

PLYMOUTH'S

BOOK OF

WONDER

OVER 100 AMAZING FACTS

Welcome to the second edition of the Plymouth Book of Wonder, where we have found even more quirky and fascinating facts about our amazing waterfront city, as well as refreshing some of our original ones. The book continues to give you a flavour of what makes Plymouth the vibrant, creative and exciting ocean city that it is today.

Plymouth is an ambitious city with huge growth potential and is undergoing exciting changes, with many more on the horizon. We have already seen the transformation of Millbay and Royal William Yard, now a cultural hotspot for restaurants, art galleries and events. It's this creativity and vibrancy, along with our spectacular waterfront location and rich heritage that provides such a fantastic quality of life, making Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City the perfect location to live, work and invest.

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If you climb the 93 steps to the top of Smeaton's Tower on a clear day you can still see the original base of the lighthouse standing on the notorious Eddystone Reef





Plymouth is the best place to live in the country in terms of good schools, clean air, value and quality of housing and access to sparkling sea... *'The Guardian' 2013*



Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West and receives one million people a year through its doors

In 2014, 5,000 patients took part in research across 591 studies



Great Scott!

Plymouth-born 'Scott of the Antarctic' led the first-ever British expedition to reach the South Pole in 1912


Anyone for tea?

Plymouth Tea, a local tea merchant, has recently opened Devon's first tea plantation, growing on the banks of the river Tavy. This is only the second in England





Recent Nesta research showed that Plymouth ranked 8th highest in the country on the proportion of businesses classed as 'high-growth', alongside the likes of Oxford and Cambridge



Mount Batten Tower, built in circa 1650, is an imposing gun tower guarding the southern approach to Plymouth's harbour. Named after a commander in Cromwell's Parliamentarian navy, it is lit up at night as part of a scheme to illuminate some of Plymouth's most treasured monuments

Photo from LITE LTD



Mum's the word!

Nancy Astor was a pioneer of day nurseries for working mums. In the early 1900s she funded a series of buildings, some of which were named after her own children

Photo from Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)

Some of the Pilgrim Fathers are said to have spent their last night in England at Plymouth's Black Friars building on the Barbican where Plymouth Gin is located today



Man Overboard!

John Howland fell overboard the Mayflower during a storm and was almost lost at sea but managed to grab the topsail halyards, giving the crew enough time to rescue him with a boat hook. His descendants include Franklin D Roosevelt, George H W Bush, George W Bush, the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson and Humphrey Bogart



Plymouth Science Park is the region's largest science and technology park with over 140,000 sq ft of office and laboratory space

It is host to over 80 businesses in the life sciences, digital, technology and e-commerce sectors





Plympton-born 18th century portrait artist Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792) was the founding President of the Royal Academy, Painter to the King, a published author, art collector and Knight of the Realm

Photo from: Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)

Theatre Royal Plymouth's Production and Learning Centre produced the outstanding cascade for the Tower of London's *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* installation which marked the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War





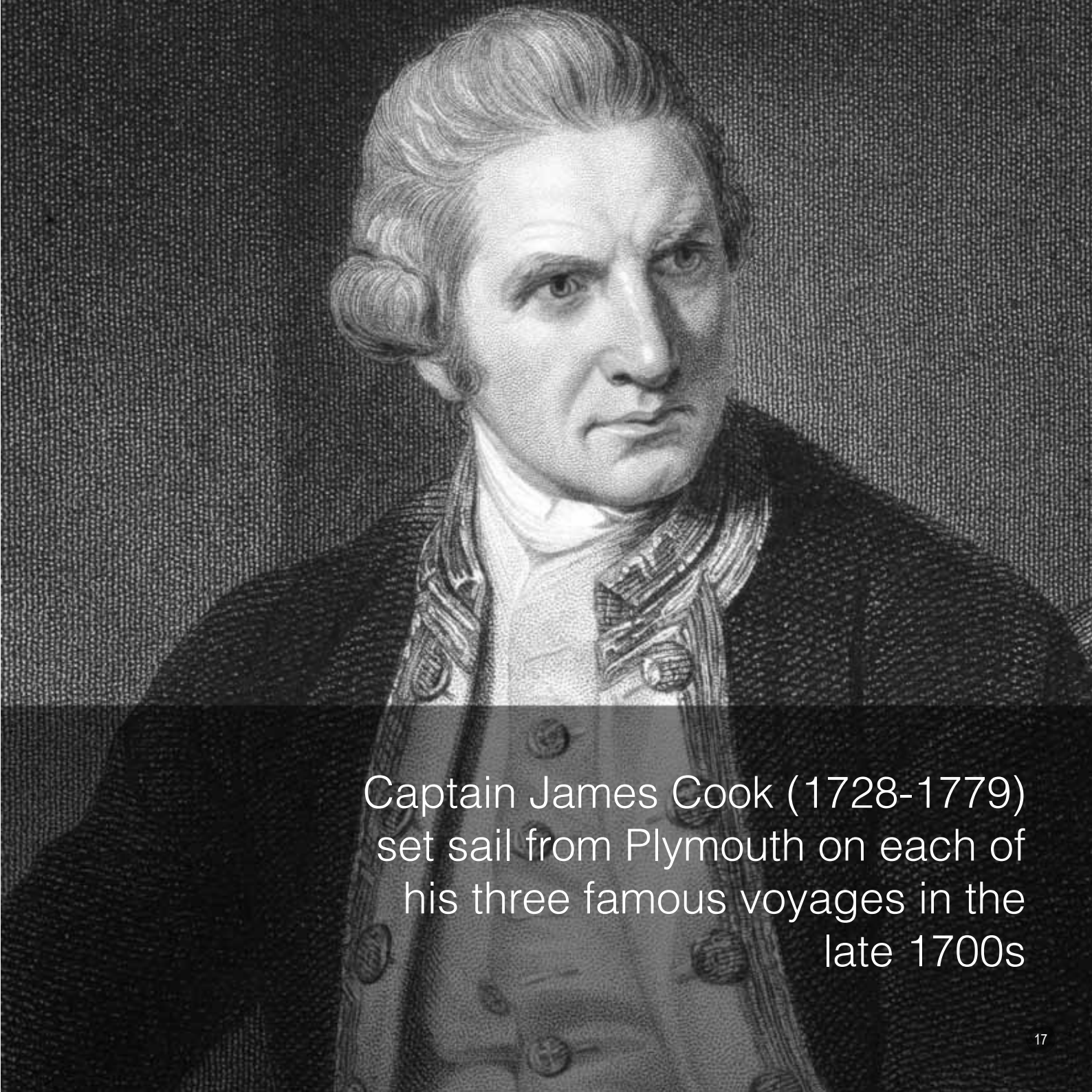
Rolex Fastnet Race Photo from Paul Wyeth

Finishing line for Fastnet

Plymouth has been the finishing point for the Rolex Fastnet Race since it began in 1925

This historic race celebrated its 90th birthday in 2015





Captain James Cook (1728-1779)
set sail from Plymouth on each of
his three famous voyages in the
late 1700s

Royal William Yard is home to the largest collection of Grade I Listed naval buildings in the UK





Plymouth's Ocean Studios has transformed the Old Cooperage at Royal William Yard to new workspace for more than 40 artists, designers and craftspeople as well as exhibition space, which has featured work by the likes of Gillian Wearing, Mary Kelly and Grayson Perry



Anyone for tennis?

Two years before they tasted Davis Cup success in 1933, the Great British team played their first round match in Plymouth.

Their players included the multi-Grand Slam winner Fred Perry

(top row, seven from the left)

Photo from Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)

Mine's a pint

When the Tolpuddle Martyrs returned to England from Australia they landed at Sutton Harbour and stayed in one of the oldest pubs in Plymouth, The Dolphin Inn





Opened in 1859, the Royal Albert Bridge designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, is regarded as an engineering marvel



Originally designed by the iconic Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Plymouth's historic Millbay Docks are being transformed into a vibrant new coastal quarter

Fine Tubes develops and manufactures precision metal tubing for the most demanding environments around the globe

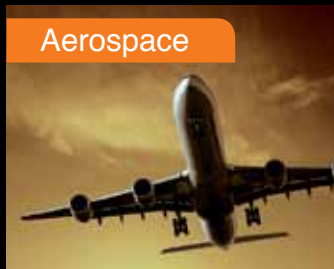
Some of the high specification tubes made in Plymouth can have a wall thickness of less than the thickness of a human hair



Oil & Gas



Energy



Aerospace



Medical



Whether you are using social media, online shopping, cloud computing, creating innovative 3D designs or just searching the internet, the world's most sophisticated systems that drive the UK's vital IT economy are housed in IT enclosures manufactured by Plymouth-based Rittal-CSM Ltd



Edward Stanley Gibbons, English stamp dealer and founder of Stanley Gibbons Ltd, publishers of the famous Stanley Gibbons stamp catalogue was born in 1840 in Plymouth. This was the same year that the Penny Black stamp was launched



With 5.5 million visitors coming to the city, the tourism sector is worth £337 million per annum. Approximately seven per cent of the city's employment is tourism related, providing over 8,000 jobs (Cambridge Model 2012)

Plymouth based Twofour was named the biggest supplier of popular factual television in the UK in 2015

The Hotel Inspector is the longest running series on Channel 5 and has aired in over 100 countries



Filming Twofour's hit Channel 4 series, Royal Marines Commando School, was like a military operation. Shot in Lypstone in Devon, it involved over 50 cameras, 30 radio microphones and 20 kilometres of cabling

Photo from Dean Nixon



‘Best in South West for Education and Teacher Training’, Complete University Guide

The University of St Mark & St John is ranked first for social mobility, supporting individuals to make a positive impact in the 21st century, with 94 per cent of graduates in employment or further study

Its world-class facilities are used by elite athletes including a team base for the Rugby World Cup 2015

Britain's earliest pastry recipe dates back to 1510, discovered hidden within one of the Plymouth Borough account books



Plymouth was one of the first places in the UK to have a lifeboat, with the first stationed here in 1803. The RNLI was set up in 1824 and formally took over running the Plymouth lifeboat station the following year



Photo from Phil Monckton



Fruity facts!

