

If These Walls Could Talk

Art Gene Gallery, 28th May – 11th June, 2024

1. ***Proclamation Road, 2020, Maddi Nicholson***
Digital film, 46 seconds, 3D animation, Peter Horrocks
Proposal for an inflated version of the Walney Shelter. Designed to be toured in galleries and in communities, with the intention to create banners to proclaim what is important to their community
2. ***Supplement for The Herald for the visit of Princess Louise, 1903***
620 x 820 mm, paper
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
3. ***Laying of the foundation stone for School of Art and Science by Albert Vickers, 1900***
530 x 730 mm, photo and cardboard mount
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
4. ***Photograph of Princess Louise in a carriage outside the Town Hall, August 1903***
530 x 730 mm, photo and cardboard mount
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
5. ***Laying of the foundation stone for School of Art and Science by Albert Vickers, 1900***
Bryn Trescaheric and J. D. Barker, 'Barrow in Furness in Old Picture Postcards', published by European Library, Zaltbommel, 1982
150 x 210 mm
Courtesy of Barrow-in-Furness Library, The Furness Collection
6. ***Official programme of proceedings for the opening of the new Technical School by Princess Louise, 1903***
270 x 420 mm, paper
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
7. ***Menu for the luncheon at the Town Hall for the Laying of the foundation stone of the Technical Schools, 1900***
85 x 130 mm
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
8. ***Open Menu for the luncheon at the Town Hall for the Laying of the foundation stone of the Technical Schools, 1900***
130 x 170 mm
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
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 - a. *A photograph of the key presented to Princess Louise, 1903*
(original key currently on sale on Ebay for over £14,500)
The whole work is a magnificent specimen of the Goldsmith`s art, and was designed and manufactured by Mr Story, jeweller, Barrow.
150 x 200 mm, printed photograph
Source Ebay from Michael Quinn
 - b. *Coloured drawing of the key presented to Princess Louise, 1903*
220 x 270 mm, cardboard, plastic film
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
 - c. *A photograph of the key presented to Princess Louise, 1903*
150 x 200 mm, printed photograph
Source Ebay from Michael Quinn
10. ***Programme for the second annual students' party, 1905***
195 x 125 mm, cardboard, black print
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives

11. **Official programme for laying of the foundation stone of Technical Schools, 1900**
155 x 120 mm, paper
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
12. **Walney Bridge from the Park, opened by the Mayoress of Barrow, July 30th, 1908**
1982 140 x 90 mm, paper, Bryn Trescatheric and J. D. Barker, 'Barrow in Furness in Old Picture Postcards', published by European Library, Zaltbommel
Courtesy of Barrow-in-Furness Library, The Furness Collection
13. **Medal produced for the Coronation of Edward VII with the impression of the Technical School on one side**
40 mm diameter, metal medal, ribbon
14. **Portrait of Agnes Nan Tait, former Barrow Mayor 1959 - 1960 and Labour Councillor
The Nan Tait Centre was named in her honour**
145 x 185 mm, paper
© Image Copyright the Dock Museum
15. **Postcards of the Technical School, c. 1920 – 50: Note the early tram lines and newly planted trees captured in some postcards and the later addition of buses, cars and more mature trees in others**
135 x 85 mm, paper
16. **Flyer for a lecture on 'Wanderings through China', 1926**
250 x 155 mm, paper, red printing
Courtesy of Cumbria Archive
17. **Walney Bridge from Central Drive pre-1932 with no shelter. Sankey Photo No. 7324**
280 x 330 mm, paper
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18. **Looking east down Central Drive in Walney, towards the Promenade and Jubilee Bridge, Sankey Photo No. A463A.**
The post- 1932 scene features a relatively new shelter and an adjacent phone box
280 x 330 mm, paper
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19. Top: **YMCA site plan 13402, 1942, Architect Hubert A Thomas. The site plan has no visible shelter**
Bottom right: **Chair Store Plan 16913, 1950, Engineer J. N Flitcroft. The existing site plan is marked**
425 x 520 mm, paper
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20. **Abbey Road Canteen Tea Break Times Sign, c. 1950 – 60**
300 x 380 mm, traffolyte
Artefact saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
Maddi Nicholson & Stuart Bastik
21. **New joinery students at Barrow college around 1970 featuring R Watts, T Shields, Mike Heys, T. Kyriacou, A. Downward, D. Stringer and M. Ralph**
150 x 200 mm, newspaper
Provided by David Stringer
Hear David Stringer's memories of his years at the College in artwork no. 27 and 35.
22. **Carbolic Soap, full bar to be cut off into junks, c. 1950 - 60**
400 x 310 mm, carbolic soap
Artefact saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
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23. ***Izal toilet rolls, used in educational establishments, c. 1950***

