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Fossil Festival

Lyme Regis **2024**

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Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th June

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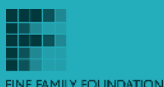
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Welcome to the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival 2024

I am delighted to introduce this year's exciting programme of events, exhibits, talks, activities, film screenings and trade stands.

The Festival is a wonderful event that brings together experts, specialists, and enthusiasts, with over 35 organisations and many individuals coming together to make the Festival happen. We are pleased to welcome back old friends, as well as introduce new partners, activities and performances.

This year we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mary Anning's discovery of the first complete Plesiosaur skeleton, with a new display at Lyme Regis Museum and a series of expert talks.

The Festival is taking place at venues throughout the town, from The Hub, the Marine Theatre and Lyme Regis Museum, to the Marquees in Lister Gardens, the Jubilee Pavilion and the Marine Parade along the town's seafront. Everyone is welcome on the Fossil Festival site – it is free to enter. Along with shopping opportunities and festival food, there are exciting science and theatre performances, family craft and palaeoart activities, expert talks, film screenings, fossil walks and boat trips. Entry to Lyme Regis Museum will also be free for the entirety of the event. Something for everyone! Use our handy festival map and event timetable in the pages following to find out what's happening where and to plan



your days to get the most out of what's on offer over the weekend! This year we have a number of events which are ticketed and will require booking, you can do so online at www.fossilfestival.com.

Many thanks to all the people that have made the Fossil Festival possible and in particular to our main funders and supporters; **Lyme Regis Town Council, Dorset Council, The Palaeontological Association, The Curry Fund and The Etches Collection**. Thanks also go to our sponsors for their generous contributions to this year's event.

I do hope you enjoy exploring the site and all its activities!



Bridget Houseago

Director
Lyme Regis Museum
(organisers of the Lyme Regis
Fossil Festival)

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Lyme Regis Museum

- FREE entry
- Author Talks/Book Signings
- Plesiosaurus 200 Exhibition
 - Fossil Walks
- A Day in the Life of Mary Anning
- Plesiosaurus Craft Workshop



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Fossil Festival

Lyme Regis **2024**

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Saturday 8th June

Expert Talks The Hub

Expert Talks at The Hub, Church Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3BS (capacity 100 people).

No need to book, drop-in events.



Talk

10.00-10.45

The Fossils and Palaeontology of the Jurassic Coast



Kieran Satchell

Learning and Engagement Officer at Lyme Regis Museum

A family friendly talk aimed to introduce those who are unfamiliar with the Jurassic Coast to the incredible fossils that have been discovered here. Kieran will also touch upon the various points which make the Jurassic Coast so special, which ultimately resulted in its world heritage status.

Talk

10.45-11.45

Where did dinosaurs come from? Mysteries of the earliest dinosaurs



James Lovegrove

PHD Student (based at the Natural History Museum)

Where do dinosaurs sit on the tree of life? Learn more about their closest relatives and gain an insight into the current debate over the relationships between the main groups of dinosaurs and what might be causing this uncertainty.

Talk & Book Signing 11.45-13.00

A Tour Through Time



Kallie Moore

Collections Manager of the palaeontology collection at the University of Montana and Co-host and Content

Consultant on the YouTube channel PBS Eons (followed by 'Tales of the Prehistoric World' book signing)

A quick history of the evolution of life on earth. Starting with the first evidence of life around 4 billion years ago through to the most recent ice age that ended about 12,000 years ago.



Talk 13.00-14.00

Sea floor life in Antarctica



Dr Rowan Whittle & Dr Huw Griffiths
British Antarctic Survey

The seafloor around Antarctica is home to a diverse and unique community of animals and plants that are mostly found nowhere else on Earth. Sea life in the region has evolved over millions of years, from when the continent was much warmer and covered in forests, and there were ammonites, mosasaurs and plesiosaurs in the ocean, to when it became separated from other continents and ice started forming, around 34 million years ago. The British Antarctic Survey are currently investigating how these past changes in climate caused shifts in the sea floor ecosystems. Gain insight into their in-depth studies in this fascinating Talk.

