

Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons on 21 February 2024



Members of Meopham How Things Work Group are seen surrounding a statue of John Hunter backed by the main staircase featuring portraits of past presidents of the Royal College of Surgeons in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

The College is the HQ of English surgery and has recently been redeveloped at considerable expense, £4.6 million alone has been spent on upgrading the Hunterian Museum using both traditional and wonderful modern display techniques.

John Hunter was an 18th century anatomist and surgeon and the museum traces much of the development of surgery to include current examples of robotic and specialist surgery practised today.

Much of this is seen through the eyes of Hunter whose prolific efforts to advance anatomical knowledge, medicine and surgery have clearly consumed decades of dedicated hard work and research.

We saw historical collections of healthy and diseased specimens in glass jars and wonderful descriptions of the many surgical instruments on view. Surgical training was clearly described from the early years to films of current surgeons describing their patients and operations.

There are many beautiful portraits, items of furniture and clocks on view and the quality of the presentation is outstanding.

Much of the information is highly detailed and several visits may be required to do it justice. The Hunterian Museum is free and was much enjoyed by the HTW Group.