

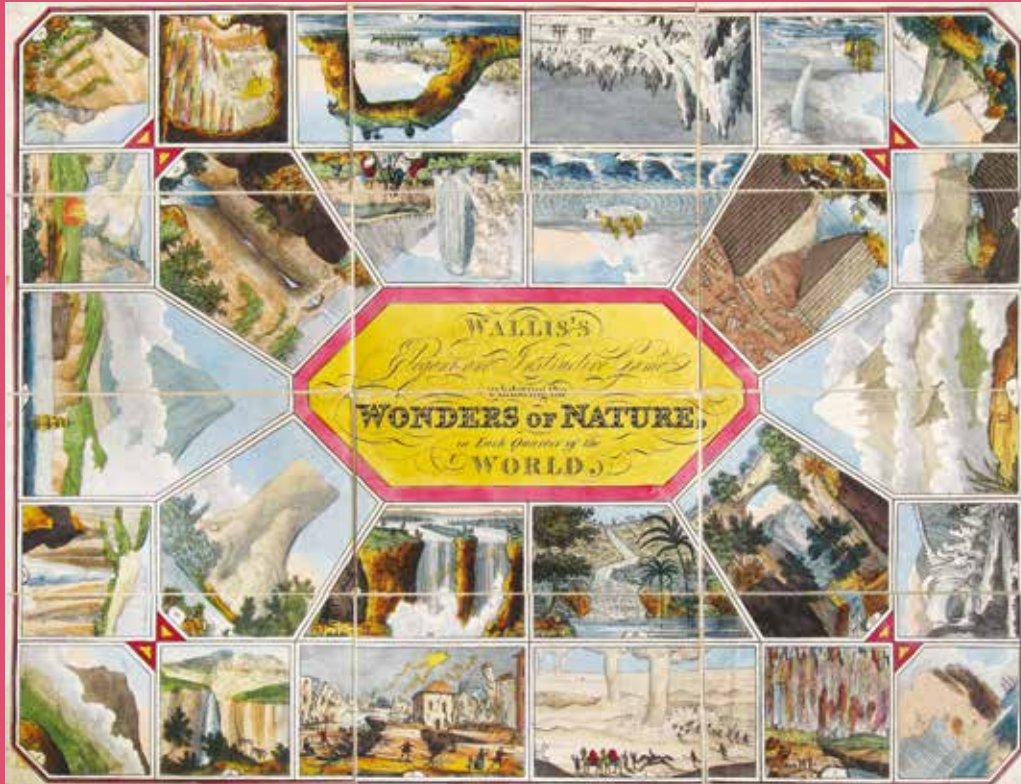
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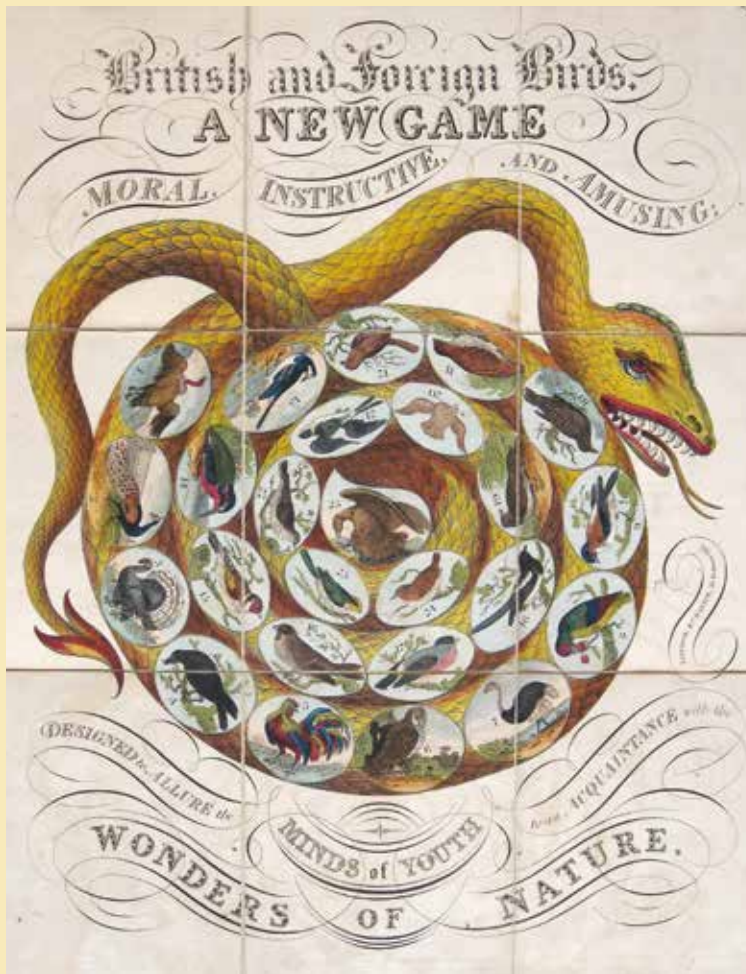


