

PLYMOUTH CITY MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

*Galleries, Exhibitions, Events, Talks and Concerts
April to October 2009*



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HELLO AND WELCOME!

We hope you enjoy the wide variety of displays, exhibitions, events and activities we have on offer between now and the end of October.

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GALLERIES

Human History

Bringing the World to Plymouth

Now open

Discover a fascinating range of unusual and everyday objects from a variety of living cultures in our new 'Bringing the World to Plymouth' gallery.

Samurai weapons from Japan and beautifully embroidered clothing and footwear from China are displayed alongside vibrant beadwork and striking carvings from Africa and jewellery and ceremonial objects from Oceania.

This is your chance to get an insight into how such a diverse collection came to the Museum. Come and see hundreds of objects that have never been on public display before, find out more about the interesting people who collected them and learn about how they ended up here in Plymouth.

This new gallery has been developed thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Renaissance.

GALLERIES

Human History

Ancient Egypt

Now open

Get a glimpse into a civilisation that lasted more than 3,000 years and has fascinated us since the 1800s in our new 'Ancient Egypt' gallery.

See amulets, jewellery and God figures in the 'Life' section and a beaded funerary net, tomb figures and painted shabti box in the 'Death' section.

The highlight of the gallery is a decorative inner coffin which once housed a mummy. The coffin originally held the body of Iyhat, a priest at Thebes, the capital of Ancient Egypt and site of modern day Luxor.

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GALLERIES

Human History

Uncovered

Now open

If you've ever wondered what archaeology is about, how it can unearth your ancient history and tell the story of how peoples' lives fitted into the wider world, 'Uncovered' is the gallery for you!

With hundreds of artefacts discovered in the local area, this newly developed space will show you how archaeology can really help to open a window on the past.

See Bronze Age swords and axes, Iron Age brooches, Roman tableware, a Tudor doorway - even a Medieval cannon that's been preserved in water since it was excavated from a wreck in Plymouth's harbour more than 30 years ago. There are plenty of interactives to help you get involved too!

This new gallery has been developed thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Renaissance in the Regions.

Plymouth: Port and Place

Now open

Navigate your way through 'Plymouth: Port and Place' and discover more about how Plymouth's development has been shaped by the sea, the military and centuries of conflict.

See objects from the Museum's and several other important City collections, such as the unique Eddystone Salt, paintings, maps, plans and impressive ship models - including fine bone models made by Napoleonic Prisoners of War.

An interactive database, entitled 'Plymouth Pictured', gives a further flavour of the wonderful archives preserved by the City. Scott of the Antarctic's skis are also back on show as we look at Plymouth's connections with the 'Heroic Age' of Antarctic exploration.

This new gallery has been developed thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Renaissance in the Regions.

GALLERIES

Natural History

Explore Nature

Open throughout the year

Investigate nature in our fun natural history gallery which is packed full of fascinating facts and thrilling things.

See nature 'Inside Out', explore different ways of 'Using Nature', find out more about the variety of 'Pattern and Colour' in the natural world, and discover why museums have a history of 'Collecting Nature'.

With feathers to feel, bugs to boggle at, pickled animals to peek at and old favourites like the hippo skull, this gallery is an interactive space for families to experience and enjoy.

Explore selected highlights from our natural history collections at www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumnhcollections

GALLERIES

Art

Cottonian Collection

Open throughout the year

Take a fascinating glimpse into the achievements of an 18th century English connoisseur. With oil paintings, Old Master and English drawings, watercolours and around seven thousand fine prints this is your chance to see the legacy of an outstanding art collection assembled by Charles Rogers (1711-1784).

The Cottonian Collection also features family portraits, prints and memorabilia relating to Sir Joshua Reynolds - the Plymouth-born founder member of the Royal Academy and an important figure in British art.

Find out more about the Cottonian Collection at
www.cottoniancollection.org.uk

GALLERIES

Art

The China Connection

Open throughout the year

Discover the story of porcelain from its origins in China, to the groundbreaking work of Plymouth man William Cookworthy, who made the first hard paste porcelain in the UK.

