
Exhibition: Turner in Bridport

29 June to September | Bridport Museum

An exhibition which includes the loan of J.M.W. Turner's watercolour of Bridport Harbour, painted in the 1800s on a tour of the South Coast.

Ships and Sunsets: Turner Trail Competition

25 May to 1 June | Bridport Museum

We are looking for Turner-inspired creations from the young people of Bridport to be displayed in miniature in the Museum. Pop in to use our resources in the May Half-Term, or create your own paintings or drawings at home. More information on the website.

Exhibition: Down the Slipway

25 June to October | West Bay Discovery Centre

The shipyard will be brought back to life! Come and discover some of its secrets in this anniversary year - with something for all ages.

Story Traders: Short Stories and Poems Inspired by Turner and the Sea

3 July, 2.30-3.15pm | Bridport Library

Come and hear Story Traders, telling a variety of short stories, flash fiction and poetry inspired by Turner's visit to Bridport. 45 minutes of intrigue, facts and fiction to take away with you.

Exhibition: Igniting Sight- Contemporary Painters Inspired by Turner

29 June to September | Sladers Yard

A selling exhibition of paintings by highly acclaimed contemporary artists: Fred Cuming RA, Luke Elwes, Vanessa Gardiner, Janette Kerr, Alex Lowery and Frances Hatch, all of whose work has been influenced or inspired in different ways by Turner.

Story Traders: Turner Stories for All to Share

12-2pm, 10 July | Bridport Museum

'Pop-Up' performances of short stories, flash fiction and poetry inspired by Turner.

Talk: J.M.W. Turner in Dorset and the West County by Nick Reese

12 July, 6.30pm | Sladers Yard

Nick Reese has been on the committee of the Turner Society for many years and has lectured at top universities, at the Turner Society and has given Tate study room talks on many occasions. **Tickets £10 or £28 with dinner to follow, available from Bridport TIC or Sladers Yard.**

Bridport Artists Celebrate Turner

13-14 July | Various locations

Local artists who have been inspired by Turner will be opening their studios for the weekend.

More details at bridportopenstudios.co.uk

Talk: Women of the RNLI by Sue Hennessey

22 July, 3pm | Bridport Town Hall

Tickets £5 (£4 for members) to include afternoon tea. Organised by the Friends of Bridport Museum.

Talk: Turner's Paper

25 July | Venue to be confirmed

A fascinating talk and demonstration of hand-made paper, such as Turner would have used, by the owner of Two Rivers Paper Mill. **Tickets £7.50 from the TIC.**

Family Trail: We Love the Sea!

27 July to 31 August | Bridport Museum

From funny postcards to fossils of sea creatures that once swam here millions of years ago, there's much more to find. What might you discover about Bridport's seaside past?

Talk: All Boats Have a Story to Tell

1 August, 4.30pm | West Bay Discovery Centre

Renowned local traditional boat builder Gail McGarva will be entertaining us with the stories that lie behind boats: a fitting way to celebrate West Bay Discovery Centre's 1st birthday!

Try your Hand at Boat Building

1 August, 11am-4pm | West Bay Discovery Centre

Gail McGarva, a traditional wooden boat builder based in Lyme Regis will be joining us with her boat Freda. Come along and rivet a miniature boat plank and learn more about traditional boat building.

Exhibition: John Boyd - 'En plein air' Paintings and Drawings inspired by Turner

1 to 30 August | LSi Bridport

Demonstration: Impossible Bottles

10 August, 1-2pm | LSi Bridport

With Alan Rogers from the European Association of Ships in Bottles makers. **Suggested donation £3**

Film: Mr. Turner, directed by Mike Leigh

8 August, 7.30pm | Bridport Arts Centre

Turner Twists

25 May to 1 June | Bridport Library

Come along for a messy art session, making a giant picture together inspired by Turner's watercolour. All ages welcome but please wear old clothes.

July to September

Turner Corner: Information point about JMW Turner.

Turner Reaction: Pick up your postcards from the library and bring back your own picture, drawing, poem, photo or your reaction to the Turner watercolour. Open to all age groups.

