

# Art Page

## 1. BBC 'Your Paintings' Project

In 2013 one of our exhibits in the Museum was linked to the BBC 'Your Paintings' project which aimed to put online all the oil painting recorded digitally for the National Art Catalogue of public collections. It launched on February 8th. Spelthorne Museum had several paintings recorded, and they now appear online along with 212,000 others.

The Museum did put a couple of our paintings, as seen on the website, on show in the display case in the Thames Room (in the middle of the Famous People of Spelthorne exhibition). There were colouring cards etc for children as well.

The BBC did Projections across the UK and Big Canvas Art Activities that were on local BBC News. Various famous faces also created their own 'Your Paintings Collections' online – including John Sergeant.

The Spelthorne Museum Collection paintings are shown below in a small size with a link to the BBC website for each painting. On that page you can click on the painting and it will be shown to you in a much larger size.



[A Mother's Rosary  
by M Vasey](#)

Oil on canvas

11 x 16 cm



[Cottages in Thames Street  
Unknown Artist](#)

oil on Canvas

20 x 25 cm



**A Cottage on the Corner of Manygate Lane and Rope Walk, Shepperton 1901 by G.E. Winfield**

Oil on Canvas

26 x 41 cm



**A Cottage on the Corner of Manygate Lane and Rope Walk, Shepperton 1901 by G.E. Winfield**

1901

Oil on Canvas

30 x 41 cm

## 2. Latest Painting





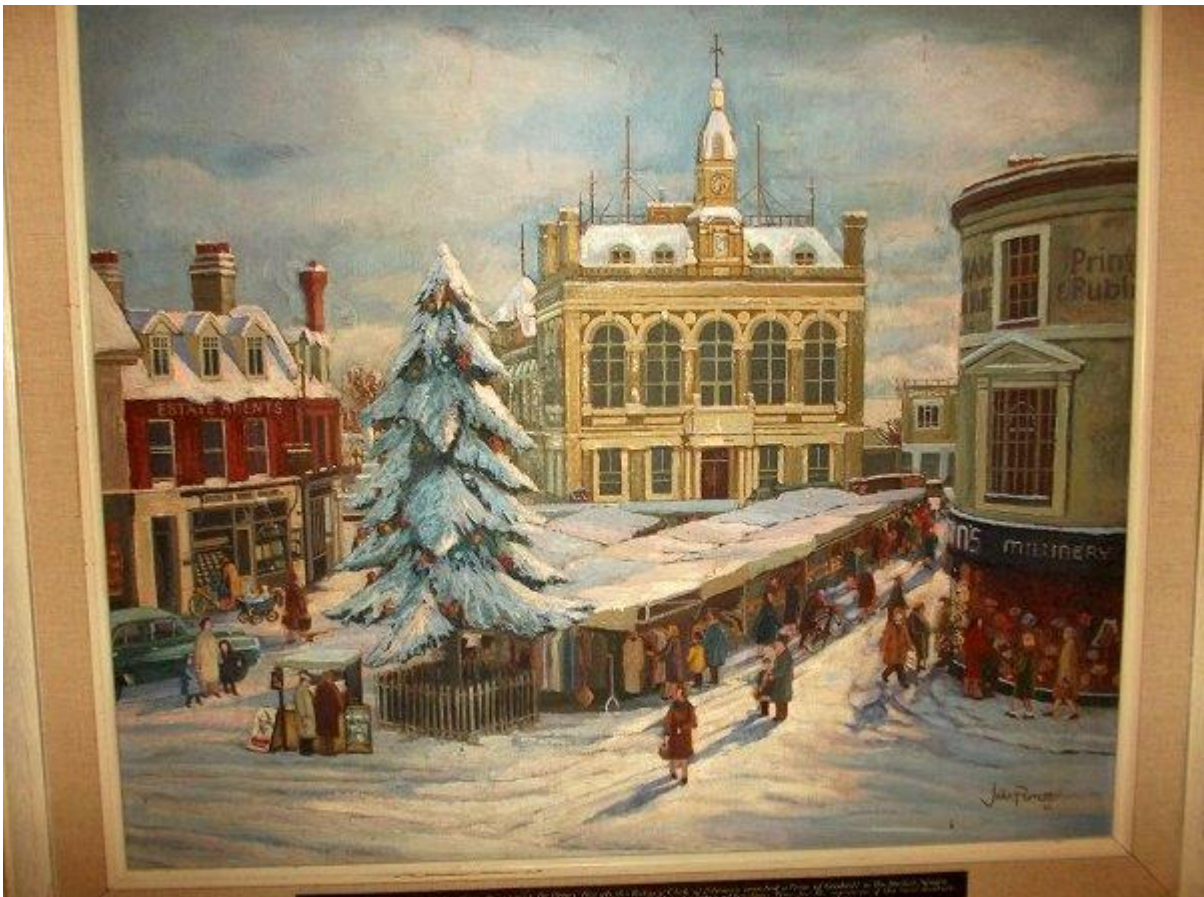
## 'Spelthorne Museum Acquires Important Painting of Staines'

Spelthorne Museum, Staines, has acquired at auction an important local painting, 'Staines with St. Mary's Church' by Edward H. Niemann. The large oil painting, which dates from c1880, shows the Thames at Staines with St. Mary's Church, and was purchased for the museum with the generous assistance of the Art Fund.

Museum spokesman Nick Pollard commented "This painting is an important addition to our collection and forms a valuable record of the riverside at Staines, when it still had a rural aspect. It will be the centrepiece of future exhibitions of views of the riverside in Spelthorne. We are extremely grateful to the Art Fund for enabling us to purchase this painting, which otherwise would have been beyond our resources". Niemann was well known in the mid Victorian period for his views of the English countryside and along the Thames in particular, and this is the first of his work to be owned by the museum. It is now on display in the Thames Room at the museum.

The museum also acquired several other paintings, prints and other items relating to the Borough's history at the same auction, for which it will be seeking sponsorship.

### 3. Donation From the Rotary Club, Staines



This is a painting of the Market Square at Christmas in the 1960's. It was used for a Christmas card in the 70's. The Rotary Club donated it to the Museum in 2014.

**4. Artist Mary Stella Edwards**  
(1898-1989)



We do have art work by Mary Stella Edwards, in our Storage area. We hope to put an exhibit on of her works and work from other artists in the near future. Keep checking in to see more news on this.