

# MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

## April 2025

Come and visit us in April - we  
lots of activities taking place.  
Read on to find out more!

### WHAT'S IN STORE? PROJECT

If you would like to help, you can  
donate to the project by using  
the QR code



#### What's In Store? One step nearer...

Museums love objects. And we love to work with the community to bring their stories to life.  
To do that we need space.

The team working on the What's in Store? project have received exciting news from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The project has been approved to move to the next stage of the evaluation process, so its full steam ahead to get the work ready to go for the full application in May 2025!

#### What is the project going to do?

Pending approval from the NLHF in the Autumn of 2025, Newton Abbot Museum's 'What's in Store?' project will make a step change to the level of care, community access and space provided for the stored collections by building a single-story extension to the museum to house an environmentally innovative and accessible collections store. With community engagement very much at the heart of this project, an ambitious programme of over 120 engaging behind-the-scenes community activities will be delivered aiming to engage with 2,500 people.

The project will also provide the museum staff and volunteers additional workspaces which they desperately need to be able to work on managing, conserving and monitoring the collection. A programme of heritage skills training will support the project and provide opportunities for volunteers and staff to learn new skills. If the team are successful the project will also create new employment opportunities.

# EVENTS IN APRIL

BOOK YOUR PLACE, AND  
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR  
LATEST EVENTS AND  
EXHIBITIONS



## TWILIGHT SKETCHING



7TH & 28TH  
APRIL

16:00 - 18:00

LAST SESSIONS  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

**DROP-IN**

**FREE**

Come and enjoy the peace and quiet of the museum and use a selection of our inspirational objects from the Stores to sketch and draw.

## RELAXED VISIT FREE ~ DROP-IN

MONDAY 7TH APRIL,  
1PM - 3PM

There are sensory bags, ear defenders  
and a visual story available to use  
during your visit



Explore the Museum on a calm and relaxed day, with reduced audio and visuals.

## EASTER Holidays

Visit the museum this half term for a free, fun,  
Easter themed trail. Collect a sticker for your  
Pastport when you have completed it from the  
Welcome Desk.



Newton's Place  
The first Saturday of  
the month

## Bright Lights Writing Group

All Welcome!

Email: [janegeorgearj@hotmail.com](mailto:janegeorgearj@hotmail.com)



Saturday 5th April  
11am - 12:30pm  
Ditchburn Room



# TODDLER TUESDAY

at Newton Abbot  
Museum



Find out more  
and book  
your FREE  
place!



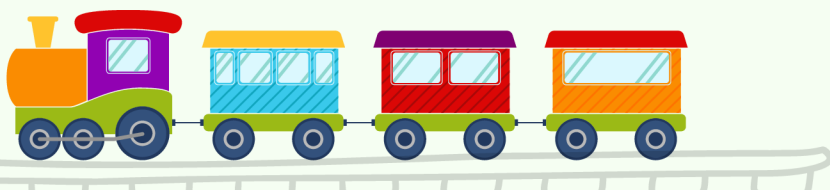
**TERM-TIME ONLY**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**EXPLORE THE MUSEUM  
STORYTIME  
PLAY  
NURSERY RHYMES  
DRAWING**



**UPCOMING SESSIONS:  
1ST, 22ND, 29TH APRIL**

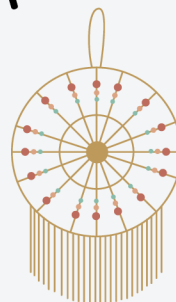


## *Museum Make and Create*

**SATURDAY  
5TH APRIL**

**10:30AM  
-  
12:30PM**

Take inspiration from the historical rope-making trade that Newton Abbot is famous for. You may be familiar with the area in town called Rope Walk where there was a thriving trade of rope making in years gone by. You will be able to make your own rope in the workshop and create plant hangers or dream catchers to take home.



Booking required,  
FREE to attend



# HERITAGE CREATIVES

MONDAY 28TH APRIL

10:30-12:30

FREE

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Ages 9 and  
up

Curate your own display!

In this session you will work  
together to select an object  
for the 'Object of the  
Month' case for May.

Create social media posts  
about it using drawings,  
photographs etc...



