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*The Fossil Festival is FREE entry. A small number of events are chargeable and ticketed, see inside for details.

ROTUNDA GALLERY EXHIBITION





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June 3rd - September 7th 2025 Open - Tues - Sat | 10am - 5pm & Sun | 10am - 4pm



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Welcome to the Lyme Regis Fossi Festival 2025

Welcome to the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival 2025 - the 20th Anniversary year and the largest palaeontological event in the UK, celebrating geology, earth sciences and the Jurassic Coast.

It's amazing how the festival has grown and developed over the years, whilst retaining its original intention to be a family friendly festival. We are incredibly grateful to all the museums, experts, universities, geology groups, traders and organisations, who come together each year to make the event possible, and particularly our sponsors and supporters and **Lyme Regis Town Council** for their continued support and funding.

This year the programme includes expert talks, hands-on activities, displays and stalls, palaeoart workshops, boat trips, fossil hunting walks and performances – a wonderful combination of events and activities – something for all.

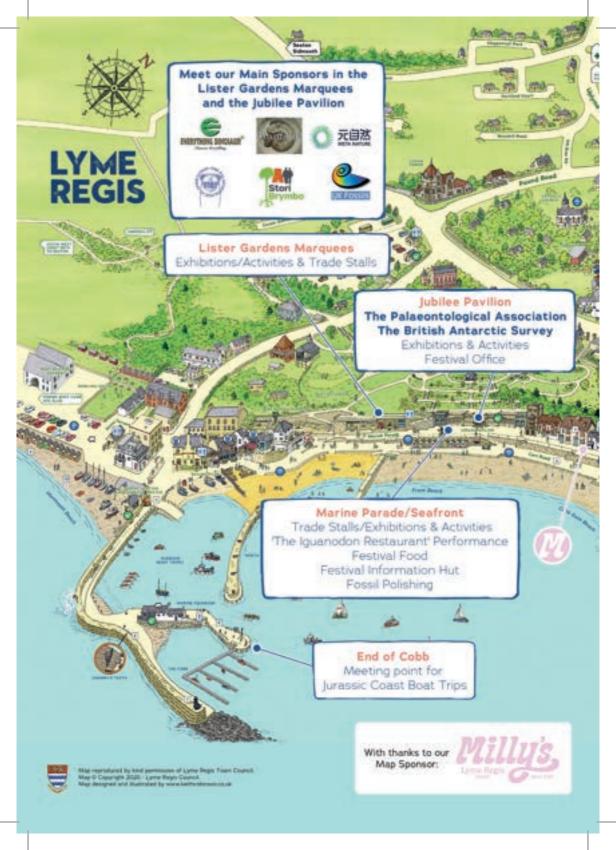
The Fossil Festival is a special event because it brings together enthusiasts, specialists and professionals to celebrate the fossils, dinosaurs and the landscape of Lyme Regis and the Jurassic Coast. It is a space where ideas are generated and shared, a place to learn new skills, see demonstrations and take part. A wonderful opportunity to directly engage with the scientists, fossil hunters, experts, writers and creative practitioners from all over the UK and further afield, who bring insight, enthusiasm and a huge amount of fun to Lyme Regis for a wonderful weekend in June. I'm delighted that we are able to open **Lyme Regis Museum** for **FREE** over the Festival weekend, thanks to the support of the **Friends of Lyme Regis Museum**, and again this festival's activities and events are family-friendly, accessible, largely FREE and ticketed events offer great value – I hope that it offers something for all.

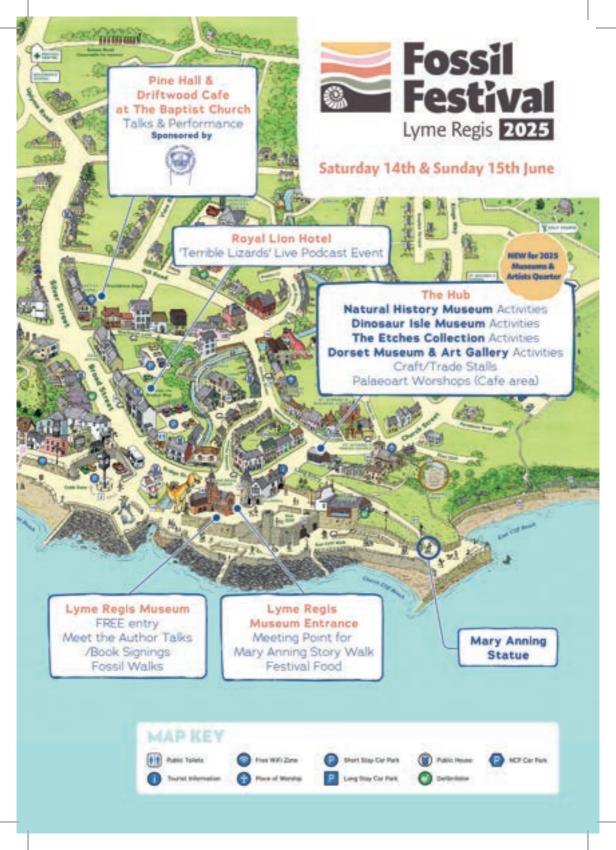
Many thanks to the hard working team from Lyme Regis Museum who have produced and coordinated the event and to the exhibitors, traders, experts and volunteers who are contributing over the festival weekend. Thanks also go to Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival for supporting our young volunteer programme. Finally a huge thanks to our main sponsors Everything Dinosaur, Fossils UK, Meta Natural Art, Stori Brymbo, The Palaeontological Association and UK Fossils who have made this year's Festival possible.