See beautiful, traditional blue and white porcelains, *famille verte* and *famille rose* enamels from the collection of local businessman Arthur Hurdle, tin-glazed earthenware from England and Holland and fine European soft paste porcelains.

GALLERIES

Art

Atrium Gallery

Open throughout the year

Browse our balcony for an insight into our large and significant decorative arts collection. Displays will rotate during the year so visitors will get a chance to see more from our stores than ever before!

Art Bites

If you fancy spending your lunchtime taking a bitesized look at our decorative arts collection, why not join our Assistant Keeper of Art at 1.10pm on the following dates for a 20-minute tour of our displays?

Wednesday 3 June

Wednesday 1 July

Everyone who attends will receive a discount voucher for a cake or cookie in our café - so you can grab yourself a quick bite to eat afterwards!

Admission is free but places are limited. Collect a ticket from our Welcome Desk between 12.30pm and 1pm on the day.

EXHIBITIONS

Art

Artists of St Ives and the South West

Beryl Cook Tribute

Open throughout 2009

Explore the talents of artists inspired by the region with these two displays featuring works from our art collections.

The first is a feast of colour and energy by some of the leading figures from the St Ives School of Artists.

The second is a tribute wall to Beryl Cook, who sadly passed away in May 2008. As well as two works belonging to the Museum, the wall also features a further work, on loan from a private collection.

Please note: the South Gallery is our most flexible event space and is often in use for lunchtime talks, concerts, workshops and special events.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. To help plan your visit, details of our events can be found towards the back of this brochure.

EXHIBITIONS

Art

Lenkiewicz: The Legacy

Works from the Lenkiewicz Foundation Collection

8 April to 11 July 2009

Get a first glimpse of the treasures within the Lenkiewicz Foundation's collection, with this first showing of the legacy of artistic works bequeathed to the charity by painter Robert Lenkiewicz (1941-2002).

A series of startling pictures or 'aesthetic notes' complete with hand written notes, reveal some of Lenkiewicz's most extraordinary insights.

Also featuring large easel paintings, and some of his priceless themed project notebooks, almost every work in the archive will be on show together for the first time. This is a real opportunity for you to delve deeper into the ideas and inspiration behind one of Plymouth's most well-known artists.

Please note: Due to the subject matter of some of the works in the show, visitors to this exhibition may find the content challenging.

EXHIBITIONS

Human History

Space Age: Exploration, Design and Popular Culture

9 May to 25 July 2009

Take a journey through the cosmos with an out-of-thisworld exhibition for the whole family! From Buzz Aldrin to Buzz Lightyear, explore how space has become part of our lives and influenced all manner of things including fashion, furniture, fiction and film.

Travel from early astronomy, via the space race of the 1950s and 60s, to the cutting edge technology of the present day. Touch a real life meteorite, see an original Russian Cosmonaut Suit and play Space Invaders. You can even discover how astronauts wee in space!

Featuring hundreds of intriguing objects from the V&A Museum of Childhood's own collection, as well as fantastic loans from around the world, this exhibition has something for space enthusiasts of all ages.

A touring exhibition organised by the V&A Museum of Childhood.

EXHIBITIONS

Local History

Super Structures

Royal Albert Bridge 150 & Smeaton's Tower 250

25 July to 17 October 2009

Come and help us celebrate two world famous engineering icons - right on our doorstep!

2009 marks the anniversaries of two of the South West's world famous structures. May sees the 150th anniversary of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's Royal Albert Bridge, which still carries the railway over the River Tamar – linking Devon and Cornwall, via Plymouth and Saltash.

In October we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the first lighting of John Smeaton's famous Eddystone Lighthouse, a design that set the pattern for a new era of lighthouse construction - built 14 miles out at sea to guard a dangerous reef and then rebuilt and preserved on Plymouth Hoe.