Talk 14.00-15.00

From lust to dust: safeguarding your pyrite fossils!



Kate Acheson-Dumbrava
ZOIC PalaeoTech

Dive into the World of Pyrite Preservation with Kate from ZOIC PalaeoTech! Join us for a discussion on the complexities of keeping Pyrite fossils: Why do some crumble to dust? Discover the science behind treatment and conservation methods to safeguard your home collection. Uncover the secrets to preserving these unique treasures!

Talk 15.00-16.00

Hippos in Britain?! Clues to our warmer past



Dr Neil Adams
Curator of Fossil Mammals at the Natural History Museum

In this talk Dr Adams will explore times in the past when Britain was home to hippos! From Trafalgar Square in London to Stockton-on-Tees near Durham, and even Honiton in Devon (just 20 mins up the road from Lyme Regis), fossils show that hippos were running amok across the country 120,000 years ago. We'll also delve back further in time to over half a million years ago when a gigantic extinct species of hippo once roamed our shores. Exciting discoveries during new excavations at Westbury Cave in Somerset have recently revealed the oldest known hippo fossil in the UK, which we think is over one million years old! What do these fantastic finds tell us about past climates and why are they relevant to us today?

Sunday 9th June

Expert Talks at The Hub

Talk & Book Signing
10.00-11.00

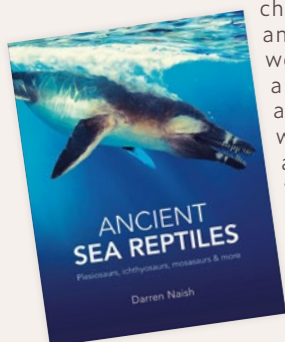
The News on Ancient Sea Reptiles



Dr Darren Naish

Author and Palaeozoologist
(followed by 'Ancient Sea Reptiles' book signing)

We're in the middle of a revolution in our understanding of the sea reptiles that lived across the planet during the so-called Age of Dinosaurs, properly the Mesozoic. These include the shark-shaped, the famously long-necked plesiosaurs and those great swimming lizards the mosasaurs. New species are being discovered at a rapid rate, and new finds on their evolution, biology, behaviour and environment challenge old assumptions. The UK – the Dorset coast in particular – remains globally important in our understanding of these animals. In this talk, we look at how our ideas on ancient sea reptiles have changed, on what ancient sea reptiles were like as living animals, and on what ancient sea reptiles were like as living animals, and on what we still hope to discover. There is still so much to learn.



Talk
11.00-12.00

Recreating the real Loch Ness monster



Dr Luke Muscutt

Imperial College, London

Journey through 200 years of prehistoric sea monsters in art and science, and learn how new imaging technology, 3D printing, and robots are re-imagining these ancient marine reptiles. In this session, biomechanics expert and plesiosaur robot builder Dr Luke Muscutt will look at these interpretations and artistic depictions over the last 200 years – and how scientific discoveries and technological developments in areas as diverse as geology, biology and robotics have contributed to our view of these amazing sea creatures.



Talk & Book Signing 12.20-13.20

Fake or Fortune? Mary Anning's Plesiosaurus

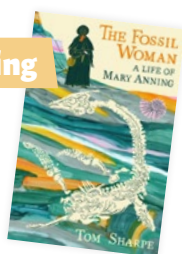


Dr Tom Sharpe

Historian of Geology and Geologist (followed by 'The Fossil Woman: A Life of Mary Anning' book signing)

On Wednesday 10 December 1823, Mary Anning discovered the first near-complete example of Plesiosaurus on the beach below Black Ven. Recognising its significance as 'the first and only one discovered in Europe' she sent news and drawings to potential purchasers. Its discovery was greeted by much excitement. But with its remarkably long neck and tiny head, Plesiosaurus was an unexpectedly strange and unique beast.

It's often said that the geologists decried it as a fake. But did they really? What is the story behind Mary Anning's Plesiosaurus and its announcement to the scientific community?