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Headline Talks at the Pine Hall (Baptist Church)

Headline Talks at the Pine Hall (Baptist Church), 2 Sherborne Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3HR

(capacity 80 people)

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





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Talk & Book Signing 10.00-10.45

New Discoveries from the Kimmeridge Clay



Dr Steve Etches MBE Palaeontologist The Etches Collection (followed by a book signing)

New Discoveries from the Kimmeridge Clay is Steve's personal selection of some of the most fascinating and scientifically important fossil specimens held within The Etches Collection museum. This talk will provide an amazing opportunity to understand how these incredible creatures lived and died in the Jurassic seas of Dorset 157 million years ago.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4 (All proceeds go to Lyme Regis Fossil Festival)



11.00-11.45

King Tyrant: a Natural History of Tyrannosaurus rex



Dr Mark P. Witton Palaeontological Author and Artist

Tyrannosaurus rex is the most popular dinosaur on the planet, but numerous portrayals in fiction have overtaken science-informed views of this species in the public eye. Behind the stereotyped creature depicted in popular media, scientists have learned more about T. rex than any other dinosaur, crafting an amazingly detailed view of its anatomy, physiology and lifestyle. In this richly illustrated talk, palaeontologist and palaeoartist Mark P. Witton discusses how and why Tyrannosaurus became a household name, and outlines how the reality of king tyrant biology and ecology eclipses anything dreamt up by Hollywood filmmakers.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

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Talk 12.00-12.45

Reconstructing the Lives of Dinosaurs



TICKETED EVENTS



Dr Darren Naish Author and Palaeozoologist

What can we say about the behaviour and natural history of animals that died out over 66 million years ago? In this talk, Darren will discuss the evidence, and also the speculations and extrapolations, used in bringing dinosaurs back to life. Numerous fascinating and sometimes spectacular fossils give experts crucial insights into dinosaur behaviour. But perhaps more important is evidence from living animals, and specifically from those that surround dinosaurs in the family tree, birds in particular. Combined, this evidence shows that the world of dinosaurs was colourful and complex, and perhaps sometimes surprising and bizarre.

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Headline Talks at the Pine Hall (Baptist Church)

Talk 13.00-13.45

Digging Montana's Dinosaurs: T.rex, Triceratops and More



Ashley Hall Palaeontologist and Museum Educator

Join Ashley Hall, Palaeontologist and Museum Educator, for an engaging lecture on the iconic dinosaurs of Montana, Learn about the dramatic transformation of Montana's landscape over 66 million years, from a warm, lush, seaside paradise to the dry badlands we know today. Through stunning imagery and paleoart, Ashley will highlight some of Montana's most famous dinosaurs, including Tyrannosaurus rex, Allosaurus, Triceratops, Edmontosaurus, Pachycephalosaurus, and more. Discover how these ancient creatures thrived in ancient ecosystems and how the museum's fossil discoveries continue to shape our understanding of Earth's prehistoric past.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

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Talk 14.00-14.45

Spinosaurus and the River of Giants



Dr Nizar Ibrahim Vertebrate Palaeontologist, Comparative Anatomist, TED Fellow and National Geographic Explorer

Discover the world of Spinosaurus, one of the world's most enigmatic dinosaurs. This giant, sail-backed, crocodile-snouted predator patrolled ancient rivers in what is now Africa's Sahara Desert. The "river of giants" was home to a spectacular menagerie of prehistoric creatures, including several crocodile-like hunters and many fishes, some as big as a car. Over the last few years, in a harsh environment that is home to sandstorms, snakes and scorpions, an international team of scientists has unearthed the only skeleton of this dinosaur in the entire world, rewriting the dinosaur textbooks in the process.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

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15.00-15.45

The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs



Steve Brusatte

Professor of Palaeontology and Evolution at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland

The dinosaurs ruled the Earth for over 150 million years--evolving into spectacular giants like Brontosaurus and T. rex, which captivate our imaginations. In this talk, University of Edinburgh professor and palaeontologist Steve Brusatte, consultant for the Jurassic World film franchise and author of the book The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs, will recount the complete story of where dinosaurs came from, how they rose up to dominance, how most of them went extinct when a giant asteroid hit, and how some of them lived on as today's birds. In doing so, he will recount stories of digging up dinosaurs and working with colleagues around the world. At a time when Homo sapiens has existed for less than 300,000 years and we are already talking about planetary extinction, dinosaurs are timely reminder of what humans can learn from the magnificent creatures that ruled the earth before us.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