Use our exhibition to find out more about these civil engineering marvels - their design and construction and their care and maintenance. Discover just what makes both structures so special.

EXHIBITIONS

Art

Comedians: From the 1940s to Now

Photographs from the National Portrait Gallery

15 August to 10 October 2009

See this exhibition, developed in conjunction with a range of UK partners, which will put the spotlight on the public and private faces of many of Britain's most well-known comedians from the last 70 years.

With an introduction by Paul Merton, the exhibition will feature photographic portraits of more than 60 comedians. From the classic Morecambe and Wise, the outrageous Lily Savage and the talented Lee Evans to Exeter-born Tommy Cooper and Plymouth born-Dawn French – there will be a host of familiar faces from television, radio, music hall and stage for you to see.

'Comedians: From the 1940s to Now' is a collaborative exhibition between the National Portrait Gallery London, Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, Beningbrough Hall and Gardens, Yorkshire, Montacute House, Somerset, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery and Museums Sheffield. The exhibition is supported by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)/Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) Strategic Commissioning National/Regional Museum Education Partnerships Programme.

NEW COMMISSION

Art and Natural History

Labelled

A new contemporary artwork by Dail Behennah
28 February 2009 to 27 March 2010

Engage in the debate about the importance of museum collections, species diversity and conservation with this beautiful new installation by contemporary artist, Dail Behennah.

‘Labelled’ features 500 hovering labels, each of which records a different species and which are based on the labels that document our natural history collections.

Labels in varying shades of white, cream and brown to represent living species are punctuated by labels in red to highlight those that are extinct or endangered.

If museums did not hold natural history collections, many of which were collected in the 18th and 19th centuries and are rarely seen due to their fragility, the information associated with these species would disappear with them.

In association with our celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin throughout 2009, Behennah’s installation draws attention to this often untapped resource and its continuing importance today.

LUNCHTIME TALKS

Summer 2009

Unless stated, all talks begin at 1.10pm, last for up to 45 minutes and there is no need to book. Please note, we are trialling a ticket system on our local history and space-related talks over the next few months. Please bear with us! Speak to a member of staff on our Welcome Desk or call us on 01752 304774 to put your name down and we will post your ticket(s) to you. Unreserved tickets will be available on the day although we cannot guarantee that any will remain! For all talks please turn up in plenty time if you wish to get a particular seat. For the enjoyment of all attendees we will not admit latecomers if the gallery is busy or full.

Tuesday 2 June

Hornblower and the Wreck of the Dutton

Listen as local maritime archaeologist, Martin Read, unravels the dramatic events that took place in January 1796, on the rocky foreshore beneath the Royal Citadel, and highlights the current research into this famous shipwreck.

Tuesday 9 June *TICKETED* (1 hour)

Space Age Series (1): Pale Blue Dot

Take a voyage of discovery of the third planet from the Sun - a pale blue dot known as Earth. Glide over mountains, deserts, oceans, forests, cities and ice fields in this beautiful presentation by Andrew Lound (the BBC's Urban Spaceman), as he visits our planet as if for the first time.

Tuesday 16 June

The St Ives Artists: A Biography of Place and Time

Join author Michael Bird as he explores how a small seaside town in the far west of Cornwall found itself at the centre of progressive British art from the late 1930s to mid 1960s.

Summer 2009 (continued)

Tuesday 23 June *TICKETED* (1hour)

Space Age Series (2): Comets - Signposts in History

Explore the story of our relationship with comets with Andrew Lound. Forewarnings of disaster or occasions of wonder? In a presentation illustrated with images and haunting music, you'll never look at ice the same way again.

Tuesday 30 June *TICKETED* (1hour)

Space Age Series (3): The War of the Worlds

Prepare yourself for an entertaining invasion! Andrew Lound tells the history of H.G. Wells' famous book, which became a watershed in literature and laid down the blue print for a century of alien invasion stories.

Tuesday 7 July

Significant Silver

Discover more about the Museum's interesting silver collections with our Assistant Keeper of Art.

