



# LOVE Sunderland Heritage

## 18 May–2 June 2024

A festival dedicated to showcasing  
Sunderland's amazing history and heritage



City of  
Sunderland **Heritage**

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# #LoveSunderlandHeritage

Love Sunderland Heritage 2024 is a two week-long festival taking place from 18 May–2 June.

Come and learn about our people, places and creations during this festival dedicated to showcasing Sunderland's amazing history.

Partners across the whole of Sunderland, Washington and beyond are offering a unique opportunity to explore and share our heritage with events, activities and attractions for children and adults of all ages.



## Sunderland History Fair 2024

**Saturday 18 May, 10am–4pm**

Bethany City Church, Bede Tower  
Burdon Road, City of Sunderland  
SR2 7EA

The ever-popular Sunderland History Fair is returning to the city in 2024!

This large showcase event features stalls from heritage groups and organisations from across the region as well as re-enactments and photo opportunities with Vikings, Normans and Romans and author talks and book signings.

There is free car parking on site.

## In Conversation with Terry Deary

**Saturday 18 May, 1–2pm**

Bethany City Church, Bede Tower  
Burdon Road, City of Sunderland  
SR2 7EA

Meet the son of Sunderland, Terry Deary, best-selling author of over 340 books including the *Horrible Histories* series, as he talks about the past 80 years of his home city.

Tickets are free but spaces are limited and can be booked at the Museum shop or via the website.

[www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk)

Call: 07741 621 555

# READY STEADY 60's SHOW

## Ready, Steady, 60's Show!

**Saturday 18 May, 7–10pm**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church, Church Street East, Sunderland SR1 2BB

Enjoy live music in the beautiful renovated Grade-1 listed heritage venue.

Britain's top tribute show brings alive the magic of the sixties, with their salute to The Mod 60's and British Beat Boom songs of that era. The show encompasses a kicking live band with stunning vocals plus video screen flashbacks from television history, including: TV programmes, adverts and footage from the original bands.

Ready Steady 60's Show presents a showcase of the great bands of this unforgettable time.

[www.17nineteen.org.uk](http://www.17nineteen.org.uk)

Email: [17nineteen@thecct.org.uk](mailto:17nineteen@thecct.org.uk)

Call: 0191 560 0288



## Sunderland Antiquarian Society Open Days

**Wednesdays and Saturdays, open  
9.30am–noon**

Sunderland Antiquarian Society,  
6 Douro Terrace, Sunderland  
SR2 7DX

Established in 1900, Sunderland Antiquarians are the oldest history society in Sunderland. The Society holds extensive archives which have been amassed and donated over the past century by the people of Sunderland and these are available to members and visitors.

Membership is open to all and brings regular newsletters, published booklets, meetings and greater access to their website, the content of which is being regularly and constantly added to and improved.

Talks are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

[www.sunderland-antiquarians.org](http://www.sunderland-antiquarians.org)



## Washington: Fact, Fiction and Folklore

**Daily from 18 May, 11am–1pm**

Washington Old Hall, The Avenue,  
Washington Village, Washington  
NE38 7LE

Washington Heritage Partnership has worked with Arts Centre Washington and Washington Old Hall to deliver this exciting new arts project, built around Washington's multi-layered history.

Taking inspiration from the book of the same name by Fred Hill, the local historian and schoolmaster who played a key role in saving Washington Old Hall, local artists from the Sunderland Indie collective have produced a multimedia exhibition of contemporary art.

This event is free, but normal admission charges apply for the venue.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/washington-old-hall](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/washington-old-hall)

Email: [Washington.oldhall@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Washington.oldhall@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Call: 0191 416 6879

## NELSAM Spring Classic Car Show

**Sunday 19 May, 10am–4pm**

North East Land, Sea and Air  
Museum, Old Washington Road,  
Sunderland SR5 3HZ

Join us for the annual Spring Classic Car Show.

A fun family event featuring a wide variety of classic and vintage vehicles on site. Highlights include classic Rolls Royces and the Clan Crusader, built at the factory next to the museum in the 1960s. Classic car owner-exhibitors will travel from across the region and beyond to display their cars alongside NELSAM's many incredible exhibits.

[nelsam.org.uk](http://nelsam.org.uk)

Email: [info@nelsam.org.uk](mailto:info@nelsam.org.uk)

Call: 0191 519 0662



## Old Time Sailors

**Sunday 19 May, 7.30–8.30pm  
(family friendly) and 9–11pm  
(adults)**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity  
Church, Church Street East,  
Sunderland SR1 2BB

Old Time Sailors is a flashmob musical show designed to take the audience back in time through an unforgettable trip to the 19th century. Every member of the audience receives a copy of *The Sunday Sailor*, our own newspaper shaped program which includes the lyrics to all our songs (plus personalized postal stamps!) in order to sing along and become a Sailor for one epic show!