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Talk & Book Signing 16.15-17.00

DINOSAUR 200 – Megalosaurus, Iguanodon and the Incredible History of British Dinosaur Discoveries



Dr Dean Lomax Palaeontologist, Author & TV Presenter (followed by a book signing)

Join acclaimed palaeontologist, author, and TV presenter Dr Dean Lomax, as he takes us on a journey



TICKETED EVENTS

through millions of years, revealing the amazing dinosaurs that once called Britain home. From the discovery of Megalosaurus, the world's first described dinosaur, and to the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Wight, Lomax reveals some of the most sensational dinosaur discoveries ever made – right on your doorstep. This special event celebrates the 200-year history of dinosaurs. Dr Lomax is the author of multiple books, including the only book dedicated to British dinosaurs. He was also the co-host of the primetime TV series, Dinosaur Britain. The talk will be followed by a Q&A and a book signing.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

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Sunday 15th June Headline Talks at the Pine Hall (Baptist Church)



Making Walking with Dinosaurs



Jay Balamurugan Assistant TV Producer, Palaeoartist and Science Communicator

In this session, Jay will talk about the rollercoaster that is making a largescale, VFX-heavy science series – about dinosaurs. How do you bring dinosaurs to life? How do you tell engaging, emotional, character-led stories while keeping everything scientifically sound? How do you not feel silly running around a forest in a bright-blue morph-suit pretending to be a baby Triceratops? All this and more in 'Making Walking with Dinosaurs'.

Tickets: Adults £6/ Children £4

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Interested in giving a Talk at next year's Fossil Festival?

We'd love to hear from you! Get in touch by emailing *chat@fossilfestival.com*.







Save the date!

13th/14th June 2026



The Palaeontological Association was founded in 1957 and has become one of the world's leading learned societies in this field. The Association is a registered charity that promotes the study of palaeontology and its allied sciences through publication of original research and field guides, sponsorship of meetings and field excursions, provision of web resources and information and a program of annual awards.

The interests of members of the Association encompass all aspects of palaeontology, including macropalaeontology, micropalaeontology, palaeobotany, vertebrate palaeontology, palaeoecology, and biostratigraphy.

Join us!

The Palaeontological Association membership is open to everyone!

Visit our stand at the Fossil Festival in the Jubilee Pavilion or find out more at **www.palass.org.**

The Association is based in the UK but its members are drawn from all over the world. There are currently about 1000 professional, amateur and student members!

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Performance 10.30-11.30

Dinosaurs Down Under



Michael Mills

Australian based, award-winning Science Communicator, Script-writer, Song-writer, Producer, Performer, Director, Podcast Creator and Musician (family-friendly)

Come on a journey to discover the dinosaurs that once called Australia home! With his special friend, Abby the Australovenator, this family friendly performance by Professor Flint introduces you to some of the remarkable creatures that once stomped across the fragile, ancient plains of the Land Down Under!

Along the way, the show also asks us to learn about the creatures that once walked, slithered, hopped, swam, or flew, where we now dwell! In so doing, it's a reminder that wherever we live, the stories of the prehistoric past are an important part of the story of who we are.

Talk 11.45-12.30

Geological Collecting and Caring for your Collection



Cindy Howells

Palaeontological Curator at the National Museum of Wales

Many people of all ages and abilities collect fossils, minerals, and rocks for many different reasons. This talk gives useful information about all aspects of collecting specimens (how, why, when) and recording their details. It also covers the ongoing care and storage of your personal collection, and how you might plan ahead for its future.





The Brymbo Fossil Forest: The Worlds First Community-Lead, Publicly Accessible Palaeontological Excavation



Dr Tim Astrop

Palaeobiologist, Evolutionary Biologist and Palaeontologist for the Brymbo Fossil Forest project at Stori Brymbo

The Brymbo Fossil Forest project at Stori Brymbo is a palaeontological world-first; an in-situ 300-million-year-old fossilised carboniferous coal-forming forest that is being excavated within a purpose-built structure that is accessible to the public. Our goal at Stori-Brymbo is to make palaeontology as accessible as possible to as many people as possible by breaking down the barriers between the public and institutionalized science. In this talk Dr Tim Astrop will introduce you to the denizens of the fossil forest, discoveries that have been made so far and our plans for the future. Our working team consists exclusively of students and volunteers so come along and find out how YOU can get involved!

Talk 14.00-14.45

An Ice Age Odyssey and a Jurassic Journey



Sally and Dr Neville Hollingworth Project Leaders on the Mammoth Graveyard at Cerney Wick in the Cotswolds

In 2024 the UK's largest palaeontological excavation took place in the Cotswolds, with 20 Universities and over 180 volunteers uncovering treasures from the past, some new to science and still unveiling the story from the documentary "Attenborough and The Mammoth Graveyard" and from dig to display within 6 months.

Join us to find out how people, passion & palaeontology worked together!