The Storyboat

15 & 16 August, 10am-4pm | Bridport Arts Centre

The Story Boat is a miniature maritime museum created from an upturned 1923 Dorset fishing boat, Vera. Come and visit Vera and meet her creator and curator: traditional wooden boatbuilder Gail McGarva.

A Sketch of the West Dorset Coast in Song & Story

16 August, 7.30pm | Bridport Town Hall

Featuring Tinkers Cuss, The Bride Valley Band and Gail McGarva. An evening exploring the coast from Lyme Regis to Bridport Harbour at the time of JMW Turner's visit.

Tickets £8 from Bridport TIC

Bridport Arts Society Secret Art Sale

17 August to 11 October | Bridport Arts Centre

Members of BAS have been invited to submit their own paintings inspired by the Turner painting of Bridport Harbour. A selection will be mounted and displayed by the Arts Centre and sold for £50, profits from which will be shared between the artist, BAC and the Museum.

Exhibition: Bridport Un-Sea-n

17 August to 11 October | Bridport Arts Centre

From fossils to fishing, seashells to ships: an exhibition celebrating the sea from Bridport Museum's collections.

Exhibition: Colfox Inspired by Turner

17 August to 11 October | Bridport Arts Centre Café

An exhibition of work by Year 9 students from Sir John Colfox School, inspired by Turner and their own love of the sea.

Apothecary Presents... New Ways of Seeing: Visualisation and the Spoken Word

20 August, 7.30pm | LSi Bridport

An evening of spoken word from Bridport's Apothecary collective. Exploring the relationship between visual imagery and language, local writers present new work inspired by Turner's own imagination, combining literary expression with live performance. **Tickets £3 on the door**

Community Collection Exhibition: Impossible Bottles!

25 August to 13 September | LSi Bridport

Come and display your own 'impossible' bottles!

Shanty Shenanigans: An Evening of Songs from the Sea

5 September, 7.30pm | Bridport Town Hall

Tickets from Bridport TIC, £8 in advance, £10 on the door.

St. Gabriel's Players: Walking in Turner's Footsteps

6 September, 7pm | Bridport United Church

Lively readings of poetry and prose from the 1800s, including a poem by Turner himself! **Tickets from Bridport TIC**

Venues

Bridport Museum

25 South Street, DT6 3NR
bridportmuseum.co.uk

Bridport Arts Centre

9 South Street, DT6 3NR
bridport-arts.com

Bridport Town Hall

Bridport, DT6 3JU
bridportandwestbay.co.uk

Sladers Yard

5 West Bay Road, DT6 4GD
sladersyard.wordpress.com

Bridport Library

South Street, DT6 3NY
bridportlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

LSi Bridport

51 East St, DT6 3JX
lsibridport.co.uk

West Bay Discovery Centre

The Chapel on the Beach, DT6 4EN
westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk

Bridport Open Studios

Various locations
bridportopenstudios.co.uk

Bridport United Church

East Street, DT6 3LJ
buc.cool

The Shop at Bridport Museum

To accompany the exhibition, we have Turner inspired gifts for sale, as well as local and handmade crafts.

All proceeds help support our work.

For schools

We would love you to bring your class to see the exhibition. Visits are free but need to be pre-booked in advance. Please contact the museum to find out more.

For Groups

Please contact the museum if you would like to bring a group to visit the Turner exhibition.

Travel and access



The Museum is no more than 10 minutes walk from all the town centre car parks.



X53 Weymouth - Bridport - Axminster
X31 Dorchester - Bridport - Axminster



All venues have wheelchair access, but Sladers Yard is restricted to ground floor only - please call ahead.



Hearing Loop available at Town Hall events

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TURNER
in Bridport

Welcome to our celebration of J.M.W. Turner's visit to Bridport. We are indebted to Bury Art Museum for the generous loan of Turner's sketch of Bridport Harbour, made on his visit here in the early 1800s.

To celebrate the painting's arrival, we are delighted to have brought together an exciting and varied programme, with something for everyone to enjoy.

We would like to extend a massive thank-you to the huge number of people who have made this possible including all the event organisers and the wonderful Museum volunteers.

Emily Hicks
Director, Bridport Museum

All events are free unless otherwise stated.
