



THE DEVIL'S PORRIDGE MUSEUM



EVENTS 2020



2020 EXHIBITIONS

January 6th - April 1st

Annan Haaf Net exhibition:

a look at a unique method of fishing in the Solway dating back to Viking times

April 1st - May 17th

Dorothee Pullinger exhibition:

focusing on the life of the lady who made cars for ladies by ladies near Kirkcubright in the 1920s

May 17th - July 1st

Water at HM Factory Gretna exhibition:

15 million gallons of water were pumped a day for the Factory; find out how it was used in the processes and how rain and mists from the Solway impacted work in World War One

September 6th - October 4th

Model tanks from World War Two:

come and see dozens of different replica tanks on display

October 6th - December 13th

The Pearson Collection exhibition:

a collection of rarely seen photographs showing the building and processes of HM Factory Gretna

FEBRUARY

TALK

Tuesday 25th February
The Strange Case of Kate Hume by
David Dutton

7pm, £3 per person payable
on the door

Kate Hume was a young girl living in Dumfries in 1914. Her brother 'Jock' was a bandsman who had gone down with the Titanic. The talk deals with First World War 'atrocities' stories.

YOUNG PERSON'S PROJECT

Saturday 8th February & Sunday 9th February
11am-3pm

Build a recycled greenhouse from plastic bottles.
Booking required, free to take part.

MARCH

EVENT

Tuesday 10th March
7pm - Landgirl film project premiere
at Annan Lonsdale Cinema

Hear the oral history of a Carlisle landgirl as filmed, edited and animated by local young people.

Free to attend with film screening and talks by those involved in this project.
Booking essential.

TALK

Tuesday 24th March
Haaf Net fishing
by Tony Turner, an experienced
Haaf Net salmon fisher

7pm, £3 per person payable on the
door (no need to book)

APRIL

EVENT

Easter holiday activities:

A separate leaflet will be available with all our free Easter holiday activities for young people and children.

These sessions will also be publicised on our website and through our social media.

TALK

Tuesday 21st April

History of HM Factory Gretna:

updates and recent findings by Judith Hewitt, Museum Manager

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door

MAY

EVENT

May 8th - 10th

75th Anniversary of VE Day Commemorations

All weekend during Museum opening hours: display by Eastriggs and Gretna Primary Schools of life inside a 1940s house

May 8th

3pm - Piper outside the Museum taking part in nationwide playing of Battle's O'er

7pm - Victory Dance

at Eastriggs Social Club, ticket price TBC

TALK

Tuesday 26th May

The role of navvies in HM Factory Gretna and beyond

by John Anstey

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

Find out about the people who built the greatest factory on earth in World War One.

Saturday 23rd May

7pm - Evening event. Riding the Marches

An evening of talks, films, costumes and objects with the team behind the local Riding the Marches traditions.
£15 per head including food.

JUNE

EVENT

**Saturday 13th June
& Sunday 14th June**

On War Service Living History weekend

There will be tents and historical re-enactors outside the Museum this weekend exploring healthcare and medicine in World War One (with a particular focus on HM Factory Gretna). Free to attend during Museum opening hours. You are welcome to just attend this outdoor event but normal entry charges to the Museum apply if you wish to visit the Museum as well.

TALK

Tuesday 30th June

Holy wells and sacred waters

by Dr Peter Hewitt

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

An exploration of ancient beliefs and practices surrounding water in Dumfries and Galloway and beyond.

YOUNG PERSON'S PROJECT

Saturday 21st June

Eco gardening day for young people. Learn about composting and organic gardening. Help us and our Youth Council make the Museum as eco friendly as possible! Free to take part but booking essential.

JULY

EVENT

**Saturday 25th July
Sunday 26th July
Military Vehicles
Living History weekend**

There will be lots of World War Two vehicles, historical re-enactors and weapons outside the Museum this weekend. Free to attend during Museum opening hours. You are welcome to just attend this outdoor event but normal entry charges to the Museum apply if you wish to visit the Museum as well.

TALK

**Tuesday 28th July
Carlisle Ship Canal 1821-1853**
by David Ramshaw

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

A talk exploring the importance of this navigation channel to Carlisle and the surrounding area.

June - August

Free clubs and activities running during every day of the Scottish school holidays. Full details will be published in a separate booklet and advertised via our website and social media.

AUGUST

EVENT

**15th August - 5th September
Scotia Crafters**

During Museum opening times, there will be a display of local arts and crafts in the Education Room on the First Floor.

Items will be available for sale and creators on hand to discuss their wares.

TALK

**Tuesday 4th August
Contribution of Commonwealth
- The Royal Fusiliers in World War One**
by David Carter

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

This talk will explore the role of volunteers and military recruitment from across the Empire in one regiment in World War One. David Carter is the author of 'Carlisle in the Great War.'

SEPTEMBER

EVENT

Saturday 5th September

7pm - Blitz Spirit evening

£10 per person, £8 for concessions and children 16 and under

Visit the Museum at night and enjoy a taste of wartime foods, hear music from the War, listen to talks about Churchill and the experiences of evacuees, sit in an Air Raid shelter, dress up in our World War Two gallery and handle some genuine historic objects.

