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**RAMM**

On 15 December RAMM reopens after a multimillion pound refurbishment with the galleries, facilities and services expected of a truly modern museum.

Home to a  
**million**  
thoughts

News and Events

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# Counting down

## RAMM reopens on Thursday 15 December

**RAMM's multimillion pound redevelopment is almost complete and everyone at the museum is looking forward to welcoming visitors old and new. Entry will still be free and RAMM will open daily from 10am to 5pm except Mondays and Bank Holidays, even between Christmas and New Year.**

The redevelopment project has enabled RAMM to develop the use of the city's collections, creating fabulous new displays, improving access to the reserve collection and providing new spaces for exhibitions, activities and events.

The stunning new displays tell the story of Devon and Exeter from prehistory to the present and showcase the collections and collectors that have helped RAMM to become one of Britain's finest regional museums. New exhibition galleries feature superb exhibitions bringing to the South West

works of art from significant national and regional collections. A lively programme of accompanying events offers many different ways to take part and find out more.

The project has also transformed RAMM's splendid Victorian building. Modern fittings and additions have been removed to uncover original architectural features and revealing the splendour of the original spaces. A second entrance welcomes visitors from Rougemont Gardens and a new bridge gives access onto the city wall and to panoramic views of Exeter.

Until 15 December RAMM continues to be out and about in Exeter and Devon and at St Nicholas Priory. Look out for RAMM's reopening events leaflet at the end of November or keep in touch via Facebook, Twitter or one of RAMM's mailing lists.

# A taste of things to come

Famous names and fabulous exhibitions

Pierre Auguste Renoir (1841-1919) *St Tropez*  
© Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery



Left: *Princess Helena and Princess Louise, Balmoral, 1856.*  
Photographed by R. Fenton (RCIN 2941852) The Royal Collection  
© HM Queen Elizabeth II

Right: *Venice: The Mouth of the Grand Canal looking west towards the Carità by Canaletto*  
(RCIN 400519) The Royal Collection  
© HM Queen Elizabeth II

**RAMM launches its busy programme of exhibition and activities with some of the most prestigious names in art history.**

Celebrating the re-opening of RAMM and showcasing its state of the art temporary exhibition galleries *Into the Light* brings together paintings by some of the most famous and instantly recognisable names in art history: Monet, Renoir, Stanhope Forbes, Pissarro. Made possible by generous loans from national and regional collections the majority of these will be seen for the first time in Exeter in a show specially curated for RAMM. This stunning show focuses on British and French impressionism. Chiming with the distinctive character of the South West, it takes as its theme coast and countryside exploring the topic through a collection of beautiful and important paintings.

A special exhibition from the Royal Collection features the extraordinary photographs of Roger Fenton (1819-69) and Julia Margaret Cameron (1815-79) two of Britain's most accomplished 19th-century photographers. Their photographs were collected by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert who lent their enthusiastic support to the new medium of photography and its pioneering practitioners.

*The Road to Rome* explores the 18th-century Grand Tour and includes a newly acquired painting of a local dignitary by the Italian master Pompeo Batoni and loans of paintings by Canaletto (lent by Her Majesty the Queen, from the Royal Collection), Joseph Wright of Derby and Richard Wilson.

A lively programme of activities, talks, guided tours, and thought-provoking debates accompanies these free exhibitions inviting everyone to be part of a home to a million thoughts.

# Art in your home

Have you looked at one of the works of art in the museum or at an exhibition and wished you could take it home?

Well, we can't let you do that but we do have a growing selection of images that you can buy. Canvases, prints, posters, cards, mugs and more are for sale on the Bridgeman Art on Demand website.



See [www.rammuseum.org.uk/  
buy-our-art-online/](http://www.rammuseum.org.uk/buy-our-art-online/)



*Drama:  
A First Rate Man-of-War  
Driven onto a Reef of Rocks  
by George Philip Reinagle*

*Local scenes and famous artists:  
Buckfastleigh Abbey,  
Devonshire by Joseph Mallord  
William Turner.*

*Buy now while stocks last:  
A Study of a Dodo by F Hart*

*Iconic images:  
Portrait of an African,  
about 1757-60 attributed to  
Allan Ramsay*



# Open for business

## Firms are demonstrating their support for RAMM by joining the new Business Club.

As we go to print five businesses have signed up. WBW Solicitors and Rathbone Investment Management are RAMM's first Gold/Northcote Members, Guildhall Shopping Exeter has joined as a Silver/Kingdon Member and Bronze/Acland Members are Environ and Hawksmoor Investment Management.