Plymouth is home to two rare fruits bearing the city's name. Kew Gardens has been involved in the conservation of the Plymouth Pear tree since 1879 and the spiny Plymouth Strawberry has a 'wacky' appearance



Photo from Aphotoflora.com



Plymouth Marine Laboratory was ranked the top UK organisation for climate economics and policy in the '2014 International Centre for Climate Governance Climate Think Tank Ranking'; an analysis created to recognise the excellence of the main institutions addressing climate issues worldwide



Plymouth has the highest number of post-war listed buildings outside London and is a unique example of a 20th century city

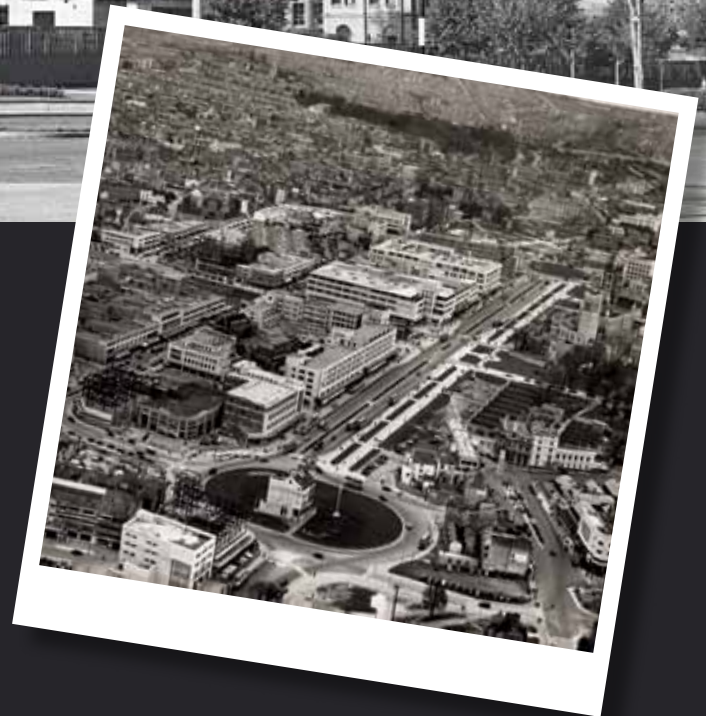


Photo from Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)

Plymouth boasts a Grade II Listed facility considered one of the finest examples of the 1930s lido architecture in the country. The art deco lido overlooking Plymouth Sound celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2015



Photo from Andy Fox



Plessey, based in Plymouth, is a leader in the solid state lighting revolution with its innovative award-winning LED technology

Photo from Plessey Semiconductors Ltd

Princess Yachts, celebrating 50 years, is now one of the world's leading luxury motor yacht manufacturers, priding itself on crafting exceptional yachts in Plymouth and exporting to over 65 countries worldwide



Princess 35M
Image courtesy of Princess Yachts International plc



2016 will be the 20th year Plymouth has hosted the spectacular two-day British Firework Championships



Maintained by Plymouth Marine Laboratory in partnership with the Marine Biological Association, the Western Channel Observatory has produced some of the longest, most comprehensive observations of coastal open-shelf ecosystems in the world

Leading Plymouth-based engineering company Pipex designed and built two unique machines to manufacture 290 composite pressure vessels for offshore industry leaders BP

Around the clock production was conducted to produce the complex pressure vessels in just two and a half months, which are now installed on the UK North Sea oil platform Clair Ridge





Plymouth-based national law firm Bond Dickinson advised on the very first onshore windfarm in the UK, as well as the world's largest operating offshore windfarm and the world's largest consented windfarm

Iconic comedy show The Comic Strip took over the Civic Centre and Council House for their latest production all about a certain red top paper. Big names involved included Johnny Vegas, Maxine Peake, Russell Tovey and director Peter Richardson



Photos from Plymouth Herald

As well as being Leader of the Labour party, Plymouth-born Michael Foot was the editor of the Evening Standard before his 30th birthday, and was at the forefront of Health and Safety Legislation which is estimated to have saved thousands of lives





Plymouth Fisheries at Sutton Harbour is England's second largest fresh fish market, after Brixham

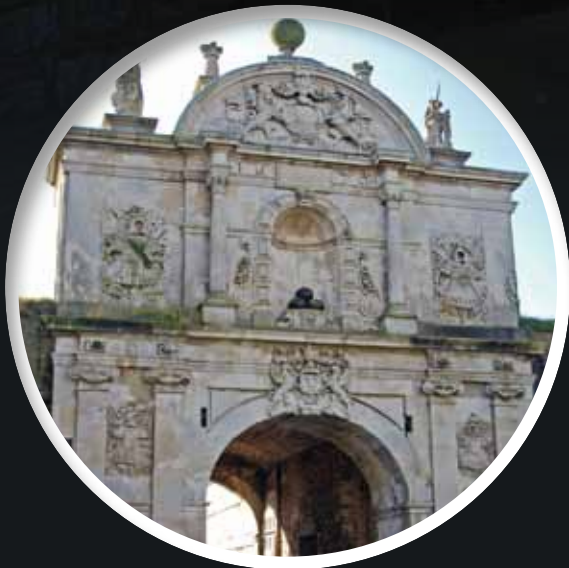
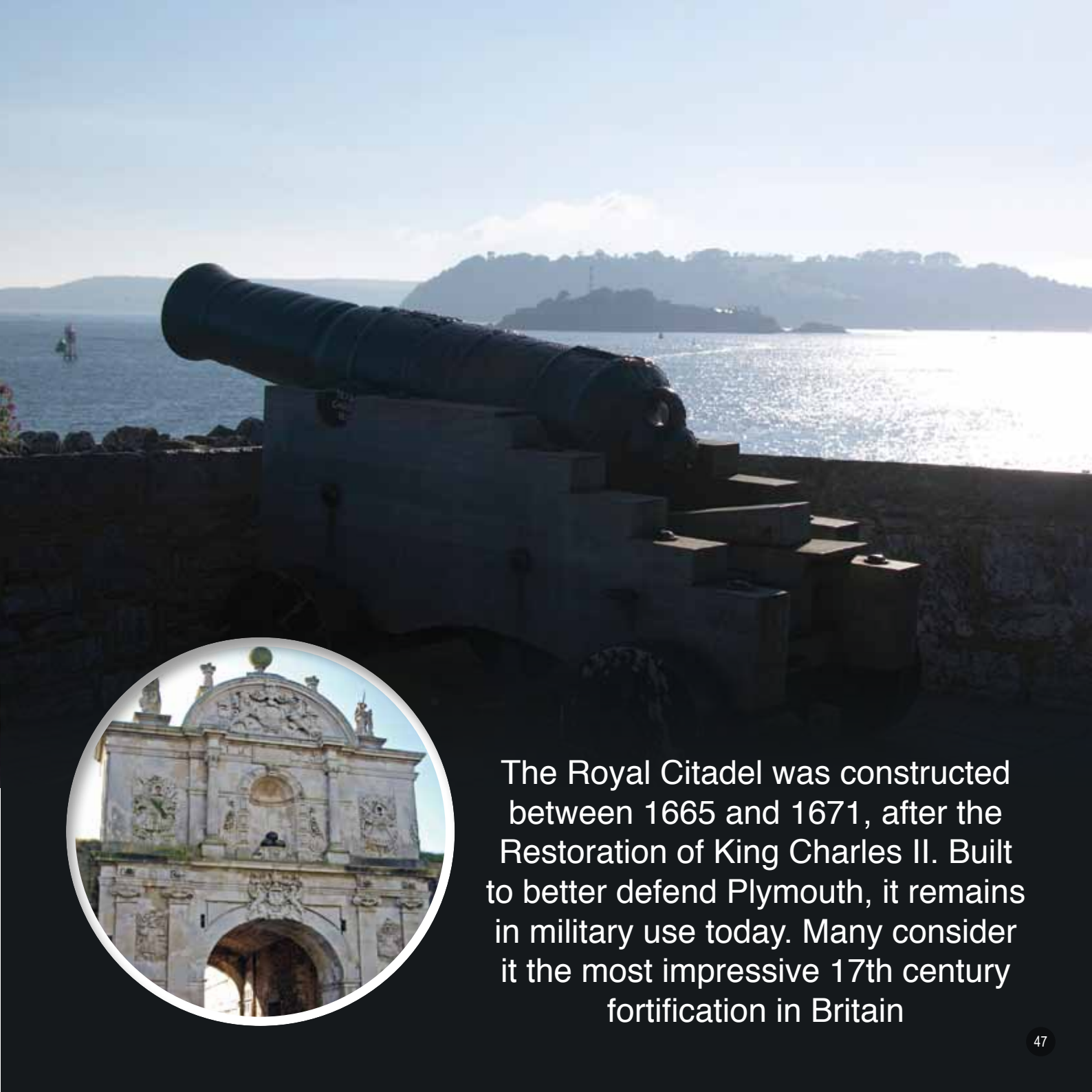
Its new ice production facility is capable of producing 30 tonnes of ice over a 24 hour period



