

PLYMOUTH

# ATHENÆUM

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**PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES**

**2017 - 2018**

# PROGRAMME FOR 2017– 2018

The programme is subject to alteration. The noticeboard and Athenaeum website is updated regularly. Please see noticeboard for activity details.

Note: for events marked \* advance booking and payment is required. Please enquire at the office.

## AUGUST 2017

Mon Aug 14	<b>Re-open</b>
10.00am	<b>Chinese Brush Painting Group</b>
7.30pm	<b>Writers' Group</b>
Tue Aug 15	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	First session begins. Workshop
Wed Aug 16	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
10.30am	
Thu Aug 17	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15 am	First session begins. Workshop
Mon Aug 21	<b>Writers' Group</b>
7.30pm	
Tue Aug 22	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Workshop
Wed Aug 23	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
10.30am	

Thu Aug 24    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Mon Aug 28    **Bank Holiday Closure**  
Tue Aug 29    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Wed Aug 30    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu Aug 31    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop

### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

Fri Sept 1     **Play Reading**  
2.30pm  
Mon Sept 4    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm  
Tue Sept 5     **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Wed Sept 6    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu Sept 7     **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
7.30pm        \* **Conversazione**  
Reception by the President  
Buffet & Entertainment

- Mon Sept 11 **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
10.00am
- 7.30pm **Writers' Group**
- Tue Sept 12 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed Sept 13 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- 2.30pm **Discussion Group**  
What are your opinions on cosmetic surgery?
- Thu Sept 14 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri Sept 15 **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm
- Mon Sept 18 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Sept 19 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed Sept 20 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Sept 21 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri Sep 22 **Pleasure of Books**  
2.30pm A Sack; Three Biscuits and a Cautionary Tale  
Sue Byrne

- Mon Sept 25 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Sept 26 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed Sept 27 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Sept 28 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop  
7.30pm **Lecture**  
Title to be confirmed  
Professor Iain Stewart
- Fri Sept 29 **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm

## **OCTOBER 2017**

- Mon Oct 2 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Oct 3 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop  
2.30pm **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
Media Madness  
Bill Martin, Editor, Western Morning News
- Wed Oct 4 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
2.00pm **Play Writers' Group**

- Thu Oct 5      **Art Group**  
 10.15am      Workshop
- Fri Oct 6      **Play Reading**  
 2.30pm
- Mon Oct 9      **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
 10.00am  
 7.30pm      **Writers' Group**
- Tue Oct 10    **Art Group**  
 10.15am      Workshop  
 2.30pm      **Poetry Please**  
                 Poetry in Translation  
                 Martin Wyatt
- Wed Oct 11    **Coffee Morning**  
 10.30am  
 2.30pm      **Discussion Group**  
                 Should countries pay ransoms to free hostages  
                 held by terrorists?
- Thu Oct 12    **Art Group**  
 10.15am      Workshop  
                 **Founders' Day Lecture**  
 7.30pm      Marx & Engels: The manifesto & its implications  
                 John Warren BA (President)

- Mon Oct 16    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Oct 17    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop  
2.30pm    **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
The Voyage of the Mayflower in 1620.  
The Myth and the Reality  
Mike Haywood
- Wed Oct 18    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Oct 19    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop
- Fri Oct 20    **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm    Mon Oct 23  
7.30pm    **Writers' Group**
- Tues Oct 24    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop
- Wed Oct 25    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Oct 26    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop  
7.30pm    **Lecture**  
The Origins of Gothic Fiction  
Professor Nick Groom

- Fri Oct 27     **Pleasure of Books**  
 2.30pm        The Reich Device  
                   Jeanine Bolingbroke
- Mon Oct 30    **Writers' Group**  
 7.30pm
- Tue Oct 31    **Art Group**  
 10.15am       Workshop
- 2.30pm        **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
                   Title to be confirmed  
                   Jo Clarke, Arts and Heritage Service

## **NOVEMBER 2017**

- Wed Nov 1     **Coffee Morning**  
 10.30am
- Thu Nov 2     **Art Group**  
 10.15am       Workshop
- Fri Nov 3     **Play Reading**  
 2.30pm
- Mon Nov 6     **Writers' Group**  
 7.30pm
- Tue Nov 7     **Art Group**  
 10.15am       Workshop
- 2.30pm        **Poetry Please**  
                   Verse  
                   Monica Tully



