

Middlesbrough Museums

Dorman Museum

Captain Cook Birthplace Museum

Exhibition Information

FREDDIE, TEDDY & KERMIT

28 April to September 2009

DORMAN MUSEUM

This small exhibition marks the centenary of the meeting of Alfred Pease, Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit.

It was another world when, one hundred years ago in April 1909, Alfred E Pease was given the job of looking after ex-American President Theodore Roosevelt's hunting expedition to British East Africa. Although Roosevelt was collecting specimens for the Smithsonian Museum and American Museum of Natural History, he took obvious pleasure in the 'hunt and kill' - this seemed to be at odds with his conservationist background while in office. The expedition attracted press attention from around the world and many people were starting to question the morality of such 'collecting'. The display includes details of the expedition and includes some rarely seen photographs from a private collection..

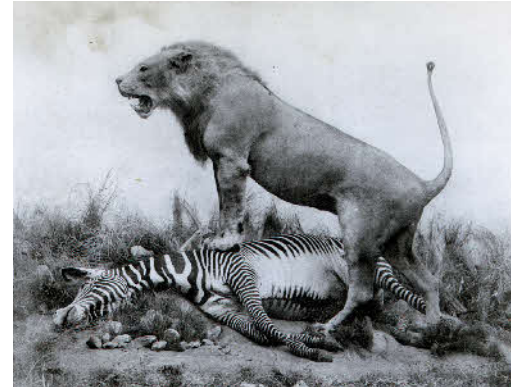
Pease, who was the grandson of Joseph Pease known as the founder of Middlesbrough, had a house near Guisborough and an ostrich farm in East Africa. He had built up a formidable reputation as a hunter, particularly of lions and Roosevelt needed his expertise.

Many of the animals collected over the years by Pease found their way into the collections of the Dorman Museum and the Natural History Museum in London. The Dorman Museum's famous lion was Pease's first lion kill and forms the centre piece of this exhibition.

Admission is FREE

Open Tuesday to Sunday 9:30 to 17:00 hrs

Cafe on site and full disabled access



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