

Artists bring history to life

A NOVEL way of highlighting local history collections in Worthing goes on show in the town's library from October 4.

Navigating History is a new project aimed at using artists' imaginations to show residents the wealth of information held in the collections.

Local history collections depict several hundred years of Worthing's past through items such as 18th-century inventories, early film, maritime history and local newspapers.

Three artists, Andrew Hunter, Simon Pope and Mah Rana were invited to Worthing Library to choose aspects from the collections which they could feature artistically.

For example, Canadian artist and storyteller Andrew Hunter has collected copies of a poem called the Brave Elcven, and designed artwork for the library windows. The poem tells the story of a group of Worthing fishermen who drowned trying to aid a ship called the Lalla Rookh, which foundered in 1850.

There are free talks and events at Worthing Library surrounding the Navigating History Project. The first two are:

■ October 16, 2pm: A voyage around the ideas behind the project

■ October 21, Noon - 6pm: Bring along a piece of inherited jewellery and record your memories and stories with Mah Rana

Details about the events can be obtained by calling 01903 704509 or 020 7209 4042. Website information is available from info@navigating-history.net