Talk 15.00-15.45

The Palaeontology of the Jurassic Coast



Kieran Satchell Learning and Engagement Officer at Lyme Regis Museum

From pre-historic crocodiles, Pliosaurs and dinosaurs, we have it all! The Jurassic coast is England's first and only natural UNESCO world heritage site, boasting geology and palaeontology that rivals that of any locality in the world. This 95 mile stretch of coastline produces fossils from the entirety of the mesozoic era, and Kieran will be taking you on a brief tour of the most exciting finds, from one end of the coast to the other!

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Talk 10.15-11.30



"How to Build a Dinosaur!" Design, Development and Delivery

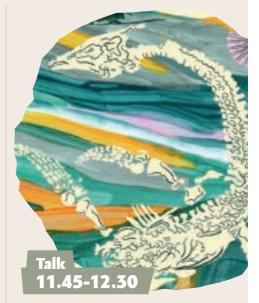


Mike Walley and Sue Judd from Everything Dinosaur, Dr Dean Lomax, Glen Southern and Bob Nicholls

Join Mike and Sue from Everything Dinosaur, renowned Palaeontologist, Author and TV Presenter Dr Dean Lomax, Glen Southern award-winning Digital Sculptor, and acclaimed Palaeoartist Bob Nicholls as they lift the lid on the prehistoric animal model design process. Let's take you on a journey from design, development to delivery.

How do you go about building the most scientifically accurate dinosaur figures? Whether you are aged from 5 to 105 dinosaurs fascinate the public and prehistoric animal models can help develop a passion for science and learning about our amazing prehistory.

Everything you ever wanted to know about the dinosaur model making industry but were afraid to ask! Get ready to dive into the science, the art, design and the prehistoric journey to creating the most scientifically accurate prehistoric models.



Mary Anning and her Sea Dragons



Dr Tom Sharpe Historian of Geology and Geologist

Geologist and historian Tom Sharpe looks at the stories behind some of Mary Anning's famous fossil finds and how they gained her international fame.

Panel Discussion 13.00-14.30

Future of Fossil Collecting





Joshua Smith Natural England

Richard Twitchett Natural History Museum



Dr Paul Davis Lyme Regis Museum



Cindy Howells National Museum of Wales



Overview

Join us to discuss the future of fossil collecting in England and Wales. This session is aimed at all fossil collectors. We will look at the challenges facing fossil collecting in the future and what are the possible ways we all can influence this by working together. The session will start with some mini talks (which are detailed below) to help get the discussion started. It will include information on the challenges museums face acquiring fossils, the laws surrounding collecting fossils and how palaeontological heritage is currently protected and whether a national fossil recording scheme could benefit everyone.

Talk 1 – Safeguarding Paleontological Heritage: England's Paleontological Protected Site Network Joshua Smith, Natural England

Rocks, fossils, and minerals are not just part of our natural heritage but also vital scientific, cultural, and educational resources. This talk will explain how Natural England, the government's advisor on the natural environment, safeguards England's most valuable paleontological resources. It will provide an overview of our guidance to responsible and sustainable fossil collecting on England's network of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and National Nature Reserves (NNRs).

Talk 2 – Fossil collecting, sampling and acquisition: a research perspective Richard Twitchett, Natural History Museum

This talk will provide a personal perspective on various aspects of UK fossil collecting as it relates to current and future specimen-based palaeontological research. Topics to be covered include issues relating to current and future fieldwork and research-driven fossil collecting; what constitutes 'scientifically important' in a research context; and the scientific value of our museum fossil collections, at local and national level, including discussion of the maintenance, expansion and accessibility of these collections in the future.

Talk 3 – A national recording scheme for fossils? Is it possible? Dr Paul Davis, Lyme Regis Museum

The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) is well established scheme for the archaeological community. Its aim is to record finds made by the public to advance the knowledge of the subject. Palaeontology is directly comparable to archaeology in this respect that there is a large amateur and professional community actively engaged in collecting fossils yet there is no equivalent scheme.

This talk will look at the PAS and how it could be adapted for palaeontology and discuss the benefits for academics, collectors and museums. To develop a scheme for palaeontology would involve the entire community coming together to champion the protection of our palaeontological heritage.

The aim of this talk is to open a dialogue and discuss whether there is a need for a National Recording Scheme and if so how should we develop it.

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Performance 15.00-16.00

"A Curious Thing - The story of Mary Anning" - The Making of a Musical



Michael Mills

Australian based, award-winning Science Communicator, Script-writer, Song-writer, Producer, Performer, Director, Podcast Creator and Musician

During the 2023 Adelaide Fringe, the biggest arts festival in the southern hemisphere, Michael Mills wrote and produced a sold out, critically acclaimed show about his science hero, Mary Anning. So, how and why did an Australian based writer come to write such a show?

In a session exploring the origins of the show and its possible future, Michael weaves songs from the show into the narrative. In telling the story of the musical so far, Michael will also discuss why he thought it was essential he visit Mary's home town, as he looks to rework the show.





