



TEC- IN BRIEF

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Discoveries in Kimmeridge

As the summer months roll round, we start to lose the best collecting conditions and the discoveries tend to stop for the year, especially on the beaches and shores around Kimmeridge. Dr. Steve Etches does try to get out to non-coastal locations such as quarries, this can often result in some interesting finds. Many of our friends and supporters of the museum still collect on the shores around Dorset throughout the summer, as they like to look for washed out and water worn bones. These finds are great for a collector looking to build up their personal collection. These singular bone elements aren't often of any scientific use since single elements usually can't be identified to a specific species. When they can they are more than likely too worn to detail anything we haven't already got in our collection. That doesn't mean you can't or won't find interesting things washed up on the beaches, especially larger blocks that include fossils, as was the case with our recent discovery of a very large and stunning ammonite that has now joined the collection (See picture below).



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Welcome to the July edition of TEC - IN BRIEF

Dear Friends,

With the main tourist season upon us here at the museum and lots of visitors coming through our doors it's often a difficult time to sit down and reflect on things because all hands are on deck. But we couldn't do all of this without our incredible volunteers. The nation recently celebrated Volunteers' Week, which is an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. Our museum family have a small, dedicated team of volunteers that help us in various ways throughout the year. So, we give thanks to Nick Nugent, Sarah Brazier, George Raggett, Helen Earwicker, Chris Webb, Julie and Richard Morris for all of their hard work, support and friendship to the museum... Would you like to get involved with the museum? There are many ways in which to do so. You can volunteer, become a friend of the museum, join our online subscription service, engage with any of our free resources including our social media platforms. You can buy lots of interesting and fun things from our online shop and even make us the charity of your choice on Amazon Smile. (See video here) or simply donate to the museum to support any of the wonderful things we do here at The Etches Collection. Please see further details below. We hope to see you at the museum over the coming months!

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Message from Steve

"It's been a very interesting and busy month here at the museum, we have had 8 school visits in the first two weeks of July alone, which is an enormous amount of work for our team. From the initial contact, invoicing, educational programme delivery and gallery tours on the day, the system has become incredibly well organised and seamless. The evaluations we are receiving from the schools reflect that hard work. Another important aspect of our work at the museum is our local community, this is key to the museum's success. The Kimmeridge Trust that oversees the museum, work incredibly hard and I would like to highlight the village representatives on our governing bodies Sir Michael Hobbs, Rob Vearncombe, Nick Ford, and Rose Clarke for their hard work and dedication. I would equally like to thank Dr. Philip Mansel of the Smedmore Estate for his generosity too. The recent Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the opening of the new children's playground in the village was a huge success and it really highlighted the hard work that they all do. Our village came together for a wonderful day of celebration. I was also grateful that Lady Penny Cobham, who was on hand to say a few words in her capacity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees."



Save the Date

Children's Fossil Competition: March 28th –
August 26th

The Rise and Reign of the Mammals - July
29th at 7pm

The Inaugural Children's Fossil Competition Update!

The Children's Fossil Competition really has captured the imaginations of children and families alike and we thank everyone who has already entered. There are lots of young palaeontologists and earth scientists in the making out there, that is for sure, and it is wonderful to see that our competition is inspiring them. The Fossil Competition Team here at the museum and our wonderful sponsors PetroStrat met just recently and we have decided to extend the deadline of the competition from August 5th to August 26th @ 12noon. This is to give more children and families the opportunity to use their school Summer holidays to tell their fossil-finding stories and get their applications in.

Please visit our webpage: <https://www.theetchescollection.org/fossil-comp>
Email us: fossilcomp@theetchescollection.org

An Exploration of Planet Earth Online

Join us for July's online lecture "The Rise and Reign of the Mammals"

In this lecture learn all about mammal evolution from the renowned palaeontologist Steve Brusatte. This lecture explores mammalian history and is also the topic of Steve's latest book. The lecture covers from the first evolution of mammals, where they came from and the evolutionary changes, we can see in the Palaeontological evidence we have in the fossil record. This talk starts at 7pm (BST) on Friday, July 29th, 2022, and you can buy tickets using the link Register Now! The cost of the ticket is £6.50.

Opportunities to Support the Museum

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