Talk 13.20-14.20

Early Jurassic plesiosaur diversity: more than meets the eye



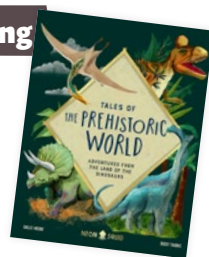
Dr Mark Evans

Geological Laboratories and Collections Manager at the British Antarctic Survey

In the two hundred years since Mary Anning discovered the first complete plesiosaur skeleton at Lyme Regis, our understanding of the diversity of these marine predators during the Early Jurassic has developed in the light of further discoveries. Even the first studies recognised that there was likely more than one species of plesiosaur present in those early collections. We now recognise that Early Jurassic plesiosaur diversity increased as they expanded into new niches following the end-Triassic extinction, but that diversity had been obscured by a lack of disparity; basically the plesiosaurs of the earliest Jurassic all looked very similar. This talk will explore these ideas and identify where further hidden diversity may be hiding.

Talk & Book Signing 14.20-15.30

Science Communication - Behind the scenes of PBS Eons

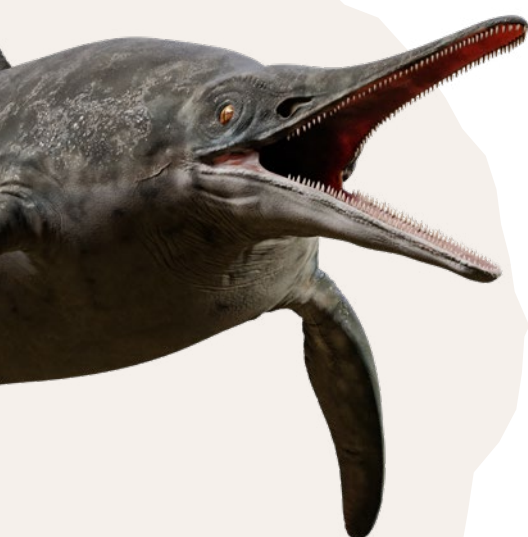


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Collections Manager of the palaeontology collection at the University of Montana and Co-host and Content

Consultant on the YouTube channel PBS Eons (followed by 'Tales of the Prehistoric World' book signing)

Science Communication is more important than ever. This presentation will cover what SciComm is, a personal SciComm journey, a behind the scenes look at the YouTube channel PBS Eons, tips for creating successful SciComm, and controversial topics (e.g. AI palaeoart).



Saturday 8th June

Author Talks/Book Signings

Lyme Regis Museum

Author Talks/Book Signings, Performance & Workshops at Lyme Regis Museum, Broad Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3QA

Author Talks & Book Signings – Learning Space (capacity 25–30 people).

No need to book, drop-in events.

Entry to Lyme Regis Museum will be **FREE** for the Fossil Festival weekend, kindly sponsored by the Friends of Lyme Regis Philpot Museum.

Book Signing
10.00–11.00

Welcome to the Jurassic

Eleanor Western & Wayne Munday

'Welcome to the Jurassic' is the latest book in the 3 part trilogy from Eleanor Western and Fossil Coast Books in collaboration with Jurassic Discovery. This new book in the series offers the young reader a combination of beautiful illustrations and a non-fiction storyline set when dinosaurs roamed the land and ferocious marine reptiles patrolled the seas.



Book Signing
11.00–12.00

What's Your Favourite Dinosaur?

Guy Naamati & Petra Korlević

Where do you live in the world? And what is the most special thing about that place? And what is your favourite dinosaur? There are many boys and girls all over the world, living in very different places, and each and every one of them has a favourite dinosaur.



Book Signing
12.00–13.00

Ichthyosaurs from the Lower Jurassic

Dr Graham Weedon & Dr Sandra Chapman

Ichthyosaurs are iconic, extinct, marine reptiles that date from the Mesozoic Era when dinosaurs dominated the land. They formed a key part of marine ecosystems as secondary consumers and in some cases apex predators. Occasionally the preservation of fully-articulated skeletons including exceptionally their soft-parts, allows the reconstruction of many details of ichthyosaur biology. The Early Jurassic of Britain provides arguably the best-known 30-million-year portion of their 156-million-year history.