Plymouth city centre was heralded 'beautiful' and 'heroic' by TV's Kevin McCloud writer and television presenter best known for his work on the Channel 4 series Grand Designs

Wolf Minerals' Drakelands Mine, just outside Plymouth, is one of the largest sources of tungsten in the Western World





The Royal Citadel was constructed between 1665 and 1671, after the Restoration of King Charles II. Built to better defend Plymouth, it remains in military use today. Many consider it the most impressive 17th century fortification in Britain



The combination of coastal and open waters with estuaries makes Plymouth Sound of European status as a conservation site, and a magnet for scientific interest and expertise

The Sound is one of the oldest continually studied marine areas on Earth. Existing knowledge and infrastructure, and easy access make it the ideal location for testing instrumentation and other technologies

Beatle Bums!

A piece of public artwork on the Hoe marks the spot where one of the world's most influential bands sat in the late 1960s. The Beatles stopped off in Plymouth to pose for photographers while they were making 'The Magical Mystery Tour' film



Plymouth is the tenth best location in the UK for the coverage of superfast broadband, with 97 per cent of addresses covered



You may pass

Plymouth was one of only two 'pass ports' where pilgrims could officially leave England – the other was Dover, as stated in the law of 1389





Plymouth has the first artificial diving reef in Europe on its doorstep. The Plymouth built frigate, HMS Scylla, was sunk off Whitsand Bay by the National Marine Aquarium and is now one of the UK's most dived reef, home to thousands of marine creatures

Photo from National Marine Aquarium

Plymouth has many historic buildings that survived the war, dating from the 15th century onwards such as the Prysten House, the Merchants' House and the Elizabethan House

There are over 750 listed buildings in Plymouth and over 100 can be found around Plymouth's Barbican



Photo from Mark Tremain



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

The Gazelle STEM Centre (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) based at City College Plymouth, is the only one of its kind in the South West and the fourth to be built in the whole of the UK. The STEM Centre creates exciting and interactive environments for students and young people, from making movies to cracking crime cases, putting the 'wow' factor into STEM subjects

Plymouth based MSubs Ltd is the only company in the world to specialise in rapid prototyping of mini-submarines for use by special forces. It is also a world leader in the design and production of large unmanned underwater vehicles

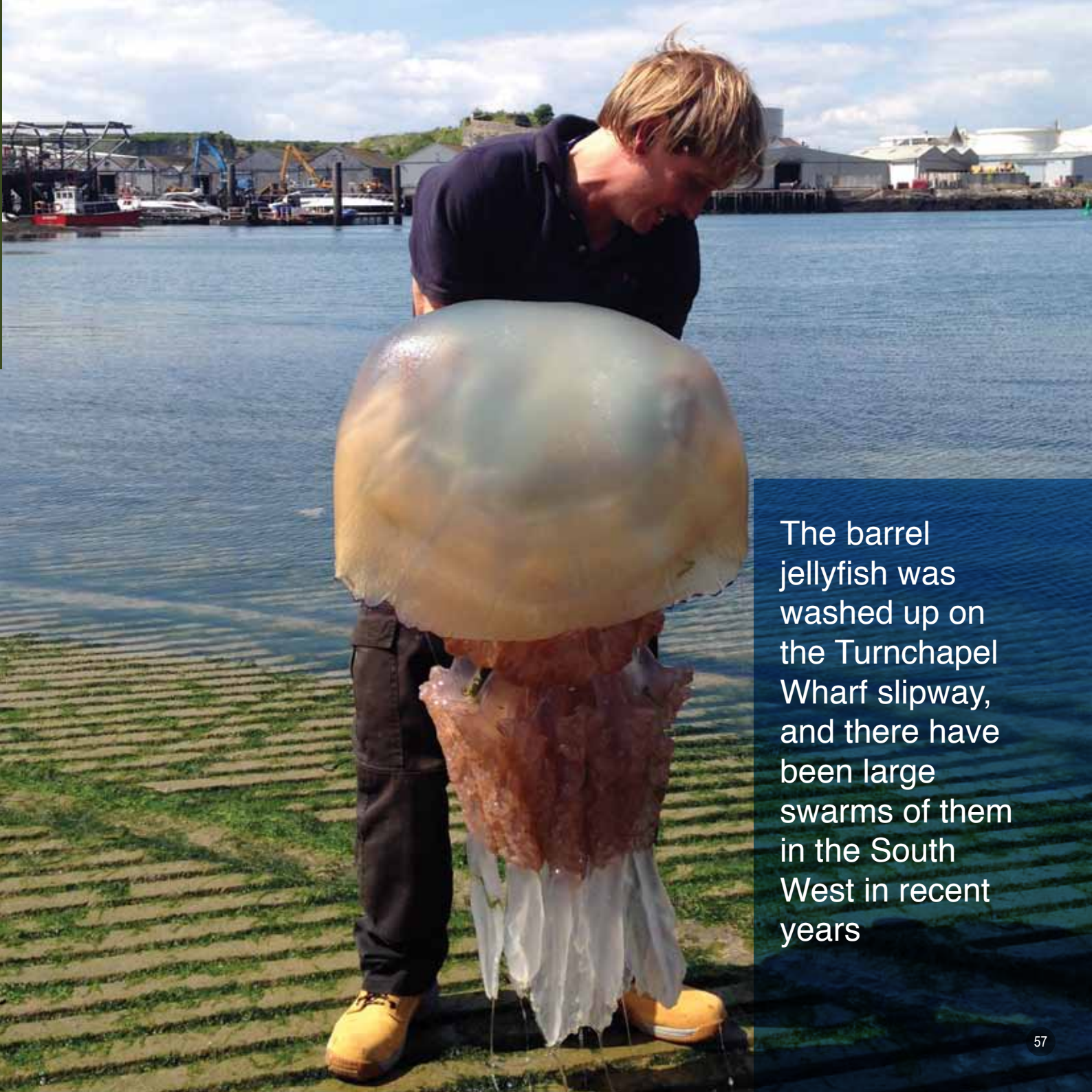
It has designed and built MASTT, the world's largest unmanned underwater vehicle for the United States Navy and is used in anti-submarine warfare training



Come on you greens!

Did you know 40 per cent of the city is green space, with over 100 hectares of wildflower meadows – spread across 40 sites





The barrel jellyfish was washed up on the Turnchapel Wharf slipway, and there have been large swarms of them in the South West in recent years

The Ship, designed by visionary and acclaimed architect Sir Nicholas Grimshaw, became the youngest listed building in England at just 22 years old when it was listed in 2015

Brought back to life by Burrington Estates as 'The Spirit of Enterprise'





Making waves

Plymouth University's Marine Building is home to the most advanced wave tank in the country. The facility includes four separate tanks: a deep water ocean tank, a shallow water coastal tank, a sediment flume and a tilting flume

Photo from Plymouth University



Turnchapel Wharf is being transformed from a Royal Marine base into a major waterfront site for marine business, including a training academy for Fugro, the world's largest provider of geotechnical, survey, subsea and geosciences services



Games without frontiers

Plymouth's historic Market Hall in Devonport is set to be a game changer – and game maker, with plans to turn this stunning building into a high-tech digital creative hub

Once hidden behind the naval base walls, it has an exciting future as a world class research, development and visitor centre for all things digital, including gaming which is worth £53 billion globally

Burts Potato Chips is an award-winning hand-cooked crisp manufacturer in Plymouth, using locally sourced ingredients to season their chips

Exporting to over 30 countries worldwide, Burts now produce over 100 tonnes of potato chips per week, compared to just six tonnes per week in 2006



Photo from Burts Potato Chips



Theatre Royal Plymouth is the best attended and largest regional producing theatre in the UK and launches many major productions bound for the West End

Photo from Christian Sinibaldi

Plymouth is home to Yacht Haven Quay, the first purpose built drystack facility in the U.K. More than 200 boats up to 40 foot long can be stored in racks four high through this innovative form of mooring. The boats are available on demand for their owners and can be launched in minutes using giant forklifts



