

Building to be transformed into key hub for business

Britannia statue restored in £1.5m Guildhall revamp

THIS iconic statue of Britannia has been restored as part of £1.5 million revamp of an historic civic building.

Work is under way to transform Devonport Guildhall in Plymouth into one of the South West's key hubs for business, media, education and cultural activities.

The project is funded by a Government grant and money from the Devonport Regeneration Community Partnership.

The building's main feature of Britannia, who sits prominently on top, has been restored back to its original form.

The figurine, dating back to 1817, three years before the building was put up, is cast from coade stone, and is said to be unusual, especially in this part of the world.

David Martin, project manager for the site, working on behalf of Plymouth City Council, said: "You don't find many of these apart from in London.

"We have removed all the paint from her, the worst of which was on her lips which were painted bright red.

"Her shield was painted in the colours of the Union Jack and she was white but she will now appear in her natural form.

"We've also removed her spear to fix the globe, is incredible; she doesn't appear in the original plans but we believe she was added early on in the building's history."

Work on the building started in February and is due to be completed by November.

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The project is being led by Real Ideas Organisation with Architects GHK, project managers The Gates Partnership and builders Devon Contractors creating new facilities.

Labour and Co-operative MP for Plymouth Sutton Linda Gilroy recently paid a visit to the site.

She said: "It is inspiring to witness the transformation of such a significant building which would otherwise have deteriorated into ruin and to see the power that the collaborative work is achieving in the community.

"Given the backdrop of the current economic crisis, I really believe that we are in the middle of a paradigm shift and social enterprises like the one being driven here at the Guildhall are set to come more and more to the fore of how we operate as a nation."

The newly unveiled Guildhall will include office space, a hall that can be hired for music and theatre, conferences and community events and a cafe and restaurant.

Bishop to hike across moor on anniversary walk

THE Bishop of Plymouth will hike across Dartmoor this week as part of his pilgrimage around Devon to mark the 1100th anniversary of the Diocese of Exeter.

The Rt Rev John Ford will visit communities across and around the national park.

He will start his visit in Moretonhampstead today and will meet children at the primary school.



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The Britannia at the top of Plymouth's Devonport Guildhall, during her restoration, Her shield (left) was painted in the colours of the Union flag



Tomorrow he will spend the day in Princetown, where he will meet local businesses, and the town's new community and health centre, before joining children and staff at Princetown primary school for an assembly and a talk on what it is like to be a Bishop. He will also join a celebration of 200 years of Methodism in Princetown with John Carna, chair of the Plymouth and Exeter district Methodists.

Over the weekend he will hike to the recently restored Ten Commandment Stone on Buckland Beacon. Bishop John is a keen walker, and completed a pilgrimage from Sherborne to Crediton at Easter, following in the footsteps of the first Bishop for Devon, Hadulf, who came to the county in 909. On Sunday, his last day in the area, there will be celebrations with baptisms and confirmations at a service in Mill Marsh Park, Bovey Tracey.

FAMILY Announcements

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Deaths

BRENT
On June 5th peacefully at Derriford Hospital, Exeter John aged 86 years. Much loved husband of Pearl, dearest dad of Shane and son-in-law Nigel, adored granddad of Jonah and Sara, Roy and Brooke, Jake and Claire, proud great-granddad Egg of Linda and Isaac.
Funeral Service at Coats Green Methodist Church on Monday June 15th at 2pm.
Family flowers only, donations if desired for the Cornwall Air Ambulance and Peninsula Health Centre by retiring collection or to Mr and Mrs M Stephens, Trevilla House, Coats Green, Launceston PL15 7LX.

Deaths

GUSH
Peter passed away peacefully at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on June 4th, 2009, aged 81, after a short illness. Devoted husband of Gladys, loving father of Jamie, Matthew, Charlotte and Max, sadly missed by son-in-law Bob, daughter-in-law Sue, relatives and friends.
Funeral service at Exeter Crematorium, Tuesday June 16th at 12.15pm, followed by a service of Thanksgiving Methodist Church, 1.15pm.
Family flowers only, donations if wished to the Yarty Ward Fund, RD&E.

Deaths

MITCHELL
Peacefully at Fowey Hospital after a long illness, Maureen aged 82 years of Poltarn. Funeral service St. Saviour's Church, Poltarn on Monday June 15th 11.30am, followed by interment in Lanteg Churchyard.
No flowers. Donations in memory of flowers to Lantegosey Fowey Church Fund or to Mr Ripley, 10 Fowey, Greenbar Poltarn, Fowey, Cornwall. Cheques made payable Mr Ripley Memorials.

