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Latest News of the Museum

Diary Dates

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Thursday 19th March 2026

Museum Coffee Morning

10.15 - 12.15 at the Axis Centre, Markets Street, (behind the cinema)

Friday 20th March 2026

Steward Meeting

at the Museum 10am - 12 pm
chance for stewards to look round at the changes that happened over winter.

Change in Charity Status

We're pleased to share some important news about the museum's future.

Over the past few months, Carole Evershed and Pete Hayes have successfully worked hard and with the help of Every's Solicitors (Business Exeter) altered the type of Charity we are, we have changed from a Registered Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Although this may sound like a technical change, it's a very positive step. A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a legal structure designed specifically for charities in England and Wales (with a similar form in Scotland) that provides corporate personality and limited liability without the burden of dual regulation by Companies

House.

Registered solely with the Charity Commission, a CIO can enter contracts, employ staff, and own property in its own name, protecting trustees from personal financial liability.

Key details about CIOs:

- **Legal Personality & Liability:** CIOs are incorporated bodies that offer limited liability to trustees, meaning they are generally not personally responsible for the charity's debts.
- **Single Regulation:** Unlike charitable companies, CIOs only report to the Charity Commission, not Companies House, reducing
- **Commission, not Companies** administrative burdens.

As a CIO, the museum now has its own legal identity. This means it can hold assets, enter contracts, and manage its affairs in its own name and, as you can see, The new structure also provides added protection for our trustees (meaning people will be less reticent to join us) and simplifies administration. In practical terms, this gives the museum a stronger and more secure foundation. It also places us in a better position to move forward with our Accreditation, helping to ensure we continue to care for our collections, welcome visitors, and serve our community for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone — especially our volunteers and supporters — for your continued commitment and encouragement as we take this important step forward together.

Quiz nights,

We are very pleased to report that the team representing the Museum at the **Rotary Fish & Chip Supper Quiz Night** did extremely well.

The evening began with a round of "Heads or Tails," which was won by one of our team members. Everyone then enjoyed a fish and chip supper, followed by the quiz itself.

There were seven teams in total, each made up of between four and six members. The winning team on the night was... the Exmouth Museum team!

A raffle was also held during the evening, and another member of the Museum team was lucky enough to win a prize. All in all, it was a very successful and enjoyable evening for the Museum team.

The winning prizes, a box of Roses and a bottle of Prosecco from the team member winning the Heads or Tails game

was kindly donated to the Museum to be used as a raffle prize at the following Coffee Morning.

Exmouth in Bloom have been wonderful supporters of the museum, and we were delighted to return the favour by entering a team in the Exmouth in Bloom Quiz Night. It was a busy and enjoyable evening, with lots of teams taking part in support of this good cause.

We're pleased to report that the Museum team scored a very respectable 59 points!

The **Museum Quiz nights** will be returning the end of March with our quiz master Pete Hayes at the helm. At Wings Bar, Imperial Road Exmouth



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Stewards Meeting March 20th 2026

On 20 March, we will be holding our Stewards' Meeting, giving our returning stewards the opportunity to look around and see the changes that have taken place over the winter months.

This will be a chance for everyone to familiarise themselves with the new exhibits, as well as spot the newly knitted dinosaurs now hiding in the cabinets as part of our children's dinosaur hunt — they are already proving very popular!

We will meet from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Following the meeting, we will be holding a Volunteer Recruitment Hour, inviting members of the public who may be interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers to come along for an informal chat and find out more about becoming part of the museum family.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Memory Boxes:

1950s/60s Items – Care Home Visits

The museum is looking for items from the 1950s and 1960s to replace older objects that are no longer relatable for the residents in the Care Homes we visit. Unlike items for the museum collection, it is not necessary for these items to have a specific Exmouth connection.

What we need:

- Items that can be passed round and safe to touch (no sharp edges or fragile glass).
- Objects that can spark memories and conversation for the elderly.
- Items that engage the senses, particularly smell (e.g., soap, polish, tea leaves).

A few examples of suitable items:

- Hair rollers
- Kodak cameras
- Old grocery packaging (OXO tins, Bird's Custard, Lyons Tea)

If you have anything like these, please make sure the donor fills in a donation form, just as we would for items intended for the museum collection.

Thank you for helping us bring back memories and make our Care Home visits even more special!