Scan here  
to book



## HOME EDUCATION WORKSHOP USING LEGO

Thursday 22nd May

9:30am - 12pm

at Newton Abbot Museum

£7.50 per  
child



pre-book your  
place here





# HOME EDUCATION AT NEWTON ABBOT MUSEUM

Learning takes many forms, and we are delighted to welcome home educators to our Museum. As well as our activity sheets which are available at any time, we also offer the following bookable sessions:

## HERITAGE CREATIVES



FREE  
Ages 9 and  
up

During these two hour sessions you can explore the museum and be inspired by its collections to create art, learn about history and about being a Curator.



Scan here  
to book



Special Lego building sessions based around the museum collection. These workshops are suitable for ages 6+ and offer a hands on way to explore the way things work.



These sessions are run by Brick Ideas and there is a per child cost. Check our website for information about upcoming sessions

**Plus**

We also sometimes host sessions organised by local home ed groups, see the webpage for updates

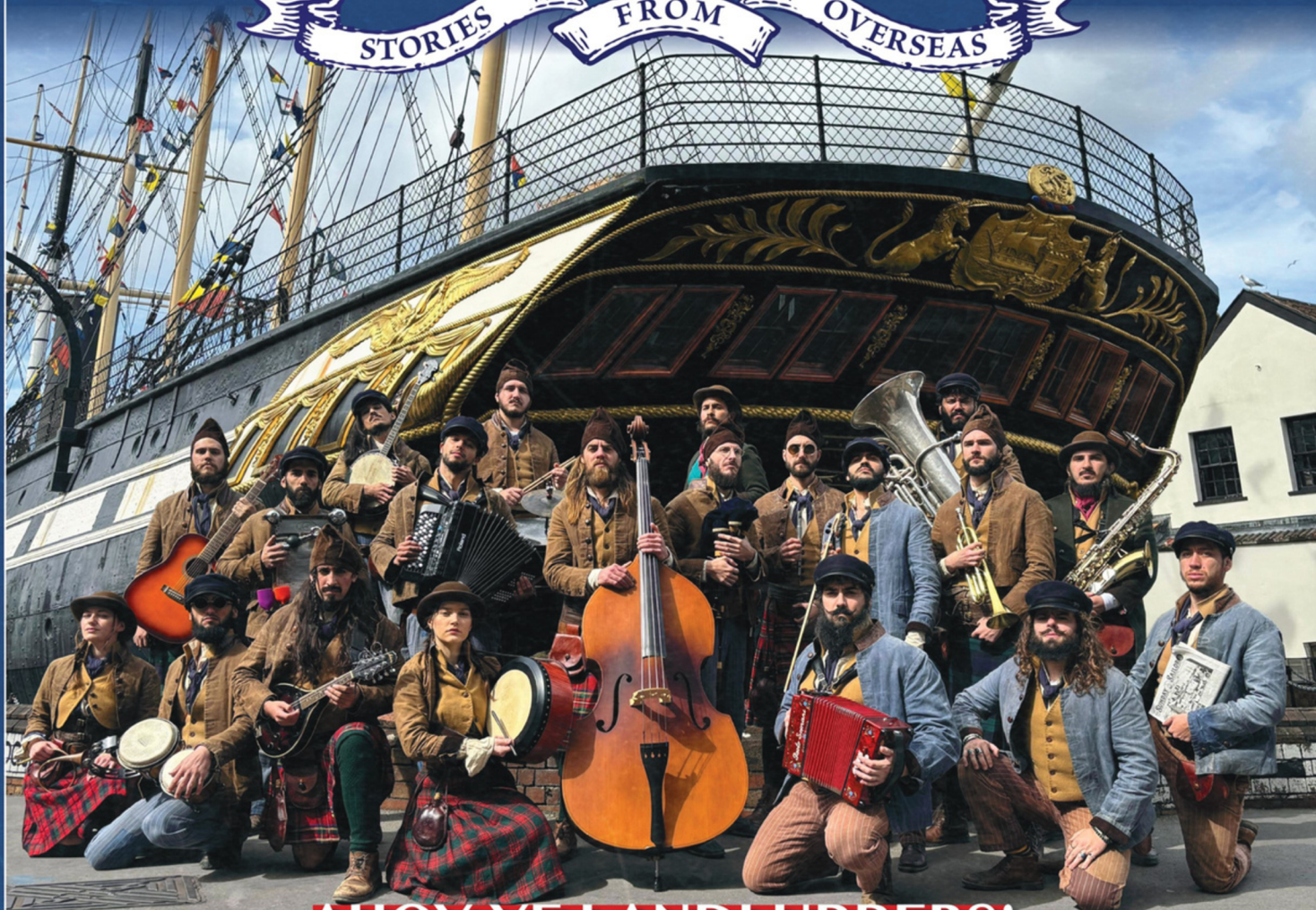
[www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk/home-education](http://www.museum-newtonabbot.org.uk/home-education)





# OLD TIME SAILORS

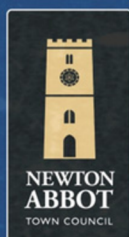
STORIES FROM OVERSEAS



**AHOY, YE LANDLUBBERS!**

THE OLD TIME SAILORS BE SETTIN' SAIL BRINGIN' A NIGHT  
O' MUSIC, MISCHIEF, AND MARITIME MAYHEM!