Crownhill Fort was a recruitment and mobilisation depot during the First World War. Thousands of men were sent from Plymouth to fight in the Gallipoli Campaign. Today it is home to several small businesses, holds monthly open days and can be let for holidays



55,000 people flocked to Plymouth Hoe to watch MTV Crashes Plymouth 2015. It was broadcast in over 40 countries, led to over 425 articles or broadcasts namechecking Plymouth and brought £3.5 million into the city



As an ocean liner port of call Plymouth played host to many famous stars of stage and screen in the early 20th century. These included Oscar-winning actor Sir Charles Spencer “Charlie” Chaplin (1889-1977) who visited in 1931



Photo from Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)

HMNB Devonport

The combined HM Naval Base Devonport and Dockyard site has been supporting the Royal Navy since 1691. The Ministry of Defence and Babcock International Group work in partnership on this 330 acre site, comprising 15 dry docks, four miles of waterfront, 25 tidal berths and five



basins, to provide through-life support for submarines and surface ships and their associated systems and equipment. The site employs some 7,000 Service personnel and civilians, supports around 400 local firms and generates around ten per cent of Plymouth's income





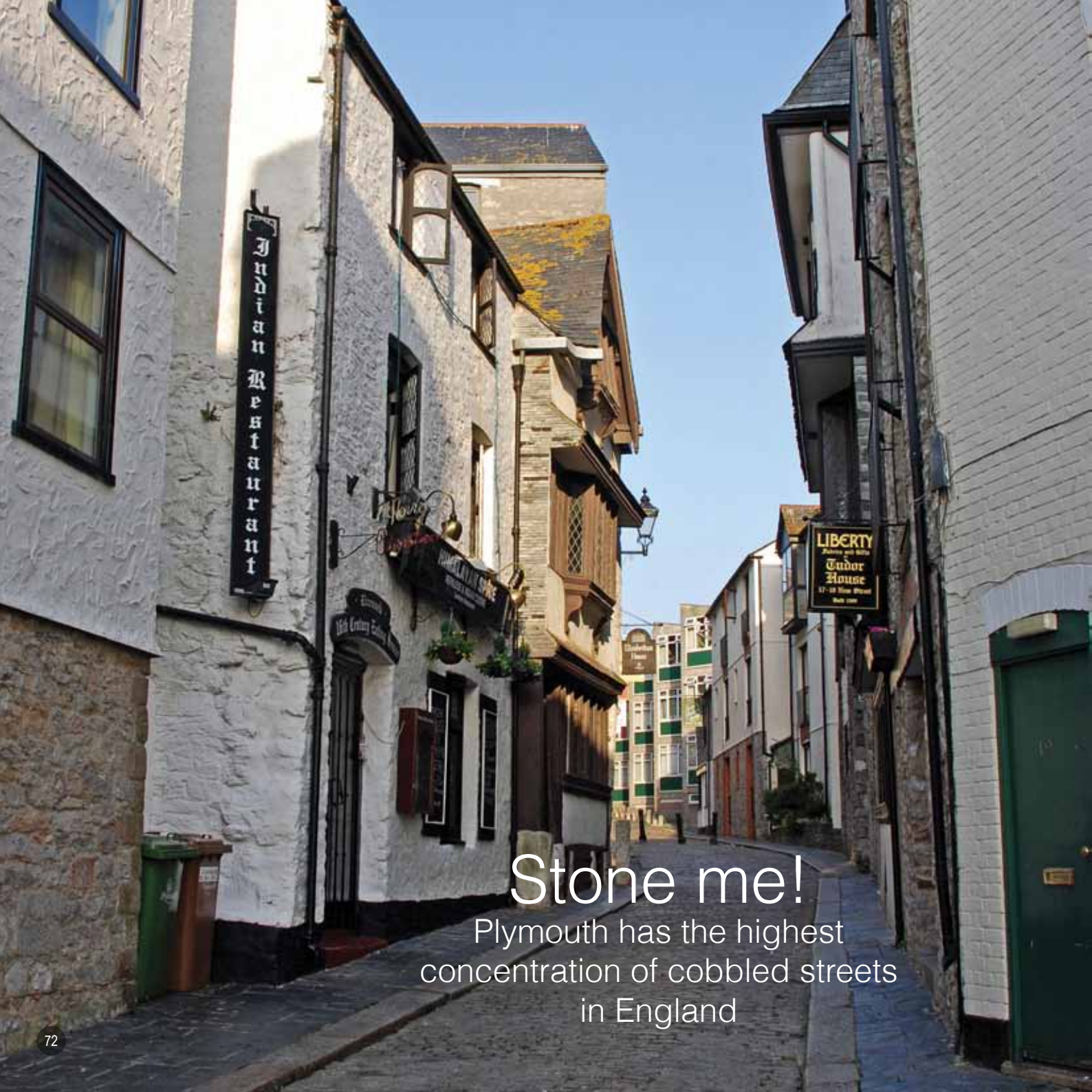
Plymouth Gin is distilled in Plymouth's Black Friars Distillery, which is the oldest working gin distillery in England

Wat-er mayor

When Sir Francis Drake was Mayor of Plymouth, he helped create one of the first municipal water supplies in the country

As well as masterminding the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, Drake was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the world in command of a crew





Stone me!

Plymouth has the highest concentration of cobbled streets in England

Plymouth is home to the historic No.1 covered slipway, where Stirling and Son operate a traditional boatyard

Built in 1763, No.1 slip is the oldest remaining covered slipway in the world and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (the same listing as Stonehenge)





Plymouth-based DDRC Healthcare (previously known as the Diving Diseases Research Centre) delivers hyperbaric oxygen therapy to patients across the UK. The charity is the largest provider of treatments, training, research and education in its field

Best known for treating divers with 'the bends', DDRC Healthcare also treats patients with carbon monoxide poisoning, radiation tissue damage and hard-to-heal wounds

There are 52 other Plymouths
in the world but only one original



Photo from Andy Fox

Plymouth is the first university in the world to be awarded the Social Enterprise Mark for its commitment to people and the planet, and the first modern university in the country to establish its own medical and dental school



Building on the success of the Social Enterprise city status in 2013, the Social Enterprise Investment Fund has secured £2.5 million for social enterprises in the city

