

Gosport
Discovery
Centre



What's On

Events, classes & workshops



May to August 2010



Hampshire
County Council

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to our summer season of events, courses, workshops and activities from May to August 2010.

Look out for our special free events as a part of Gosport's **Big Day Out**, and don't miss the chance to have the first look at the Forgotten Emperor exhibition, which opens on 8 May at Gosport Gallery. We also have a brand new retail area on the ground floor – come and browse for gift ideas and stationery.

We hope that you enjoy what we have on offer this season. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the next, please let us know!

Please note that Gosport Discovery Centre and the Local Studies Centre will be closed on Tuesday 15 June for staff training.

Best wishes!

Sarah Greenaway (Events Officer)

Kate Redwood (Learning Co-ordinator)

Booking Information

Tickets for most of our events, courses, workshops and activities are available from the Discovery Centre at the main counter on the ground floor. Alternatively, you can call our booking line on **023 9252 3463**.

Some events are organised by our partners from the Museum Service, **SEARCH**. To book tickets for these events, please call their booking line directly on **023 9250 1957**.

 = Children's Event

Gosport Register Office has now moved into the Discovery Centre. To book an appointment please telephone 0845 603 5637

Calls to 0845 numbers are free on some BT call plans but will cost between 4p (local rate) and 6p (national rate) per minute for BT customers not on a plan. Calls made using other service providers or mobiles may cost more. Alternatively call 01329 225398 - standard and local call rates apply to this number.

Regular activities for children and young people

Storytime for the Under Fives

Every Wednesday in the Children's Library
2–2.30pm

A chance to hear wonderful stories and meet new friends. Parents/carers must stay with their children.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Look out for our **free** Storytime Specials!

Baby Rhymetime

Thursdays fortnightly in the Children's Library
2–2.30pm

13 May, 27 May, 10 Jun, 24 Jun, 8 Jul, 22 Jul, 5 Aug, 19 Aug

Hand-clapping, knee-joggling fun! A great way for you and your baby to discover rhymes and make new friends. Suitable for babies aged 0–12 months.

It's fun, **FREE** and friendly!

No need to book, just come along.

Toddler Rhymetime

Thursdays fortnightly in the Children's Library
2–2.30pm

6 May, 20 May, 3 Jun, 17 Jun, 1 Jul, 15 Jul, 29 Jul, 12 Aug, 26 Aug

Toe-tapping fun for toddlers. Suitable for children aged 12 months to 2 years.

It's fun, **FREE** and friendly!

No need to book, just come along.

Eat 'n Read Book Club

In the Teen-Zone
4–5pm

Tuesday 22 June

A book club for young people aged 11–15. A chance to chat with friends, look at new books and join in with activities.

Refreshments provided

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Bookcrawl

Any child under 5 can join Bookcrawl at Bridgemary Library, Elson Library, Lee-on-Solent Library or Gosport Discovery Centre at any time.

It's **free** to collect the stickers and certificates as you visit.

If you take part during the summer school holidays, there will be special Space Hop certificates especially for you!

And remember to ask for your **free** Bookstart Plus pack if you're aged 18–30 months.

Discovery Club

On the Storyboat
4–5pm

Tuesday 29 June

New books, quizzes and activities for children aged (nearly) 8–11 years.

If you'd like to join in, just come along. Why not bring a friend?

Refreshments provided.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Space Hop

Hop aboard and join the adventure

at your local library or Discovery Centre as you read your way around the universe this summer.

Take-off is from Monday 19 July and final touchdown is Saturday 11 September. You choose giant leaps or small steps along the way as you pick 6 books, collect stickers, and win a medal and certificate at the end of your reading challenge.

It's all **FREE** and fun, for children aged 4–11 years.

For children aged 0–4 years, please ask us about summer Bookcrawl.



Regular events for adults

Film Club

First Monday of every month
7–8.30pm

10 May (Due to Bank Holiday),
7 Jun, 5 Jul, 2 Aug

Love film? Then why not share your passion at our monthly film club. The group chooses DVDs to review each month.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Nat Gonella Reading Group

Second Tuesday of every month
2–3.30pm

11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug

We have a few remaining places for our informal and friendly reading group.

For more details and to reserve a place please contact Angela Lethern-Palmer on 07830 082690



Writers' Group

Third Tuesday of the month
6–7pm

18 May, (No meeting in June),
20 Jul, 17 Aug

Love creative writing – then why not share your passion with other writers at our friendly and informal writers' group?

