



# wild about plymouth

Family-friendly science  
and natural history events  
September 2011 to August 2012



## Seashore Safari Special

*Saturday 24 September 2011, 9am to 2pm*

*Devil's Point, Admiralty Road, Stonehouse, Plymouth PL1*

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**Admission to the main event is free.**

**The charge for the snorkelling is £4 per adult and £3 per child (over 8's only)**

**No need to book in advance for the main event.**

**Advance booking is essential if you wish to take part in the snorkelling session. Please complete and return the booking form contained in this leaflet**

**Parking: There is a small, free car park at Devil's Point**

**Meet us at the tidal swimming pool at Devil's Point**

Explore the local coastline for marine creatures with us and the Blue Sound Project. For those who want to, there's also an opportunity to get a rare glimpse beneath the waves with a snorkel session led by trained professionals (booking and payment essential). Please bring a swimming suit, towel and warm clothes with you if you are snorkelling!

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## **Feathered Friends**

*Saturday 22 October 2011, 1pm to 3pm  
New Pavilion, Devonport Park, Plymouth PL1 4BU*

**£2 per adult / £1 per child / Under 5's go free**

**Please complete and return the booking form contained  
in this leaflet by 14 October 2011**

**Parking is available around the park on Fore Street,  
Exmouth Road and Raglan Road**

**Meet us outside the New Pavilion in Devonport park**

Come along and have a close look at some of the birds you can find in your local park, with real specimens from the museums collections. Includes free goodie bag of fun activities for all the family!

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# **Terrible Taxonomy**

*Saturday 12 November 2011, 11am to 1pm  
Davy Building, University of Plymouth, Drake Circus,  
Plymouth PL4 8AA*

**Admission free**

**Limited spaces – booking essential on 01752 304774**

**Parking: On-street parking on Tavistock Place and Regent Street to the rear of the Museum. Public car parks on Regent Street and in the Drake Circus**

**Shopping Mall**

**Meet us at the front doors of the Davy Building (the orange doors on the building directly across the road from the Museum)**

How do we tell one bug from another? Come along and be a bug taxonomist for the morning and we'll show you how! Build a bug, give it a name and work out how to tell yours apart from everyone else's!

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## **Aqua Lab**

*Sunday 11 December 2011, 11am to 1pm  
National Marine Aquarium, Rope Walk, Coxside, Plymouth  
PL4 0LF*

**£3.50 per adult / £2 per child / Under 5s go free**

**Please complete and return the booking form contained  
in this leaflet by 2 December**

**Parking: There are public car parks and on-street  
parking around Lockyers Quay and The Barbican  
Meet us in front of the National Marine Aquarium**

Join us at the National Marine Aquarium's new education centre, Just Add H2O, for a pre-Christmas show for all the family to take part in. Watch their mad cap scientists conduct all manner of exciting whiz-bang-crash experiments! You'll get the chance to mix up potions and see marine specimens up close on their giant screens and interact in their game shows.

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## **Great Scott!** **(part of Antarctic 100)**

*Saturday 14 January 2012, 12pm to 4pm  
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus,  
Plymouth PL4 8AJ*

**Admission free**

**No need to book in advance**

**Parking: On-street parking on Tavistock Place and Regent Street to the rear of the Museum. Public car parks on Regent Street and in the Drake Circus**

**Shopping Mall**

**Come straight in to the Museum when you arrive and a member of staff on our Welcome Desk will point you in the right direction!**

Help us mark the opening of the Museum's new exhibition, 'From Plymouth to Pole' (14 January to 14 April 2012), which commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scott of the Antarctic reaching the South Pole. Enjoy a range of fun activities and meet our friends from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds who will also be on hand with some penguin-themed fun.

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## **Fishy Goings On**

*Wednesday 15 February 2012, 6.30am to 8.30am  
Barbican Fish Market, Coxside, Plymouth PL4 0LH*

**£3 per adult / £2 per child / Under 5s go free**

**Complete and return the booking form contained in this leaflet by 3 February**

**Parking: There are public car parks and on-street parking around Lockyers Quay and The Barbican  
Meet us in front of the National Marine Aquarium**

Get a glimpse into the life and smells of the Barbican fish market before the sun has risen. Watch the auction, come face to face with fish of all sizes, then relax and enjoy a free breakfast in a local café.

