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WELCOME

Anthony Lloyd	Operations Officer, Subscription Rooms	3 rd April
Daisy Botha	Business Support Assistant, Subscription Rooms	24 th April
Jonathan Brown	Heating Engineer, Tenant Services	25 th April

FAREWELL

Paul Sawyer	Site Officer	26 th April
Mike Horner	Projects Manager	30 th April
Dan Boast	Senior ICT Officer	5 th May
Andy Norman	Sports & Health Development Officer	5 th May
Tina Gardner	Maintenance Adviser	7 th May
Amy Hill	Planning Technician	26 th May
Helen Carter	Revenue Officer	30 th May
Rhiannon Gower	Homelessness Prevention Officer	31 st May
Claire Powell	Licensing Support Assistant	31 st May

CONGRATULATIONS

Joe Dymond	covering role of Interim Manager at Subscription Rooms from 1 st April
Hollie Gittins	covering Business Support Assistant role in Environmental Health from 3 rd April
Claire Snow	promoted to Property Co-ordinator in Asset Management from 24 th April
Tom Fearn	secured permanent post as Planning Officer from 23 rd April

Deadline for the June E News –
Thursday, 25th May. Please email [Dave Marshall](#)

ECONOMY: *Help local people and businesses recover from the recession, grow the local economy and increase employment*

CANAL PROJECT LATEST

Volunteers: Following on from last month's item about corporate volunteering, we are hosting our biggest-ever group this week – 42 volunteers from Severn Trent Water. We plan to put them to work tidying the area around Gough's Orchard Lock, Brimscombe. We had hoped to begin installing bridge nameplates and other signs last month, but this has been delayed by the ongoing unserviceability of Cotswold Canals Trust's tugboat.

Ryeford: Piling work by CCT volunteers is now complete. Our own volunteers were busy last week helping the Trust with pouring 36 m³ of concrete behind these piles, securing the edge and solving the long-standing problem of leaks. The Trust now intends to start replacing the coping stones (some of which will have to be made) and then resurfacing the path with bricks, as was done originally.

Wallbridge: We are at last making progress in discussion with McCarthy & Stone. The company will transfer ownership of the bank below Stroudwater Court to the Stroud Valleys Canal Company, thus allowing us to begin work on cutting back the bank. In turn, the failed lock offside wall can then be repaired. The bank reduction work will be funded by McCarthy & Stone. If everything continues to make progress, we should be able to begin work this month.

In the meantime, 2 Equalities Act-compliant concrete ramps have been constructed by our volunteers. These are necessary to address the changes in level caused by the lock.

We currently have a problem with a low water level above Wallbridge Upper Lock. This is the result of very low rainfall and normal leakage between the lock gates. We have temporarily reduced this leakage with sawdust, though this means that the gates cannot be operated without reintroducing the leak! It may at some stage become necessary to back pump water from below the lock, especially if warmer weather was to cause distress to fish in the shallow water. The longer term solution is to secure a better water supply for the canal. CCT is working on providing a supply from the River Frome into the canal at Gough's Orchard, Brimscombe. Work on this is planned to take place during the summer. .

Brewery Wall: The last remnants of the old Stroud Brewery wall at Wallbridge are in the ownership of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and are in a poor condition. We are in discussion with GCC whereby it could fund repair work, which would be carried out by our volunteers. This canalside site is a key gateway to Stroud and a major part of the town's heritage. As such, it would be an exciting high profile project. As well as repair work, we plan to enhance the wall by bricking up the windows – whilst retaining the iron grilles – and possibly installing LED downlighting.

Bowbridge: Minor legal issues here have resulted in a 2 week delay; consequently completion is now expected in early June.

Living Waterway Awards: We have always been very proud of our volunteers, not least their commitment and willingness to tackle almost any job. Unfortunately, this has not been recognised in terms of awards. Last year's building of the retaining wall at Wallbridge - involving the pouring of 100 tonnes of concrete and the laying of 5200 porcupine blocks against a tight deadline – exemplified the volunteers' work and the degree to which they have acquired and use new skills. We are pleased to have reached the shortlisting stage and look forward to hosting the judging panel on 25th May.

We now have 2333 users following the latest canal news on  @cotswoldcanals

Contact: [Dave Marshall](#), Canal Project Manager (754646) ([back to index](#))

TOURISM NEWS

Stroud District Promotional Film – Update

We are still encouraging individuals and businesses to share our promotional film on social media and add it to their own websites: www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk/film. If you'd like to add the film link to your email signature, please get in touch and we'll send you the resized image and instructions.

