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## Discoveries in Kimmeridge

There wasn't much time for collecting during the month of April, between the Easter break and the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival, it was a very busy month. The only trip that Steve made down to the bay was for one of our ever-popular bay tours, where Steve guided 25 visitors around Kimmeridge Bay, these tours are a good mixture of geology, history, and of course fossil hunting. Even though the weather conditions were a little rough and the wind was high, we had a great tour, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Steve even managed to find a small squid specimen to bring back. Although it turns out after prepping, it wasn't as exciting or as scientifically important as first thought, so it won't be officially joining the collection. The tours of Kimmeridge Bay will return in the autumn, we will be releasing dates during the summer, so if you are interested in joining us on a tour keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information.

## Why not join us on Social Media



## Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the May edition of our monthly e-newsletter.

Well, May is here, and we are starting to plan for the summer months. As you can imagine June to September are our busiest months here at the museum and, with the main tourist season almost upon us, planning is key to maximising our potential with the visitor experience. Carla, our operations manager, works hard to develop the plan and events that will make up our summer programme. Carla also makes sure that our wonderful front of house team and volunteers are trained and supported during the busy season. We will be releasing our summer programme of events and activities shortly, so look out for that on our website and social media platforms.

The Lyme Regis Fossil Festival that was on the weekend of April 29-30, was a huge success, with record crowds in attendance. Our museum was actively involved with the organisation of this year's festival. We also played an active role in the festival's education day on the Friday before the start of the festival and Nick Nugent, the museum's Education Coordinator, delivered several lessons to over 130 school children from the Lyme Regis and surrounding areas. Our museum stall proved to be a popular stop in the exhibitors' marquee, where our wonderful staff, volunteers and trustees were on hand to assist families as they learned about the museum and got to look at an array of fossils through our high-powered microscope.





## Message from Steve

It was lovely to hear that our museum team enjoyed themselves at the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival. I was fortunate enough to spend the entire weekend in Lyme catching the talks and meeting up with old friends. I heard some incredible stories about how our museum has played a very important role in people's lives, including a couple who met at the museum and are now getting married. There was also a very emotional story of a lady who visited the museum with her father just before his passing. It's these little stories that we don't often get to hear about, that makes things so worthwhile. The festival is a very important event in our calendar and I'm grateful to our staff, volunteers, and trustees for supporting this year's events and for helping to make it happen as a partner. I also heard that the festival's education day went incredibly well too.



## Check out our Online Shop!

The Etches Collection Online Shop has all your needs covered when it comes to all you geology, fossil and dinosaur needs. Discover something for all ages from fossils, clothing, toys and educational items.

Don't forget that if you become a friend of the museum you receive 15% off all shop purchases.

<https://www.theetchescollectionshop.org/>

## Children's Fossil Competition

The Children's Fossil Competition is back! Yes, the fabulous competition is back for its second year. So, to all of you, young fossil collectors, palaeontologists, and geologists out there, we have a few questions for you... Have you ever found a fossil? Maybe you have a collection of fossils? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have your fossil on display at The Etches Collection where thousands of visitors will get to see it? If the answer is a big YES! to any or all of those questions, then visit the Fossil Comp webpage for more information on how to enter.

We are grateful to both of this year's sponsors, coming back for a second year PetroStrat and our new sponsor Foster Care Associates.

For more information please  
email the team: [fossilcomp@theetchescollection.org](mailto:fossilcomp@theetchescollection.org)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Become a member of our team!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity to help a small independent and modern museum with a whole host of fun, exciting and meaningful activities on day-to-day operations? Then why not become part of our team at The Etches Collection – Museum of Jurassic Marine Life? You don't have to be an expert in geology or palaeontology; just be passionate, supportive, reliable, fun, and enthusiastic about making the visitor experience as enjoyable as possible.

To Learn more about the role, how you can help and how you will benefit please head to our website,  
email: [Info@theetchescollection.org](mailto:Info@theetchescollection.org) or call us on 01929 270000.

## Opportunities to Support the Museum

**Etches Collection Friends Membership Package:** Support us by subscribing to our Etches Annual 'Friends' Membership package of £49.99. To find out more about this exclusive opportunity and how to purchase, please speak to a member of our team

**Etches Online:** The Etches Collection Digital Subscription (Etches Online). Your chance to have exclusive virtual access to our amazing museum from wherever you are in the world. Support the museum 'virtually' for a monthly recurring subscription of only £4.99 per month or £54.99 for the full year. To find out more speak to our team or visit our website.

**Unique opportunities to help grow the imaginative, inquisitive, and wonderful minds of children:** We welcome many school groups for educational visits each year, where children learn about geology and palaeontology. With a generous donation towards our education fund many more children could learn with us. The museum also hosts many wonderful activities throughout the year, such as the Children's Fossil Competition. We are continually looking for sponsorship opportunities and donations to promote earth sciences. For more information, please visit our website.