Tuesday 14 July

Turner and the Sea

Examine J.M.W Turner's depiction of naval and merchant ships from the 1800s to the 1840s with Professor Sam Smiles from the University of Plymouth.

LUNCHTIME TALKS

Autumn 2009

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Tuesday 15 September *TICKETED*

Plymouth's Bridges

Discover more about the road and rail crossings of the Plym and Tamar with Maritime Heritage Officer, Nigel Overton. From fords and 'flying bridges' to train and toll bridges - Nigel will summarise a variety of solutions and structures in connection with our 'Super Structures' exhibition.

Tuesday 22 September *TICKETED*

Super Structures

As part of the related event programme for our 'Super Structures' exhibition (pg 15), be dazzled by details of more civil engineering achievements.

Tuesday 29 September

The St Ives School of Artists

Unearth some further fascinating insights about this group of avant garde artists whose work is currently featured in our 'Artists of St Ives and the South West' exhibition.

Autumn 2009 (continued)

Tuesday 6 October

The Martin Brothers: Abstracted from Nature

Focus on the work of the four Martin Brothers - Walter, Wallace, Charles and Edwin - who were active in London from 1873-1923 and whose work is displayed in our Atrium Gallery. Illustrated with examples of their distinctive stoneware from our decorative art collections, including the famous 'Wally Birds', Assistant Keeper of Art, Alison Cooper, will examine their work and how they were influenced by nature and natural forms.

Tuesday 13 October *TICKETED*

Smeaton's Narrative

Join Maritime Heritage Officer, Nigel Overton, for the first of two talks held to mark 250 years since the completion of John Smeaton's lighthouse (16 October 1859). In this presentation, Nigel will dip into 'Smeaton's Narrative'. Published by John Smeaton in the 1790s, this book contains descriptions of all the processes involved in evaluating, planning and building his pioneering lighthouse on the Eddystone.

Tuesday 20 October *TICKETED*

Landmark Lighthouses

Find out more about these fascinating buildings with our representative from the Association of Lighthouse Keepers in this second of two talks to mark the 250th anniversary of Smeaton's Tower.

Please note there will be no talk on 27 October due to our half term activities. Further Autumn/Winter talks will take place on 3, 10, 17 and 24 November and 1 and 8 December. Full details for these will be published in our next brochure and are also available from www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumlectures

17TH INTERNATIONAL CONCERT SERIES

Autumn 2009

All concerts start at 1pm. Tickets can be purchased in person from the Museum shop or by post by sending in an SAE and a cheque made payable to 'Plymouth City Council'. There is a 50p concession for members of the Friends of Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery. Ticket price includes a programme. Unsold tickets will be available on the door. Non-concessionary tickets can also be purchased from *www.WeGotTickets.com*. There is a 50p booking charge for online transactions.

Thursday 24 September

Tickets: £7.50

The Galeazzi Ensemble

Lesley Holliday: flute

Richard Wade: violin

Virginie Guiffray: viola

Gareth Deats: cello

Enjoy the wonderfully intimate, dusky sound of the Galeazzi Ensemble, who perform on period instruments. Playing with a directness that is refreshing and elegant their composers will include Mozart, Haydn, Reiss and Hyacinthe Jadin.

Thursday 15 October

Tickets: £7.50

Mark Bebbington: piano

Listen to a programme that mixes the warmth and humour of one of Britain's greatest composers (Ireland) with one of Chopin's most enduring Romantic masterpieces, plus some contemporary music (Jenkins) at its most entertaining and accessible.

Further concerts will take place in November and December 2009 and January, February, March and April 2010. Full details for these will be published in our next brochure and are also available from *www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumconcerts*

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Spaced Out!

Saturday 23 May - Guide to the Galaxy

AM: Countdown begins at 11am. Lift off is at 11.30am!

PM: Countdown begins at 2pm. Lift off is at 2.30pm!