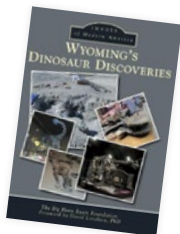


Book Signing
13.00-13.30

Wyoming's Dinosaur Discoveries

Jessica Lippincott

Jessica Lippincott has almost 30 years experience working in palaeontology and wrote 'Wyoming's Dinosaur Discoveries' in 2017. Wyoming is home to some of the world's most famous dinosaurs. As early as 1872, dinosaurs were excavated, placed on railcars, and shipped east. For the past 140 years, palaeontologists have scoured Wyoming to excavate tens of thousands of dinosaur bones, now displayed internationally. It was not until 1961 that a dinosaur from Wyoming was mounted and placed on display at the University of Wyoming's Geological Museum in Laramie. Jessica is currently a palaeontologist for the Wyoming Dinosaurium Project in Wyoming and is one of the Executive Producers of the film 'Why Dinosaurs?', screening at this year's Festival.



Talk & Book Signing
14.30-15.30

Impossible Monsters

Dr Michael Taylor

In 1811, a twelve-year-old girl uncovered some strange-looking bones in Britain's southern shoreline. They belonged to no known creature and were buried beneath a hundred feet of rock. Over the next two decades, as several more of these 'impossible monsters' emerged from the soil, the leading scientists of the day were forced to confront a profoundly disturbing possibility: the Bible, as a historical account of the Earth's origins, was wildly wrong. 'Impossible Monsters' is the riveting story of a group of people who not only thought impossible things but showed them to be true. In the process they overturned the literal reading of the Bible, liberated science from the authority of religion and ushered in the secular age.

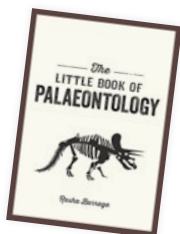


Book Signing
14.00-14.30

The Little Book of Palaeontology

Rasha Barrage

Rasha Barrage is a writer who loves exploring the fascinating history of our world. A former lawyer, she enjoys unravelling complex subjects and presenting them to new audiences through simple, clear language. Rasha is the author of seven pocket-sized books for Summersdale Publishers including 'The Little Book of Palaeontology' and 'The Stoic's Guide to Life'. She was born in Baghdad, raised in Merseyside and now lives in London.



Talk & Book Signing
15.30-16.30

The Bone Hunters

Joanne Burn

In 1824, Lyme Regis is as tumultuous as the sea that surrounds it. Wealthy holidaymakers dance in the Assembly Rooms whilst the poor riot over the price of bread, scientists do battle with theologians, and amidst it all, one woman is about to make an extraordinary discovery. Joanne Burn was born in Northampton in 1973, and now lives in the Peak District where she works as a writing coach. She is the author of three novels, 'Petals and Stones', 'The Hemlock Cure' and 'The Bone Hunters'.

This talk will include a Q&A session with Dr Natalia Jagielska (Engagement and Collections Curator at Lyme Regis Museum).



Sunday 9th June

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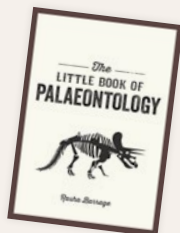
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Talk & Book Signing
10.30-11.30

Dr Dhrolin's Dictionary of Dinosaurs

Dr Nathan Barling

PalaeoGames are a team of research palaeontologists who create dinosaur-themed gaming content, bringing science education to the tabletop gaming sphere. Their first major project 'Dr Dhrolin's Dictionary of Dinosaurs' is a supplement book for Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition that introduces dynamic, interesting, and realistic dinosaurs into the fantasy world.

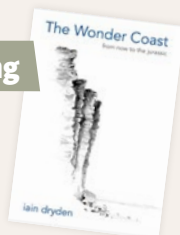


Talk & Book Signing
11.30-12.30

The Wonder Coast

Iain Dryden

Iain Dryden is a writer/artist who has written and illustrated several books in the past for education and the environment; he currently has titles concentrating on wellbeing and the environment which MIND has endorsed. His current work aims to inspire awe for the entirety of the Jurassic Coast, drawing together many aspects of this exciting, inspiring and stunning strip of sea kissed coast.



