Russell's design drawing for the unique Glove Box

LONDON BOOK LAUNCH FOR *ADVANCE THE PRODUCT. GORDON RUSSELL FURNITURE - A CONTINUING ADVENTURE 1946-1986*

On 3rd December Margaret Howell of Wigmore Street kindly hosted the launch of a new book on the post-war designs of Gordon Russell Ltd. Over fifty people gathered to hear Mr Leigh, author and former Chairman of the company, give a short talk on the designers and their work for the company, represented in this book. Copies can be purchased from Margaret Howell's shop in Wigmore Street or from the Gordon Russell Design Museum at a cost of £20 (plus p&p). email: info@gordonrussellmuseum.org



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'COVENTRY' CHAIR IN AMERICA

Also on display during the book launch was an example of the 'Coventry' chair featured in the book and originally designed by Dick Russell. Luke Hughes has recently revived this iconic design for the Chapel of Resurrection at Valparaiso University, Indiana, USA and in December the Chapel took delivery of 1,545 chairs. Believed to be the largest college chapel in the USA. This example of 1950s architecture is often noted for its striking resemblance to Coventry Cathedral.



for more on reviving this British classic see video <https://youtu.be/enQ-Z45pXAc>

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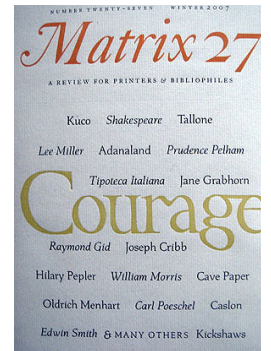


NEW ACQUISITION

Ninety-eight year old Mrs Connie Page has kindly donated to the museum a post war Utility dressing table and chest of drawers designed by David Booth. She bought them from Heals over sixty years ago when controls on design had been lifted but there was still rationing. Her gift fills a gap in the museum's collection.

THE PRIVATE PRESS TODAY EXHIBITION

The Chairman is finalising details for a selling exhibition of fine letterpress printing to be held in the Gordon Russell Design Museum, which will run from late Spring for six to eight weeks. This exhibition fits with Gordon's own interest in lettering design.



GRDM VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party provided an opportunity for the volunteers, who generally work in teams of two, to gather together and discuss their experience over the year. If you have a few hours to spare each month why not join the team. Contact Maggie Osborne on 01386 854695 or email info@gordonrussellmuseum.org to express your interest and find out more.



GRDM MEMBERS FORUM

Members of the Forum gathered for a drinks reception in London in December to discuss ways of supporting the Gordon Russell Design Museum. The programme for 2016 is currently being developed and if you wish to find out more please email grdmuseum@gmail.com for an application form - membership is £25 p.a. for two people.



Wrythen glass designed by Gordon Russell

GUIDED GROUP TOURS

Groups are always welcome. Also available are private evening tours for groups of 10 to 15 people, followed by a fish & chip supper at £17.00 a head. Contact the museum to book your group in for a day or evening tour. Phone 01386 854695 or email: info@gordonrussellmuseum.org.