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

Meet an Author Talks & Book Signings – Learning Space, Lyme Regis Museum (capacity 25-30 people).

FREE ADMISSION.

No need to book, drop-in events.



Meet an Author Talk, Reading & Book Signing 10.20-11.00

Snakestone

Emma Bayley

Dorset coast 1810. When Mary and her brother Joe discover the skull of a strange creature in a cave, Mary believes it can transform the fortunes of her family. But the rock face is crumbling, and the tide can race up the beach dangerously fast. Rumours swirl around town about Mary bringing bad luck. And then there is the matter of a stolen book... Can Mary unravel the tree's secrets and make the discovery of a lifetime before her past catches up with her? A gripping historical adventure based on the true story of Mary Anning. **(Readers: 8+ years)**

Meet a Children's Author & Book Signing 11.00-11.40



Prehistoric Worlds: Stomp into the epic lands ruled by dinosaurs

Ashley Hall

Take children on a fascinating journey through history, showing them how and where their favourite dinosaurs came to exist, and how events from billions of years ago are still affecting our natural world today. Packed with dynamic historical content, Prehistoric Worlds combines illustrations and photos to help young historians aged 7+ learn all about the period that shaped our planet. Meet favourite dinosaurs, from the terrifying T.Rex to the spiky stegosaurus; nurture your inner palaeontologist by learning about prehistoric plant and animal fossils; and discover destructive extinction events that changed the world forever. **(Readers: 7+ years)**

Meet a Children's Author Craft Activities, Reading & Book Signing 11.40-12.20

Dugie the Dinosaur



Scotland – 170 million years ago – The Jurassic Period! Dugie is a long-necked dinosaur who lives on the Isle of Skye. When he is separated from his family by a storm, he needs the help of some new friends to get back to the safety of his lagoon. A story of bravery, friendship, and dinosaurs! Based on real-life fossils found by palaeontologists on the Isle of Skye. (Readers: 5+ years)

Meet Mary Anning's Biographer Talk & Book Signing 12.20-13.00

The Fossil Woman: A Life of Mary Anning



Dr Tom Sharpe

Described as 'the greatest fossilist the world ever knew', a fully illustrated biography of Mary Anning was long overdue. Drawing on recent research into her life and times, yet always aware of her character and personality, Tom Sharpe takes a fresh and often surprising look at the achievements of a woman who is finally gaining the recognition she merits. **(Readers: Young adults/Adults)** Meet a Scientist Talk & Book Signing 13.00-13.40

Fossils: The Essential Guide

Dr Paul Taylor

Explore the world

of fossils and what they reveal about the history of life on Earth, from the emergence of new life forms to cataclysmic mass extinctions. Worldrenowned palaeontologist Paul Taylor provides a comprehensive guide to all aspects of fossils, beginning with how they form, how they mark geological time, and what they tell us about the origins of life and major evolutionary events like the Cambrian Explosion.

(Readers: Older children/Young adults/ Adults)

Meet a Palaeozoologist & Book Signing 14.00-14.40

Dinopedia

Dr Darren Naish



An illuminating and entertaining

collection of dinosaur facts, from A to Z. Dinopedia is an illustrated, pocketfriendly encyclopedia of all things dinosaurian. Featuring dozens of entries on topics ranging from hadrosaur nesting colonies to modern fossil hunters and palaeontologists such as Halszka Osmólska and Paul Sereno, this amazing A–Z compendium is brimming with facts about these thrilling, complex, and sophisticated animals.

(Readers: Older children/Young adults/ Adults)



FREE TO ATTEND

Meet an Author Talks & Book Signings **at Lyme Regis Museum**

Discussion Panel & Film Screening 14.40-16.00

Dr Chris Manias, Dr David Hone, Georgia Witton-Maclean, Dr Mark Witton, Iszi Lawrence & Vicky Coules



Introduction **14.40-15.00**

Introduction

Dr Chris Manias

Panel Discussion 15.00

Why do particular aspects of the palaeontological past appeal to public audiences?



Dr Chris Manias, Dr David Hone, Georgia Witton-Maclean, Dr Mark Witton and Iszi Lawrence



Film Screening 15.30-16.00

Film Screening 'Gertie the Dinosaur' introduction and commentary



Vicky Coules

(Suitable for science enthusiasts – Young Adults/Adults)

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Meet a Children's Author Talk & Book Signing 10.00-10.40

The Time Machine Next Door: Inventors and Dinosaurs & The Cursed Tomb

Iszi Lawrence

Iszi Lawrence is a BBC presenter and cohost of the popular science podcast Terrible Lizards. She also writes pedantically accurate historical fiction for children. Her most recent novels for 6-9 year olds are part of the popular The Time Machine Next Door series and feature pterosaurs as well as dinosaurs. What happens when Alex accidentally brings back a pterosaur and how can Sunil overcome his fear of walking alone to school... by putting a hat on Archimedes? Older children may also

like Iszi's most recent action adventure novel, The Cursed Tomb. Set in 1249 BCF Henut is forced to confront her beliefs when she is torn away from home and down into the tombs of the pharaohs. Two Egyptologists have worked on the book making it as accurate as possible! (Readers: 6-9 years)