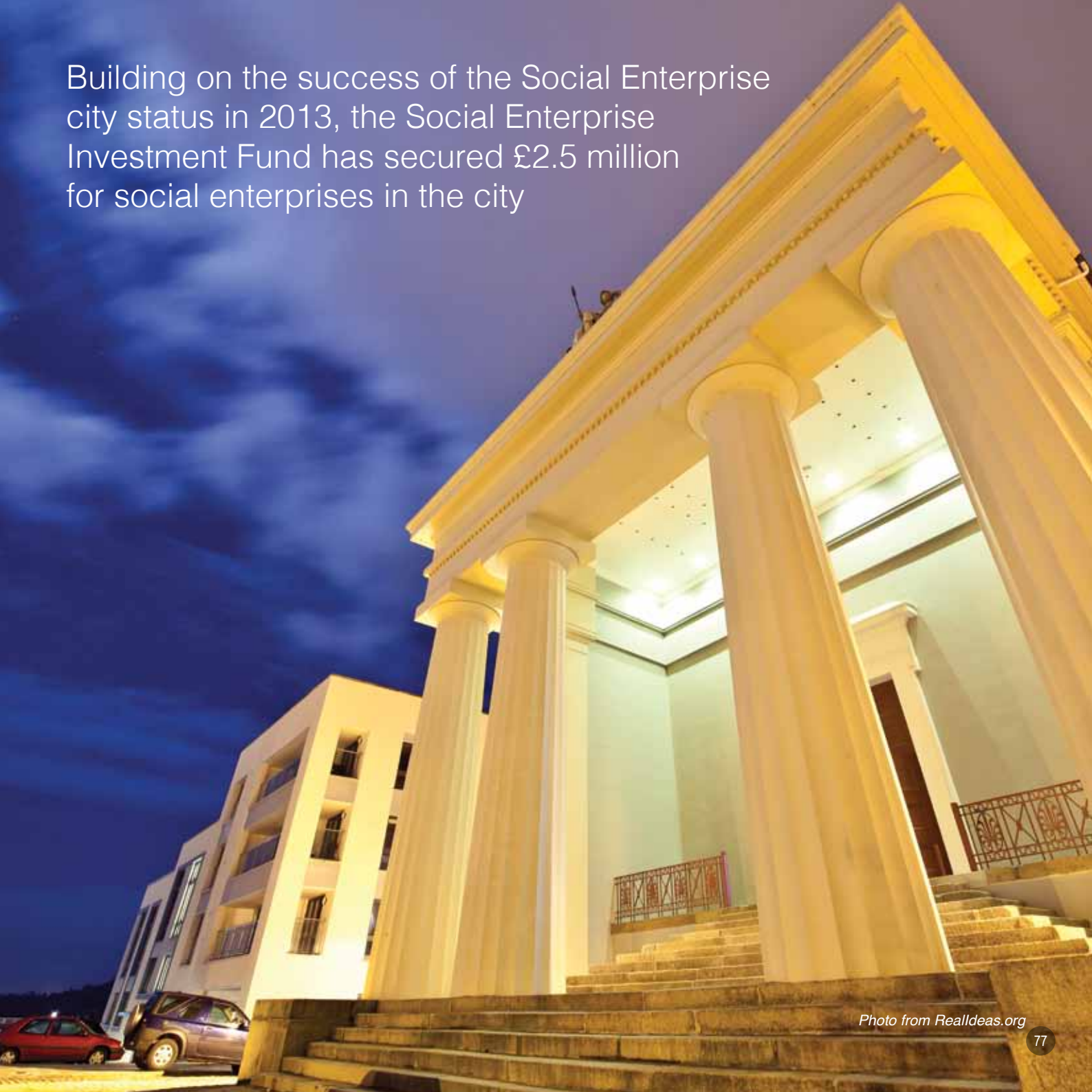



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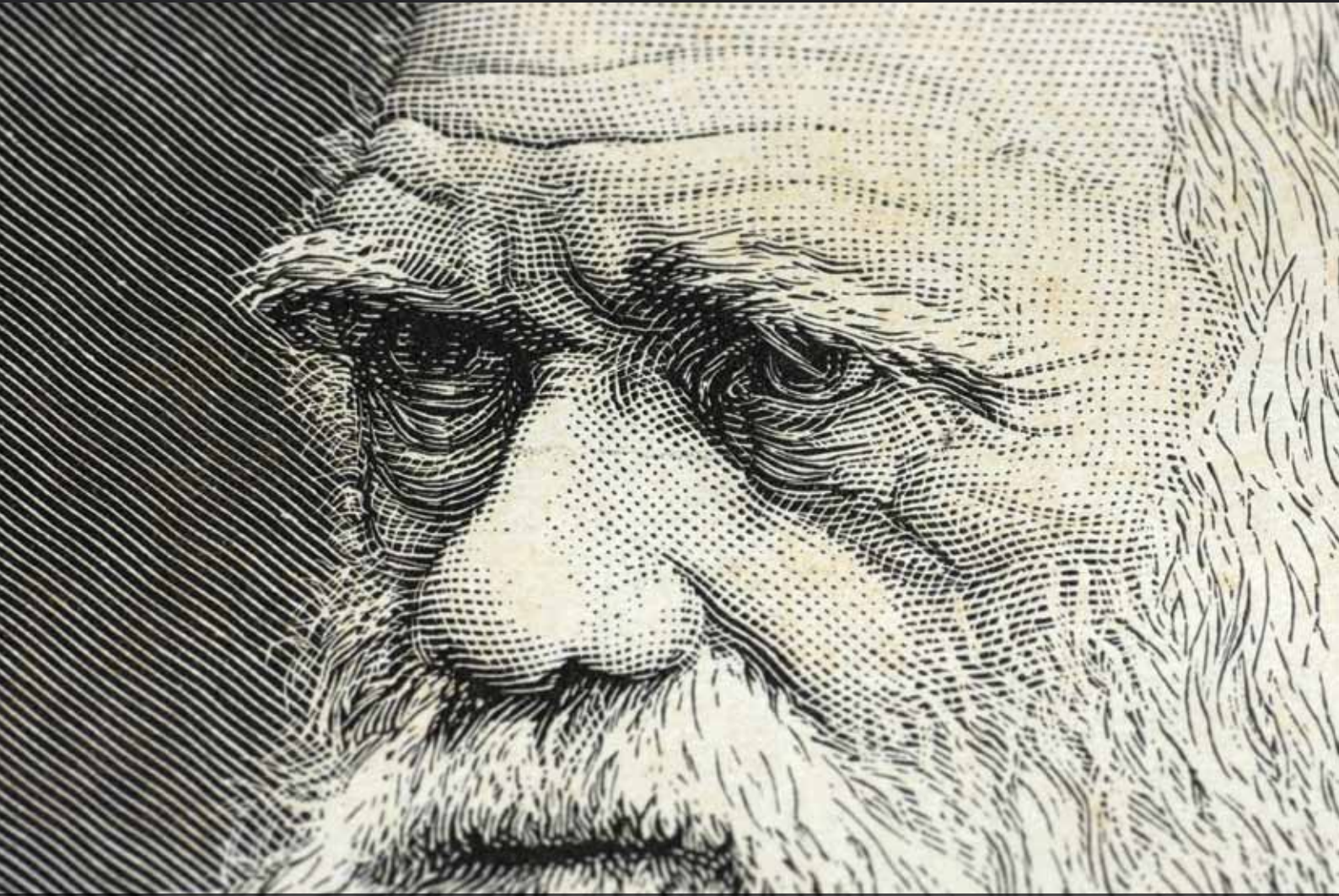


HMS Raleigh receives
2,700 new recruits a year
and holds 44 passing out
parades – with between
300 and 400 families at
each parade

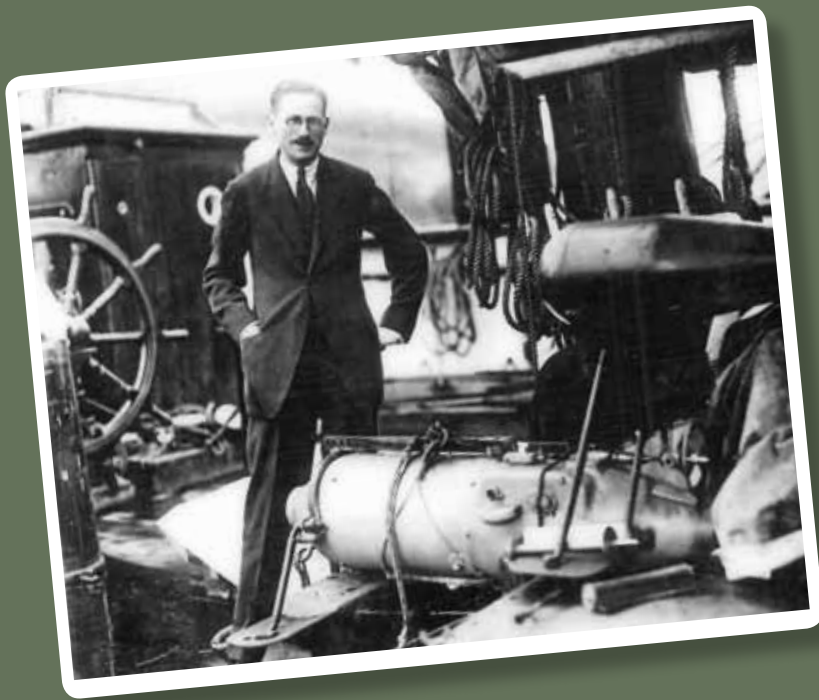


Plymouth Life Centre is one of the country's busiest leisure facilities attracting just under 1.4 million visits a year. It is also a leading centre of sporting excellence regularly hosting national sporting events

In the last few years alone, Plymouth Leander athletes have broken over 30 British and English swimming records



Charles Darwin (1809-1882) spent three months living in Plymouth before he set sail on board HMS Beagle, where he would begin to put together thoughts on a theory that would change the world



From its lab on Plymouth Hoe, the Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science (SAHFOS) is home to the world's longest running marine science survey: the Continuous Plankton Recorder Survey

Plankton produce half the oxygen we breathe, form the bottom of the marine food chain and act as excellent indicators of health and environmental changes across the world's oceans

SAHFOS research advises Governments and Corporations on global issues like pollution, climate change, biodiversity and over-fishing



The National Marine Aquarium has the deepest tank in the UK: the Atlantic Ocean exhibit, which is 10.5 metres deep, 24 metres long and 14 metres wide. It purifies 75,000 litres of Plymouth seawater daily for its exhibits



Photo from National Marine Aquarium



There is a total of four million litres of water on display at the aquarium and another two million in storage



The Moment are an international creative content company connecting brands with audiences, headquartered in Plymouth. They are at the heart of Kenco's Coffee v Gangs campaign that is helping teenagers in Honduras to escape gang culture. The online documentaries have garnered millions of viewers

The two inner mummy coffins at Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery come from Thebes, the capital of Ancient Egypt, and are more than 2,700 years old



The South West Film and Television Archive holds the largest combined film archive collection in the UK with over 250,000 individual films