£1 monthly subscription.

No need to book, just come along.

Family History Advice Clinic

Every Wednesday
except school holidays

Local Studies Centre
10.30am–12.30pm

Finding it hard to track down an elusive ancestor? Come and meet our experts for advice.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Regular events for adults



Priddy's Purlers: Knitting Group

Second Thursday of the month
2–4pm

13 May, 10 Jun, 8 Jul, 12 Aug

Join our friendly group of enthusiastic knitters, Priddy's Purlers, to exchange tips, learn new techniques and make new friends.

Everyone welcome, including absolute beginners.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Art Club

Fridays fortnightly
10am–1pm

7 May, 21 May, 4 Jun, 18 Jun,
2 Jul, 23 Jul, 6 Aug, 27 Aug

Whether you're an absolute beginner or an old pro, come along to our daytime Art Club to share your passion for art, and exchange tips.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Reading Group for People with a Visual Impairment

10.30am–12noon

Friday 18 June
and 20 August

We provide the books in large print, on tape or on CD and you enjoy the discussion.

FREE! For more information please contact Sue Seaton on 023 9252 3463.

Low Vision Information Sessions

10am–12noon

Friday 28 May and 9 July

Come and meet a Sight Loss Advisor from Adult Services to find out about practical aids to help you with day to day living. Information is also available on library services for people with a visual impairment.

FREE! Please book your place by calling the Sight Loss Advisors directly on 023 9228 6517.

NEW! Books and Banter

10.30am–12noon

Tuesday 20 April, 18 May,
15 June (special meeting
at SEARCH) and 20 July

Come and join our new group for those who like to choose their own books but have difficulty getting to our Discovery Centre.

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, tea and transport provided.

FREE! For more information contact Sue Seaton on 023 9252 3463.

Stop Smoking Clinic

Every Saturday

10am–12noon

Join the staff from Hampshire Primary Care Trust at the Smoking Clinic for friendly and informal advice to help you kick the habit.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Live music in the Discovery Centre Café

Last Saturday of the month

11am–12noon

Featuring Kevin Took (keyboard player with Suzi and the Hot Licks) playing easy listening pop classics.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Language Cafés on the Studio

Looking for an informal and sociable way of improving your language skills? Drop in for a chat! You don't need to be fluent, but also not a complete beginner. All of our Language Cafés are **FREE!** No need to book, just come along.

French Language Café



Thursdays, fortnightly
5-6pm
10 May, 24 May, 7 Jun,
21 Jun, 5 Jul, 19 Jul, 2 Aug,
16 Aug

Café Deutsch



Afternoon sessions
Every second Wednesday of the month
5-6pm
12 May, 9 Jun,
14 Jul, 11 Aug
Morning sessions
Every fourth Thursday of the month
10.30-11.30am
27 May, 24 Jun, 22 Jul,
26 Aug

Spanish Language Café



Thursdays, fortnightly
5-6pm
6 May, 20 May, 3 Jun, 17 Jun,
1 Jul, 15 Jul, 29 Jul, 12 Aug,
26 Aug

Caffè Italiano



Thursdays, fortnightly
5-6pm
13 May, 27 May, 10 Jun,
24 Jun, 8 Jul, 22 Jul, 5 Aug,
19 Aug



Easy Reads Collection

Books for Adults with learning disabilities

Easy Reads are now available from Gosport Discovery Centre. Aimed at Adults with learning disabilities, these books are bright and colourful with easy to read text and lots of pictures.

The books, both fiction and non fiction, were chosen by local readers

with learning difficulties, with help from Adult Services.

The non fiction titles deal with a range of topics including health and financial issues.

Located on the Mezzanine Floor - just ask staff to show you where they are.

Courses and Workshops



Unless stated, these courses and workshops are for adults.

Concessions: If you receive benefits, many of our courses are half price. These are marked with a **C**

One-to-One Keyboard Tuition

Various slots available - please ask for details
Kevin Took

Learn to play the keyboard with qualified and experienced music teacher. Whether you are an absolute beginner or have some experience, want to learn for fun or to pass your piano, organ, keyboard or theory exams, book your first weekly session at Gosport Discovery Centre.

Suitable for adults and children. First half hour lesson **FREE!** No obligation.