Get Arty this May

This May, Stroud and the Five Valleys come alive with arts and creativity with the SELECT 17 textiles exhibition and the SITE 17 contemporary arts festival. The Select Festival opens 29 April to 28 May in venues in Stroud Centre and around the Five Valleys, and out to Cirencester and Miserden. The festival offers exhibitions, workshops, talks and events from leading designer makers, artists and speakers. Stroud's SITE Festival and Select Festival Open Studios will be held 6th – 7th and 13th – 14th May and will feature over 102 artists in 48 locations across the district. Look out for a great selection of bakes, both sweet and savoury in some of the Open Studios this year. Take pictures of the art and food and post them up online to vote for your favourites in Open Studios Bake Off Instagram special feed. Follow on Instagram: [sva](https://www.instagram.com/sva) #openstudiosbakeoff. Find out what's on at www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk/whats-on

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www.facebook.com/discoverstroud - over 3,100 followers

www.twitter.com/DiscoverStroud - over 3,700 followers

May Events

Find out what else is going on in the Stroud District this month: www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk/whats-on/

Contacts: [Sara Chardin](#) and [Shirley Wood](#), Regeneration Officers (Tourism) (754306) ([back to index](#))

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: *Provide affordable, decent and social housing*

HOUSING STRATEGY WINS FUNDING

The Housing Strategy team has recently been successful in being awarded funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government for two initiatives:

- As part of a countywide partnership we have secured up to £990,000 'social impact bond' (SIB) funding to support long-term and repeat homeless people who often have very complex needs. This new project will use a 'housing first' approach which means the primary focus will be to help the individual to quickly access long-term accommodation with sustainability supported through a tailored approach. The bid identified an estimated cohort of 110 clients across the county and while rough sleeping is more visible in the urban centres of Gloucestershire it is recognised that many of these people will have lived in the rural districts prior to becoming homeless. A service specification is currently being worked up with the project due to begin towards the end of the year.
- We have been awarded £52,921 following a bid in partnership with the Stroud Beresford Group. Stroud Beresford work with victims of domestic abuse and provide temporary accommodation and housing for women and their children across two accommodation units in the District. This is our third successful partnership bid of this kind over the last two years which has amounted to the award of £250K in total. This particular award will allow Stroud Beresford to work more intensively to support families with particularly complex needs.

Contact: [Laura Stephen](#), Senior Housing Strategy Officer (754095) ([back to index](#))

TENANTS BACKING SDC

The Stroud News & Journal are publishing a series of weekly articles on the theme of 'We're backing Stroud'. Each week takes an in-depth look at a different aspect of living and working in Stroud. Week 3 (Wednesday 5th April) featured a family who are SDC tenants:

"STROUD has always been a great place to raise a family, with a host of primary and secondary schools with glowing reputations, green areas for children to play and plenty of affordable housing.

The district council remains the only local authority in Gloucestershire that still owns and manages houses. Last year a council led development in Mankley Road, Leonard Stanley saw the completion of 51 new council homes and shared ownership properties, replacing prefabricated concrete buildings

Charlie Townsend, who has lived with her young family in Mankley Road since 2005, is extremely grateful for all the support they receive. "In 2004 I was living at home with my parents which wasn't ideal, especially since I had just given birth to my oldest son Jacob," she told the SNJ. "I was only 19 at the time and I kind of knew we weren't going to be able to afford a house of our own. The council were a great help. I gave birth in October 2004 and we had a new home by January 2005."

Charlie and her partner Alex Tremlin are now lucky enough to have three children, Jacob, 12, Alfie, nine, and Layah, eight. Alex is a plumber in Cheltenham while Charlie juggles part-time work in a Stroud care home with being a full time mum. Jacob attends Maidenhill School in Stonehouse while Alfie and Layah are educated at Leonard Stanley Primary School.

The family were delighted to move to one of the new three bedroom developments in June 2016 and hope they can stay for a long time. "Leonard Stanley is a great place to live with a nice community and good village life," said Charlie. "I've lived around the area all my life and I'm so pleased we can stay here as a family. "The work that the council do is really important because there are loads of people just like us who struggle to find a home they can afford."

[Stroud District Council](#) is investing £19.5million in a five-year programme to deliver over 200 new homes by March 2018."

