

## Talks

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### Victorian Naturalists on the North Devon Coast

Tues 21 January, 7.30pm-9pm  
Ilfracombe Museum

Jim Monroe, Coastwise.

### Microscopes, Magic Lanterns and Victorian 3D

Nineteenth-Century Popular Science and North Devon

Tues 18 February 7.30pm-9pm  
Ilfracombe Museum

Professor John Plunkett, Exeter University.

### Collectors on the Coast

Tues 18 March, 7.30pm-9pm  
Ilfracombe Museum

Holly Morgenroth, Exeter Royal Albert Memorial Museum.

### Historical Perspective of Seashore Guides

Tues 15 April, 7.30pm-9pm  
Ilfracombe Museum

Maya Plass, Learn to Sea.

### Ilfracombe: A Health Resort where Death Came Calling

Tues 13 May, 7.30pm-9pm  
Ilfracombe Museum

Dr John Travis, Freelance Author and lecturer.

### Edible seaweed: Past and Present Uses

Tues 24 June, 7.30pm-9pm  
Ilfracombe Museum

Dr Sarah Hodgekiss, CyberColloids

All the above events are free but please phone to book a place. Refreshments provided.

## Curious Ilfracombe

### in 20 Objects and Magic Lantern Show with Mervyn Heard

Sat 6th September  
11am- 3.30pm  
Landmark Theatre

Join our panel of speakers who will present Ilfracombe in 20 curious objects from the museum's collection. At the end of each session you can vote for your favourite object which will feature in the museum's new cabinet of curiosity.

The day will also include Magic Lantern shows by Mervyn Heard at 11am and 2pm. There will also be opportunity for you to share your own slides and make them part of the show.

This event is free but booking is recommended. Suggested donation £3 per person.

## Writing the Seaside

### Competition



Write a short story or poem to help celebrate North Devon's connection to Victorian scientific and literary exploration.

Competition opens March 2014 until August 2014. Winners to be announced at Curious Ilfracombe Event on September 6th.

For information on how to enter please contact the museum or visit the website and facebook pages.

## Ilfracombe

North Devon

Approach via Barnstaple on the A361 or Combe Martin on the A399



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES  
JAN-SEPT 2014

ILFRACOMBE  
NORTH DEVON





# Family Activities

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## Undersea wonders

Fri 21 February  
11am-3pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)

Come and explore the technicolour world of the seashore.

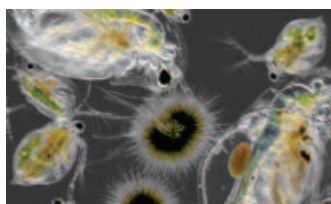
- Let loose with limpets.
- Get arty with anemones.
- Fashion a funky fish.

Help create our large than life marine collage and discover Ilfracombe's own Victorian Naturalist- Philip Gosse.

£2 per child, accompanying adults free.

## What You Don't See at the Seaside

Plankton under the microscope with Pete Jollands, the North Devon Biosphere Foundation and Coastwise



Fri 11 April & Fri 8 August  
11am-3pm  
[Landmark Green](#)

- Discover the amazing world of plankton and other microorganisms under the microscope.
- Learn to identify plankton under the microscope.
- Build your own plankton and see how it would survive in the ocean.

The tiny world of plankton and other microorganisms is often, quite understandably, overlooked. However, they are easy to collect from both marine and freshwater habitats and with just a simple microscope you can open up a whole new world of interest.

These events are free, suggested donation £2 per child.

## Rockpool Ramble

With Maya Plass, Learn to Sea

Thurs 29 May, 12pm-2pm  
Thurs 14 August, 2pm-4.30pm



### Tunnels Beach

Join us for an in-depth but informal exploration of the rocky shore at Tunnels Beach. Learn how to use the tides to make the most of your rockpool session and discover some of the incredible species found on our seashore, hear about their disgusting eating habits and astonishing life cycles. On this session we will scramble across the rocks to the lowest point of the tide to find some rarely seen species to return before the tide turns!

