

THE ATKINSON

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January — March '20

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Sefton Council 

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to The Atkinson's exciting new programme in Sefton's **Borough of Culture** year.

The Borough of Culture is awarded by Liverpool City Region to either Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens or Wirral on an annual basis. The initiative was introduced in 2018 to allow each borough to provide cultural programmes for local communities.

Sefton's Borough of Culture programme focuses on storytelling, local history and the environment. For more information on events happening across the borough and ways to get involved visit sefton.gov.uk/sefton2020

Highlights at The Atkinson include **Sefton Hidden Histories** (11 Jan – 21 Mar), a new exhibition of items from our collection that may look insignificant, but have amazing stories to tell. In our Museum display, **Between Land & Sea**, you can also discover the history of Sefton's coast.

Perfect for Valentine's weekend, **Love Folk Festival** (14 – 15 Feb) is a celebration of new, upcoming and traditional folk music featuring Sheelanagig, Martyn Joseph, Merry Hell, Blair Dunlop, Granny's Attic and Lucy Farrell & Andrew Waite.

Kidsfest (17 – 22 Feb) returns in February Half Term. The award winning musical comedian Jay Foreman is back with his **Disgusting Songs for Revolting Children** (20 Feb). Local artist Lisa Langan is hosting the popular **Make It!** (18 & 20 Feb) craft workshops. We are also screening Disney Classics **Beauty and the Beast** (19 Feb) and **Dumbo** (21 Feb).

Listen to **Michael Portillo's** (3 Feb) story, told with a 'parliamentary stand-up' wit, followed by a Q&A and book signing in 'Life: A Game of Two Halves'. We also welcome writer & broadcaster **Dom Joly** (11 Mar) who is best known as the creator of Trigger Happy TV, don't miss this rare opportunity to see him live in 'Travel & Comedy in the Danger Zone'.

Two crime writing workshops are followed by an in conversation with award-winning novelists including Ann Cleeves in **The Murder Squad** (26 Mar).

In **Jeeves & Wooster in Perfect Nonsense** (24 – 25 Mar), three actors present a joyous re-imagining of the classic P.G.Wodehouse characters.

We look forward to welcoming you into The Atkinson.

LOVE FOLK FESTIVAL

FRI 14 – SAT 15
FEBRUARY 2020

Featuring

Martyn Joseph
Merry Hell
Blair Dunlop
Granny's Attic
Lucy Farrell & Andrew Waite
Sheelanagig

Plus

Acoustic Stage

#LoveFolkFest

Festival Ticket
£48

–
Saturday Ticket
£35

KIDSFEST

MON 17 – SAT 22
FEBRUARY 2020

Midnight
Make it! Craft Workshops
Hurrah for the Pirate King!
Beauty and the Beast (PG)
Jay Foreman's Disgusting Songs for Revolting Children
Dumbo (PG)
Spark the Goblin Wizard



Half
Term

Book
Now!



Image: Westwood, Anarchy Shirt, Seditonaries, 1977



Young Producer Workshops

Age 14-25

We are recruiting young, creative change-makers to help put together a Festival of Hope in July 2020. You'll be responsible for how it looks, feels and sounds. There will be opportunities to work with artists, go on research trips, learn event management skills, collaborate with the community and much more. Travel expenses and snacks provided!

For more information on how to get involved contact jemma.tynan@sefton.gov.uk



EXHIBITIONS

Free
Entry

Cross Pollination

25 May 2019 – 28 March 2020

A celebration of floral art and literature featuring still life, genre and contemporary artworks presented alongside poetry.

Westwood

21 September 2019 – 28 March 2020

Iconic British graphic designer Malcolm Garrett's personal collection of Vivienne Westwood clothes, from the beginning of the punk era to modern day.

We Are Not Amused! Laughter in the Nineteenth Century

16 November 2019 – 21 March 2020

Roll up Roll up to see what made Victorians laugh in this exhibition that includes P.T Barnum's (The Greatest Showman's) top hat. Includes a dressing up area for the little ones.