Join us for a fully immersive adventure, where sea shanties meet a plethora of music  
genres. Expect a rollickin' evening of belowdeck singin', dancin', rowing,  
and conga-linin' as we breathe life into the songs o' the high seas.



**MONDAY 14 APRIL, 19:00**  
**NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH**  
**STREET, NEWTON ABBOT, TQ12 1JQ**

BOOK TICKETS HERE:



[WWW.NEWTONABBOT-TC.GOV.UK](http://WWW.NEWTONABBOT-TC.GOV.UK)

[OLDTIMESAILORS.COM](http://OLDTIMESAILORS.COM)



Newton Abbot

# EASTER SATURDAY



**FREE  
FAMILY  
EVENT**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 2pm  
Courtenay Street**

**Crafts with 'Creative Newton Abbot'**

Balloon modelling

Face painting

The Hot House Combo

Spectrum Orchestra

Walkabout characters

Easter egg giveaway

Please note: this outdoor event is weather permitting



SAT 05 APR  
11.00 – 11.30 and 13.00 – 13.30  
Newton Abbot Library  
£2

# Locked in the Library with MED Theatre

Mia got caught up reading one of her favourite books in the corner of the library, but when she realises it has gotten dark outside, it's too late... she's locked in! Join Mia as she meets lots of interesting characters in her attempt to escape the building, and the possibility of being stuck in the world of books forever.

Approx. 30 mins running time, suitable for families with primary aged children

**Get tickets on Eventbrite or by contacting Newton Abbot Library on 01626 886223**



[librariesevolve.org.uk/events](https://librariesevolve.org.uk/events)

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# Your Space Community Case

Tiny tots who come along to weekly parent and toddler sessions in the museum explore the space, play with toys, listen to stories and take part in singing nursery Rhymes, and they also make lovely artworks. Come and see what they have made in Your Space in April.



Toddlers' paper  
plate creations

If you collect anything interesting, or if you have a treasured item that you would like to exhibit in Your Space, contact the museum and your collection might go on show in the Your Space cabinet.

## Object of the Month

This month's object was selected by Duke of Edinburgh volunteer Heath.

Object: Character jug of 'Jan Stewer'

This large yellow 'Jan Stewer' mug is very typical of the Widecombe Fair character pots produced by the Devonmoor Pottery, celebrating the famous Baring Gould Widecombe Fair song:



Tom Pearce, Tom Pearce, lend me your grey mare  
All along, down along, out along lee.  
For I want to go down to Widdecombe Fair  
Wi' Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney,  
Peter Davy, Dan'l Whiddon, Harry Hawk,  
Old Uncle Tom Cobley and all... Old Uncle Tom Cobley and all!

# THE MUSEUM 'PASTPORT'

Come in to customise your pastport and start collecting stickers. After collecting 10 stickers (one per visit), you can collect a prize!







**PLASTIC FREE**  
**NEWTON ABBOT**  
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

By using a pastport in lieu of plastic prizes, we hope to reduce our plastic consumption in the museum.



## USE AN APP TO EXPLORE OUR COLLECTIONS!

-  Change the language to English, Spanish, French and German
-  Read the information you find out loud
-  Make text bigger or smaller
-  Complete trails on your phone



Apple

Android







Teignbridge Lottery for Communities offers a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot every week!

<https://www.teignbridgelotteryforcommunities.co.uk/support/newton-abbot-museum>

At least 60% from each ticket sold goes to support good causes in the Teignbridge District. This means if you use the museum's Lottery link (above) the museum gets 50p from every lottery ticket purchased (with a further 10p going to other local causes). Sign up now if you would like to enter the weekly draws!

**FOR FULL INFORMATION, AND TO PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS, FOR EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WHAT'S ON PAGE:**

<https://museum-newtonabbot.org.uk/visiting/whats-on/>



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