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## **Pissoir makes a splash at Brunel's ss Great Britain**

Having stood in the dockyard since at least the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, a beautifully restored Victorian pissoir at Brunel's ss Great Britain has been furnished with a cheeky soundscape that promises a family friendly brand of toilet humour this bank holiday weekend.

From Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, the start of half-term, visitors will be able to eavesdrop on dockworkers whistling and muttering as they 'spend a penny' in this lively addition. The soundscape, triggered when visitors pass a sensor, provides some light relief on the Great Western Dockyard. It also draws attention to the craftsmanship of the 130 year old pissoir; one of just two made by James Allen Snr & Son of Glasgow remaining in the world. The other is situated beneath Sydney Bridge in Australia.

It is tribute to a time when even functional public fixtures were designed with pride and flair, not just bog standard pragmatism.

Jude Holland, Interpretations Manager, ss Great Britain Trust said "The Victorian Pissoir soundscape is an exciting addition; the combination of conservation and interactive technology designed to delight and surprise visitors is a testament to how Brunel's ss Great Britain has evolved since 1970 and the direction it continues to take"

The Pissoir is situated on the Great Western Dockyard, next to the ship, and forms part of an increasingly dense and detailed dockside scene that families can enjoy as part of a fantastic and varied day out to kick-start the school holiday.

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