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History being made at the Bradford Industrial Museum and Homage to Hockney

For the first time in its 600 year history the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers has made an official visit to Bradford.

The Master and Clerk were part of a group of nearly 30 Stationers who visited the Hockney Gallery at Salt's Mill and the Printing Gallery at the Industrial Museum on Wednesday 18 October 2017. The Stationers' Company is the City of London Livery Company for the Communications and Content Industries.

The visit, organised by a newly formed group of Northern Stationers, was made to recognise, as part of the 80th birthday celebrations, Hockney's contribution to the world of print. It is often forgotten that his development of lithographic printing followed on from his early work in Paris with Picasso's preferred printer. During a private tour of the gallery the visitors saw his rarely-seen litho-print work in 'The Fairy Books' illustrating the stories of the Brothers Grimm.

The party then visited the Printing Gallery to see the traditional printing presses being run by a small group of dedicated volunteers at Bradford Industrial Museum, Eccleshill. A Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the Master, was presented and the Stationers had the unique opportunity to try their own hand with specially prepared 'hot metal' printing.

An unexpected delight occurred when one volunteer, Bruce Anderton, brought his coveted copy of "The last of the Old English Typefounders" to have it signed by its author, visiting Stationer, Dr. Roy Millington.

The exceptional collection of traditional printing and type-setting machines at the museum includes a Wharfedale Press. This press was developed in Yorkshire and led the technology revolution in printing in 1858 to 1960 throughout the world. An impact on a par with the internet of its day. Indeed the last machine was not taken out of service until 1984 after 130 years of continuous service!

The majority of Stationers taking part in this pilgrimage to Bradford travelled up from London for the day. For further details contact Robert McClements, Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers. mcclementsjrd@aol.com Tel 0785 5959372

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