

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER May 2025



Come and visit us in May - 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!



Visualisations of the new store



EVENTS IN MAY

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



ST LEONARD'S TOWER OPEN!

May 21st - September 17th, 10am - 1pm

Wednesdays and selected Saturdays

Come and collect your unique Tower sticker for your Pastport!

Children under 5 are not permitted up the tower

Free
Entry

ST LEONARD'S TOWER OPEN ON SATURDAY 17TH & 24TH MAY

Annual Town Meeting

Classic Car Show



May
Half-Term

Visit the museum this half term for a free, fun,
themed trail.

Collect a sticker for your Pastport when you have
completed it from the Welcome Desk.

Trails & Quest available all year round

Come and collect your Pastport stickers!

Don't forget we're open every Saturday, 9:30am-1:30pm



Newton's Place
The first Saturday of
the month

Bright Lights
Writing Group

All Welcome!
Email: janegeorgearj@hotmail.com



Saturday 3rd May
11am - 12:30pm
Ditchburn Room

TODDLER TUESDAY

at Newton Abbot
Museum



Find out more
and book
your FREE
place!



TERM-TIME ONLY

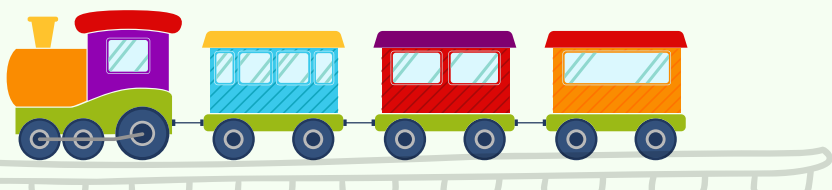
9:30AM - 10:30AM

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



UPCOMING SESSIONS:

6TH, 13TH, 20TH MAY



Museum Make and Create **Amazing Inventions!**

**SATURDAY 10:30AM
10TH MAY 12:30PM**



Celebrate the 350th birthday of John Lethbridge!

We don't know what exact day his birthday is, but the 3rd May was the day (in 1715) when he made his first experimental submersion.

Amazing inventions is the theme for May when we will be asking you to invent a robot or machine that will make the world a better place.

The museum highlights inventions important to the town, including the diving machine invented by local man, John Lethbridge. He became a multi-millionaire with his deep-sea invention as he was able to retrieve much sunken treasure and goods from shipwrecks for companies world-wide.

Fire up your imaginations and see what you can invent.

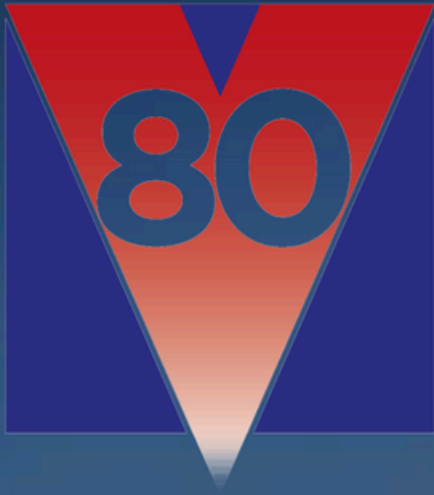
Booking required,
FREE to attend



Please let us know if you are no longer able to attend the workshop as we purchase enough supplies for the session for the number of people booked on. By letting us know you are unable to attend it avoids material waste and also allows us to offer your place to someone else.



Newton Abbot



VE DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY

A shared moment of celebration

8th May 2025



**NEWTON
ABBOT**
TOWN COUNCIL

Flying the VE Flag of celebration at St Leonard's Clock Tower

Wreath Laying - War Memorial at 10.50am

Town Crier Proclamation - St Leonard's Tower at 12 noon

Bell Ringing - St Leonard's Clock Tower and Highweek Church, 6.30pm

Beacon Lighting - Highweek, Wolborough, Buckland sites, 9.30pm

NEWTON ABBOT TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Town Meeting

Saturday 17th May 2025

Courtenay Street 10am to 1:30pm

Come along and meet your Town Councillors, Council Officers and the Museum Team to discuss matters of local interest, make suggestions or find out about local events.

FREE CRAFT ACTIVITIES



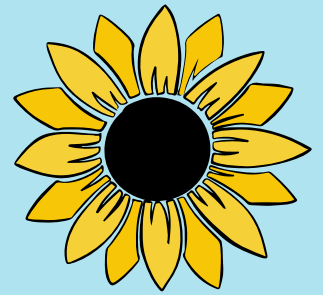
Any parish issues may be sent in advance to:

Newton Abbot Town Council, Newton's Place, 43 Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 1JQ.
T: 01626 201120. Email: info@newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk



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RELAXED VISITS



Check the What's On
page for the next
relaxed session date

Explore our galleries in a calm and relaxed environment with reduced sound levels. There will be a quiet space available away from the galleries, and you are welcome to borrow our sensory bags and ear-defenders.

HOME EDUCATION WORKSHOP USING LEGO

Designing and building motorised or manually operating Lego signals and an working crossing barrier.

This workshop we will be building a Lego bridge/ gantry over the railway line with operating signals and/or a working crossing barrier.

Thursday 22nd May
9:30am – 12pm
at Newton Abbot Museum

**£7.50 per
child**



pre-book your
place here



Your Space Community Case

Ship ahoy!