Meet an Author Talk, & Book Signing 10.40-11.20

Uncovering Dinosaur Behavior: What They Did and How We Know



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Dr David Hone

Today, with the discovery of new specimens and the development of new and cutting-edge techniques, palaeontologists are making major advances in reconstructing how dinosaurs lived and acted. Uncovering Dinosaur Behavior provides an unparalleled look at this emerging field of science, presenting the latest findings on dinosaur behavior and explaining how researchers interpret the often minimal and even conflicting information available to them. (Readers: Young adults/Adults)

Meet a Scientist Talk & Book Signing 11.40-12.20

The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs

Steve Brusatte

In this hugely ambitious and engrossing story of how dinosaurs rose to dominate the planet, using the fossil clues that have been gathered using state-of-the-art technology, Steve Brusatte, one of the world's leading palaeontologists, follows these magnificent creatures from the Early Triassic period at the start of their evolution through the Jurassic period, to their final days in the Cretaceous and the legacy that they left behind. Along the way, Brusatte introduces us to the cast of new dinosaur hunters and gives an insight into what it's like to be a palaeontologist whose job it is to hunt for dinosaurs. (Readers: Older children/Young Adults/Adults)

Steve will also be signing his other book titles 'The Rise and Reign of the Mammals' and 'The Age of Dinosaurs'.

Meet a Palaeontological Author & Artist Book Introduction & Book Signing 12.20-13.00

King Tyrant: a Natural History of Tyrannosaurus rex



Dr Mark P. Witton

Tvrannosaurus rex is the world's favourite dinosaur, adored by the public and the subject of intense study and debate by palaeontologists. This stunningly illustrated book brings together everything we have learned about T. rex-the "King of the Tyrant Lizards"-since it was first given its famous name in 1905. It presents these creatures as science knows them rather than the version portraved in movies, revealing them to be dramatically different, and far more amazing, than ever imagined. With numerous original paintings and diagrams by the author, King Tyrant draws on the latest discoveries to offer a modern understanding of Tyrannosaurus, pulling back the curtain of media hype that often obscures these extraordinary extinct animals while cementing their reputation as the most formidable carnivores of the Mesozoic. (Readers: Young adults/Adults) Meet a Scientist Talk & Book Signing 13.00-13.40



Dinosaurs Rediscovered and Dinosaurs: New Visions of a Lost World

Mike Benton

In the past twenty five years, dinosaur study has changed from natural history to testable science. New technologies have revealed secrets locked in the bones in a way nobody predicted – we can now work out the colour of dinosaurs, their bite forces, speeds and parental care as well as how they came to die out. 'Dinosaurs Rediscovered' and 'Dinosaurs: New Visions of a Lost World' illustrate how science has replaced speculation and how our understanding of dinosaurs and their world has completely changed. (Readers: Older children/Young adults/Adults)

Meet a Children's Book Illustrator Craft Activities, Reading & Book Signing 13.40-14.20

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 argentinasaurus, an ankylosaurs and – eventually – a T-Rex! A vibrant and hilarious introduction to the world of dinosaurs for young readers. **(Readers: 4-8 years)**



'Meet the Amazing Mary Anning' Story Walk

Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th June 11.00-12.00/13.00-14.00/15.00-16.00

FREE EVENT. No need to book, drop-in events, meet outside Lyme Regis Museum 5 minutes before the Walk starts.

Walk with the great fossil hunter through the story of her life! Meet at the Lyme Regis Museum, with a short walk to the Mary Anning Statue on Gun Cliff to hear her relive her 'best bits', from being struck by lightning as a baby to finding her first Ichthyosaur and astounding the learned scientists of her time. Show her your own fossil discoveries and compare adventures! (All ages welcome. Statue visit weather permitting.)

Performed by RADA trained actress and RSC practitioner, Lizzie Hopley.

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Museums & Artists Quarter at The Hub, Church Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3BS (Art Workshops capacity 12-15 people).

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No need to book, drop-in events.

Saturday 14th June / Sunday 15th June

Palaeoart Workshops and all the Museum Exhibitors under one roof, just along from Lyme Regis Museum. See Artists bring dinosaurs and fossils to life and take part in activities in our FREE Palaeoart Workshops.

Meet geology and palaeontology experts from leading Museums and explore their exhibitions and hands-on activities.

Museum Activities

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Come and meet the team from Dinosaur Isle Museum, view their displays and take part in some hands-on activities.

Natural History Museum

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The Etches Collection

Come and meet the team from The Etches Collection, view their displays and take part in some hands-on activities.



Palaeoart Workshop 10.30-11.30

Dinosaur reconstructions

Jay Balamurugan (Age 10+yrs)

Have you ever wondered about how scientists and artists work together to bring extinct animals to life in illustrations, books, and documentaries? In this workshop, Jay will run through how palaeoartists reconstruct dinosaurs and other prehistoric life – from looking at the original fossils and skeletal diagrams to referencing modern animals and their behaviours and ecologies. By the end of the session, we'll have illustrated an iconic local extinct species!



