



# MUSEUM NEWS

## What's On / What's New

### New Displays and Temporary Exhibitions in 2022

#### June-July

The Royal Exhibition is still in the museum which commemorates the Queens 70 years on the throne as well as displaying a collection of Jubilee and Coronation souvenirs from the past 250 years.

#### August-September

We are planning to exhibit an array of sporting memorabilia from South Molton's past. Come on in and see if you recognize anyone in the pictures, you may even spot yourself!

#### September-November

To be confirmed...

#### November –December

WW1 and WW2 exhibition. A look at some of our artefacts which are rarely on display.

### Jubilee Celebrations

The platinum jubilee was commemorated in style in South Molton with something for everyone! At the museum, children made crowns and everyone tried to win a knitted Queen.

The Friend's Jubilee Slide Show was also a great success and made over £300 which goes towards future events and supporting the museum.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our events. Here are a few pictures in case you missed them!



The Friends of the museum would like to say a big thank you to Eastleigh Care Home for allowing us in to collect resident's memories for the show, to Shirley Bray for taking the time to share some of her amazing research, to Gordon Bray for letting us use his huge collection of photo's of South Molton over many years and to the Friends and staff at the museum for their dedication and constant support.

### Archaeology Coffee Morning

Come and have a cuppa with us while discussing and handling some of the museums archaeological artefacts or bring your own!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 10:30am in the Court Room above the Museum**  
**Free to attend, donations welcome!**

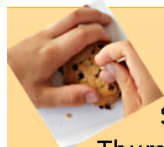




## Free Kids Activities 2022

### Summer Quiz Challenge

1. Come in and collect a free challenge booklet
2. Complete our weekly quizzes
3. Receive a sticker and place it in your challenge booklet
4. Collect a certificate for completing all 4 quizzes!



### Activity Workshops

for kids aged 5-15

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July- Be a Highwayman  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August- Archaeology for beginners  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August- Cookie Excavation  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August- Fire Engines in the Past  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August- Victorian Toys  
at 11am Each Day



Booking is advised as spaces are limited. Email  
[info@southmoltonmuseum.org](mailto:info@southmoltonmuseum.org)



#### Opening Times

Monday and Tuesday  
10am-4pm  
Thursday and Saturday  
10am-1pm

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### Summer Family Fun Day

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August

10am-1pm



Crafts, Cakes, Tombola and Quizzes

Entry  
£3

Friends  
are free

## Friends of the Museum Dates for your Diary



**A one-night-only, exclusive  
Exhibition of the Artwork of  
local man Jack Hazzard.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 in  
the New Assembly Rooms,  
Town Hall**

A selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic  
beverages will be available at a small charge

**South Molton Museum opened in 1952, the  
same year as Queen Elizabeth II ascended the  
throne!**

### A Very Brief History of South Molton Museum



The museum was originally housed on the first floor in the Council offices in number 1 East Street. Alderman Loosemore was Mayor of south Molton when the museum was still new. He received a medal from Queen Elizabeth II for the coronation which is on display in the museum at the moment. The first curator was Mr. L. Gingell, who also had his own private museum and collection of artifacts.

By December 1952, the museum was extremely popular receiving over 1000 visitors in just a few months. However, by 1959 complaints began to be made about the steep steps which people had to climb to get the museum. There were also criticisms over the neglect of the museum with many people calling for it to be moved somewhere else.

It wasn't until 1966 that the museum was moved to its current location in the Town Hall. At this time, it boasted over 600 exhibits. Interestingly, the curator at the time, Mr. Webber who was formerly a bailiff, lived in the property for 30 years previously.

Today, the museum is much loved in the community and the dedicated volunteers continue to make it a place which both celebrates the town's heritage and provides interesting information and activities for its visitors.

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Monday and Tuesday 10am-4pm  
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### JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are looking for some wonderful people to volunteer as part of our fantastic team.

We have different roles available including front of house and volunteer assistants to work with schools or the elderly.

If you have a spare 4-8 hours a week and would like to be more involved in the local community please email us at [info@southmoltonmuseum.org](mailto:info@southmoltonmuseum.org)