Please bring a bucket, footwear that you are happy to get wet and weather appropriate clothing.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

£2 per child, adult free. Booking advisable

## Mermaids and Monsters: Singing and Slime

with Sara Hurley Blazing Tales

Wed 30 July, 11am-3pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)

Take a journey with our Victorian explorer and mythical underwater creatures for some sea themed storytelling and making. Sara Hurley is a storyteller and story maker. She performs as a teller of tales as well as encouraging people of all ages to make up their own stories, often inspired by the history, folklore and landscape of the place they are in.

£2 per child, accompanying adults free.

## Amazing world of Algae

with the Marine Biological Association

Fri 22 August, 11am-3pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)

Handle real life seaweed specimens, look at them under microscopes and learn about the many amazing uses of seaweeds from heart surgery to the speakers in your tablet computer! Make algae slime and even taste some seaweed.

£2 per child accompanying adult free.

## Seashore Safari

with the Marine Biological Association

Wed 27 August, 11am-3.30pm  
[Tunnels Beach](#)



Get up close to some of the amazing wildlife found on the shore, learn about life in the sea using all of your senses on a day of family friendly games and creative activities.

Please bring footwear that you are happy to get wet and weather appropriate clothing. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. £2 per child, adult free.

Booking advisable

# Victorian Week

Mon June 9 to Sat June 14

## Victorian Coffee Morning

Mon 9 June  
10.30am-12.30pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)

Come and enjoy a delicious slice of cake and cup of tea or coffee, and whilst you are here have a look at our wonderful collections of Victorian photographs, costumes and memorabilia.

## Talk: From Embroidery to Taxidermy

A History of Victorian Women's Handicraft with Dr Patricia Zakreski

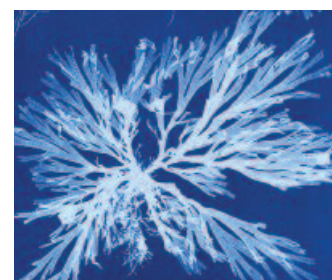
Mon 9 June  
2pm-3.30pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)

In this talk, Patricia Zakreski will take you through the wonderful, diverse, and sometimes weird, world of Victorian domestic handicrafts.

## Workshop: Cyanotype Printing

with Peter Stiles

Tues 10 June  
10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)



Come and learn this early photographic process with local print maker Peter Stiles. All materials provided but do come with ideas, and materials such as dried plants, flowers and seaweeds that you would like to use.

Places are limited to 8 people per session, Please book a place in advance £4 per session.

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## Nature Writing Day Retreat

with Kamini Gupta

Wed 11 June  
10.30am-3.30pm  
[Tunnels Beach Ilfracombe](#)

For the Victorians the seaside was a place of discovery and inspiration, somewhere to escape to restore ones health and natural sense of well being. This day takes place in indoors and outside at the Tunnels beach and is an opportunity to tune in to the source of our creative inspiration by exploring our inner and outer landscape with our senses. We will spend time being quiet, listening, feeling and drinking in the beauty of Tunnels Beach. Looking closely, what will we discover? What will inspire us? And what words will wash up on the page? Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear suitable for our beach journey. Please bring a packed lunch, a notebook or journal, a pen and any other creative tools you desire.

Places limited to 15 per day  
Please book a place in advance  
£6 for the day.

## Bobbin Lace taster workshop

with Louise West

Thurs 12 June  
10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)

Make a simple braid bookmark using the two basic stitches of lace making. This is a 'hands on' session which is suitable for complete beginners to lace. There will also be a display of lace, to show how far these two basic stitches can be taken to form intricate designs.

Places are limited to 8 people per session. Please book a place in advance £4 per session.

## Handpress printing with Peter Stiles

Fri 13 June  
10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm  
[Ilfracombe Museum](#)



Create and cut your own wood block with Peter's guidance and print it using an original letter hand press from the museum's collection. All the necessary materials will be provided though participants are encouraged to bring along either their own source material or prepared designs.

Places are limited to 8 people per session. Please book a place in advance £4 per session.

## Victorian Rockpool Ramble

Sat 14 June  
11.30am-1.30pm  
[Tunnels Beach Ilfracombe](#)

Follow in the footsteps of Victorian naturalists such as Philip Gosse in a re-enactment of the first organised rock pool rambles of the 1850s.

Free but please book a place in advance.

Suitable Victorian costume is welcomed! NB this event is aimed at adults.