

# Full steam ahead until teatime!

The Victoria and Albert Museum was once promoted as: "An ace caff, with a nice museum attached." The same could definitely be said of the Steam Pump Tea Room in Langford, which is following the national trend for museum cafes getting better and better.



Whether one visits the museum on every visit or not – and many enthusiasts do – the tea room, situated in the former 1930's machine shop with a secluded terrace, is simply a great and quirky meeting place for visitors of all ages.

Our industrial heritage is everywhere, both inside and outside the elegant former Water Pumping Station, whilst the grounds, with an inviting riverside walk, are also well worth a wander. Your walk could be followed by a delicious cream tea, a tasty generously filled sandwich, or a more substantial lunch, such as a chicken curry or



roasted vegetable lasagne.

The Museum holds many events such as Car and Coffee Meets and Antiques Fairs. Tea dances, scout groups working for their badges, cycling groups, birthday parties and weddings, including a definitely out of the ordinary steampunk marriage, all take place at the venue. Now the museum and tea room staff are



gearing up for Christmas in a big way.

Tea room manager Christine Jackson says 'We're delighted to say that Santa will be visiting the museum for the Christmas season, so we want to give all our visitors, young and old, the total festive experience with a great selection of home made seasonal fare using our customary fresh, local ingredients.'

And, don't forget... there's a pretty good museum attached!

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Open Wednesday to Sunday  
10am-4pm. Tickets to visit Santa  
are available from Maldon  
Tourist Office Parking: ample  
Disabled access: Closer drop off  
possible by prior arrangement.