Members of the Business Club enjoy a range of benefits including breakfast meetings, special events, exhibition views, receptions and discounted rates for gallery and meeting room hire.

Business Club members are part of an important group of supporters underpinning the future vitality of the museum. Other ways to support RAMM include becoming a Patron or joining the Friends (see p23 for Friends information and events).

**i** For more information on how to join the Business Club or to become a patron call Margi on 07817 791538 or email [margi@jervoise.com](mailto:margi@jervoise.com)



Royal Albert Memorial Museum  
Development Trust

Business Club	One year	Five years
Gold	£5,000	£20,000
Silver	£2,500	£10,000
Bronze	£1,000	£4,000

Patrons	One year	For life
Single	£250	£1,000
Joint	£400	£1,800

### RAMM Development Trust

The trust raises money to support RAMM through the Business Club and Patrons schemes, with a programme of fundraising events and with grant applications.

RAMM Development Trust is a registered charity. Number 1038570

# Home to a million thoughts

Whatever your age or ability, whether alone, on a course or in a group, there will be something for you in RAMM's fabulous new displays and busy programme of exhibitions, they aim to stimulate thoughts and ideas, seek opinions and contributions, start conversations and encourage debate.

## Stunning exhibitions and displays

There's no need to travel to London to see paintings by world famous artists. RAMM's opening shows include works some of the most instantly recognisable names in art history including Monet, Renoir, Stanhope Forbes, Pissarro, Sisley, Clausen and Canaletto. (See p4&5 for a taste of the opening programme). A wealth of themes, both local and international, can be explored using the superb new displays of Exeter's fine collections.

There's also a treat in store for lovers of photography. A range of photographic exhibitions makes up RAMM's Year of Photography 2012 including images by two of Britain's most accomplished 19th-century photographers, national competition winners, local people and renowned photographers.



## From classroom to gallery

RAMM continues to offer in-school sessions on World War 2, Romans, ancient Egypt and art until the museum reopens when the displays and exhibitions will once again be the focus for schools activities. The new displays will be a rich source of inspiration and specially prepared materials and training will help KS2 and 3 teachers and pupils to make the most of the opening fine art exhibitions. Tudor Life and Wood and Wind sessions are still available at St Nicholas Priory.

**i** For more information contact [kate.osborne@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:kate.osborne@exeter.gov.uk)

## Opportunities to join in

With the newly developed museum come newly developed volunteering opportunities; RAMM now has a range of new roles both working with visitors and behind the scenes.

**i** Check the getting involved/volunteering page of RAMM's website or contact Volunteer Co-ordinator Alice MacGregor Haywood on 01392 265984 or [alice.macgregorhaywood@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:alice.macgregorhaywood@exeter.gov.uk)

October

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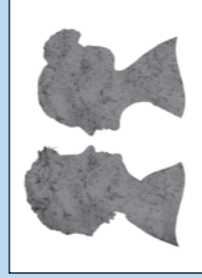
November

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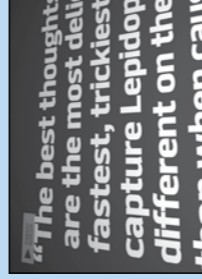
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Exhibitions



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**Nov to end Feb 2012**  
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Wonford p17



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**Raising the Bar**  
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**7 Oct to end Jan 2012**  
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at Duryard,  
University of Exeter p17

# Diary: Oct to Dec 2011

# Living history

## Join the Tudors in their family home

St Nicholas Priory is a place where visitors are positively encouraged to sit on chairs, pick up and handle items or play a game of Shovegroat (Tudor Shove ha'penny). Living History activities add another dimension immersing visitors in Tudor life. Three Living History days and an evening session for adults illuminate special events in Tudor life.



## Admission

Adults - £3  
Concessions - £2  
Children - £1 (0 to 5yrs - free/voluntary donation)  
X-card - half price

Booked tours:  
Children - £3.50  
Adults daytime - £5  
Adults evening - £7

Open Mon to Sat,  
10am to 5pm  
during Devon  
school holidays

Open Sats only  
10am to 5pm  
during term time  
Closed Bank Holidays

## Living History Day

### Welcome to the Wedding

Saturday 22 October, 10am to 3pm

Drop in, normal admission charges apply

Find out about Elizabethan wedding customs and share in the happy couple's big day. Follow the couple through the day, celebrating in style and joining them in games and songs of the period. Find out if it is a marriage of love or one of convenience.

## Living History Event

### Not in Front of the Children: Tudor Sex Lives

Saturday 22 October, 5pm to 7pm

Normal admission charges apply - suitable for adults only

Explore the attitudes towards sex, sexuality and adulthood in early 17th-century England. Learn about the custom of putting the nuptial couple to bed and discuss intimate themes including puberty, attitudes towards sex before and during marriage and attitudes to homosexuality.