Booking essential.

**Saturday 19th September
& Sunday 20th September**

An old fashioned wash day! Use a mangle, scrub some shirts, plunge a dolly into a tub - a chance to see how our ancestors washed their clothes and to have a go at old fashioned clothes washing as well.

Free event, outside the Museum during both days during Museum opening hours. If you wish to visit the Museum as well, normal admission charges apply.

TALK

Tuesday 29th September

**Unwelcome Visitors?
Oswald Mosley and
Lord Haw-Haw in Dumfries**
by David Dutton

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

Mosley and William Joyce both addressed audiences in Dumfries in the mid-1930s. The talk looks at Fascism in South-West Scotland.

OCTOBER

EVENT

Saturday 10th October
7pm - Evening event: The Darker Side of HM Factory Gretna.

£15 per person including dinner. Join us for an evening with the team from Mostly Ghostly. Explore the Museum at night, hear tales of accidents and incidents involving the workers at HM Factory Gretna and explore the 'darker side' of Factory life including crime, death and disaster.

A three course meal will be served in our café (full menu TBA). Booking essential.

Saturday 24th October
6-8pm - Halloween party for children and young people.

Join us for our popular Halloween party with costumes, tricks, treats, dancing, games and spooky surprises!

£1.50 per child. Accompanying adults are free. Booking essential.

TALK

Tuesday 27th October
Pigeons in War
by Billy Wortley

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

Local expert and writer for The Pigeon Post, Billy Wortley, will speak about the role of pigeons in conflict, including those who have been awarded the Dickin Medal for valour.

NOVEMBER

EVENT

Saturday 7th November
3pm - Our annual Animals in War memorial event.

Meet at the memorial outside the Museum to remember those creatures who 'also served'. Bring along your pets for an Armistice weekend event with a difference!

Free event but admission charges to the Museum apply if you wish to visit as part of this event.

TALK

Tuesday 24th November
Two Days in May
by David Clemson

7pm, £3 per person payable on the door (no need to book)

An exploration of the Quintinshill rail disaster using the voices of real and imagined characters. A work of fiction based on historical research.

YOUNG PERSON'S PROJECT

Saturday 28th November & Sunday 29th November

Old fashioned textiles weekend. Activities for young people and families will run throughout Museum opening hours this weekend.

Free to attend but normal admission charges to the Museum apply.

Sessions will include: rag rug making, cloth dyeing using traditional techniques, beginners knitting and make do and mend tips and techniques. A full schedule of activities with timings will be published on our website and social media.

Booking essential.

DECEMBER

PARTY

Saturday 19th December
4-6pm - Christmas party for children
and young people.

£3 per child, accompanying adults free.
Meet Santa and his elves, receive a
present, play games, dance and get
festive! Booking essential.

TALK

Tuesday 8th December
Dorothee Pullinger
by Neil McGarva

7pm, £3 per person, payable on the
door (no need to book)

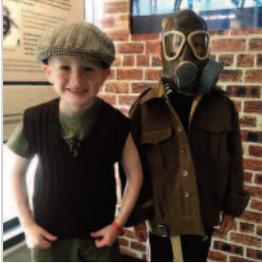
Dorothee Pullinger, MBE was a
pioneering automobile engineer and
businesswoman. Designer of the
'Galloway car' built by women for
women near Kirkcubright in the 1920s.

HOW TO BOOK

Email: info@devilsporridge.org.uk

Phone: **01461 700021**

Or visit the Museum in person



Want to stay in touch with the Museum
and support its work?
Join our Friends of the Museum scheme.

BRONZE £5

Membership is for two years and is open to residents in postcode DG12, DG16 and CA6. Children of the Friends go free. £1 off entry to all talks at the Museum. Regular email updates.

SILVER £10

Pay £10 and are Friends for two years. They receive email updates at least once a month and a 10% discount in the café. Open only to certain postcodes (DG12, DG16 and CA6). Free children from local postcode. Discounted entry to talks and events.

GOLD £20

Pay £20 and are Friends for two years. Open to everyone. They receive email updates at least once a month, 10% discount in the café, are invited to previews of exhibitions, invitations to open evenings, are informed about events first and receive discounted entry to events and talks. They will also receive an annual newsletter with latest research on the collection and articles of interest. Free entry for accompanied guests and accompanying children go free. Exclusive access to collection including object handling events.

2020 Events

at The Devil's Porridge Museum Overview

February 8th and 9th	Build an eco greenhouse
February 25th	Talk on Kate Hume
March 10th	Landgirl film evening at Annan Cinema
March 24th	Talk on Haaf Net fishing
April:	Easter holiday activities for young people
April 21st	Talk on latest findings from the Museum
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August 4th	Talk on soldiers from the Commonwealth
September 5th	Blitz Spirit evening
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September 29th	Talk on Fascism in South-West Scotland
October 10th	Darker Side of HM Factory Gretna
October 24th	Halloween party for children
October 27th	Talk on pigeons in war
November 7th	Animals in War Remembrance event
November 24th	Talk on Quintinshill rail disaster
November 28th and 29th	Old fashioned textiles weekend
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December 19th	Christmas party for children