Contact: [Rachael Lythgoe](#), Communications Officer (Tenant Services) (754102) ([back to index](#))

RENT CARDS

Council tenants will no longer receive an annual rent card in the post as part of the drive to encourage more tenants to pay their fortnightly rent by direct debit. By not printing the rent cards, and sending annual rent letters by iMail (rather than Royal Mail) we have made savings of over £1,800. Tenants who would like a rent card can download one from the council's website.

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KEEPING SHELTERED TENANTS INFORMED

Sheltered Modernisation News
A quarterly newsletter for sheltered housing residents
Issue 1 - April 2017

Why do we need to modernise?

A population we are living longer than ever before. The number of people aged over 65 is set to almost double over the next two decades. As a result we need to make sure that the homes we provide meet the needs and aspirations of an ageing population.

In order to do this we commissioned an independent report in 2016 to review our sheltered housing accommodation so that we had a better understanding of how suitable the properties are and what we need to do to plan for the future.

The report found that some of our sheltered properties were not suitable for older people. For example it noted that many of our sheltered homes are bedsits which are unpopular, and the type of homes that people want to live in. In fact, at one time, over 70% of bedsits at Drylaze Court in Watton-Under-Edge stood empty, despite our best efforts to let them.

THE REPORT CATEGORISED EACH SCHEME AS EITHER:

- Green**
Needs some refurbishment, such as plastering bare walls, repainting and providing new lounge furniture and soft furnishings.
- Amber**
Needs some refurbishment as above in addition to some remodeling, for example joining two bedsits together to make larger flats.
- Red**
Unsuitable for sheltered accommodation and too expensive to modify and improve.

As a result of the report the council embarked on a major sheltered modernisation programme, which will take about 10 years to complete.

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Meet the team...
As well as the support co-ordinator for your scheme, a dedicated team is managing the sheltered modernisation project

Kimberly Read
Project Manager
Kimberly is in charge of the project, selecting contractors, and ensuring the project stays on plan and to budget.
Telephone: 01453 754175

Chris Horwood
Project Officer
Chris will be assisting Kimberly in all aspects of the project and will become a familiar face around the sheltered schemes.
Telephone: 01453 754540

Christopher Eddie
Tenant Liaison Officer
If you need to be moved as part of the programme, then Christopher will work with you to help find a new home which meets your needs. Christopher will also provide practical assistance when you move home and will arrange your compensation payments.
Telephone: 01453 754147

If you would like a member of the team to visit you at home during any stage of the process then please get in touch and we will make arrangements to see you.
Email the team: newhomes.mgen@stroud.gov.uk

In the next issue... a closer look at how we help with the moving process

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Residents in our sheltered housing schemes have just received their first quarterly newsletter giving an update on the council's 10 year sheltered modernisation programme. It's been almost a year since we first announced plans to upgrade our 28 sheltered schemes, so the first *Sheltered Modernisation News* sets out the background to the project, reminds residents which schemes are categorised as **green** (need refurbishment), **amber** (some refurbishment and remodelling) or **red** (unsuitable for sheltered accommodation and too expensive to modify and improve) and introduces the team. The newsletter is available to read on our website, and on the Hub.

Contact: [Kimberly Read](#), Sheltered Housing Project Manager (754175) ([back to index](#))

ENVIRONMENT: *Help the community minimise its carbon footprint, adapt to climate change, recycle more and send as little waste to landfill as possible*

RESOURCES: *Provide value for money to our taxpayers and high quality services to our customers*

ASSETS TRANSFERRED TO TOWN

After many months of negotiations, the Asset Management Team has successfully completed the transfer of Bank Gardens, Sims Clock and Stroud Cemetery to Stroud Town Council, which has been managing them for many years. The Cemetery Chapel wasn't included in the transfer; this remains in SDC's ownership and is due to be marketed shortly. This is just one of the asset transfers taking place as part of the Asset Review Programme being led by the Asset Management Team



Contact: [Jill Fallows](#), Property Manager (754433) ([back to index](#))

MUSEUM NEWS

Rare Posy Ring offered to Museum

The Museum in the Park has been offered the opportunity to acquire a rare example of a gold post-mediaeval posy ring via the Treasure Act. The ring, which is marked with the stamp of John East a London jeweller working from 1656 – 1707, is a traditional love token from this era and bears an inscription around the inside edge 'Let Love Abide, Tell Death Divide'. The ring was found by a metal detectorist at Wotton Under Edge in early 2015 and has passed through the lengthy Treasure process which includes a coroner's hearing, assessment and valuation by the staff at the British Museum and a final assessment by antique jewellery experts. Its value has been settled at £2,000 and the Museum has begun a campaign to raise this money through public contributions and grant applications. If we are successful in raising the necessary sum we hope to put the ring on display in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Treasure Act later this year as part of the British Museum's Summer of Treasure programme. Donations can be made at the Museum or call 01453 763394 for further information.