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Games People Play

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British and Foreign Birds 1820, board game by William Darton, engraving on paper with linen backing, Private collection

Exhibition: Games People Play: Part One
6 April–30 September

Exhibition launch: all welcome
Good Friday 6 April, 2–4pm

2.30pm – Introduction to the exhibition with Hilary Bracegirdle, Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the South West and Adrian Seville, historian of printed board games. Refreshments.

Games hold a mirror to civilization; they build bonds, trust and strengthen social relationships.

For the Cultural Olympiad, CCANW is exploring – through a range of exhibitions and activities that are participatory and fun – what games can tell us about ‘human nature’; and how a deeper understanding of the advantages of cooperation can help us all to address the needs of the planet at this time.

Indoors, the exhibitions are presented in two parts. The first shows a selection of remarkable early board games – some of which may be played – which were intended as guides to moral improvement or general knowledge, war games devised by Guy Debord and H.G. Wells, and documentation of unusual local games, past and present.

CCANW is grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for its support of *Games People Play*.

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Shin-kicking was a particularly vicious practice within Devon wrestling from the early 1800s

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Game of the Banker. Board game. US Manufacture, ca. 1890. Private collection

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Earthball in California from *Games of the World* 1975 ed. Frederic V. Grunfeld

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From the *Listen* series, 2011. Photograph by Newsha Tavakolian, in the second part of *Games People Play*



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An area of the gallery is reserved for visitors to try out wooden board games and to borrow outdoor games equipment which are also available for purchase.

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The second part of *Games People Play* (6 October–24 February 2013) will focus on photography and video by contemporary artists which use sporting imagery to make some wider comment on life today, and on the new generation of video games designed to address social and environmental challenges.

'The only thing that will redeem mankind is cooperation, and the first step towards cooperation lies in the hearts of individuals.' Bertrand Russell

From mid-April you can read a new article, ***Games People Play: Re-thinking Human Nature through Co-creativity*** on www.ccanw.co.uk. Written by Clive Adams, CCANW's Director, it was commissioned for engage 29, Spring 2012, ed. Karen Ranev. Versions will also appear in issues of *Resurgence* and *WEM* magazines.



Summer Sundays Stage

If you would like to perform or demonstrate games on CCANW's outdoor stage during the warmer months, please see our website for more information.

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Holi Indian Spring Festival, Exeter 2009

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Playing on a chausar board, a variant of pachisi, in Rajasthan

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Buzzard, watercolour by Mike Langman.

PHOTO: MIKELANGMAN.CO.UK

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Music: Holly Ebony and Nicholas Gurney Easter Sunday 8 April, noon-2pm

Free. No booking required
Devon based singer/songwriters

Workshop: Game of the Forest Easter Monday 9 April, noon-3pm

Free. Drop-in. No booking required.
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Make and play a giant game about your knowledge of Haldon Forest Park.