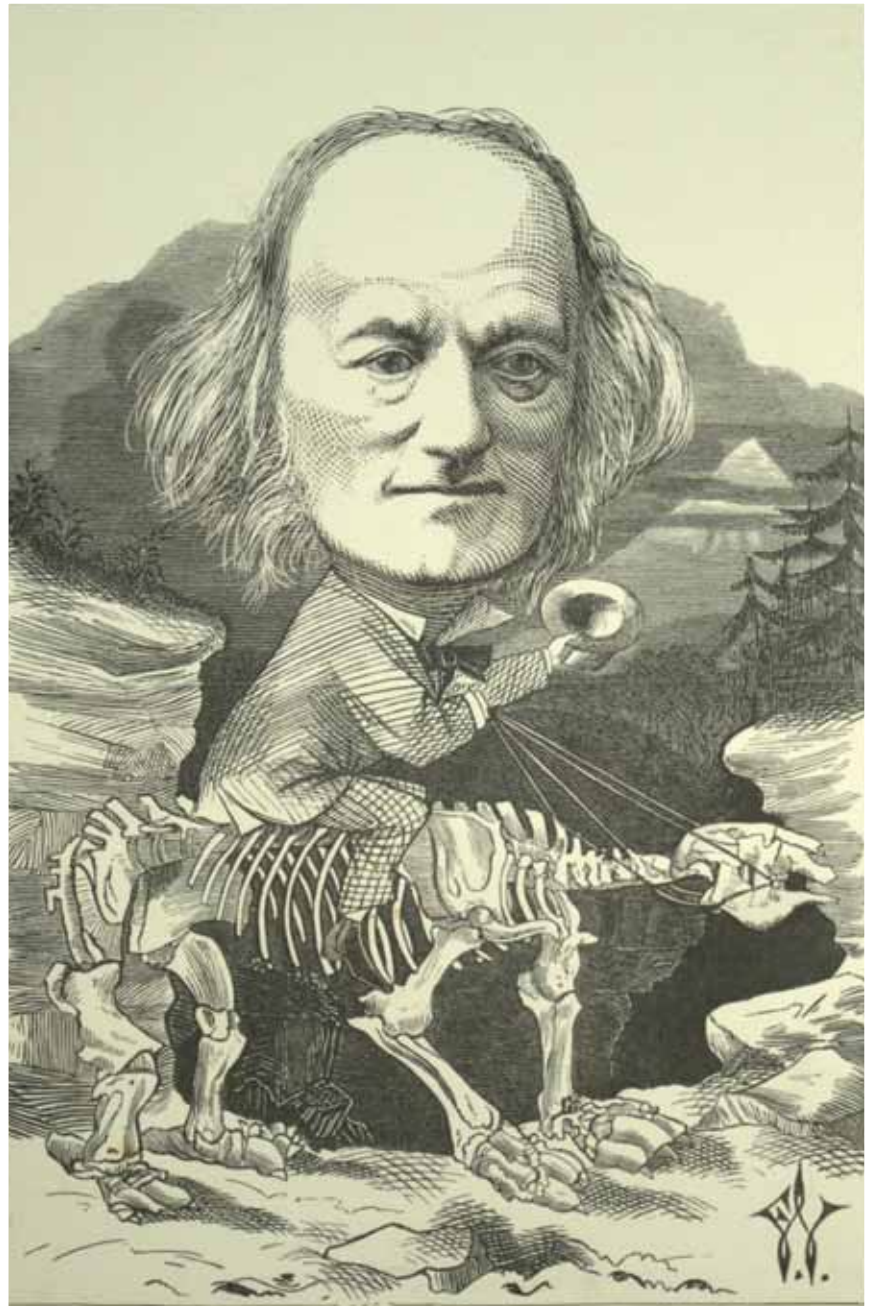
Photo from South West Film and Television Archive



Intrepid female explorer and mountaineer Gertrude Benham (1867-1937), who donated a large world cultures collection to Plymouth, became the first recorded woman to ascend Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in 1909

The talk that inspired a new age!

In 1841, Richard Owen gave a talk about British fossils to the British Association for the Advancement of Science meeting at Devonport Guildhall. A year later, Owen wrote up his talk – including the first use of the word ‘Dinosaur’ – the rest is prehistory...



RIDING HIS HOBBY.

Riding his Hobby, by Frederick Waddy, from 'Cartoon Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Men of the Day' (London, 1873)

One in a million

Plymouth-born Trevor Francis was the first player to command a £1 million transfer fee in English football



Photo from ColorSport.co.uk



Plymouth's amazing breakwater has been described as 'the Channel Tunnel of its era' and a feat of 'engineering ambition played out in the toughest of environments'

Two weeks after the Titanic sank in 1912, the SS Lapland moored up in Cawsand and tenders left Millbay to collect surviving crew members



In 1888 Plymouth's first aquarium was opened to the public, constructed within the world-renowned Marine Biological Association. 125 years later the Association was granted a Royal Charter from Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of its long and eminent history and status within the field of marine biology



Photo from the Marine Biological Association

When self-styled French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte was held captive on HMS Bellerophon in Plymouth Sound in 1815

Thousands of people wanted to catch sight of him. On one day it was reported that some 8,000 people took to the water in small boats to get a better view

We are sailing

Plymouth is the South West's gateway to Europe. Brittany Ferries ran 599 sailings in 2014, with daily sailings to Roscoff in France and weekly to Santander in Spain



In 2014, Plymouth's port saw 440,000 passengers

Photo from Brittany Ferries

Can you spot Plymouth's lighthouse, Smeaton's Tower? It featured on the British Penny Coin from 1860 to 1894 marking the buildings centenary |





Chew on this

Gum from Plymouth-based Wrigley is savoured in over 180 countries

In one day, the Plymouth factory produces over three million packets of chewing gum

'The Sontaran Experiment' starring Tom Baker was filmed on Dartmoor, near Plymouth, in October 1974. It was only the second-ever serial in the history of the world famous 'Doctor Who' to be shot entirely on location



*Tom Baker on Dartmoor, 1974
Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)*

And they are off!

One of the world's top ocean yacht races, Transat, returns to its historic Plymouth home in 2016

Many of the world's leading solo sailors will take part in the race, which is regarded as 'one of the most important events on the professional racing calendar'



Photo from Thierry Martinez, Sea & Co



Formally opened by His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, the architecturally award-winning Marine Station at Coxside is a £5 million waterfront teaching, research and diving facility that is unlike any in UK higher education


Plymouth's got talent!

Queen of comedy Dawn French is a proud Plymothian. Also from Plymouth is David Quantick, freelance journalist, writer and critic who specialises in music and comedy

Charles Dance, best known as Tywin Lannister in the HBO series Game of Thrones, grew up in Plymouth and studied at Plymouth College of Art

Celebrities Rita Ora, Jessie J, Little Mix and Cher Lloyd have all worn designs by Plymouth College of Art graduate Alice Vandy



A man with short brown hair and a light beard is sitting on a cobblestone street next to a brick wall. He is wearing a dark blue denim shirt, dark trousers, and brown leather boots. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background shows a blurred street scene with a building and a window.

Plymouth-born singer songwriter
Jamie Lawson was the first artist
to be signed by Ed Sheeran to
his new record label 'Gingerbread
Man Records' in 2015

His self-titled album entered
the UK album charts at No.1!

Plymouth College of Art is the founder and sponsor of the Plymouth School of Creative Arts, a free school that, together with the college, is establishing a progressive continuum of creative learning and practice from age four to Masters level study and beyond

Sir Nicholas Serota, Director of Tate, said of the school: “You are creating something which doesn’t exist anywhere else – this is the first school based in the creative arts sponsored by an art college anywhere in this country... I hope that Plymouth will get the credit when it’s copied all over the United Kingdom”



The 2001-02 football season was Plymouth Argyle's 107th –
it was also their most successful

After failing to win their first Nationwide Third Division games, they went on to
win the division with a remarkable 101 points from the next 129 available,
a club and divisional record

Manager of the season Paul Sturrock's side conceded just 28 goals in 46 matches,
shutting out the opposition on 27 occasions, as they took the title in the right
manner – they were also winners of the Third Division Fair Play Award



Photo from Plymouth Argyle

The Channel tunnel was bored using Kawasaki hydraulic motors that were made in Plymouth

Since it was opened, almost 346 million people and 317 million tonnes of freight have passed through the Tunnel



Photo from Kawasaki Precision Machinery (UK)

Plymouth born Tom Daley performed the world's first 'firework routine' at the National Diving Championships held at the Plymouth Life Centre February 2015



The Plymouth History Centre is due to open as part of the Mayflower 400 celebrations in 2020. It will include the largest single art gallery space in the South West, fit to host national touring exhibitions