Exclusive Painting Workshops in the Walled Garden

Pegasus Art, Stroud is delighted to offer new workshops for adults in Stroud's 'Secret Garden', the enchanting, newly opened Walled Garden at the Museum in the Park. There are plenty of subjects to draw upon – vivid flowers and plants in the garden borders designed by artist Cleo Mussi, architectural details such as the historic 18th century wrought iron gate, and the majestic trees of the surrounding parkland. The new glass-fronted Learning Pavilion will be our base, and a useful workspace in the event of wet weather. For further information visit: <http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk/pegasus-art-painting-workshops/>

Contact: [Kevin Ward](#), Museum Development Manager (763394) ([back to index](#))

IT'S ELECTION TIME - AGAIN!

On Thursday 8th June, as you are no doubt aware, a Parliamentary General Election is taking place. Stroud District Council has plenty of job opportunities available to staff to undertake and earn some extra money; including count assistants, postal vote issuing and opening assistants and Poll Clerk or Presiding Officer roles.

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please complete the staff survey by following the link on the hub <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/electionstaffingjune2017/>, or email elections@stroud.gov.uk if you know of anyone externally who may be interested in a Poll Clerk or Presiding Officer role.

Contact: [Hatty Davis](#), Elections Support Assistant (754397) ([back to index](#))

TACKLING GRAFFITI

Neighbourhood Wardens (NHWs) have worked as a team to remove graffiti, (consisting mainly of tags) that arrived and blighted Stroud Town Centre over one weekend. Approximately 40 of the above were found and removed from different locations.

Graffiti can be extremely difficult to remove due to the type of permanent marker or paint used, particularly if it is placed on porous stone or brick. NHW's have a commitment to remove obscene and offensive graffiti as soon as possible, to avoid any upset that it may cause.

NHWs carry graffiti removal kits in their vehicles, thus speeding up the process of removal. There are occasions when due to the size of the graffiti, the surface it is on or the paint/ink used, we have to call in a private company to remove it, obviously at a cost to SDC.

Unfortunately, it is not just Stroud Town Centre that suffers from graffiti; it happens all over the District. If you see, or become aware of an offender, please let the NHW's know. We love to prosecute/fine offenders, knowing that in the long run this helps to reduce repeat offences and helps to save SDC time and money in removal.

Contact: [Andy Murray](#), Neighbourhood Warden (754514) ([back to index](#))

KEY ELECTION DEADLINES

Deadline to Register to Vote - Monday 22 May midnight

Deadline to Apply to Vote by Post - Tuesday 23 May 5pm

Deadline to Apply to Vote by Proxy – Wednesday 31 May 5pm

If you visit gov.uk/register-to-vote or the Elections page on the SDC website, it will provide you with all the information.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING: *Promote the health and well being of our communities and work with others to deliver the public health agenda*

THE PULSE



Pool | Gym | Studio

Memberships

We are getting close to our maximum membership numbers so if you are considering a membership with us now is the time....

Don't forget SDC employees save 20% on memberships

For more information please call the Pulse on 01453 546441 or email karen.keniry@stroud.gov.uk or faye.frost@stroud.gov.uk

National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification

We have now opened our booking sheets for the next Lifeguarding course.
Monday 17th July – Saturday 22nd July £250 per person.
Spaces are limited.... call 01453 546441 to book.

We will be recruiting for lifeguards soon, this is the perfect chance to get qualified and join our team.

Fitness Class Timetable

New Class: POUND

Starts Wednesday 3rd May at 9.10am.