Event: Haldon Holi Spring Festival Sunday 15 April, 1.30-5pm

Free. Booking essential. Bring cake and tea to share.

Learn about the Indian legend of Holika and Prahlad followed by the 'play of colours' - much paint throwing! Wear old white clothes. See our website.



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Event: Games Leaders Wanted Tuesday 17 April, 5-7 pm

Free. Booking essential.
Includes light buffet

Do you have a passion for games? We need volunteers to help with outdoor games activities and to show visitors how to play board games.

Twilight Teachers' Workshop Wednesday 18 April, 5-7pm

Admission £10. Booking essential.
Includes light buffet

An introduction on how our schools programme delivers the Olympic values. See the 'learning' section on our website.

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Workshop: Drawing Haldon's Birds Bank Holiday Monday 7 May, 9.30am-1pm

Admission £22 (£20 conc.).
Booking essential. Numbers limited.

A walk with Gemma Dunn of the RSPB and drawing session with bird illustrator Mike Langman focusing on the symbiotic relationship between bird species and their habitats.

Events

In collaboration with CEDA and South West Athletics Academy

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Isca Wheelchair Dancers

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Football in the forest
www.aesthetics.org

PHOTO: KALLE HALLBERG



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Event: Forestability Games
Wednesday 6 June, 10.30am-3pm

Admission free (£1 charge for activity card)

Join us for a fantastic family-friendly event of activities in the forest. Participate in games of running, jumping and throwing. Performance by Isca Wheelchair Dancers.

Event: Forest Fluxolympiad
Sunday 24 June, noon-4pm

Free. All welcome.

Following his participation in *The Home & The World* at Dartington (see last page), Tom Russotti from the Institute for Aesthetics in NYC will be at Haldon to orchestrate several outdoor activities including Forest Football and a Slow Bicycle Race. In 2008, Tom was involved in Tate Modern's *Fluxolympiad*, initially conceived in the 1960s by Fluxus artist George Maciunas.

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The Royal Game of Ur, from Ur, southern Iraq, c.2600-2400 BC.
Collection: The British Museum

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Members of Wren Music Choirs

Talk: Old Games from Ur and after
Saturday 30 June, 7.30-8.30pm

Admission £5. Booking essential.
Light refreshments

Dr Irving Finkel from the Middle East Department of the British Museum gives an illustrated talk on the history of board games and preservation of board games in non-Western societies.



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Music: Wren Music
Sundays 8+15 July, noon-3pm

Free. No booking required

On 8 July, Wren's choirs perform songs around traditional games. On 15 July, their folk orchestras perform music from Devon and beyond. Audience participation welcome!

Everyone's a Winner!

Local village games with arts collective The Moveable Feast Workshop Company June–July–August

'Everybody has won, and all must have prizes' – A Caucus-race and a Long Tale from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) by Lewis Carroll

During late **June and July**, The Games Investigation Board – aka The Moveable Feast Workshop Co – are working with villages local to Haldon to discover local games – distinctive games played in the village, the forest or within families and inventing new cooperative games for the 21st century.

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CCANW is grateful to the Jerwood Charitable Foundation for its support of *Everyone's a Winner*.

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Imagidipity event, August 2011
with The Moveable Feast
Workshop Company

PHOTOS: KATE GREEN

The annual Tug of War competition takes place on 1 September 2012 at Kennford.



PHOTO: JADE CARPENTER

Following the investigations, 'Games Representatives' from the villages will host a Grand Game Emporium in **August** to share their games with visitors to Haldon over several days during the London 2012 Olympics. On these dates, immerse yourself in the games discovered and invented, play games old and new, meet challenges, collaborate, compete and remember that Everyone's a Winner!

For dates and times in **August** of the Grand Game Emporium, please see our website, Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ccanw.

Performance: Guy Debord's *The Game of War*

Saturday 18 August, 7-9pm

Admission £3. Booking advisable.
Refreshments.