BROWN
On Monday June 8th 2009 peacefully at Godolphin House, Helston, Eleanor Ada aged 96 years. Wife of the late Isaac, a dear sister and loving aunt.
Funeral service at Helston Cemetery Chapel on Monday June 15th 2009 at 2.00pm, followed by interment.
No flowers by request but donations in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance may be sent to Female Funeral Services, The Firs Funeral Home, St Johns, Helston, TR13 8HN. Tel: 01326 673080.

HAMILTON David James
Peacefully at home on June 6th 2009, aged 71 after an illness bravely borne. A loving husband to Elizabeth, father to David and Lydia, grandad to Ashley, Daniel and Sarah and brother to Bob and Julie.
Funeral service on Monday June 15th 2009 at Glyn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin at 10.30am.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust or Cornwall Hospice Care (Mount Edgumbe) or Ken Newcombes Funeral Home, Brucklers Lane, St Austell, PL25 3JN or placed in the donation box at the service.

POOLE
Kenneth Arthur, aged 78 years, passed peacefully away on June 7th 2009. Loving husband of Edith (deceased), father of Maureen and the late Colin, Anthea and Jane, Sandra and Co and special granddad to grandchildren and great grandchildren.
Funeral at Alwington Church on Wednesday June 17th at 2.30pm.
Family flowers on donations to Alwington Church by retiring collection or to Mr J. Westaway, Portledge Place, Fairy Cro Bideford, Devon.

BROWN (nee Toms)
Of St. Austell, formerly of Bawode Farm, Fentewean Valley Nurseries, peacefully on Monday June 8th 2009 at Mount Edgumbe Hospice, Margate. Neola aged 79 years. Beloved wife of Owen and mother of Juliet, Keith, Kay, Brian, Derek, Pauline and David and gran and great-gran.
Funeral arrangements later.

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TONKIN Bernard
On Friday June 5th 2009 Bernard (Tonkin) aged 84 years of St. Newlyn Ea. Beloved husband of Barbara much loved dad of Roger Andrew and Paul, respect father-in-law of Lisa, a Mandy and dearest grand of Katie, Samantha, Ashleigh, Rebecca, Alicia and Laura.
The funeral will be held 4.00pm on Wednesday June 17th at Pennon Crematorium, Truro, in the Twyaway Chapel.
Family flowers only please but donations for the St. Mary's Appeal and Perranpor Surgery will be gratefully received by retiring collection or may be sent to B Chudleigh, John Nichol Funeral Service, Halt Larr Gooahaven, Truro, TR9 9QA. Tel: 01872 572257.

CROSS Pamela Ann (nee Steer)
On May 29th at St. Lukes Hospice, Plymouth aged 78. Beloved wife of Harry (deceased), mother of Alison and David, grandmother of Sarah and Stephen, sister of Patsy and Will (Joe Deceased), loving aunt to all her nephews and nieces and great-nephews and nieces.
Cremation service at Efford on June 17th at 11.00am.
Family flowers only, donations if desired for St. Lukes Hospice via Co-operative Funeral Services, 61 Exeter St, Plymouth, PL4 0AH.

MARSHALL
Suddenly on June 5th 2009 at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital Wotford, Daphne Ann.
Funeral Service at The Exeter Crematorium on Wednesday June 17th at 2pm. St. Peters Church.
Floral Tributes or donations if desired for English Settlers Rescue by retiring collection or may be sent to Le-Roy Funeral Service, 10 Alphonson Road, Exeter, EX2 8HH.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that family announcements appear in correct order of family priority, this cannot always be guaranteed.

DAVIES
On June 6th 2009, peacefully at Westworth Residential Home, St. Austell, Charlotte Irene (Rene) aged 82 years. Beloved wife of Edward (deceased) loving mum of Michael, mother-in-law of Heather, dear gran of Bill and Karen, great-gran of Annika, Amara and Joe.
Funeral Service to be held at Glyn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, Wednesday June 17th at 11.30am.
Family flowers only, donations if desired for The Precious Lives Appeal or Cornwall Hospice Care Limited, c/o Paul Bourton, The Chapel of Rest, Ann's Crescent, Faxeote, St. Austell PL26 7UP. Tel: 01726 65727 or by retiring collection at the Service.

DUCKETT
Peacefully on June 8th 2009 at R.C.H. Trevelick, Sydney aged 76 years of Roche. Much loved husband to Mary, dad to Maria, David and Alan.
Funeral service on Friday June 19th 2009 at Glyn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin at 1.30pm.
Family flowers only, donations if desired for Lowen Ward (Haematology) or Macmillan Cancer Support c/o Ken Newcombes Funeral Home, Brucklers Lane, St. Austell, PL25 3JN or may be placed in the donation box at the service.

In time of Bereavement
The death of a loved one, either family or friend, is a deeply sad time, but many people find that it helps to place a bereavement notice. This gives them the chance to show their love and respect, to offer their sympathy to close friends or thank carers who helped make the final days of their loved ones that much easier.
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