Friendship: A Photography Exhibition

21 November 2019 – 18 January 2020

Digital Imaging & Photography undergraduates from Hugh Baird University Centre have worked in partnership with Sefton Council on a 'Year of Friendship' campaign tackling social isolation.

Sefton Hidden Histories

11 January 2020 – 21 March 2020

Ordinary objects, extraordinary stories. An exhibition that will give a voice to items that on the face of it may look quite insignificant, but look closely and listen carefully – they have amazing stories to tell...

Cheshire Artists Network

30 November 2019 – 18 January 2020

Artwork on The Landing is available to purchase.

The Liverpool School

25 January 2020 – 28 March 2020

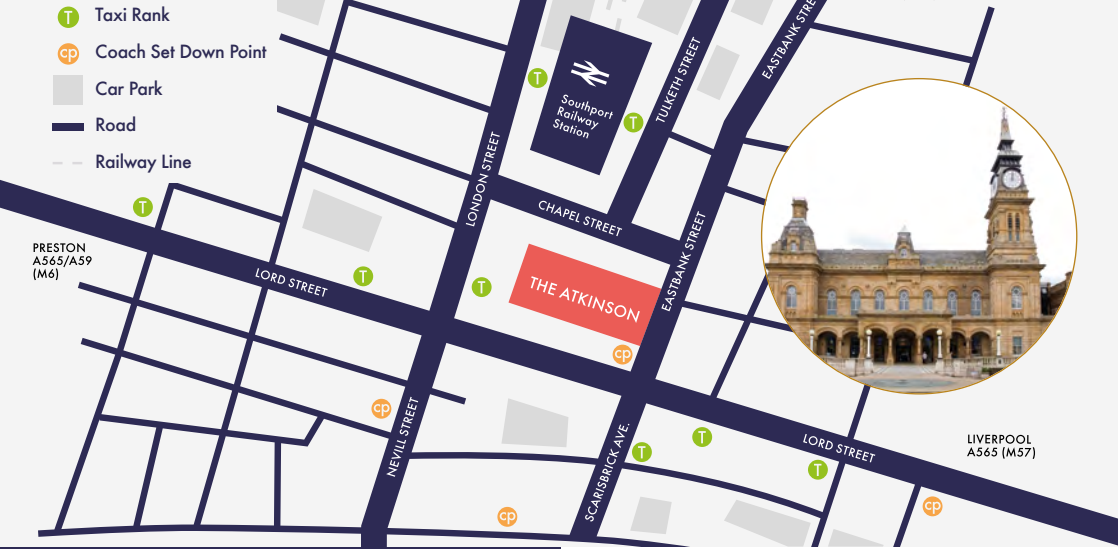
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MUSEUM

Free
Entry

Journey through ancient Egypt at the time of the Pharos and explore the history of those who have lived and worked along Sefton's coast. With lots of hands-on activities for all the family.

Getting Here



HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office & Library

Monday* – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Museum & Galleries

Monday* – Saturday 10am – 4pm

A Great Little Place café

Monday* – Saturday 10am – 4pm

(Open late for selected pre-show meals)

*Closed on Bank Holidays

Please always check before visiting or call Box Office for tickets and information on 01704 533 333.

General Information

The Atkinson will exchange tickets (with exceptions, check before booking) up to 48 hours before a show. The Atkinson does not refund tickets. For full terms & conditions visit theatkinson.co.uk

Front Cover: *Dom Joly's Holiday Snaps*, 11 March 2020

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CONSERVE

You can support The Atkinson in many ways by becoming a member and donating what you can.

All proceeds go towards The Atkinson Development Trust, a charitable organisation who fundraise to develop our collections and our work with local schools, families & communities.

www.theatkinson.co.uk/trust

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Accessibility

-  Wheelchair spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333
-  Assisted Change Facility
-  Guide Dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue
-  Lift access to all areas of the venue
-  Induction Loop available for any space in the venue

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