Devised by Guy Debord and played on a replica of his 1977 design for the board game, *The Game of War* is a Napoleonic era military strategy game where armies must maintain their communications structure to survive.



Debord (1931-94) was the chief strategist of the *Situationist International* movement and author of the critique of consumer capitalism: *The Society of the Spectacle*. After the French May '68 Revolution, Debord devoted much of his life to developing what he regarded as his most important project: *The Game of War*.

Class Wargames is a multi-disciplinary group of artists and academics who will present these two participatory wargames. www.classwargames.net

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Alice Becker-Ho and Guy Debord
playing *The Game of War*

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Private, 24th Foot at Port Arms,
Toy soldier by William Britain

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H.G. Wells playing *Little Wars*

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Performance: H.G. Wells' *Little Wars* **Sunday 19 August, 2-4pm**

Admission £3. Booking advisable.
Children free. Refreshments.

Devised on the eve of the First World War, *Little Wars* is a simulation of the inter-imperialist conflicts of the Victorian heyday of the British Empire. For Wells, *Little Wars* wasn't just a game – it was his attempt to prevent the catastrophe which was about to engulf Europe.

By playing each other in mock combat, activists could demonstrate that there were less damaging – and more enjoyable – outlets for our competitive instincts than the butchery of the battlefield.



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Topsham Fair poster. 1844.
Reproduced courtesy of
Topsham Museum



Family event: Forest Skittle Alley
Sunday 26 August, 10.30am-4.30pm
Donations welcome. Drop-in.

Have a go playing this popular West
Country game outdoors.

Forum: Game Over?
Wednesday 12 September, 7-9pm
Admission £5. Booking essential.
Light refreshments.

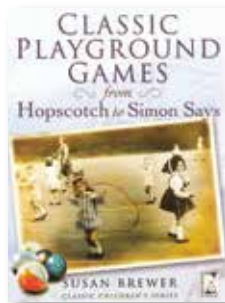
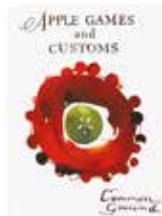
With the London 2012 games just over, join
Sue Clifford and Angela King, Directors of
Common Ground and authors of *England
in Particular*, and Simon Timms, Chair of
Heritage Lottery Fund's SW Committee,
and others involved in *Games People Play*
to discuss the future of community games
in an era of video games and mass sporting
events.

Performance: Dancing Trails
Saturday 22 or Sunday 23 September,
2pm or 4pm, ca. 30 mins
Admission £2. Booking essential.
Numbers limited.

An immersive dance theatre experience
with Sophie Arstall and Elizabeth Barker
along a forest trail engaging audiences
with games and magic adventuring.

Limited access. Wear comfortable shoes.
Optional: Bring an iPod/mp3 device with
headphones. See our website for details.

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Potty Ponies. Game invented by
sisters Megan and Alice Bailey,
then 7 and 9 during the winter
of 2011 in Cullompton



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CCANW already stocks the widest range
of books, exhibition catalogues and artist
monographs relating to the arts and ecology.

We have added many new book titles and
selected stock focusing on traditional,
handcrafted and wooden games.

Our stock list is now on our website and
we are happy to send items by post. We
can accept payment by credit card, cheque
or cash.

By shopping with us you support CCANW's
education work.

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Today's youth...

...want creative challenges. CCANW's recent *Rising Sap* schools exhibition featured drawings by Saatchi *Daily Telegraph* School Art Prize winner Julia Whiting.



CCANW stimulates many hundreds of young imaginations each year to engage creatively with ecological issues through the arts. You could help us do this by becoming a Friend for as little as £1 a month. There are benefits like 10% discounts off bookshop, art and ticket sales, but the biggest benefit is to the children and young people whom your contribution, along with those of many others, allows us to inspire.