Take 'one giant leap' and join our spaceman for a 'Grand Tour of the Solar System'. Travel from the sun to the far reaches of the planets visiting moons, asteroids and comets along the way. Illustrated with images and supplemented with music this is an ideal hour-long presentation for all the family! Why not come in fancy dress as your favourite character from space?

Admission is free but tickets must be booked in advance on 01752 304774. Unreserved tickets will be available on the day although we cannot guarantee that any will remain! We regret that we will not be able to admit latecomers or anyone who does not have a ticket.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Free Film Screenings

Saturday 6 June

Close Encounters of the Third Kind *PG*

Saturday 13 June

WALL•E *U*

Saturday 20 June

Apollo 13 *PG*

Saturday 27 June

E.T. The Extra Terrestrial *PG*

Enjoy one or more of our free, space-themed film screenings.

All at 1pm

Admission is free but tickets must be booked in advance on 01752 304774. Unreserved tickets will be available on the day although we cannot guarantee that any will remain! We regret that we will not be able to admit latecomers or anyone who does not have a ticket.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Special Events

Unless stated, all events are at the Museum, Drake Circus

Wednesday 29 July -

Festival of British Archaeology: Archaeology Uncovered

10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm

Come to Plymouth Guildhall, Armada Way for a day of archaeology-inspired fun including craft activities, quizzes, mystery objects and replica weapons and armour. Further activities to mark this national festival are being planned so keep your eyes on the Events page on our website!

Saturday 12 September - Heritage Open Days:

Super Structures Storytelling

2pm

Join our professional storyteller for tales of towers, bridges and castles in connection with our 'Super Structures' exhibition (pg 15). Admission free. No need to book. The session will last for approximately 1 hour.

Saturday 31 October - The Big Draw: Insect Art

10.30am to 12 noon and 1.30pm to 3pm

Work with insect artist Annabel Harris and 'Wild About Plymouth', drawing objects from the natural world based on your own imagination and specimens from our natural history collections. Admission free. No need to book.

Stay up to date with our event programme by visiting
www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Early Years: 'The Imaginators'

Create, enjoy, explore - fun, free sessions for pre-school children

Journey around our galleries, objects and paintings and try your hand at activities such as painting, singing and making - all the time using your developing skills - and your imaginations! 'The Imaginators' are a group of pre-school children aged from around 18 months old and upwards, parents, grandparents and carers who meet up on selected Wednesdays throughout the year to explore the Museum - and have fun! With a focus on play, exploration and learning, every week is different. Younger siblings/older babies are also welcome.

Sessions run from 10.30am to 11.30am (with a prompt start!) and are led by one of our Arts Education Officers. Sessions are free but advance booking is essential.

Please call us on 01752 304665 to reserve your place(s).

Summer 2009

May 20

June 3, 10, 17 and 24

July 1

Autumn/Winter 2009

September 16, 23 and 30

October 7, 14 and 21

November 4, 11, 18 and 25

December 2 and 9

Book for an individual session or for an entire term!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Half Term Workshops

Our **May Half Term Workshops** are free and run from 10.30am to 12 noon and 1.30pm to 3pm. There is no need to book in advance. Drop in for as little or as long as you like - but please be prepared to wait a short while if sessions are busy!

Wednesday 27 May - Planet Mobiles

Take inspiration from our 'Space Age: Exploration, Design and Popular Culture' exhibition and make a mobile featuring a universe or solar system of your own design from a range of art and craft materials.

Thursday 28 May - Lovely Labels

Create your own version of a label based on one of our artefacts, paintings or 'Labelled' by Dail Behennah. Stick, cut, colour, draw or write - it's your interpretation that counts. Lovely!

Our **October Half Term Workshops** are free and run from 10.30am to 12 noon and 1.30pm to 3pm. Due to a major exhibition changeover in the Museum at this time advance booking is essential. **Please call us on 01752 304774 to reserve your place(s).**

Wednesday 28 October - Love Your Lighthouse

Design and create your own lighthouse as part of our celebrations for the 250th anniversary of Smeaton's Tower!