- Wed Nov 8     **Coffee Morning**  
 2.30pm       **Discussion Group**  
                   What should be the purpose of prison?
- Thu Nov 9     **Art Group**  
 10.15am      Workshop  
 2.30pm       **Lecture**  
                   Warsaw to Manhattan in C20 Physics  
                   Roy Alphey
- Fri Nov 10    **Music Afternoon**  
 2.00pm
- Mon Nov 13   **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
 10.00am  
 7.30pm       **Writers' Group**
- Tue Nov 14   **Art Group**  
 10.15am      Workshop  
 2.30pm       **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
                   Incredible Journey and Historical Meander  
                   Richard Keoghoe
- Wed Nov 15   **Coffee Morning**  
 10.30am
- Thu Nov 16   **Art Group**  
 10.15am      Workshop
- Fri Nov 17    **Pleasure of Books**  
 2.30pm       ‘The Perfect Christmas’  
                   Sheila Wilcockson

- Mon Nov 20 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Nov 21 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed Nov 22 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Nov 23 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop  
2.30pm **Lecture**  
Robert Hawker, Henry Woollcombe,  
Francis Fox, and children's education in  
Plymouth in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Martin Wyatt
- Friday 24 **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm
- Mon Nov 27 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Nov 28 Art Group  
10.15am Workshop  
2.30pm **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
Dartmoor Landscapes – Visioning a Sacred  
Landscape  
Peter Knight

Wed Nov 29 **Coffee Morning**

10.30am

Thu Nov 30 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

## **DECEMBER 2017**

Fri Dec 1 **\*Members' Light Lunch**

12.30pm

2.30pm **Pleasure of Books**

Mon Dec 4 **Writers' Group**

7.30pm

Tue Dec 5 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

2.30pm **Poetry Please**

The Poetry of John Betjeman

Peter Egan-Williams

Wed Dec 6 **Coffee Morning & Christmas Bring & Buy**

10.30am

Thu Dec 7 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

Fri Dec 8 **Music Afternoon**

Mon Dec 11 **Chinese Brush Painting Group**

10.00am

7.30pm **Writers' Group**

Tue Dec 12    **Art Group**  
10.15am      End of Session  
Wed Dec 13    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu Dec 14    **Art Group**  
10.30am      End of Session  
Fri Dec 15    **Close 5.00pm**

## **CHRISTMAS CLOSURE**

**The Athenaeum closes at 5.00pm on  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

**Re-opens at 10.00am on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.**

## **JANUARY 2018**

Tue Jan 2	<b>Re -open at 10.00am</b>
10.15am	<b>Art Group</b> Second session begins. Workshop
Wed Jan 3	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
10.30am	
Thu Jan 4	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Second session begins. Workshop
Mon Jan 8	<b>Chinese Brush Painting Group</b>
10.00am	
7.30pm	<b>Writers' Group</b>
Tue Jan 9	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Workshop
2.30pm	
Wed Jan 10	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
10.30am	
2.30pm	<b>Discussion Group</b> Are manners important?
Thu Jan 11	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Workshop
Fri Jan 12	<b>Music Afternoon</b>
2.00pm	
Mon Jan 15	<b>Writers' Group</b>
7.30pm	

Tue Jan 16     **Art Group**  
10.15am       Workshop

Wed Jan 17     **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am

Thu Jan 18     **Art Group**  
10.15am       Workshop

Fri Jan 19     **Pleasure of Books**  
2.30pm        Eden Phillpotts on Dartmoor  
               Ted Luscome

Mon Jan 22     **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

Tue Jan 23     **Art Group**  
10.15am       Workshop

Wed Jan 24     **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am

Thu Jan 25     **Art Group**  
10.15am       Workshop

Fri Jan 26     **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm

Mon Jan 29     **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

Tue Jan 30     **Art Group**  
10.15am       Workshop

Wed Jan 31     **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am

## **FEBRUARY 2017**

Thu Feb 1	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Workshop
Fri Feb 2	<b>Play Reading</b>
2.30pm	
Mon Feb 3	<b>Writers' Group</b>
7.30pm	
Tue Feb 6	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Workshop
2.30pm	<b>Poetry Please</b>
	Afternoon 'Tea'
	Eileen Willy
Wed Feb 7	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
10.30am	
Thu Feb 8	<b>Art Group</b>
10.15am	Workshop
2.30pm	<b>Lecture</b>
	The Spread of the Baptist Movement in South West England
	Rev David Evans BA
Fri Feb 9	<b>Music Afternoon</b>
2.00pm	