Fees for lessons are £11.50 for 30 mins and £23 for 1 hour



Harmonica Beginners

Tuesday 4 May-25 May **C**

5.45-7pm

Matt Hodgett

Come and learn to play the harmonica - you'll be playing like Bob Dylan in no time! The atmosphere of the class is fun, positive and supportive. You don't need any prior musical experience - come along and start a hobby for life!

4 weeks

£20 for tuition only
£30 for tuition and a harmonica



Pilates **C**

Tuesday 4 May-29 June

8-9pm

Polly Baber

Pilates is an exercise method designed to strengthen and restore the body to balance. It has been practiced all over the world since its invention in the early 1900s. Come and join our friendly and welcoming class, suitable for beginners and those with some prior experience of Pilates.

Please bring a mat

No class during half term

No class on Tuesday 15 June (due to DC closure)

7 weeks

£28

Courses and Workshops

Ukulele Improvers

Tuesday 4 May–25 May
7–8.15pm

Matt Hodgett

Our ukulele class for beginners has been so popular that we are now running this follow-on class. If you have some experience of playing the ukulele but would like to learn more and improve, please come along and sign up!

This class is not for complete beginners.

4 weeks

£25



Local History Walks with Lesley Burton

Monday 7 June–12 July
5–7pm

A great way to bring local history alive, led by eminent local historian, Lesley Burton, these fascinating walks are bound to reveal new facts and stories about the heritage of our area.

Areas covered will be Gosport Town Centre including ferry gardens and Trinity Green, Alverstoke Village & Stokes Bay, Lee-on-the-Solent, Fareham High Street, Titchfield Village and Old Portsmouth.

The first walk will start from Gosport Discovery Centre, then Lesley will let you know the meeting place for subsequent walks.

£20 for six walks.
Booking essential

Ukulele Beginners

Tuesday 8 June–6 July
5.45–7pm

Matt Hodgett

Always wanted to play a musical instrument? Come and learn the ukulele at Gosport Discovery Centre. No prior experience is necessary and we'll have you strumming a selection of tunes in four weeks – guaranteed to astonish your friends and family!

No class on Tuesday 15 June (due to DC closure)

4 weeks

£20 for tuition only

£35 for tuition and a ukulele



Guitar Beginners

Tuesday 8 June–6 July
7–8.15pm

Matt Hodgett

This introductory course is the perfect way to start learning the guitar. In four weeks, you will learn how to play a variety of tunes and styles – once you get started, you won't want to stop playing!

You will need your own guitar for this class

No class on Tuesday 15 June (due to DC closure)

4 weeks

£25

Courses and Workshops

Get to know your Computer

Take the mystery out of computers and explore what they can do for you. This course will start from the very beginning and cover the basics of using a computer, surfing the internet and communicating via email.

Suitable for absolute beginners

START DATE 1

Wednesday 5 May–26 May
10am–12.30pm

Diane Ellis

4 weeks

£30

START DATE 2

Wednesday 9 June–7 July
2–4pm

Diane Ellis

5 weeks

£30

Email Workshop

Wednesday 14 July
10am–1pm

Diane Ellis

Come to this workshop and learn how to communicate with friends and family via email. Our friendly tutor will help you to set up an email account, send and receive emails, and use attachments as part of your messages.

£9

Internet Workshop

Wednesday 21 July
10am–1pm

Diane Ellis

Start surfing the internet with this fun and friendly workshop. You will learn how to access the internet, enter a web address, use a search engine and bookmark your favourite websites. Once you get started, a whole new world of information will be available to you!

£9



The Archaeology of our Local Area

Tuesday 8 June–13 July
7–9pm

Jan Bristow

This five-week course will take an introductory look at the fascinating archaeology of the local area. It will begin with Prehistory, with particular focus on Stokes Bay and Portsdown hill, moving on to the Roman occupation, with reference to Portchester Castle. Finally, the course will look at the Saxon and Early Medieval period and its legacy in our local churches, and evidence from the Medieval period in buildings which still stand today.

No class on Tuesday 15 June (due to DC closure)

5 weeks

£30

Street Dance

Wednesday 9 June–7 July
4.15–5.15pm

Erica Stretch

Come and learn the latest moves and dance to your favourite music. At the last session, invite family and friends to come and see what you have been practicing; show them that Gosport has definitely got talent!

Suitable for children aged 8–12 years

Please meet in the Discovery Centre café at 4.05pm

5 weeks

£20

Courses and Workshops

Baby Massage

Tuesday 29 June–13 July

10–11am

Caroline Millerchip

In addition to strengthening the bond between parent and child, baby massage has many benefits for babies. These include promoting better sleep, boosting the immune system, improving skin condition, aiding digestion and stimulating the senses.

