



Typical of a 'marine cottage orné,' **Fairlynch Museum** was built in about 1811 for ship-owner Matthew Lee Yeates. The house is Grade II Listed. Its double-wing staircase is unusual for a house of this size. The **Garden** is a Budleigh showpiece.

Other exhibitions in 2013

Learn about Budleigh Salterton's smuggling past from our **Cellar** display. Paintings by Joyce Dennys and other artists are on the **Ground Floor**, as is the **Environment Room** with fascinating displays of Geology, Archaeology and Natural History.

First Floor: The **Carter Library** and the **Costume Room**. Our costume collection, among the finest in SW England, has garments dating from the early 1700s. 2013 Display: 'An Edwardian Musical Evening' and 'A Victorian Dressmaker's Workshop' with clothes to try on! Plus the **Dolls' House** will be on view with an exhibition of miniatures. See dolls



in various national costumes including Muffy, the Fairlynch bear. The **Lace Room** shows



various types of lace and lace-makers' equipment, and features the Honiton Alphabet. In the **Local History Room** with its splendid information boards is a photographic display showing the town's vanished buildings and their modern replacements. You are welcome to browse through the folders which deal with Budleigh's history, including WWII, architecture and schools. Also in the **Ground Floor Exhibition Room** is a display on the Budleigh Salterton branch line **Railway**.

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Fairlynch occupies an imposing position on a bank overlooking the junction of Fore Street and Marine Parade. Visitors with disability welcome, but there is no lift. Limited local access parking.

Opening times:
Easter to October 2.00 - 4.30 pm daily
except Saturdays

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FAIRLYNCH



MUSEUM AND ARTS CENTRE BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Unique thatched museum depicting the local history of Budleigh Salterton and surrounding area

'SEA, SALT AND SPONGES'

A special exhibition featuring the life and achievements of **Henry John Carter FRS** (1813-1895)

FREE ADMISSION

1813-2013: celebrating the birth of a Saltertonian scientific hero

Fairlynch Museum pays tribute to Henry Carter, Budleigh Salterton's own Fellow of the Royal Society, and an expert on marine sponges. He wrote a staggering total of 1,894 pages on geology and natural history in 127 publications during his lifetime. He was praised by Charles Darwin for his "wonderful" research.



Many different kinds of sponge have been named after him, like this *Coelocarteria singaporensis*, left, and *Cliona carteri*, below. Did you know that sponges are not plants but animals? And that they are also hermaphrodite?

Learn from our displays how sponges are being used today in the fight against cancer. Sponges' secrets are still being discovered. By the end of this century scientists will have identified 12,000 sponge species. Did you know that some sponges can grow 3m across?



Not just sponges have been named after him. Carter was the first European to describe this gecko, *Pristurus carteri*, found in the Arabian desert.

Read his account of discoveries in present-day Oman and Yemen including the ancient city of El Baleed. The frankincense tree *Boswellia carteri* is also named after him.



Henry Carter studied medicine at the Devon and Exeter Hospital. In some parts of Britain corpses were still being stolen from graves, but the Hospital was ahead of its time, with a licence to dissect bodies legally. Carter served as a medical officer in India. Some descriptions of diseases that he treated are not pleasant to read in our display!



When he returned to Budleigh Salterton in 1862 he also studied fossils from finds on the Triassic Coast like this Rhynchosaur. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society for his work on the geology of India and was also awarded the Society's Royal Medal. "No writer better deserves the respect and gratitude of Indian geologists," they said of him on his death in 1895. He donated hundreds of items now in the Natural History Museum in London and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter.



Learn about salt-making in Budleigh, originally known as Salterton. *Left:* Medieval salt-workers are heating sea-water to extract salt. Make sure you don't miss the extraordinary and shocking story of Hugo the Otterton saltworker, so dramatically brought to life by local sculptor Angie Harlock-Wilkinson.



See our display on the history of fishing in the Budleigh area. Fish is still sold on the beach when the skull and crossbones flag flies.

Did you know that Lyme Bay on which Budleigh is situated is now a site of special scientific interest with rare corals and



sponges which are protected by law, like this yellow *Sycon ciliatum* sponge? Henry Carter would be proud of us!

Admire landscapes by award-winning photographer Adrian Oakes inspired by Budleigh's beautiful beach and its unique setting.



Joyce Dennys, creator of this amusing mural depicting Budleigh beach, is one of many local artists who have been inspired by the



sea. Paintings with a marine-linked theme by members of the Budleigh Salterton Art Club's Venture Group are on display. All are for sale. Vintage bathing outfits from our Costumes Department are also on show.

And don't forget to say hello to 'Happy,' our 150,000-year-old fossil dolphin skull!