13.30-14.30

Doodling and colouring corner

Petra Korlevic (Ages 3-6yrs - accompanied)

A relaxed workshop offering the opportunity to come and colour a variety of dinosaur and other extinct animal themed templates or draw and colour your own. Perfect for a sit down and some downtime in between the hustle and bustle of the event!



Palaeoart Workshop 12.00-13.00

Create your own fossil

Karen Fawcett (All ages)

Try your hand at press moulding ammonites or dinosaur skulls in clay using a plaster cast mould in this creative workshop.



Palaeoart Workshop 15.00-16.00

Unearthed – watch Artist Marcin Ambrozik at work

Marcin Ambrozik (All ages)

You're invited to watch as Artist Marcin Ambrozik creates a new artwork. Watch and observe the process of creating an oil painting of prosauropods.



NEW for 2025

Museums & Artists Quarter at The Hub

Sunday 15th June



Palaeoart Workshop 10.00-11.00

How to Draw Marine Reptiles

Emma Heaphrati (All ages)

In this creative workshop, come and learn how to draw your favourite iconic Lyme Regis marine reptiles! Practice drawing the animals yourself or practice your creativity with provided colouring pages.



Piecing Together Fossil Plants

Julianne Kiely (All ages)

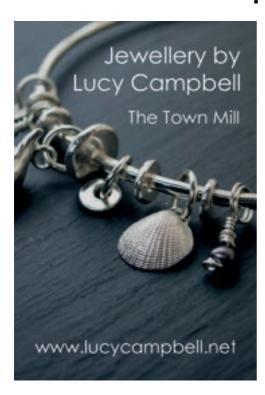
In this workshop you will learn how palaeobotanists can piece ancient plants back together from isolated fossils, to work out what they would have looked like when alive. You will learn how fossil plants are named and why we need to use whole plant concepts to understand them. This is a hands-on crafting activity where you will get to reconstruct your own prehistoric plant using the same methods palaeobotanists have used for 200 years.

Palaeoart Workshop 13.00-14.00

From the outline to the flesh – a demonstration of the Palaeoart Process

Haider Syed Jaffri (All ages)

This workshop highlight Haider's work process, how he plans his pieces, drafts and finally executes the final artwork. See how Haider creates the form of extinct creatures in motion.





Craft/Art Stalls at The Hub

Saturday 14th June/ Sunday 15th June

Craft/Art Stalls at The Hub Main Hall, Church Street, Lyme Regis DT7 3BS

Come and browse our Craft and Art Market at The Hub with a range of traders including:

- Emily Juliet Stevens
- Haider Syed Jaffri
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- Julianne Kiely
- KakapoJay Paleoart & AugustJosephCo
- Karen Fawcett studios
- Marcin Ambrozik
- Phoebe Ginger
- The Introvertebrates
- Tokyo Modelling

FREE TO ATTEND

The Royal Lion Hotel

The Royal Lion Hotel, 60 Broad St Lyme, Regis DT7 3QF (capacity 40 people).

No need to book, drop-in event.



Terrible Lizards Live Podcast Event

Saturday 14th | 18.30-19.30

With Iszi Lawrence and David Hone

Come along to watch and listen to a live podcast recording!

Terrible lizards is a podcast about dinosaurs with Dr David Hone from Queen Mary University, London and Iszi Lawrence. The podcast is aimed at grown ups but it is clean, so kids can enjoy it too. Iszi and Dave made friends two decades ago but lost touch... but thanks to a chance meeting at a rather good Christmas Party in 2019 they were reunited. After both having far too much time in 2020 they started Terrible Lizards and have been educating the public without advertising ever since thanks to their supporters on Patreon.

Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th June

Activities on Marine Parade



Activities on Marine Parade on the seafront, Lyme Regis

Exhibitors & Traders on Marine Parade

Throughout the weekend you will be able to enjoy shopping, displays and activities on Marine Parade. Exhibitors and Traders include:

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Saturday 14th

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!

Sunday 15th - 12.30 & 15.00

The Iguanodon Restaurant

FREE EVENT.

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Dine with us! Guests will feast on fossilfuelled fun with a julienne of joviality and a dessert of dinosaur delight! Highly visual, funny and peculiar, The Iguanodon Restaurant is a furious romp through 50 years of ground-breaking scientific discovery.



Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th June

Exhibitions/Activities in the Jubilee Pavilion

Exhibitions/Activities in the Jubilee Pavilion on the seafront, Lyme Regis. **No need to book, drop-in activities.**

Exhibition & Activities

The Palaeontological Association



Exhibition & Activities

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TICKETED EVENTS



Fossil Walks

Saturday 14th - 12.30 Sunday 15th - 13.15

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 expertled 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 £16.75/ Children £12.75** (includes Museum entry)

Jurassic Coast Boat Trips

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

Saturday 14th June 10.30am/11.30pm/1.30pm/2.30pm/3.30pm (Trip lasts 45 mins)

Sunday 15th June 10.30am/11.30pm/1.30pm/2.30pm (Trip lasts 45 mins)

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 £25/ Children £15.

