

The Highland Museum of Childhood have recently received a donation of some beautiful Punch and Judy puppets. Within this set of 6 puppets there are the popular characters of Mr Punch and his wife Judy with the baby, the Constable and the Hangman. There are two lesser known characters of the Doctor and Mr Scaramouche. What is also unusual about the puppets is that they are all wooden marionette or 'string' puppets rather than the common glove puppets. Punch and Judy puppets originated as marionettes but we are unsure as to when they changed to glove puppets.

Our first job is to document the collection and then plan how we will display and interpret them.

For more on the History of Punch and Judy and also on puppets in general:

www.punchandjudy.org/Punch&Judy_Punch_on_Strings.htm

www.thepjf.com/history_of_punch_and_judy.html

www.vam.ac.uk/content/articles/h/history-of-puppetry-in-britain/











