

‘CURATING A PERSONAL STORY’

INSPIRATION AND MOTIVATION THROUGH TIME

By Alice Hunter

THE POLAR MUSEUM – BARREL ORGAN



The barrel organ was taken on expeditions to the arctic led by William Edward Parry in 1819-20, 1821-23, 1824-25 and 1827.

It was built in 1810 and it has five barrels which each play eight tunes, including the national anthem and various hymns.

The idea was that when it was played (whilst the men were on the ship), they would be encouraged to dance, which kept them fit and healthy, and also raised morale even in awful conditions.

THE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM – MUGGLETONIAN PRINTS



Drawn by Isaac Frost, printed by George Baxter, 1846

Frost wrote (in 'Two Systems of Astronomy') that Newton's heliocentric idea of the universe was wrong and that actually, everything revolved around the earth. Frost belonged to the Muggletonians, a group of Protestants who also thought Heaven was a physical place, based on their literal readings of the Bible.

THE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM – JOAN OF ARC



By Dante Gabriel Rossetti - 1882

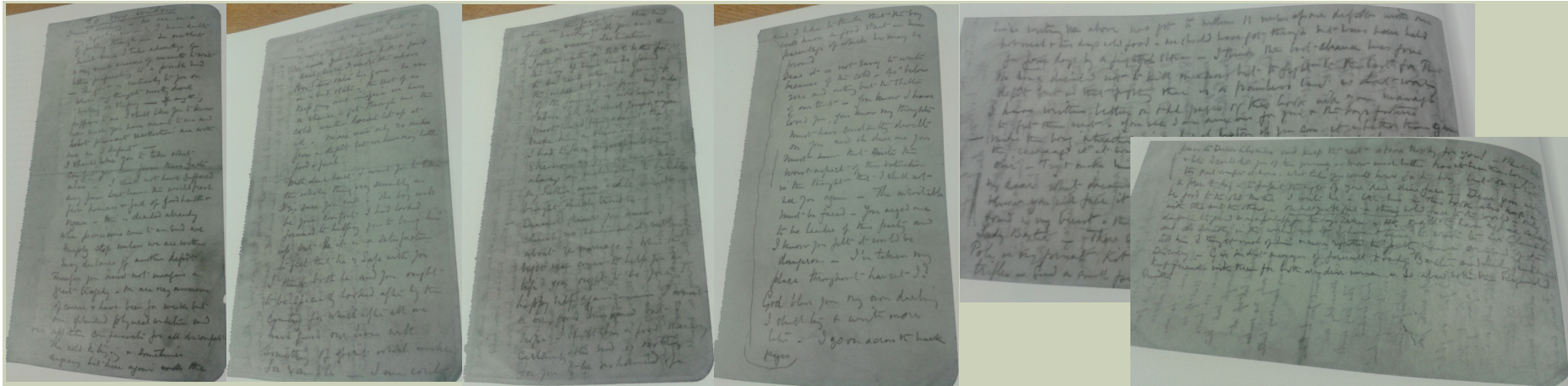
As a young girl she heard voices and saw visions, which convinced her it was her duty to defeat Britain and make Charles (late Charles VII) the king. She was allowed to join the army in the Hundred Years' War and at only 18 years old, Joan helped to lead the French army to victory against the British at Orléans. She was captured by Burgundians in 1430, and was later burnt at the stake on the charge of heresy in 1431. She was made a saint after her death because she has been so influential in encouraging the French to rise up against England.

OBJECTS FROM HOME – GOLD BRACELET

Given to me this year by my grandma as a 'good luck' present at the start of my exams. It belonged to my great-great grandmother who received it from my great-great grandfather after their marriage in 1910.



THE POLAR MUSEUM – LETTER FROM CAPTAIN SCOTT



Written by Robert Falcon Scott to his wife Kathleen throughout March 1912

“we have decided not to kill ourselves but fight it to the last”

“you ought to be your happy self again”

“the boy will be your comfort”

“pleasant recollections are with me as I depart”

“oh but you’ll put on a strong face for the world”

OBJECTS FROM HOME – GRANDAD'S DRAWINGS



This is a selection of the hundreds of drawings my Grandad has done for me and my brother. He has been sending them for as long as I can remember, some are to commemorate big events, some have rhymes or poems on them, and some simply tell us a bit about his day. Grandad was an art teacher before he retired.