Rockout. Workout. The cardio jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. We have over 90 classes each week at the Pulse - there is something for everyone. Have a look at our full range of classes here: <https://www.pulsedursley.co.uk/studio/studio-open-times/>

Swimming Lessons

We have spaces available from birth to school ages children to learn how to swim..... for more information call 01453 546441 or email: tara.watkins@stroud.gov.uk

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CORPORATE AFFAIRS

DRIVING AT WORK

If you drive a private vehicle for work (as opposed to just commuting) the Council is obliged to check that it is safe and legal when it is being used for work. From time to time you will be asked to demonstrate that you have a valid driving licence; MOT and insurance cover for business use. You will need to do this for every motor vehicle you use for work so, if you occasionally use a family member's car or a motorbike, that will also need to be checked. You must also service and maintain the vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and check the safety features of the vehicle regularly. The DVLA no longer issues two part driving licences so, in order to check the validity of your licence, you will be asked to obtain a licence check code, using the DVLA web-site. The process is explained at <https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence>. The vehicle tax and MOT status will be checked on the DVLA website by entering the vehicle registration number and make. You will need to produce copies of relevant insurance certificates.

It is also very important that you are fit to drive at work. If you have any medical condition or if you are taking any prescription medication that might impair your driving ability you must discuss it with your manager and, of course, if you think you might be under the influence of alcohol or drugs do not drive.

RoSPA recently published an excellent handbook on Safer Driving at Work and I would recommend that all drivers read it. <http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/employers/safer-driving-for-work-handbook.pdf>

Contact: [Phil Park](#), Safety Adviser (754471) ([back to index](#))

ICT NEWS

Lots of changes in ICT, as can be seen from the Starters and Leavers section. The team is recruiting replacements as we speak and hope to be back to full strength in the Summer. Thank you to colleagues for their patience.

Mobile Emails: The team are delivering a number of initiatives as part of the investment programme. The search for a replacement/additional solution to citrix for members and staff that can be used on

their own devices has been successful. We are about to install the server based software and then start live testing of Blackberry Works.

We will be moving to guinea-pigs in July for full deployment in September (after the holidays). Full details and training schedule will be announced in the next few weeks.

Channel Shift: The projects team have been reviewing a number of teams and are about to start bench marking citizen contacts in the customer service centre. This will give us a good idea of where we are with fully transactional service delivery.

ICT Security Policy: This was agreed between the Council and the Unions last month and has been posted on the Hub. It is part of staff terms and conditions, and will be applicable to Councillors who use citrix and blackberry works later this year.

Staff are reminded that they need read the following web page, tick the confirm box and press 'Submit'. Any member of staff who hasn't read the policy by **10th May** will be **locked out** from their PC, emails and systems. All staff were sent an email on 6th April to this effect. A significant number are yet to read the page.

<https://intranet.stroud.gov.uk/UMBS61/service-units/ict/ict-policies/security-policy.aspx>

Planning Application Website: After resolving a minor but trouble-some security issue with the new Planning Application Website, it is currently available internally so that colleagues can verify the installation is working fine. We have a couple of tweaks to do to the firewall and we can hand it over to colleagues for training and implementation.

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WHAT'S ON



Museum in the Park
Stroud District (Cowle) Museum Service

MUSEUM EVENTS

until Sunday 21 May: **SELECT FESTIVAL 2017 - Dis/rupt Exhibition**

The *Dis/rupt* project is the result of a series of workshops between the members of the Textile Study Group with curators and artists such as Professor Lesley Millar, Caroline Bartlett and Dr Melanie Miller. The Textile Study Group is exploring several main themes, including global conflict, with the concomitant problems of migration and the refugee crisis; climate change and ecological disruption; conflict within domestic relationships; and disruption within traditional fabric making processes. TSG members will produce individual responses to their selected theme through the influence of stitched textiles, but not exclusively with fabric and thread. A programme of linked workshops and events will provide opportunities for participation, learning and discussion

"Whilst the effects of disruption can be problematic, disruption can have a positive outcome: it can force change, it can lead to greater understanding as well as previously un-thought of opportunities"
Dr Melanie Miller (curator)

For details of artist-led tours and workshops see www.sitselect.org.
www.textilestudygroup.co.uk. www.sitselect.org

Friday 12 May, 7pm – 10pm: **MUSEUMS AT NIGHT: Evening Museum Opening**

A rare chance to visit the Museum 'out of hours' and enjoy its evening atmosphere. Bring a torch and see what intriguing artefacts catch your eye. The garden will also be open. Free entry.

Friday 12 May, 8pm: 'ALL NIGHT UNDER THE MOON'

An eclectic mixture of mainly classical music spanning four centuries inspired by the heritage of Stroud and Gloucestershire. Presented Dave Ayre and his ensemble, this special event is staged to celebrate Museums at Night – the UK's 'lates' festival for the culturally curious. £15 (£10 concs). Booking needed.

