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PORTLAND PORT TO HOLD OPEN DAY AT THE OLD ENGINE SHED AS PART OF SPIRIT OF PORTLAND FESTIVAL



The Spirit of Portland Festival is a week-long series of events which is held every year as a celebration of Portland's unique heritage, culture and natural environment.

This year the festival will be held from 26th July through to the 4th August and includes some great events for everyone to enjoy from the Chesil Beach Centre at the start of Portland Beach Road across the Island. Andy Matthews from the Portland Community Partnership says *"Portland is a wonderful place and has so much to offer. Please visit our website for further details on the events and activities and we are always open to new participants so please do get in touch."*

Portland Port will open the Grade II Listed mid-C19 Engine Shed on Monday 29th July between 11AM and 3PM as an opportunity for the local community to see inside and find out more about the port and businesses within. The building's history is interesting in that it comprises three locomotive sheds built to serve the Admiralty Incline Railway, transporting stone from the Admiralty Quarries to Portland Harbour for the construction of breakwaters.

Sandie Wilson of Portland Harbour Authority said, *"This year will be the third year we have held the open day and we are really pleased to be part of the Spirit of Portland Festival again and hope again this year will further build on the success of previous years"*.

There will be informative display boards, along with a range of artefacts inside and outside, from dinosaur footprints, and a circa 1875 canon to the Harbour Masters rib. It is an opportunity to have a look around and enjoy the refreshments available from The Friends of the Grove Telephone Box.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Attached pictures:

P1 Engine Shed

P2 Spirit of Portland Poster



Monday 29th July 2019

From 11am—3pm

Open Session at The Engine Shed, The Grove

Portland Port are pleased to offer another opportunity to view the interior of the Engine Shed, see some dinosaur footprints and learn more about the Port and businesses located there

SUPPORT THE FRIENDS GROUP
The friends of the Grove Phone Box will be providing a range of refreshments including tea / coffee/ squash, home made cake, cheese scones

The Old Engine Shed
Sited on the cliffs above the East Wharfe and constructed in the mid 19th century, the Grade II listed building is of great historical significance to Portland. It once housed steam engines that transported stone from the surrounding quarries for the construction of the Victorian (and earlier) Portland Harbour.
The Old Engine Shed housed the locomotives working in the Admiralty Quays.
A Regent 2-4-0 locomotive was used to transport the stone from the quarry to the top of the incline track outside the Engine Shed.

PORTLAND HARBOUR is one of the largest man-made harbours in the world. A huge feat of Victorian engineering, construction began in 1849 with the foundation stone being laid by Prince Albert. It was completed in 1872. The cost was listed as £1,167,852.00.
5,731,376 tonnes of stone was hewn by hundreds of convicts for the harbour and forts.

Please follow marshalls' Instructions from Grove Rd

For more information or images please contact Sandie Wilson at Portland Port on 01305 824044 or email s.wilson@portland-port.co.uk.

Previously a naval dockyard for over 150 years, Portland Harbour is now a thriving and successful commercial facility. It still maintains a close relationship with the past through its ongoing contract to support the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Portland Bunkers UK. It has almost 2,500 hectares of water at depths of up to 15m (C.D.); and provides vessel services from long term lay-ups to brief maintenance calls, luxury cruise liner docking facilities to industrial cargo shipments.

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The tariff and general Portland Harbour Authority information can be viewed at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/> M/F

Portland Port has over 2,000 metres of alongside berths and 11.6 metres (C.D.) depth of water at the deepest alongside berth.

Berthing for vessels up to 350 metres (subject to Harbour Master's approval).

11 designated anchorages are within the 1,015-hectare inner harbour.

Six designated anchorages are within the 1,436-hectare Outer Harbour.

A width of 210 metres and depth of over 12.6 metres (C.D.) at the entrance of the harbour mean that there are few vessel beam, lock, or air draft restriction.

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