Book Signing 12.30-13.30

The Man in the Painting

Susan Griffin

A captivating dual timeline mystery romance, set in Lyme Regis. What dark secrets lie hidden amongst the rocks of the notorious Black Ven cliffs? A novel spanning two centuries, set against the historic backdrop of the Jurassic coast, about a painting that links one family, the quest to solve a mysterious death and, ultimately, the search for love. 'The windswept beaches of Lyme Regis conceal prehistoric jewels, awaiting discovery by those with 'the eye'.



Talk & Book Signing 14.30-15.30

Otherlands: A World in the Making

Dr Thomas Halliday

'Otherlands' takes the reader on an immersive journey to sixteen sites from the last half-billion years of life on our planet, exploring the ecological patterns that have persisted throughout the history of life. It was Foyle's Book of the Year in 2022, longlisted for the Baillie Gifford Prize and highly commended in the Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing. Thomas Halliday is a writer and palaeobiologist affiliated with the University of Birmingham. He was raised in Rannoch in the Scottish Highlands, and now lives in London with his family.



Book Signing 13.30-14.30

Excuse Me, Are you a T-Rex?

Clare Elsom

This little dinosaur is on a MISSION – a mission to find a T-Rex. All the other little dinosaurs are a little bit scared, but our little dinosaur sets out to meet one and on the way, asks everyone, Excuse me, are you a T-Rex? No one we're introduced to is a T-Rex, but we do get to meet a chindesaurus, a plateosaurus, a stegasaurus, a bracheosaurus, a diplodocus, a bactrosaurus, a hadrosaurus, a velociraptor (eek!), a triceratops, an argentinasaurs, an ankylosaurs and – eventually – a T-Rex!

This session will include a book reading.



Book Signing 15.30-16.30

What am I?

Dr Natalia Jagielska

Doctor Natalia Jagielska, an up-and-coming children's book illustrator, presents her children's book debut, 'What am I?'. Follow a Blue Magpie as she unravels her identity while travelling through the wilderness and prehistory of Hong Kong to find a way back home. Dinosaur cameos abound! A charmingly illustrated picture book, aimed at the youngest of audiences. Written by the Hong-Kong-based dinosaur researcher Doctor Michael Pittman and illustrated by pterosaur specialist and Engagement and Collections Curator at Lyme Regis Museum, Doctor Natalia Jagielska.



Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th June

Performance/Walk & Workshops

Lyme Regis Museum



No need to book, drop-in events.

Performance & Walk

10.00-10.45/13.00-13.45/16.00-16.45

Finding Fossils and Seaside Stories: A Day in the Life of Mary Anning

(with A Wonderful Adventure)

Please meet in front of the Museum.

Meet Mary Anning and her little dog Tray on the site where they once lived! In this session Mary will be delighted to welcome you to her home where she will tell you all about the amazing discoveries that she has made and how she is at the forefront of major breakthroughs in science! Meet some important friends of Mary and finish the session by walking with Mary to her statue on the seafront to hear more about her incredible life and legacy.

Craft Workshop

11.30-12.00/14.30-15.00

Plesiosaurus 200th Birthday Party: Crafting Creatures with Mary Anning

(with A Wonderful Adventure)

In the Marine Gallery.

Happy Birthday, Plesiosaurus! Join Mary as she celebrates the 200th anniversary of discovering her Plesiosaurus! Mary will help everyone make their very own Plesiosaurus desk buddies in this fun arts and crafts workshop! Mary will tell us all about the creatures, where they came from, where they lived, what they ate and how they moved through the oceans. At the end you will have your very own plesiosaurus (desk caddy) to take home!



