

PART ONE
6 APRIL-
30 SEPT 2012

CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART AND THE NATURAL WORLD
2012-13 Programme: Games People Play

PART TWO
6 OCT 2012-
24 FEB 2013



Centre for Contemporary Art
and the Natural World

Admission Free
Open Tuesdays-Sundays
and Bank Holidays, 10am-5pm
(closing 4pm between November 2012 and
February 2013)

ECOWorld is an innovative educational facility
for children and young people, designed to
inspire and engage them through the arts. The
artistic and educational programmes are
designed to be fun and interactive, and to
encourage children to explore their own
creativity and imagination.

We are proud to have David Nash as the
artist in residence at the Centre for Contemporary
Art and the Natural World. He will be
working on a series of sculptures in the
sculpture garden, and will be holding
workshops for children and young people.

Please do not touch or
lean back against these
sculptures by the artist
David Nash.
Many thanks!





EXIT

Why women's lives changed in the 19th century?
- This is the early part of the story and how things changed over time.
- 18th century

Choosing the Green
Board games 1780-1850

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Chasing the Goose

Chasing the Goose Board games 1780-1918

The Game of Goose, devised in Italy in the 16th Century but based on much earlier games from the Middle and Far East, is generally regarded as the prototype of the modern race game. The goose was a symbol of good luck and if you landed on one you could advance.



Early educational board games, developed in the United Kingdom in the late 18th Century and first half of the 19th, taught morals and behaviour yet, curiously, did so through gambling and chance. Many of the first publishers of these games were cartographers and so developed the race game into a way of teaching geography; these were followed by history-based games and those that taught everything from morals and arithmetic to astronomy. In the teaching of moral conduct, one approach was to show the temptations one might meet in life, another stressed the rewards and penalties for good and bad behaviour.

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

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Changing the Game Board games (180-1918)



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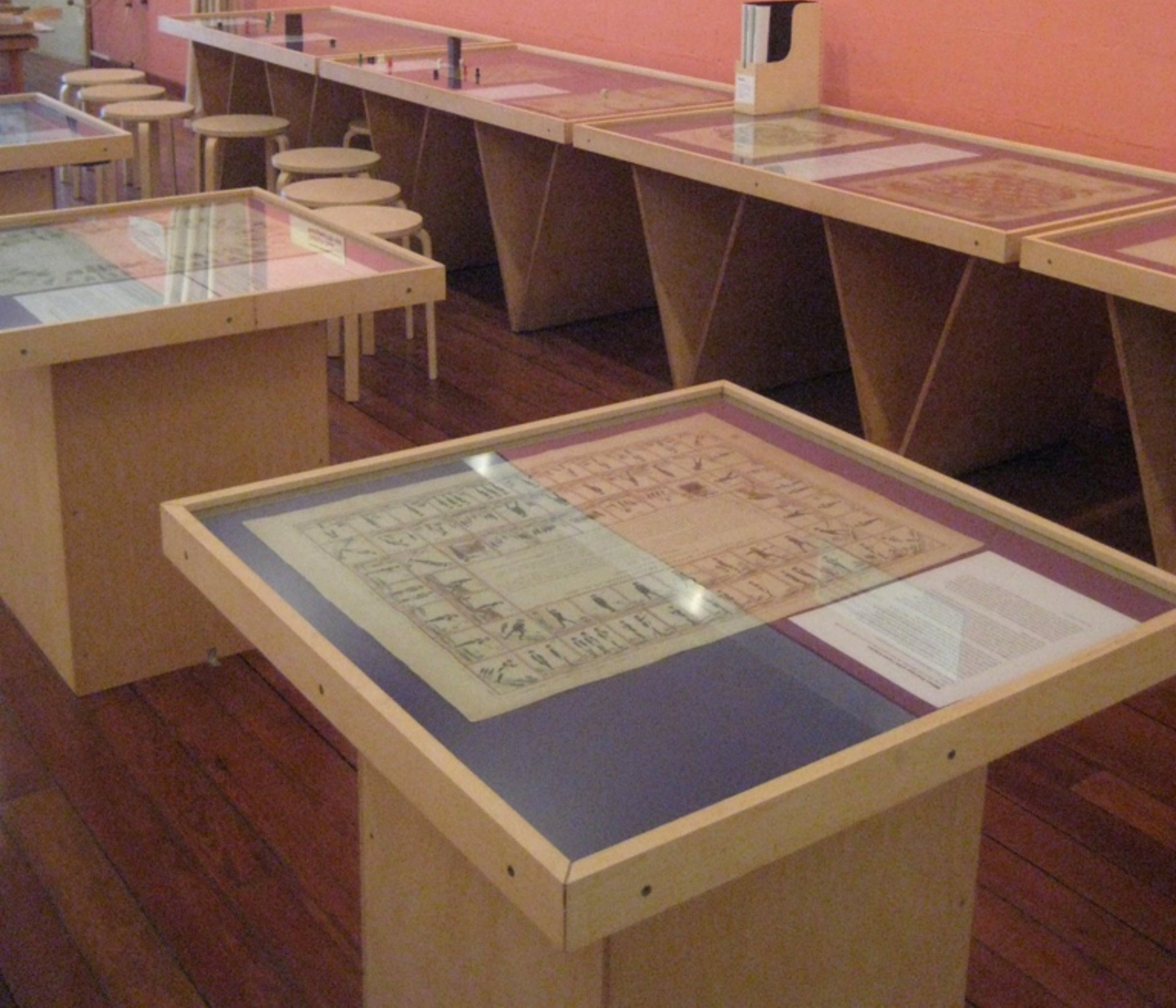
It is impossible to win gracefully at chess.
No man has yet said 'Blat' in a voice which
betrayed to his opponent bitter,
hateful and malicious. ...

