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History of city clown

A HISTORY trail organised by The Herbert explores the remarkable tale of a city clown who lost his memory during the Blitz.

The Pollard Trail tells the story of Irving Pollard, who was so traumatized after the Blitz destroyed the workshop which housed his collection of puppets he lost his voice and memory.

By carving a new puppet, Irving found he was finally able to communicate with friends and relatives.

Theatre group Triangle has developed a new production to tell Pollard's story, with performances and tours taking place in and around Primrose Hill Street, in Hillfields, from Thursday, August 10 to Sunday, August 20.

The Herbert also plans to display a collection of Pollard memorabilia at the clown's former sweet shop in Primrose Hill Street, including his clown costume, a jester's stick, and footage of him performing at the Peter Tide Festival in Hillfields in 1930.

The Pollard Trail runs from 11am to 5pm, Mondays to Saturdays, and from 12noon to 4pm on Sundays.

Details of performance and tour times can be picked up from the Herbert and city libraries.

Information can also be found at www.cmpsoc.kk5.org.

Admission costs £5 and £3 concessions. On Monday, August 14, all Hillfields residents can go free of charge, while Tuesday, August 15, and Wednesday, August 16, have been nominated 'pay what you can' days.