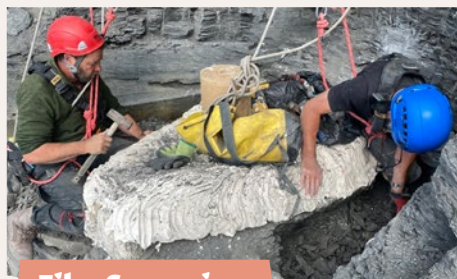
Saturday 8th June

Shows/Talks/Screenings

Marine Theatre

Shows/Talks/Screenings at the Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3QB (capacity 220 people).

Ticketed events, please book online: www.fossilfestival.com



Film Screening
11.00

Pliosaurus - The Discovery of a Monster

by **The Etches Collection** followed by Q&A session with **Dr. Steve Etches MBE** and **Chris Moore**

The supporters of the Fossil Festival, The Etches Collection, are bringing 'Pliosaurus – The Discovery of a Monster' to this year's Fossil Festival. This is an exclusive documentary on the story behind the BBC's 'Attenborough and the Giant Sea Monster' and the screening will be accompanied by a live introduction and Q&A session with Dr. Steve Etches MBE and Chris Moore.

The documentary follows the incredible journey from first discovery by Philip Jacobs through to exhibition of the now Guinness World Record-winning pliosaur skull and features interviews with Dr. Steve Etches MBE, Chris Moore, Philip Jacobs and many more.

Tickets: Adults £7.50/ Children £5
(All proceeds go to Lyme Regis Fossil Festival)

Book online: www.fossilfestival.com



Talk & Book Signing 12.30

Locked in Time: Unearthing the Real- Life Behaviours of Prehistoric Animals



Dr Dean Lomax

Palaeontologist, Author & TV
Presenter

What would it be like to see prehistoric animals as they lived and breathed? Some exceptional fossils can record the life stories of creatures as fully alive as any today. Join acclaimed palaeontologist, author, and TV host Dr Dean Lomax as we explore the extraordinary direct evidence of prehistoric animal behaviour. In this fascinating talk, we discover the extraordinary evidence of fossils captured in the midst of everyday action. Discover dinosaurs fighting to their deaths, elephant-sized burrowing ground sloths and pregnant "Sea Dragons" to a babysitting teenage dinosaur and farting insects trapped in amber! This talk is based on Dr Lomax's bestselling book, 'Locked in Time: Animal Behavior Unearthed in 50 Extraordinary Fossils' and offers an unprecedented glimpse at the real-life behaviours of prehistoric animals. Bringing these fossils to life, the book (and the talk) includes fantastic reconstructions by renowned palaeoartist Bob Nicholls.

The Talk will be followed by a book signing.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

Book online: www.fossilfestival.com



Film Screening 14.00

Why Dinosaurs?

by **Tony Pinto** followed by Q&A session
hosted by **Dr Dean Lomax**

Be exclusively amongst the first in the UK to see this new documentary which is yet to be widely released. The screening will be followed by a live Q&A session with an exciting panel of guests including Director Tony Pinto; Executive Producer & Palaeontologist, Dr Dean Lomax; Montana Palaeontologist and host of PBS Eons, Kallie Moore; Wyoming Palaeontologist Jessica Lippincott and Dr. Ellinor Michel, evolutionary biologist at the Natural History Museum and Chair of the Friends of Crystal Palace Dinosaurs.

Why Dinosaurs? is a documentary about dinosaurs and the people who love them. The film follows a fossil-obsessed teenager and his filmmaker father embarking on a journey around the world, interviewing renowned palaeontologists and dinosaur fanatics of all walks of life. Together they track down the artists behind Jurassic Park, dig up some real dinosaur bones, and attempt to discover why everybody loves dinosaurs!

