



# Diving Museum News

## 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017

e-newsletter of The Diving Museum, No2 Battery, Stokes Bay, Gosport, PO12 2QU

### Hooray! We Are Open Again

The months over winter seem to have flown by, but we are open again **TOMORROW** for another season from Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April until Halloween, with lots of new and very special exhibits for you to see.



We had an **Unveiling** of a very **Special Exhibit** this week so you will have to come in and see what is under the red cloth. Someone suggested a giant Easter egg but it is much more special than that! However, there will be **Easter eggshell hunting** over the holiday weekend.

**Underwater 2017 Art Exhibition - Call for Artists** We are calling for artists in any medium - paint, textile, photo, sculpture, film or even knitting - to submit work on the theme of UNDERWATER. There will be cash prizes and we would also love children to enter.

See - <http://www.thehds.com/product/underwater-2017-art-exhibition/> or contact [art@divingmuseum.co.uk](mailto:art@divingmuseum.co.uk) for information.

**Junior Diving Historians** Come on back with your logbook for a **FREE** entry all this year and mind-buzzing challenges.

**Red Hat Knitters** On Saturday mornings from 11.30, there will be the clicking of knitting needles as we make more goodies for the Museum. Come and join in.

**Walk and Talk** every Sunday from 11.30 walk off some of the chocolate calories and join local guide, Terry Hinkley, on an entertaining heritage walk around Stokes Bay and back into the Diving Museum.

The Diving Museum will be open 11am to 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays in 2017.

Website: [www.thehds.com/museum/](http://www.thehds.com/museum/)  [www.facebook.com/thedivingmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/thedivingmuseum)

 [www.twitter.com/diving\\_museum](https://www.twitter.com/diving_museum)

Email: [museumdevelopment@thehds.com](mailto:museumdevelopment@thehds.com) to add your email address for e-newsletters, to cancel or for enquiries

The Diving Museum is an outreach project of the Historical Diving Society HDS and run entirely by volunteers.

## THE DIVING MUSEUM EVENTS 2017

Parking in the adjacent carpark is 80p/hour.

Access to the museum is by a short flight of stairs. If you need assistance our volunteers are happy to help.

The Battery can be cool. Warm clothing is advisable, especially for evening events.

There are no toilets in the museum but public toilets and a café are right next door. (The café closes at 5 pm).

Regrettably, occasionally we may have to alter some of our planned events. Please check our website [www.thehds.com/eventsdiary](http://www.thehds.com/eventsdiary) and our Facebook page ([divingmuseumgospport](https://www.facebook.com/divingmuseumgospport)) for details.

### EVERY WEEKEND (April to October)

**EVERY SATURDAY RED HAT KNITTERS**  
11.30am-1pm  
7 May – 29 October



FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come and knit a diver's traditional red woolly hat on Saturday mornings.

Entry is free for knitters. We supply the materials, tea/coffee and biscuits. Completed hats are sold in our shop.

**EVERY SUNDAY WALK, TALK & DIVE!**  
From 11.30am



FAMILY FRIENDLY

Meet at the museum at 11.30am and enjoy an entertaining heritage walk around Stokes Bay with local guide Terry Hinkley then dip into the diving museum for even more things you never knew about Stokes Bay!

### 14 APRIL 2017 MUSEUM OPENS

FRIDAY 14 to  
MONDAY 17 APRIL

FAMILY FRIENDLY



#### EASTER EGG SHELL HUNT

We spring into our 2017 season with a hunt for shells with little sur-prizes.



SATURDAY 6 MAY



#### 7pm, EVENING TALK

'Operation Blackleg' - Salvaging HMS Coventry's Secrets.

An illustrated talk by Clive 'Windy' Gale and Paul Tudor. £8 includes refreshments.

SAT/SUN & MONDAY  
27 – 29 MAY



#### 'UNDERWATER'

An exhibition of underwater-inspired multi-media contemporary art featuring local artists. Free with normal museum entry fee: Adults £3; Seniors & Kids £2.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

SUNDAY 18 JUNE



#### 'FATHER'S DAY'

Treat your Dad to a day out! All Dads accompanied by their child/children can visit the museum for free on Father's Day.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

SAT/SUN & MONDAY  
26 - 28 AUGUST



#### PIRATES & SUNKEN TREASURE

A weekend of piratical fun and games with hornswagging magic, eye-poppin' dancers and 'oooh arrrh treasure'!

FAMILY FRIENDLY

SATURDAY 9 SEPT



#### 7pm, EVENING TALK

'Behind the Underwater Scenes at Pinewood Studios' by Dave Shaw. Dave Shaw is the brains behind the underwater stage at Pinewood where the underwater scenes of almost every major movie you can think of has been filmed. £8 includes refreshments.

SATURDAY 16 SEPT



#### 7pm, QUIZ NIGHT

(part of the Portsmouth Making Waves Film Festival) 'Fish and Clips' a quiz night with questions based on films with an underwater theme. £7pp includes fish and chip supper (bring your own drinks).

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER



#### 7pm, EVENING TALK

'Gosport's Infernal Diver'. A theatrical interpretation by The Lee Players - an Interview with John Deane co-inventor of the diving helmet: his time in Gosport, and how the army introduced diving to the navy. £8 includes refreshments

### 29 OCTOBER 2017 MUSEUM CLOSURES

Please note, we do not currently have a credit card facility in the museum.

TICKETS for all our events can be purchased at the Tourist Office at Gosport Hard or online at: [www.thehds.com](http://www.thehds.com). Select 'Shop' then 'Conference and Events'

(Please note: Due to lack of space our evening events are limited to 50-60 people).