- Mon Feb 12    **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
 10.00am
- 7.30pm        **Writers' Group**
- Tue Feb 13    **Art Group**  
 10.15am       Workshop  
 2.30pm        **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
                  Investing in Plymouth's Energy Future  
                  Alistair Macpherson, Chief Executive,  
                  Plymouth Energy Community
- Wed Feb 14    **Coffee Morning**  
 10.30am
- 2.30pm        **Discussion Group**  
                  Do we need libraries?
- Thu Feb 15    **Art Group**  
 10.15am       Workshop
- Fri Feb 16     **Pleasure of Books**  
 2.30pm        An Afternoon with Eileen Willey
- Mon Feb 19    **Writers' Group**  
 7.30pm
- Tue Feb 20    **Art Group**  
 10.15am       Workshop
- Wed Feb 21    **Coffee Morning**  
 10.30am



- Thu Feb 22    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop  
2.30pm    **Lecture**  
The Role of Plymouth in the Slave Trade  
David Ryles BA
- Fri Feb 23    **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm
- Mon Feb 26    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Feb 27    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop  
2.30pm    **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
Title to be confirmed  
Ed Whitelaw, Head of Enterprise &  
Regeneration – Real Ideas Organisation
- Wed Feb 28    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am

## **MARCH 2018**

- Thu Mar 1    **Art Group**  
10.15am    Workshop
- Fri Mar 2    **Play Reading**  
2.30pm

- Mon Mar 5     **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue Mar 6     **Art Group**  
10.15am     Workshop  
2.30pm     **Poetry Please**  
Eighteenth Century Heroic Couples  
Gregory Carpenter
- Wed Mar 7     **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Mar 8     **Art Group**  
10.15am     Workshop  
7.30pm     **Lecture**  
Changes in University Education 1970-2017  
Professor Vasilios Mavron
- Fri Mar 9     **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm
- Mon Mar 12    **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
10.00am  
7.30pm     **Writers' Group**
- Tue Mar 13    **Art Group**  
10.15am     Workshop  
2.30pm     **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
Title to be confirmed  
Paul Winterton, Managing Director,  
Langage Farm

- Wed Mar 14 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
2.30pm **Discussion Group**  
Does religion cause war?
- Thu Mar 15 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri Mar 16 **\*Members' Light Lunch**  
12.30pm  
2.30pm **Pleasure of Books**  
'Eugene Onegin'  
Ben Serpell
- Mon Mar 19 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tues Mar 20 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed Mar 21 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Mar 22 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri Mar 23 **Close 5.00pm**

## **EASTER CLOSURE**

**The Athenaeum closes at 5.00pm on  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. Re-opens at  
10.00am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

## APRIL 2018

- Mon Apr 9     **Re-open at 10.00am**  
10.00am     **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
7.30pm       **Writers' Group**
- Tue Apr 10    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop
- Wed Apr 11    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
2.30pm       **Discussion Group**  
Should mankind support wildlife?  
Should salvaged elephant tusks be burned?
- Thu Apr 12    **Art Group**
- Fri Apr 13    **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm
- Mon Apr 16    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tues Apr 17   **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop
- Wed Apr 18    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu Apr 19    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop
- Mon Apr 23    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

Tues Apr 24    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Wed Apr 25    Coffee Morning  
10.30am  
Thu Apr 26    **Art Group**  
10.15am  
Fri Apr 27    **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm  
Mon Apr 30    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

## **MAY 2018**

Tue May 1     **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
2.30pm        **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
                  Mayflower Autonomous Ship  
                  Paddy Dowsett, Project Manager, MSubs Ltd  
Wed May 2     **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu May 3     **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
7.30pm        **\*Athenaeum Anniversary Meeting**  
                  **Buffet & Entertainment**  
Fri May 4      **Play Reading**  
2.30pm