You can also now become a Friend or donor on our website www.ccanw.co.uk

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Julia Whiting with her Saatchi *Daily Telegraph* School Art Prize-winning drawings

PHOTO: DAVID ROSE, DAILY TELEGRAPH



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I am interested in volunteering for CCANW

Signed

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Do you still want to receive information from us?

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Legacy: Wool Directory

If you are a local wool producer or local wool user, e.g. artisan, weaver, spinner or knitter, please see our free linking service www.wooldirectory.org.uk

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Outdoor Space: Neo-Geo Dome

During the Spring, CCANW will erect a 7.3m diameter education space in the forest, close to our building. The geodesic dome is made of locally sourced timber and canvas. We are grateful to the Forestry Commission for sharing the cost. The Dome can also be booked for certain events through CCANW.

Forest Discovery Day and Forestry Commission events

Come and celebrate the forest with the Forestry Commission on **Sunday 30 September**. For details of this and other Forestry Commission events see www.forestry.gov.uk/haldonforestpark or call the Ranger's office on 01392 834251.



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The Ridge Café

The Forestry Commission are working hard to get the Ridge Café – next to CCANW – open by Easter under new management. A mobile catering service is available until the new café opens.

Other activities in Haldon Forest Park

Forest Cycle Hire 01392 833768

www.forestcyclehire.co.uk

Adventure Course: Go Ape 0845 0948634

www.goape.co.uk

Go Segway 07545 917416

www.go-segway.com



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Deep Listening Retreat,
Dartington, July 2009

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Tom Russotti

PHOTO: KALLE HALLBERG



Don't Miss

Summit: The Home & The World 19-21 June, Dartington Hall

The Home & The World, organised by Aune Head Arts, brings together challenging and creative people and ideas to examine the world and how we live in it. How do we find our place – our home? Join us to explore how artists and others offer up creative questions, solutions, homages, and celebrations.

As a supporting partner of the Summit, CCANW is contributing participatory events led by Tom Russotti of the Institute for Aesthetics, part of our *Games People Play* programme. There will also be a session on *Soil Culture*, CCANW's collaboration next year with University College Falmouth.

www.thehomeandtheworld.info

Haldon Forest Park

The Forestry Commission's pioneering activity trails at Haldon provide 20 miles of safe, off-road access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, including play and sensory trails. The Forest lies on a ridge south of Exeter and dominates the skyline for miles around. It covers an area of 3500 acres (1400 hectares) mostly planted with coniferous woodland, but encompassing areas of broadleaved trees, streams and dramatic views to Dartmoor, Exeter and the Exe estuary.

Travel

From the A38 Devon Expressway (Exeter to Plymouth road) take the turning to Haldon Forest Park and follow the signs. From the A380 (Exeter to Torquay road) follow the brown tourist signs for Haldon Belvedere.

The Dartline 360 bus from Exeter Bus Station to Bridford stops at Haldon Belvedere, a 20 minute walk from the Project Space (not on Sundays and Bank Holidays).



Opening times

10am–5pm, Tuesdays to Sundays and all Bank Holidays.

CCANW Concessions

Concessions are available to those aged 60+, unemployed, students and under 16. Please supply proof of concession.

Location

The Project Space is adjacent to the new Gateway car park of Haldon Forest Park, between Exeter Racecourse and Haldon Belvedere, 5 miles (8km) south of Exeter.

Access

The Project Space and its approach are entirely level. Programme information in large print is available. Signing is available at all events, given one week's notice. Disabled parking and toilet facilities are provided by the Forestry Commission close to the Project Space.

Parking

The Forestry Commission operates a Pay and Display car park with new parking charges in effect: £2 up to two hours, £3 all day on weekdays; £3 up to two hours, £4 all day on Bank Holidays and weekends. 12 month Discovery Pass holders £30, minibuses charged as cars, coaches £15. Concessions available. Rangers' office 01392 834251.

www.forestry.gsi.gov.uk/haldonforestpark.

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