13 x 8 mm, greaseproof paper

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24. ***Bromco Hand Rotary Fire Alarm Bell***

B.M.C Metal Products, Ltd. N. Ireland

300 mm diameter, metal

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25. ***Educational posters from the Technical School***

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Left partition from left to right:

a. *Wood Technology: Hardwoods and Softwoods*

640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard

b. *Wood Technology: Insects in Wood*

640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard

Right partition from left to right:

c. *Steel: The Sinews of the Nation*

495 x 755 mm, paper, Hardboard

d. *The Open-Hearth Furnace*

640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard

e. *The Blast Furnace*

640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard

f. *The Bessemer Converter*

640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard

g. *Acetylene*

450 x 610 mm, paper, hardboard

h. *UK Iron and Steel Industry poster*

500 x 740 mm, paper, hardboard

26. ***Places of Interest and General Directory poster from the Technical College***

960 x 1000 mm, paper, hardboard

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27. ***Barrow Technical School Memories***

Oral histories conducted by Jennie Dennett of Artfly. Special thanks to Arthur Jury (Mick), David Stringer, Dennis Laird, Howard Eaglestone, Jimmy Tongue, Ray Wilson.

a. *Arthur Jury (Mick)*

1958-1963: Technical School Student

Audio recording, 8 min. 53 seconds.

b. *David Stringer*

Early 1960s: Apprentice Joiner with Vickers

Limited

Audio recording, 13 min. 26 seconds.

c. *Dennis Laird*

Audio recording, 11 min. 38 seconds.

1958: Visited the school as a primary child aged 9 (St Mary's Primary school at the time used the Technical School for large event)

Technical School Apprentice Student

1978/79: Teacher of Engineering Science part time in when it was an annexe of Barrow

Central College of Further Education (now Furness College)

d. *Howard Eaglestone*

1960-1967: Technical School Student

Audio recording, 27 min. 14 seconds

e. *Jimmy Tongue*

1958-63: Technical School Student

1964: Apprentice Welder with Vickers Limited, returned as a Further Education Student

1971: Appointed as a Welding Lecturer and stayed at the College for 33 years

Jimmy's Father was also a pupil at the Technical School. He went on to work on the railway and in steelworks, c. 1920s

Audio recording, 21 min. 55 seconds

f. *Ray Wilson*

1958-1964: Engineering Apprentice with Vickers Limited

Audio recording, 13 min. 32 seconds

28. **Course Social for Engineering Diploma course organised by Higher National Diploma students at Barrow Technical College, c. 1963, Ray Wilson**
115 x 200 mm, printed photograph
Courtesy of Ray Wilson
29. **Small iron weights used for scales at the Technical College, c.1900 - 1960**
2 small pieces: 40 mm diameter, large set of weights: 400 mm diameter, Iron
Artefacts saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
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30. **Industrial vegetable steamer used in the Canteen at the Technical College, c. 1940 – 1960**
Crypto Limited, North Circular Road, London, Patent No. 388968
1300 x 600 mm, steel
Artefacts saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
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31. **Ferranti Bakelite Amperes and Volt Testers, part of the electrical system within the Technical College, c. 1940 – 60.**
180 mm diameter, bakelite plastic, steel
Artefacts saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
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32. **Equipment used as part of drawing studies, c. 1900 – 1960**
Artefacts saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
Maddi Nicholson & Stuart Bastik
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| a. <i>White Cosmic Pastel Chalks</i>
85 x 165 mm, chalk, cardboard | c. <i>Wooden cone</i>
230 mm diameter, wood |
| b. <i>Chalkboard eraser</i>
110 x 30 mm, wood, wool, felt | d. <i>Sculpture trestle</i>
420 x 960 mm, wood |
33. **Educational poster from the Technical College**
Wood Technology: Derivatives of Wood
640 x 960 mm
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34. **Memories from Mike Garforth, 2024**
Technical School Student, 1953; Barrow College of Further Education, 1958 – 1969;
Teacher at the College, 1970 - 1969
Special thanks to Mike Garforth for his contributions
35. **Technical Tales, 2024, Artfly; Jennie Dennett, Chris Dennett with Lydia Gardner**
1200 x 800 mm, interactive plans on calico, using Kitronik conductive thread and Bare Conductive Control Board
Floor plan shows original plans by Woodhouse & Willhoughby, 1899, Courtesy of the Cumbria Archives
36. **Directory's from 1906 - 1937 at the Technical College**
Courtesy of Cumbria Archives
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| a. <i>Directory of classes; Science, Art, Technology and Commercial Subjects, 3 booklets, 1906 – 1919</i>
140 x 210 mm, paper |
| b. <i>Directory of classes; Science, Art, Technology, Commerce, Languages, 2 booklets, 1921 – 1922</i>
135 x 200 mm, paper |
| c. <i>Technical College Prospectus, 8 booklets, 1930 – 1938</i>
140 x 210 mm, paper |