Friday 12 May, 8pm – 10pm: BAT WALK WITH STROUD VALLEYS PROJECT

Join Nadine Smykatz-Kloss from SVP for a walk in search of bat sightings and sounds in Stratford Park. Museum open from 7pm until 10pm for 'Museums at Night'. £5. Booking needed.

Sunday 14 May, 10am: SPRING BIRD WALK IN STRATFORD PARK

Join Park Supervisor, Mike McCrea, for a walk around the park looking at nesting sites and spring birds. All welcome, wear walking boots or wellies and meet outside the Museum. Free.

Friday 19 May, 7.15pm: Museum Friends' Talk: 'PLANT HUNTING' with Nick Macer

Nick Macer, plant collector and owner of Pan-Global plants, will talk about his expeditions to remote territories in search of rare plants. Event organised by the Museum Friends. £15 (£12.50 MiP Friends) *Booking needed.*

Tuesday 23 May – Sunday 9 July: 'THE WATERY WORLD OF THE ICHTHYOSAUR'

A mini exhibition in the Geology Gallery. Visit our new mini-exhibition to explore the watery world of the Ichthyosaur. Taking our very own fossil baby Ichthyosaur, freshly cleaned and conserved, as its centrepiece this temporary display will allow you to explore the underwater environment that the Ichthyosaur lived in. Discover what an Ichthyosaur ate for lunch, as well as the other creatures and plant life that shared its watery world. With artistic representations of how the Ichthyosaur lived around 190 million years ago, plus the fossilised remains of the Ichthyosaur and its contemporaries this exhibition is not to be missed. Free.

Saturday 27 May – Sunday 25 June: 'PALAEOLOGY IS A DANGEROUS BEAST'

An Exploration of All Things Geological through an Artist's Fossil Myopia. Adam White interrogates geology through a series of giant experimental watercolours and votive objects that address the vital human concerns of our origins, hidden mythologies of the present day, how and why we think, the mystery of life and death, and the *wilful* blurring of belief and science.

Exhibits include '*Petrifaction by Numbers*', a giant geological map of the British Isles made from crushed rock pigments; '*The Vertebrae and the Spineless Wonder*', transparent dinosaur bones turned into votive objects which carry human stories marooned inside them, and '*The Ichthyosaur*', a 195-million-year-old Jurassic *Ichthyosaur* found by the artist in Gloucestershire. It is the most complete *ichthyosaur* currently known in the county.

The artist will be at the gallery every Sunday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm and the exhibition will be accompanied by events and workshops for all ages. Not to be missed!

Accompanied by half term holiday activities and special events.

Saturday 27 May – Sunday 4 June: Half Term Fossil Hunt: FIND THE PETRIFIED NAUTILUS

The hunt is on! Artist Adam White has hidden some special fossils around the Museum and beyond. Can you locate them all? Ask at reception for clues to get you started. Free.

Tuesday 30 May – Friday 2 June, 11am – 4pm: 'THE WATERY WORLD OF THE ICHTHYOSAUR'

Half Term Family Drop in Workshop. Come along to this family drop-in workshop and make your own diorama of the watery world of the Ichthyosaur. Make your own ammonites, belemnites and plant life to populate your under-sea scene in this themed craft activity which allows you to explore the scientific evidence for the life of the Ichthyosaur alongside your own creativity. Drop in. £2 suggested donation on the door.

Wednesday 31 May, 2pm – 4pm: MEET THE GEOLOGIST

A chance to meet the Museum's Geologist and learn more about our internationally significant geology collection. Bring your fossil finds for identification too! PLUS meet Adam White and other rock and mineral experts and hear about their amazing adventures and incredible discoveries. Free. Drop in.

Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 June, 11am – 4pm: ‘THE FOSSIL HUNTER’S FIELD STATION’

Pop Up Artist Studio in the Secret Garden Pavilion. Visit a pop up studio full of intriguing artefacts, mineral magic and fossil finds! Call in and look, or stop and linger, draw, dream and imagine ... Creative, playful art activities and displays presented by Periscope artist duo Emily Joy and Alison Cockcroft, to coincide with Adam White’s exhibition in Gallery One. Everyone welcome, come and discover this special space. Free. Drop in.

Museum open Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm, weekends & Bank Holidays 11am – 5pm

Museum admission free, donations welcome. www.museuminthepark.org.uk

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