Thursday 29 October - Heavenly Headdresses

Feathers, beads and all the colours of the rainbow! Design an amazing headdress inspired by images and prints in our Cottonian Collection.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Summer 2009: Wednesday Workshops

Our Summer **Wednesday Workshops** are free and run from 10.30am to 12 noon and 1.30pm to 3pm. There is no need to book in advance. Drop in for as little or as long as you like - but please be prepared to wait a short while if sessions are busy!

Wednesday 5 August - Ocean Origami

Make lots of fishy friends out of paper using the ancient art of origami.

Wednesday 12 August - Make a Mancala

Learn how to play and design your own Mancala - a game which is enjoyed by millions of people around the world.

Wednesday 19 August - Egyptian Masks

Nefertiti or Tutankhamun? Disguise yourself as an ancient Egyptian by creating your very own mask.

Wednesday 26 August - Beside the Seaside

Design a scrumptious seaside collage or picture based on our 'Artists of St Ives and the South West' exhibition.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Summer 2009: Thursday Journeys

All aboard! Our Summer **Thursday Journeys** are free, self directed activities that run from 10.30am to 12 noon and 1.30pm to 3pm. There is no need to book in advance. Just come to our 'Check-In Desk', collect your boarding pass and interactive pack full of things to see, find and make - and the Museum is your oyster!

Thursday 6 August - In Gertrude's Footsteps

Follow in the footsteps of intrepid explorer, Gertrude Benham, and find out more about the fascinating items she donated to the Museum.

Thursday 13 August - Nature Detective

All creatures great and small! Become a nature detective and take a journey of discovery through our natural history collections.

Thursday 20 August - Everything on a Plate

Use our interactive pack to take a trip through our extensive ceramic collections.

Thursday 27 August - Ahoy There!

Ahoy there shipmates! Navigate your way around the many models and paintings of ships and boats that can be found around the Museum.

Look out for our family and young people trails based on our 'Comedians' exhibition throughout the summer holidays too! We'll also be offering handling sessions with items from our collections during August. Check our website for details nearer the time!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Adult Art Activities

The details

Experience one or more of these exciting artist-led workshops for adults (16+), which will draw inspiration from our collections and give you the chance to develop your creative skills. Sessions are suitable for all abilities and will run from 10.30am to 3.30pm. All materials will be supplied, but please bring your own lunch and an apron if you have one.

Booking and payment in advance (£25 per person per workshop) is essential. You can book by calling 01752 304774 and make a credit or debit card payment over the phone or by coming in to the Museum and paying with cash, card or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Plymouth City Council'. Find out more about our artists, Jill Holland and Helen Round, online at www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumartactivities

The workshops

Saturday 6 June - Introduction to Print Making Part 1

Booking deadline: 22 May

Experiment with monoprinting to create exciting images and use an etching press to make high quality prints.

Saturday 13 June - Introduction to Print Making Part II

Booking deadline: 29 May

Create textured collagraph plates and use the etching press to make your own individual prints.

Saturday 20 June - Introduction to Print Making Part III

Booking deadline: 5 June

Combine the techniques of monoprinting and collagraph to create stunning prints.

Saturday 4 July - Beautiful Beads

Booking deadline: 19 June

Use recycled papers and air dry clay to make beautiful and unique beads for your jewellery collection.

Saturday 12 September - Textile Printing

Booking deadline: 28 August

Use simple textile printing techniques to create your own individual piece of fabric for embellishing and customising.

Saturday 26 September - Book Making

Booking deadline: 11 September

Make a book the old fashioned way and finish it with your very own printed cover.

Saturday 10 October - Paper Making

Booking deadline: 25 September

Use a variety of natural and recycled materials to make paper pulp and create sheets of paper for further use in your own artistic projects.

Saturday 24 October - Rag Rugging

Booking deadline: 9 October

Learn the age-old cottage craft of rag rugging using the hook method. Create a small piece to take home and start you on your ragging journey!