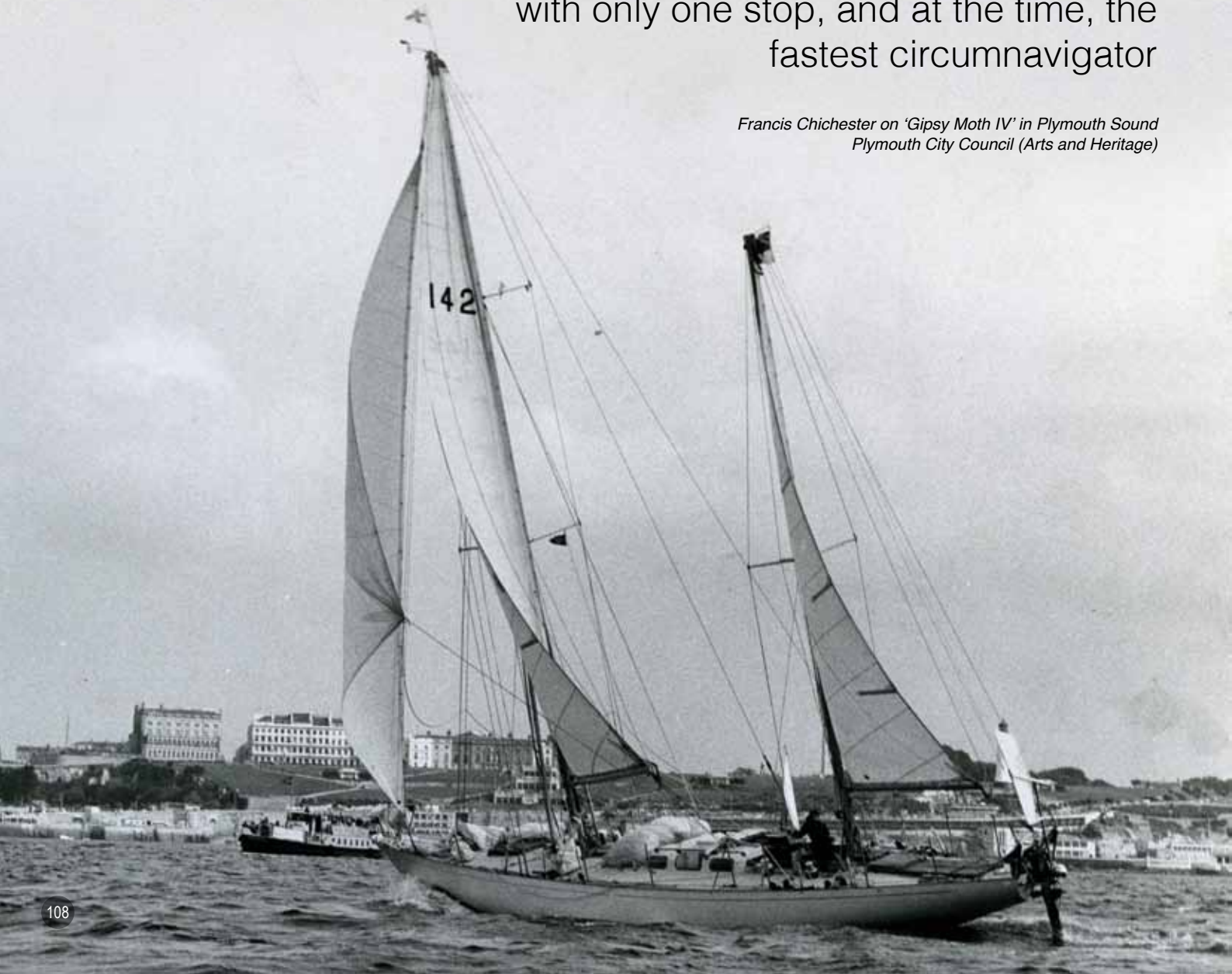
The £32 million scheme is expected to attract 300,000 visitors a year from across the world and received one of the largest investments from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2014 (£12.8 million)





When he arrived in Plymouth on 28 May 1967, Sir Francis Charles Chichester (1901-1972) became the first Englishman to sail single-handed around the world with only one stop, and at the time, the fastest circumnavigator

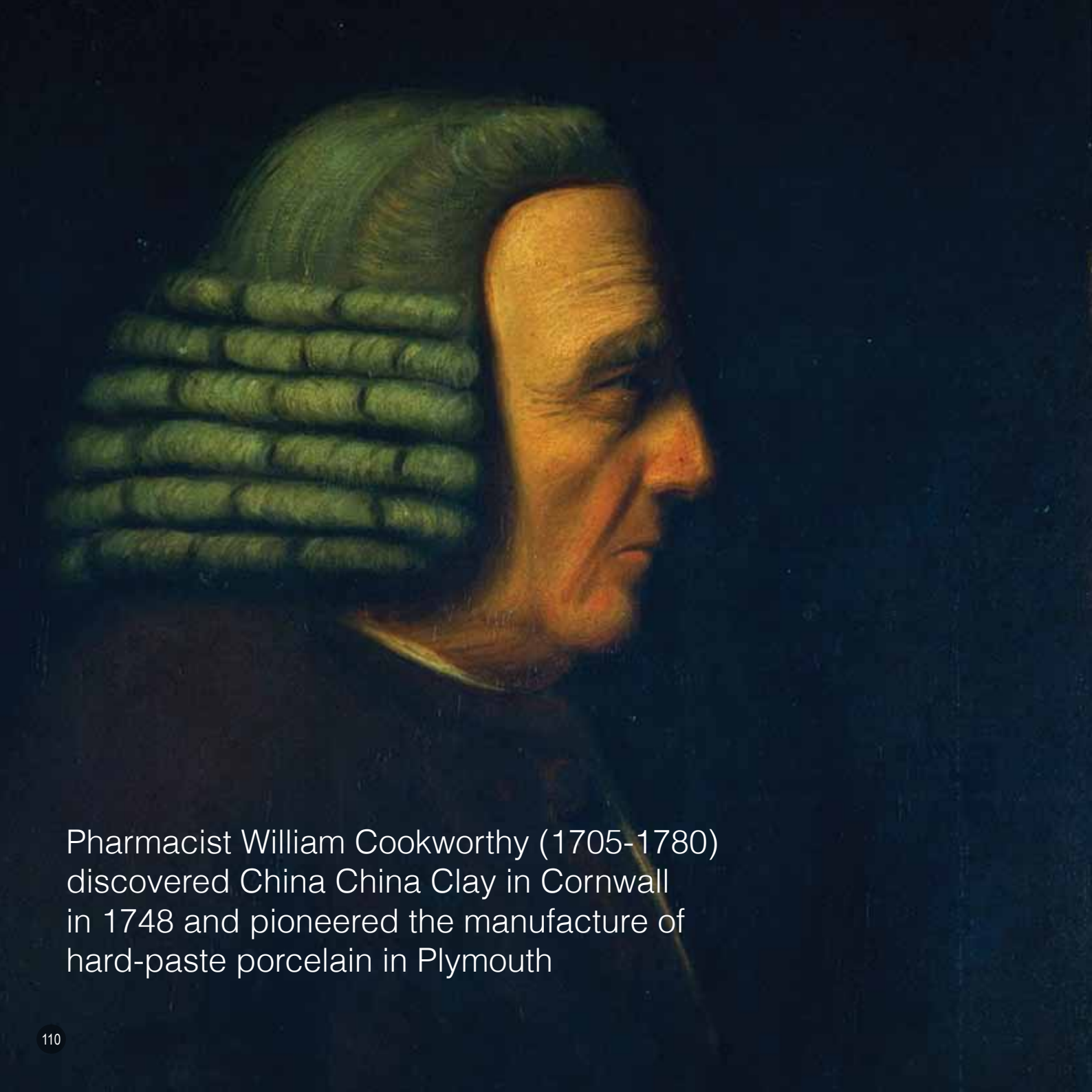
*Francis Chichester on 'Gipsy Moth IV' in Plymouth Sound
Plymouth City Council (Arts and Heritage)*





Protect the wreck

The Cattewater Wreck discovered close to the Sutton Harbour entrance in 1973 was the first wreck to be designated by an Act of Parliament. Much of the material excavated from it is in the care of Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery



Pharmacist William Cookworthy (1705-1780) discovered China Clay in Cornwall in 1748 and pioneered the manufacture of hard-paste porcelain in Plymouth

The Plymouth Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface was designed by Joseph Hansom who also designed the world's first taxi – the Hansom Cab!