Suitable for babies from 6 weeks (after paediatric check) to 6 months old.

Please bring a small towel, a baby-changing mat and a drink for your baby.

3 weeks

£9

Button Jewellery

Tuesday 27 July

1–4pm

Kate Denholm

Turn new and old buttons into beautiful and unique pieces of jewellery – made to your very own designs! Bring along your own buttons or use some of ours and learn jewellery making techniques in a relaxed and informal environment. Take home the bespoke jewellery you have made, and the skills to make more! Examples on display and for sale in the Discovery Centre retail area.

Materials £3.50

£9



Make a Rag Rug

Monday 16 August

1–4pm

Tricia Ross

Come and enjoy turning old fabrics into a rag-rug sampler – the ultimate way to recycle! This workshop will enable you to learn a little of the history of rag-rugging and to create a sampler using the proddy method. There will be lots of fabrics to choose from but if you have some favourite material you want to add to your design please bring it along.

Materials £3

£9



Free Employability Courses

IT for Job Searching

Wednesday 9 June–7 July

10am–12noon

Diane Ellis

Looking for a job? Using the computer could really help you. This class is aimed at those who would like to gain confidence on the computer in order to get a job. It will include writing a professional letter, setting up an email account and using the internet.

This course is intended for people with limited experience or confidence using a computer.

5 weeks

FREE if you are unemployed

Confidence Booster

Thursday 10 June–8 July

9.45–11.45am

Margaret Mayhead

If you want to boost your confidence in order to take the next step in your life, this is the course for you! It will help you to focus on your strengths in order to give you the self belief to take positive action.

5 weeks

FREE if you are unemployed

First Steps into Work

Tuesday 22 June–13 July

10am–12.30pm

Kate Abbott and Dawn Foster

This course will get you started in finding work. In addition to helping you to create, improve and perfect your CV, Kate and Dawn from Reach Out will help you to identify your strengths and skills, sell yourself to potential employers, tailor and target your CV and covering letters to specific jobs and practice interview techniques. They will also help you make a job search plan including; where to look, how to manage your applications, the support available to you and using personal networks to find work. On completion of the course, all learners will receive a free memory stick to save CVs and information, as well as guidance about how to move forward.

4 weeks

FREE if you are unemployed



Tutors Wanted!

To teach adults who are learning for pleasure and personal development at Gosport Discovery Centre.

We welcome all new ideas and subject suggestions for classes, workshops, talks and more! Applicants must have a teaching qualification or valid experience.

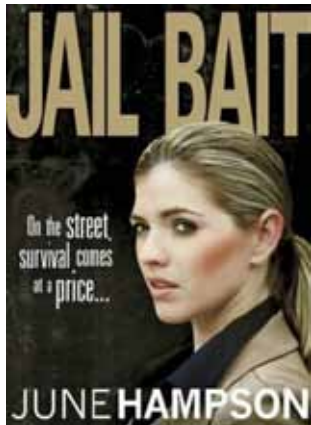
May

Meet the Author - June Hampson

Thursday 6 May
7.30-8.45pm

June Hampson was born in Gosport, where she still lives. She has had a variety of jobs including waitress, fruit picker, barmaid, shop assistant and market trader selling second-hand books. June has now published her fifth successful novel Jail Bait, featuring the irrepressible Daisy Lane. She will be talking about her novels, short stories and unravelling the secrets of successful fiction writing.

Tickets £3, Concessions £2 including refreshments
Booking essential



Opening of The Forgotten Emperor

Saturday 8 May
10am-12noon



Gosport Gallery

Russell Crowe, Charlton Heston and Kirk Douglas won't be there... but come and enjoy an exciting interactive opening morning for this new exhibition, with hands-on activities for children on a Roman theme, and a Roman Legion marching down the High Street.

Empire's End

Thursday 13 May
7.30-9pm

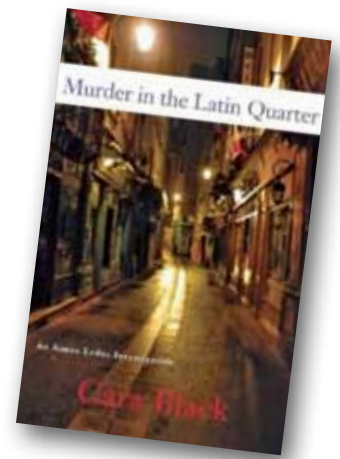
Come and hear a story that has rarely been told, but has the hallmarks of a true Shakespearian tragedy. This talk, given by David Allen, Senior Keeper of Archaeology, Hampshire Museums and Archives Service, tells the story of a rebellion in Britain the creation of the first ever British emperor.