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# Life's Diversity

(part of National Science and Engineering Week 2012)

*Saturday 17 March 2012, 11am to 4pm*

*Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus,  
Plymouth PL4 8AJ*

**Admission free**

**No need to book in advance**

**Parking: On-street parking on Tavistock Place and Regent Street to the rear of the Museum. Public car parks on Regent Street and in the Drake Circus**

**Shopping Mall**

**Come straight in to the Museum when you arrive and a member of staff on our Welcome Desk will point you in the right direction!**

Come along and discover more about the diversity of life on Earth through a series of interactive activities. What does it take for an animal to live at freezing temperatures? Why are some plants only found in some environments and how do we know what creatures lived in the past?

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# The Bottom of the Food Chain

*Friday 13 April 2012, 11am to 1pm*

*Sir Alistair Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science, Citadel Hill, The Hoe, Plymouth PL1 2PB*

**Admission free**

**Please complete and return the booking form contained in this leaflet by 6 April 2012**

**There is street parking all around the Hoe and the Barbican. The nearest car parks are behind the Theatre Royal on Princess Street and on Lambhay Hill both of which are approximately a 10 minute walk away  
Meet us at the entrance to the Marine Biological Association on Citadel Hill**

A spoon full of sea water can hold up to 1 million tiny organisms! Enjoy a visit behind the scenes at the Sir Alistair Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science and discover why these miniscule life forms are so important to the food chain, the oceans and the planet as a whole!

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# Nocturnal Creatures

## (part of Museums at Night 2012)

*Friday 11 May 2012, 6pm to 9pm  
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus,  
Plymouth PL4 8AJ*

**Admission free**

**No need to book in advance**

**Parking: On-street parking on Tavistock Place and Regent Street to the rear of the Museum. Public car parks on Regent Street and in the Drake Circus**

**Shopping Mall**

**Come straight in to the Museum when you arrive and a member of staff on our Welcome Desk will point you in the right direction!**

Celebrate 'Museums at Night' with us and discover more about all things nocturnal! Find out more about night-loving animals such as badgers, foxes and hedgehogs, see specimens from the Museum's natural history collections and enjoy a range of other fun, free activities including owl mask making with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

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# **River Bugs**

**(part of National Insect Week 2012)**

*Saturday 23 June 2012, 11am to 3pm*  
*Cadover Bridge, Dartmoor (Grid reference SX 555 648)*

**Admission free**

**No need to book in advance**

**Parking: you can park in the car park just to the north of the bridge (there may be a small charge)**

**Meet us in this car park – we will be there from 10.45am**

Explore the wet world of river bugs with help from the Dartmoor National Park team and the National Trust. Discover what lurks beneath the rocks in the river bed and find out how insects survive in fast flowing streams. Make sure you bring a packed lunch.

**WARNING: you might get wet!**

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# City Spiders

*Saturday 21 July 2012, 11am to 1pm*

*New Pavilion, Devonport Park, Plymouth PL1 3BU*

**Admission free**

**No need to book in advance**

**Parking is available around the park on Fore Street,  
Exmouth Road and Ragland Road**

**Meet us at the New Pavilion in Devonport Park**

Join us to discover more about the spiders we can find around the City. We'll be looking in walls, trees, bushes and under stones. Come along for a morning of many legs, eyes and surprises!

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# Surf's Up

Sunday 5 August 2012, 11am to 2pm  
*Bigbury-on-Sea, Devon TQ7 4AZ*

**Admission is free for the main event. The price for the surf lesson is the discounted rate of £24 for a 2 hour lesson. Children must be aged 6+ and able to swim 50m. Board and wetsuit are provided.**

**Advance booking and payment is essential if you wish to take part in the surf lesson. Please complete and return the booking form contained in this leaflet. No need to book in advance for the main event.**

**Parking: You can park in the Lower Car Park on Warren Road**

**Meet us in this car park – by the Discovery Surf School and Venus Cafe**

Take a look at the natural history of the Bigbury and River Avon area with us and, if you're adventurous enough, combine it with a 2-hour surf lesson! Families can come and join in with our natural history activities free of charge and then cheer on our budding surf dudes.