- Mon May 7     **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue May 8     **Art Group**  
 10.15am     Workshop  
 2.30pm     **Poetry Please**
- Wed May 9    **Coffee Morning**  
 10.30am  
 2.30pm     **Discussion Group**  
               What should limit free speech?
- Thu May 10   **Art Group**  
 10.15am     Workshop  
 7.30pm     **Lecture**  
               Muscle fatigue: what does it mean?  
               Professor Christina Karatzaferi
- Fri May 11    **Music Afternoon**  
 2.00pm
- Mon May 14   **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
 10.00am  
 7.30pm     **Writers' Group**
- Tue May 15   **Art Group**  
 10.15am     Workshop  
 2.30pm     **Tuesday Afternoon Talk**  
               Barbican Theatre – Past, Present and Future  
               Sheila Snellgrove, Chief Executive,  
               Barbican Theatre

- Wed May 16 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu May 17 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri May 18 **Pleasure of Books**  
2.30pm Rendezvous with Rama  
Archer Endrich
- Mon May 21 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue May 22 **Art Group**  
10.15am
- Wed May 23 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu May 24 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop  
7.30pm **Lecture**  
Lightning Strike – The Electrifying  
Life of William Snow Harris  
Owen Ryles BA FRSA
- Fri May 25 **Music Afternoon**  
2.00pm
- Mon May 28 **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tue May 29 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop

Wed May 30 **Coffee Morning**

10.30am

Thu May 31 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

## **JUNE 2018**

Fri June 1 **Play Reading**

2.00pm

Mon June 4 **Writers' Group**

7.30pm

Tue June 5 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

2.30pm **Poetry Please**

Bring a Poem

Wed June 6 **Coffee Morning**

10.30am

Thu June 7 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

Fri June 8 **Music Afternoon**

2.00pm

Mon June 11 **Chinese Brush Painting Group**

10.00am

7.30pm **Writers' Group**



- Tues June 12 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed June 13 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
2.30pm **Discussion Group**  
Instead of relying on citizens to support charities, shouldn't it be up the Government to redistribute money?
- Thu June 14 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri June 15 **Pleasure of Books**  
2.30pm Kipling Unmasked  
Roy Alphey
- Mon June 18 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm
- Tue June 19 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Wed June 20 **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am
- Thu June 21 **Art Group**  
10.15am Workshop
- Fri June 22 **Music Afternoon**
- Mon June 25 **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

Tue June 26    **Art Group**  
10.00am        Workshop  
Wed June 27    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu June 28    **Art Group**  
10.15am        Workshop

## **JULY 2018**

Mon July 2     **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
7.00pm  
7.30pm        **Writers' Group**  
Tue July 3     **Art Group**  
10.15am        Workshop  
2.30pm        **Poetry Please**  
                  Louis Macneice  
                  Rosalie Wyatt  
Wed July 4     **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu July 5     **Art Group**  
10.15am        Workshop  
Mon July 9     **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
10.00am  
7.30pm        **Writers' Group**

Tue July 10    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop

Wed July 11    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am

Thu July 12    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
3.30pm        \*Cream Tea

Mon July 16    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

Tue July 17    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop

Wed July 18    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
2.30pm        **Discussion Group**  
Headlines

Thu July 19    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop

Mon July 23    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm

Tue July 24    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop. End of session

Wed July 25    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am

Thu July 26    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop. End of session

# SUMMER CLOSURE

The Athenæum closes

at 5.00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Re-opens at 10.00am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## AUGUST 2018

Mon Aug 13 **Re-open at 10.00am**

10.00am **Chinese Brush Painting Group**

7.30pm **Writers' Group**

Tue Aug 14 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

First session begins

Wed Aug 15 **Coffee Morning**

10.30am

Thu Aug 16 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

First session begins

Mon Aug 20 **Writers' Group**

7.30pm

Tue Aug 21 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

Wed Aug 22 **Coffee Morning**

10.30am

Thu Aug 23    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Mon Aug 27    **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Tue Aug 28    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Wed Aug 29    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu Aug 30    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop

### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

Mon Sept 3    **Writers' Group**  
7.30pm  
Tue Sept 4    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Wed Sept 5    **Coffee Morning**  
10.30am  
Thu Sept 6    **Art Group**  
10.15am      Workshop  
Mon Sept 10    **Chinese Brush Painting Group**  
10.00am  
7.30pm      **Writers' Group**  
Tue Sept 11    **Art Group**  
Workshop

Wed Sept 12 **Coffee Morning**

Thu Sept 13 **Art Group**

10.15am Workshop

7.30pm **\*Athenaeum Conversazione**

Reception by the President

Buffet & Entertainment