Gosport Gallery will be opened until 7pm for you to visit the Forgotten Emperor Exhibition before the talk.

Tickets £2, Concessions £1
Booking essential



May



An Evening with Cara Black

Thursday 20 May
7.30-8.45pm

American Novelist, Cara Black, author of the nationally bestselling and award nominated Aimée Leduc Investigation series, will be talking about her latest book, Murder in the Latin Quarter, and her career as a writer.

Tickets £3, Concessions £2 including refreshments
Booking essential

Playing in the Past Storytime Special

Wednesday 19 May
2-2.45pm



Gosport Gallery

Join us for stories and activities linked to the Roman exhibition in the Gallery.

For children under 5 and their parents/carers.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Pride of Place

Do YOU have an interesting collection, skill or hobby that you would like to share?

Gosport Discovery Centre invites local groups and individuals to share their collections, skills or hobbies in our Pride of Place display case, located on the first floor. Ask at Reception for an information pack.



Meet up at Gosport Discovery Centre

Hire our Conference Room for your community or business meeting. Ideal for group training, interviews, sales meetings etc. Facilities include a laptop, interactive whiteboard, flip charts, wi-fi and a refreshment service.

Discounts on block bookings and special reduced rates for community groups.

Contact us on 023 9252 3463 for more details.



June

Finds Identification Day

Tuesday 1 June

10.30am - 12.30pm and
1.30 - 3.30pm

Have you made any interesting 'finds' that you can't identify? If so, bring them in and get the experts to help. Old bits of pottery, coins and metal artifacts will all have a history.

Come along to our **FREE** finds identification day.

This event is linked to the *Forgotten Emperor* exhibition showing in Gosport Gallery.



Horrid Henry



Tuesday 1 June

2-4pm

Drop-in holiday activities for children aged 4-10 years in the children's library.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Roman Warriors



Wednesday 2 June

10am - 12noon and 1-3pm

Gosport Gallery

Family workshop inspired by our exhibition. Design and make your own Roman shield to take home.

FREE! Drop in activity, but children must be accompanied by an adult.



Fatal Exit - Murder Mystery Evening

Thursday 3 June

7.30-8.45pm

Everyone loves a puzzle, and ours offer a real tangled web. We invite teams of participants to piece together the clues from a package of witness statements and other evidence, and discover whodunnit.

Earn points for every element of the mystery you solve - and points mean prizes...

Hosted by publishers Crème de la Crime, whose main goal is to introduce new crime writers to the UK and US market, and to encourage and develop new crime writing talent.

It would be a crime to miss it!

Tickets £5, Concessions £4 including refreshments

Booking essential

R.S. Downie Roman Writing

Thursday 10 June

7.30-8.30pm

R.S. Downie is the author of mystery novels featuring Roman army medic and reluctant sleuth, Ruso.

The third title in the popular series, 'Ruso and the Root of All Evils' is out in April.

With archaeology feeding her fiction, hear about Ruth's research, discover bizarre Roman medical treatments, see unearthed pottery shards and meet Dug the Iron Age Man, a forensic reconstruction. Books available for sale and signing on the night.

Tickets £3, Concessions £2 including refreshments

Booking essential

June



Treasures of Stokes Bay Wild Flowers - Book signing

Saturday 12 June

11am-2pm

In collaboration with two local artists, Felicity Anderson and Wendy Osborne, the Friends of Stokes Bay have published a booklet to celebrate the rich flora of Stokes Bay. Over thirty flowers are illustrated in full colour together with a mine of information about how to identify them, where to find them and fascinating facts about their folklore.

The booklet costs £5 and Felicity and Wendy will be at the Discovery Centre to sign copies from 11am to 2pm.

For more information on The Friends of Stokes Bay visit their website: www.friendsofstokesbay.co.uk or email: fosb.secretary@alverstoke.org.uk



The Aurelian Legacy

Wednesday 23 June

7-8pm

SEARCH

Talk by expert Michael Salmon on butterfly collecting.