## Living History Event

### The Barber Surgeon at work

Monday 24 October, 10am to 4pm

Drop in, normal admission charges apply

Find out about health and disease from our Tudor Barber Surgeon. He will demonstrate how wounds and diseases were treated using practices of the period, including blood letting and leeches.

## Music and Medicine, Sugar and Spyce

Saturday 3 December, 10am to 4pm

Drop in, normal admission charges apply

An entertaining day with period music and sweet and spicy Christmas treats. Piva perform in the Great Chamber while Mistresses Eleanor and Christina prepare the very latest dishes and delicacies for the Hurst family's Christmas celebrations. Piva performances: 10.30am, 11.45am, 1.30pm and 2.45pm. Our 'Spyce Girls' preparing recipes: 11am to 1pm.

# RAMM about town

Two very different displays bringing images of RAMM's collections to unusual places in Exeter.



## Home to a Million Thoughts

RAMM has always been a place to stimulate thought and new ideas, to reflect on the old and follow trends as they lead to the future. In this tradition, RAMM reopens in December inviting visitors to help make it a home to a million thoughts.

▶ **Exeter Corn Exchange**  
Until end of Dec 2011

Presented in partnership with the Corn Exchange

▶ **RD&E Hospital (Wonford)**  
Nov to end Feb 2012

Barrack Road, Exeter. First floor corridor approaching the Oasis Café. Presented in association with Exeter Health Care Arts

## From Devon to Delhi

Fresh eyes on hidden objects. RAMM has been inviting people who have moved here from near and far behind the scenes to tell us their responses to objects from the collections. See what emerged in words and photographs.

▶ **University of Exeter**  
Friday 7 Oct 2011 to end Jan 2012

Kay House, Duryard, Lower Argyll Road, Exeter EX4 4RG

Open Fridays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 6pm (closed Saturday 5 Nov and from 17 to 31 Dec inclusive). Presented in association with Exeter University Arts & Culture. Free

# Compelled to Collect

## Cob artworks inspired by RAMM and A la Ronde

Collaborative artists AbeySmallcombe are exhibiting a selection of small cob based objects in surprising places around the house.

*Compelled to Collect* was inspired by an artists in residency project at RAMM's collection store and the remarkable similarities between RAMM objects and the collections at A la Ronde. It is a partnership between RAMM, AbeySmallcombe and A la Ronde.

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### A la Ronde

Until 30 October  
Summer Lane,  
Exmouth EX8 5BD  
For opening times see  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-alaronde](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-alaronde)

Entry to house:  
Adults £7, Child £3.60,  
Family £17.60.  
£10.60 reduced rate  
when arriving by  
public transport.  
Free entry to grounds



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# Cutting Edge

## Stones transformed into a thousand tools

With a wide range of objects from RAMM's collections, this exhibition shows the variety of raw materials used to produce handaxes, spear heads and scrapers. It reveals sources of suitable stone in south-west England and takes a look at some of the main sources from around the world.

This is a rare opportunity to explore the geology and material science of stone tools rather than their often discussed historical or cultural importance. Find out whether people used local rocks or traded stone over long distances. See how the physical properties of the stone influence the final shape, type and quality of the tool. Discover the latest dating methods and how scientists can determine the source of the stone. Examine and handle stone tools and learn how to identify them.

### Kents Cavern

Until January 2012  
Open 9.30am to 4.30pm  
Cavern House, 89/91  
Ilsham Road Torquay,  
Devon TQ1 2JF  
Tel: 01803 215136  
[www.kents-cavern.co.uk](http://www.kents-cavern.co.uk)

Entry to the exhibition is free. There is an admission charge to visit the cavern.



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Out and About

## Activities for families at St Nicholas Priory

Make a mosaic, experience Tudor life and save the King

### Admission charges for St Nicholas Priory

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Children – £1  
(0 to 5yrs – free)  
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### October half term activities

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### Family Activities

- All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult
- Some activities are messy so do wear clothes that can get dirty



### Living History Event – The Barber Surgeon at work

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### Bits and Pieces

Wed 26, Thurs 27 and Fri 28 Oct  
10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 3.30pm  
Normal admission charges apply  
RAMM has a wonderful Roman mosaic which was discovered in Exeter's Catherine Street. It will be exhibited in our new Devon & Exeter Galleries. Make a mosaic of your own to take home and help make a massive mosaic that will feature in an exhibition of children's work at RAMM next year.