Tickets: Adults £8.50/ Children £6

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Sunday 9th June

Shows/Talks/Screenings

Marine Theatre



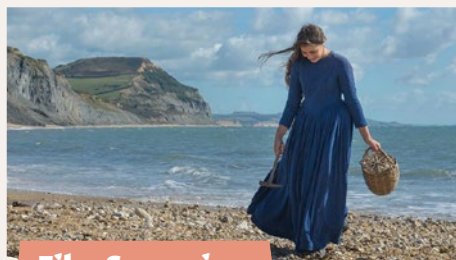
Show
13.00/15.00

The Dinosaur Timewarp

Don't miss this exciting, unmissable, and fully interactive Jurassic Panto style adventure filled with music, fun and laughter along the way! An unforgettable dinosaur themed stage show at the Marine Theatre for all the family. Can you roar like a dinosaur and help us return Terry the T Rex to the past? Would you like to meet a baby T Rex in person? Then why not join Babsy and the team after the show and have a photo with their friendly Baby Dino Rex. It's going to be Roar..some!

Tickets: £11

Book online: www.fossilfestival.com



Film Screening
18.15

Mary Anning and the Dinosaur Hunters

by **Sharon Sheehan** followed by Q&A session chaired by **Jonathan Moore**

Be amongst the first to see this much anticipated new film, shot on location in Lyme Regis and starring Jenny Agutter, Katharine Hamilton, Jonathan Moore, Paul Storrier and Sharon Sheehan. This exclusive screening is followed by a Q&A chaired by Jonathan Moore with the film's director Sharon Sheehan.

The film reveals the life and plight of Mary Anning, 1800s preeminent fossil hunter – navigating her career and research in a patriarchal society at a time when women's research was largely unrecognised or plagiarised by men. Predominantly unknown despite her spectacular Jurassic discoveries, she is at last becoming the most celebrated palaeontologist of all time.

Tickets: Adults £8.50/ Children £6
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Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th June

10.00-16.00 Activities on Marine Parade

The seafront, Lyme Regis



Fossil Polishing



with **Lyme Regis Museum**

Don't miss the opportunity to have a go at Fossil Polishing at the shelters on the Marine Parade! Polish your own piece of 200 million year old history to take home as the ultimate souvenir from the Festival... all ages welcome!

Face Painting

with **Paintbox Pixie**



Science Edutainment

with **The Rock Showman**

The Rock Showman's Booth is a mobile museum, theatre and art gallery of all things 'rock'.

Within its bright walls you'll discover stories of deep time and take part in activities hosted by The Rock Showman and Friends. These artist-scientists use rocks and minerals as starting points for learning, playing, creating and collecting. Step inside the collection of curiosities and let your curiosity be taken on an adventure! Activities will include:

- 'Beachcombing Bingo' a palaeontological 'Scratch Patch' trains your eye to identify genuine fossils from famous UK locations
- 'What's That Rock' - Bring your fossil, rock or beach find to get it identified by the team of geologists.
- 'Explore The Rock Showman's Booth' and the geological treasures within. Learn about geological time and when life began!
- 'Soap Box Science - The Greatest Show Unearthed' - mini earth-science presentations taking place throughout the day. From crystal formation to volcanic eruptions.

Saturday 8th June

Palaeoart Workshops Lister Gardens

Palaeoart Workshops
in the Exhibitor
Marquee at the Lister
Gardens site on the
seafront, Lyme Regis.

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drop-in events.**



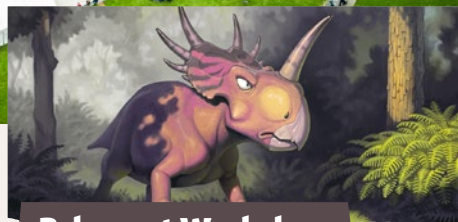
**Palaeoart Workshop
10.00-11.00**

Paint your own Pliosaurus

James Pascoe (Age 7-15yrs)

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**Palaeoart Workshop
11.00-12.00**

Cartoon Palaeoart

Twarda/Zniw Adventure (Age 10+yrs)

Ever wanted to jump into the world of palaeotoons, but you're unsure exactly how? Would you like to know the secrets to combining scientific realism and stylisation? Join Karolina 'Twarda' Twardosz at work, as she guides you to create your very own palaeotoons!

Karolina is the game developer of 'Zniw Adventure' and will be bringing along art and game merchandise to browse and purchase during her workshop.