Exhibitors Marquees Lister Gardens

Opening times

Saturday 14th June 10am-5pm Sunday 15th June 10am-4pm

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Expect plenty of family friendly displays, activities and shopping opportunities from our diverse range of exhibitors and traders including:

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- Cretaceous Creations
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Lyme Bay Moonrakers

Saturday 14th June 2-3pm, Marine Parade

Don't miss the Lyme Bay Moonrakers at this year's Fossil Festival!

Founded in 2020 by Musical Director Mark Hewitt, Lyme Bay Moonrakers is a vocal group of 20 men and women from the Lyme Regis area. The group sing mainly unaccompanied songs of the sea, in bold, new musical arrangements. Folksongs, ballads and shanties, as well as new original songs, feature in their pop-up performances and yearly theatre shows. You can find them singing in 19th century-style costume, supporting local events in Lyme Regis such as the Fossil Festival, the RNLI, the Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy, the Lyme Regis Gig Club and many more. Their first cd 'Songs for the Wellerman' was released in 2022.

Catch the Moonrakers on the seafront on Saturday 14th June between 2-3pm.

E-mail: *lymebaymoonrakers@gmail.com* Website: *www.lymebaymoonrakers.org*

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Lyme Regis Town Band

Sunday 15th June 2.30-3.30pm, Marine Theatre Square

The Fossil Festival welcomes the Lyme Regis Town Band to its programme for 2025!

Lyme Regis Town Band welcomes players of all ages and abilities and its prime function is to encourage and promote the enjoyment of brass band music for both players and audiences. It is an integral part of the local community and regularly supports the fundraising activities of the many organisations in the town. The band is also well known for its free open air concerts held on Marine Parade on Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, which are a regular fixture for both local residents and holiday makers. Audience participation is encouraged and a good time is had by all. The summer season concludes with a Last Night on the Prom Concert at the end of August which always attracts a huge crowd of family, friends and supporters.

Be sure not to miss the Town Band performing on the Marine Theatre Square between 2.30-3.30pm on Sunday afternoon!

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Lyme Morris

Sunday 15th June, Marine Parade

We are delighted that **Lyme Morris** will be performing at this year's Fossil Festival!

T Rex Lymeosaurus will be once again joining the group parading along the seafront. Lyme Morris will be performing on Sunday afternoon on the seafront. Watch out for them, meet Lymeosaurus and join in with a dance!

E-mail: petemorton56@googlemail.com



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Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival have kindly funded this year's young volunteer programme at the Festival.

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Daily Dino Sketch

We are extremely grateful to Artist Lee Brown for the fantastic Scelidosaurus drawing that he produced for the Fossil Festival promotional material this year! Lee has a stall at the Festival this year – you can find him in the Lister Gardens Marquees (Dailydinosketch), go along and say hello and check out his fantastic artworks!

www.instagram.com/dailydinosketch www.facebook.com/dailydinosketch Interested in becoming a supporter of the Festival? We'd love to chat!

There are many ways that you can help with and support the **Fossil Festival**. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting next year's event we'd love to hear from you! Get in touch by emailing *chat@fossilfestival.com*.

Make a difference today!

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About the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival

The Lyme Regis Fossil Festival was set up in 2005 by a group of local fossil enthusiasts who had a vision to celebrate geology, earth sciences and the Jurassic Coast in a FREE family focused event.

The event is a registered Community Interest Company (Company number 15469684). It is organised by Lyme Regis Museum on behalf of Lyme Regis Fossil Festival CIC with supporting partners.

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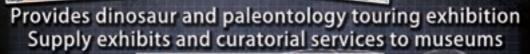
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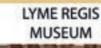
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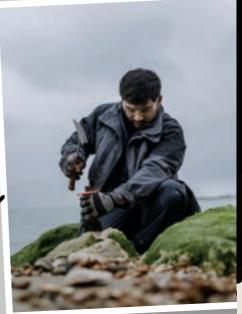
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Average 5-6 hrs

2025 Dates

Wolf Moon	10-16 January
Snow Moon	12-17 February
Worm Moon	14-19 + 28-3rd March
Pink Moon	11-17 + 25-2nd April
Flower Moon	11-16 +24-31 May
Strawberry Moon	10-16 + 23-29 June
Buck Moon	12-17 + 23-31 July
Sturgeon Moon	9-15 + 22-31 August
Harvest Moon	7-14 +20-28 September
Hunters Moon	5-12 + 19-28 October
Beaver Moon	4-10 +19-23 November
Cold Moon	1-7 December

(Other Dates available on request)

I will also be out on the reef at night during these phases if you would like to join in.

This is an extremely exciting opportunity to view sea creatures as they go about their feeding.

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Involves head torches on slippery surfaces in amongst rocks, deep rock pools and boulders.

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