FREE, but places must be booked in advance from 1 June on 023 9250 1957

Meet the Bee Man - Mr Summersgill

Thursday 24 June

7.30-8.30pm

Join Mr Summersgill, the Bee Man, as he talks about honey bees and honey making. A chance to sample and buy delicious local honey.

Tickets £3, Concessions £2 including refreshments

Booking essential

Wing your Way Back to the Past - Family Workshop



Saturday 26 June

At SEARCH

10-11am, 11.30am-12.30pm
or 1.30-2.30pm

Discover some of the insects found on archaeological sites and what they tell us about the past. Hands-on workshop.

Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets £1.25 Places must be booked in advance from 1 June on 023 9250 1957

National Insect Week

Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies Storytime Special

Wednesday 23 June

2-2.30pm

Children's Library

Join us for stories and activities on a creepy crawlie theme!

For children under 5 and their parents/carers.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Gosport Discovery Centre's

Big **FREE** Day Out

Sunday 13 June

SEARCH

11am-3pm

SEARCH Hands-on Centre on Clarence Road will be showcasing collections from Hampshire Museums Service as well as the collections of local people, including Brownies going for their collector's badges!



Gosport Gallery

11am-3pm

Visit the fantastic interactive Forgotten Emperor Exhibition.



Roman Soldier Living Statue

11am-3pm

Look out for our Roman Soldier living statue on the high street, showing you the way to Gosport Gallery - will you see him move?



Face Painting

11am-3pm

Do you want to be batman or perhaps a lion? Come and have your face painted for **FREE!**

Local Studies Centre

Research your family history or find out more about Gosport in our Local Studies centre.

Join in our competition and win prizes!

Big Book Sale

11am-3pm

Come and grab a bargain at our book sale.

FREE Internet Access

11am-3pm

Our Café will be open for a cuppa or bite to eat.

Big Noise Samba Band

11am (30 mins)

Outside Discovery Centre

Blow away those cobwebs and get your feet tapping to the fabulous Big Noise Samba Band.



Suzi & The HotLicks

11.45am (45 mins)

Outside Discovery Centre

Red hot rock and pop covers band will be performing a wide variety of hits from AC/DC to Duffy. You'll be dancing in the streets!



Suzi & The HotLicks



The Stomping Mad Jazz Band

12.30am (1 hour)

Outside Discovery Centre

Enjoy trad jazz with this local band.

Suzi & The HotLicks

1.30pm (45 mins)

Outside Discovery Centre

Another toe tapping performance by Suzi and her crew!



More Entertainment at Stokes Bay

4-8pm

Why not head on down to Stokes Bay for more fun, entertainment and things to do? For more details visit www.gosport.gov.uk

Times may be altered.

Sponsored by Gosport Borough Council

July

Wines for Summer Drinking - A Wine Tasting Evening with Trevor Elliott

Thursday 1 July
7.30-9.30pm

Trevor Elliott has been a wine educator for 20 years and has regularly run courses and presented tastings. He firmly believes that the pleasures of wines are enhanced by learning about them in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

Each presentation is carefully planned to be special for each audience. Group interaction is encouraged and Trevor is always willing to try to answer questions and talk to people after the tasting.

Seven good quality wines will be available for tasting on the evening.

Tickets £8.50

Over 18's only

Booking essential

Tea Dance

Tuesday 13 July
2-4pm

Gosport Gallery

If you like tea and dancing then come along to our informal Tea Dance accompanied by light music.

Tickets £3, Concessions £2

Booking essential



Live Music by Local Bands

Saturday 10 July
Gosport Gallery

Please ask for more details.

Blackthorn Band Ceilidh

Thursday 15 July
7-10pm

Gosport Gallery

Blackthorn plays tunes from all over the British Isles, and songs mostly from East Anglia and Sussex. Blackthorn have gone from strength to strength with appearances at high profile venues such as the Royal Albert Hall Ignite series, Sidmouth Folkweek and other folk and arts clubs, venues and festivals. The band has released two albums on Hobgoblin Records, *Far From Home* (2003) and *The River That Runs Below* (2008).

Tickets £5, Concessions £4

Booking essential



Blackthorn Band Ceilidh

July

Search and Discover in Gosport

2-4.30pm

Tues 20 July, Wed 21 July,
Tues 27 July, Wed 28 July

Come and explore elements of Gosport's rich heritage through a series of hands-on, creative workshops led by a deaf or disabled artist. Over the four sessions participants will handle artefacts and use various art forms to create work that will be shown as part of Heritage Open Days, 9-12 September.