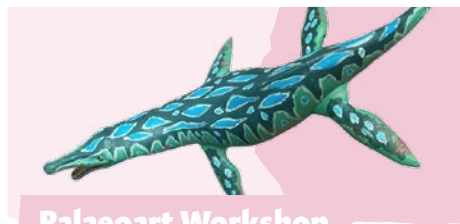


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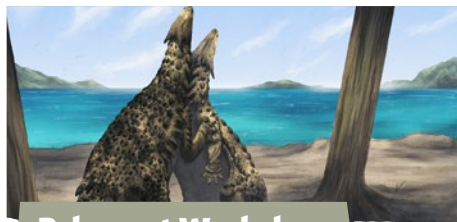
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Jay's dinosaur illustrations and artworks will be available to purchase in the workshop area at the Lister Gardens site.

Sunday 9th June

Palaeoart Workshops Lister Gardens

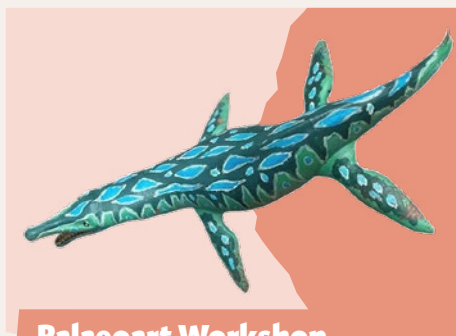


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Ammonite Lino Printing

Ieuan Edwards (Age 10-15yrs)

Ieuan Edwards is a printmaker and illustrator, specialising in the medium of linocut. He has exhibited widely, at venues including the Royal Academy of Arts, Somerset House and the Australian National Botanical Gardens. Alongside his fine art prints he has produced work for book covers, album covers, music merchandise, clothing ranges, homeware and public art. Ieuan's main areas of interest include industrial and fairground architecture, exploration and palaeontology. He loves passing on hints and tips to new printmakers and in this workshop he'll help you to design, carve, ink and print an image of a fossil.

Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th June



Craft/Display in the Jubilee Pavilion

Craft/Display in the Jubilee Pavilion on the seafront, Lyme Regis.

No need to book, drop-in events.



**Craft Workshop
10.00-16.30**

Jurassic Tree of Life

Clay Workshop with Creative Clay for All

Join in this community installation of the 'Jurassic Tree of Life' modelled in air drying clay and based on the Mexican tree of life. Adorn the tree with Jurassic creatures from the sea, dinosaurs from the land and pterodactyls from the skies to create a unique collaborative work of art over the course of the weekend!

**Exhibition
10.00-16.30**

British Antarctic Survey





Fossil Walks

Saturday 8th - 12.00

Sunday 9th - 12.45

Fossil Walks from **Lyme Regis Museum**, Broad Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3QA (capacity 60 people, 2-3hrs).

Ticketed events, please book online:
www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk

Organisers of the Fossil Festival, Lyme Regis Museum, will be running expert-led Guided Fossil Walks on both days of the Festival. Go fossil hunting on Lyme's famous East beach and Black Ven, learn all about the geology of the Jurassic Coast and discover your own fossils to take home! Walks last between 2.5-3hrs.

Tickets: Adults £14.75/ Children £8.75
(includes Museum entry)



Jurassic Coast Boat Trips

Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th

11.30/13.30/14.30

(Trip lasts 45 mins)

Jurassic Coast Boat Trips with an expert Guide from the end of The Cobb on the seafront, Lyme Regis (capacity 10 people per trip).

Boats operated by Harry May.

Ticketed events, please book online:
www.fossilfestival.com

Pinhay to Charmouth: Lyme's seafront and geology viewed from the sea with an expert Guide. View the local coastline from the sea and enjoy commentary on the landscape, the geology and history of both natural and human features from our expert Guide. Learn all about the evolution of the cliffs to the west and east of Lyme Regis, the land slips and beaches, The Cobb, Monmouth Beach, Lyme's seafront, Church cliffs and Black Ven, Charmouth, Stonebarrow and Golden Cap. What impact have the geology, climate and people had?

Guides: Jim Thomas/Jonathan Evans
Tickets: Adults £15/ Children £10.