VISITOR INFORMATION

Access and Facilities

Level access to our ground floor is available for wheelchair users from the rear of our main building on Tavistock Place. Ring the bell and a member of staff will come to assist you.

Lift access to our upper floor galleries is available. Please let a member of staff on our Welcome Desk know if you need to use the lift.

A wheelchair is available on request.

A fixed audio loop is available at our Welcome Desk and portable loops are available for our shop and café.

Ladies, men's and accessible toilets are situated on our ground floor.

Baby changing facilities are situated in each of our toilets. A changing mat and emergency supplies such as nappies and wet wipes are available on request from our Welcome Desk.

Buggy parking is available behind our Welcome Desk.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Shop and Cafe

Our refurbished shop and new café are now open!

Our new café menu features a range of teas and coffees, hot chocolate, bottled orange juice and water, muffins, snack bars, crisps and yoghurts. With family-friendly seating and a relaxed atmosphere it's an ideal place for you to enjoy a drink and a snack before, during or after a visit to the Museum. It's also a good place to meet friends.

Our refurbished shop has been given a facelift and now sells postcards, gift cards, toys, t-shirts, jewellery, craft items and more. Come along and browse through what's on offer and purchase a memento from the Museum or a present for a friend, loved one or yourself!

Opening hours are 10.30am to 4pm Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays. Enjoy!

VISITOR INFORMATION

Support and Learn

Support Us

Your support can help us in a number of ways. You can:

- Make a donation using the donations box in our foyer.
- Join our Friends Association and help raise funds to support new acquisitions and activities.
- Sponsor an exhibition, concert, project or acquisition. Please contact Marketing and Audience Development on **01752 304774** to discuss this further.

Learn with Us

Our Learning Team provides an excellent range of free services. These include:

- Tailored sessions in our galleries and exhibitions for schools
- A Museum in Transit service bringing artefacts to schools
- A host of workshops and activities for community groups

To book a session in the Museum email sitevisits@plymouth.gov.uk.

To book our Museum in Transit Service email mit@plymouth.gov.uk.

Alternatively, please call us on **01752 304774**.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Travel and Parking

Train

There is a regular train service to Plymouth from around the region and beyond. The station is just a 10-15 minute walk or a 5-10 minute taxi ride from our main building.

National Rail Enquiries: **08456 484950**

www.thetrainline.com

Bus

Bus services to stops near the Museum are frequent and include Plymouth City Bus no's 8, 9, 16, 19, 20, 22, 28, 29, 35 and 42.

Park and Ride services to the city centre are available from Milehouse, Coypool and Roborough.

Plymouth City Bus: **01752 662271**

First Devon and Cornwall: **0845 600 1420**

www.plymouth.gov.uk/publictransport

Car

There are a number of different ways to get to the Museum as we are right on the edge of the city centre. From the East of the city, take the A374 and follow the signs for the city centre. From the North take the A386, then the A38 to Marsh Mills and follow the signs for the city centre. From the West, via the Saltash Bridge, take the A38 to Marsh Mills, as above. From the West, via the Torpoint Ferry, go to the top of Ferry Road, turn left, turn right, go left at the mini roundabout at the top of this hill, then stay on this road and follow the signs for the city centre. For full directions visit *www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumdirections* or give us a call!

VISITOR INFORMATION

Travel and Parking (continued)

Parking

Short-term street parking is available behind our main building on Tavistock Place and Regent Street. Long-stay car parks can be found on Regent Street and in the Drake Circus shopping centre. Other public car parks on North Hill and Mayflower Street are a short walk away.

www.plymouth.gov.uk/parking

www.drakecircus.com/centre

LOOKING AHEAD

Major Forthcoming Exhibition

SIR JOSHUA REYNOLDS

The Acquisition of Genius

21 November 2009 to 20 February 2010

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Tuesday to Friday

10am to 5.30pm (last entries at 5pm)

Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays

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