Deaf and disabled participants are strongly encouraged to book a place. We will endeavour to meet your access needs.

FREE but places must be booked by 2 July.

Phone or text Claire Coxwell on 07818 896837

*Creative Landscapes:
Exploring different ways to make heritage accessible*

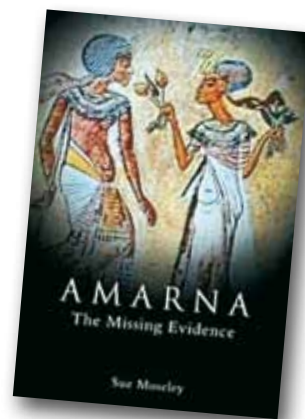


Stormtroopers coming to Gosport

Saturday 24 July

UK Garrison of the 501st Legion of Imperial Stormtroopers will be promoting the launch of this year's reading challenge - Space Hop. Come along, meet the characters and have your photo taken.

FREE!



The Mysteries of Ancient Egypt

Thursday 29 July
7.30-8.45pm

Ancient Egypt holds many puzzles. Who built the pyramids? Why were they built? Why did the people worship so many different gods? These are just a few of the questions that spring to mind.

If you would like to know the answers to these and many more come along to our talk by Sue Moseley, author of *Amarna, The Missing Evidence*.

Tickets £3, Concessions £2 including refreshments

Booking essential

FREE Family Activities in the Museum Display Areas



Every week look for a different free activity - games, quizzes, make-and-take art - in the Museum on the Mezzanine or the Geology Gallery. Just drop in and ask staff where the activities are that week.

Holiday Activities at SEARCH



Check out:

www.hants.gov.uk/museum-search

from the beginning of July to see what is on at the hands-on centre this summer. Or phone 023 9250 1957. With themes ranging from Archaeology to Homes and Habitats and Books Alive, there will be something for everyone and lots of expert help on hand.

Small charge.

Children under 8 must be accompanied.

August

A beach at the Discovery Centre!



14 August

Take a rest in our deck chair on the beach and complete a postcard. If you were stranded on a Desert Island, what 8 songs would you choose, what book would you take (everyone gets a copy of the Bible and complete Shakespeare as standard), and what luxury would you have?

Theatre company Forest Forge will use the postcards for their production running from late September.



Summer Workshops

Creative workshops, organised by young people for young people. Expect a cool selection including photography, music and craft, with a chance to show off your work at the end.

Check for more details nearer the time on **Facebook** - search Ashcroft Arts Centre or Space to Create Gosport.

Alternatively email: charlotte.constantine@hants.gov.uk for more details.



Exhibitions

The Forgotten Emperor Battles, Betrayal and Murder in Roman Britain

8 May to 3 July

Gosport Gallery

This exciting exhibition of stunning Roman artefacts tells a story of power, corruption and murder.

The late 3rd century AD was a dangerous and unstable time. Britain, under Roman rule, was raided by pirates looking for treasure and slaves. It was the job of Classis Britannica,

the Roman British Fleet, under the command of Carausius, to stop them, but there were allegations of corruption, theft and pirate deals.

How did this lead to Carausius becoming Emperor of Britain, his assassination by one of his most trusted aides and an epic battle in Hampshire? Find out in this new interactive exhibition.



Alison Mayor and Martin Davies - Neptune Wrecks, Solving a D-Day Mystery

Thursday 26 August

7.30 - 8.45pm

The fascinating story of two local wreck sites investigated by divers from Southsea Sub-Aqua Club. As a result of their underwater survey work and detailed historical research, the mystery of how a collection of WW2 Armoured Fighting Vehicles came to rest on the bottom of the sea has finally been solved... but as with any good wreck detective story... there's a surprise or two along the way.

Alison and Martin are members of Southsea Sub-Aqua Club and lead the team of 25 divers and the historical research. The project featured in the BBC2 Coast programme (series 4).

Tickets £3, Concessions £2

Booking essential



Interactive Sand Sculpture



Part of the Outside In Summer in the Gallery programme

2 August to 28 August

Gosport Gallery

Internationally acclaimed sand artists Paul Hoggard and Reemy Geerts will be pushing the boundaries of their art by creating a unique 3D sand scene with perspective, on a massive scale. Watch it grow day by day over the first week as the artists do their live installation. From 6 - 11 August you can book places on workshops led by the artists and have a go at sand sculpting yourselves. Places are **FREE** but must be booked in advance at the Discovery Centre reception or phone 023 9252 3463 from 19 July. The sculpture and the sand pits for visitors' creations will remain in the Gallery for the rest of the month, giving Gosport a sandy beach at last!



