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Discoveries in Kimmeridge

2023 has begun with more rain and some very cold weather. Steve's commitments have meant his first collecting trip of the year wasn't until the latter half of January. The constant rain has resulted in a couple of fairly large rock and mud slides. Nothing compared to the size of the recent cliff fall at West Bay on January 18th, but still enough to make a difference to the landscape. Sadly the landscape changes in Kimmeridge don't often yield many great finds, like they often do in West Bay, Lyme Regis or even Charmouth. As usual it's the ledges Steve is more interested in, but they were not fruitful in his most recent visit. However Steve did find a couple of new discoveries including some tiny ophiuroids and a bone (see pictured) which is a mysterious find due to its semi-hollow nature. We believe it may be a turtle bone, but it will not be added to the collection.



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Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the February edition of our monthly e-newsletter. In this month's e-newsletter we are continuing our series 'Meet the team' and this month Emily Ford is in the spotlight.

Emily has been with the museum for 5 years now, which makes her one of our longest serving members of staff. Emily not only works front of house, but she also supports Nick Nugent with our educational programmes and has become our expert on the fun educational activities, notably for guiding students as they explore fossils through our high-powered microscope, and also leads educational visits from time to time. Emily also maintains the museum's Instagram page and provides help in the running of our online shop as well as volunteering her time for events such as the Lyme Regis Fossil Festival where she is one of the museum's biggest advocates. Steve often says that she has grown so much in confidence over the last few years, and he is proud of the fact that she is willing to step out of her comfort zone and learn new skills. When Emily is not working, she loves to spend time with her new puppy Enzo, whilst documenting his antics on TikTok. Emily is also an avid gaming enthusiast, which sees her travel to gaming events across the country.



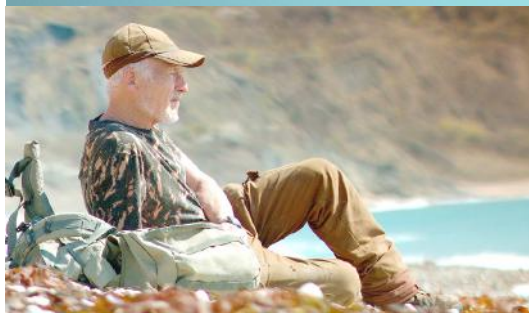
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Message from Steve

I hope that your New Year is going well, so far. January was a busy month for me and the team at the museum, we are continuing to look at fundraising as a priority and our 'Join us on the Journey' campaign will be launched soon, so look out for that in the coming weeks. The fun part of my job is always meeting our visitors at the museum. January was extra special for me because I got to meet a number of the Inaugural Children's Fossil Competition winners, who came into the museum with their families, which is really nice. I can't believe the knowledge and enthusiasm that these young kids have for fossil collecting and palaeontology, it's brilliant! The questions and discussions we had were at a really high level. Call me old fashioned, but it honestly makes me happy that children are still engaging in things like this and not glued to their smart phones.



Check out our Online Shop!

Why not check out The Etches Collection 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/>

Bay Tours are Back

The long awaited and much anticipated Kimmeridge Bay Tours are back on!

Join the world-renowned fossil collector and palaeontologist Dr. Steve Etches, MBE on a tour that will take you back 157 million years into the past, when Kimmeridge Bay was a tropical sea teeming with marine reptiles.

The tour of the bay usually takes around two hours, and you will need to purchase a ticket in advance. For more information please click [HERE](#). To purchase tickets on our online shop, click [HERE](#).

The next available date is:

February 19th, 2023 - 11am (SOLD OUT)

March 25th, 2023 - 2:30pm

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

For more information, please email: 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.