Many thanks to the Discovery Surf School:  
07813 639622 / [www.discoverysurf.com](http://www.discoverysurf.com)

## **Family-Friendly Activities**

*All year round*

We offer a range of family-friendly activities throughout the year including holiday workshops and seasonal creative events on selected Saturdays. Visit the events section of [www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk](http://www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk) for more details!

## **Forms Most Beautiful**

*21 January to 21 April 2012*

See large-scale images of microscopic marine life as well as specimens from our natural history collections, in this new exhibition developed by the Collections Team at Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery in partnership with Plymouth University and many of the City's marine science organisations.

Plymouth's coastline is full of amazing creatures - many of which are smaller than a pinhead and almost invisible to the eye. This exhibition will help you discover them in all their beauty and find out more about the people who have studied and collected them since the 1800s.

Open 10am to 5.30pm Tuesday to Friday and 10am to 5pm Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Admission free.

## Travel Arrangements

If you need advice or information to help plan your travel arrangements to and from our events, we hope the following website links and telephone numbers will be of use to you!

Plymouth City Bus: **01752 662271**  
First Devon and Cornwall: **0845 600 1420**  
*[www.plymouth.gov.uk/publictransport](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/publictransport)*

National Rail Enquiries: **0845 648 4950**  
*[www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)*

Cremyll Ferry: **01752 822105**  
*[www.plymouth.gov.uk/cremyllferry](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/cremyllferry)*  
*[www.tamarcruising.com/ferrytt.htm](http://www.tamarcruising.com/ferrytt.htm)*

Torpoint Ferry: **01752 812233**  
*[www.plymouth.gov.uk/torpointferry](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/torpointferry)*  
*[www.tamarcrossings.org.uk](http://www.tamarcrossings.org.uk)*

## **Groups and Children**

If you are intending to bring a large group to one of our events please telephone us in advance to let us know on **01752 304774**. All children under 16 must be accompanied to our events by a responsible adult.

## **Dress to Impress**

We try to organise our winter events indoors to prevent us having to cancel things at the last minute but please remember to dress appropriately for the weather when we are out and about! Bring your waterproofs, layers and wellies for outdoor events where it's likely to be damp or cold – and please remember sun screen if it's hot!

# Booking Form

## Seashore Safari Special Snorkelling Session

**24 September 2011**

..... adults

..... children over 8 years

## Feathered Friends

**22 October 2011**

..... adults

..... children over 5 years

..... children under 5 years

## Aqua Lab

**11 December 2011**

..... adults

..... children over 5 years

..... children under 5 years

## Fishy Goings On

**15 February 2012**

..... adults

..... children over 5 years

..... children under 5 years

## Surf's Up Surf Lesson

**5 August 2012**

..... adults

..... children over 6 years

Please make sure you complete the details on the reverse of this slip. Thank you.

## Payment Details

I enclose a cheque made payable to Plymouth City Council for £ \_\_\_\_\_ .

To return this booking form and your cheque by post please use the contact details provided on the back of this leaflet.

To return your form and payment in person please come to the Welcome Desk in the foyer of Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery.

Opening hours are 10am to 5.30pm Tuesday to Friday and 10am to 5pm on Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

## Contact Details

Please complete the details below if you are booking an event or if you'd like to be added to our mailing lists. Any information supplied will not be provided to third parties.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you**

## Wild About Plymouth

Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery

Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AJ

Tel: 01752 304774

Email: [wildabout@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:wildabout@plymouth.gov.uk)

**Website:** [www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk](http://www.plymouthmuseum.gov.uk)

and select 'Events and activities'

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/WildAboutPlym](http://www.facebook.com/WildAboutPlym)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/WildAboutPlym](http://www.twitter.com/WildAboutPlym)

## Event Partners

Wild About Plymouth is a partnership. We are very grateful for the assistance of the following organisations, individuals and funding bodies that help us deliver our events:

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Plymouth University

Dartmoor National Park Authority

Blue Sound Project

Stepping Stones to Nature

National Marine Aquarium

Barbican Fish Market

Marine Biological Association

Duchy Forestry School

National Trust

Friends of Devonport Park

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

The Royal Society for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)

Plymouth Marine Laboratories

Sir Alistair Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science

Discovery Surf School, Bigbury-on-Sea