



# **HISTORIC SITES 2010**

## **Ancient buildings full of history**

Elizabethan House  
Merchant's House  
Smeaton's Tower



# HISTORIC HOUSES

## **Elizabethan House**

32 New Street, The Barbican PL1 2NA

Go back in time to Drake's Plymouth and see how a merchant or sea captain might have lived in the 1600s.

Spiral stairs, sloping floors, period furniture and fabrics, plus restored gardens and kitchen give you a real feeling of history.

## **Opening dates and times**

Tuesday 30 March to Saturday 2 October 2010 (inclusive)

10am to 5pm Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday

Mondays (last entries at 4.30pm)

Closed Sundays and standard Mondays and Good Friday

## **Prices**

Adults £2

Children/Seniors/Students £1

Family ticket £4.80 (up to 2 adults and 3 children)

A range of concessions also available

**Under 5s go free!**

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## **Merchant's House**

33 St. Andrew Street PL1 2AH

See four mini museums under one roof in this former home of famous Elizabethan privateer, William Parker.

Old curiosities, a Victorian schoolroom, Blitz room and pharmacy provide a fascinating snapshot of Plymouth's recent past.

A family friendly trail and replica toys are also available to add to your experience.

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# LANDMARK LIGHTHOUSE

## **Smeaton's Tower**

The Hoe, Plymouth PL1 2NZ

Experience life at the top with a visit to our landmark lighthouse. A centrepiece on Plymouth's Hoe, Smeaton's Tower was originally built on the Eddystone reef in 1759.

It was taken down in the early 1880s and approximately two thirds of its structure was moved stone by stone to its current resting place. Now standing at 72 feet high, it offers fantastic views of Plymouth Sound and beyond from its Lantern Room. Can you climb the 93 steps to the top?

## **Opening dates and times**

10am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Friday

10am to 4pm Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays

(30 March to 2 October 2010)

10am to 3pm Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays

(5 October 2010 to 26 March 2011)

Last entries 30 minutes before closing

Closed for lunch from 12 noon to 1pm

Open all year except Good Friday and Christmas/New Year

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Adults £2

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

No need to book.

Standard admission applies unless stated otherwise.

### **Victorian Fridays**

Venue: Merchant's House

Dates: 16, 23 and 30 April, 4, 18 and 25 June, 9, 23 and 30 July and 3, 17 and 24 September

Time: 11am to 4.30pm

Meet and chat to our Victorian ladies and discover more about this fascinating period of Plymouth's history.

### **Barbican Jazz and Blues Festival: Tom Anfield**

Venue: Elizabethan House

Date: Monday 3 May

Time: 3pm to 4pm

Enjoy the sounds of Tom Anfield, a luthier (guitar-maker and restorer) who will be playing live, discussing his craft and his various guitars. Please note, this performance is for a small audience admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Barbican Jazz and Blues Festival: Josie Lloyd**

Venue: Merchant's House

Date: Saturday 8 May

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Listen as Dartmoor-based, Josie Lloyd performs the antique blues and ragtime of the 1900s on her National guitar. Josie cut her teeth in Leeds venues alongside performers such as Mark Knopfler and Steve Phillips. Please note, this performance is for a small audience admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Tudor Life**

Venue: Elizabethan House

Date: Saturday 8 May

Time: 1.30pm to 4pm

Try on some Tudor costumes, courtesy of Buckland Abbey and find out more about Tudor Plymouth. Meet our Merchant as he talks about his trading voyages. Listen to music by our Elizabethan performers, Mock Hobby Horse.

## **Meet the Lighthouse Keeper**

Venue: Smeaton's Tower

Dates: Saturday 15 May, 12 June, 17 July and 18 September

Time: 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm

Meet and chat to our 18th Century Lighthouse Keeper, listen to his stories and find out more about this unique way of life.

## **Blitz Saturdays**

Venue: Merchant's House

Dates: Saturday 29 May and 28 August

Time: 11am to 4.30pm

Meet our Air Raid Warden and listen to his stories of World War Two - one of the most significant chapters in our City's recent history.

## **International Lighthouse Day**

Venue: Smeaton's Tower

Date: Saturday 21 August

Time: 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm

Enjoy a range of lighthouse-themed activities as we mark this international annual event. Lots of fun for everyone!

## **Tudor Games**

Venue: Elizabethan House

Date: Saturday 21 August

Time: 1.30pm to 4pm

Find out more about classic Tudor games such as Fox and Geese, Nine Men's Morris, Inns and Outs and Cards. Watch our re-enactors as they demonstrate the games and then have a go yourself!

## **Tudor Music**

Venue: Elizabethan House

Date: Saturday 4 September

Time: 1.30pm to 4pm

Enjoy another performance by our merry musicians, Mock Hobby Horse, and learn more about music in the Tudor era with our re-enactors.

## **Heritage Open Days 2010**

Venue: Elizabethan House and Merchant's House

Date: Saturday 11 September

Time: 10am to 5pm (last entries at 4.30pm)

AND

Venue: Smeaton's Tower

Date: Saturday 11 September

Time: 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 4pm

(last entries at 11.30am and 3.30pm)

Free admission to all sites for one day only as we mark this national event!

# TRAVEL AND PARKING

## **Train:**

There are regular services to Plymouth station, which is a short taxi or bus ride from all three sites.

## **Bus and Coach:**

Merchant's House: any bus that runs via Royal Parade.

Elizabethan House and Smeaton's Tower:

Plymouth CityBus No 25 which runs via Southside Street and The Hoe.

The main bus and coach station (Bretonside) is a short walk from all three sites.

Park and Ride services to the city centre are also available.

## **Car:**

Pay and display parking is available near all three sites.

The nearest multi-storey car parks are in Drake Circus shopping mall or to the rear of the Theatre Royal.

There are also additional car parks on the Barbican and plenty of on-street parking (short stay) around the Barbican and Hoe.

## ACCESS AND FACILITIES

- Due to the historic nature of the sites we regret that there is limited disabled access.
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when visiting Smeaton's Tower due to its steep ladders and narrow openings.
- There are no toilet facilities at our sites although public conveniences are available nearby.
- Food and drink are not allowed.
- On certain days, Smeaton's Tower and the Elizabethan House may be closed for civil ceremonies.
- Smeaton's Tower will be closed for Christmas from Saturday 25 December 2010 to Tuesday 4 January 2011.
- To arrange a School or Group Visit please telephone us to book in advance.
- If you are making a special trip to our sites or you have any queries about access please please don't hesitate telephone us in advance on **01752 304774**.

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