The world's strongest
player is not
the one who can
win the most games
but the one who can
win the most interesting.

Chess is a game
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It is impossible to win gracefully at chess.
No man has yet won 'Water' in a river which
failed to ascend to his opponent's better,
beautiful and majestic. ...

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FAIR
SPORTS





Games People Play: Part One
6 April-30 September

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

For the Cultural Heritage Lottery funding, through a range of activities we will help you discover the games that have shaped our lives and the people who have played them. We will also help you to play them again.

Activities, like visiting an historical site, or playing a game, are a great way to learn about the past. They can also be a great way to spend time with family and friends. We will help you to play them again.

For more information visit www.ccanw.org.uk/games



Welcome

Admission free but donations are appreciated

If you have any questions about the exhibition please contact us at www.ccanw.org.uk

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Games We Play

Traditional games are an important part of our culture. They provide a way for people to have fun, learn, and connect with each other. In this section, we explore some of the most popular games played in our community.



TIPIKAI FAIR
SPORTS

Join us for a day of fun and games at the Tipikai Fair. We have a variety of sports and activities for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss out on this exciting event!

Donkey Racing

WHEELCHAIR RACING

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



There are several pubs in Devon where you can fire a small bore rifle in the pub without being arrested! They use real .22 calibre cartridge rounds and are legally allowed to fire at indoor targets under the Firearms legislation which covers similar shooting at funfairs.

The Devon and District miniature rifle league has been going for over 100 years. It was founded in 1906 by Staff Sergeant Gregg to improve the marksmanship of the Wiltshire Regiment that was then based in the town.

The current league has 8 teams and there are 6 premises in and around Devon with indoor rifle ranges. One at the Lamb Inn has a 25 ft long straight crystal tube with a hole at one end to fire the rifle down. The tube runs through the ladies and gents toilets with a hefty steel plate at the end to stop the bullets going any further!



Photos: Played at the Pub by Arthur Taylor indoor rifle range, The Lamb Inn, Devon

known as shuffle-grate (shove groat) with a groat being a four pence piece, British currency up until 1956. Five coins are placed one-by-one at one end of the board and shoved up the board with the pad of the hand so as to fall between the horizontal lines.

Euchre Still very popular in Devon, Euchre is a trick-winning card game for four players in pairs with partners sitting opposite each other. Only twenty-four cards are dealt, using the Ace down to the Nine of each suit. The object is to win at least three of the five tricks - with an extra bonus for winning all five.

Dominos The name 'domino' comes from the resemblance to Venetian Carnival masks known as domini, which were white with black spots. In turn, these masks were named because they resembled French priests' winter hoods, being black on the outside and white on the inside.



Pub dominoes, 1935

SCRABBLE

During the Great Depression, an out-of-work architect named Alfred Mosher Butts decided to invent a board game. His market research concluded that games fall into three categories: number games, such as dice and bingo; move games, such as chess and checkers; and word games, such as anagrams. Butts wanted to create a game that combined the vocabulary skills of crossword puzzles and anagrams. The game was originally named Lexico, but he eventually decided to call the game "Cross-Cross-Word".