37. **Existing plans before refurbishment by Capita: Architect Mark Wharton**
2000 - 2001 Refurbishment Capita
Courtesy of Art Gene
38. **Existing plans for refurbishment for Art Gene / Barracudas by Capita: Architect Mark Wharton**
2000 - 2001 Refurbishment Capita
Courtesy of Art Gene
39. **Art Gene Photographic Survey, May 1998, Maddi Nicholson and Stuart Bastik**
- From left to right; top:
- a. *The Old Technical College, Exterior*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- b. *Art Gene, Studio 3*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- c. *Art Gene, Studio 4*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- d. *Nan Tait Centre, Main Reception with Maddi Nicholson*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- e. *Nan Tait Centre, Registrar's Ceremonial Room*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- From left to right; bottom:
- f. *Art Gene, Corridor to Carpark with Maddi Nicholson*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- g. *Art Gene Gallery Room No. E2 04*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- i. *Art Gene Gallery, Room No. E2.03*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- j. *Nan Tait Centre, Registrar's Offices*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
40. **"The First" exhibition opening, Art Gene Gallery, 2002**
Left: Artist John Hall; Far right: Back of Julie Hammerton (can you spot yourself? Let us know!)
170 x 225 mm, paper, printed photograph
41. **Art Gene Photographic Survey, May 1998, Maddi Nicholson and Stuart Bastik**
- a. *Art Gene, Big Workshop*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
- b. *Art Gene, Big Workshop, with Julie Hammerton*
520 x 720 mm, printed photograph
42. **Art Gene Gallery Refurbishment, 2008**
Plans by Research Design Architecture, Charlie MacKeith
Far left and right: Section and plan of Art Gene Main Gallery, revised access stair to platform
Middle: 3D model of stairwell and access cradle in Art Gene Main Gallery
Courtesy of Charlie MacKeith
43. **Art Gene Gallery Refurbishment, 2008**
Plans by Research Design Architecture, Charlie MacKeith
Courtesy of Charlie MacKeith
44. **Tom Lucas Partnership Surveyors Construction Document, 2008**
Minor Alterations and Improvements for Art Gene Gallery
210 x 300 mm, paper
Courtesy of Charlie MacKeith
45. **Furnaces and crucibles used in Metallurgical studies at the Technical School, c. 1950 – 60**
Selas Manchester
A Bunsen burner is placed under the furnace. The metal to melt is placed in the crucible which is placed inside the furnace
160 x 200 mm
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46. **Educational posters from the Technical School**
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- a. *The Blast Furnace*
640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard
- b. *From Iron Ore to Steel*
640 x 960 mm, paper, hardboard
47. **Proclamation Road, 2020, Maddi Nicholson**
Part of a series, 'Handheld Architecture' of vernacular structures as models made small and manageable
3D printed model of Walney Shelter
48. **Proclamation Road I, 2013, Maddi Nicholson**
255 x 540 mm, printed photographs
49. **Proclamation Road 2, 2012, Maddi Nicholson**
255 x 540 mm, printed photographs
50. **The Nan Tait Centre, 2024, Mark Richards**
480 x 640 mm, pen drawing, giclee print
Mark, presenter of the *Countryside* podcast, created this artwork during a podcast recording with Art Gene Director, Maddi Nicholson and former Mayor John Muphy, exploring Barrow's rich history and finishing at the Nan Tait Centre.
51. **Studio 5; Art Gene Photographic Survey, May 1998**
Maddi Nicholson and Stuart Bastik
630 x 820 mm, paper, printed photograph
52. **Studio 2; Art Gene Photographic Survey, May 1998**
Maddi Nicholson and Stuart Bastik
630 x 820 mm, paper, printed photograph
53. **Blackboard from Studio 3, Art Gene**
Add your memories
Artefact saved from the derelict Technical College before refurbishment
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54. **South Walney Infant and Junior Schools Engagement Sessions with Maddi Nicholson, 2024**
In a series of workshops led by Maddi Nicholson, Director of Art Gene, Year 2 and 3 pupils explored the History of Walney's Shelter and its future. They created a banner for a future event, which will include an artist designed sign unveiling for the shelter.
Digital Slideshow
55. **South Walney Infant and Junior Schools, drawings of the Walney Shelter, 2024**
Various sizes, paper