There is something completely different for May in the Your Space display as we feature a collection of model boats from the Indian Ocean, including a very rare boat model from Sri Lanka that is no longer made today. These delicate little models were collected as part of doctoral research by the museum's curator, Dr Charlotte Dixon.

Do you have a collection that you would like to share? We still have slots available across 2025.



To find out if any of your cherished items could go on show in the Your Space Community Case in the future, please have a chat with staff in the museum or email our Community Engagement Officer Kate Green at kate.green@newtonspace.org

Object of the Month

This month's objects link to the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe - VE Day. May 8th marks the day the Allies formally accepted Germany's surrender in WWII.

The long-anticipated news in 1945 resulted in spontaneous celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment. The war in the East did not end until 15 August 1945, when Japan surrendered.



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



Classic Car Show

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM

HOT HOUSE COMBO



In Partnership with



SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2025

Newton Abbot Town Centre

9am-4pm

ALL ENQUIRIES & EXHIBITORS TO EMAIL teignclassicsjamie@gmail.com

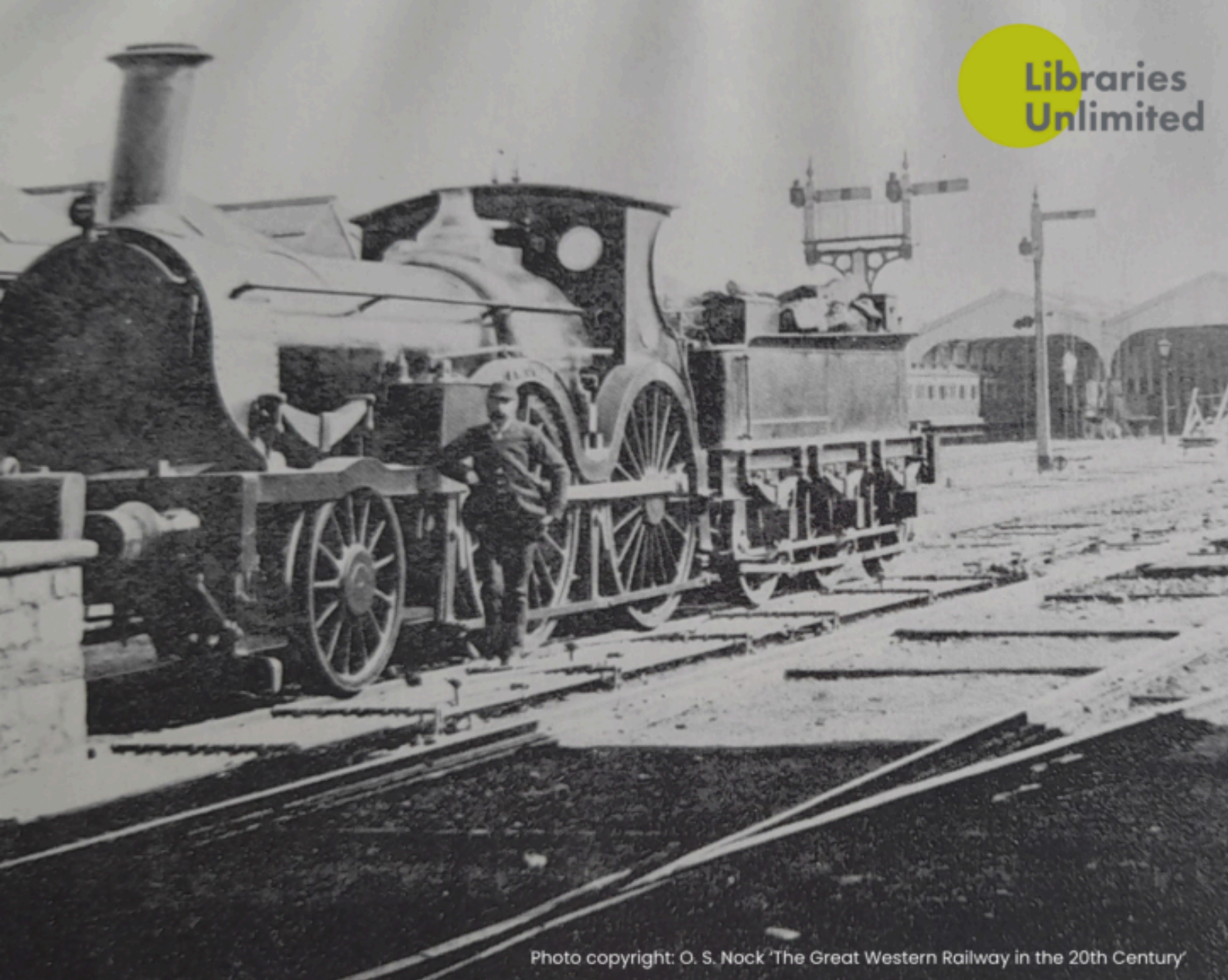


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Back Along The Tracks

A historical fiction creative writing workshop celebrating 200 years of rail travel its thrills, dangers and romance.

**Monday 9th June, 10am-1pm
at Newton Abbot Library**

Workshop lead by local writer and column editor Myfanwy (Vanni) Cook, focusing on the Great Western Railway, including the role of Newton Abbot Railway Station, and famous locomotives and passengers who travelled on the line.

Tickets £7.50. Places are limited, so please book with
Newton Abbot Library on 01626 886223.



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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