He studied the front page of The New York Times to calculate how often each of the 26 letters of the English language was used. He assigned different point values to each letter and decided how many of each letter would be included in the game. His first attempts to sell his game to established game manufacturers were failures. He and his partner, game-loving entrepreneur James Brunot, refined the rules and design of the game, and renamed it SCRABBLE. It was trademarked in 1948.



Westward Ho! 26-28 May 2012

POT WALLOPING FESTIVAL

Potwalloping at Westward Ho! dates back to the 1800s, where local people ventured down to the beach to throw back pebbles that had fallen from the ridge during the winter storms. This is still performed today, but has developed into a larger event with displays, local crafts, stalls and entertainment.

This old custom involves residents of the borough of Northam, who in order to protect their grazing rights, would throw pebbles which had been washed down, back up onto the pebble ridge by the sea. The pebble ridge is an almost unique geological structure, there being only one other like it in the world. In days of old, those who possessed two hearths in their house were considered relatively wealthy and entitled to grazing rights on the Burrows. In return, they had to help restore the pebble bank after the spring tides. This restoration work became known as 'potwalloping'.



Image courtesy of Nick Smith, the Worm Master Blackwton Annual International Festival 6 May 2012 www.wormcharming.co.uk

WORM CHARMING

The Blackwton Annual International Festival was started in 1984 when two locals decided to try 'worm charming' as a means of banishing the winter blues.

Favourite tools used to bring the beasts to the surface include questionable combinations of water, beer, gravy and sugar which contestants are required to first sample in order to prove harmless to the worms.

Each team comprises of a Charmer, a Pickener and a Cowriter. Once all teams have found their one metre square plot, everyone begins a five minute 'Worming Up' - doing whatever is needed to get the worms out of the ground without digging or forking. Teams then try to charm as many worms out of the ground in the 15 minutes allocated. Any team or competitor caught cheating is duly punished by a spell in the village stocks.



In 2012, the event will take place on 6 May 2012. www.east-of-norw.org.uk

DARTS

Britain's most popular pub game has its origins stretching back to medieval times. The standard numbering plan with a 20 on top was created in 1956.

The designer of the modern metal darts was a London-based Hungarian refugee, Frank Lowy who, on visiting a pub near Exmouth, enquired of his host "What are those people doing, throwing things at the wall?"

On his return to London and, intrigued by his visit to the cider drinking Devonians, Lowy designed a metal dart calling it the 'Silver Comet'. This would replace the darts which were traditionally made by the French and had wooden shafts with turkey feather flights.

Lowy patented his first design in 1937 and formed Unicorn Darts which is still trading today and recognised as the world's foremost dart engineers.



www.houseofsnarbles.com



PRAM RACING

Pram racing takes place all over the country. Many are themed events and prams are decorated or modified appropriately. Participants normally take part in fancy dress which adds to the fun and frivolity of the occasion.

In Dawlish, entrants must be over 18 years of age, as the team have to visit every pub en-route with one of the team having to drink a half pint of ale, upon which they are given a token. The winner of the race is the team with the quickest time and who have collected the most tokens.

Check the local paper or internet for pram races in other Devon villages.



The Queen Mother throwing one of the first 'Silver Comet' darts, 1937



Photo: Steve Clark
The Dawlish Carnival pram race between 11 and 18 August 2012 <http://www.dawlisharrival.com>

The Stricklepath, South Zeal and South Tawton pram race, 7 October 2012.

ORANGE ROLLING

The Totnes Elizabethan Society organise the Orange Races in commemoration of St Francis Drake, the famous naval commander. The tradition reputedly dates back to the day when Drake bumped into a delivery boy, causing him to spill his fruit basket and the contents then went rolling down the hill. The two then gave chase to the fast-moving fruit.

Entrants can be as young as 4 (a shorter, more level course is provided) and there are also races for the over 50s. Competitors must kick or throw their fruit along the 450-metre course from the Market Square but not to pick up any more!

At least part of the orange must be intact by the finish and there may be disputes over whose is whose! Races are arranged by age group with trophies for the winners and runners-up.



Cheese Rolling at Colyton. See video on YouTube.