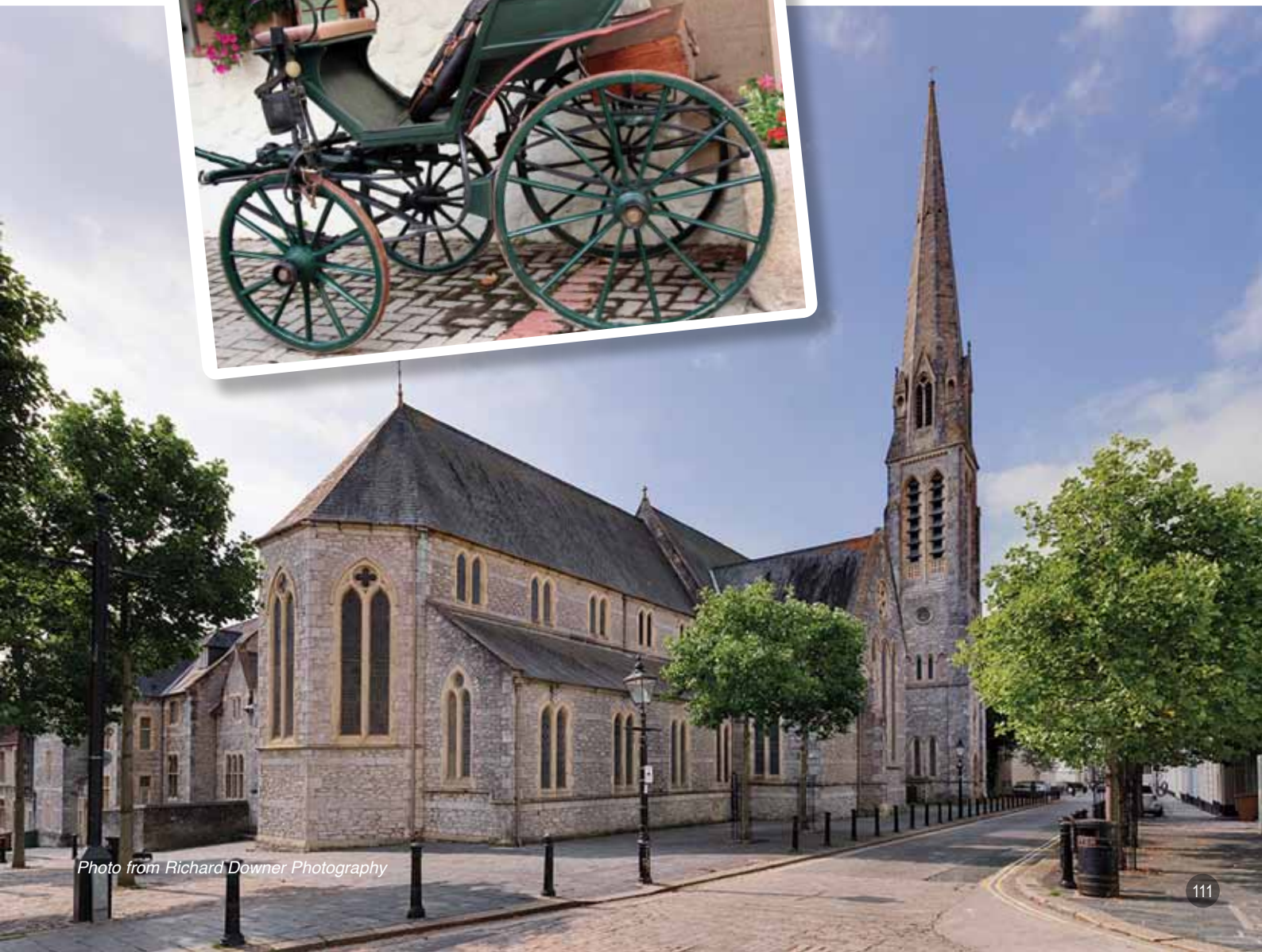


Photo from Richard Downer Photography



South Yard's No.1 Dock and Basin in Devonport Dockyard was completed in 1698 and when first built it was one of the of the earliest stone dry docks in the world, remaining unchanged until the 19th century

Genesis Building of the Year!

Awarded by The Building Forum for Devon and Cornwall 2015. Officially opened by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal in June 2015, the state-of-the-art Genesis building owns the first living wall in Plymouth, with 18,000 plants growing where an abundance of wildlife is now inhabiting!



Photo from Guy Harris

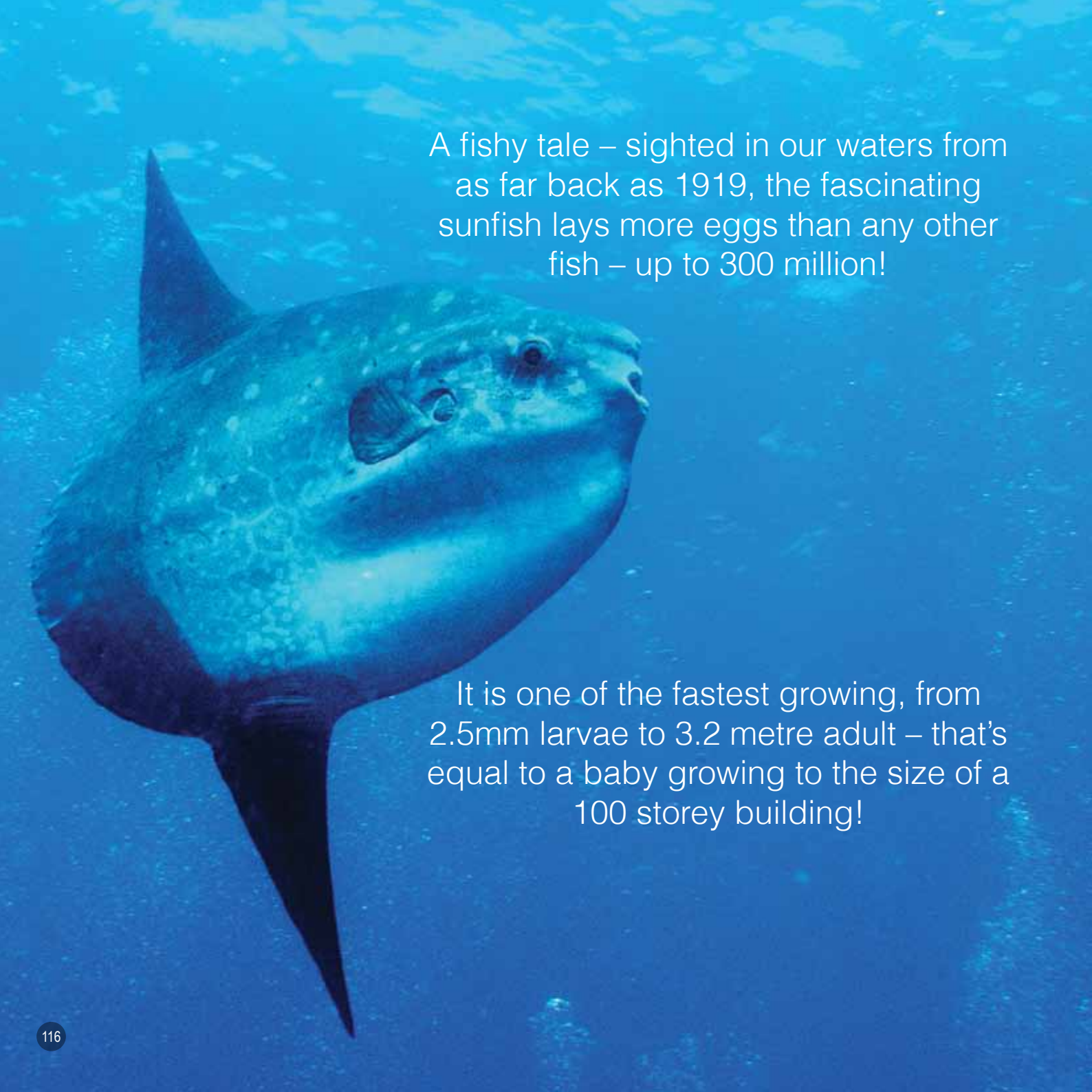


Virtually every car produced in Europe includes some parts manufactured or assembled using automated machinery that has been designed and built by Applied Automation (UK) Ltd

Jacka Bakery, on the Barbican, is Britain's oldest commercially working bakery dating back to 1597

It is claimed that this bakery supplied biscuits to the Mayflower, for the Pilgrims' voyage to the New World



A large sunfish is shown swimming in clear blue water. The fish is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. It has a large, rounded body with a prominent dorsal fin on its back and a long, pointed tail. The water is a deep blue color, and the lighting is bright, creating a clear view of the fish's features.

A fishy tale – sighted in our waters from as far back as 1919, the fascinating sunfish lays more eggs than any other fish – up to 300 million!

It is one of the fastest growing, from 2.5mm larvae to 3.2 metre adult – that's equal to a baby growing to the size of a 100 storey building!

The architect behind the iconic K2 red telephone box and Liverpool Cathedral, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (1880-1960), designed the Roman Catholic Church of Christ the King on the corner of Notte Street and Armada Way. It was his last building





Photo: Scott Grenney

The newly refurbished Mayflower Museum contains a scale model of the Mayflower, built by apprentices at Devonport Royal Dockyard in 1970 for the 350 year anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower Pilgrims from Plymouth

Standard model-making plans were used to build the ship to a scale of 1:11 inches. It weighs three hundredweight, has 360 fathoms of rigging made of sewing thread, 332 handmade blocks and six handmade sails totalling 64 square feet in area!

Mayflower 400

In 2020 it will be the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower

The Mayflower carried 102 passengers plus crew to the New World and took 66 days to cross the Atlantic

Over 16 million Americans can trace their roots back to this famous voyage



Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife, and Pocahontas were among the historical figures whose first steps on British soil were made here in the Barbican in 1501 and 1616 respectively



T E Lawrence better known as Lawrence of Arabia, was stationed at RAF Mount Batten between 1929 to 1934. Whilst there he witnessed a seaplane accident, and persuaded the RAF to allow him to become involved with the development of new, faster, rescue boats



Award winning Trunki ride-on suitcases are made in Plymouth by Magma Moulding Limited using recycled products. The first UK made ride-on suitcase came 'sprinting' off the Plymouth production line in 2012, and was the London 2012 Olympics Trunki!

Despite leaving Dragon's Den in 2006 with no investment, Rob Law has achieved over 100 awards for his products, which are now sold in over 100 countries worldwide



Plymouth boasts the second highest number of '5 Gold Anchor' marinas awarded anywhere in the UK– The Marina at Sutton Harbour, Mayflower Marina, Queen Anne's Battery and Plymouth Yacht Haven



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