Photographic Exhibition by Gosport Camera Club

7 August to 21 August

On the Mezzanine Floor

(Selected photographs are also being shown in the Café Gallery throughout August)

Stunning images carefully selected from the best photographs by Gosport Camera Club members.

Bridgemy Library

StoryMakers

Stories, songs and rhymes for children under 5 and their parents/carers on alternate Fridays in term-time. In partnership with Haven Children's Centre.

FREE! and fun. No need to book – just drop in.

Please check dates with the library.



Bookcrawl

For any child aged 0–5 years during library opening hours. Collect stickers at each visit and win wonderful certificates.



Bridgemy Natty Knitters Knitting Circle

Morning Session, first Tuesday of the month 10am–12noon

Afternoon Session, third Monday of the month, 2–4pm

Join our friendly group of enthusiastic knitters. Exchange tips, learn new techniques and make new friends. Everyone welcome, including absolute beginners.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Bridgemy Crochet Group

Meets on the first Thursday of the month 2–4pm

Join our friendly new group of crocheters. Everyone welcome, including absolute beginners.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.

Horrid Henry

Friday 4 June 2.30–3.30pm

Holiday activities for children aged 4–10 years.

FREE! But please book because places are limited – tickets available from the library.

Elson Library

Storybox

Every Friday 2.15–2.45pm in term-time

Stories, songs and rhymes for children under 5 and their parents/carers. In partnership with Tree House Children's Centre.

FREE and fun. No need to book – just drop in.

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Bookcrawl

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Storymakers

7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 6 August

Stories, songs and craft activities for children under 5 and their parents/carers on the first Friday of every month 2–2.45pm. In partnership with Tree House Children's Centre.



Elson Chatterbooks

Friday 25 June 4–5pm

Book group for children aged (nearly) 8–11 years. New books, refreshments, quizzes and activities.

FREE! – just pop in and ask if there's a place for you.

Horrid Henry

Friday 4 June 11am–12 noon

Holiday activities for children aged 4–10 years

FREE! But please book because places are limited – tickets available from the library.

Lee-on-the-Solent Library

Rhymetime

4 May, 1 June, 6 July, 3 August.

1.30–2pm

For babies and toddlers aged 0–4 years and their parents/carers.

FREE! No need to book – just come along.

Storytime

Every Thursday 2.10–2.30pm in term-time

Stories for under 5s and their parents/carers.

FREE! No need to book – just come along.

Bookcrawl

For any child aged 0–5 years during library opening hours. Collect stickers at each visit and win wonderful certificates.

Reading Group for People with a Visual Impairment

First Wednesday bi-monthly 10.30am–12noon

Reading group for the visually impaired. Meet in a friendly, relaxed environment to discuss selected books in different formats. Refreshments included.

FREE! No need to book, just come along.



Horrid Henry

Tuesday 1 June 10.30–11.30am

Holiday activities for children aged 4–10 years

FREE! But please book because places are limited – tickets available from the library.

Join our email list

Would you like to be the first to hear about events and activities at Gosport Discovery Centre?

We can send you details of all upcoming events, courses and other information by email.

Name _____

Email _____

Postcode _____

Please hand to a member of Discovery Centre staff or post to:

Gosport Discovery Centre,
High Street, Gosport, Hants PO12 1BT
or email: gospport.dc@hants.gov.uk



Gosport Discovery Centre is on four sites: the main building, Local Studies Centre, Gosport Gallery and SEARCH Hands-on Centre.

Gosport Discovery Centre

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 7pm
Saturday 9am – 4.30pm

Local Studies Centre

Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 5pm
Tues, Thurs 9.30am – 7pm
Saturday 9am – 4.30pm

Gosport Gallery (during exhibitions)

Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm

All sites closed on Sundays

Booking line only

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Visit our Local Studies Centre to find out more about your home, your ancestors, your old school or your local community.

We have a range of resources including books, maps, parish and cemetery registers, photographs, newspaper cuttings and CD-ROMs. Located just across the High Street from the main Discovery Centre building. A great resource for local and family historians or anyone just curious about Gosport and Hampshire's past.



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