Handover Notes

Sound set up by University of Hull IT team.

Larkin had said he could go a week without poetry but not a day without jazz, hence the soundtrack. Track listing available in the folder.

We wanted to honour the idea of a library – not just a place of books but of librarians and their knowledge/support.

We are encouraging discussions, people will have to ask the gallery assistants.

Make people comfortable to ask, don’t need to know anything

Folder of information left in the reference section.

Visitors will receive a handsheet, stamped with date, on arrival.

Includes poem, intro and description of each section.

Ask visitors not to touch anything on shelves.

Ref books available on trolleys.

Timeline of Larkins life - set out inspired by British railway.

Lighting should be set at level 3

Poem

New Eyes Each Year is a poem about *this* library.

Shelf ends, with library inspired numbering system

Books roughly order stored in HHC which is how they came out of house.

Tabs are from cataloguing eg B1 is bedroom 1

Domestic ordering, some surprising combinations

Everything in exhibition came out of 105 newland park

We are putting things together and letting people make their own minds up

Bookends have quotes and doodles from his letters

Lights operated by power socket switches

Fishwire across books, not touching

Books are a load of crap – quote by larkin

Peep throughs bookcases

Larkin the librarian laureate from daily telegraph - on loan from john b

Section of books given to Monica with dedications in

As we have been creating exhibition we have been finding clippings and mementos in books

Section about school - huge collection of billy bunter and examples of childish humour

Objects on shelves include items from his time in Belfast, stationary, list of Christmas cards sent and received, souvenir tea towels.

Library – study storehouse copy of it on trolley

Photo of Larkin choosing wallpaper for BJL librarian’s office

Photos of library under construction

Retired staff – show photos

Silent movies made by staff for xmas party

Feel free to gather up memories

Operates off same power grid

Power on monitor

Might have to switch power button on hard drive

Error message – use mouse from reception desk to closewindow

Mower on wall – poetry is a process of elision, cutting things back

Facsimile of working version of toads

A writer – his output

Novels, poetry and library minutes

Power of this output to inspire so much commentary

Exploded man – selfs the man

Traces of Philip larkin

Much more colourful dresser than people thought

Very concerned about his weight – drew himself breaking the scales

Mother sent packets of vests and darned socks

Wasn’t comfortable in his body, visual impairment, hearing impairment,

How he saw himself – doodle

Betty gave scales as a gift

Shirts handmade by Garstangs – who also made shirts for Roald dahl and the two Ronnies.

Cufflinks: conservative party and old father time

Rspca badge

Mirrors

X ray of his head 1961 collapsed in committee meeting

Selfies – cameras

Monogramed matchbook

Radio – archers

Shoe bags made by monica

Clothes brushes

Veronica – rabbit

Lovers – bunnikins, honeybear and pussy cat

Woollen underwear – darned

Tree of ties – 119 ties reflect different associations, fashion, patterns etc

List of ties in handbook

Patterns are scanned from textiles found in house

Relationships area in different bays because they were kept separate

* Professional relationships

Peculiar relationship with ted hughe. Anthony Thwaite and Andrew Motion became literary executors on his death

* Family

Dad city treasurer in Coventry, took family to Germany, magnifying mirror on Hitler statue

Interview between Philip and mother – 40 mins worth, recorded in pearson park 1961

Switch on at power switch, on an iphone check it’s still running. Set up instructions if needed

* Partners

Monica’s lipstick called ‘talked about’

3 main lovers Monica Jones, Meave Brennan, Betty Mackereth

Crop marks, putting people in boxes

The dress

Ref to pink sheets

Dress patterns, monica made dresses. Very petite

* Chums

Kingsley Amis – some of his books

Dedicated book from Kingsley lucky jim – character based on Monica

Philip brown - romance

Bruce Montgomery, served in army, friendship seems to have ended after visit to belfast. Writes as Edward crispin and music for carry on films.

John wain another writer friend

* Lovers

Ruth bowman 16 in photo

Engaged to her

Mystery item found with tea towels

Patsy strang affair

Music

Small selection of records on display 1469 in collection

Blues, jazz and even the beatles, some folk and elgar

Letters from his mother keptin shoebox, wrote daily

Letters to her

Colourful envelopes and stationary – letter from mother with cricket scores written on back

Diaries – scrapbooking, insides shredded on his death. Didn’t like people reading his diaries. Kept the covers

Response section

Write your own letter to Philip larkin

Signposting to more information

2B pencil, his preferred type

For possible future publication

Scan letters and store them

HHC wants to archive them

Red button turns on relationships section

Button behind bench turns on exploded man – takes a min to warm up

1 each bay

Don’t touch black lighting

Hung exploded man so that things shouldn’t fall on lights but small chance

100 capacity tbc tomorrow night

Children allowed but do not touch things

Can take photos