### Treasonable activities Gunpowder, Treason & Plot

 Saturday 5 November  
11am to 12.30pm or 2 to 3.30pm, ticketed  
Normal admission charges apply  
There are plotters in our midst. Help Robert the Rat save the King. Places are limited, please book in advance on 01392 265858.

### Christmas cheer

#### Living History: Music and Medicine, Sugar and Spycy

Saturday 3 December, 10am to 4pm  
Drop in, normal admission charges apply  
An entertaining day with period music and sweet and spicy Christmas treats. Piva perform in the Great Chamber while Mistresses Eleanor and Christina prepare the very latest dishes and delicacies for the Hurst family's Christmas celebrations. Piva performances: 10.30am, 11.45am, 1.30pm and 2.45pm. Our 'Spyce Girls' will be preparing recipes between 11am and 1pm.

## Friends

RAMM's Friends support the museum in many ways, both practically and financially. Members enjoy a range of benefits including a newsletter, invitations to private views, social functions, outings and lectures.

If you would like to support RAMM and join the Friends or find out more, contact the Membership Secretary c/o RAMM by calling 01392 265956 or email [friends@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:friends@exeter.gov.uk)

Subscription rates:	Annual	Life
Individual	£10	£100
Joint	£15	£150
Corporate	£25	n/a



### Friends events

**Autumn lecture: Living Agencies and Dead Examples: the Exeter City Archives and the development of RAMM**

Tuesday 11 October, 7pm, £5  
Music Room, Exeter Central Library, Castle Street.  
John Draisey, Devon County Archivist, will explore the way in which the Exeter City Archives, a remarkably complete record of life in the city from the middle ages to the present day, can inform our understanding of how Exeter's museum, library, and university developed following Sir Stafford Northcote's initial proposal in 1861.

**Lunchtime lecture: Season's Greetings: Victorian Christmas cards and design history**

Tuesday 29 November, 1.10pm, £3  
Music Room, Exeter Central Library, Castle Street.  
The first Christmas card was designed and printed for Henry Cole in 1843. As one of the founders of the South Kensington Museum (now the V&A) and one of the organisers of the Great Exhibition of 1851, Cole was a driving force behind the design reform movement and the building of museums like RAMM in the 19th century. Patricia Zakreski, of the English Department at the University of Exeter, will discuss the development of the Victorian Christmas card and trace the connections between these holiday tokens and the development of principles of good and tasteful design in the 19th century.

### Tickets for Friends events:

Tickets by post from Friends Ticket Sales, RAMM, Queen Street, Exeter EX4 3RX

(cheques made payable to Exeter City Council; please enclose a stamped addressed envelope) or on the door subject to availability.

We regret that telephone bookings and debit and credit card payments cannot be accepted for Friends events.

*The Friends of Exeter Museums and Art Gallery is a registered charity. Number 306649*

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**St Nicholas Priory  
A Tudor Home**

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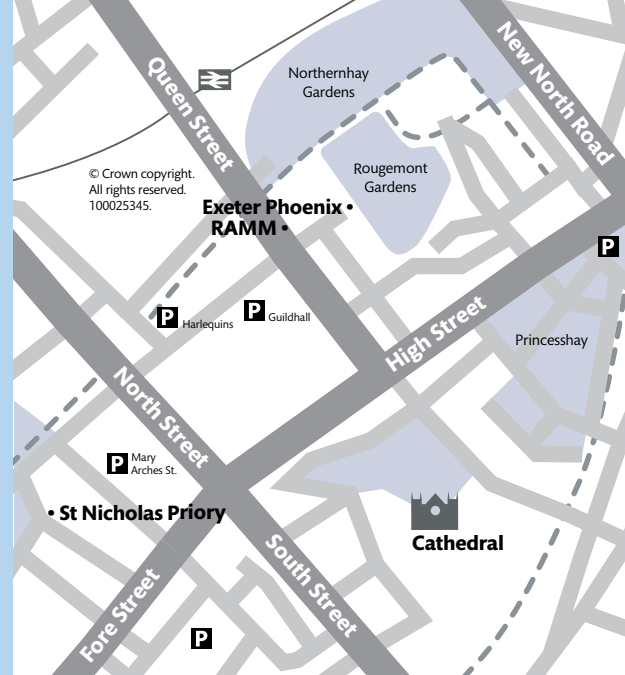
The information in this booklet is available in other formats including large print or tape from 01392 265858.

**BSL signing**

If you are part of a group that would like British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation, call us at least three weeks before the event and we'll do our best to organise a signer.

**Access information**

Details for St Nicholas Priory can be found on our website.



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