The crew is composed of 17 musicians playing fully unplugged to ensure the most authentic experience. The audience are inspired to sing and dance surrounded by jolly Sailors, witnessing an astounding show unmatched in this music genre.

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## Queen Street Heritage Trust Open Days

**Sunday 19 and Friday 24 May and  
Saturday 1 June, 10am–4pm**

Queen Street Masonic Temple,  
Queen Street East, Sunderland  
SR4 7TA

The Temple is a Grade-1 Listed Building. A recent regrading by Historic England has resulted in it being graded in the top 2.5% of listed buildings in the country, and as such has been classified as of extreme importance to the nation's heritage, putting it on a par with many cathedrals and stately homes throughout England.

Queen Street Temple is the oldest purpose-built Masonic Temple under the English Constitution in existence and is still in continuous use today by the very Lodge that built it.

Guides will be on hand to tell the story of this building's unique heritage.

[www.sunderland-freemasons.co.uk](http://www.sunderland-freemasons.co.uk)





## Sunderland Maritime Heritage Centre Open Days

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am–2pm**

Sunderland Maritime Heritage,  
Unit 2, Church Street East,  
Sunderland SR1 2BB

The visitor centre will be open with guided tours available each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the Festival from 10am to 2pm.

Available to view is a 1/10 Scale Model Of Hms Venerable, the 74-gun Ship Of The Line and a model of the Sd14-San George.

The Centre holds a copy of Rain's 'Eye Plan Of Sunderland' (c.1790) And a Fred Gooch Gallery full of model ships, buildings and other features, all with a connection to Sunderland.

[sunderlandmaritimeheritage.org.uk](http://sunderlandmaritimeheritage.org.uk)  
Call: 0191 5102540

## Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage: Geology Walk

**Monday 20 May, 2pm**

Meet at Minster Park, Sunderland  
SR1 3PU

Join Dr Ian Kille to discover the secrets held in the stone of Sunderland's beautiful buildings in this fascinating geology walk.

The rocks which sit underneath Sunderland have an epic history in deep time of over 300 million years. Clues to this history can be found built into the fabric of the city.

This walk will explore where these clues are to be found with a look at the legendary concretionary limestone and other local stones used within the city's walls.

You will never look at Sunderland in the same way again! The event is free, but places must be booked.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bishopwearmouth-townscape-heritage-scheme-61645749603](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bishopwearmouth-townscape-heritage-scheme-61645749603)



## Highlights: Sunderland's East End People, Places and Buildings

**Monday 20 May, 1.30–3pm**

Donnison School, Heritage and  
Education Centre, Church Walk,  
Sunderland SR1 2BJ

The latest installment of the Donnison  
School's Lovell Lectures, a series of  
monthly lectures that cover local,  
regional and national history.

Entrance £3.00/Members £2.50.  
Refreshments included.  
Pay online or on entry

[donnisonschoolheritagecentre.com](http://donnisonschoolheritagecentre.com)

## 50 Years of Hetton Town Council

**Monday 20 May to Thursday 24 May,  
9am–6pm**

**Friday 25 May, 9am–5.30pm**

The Hetton Centre, Welfare Rd,  
Hetton-le-Hole DH5 9NE

An exhibition of photos and historical  
information celebrating the 50th  
anniversary of Hetton Town Council.

## Coals to Goals: Heritage Walks

**Tuesday 21 and 28 May, 11am–  
12.30pm**

Beacon of Light, Vaux Brewery  
Way, Sunderland SR5 1SN

A short 3–3.5km guided heritage  
heritage walk around the local area.  
Starting at the Beacon of Light,  
visiting points of heritage interest and  
finishing with refreshments.

## Coals to Goals: Pit Yards Group

**Thursday 23 and 30 May, 11am–  
12.30pm**

Beacon of Light, Vaux Brewery  
Way, Sunderland SR5 1SN

An informal, social group for former  
colliery and shipyard workers.

Chat and share your memories as we  
look back on industrial Sunderland.

[www.facebook.com/CoalsToGoals](http://www.facebook.com/CoalsToGoals)  
Call: 0191 563 4738



## A Second Helping of Sunderland Mansions by Trevor Thorne

**Tuesday 21 May, 7.30pm**

Bethany City Church, Bede Tower  
Burdon Road, City of Sunderland  
SR2 7EA

Sunderland Antiquarian Society  
monthly local history talk.

Doors open at 6.40pm with talk  
commencing at 7.30pm.  
Carriages at 9pm.

Historian Trevor Thorne will be  
discussing the people who lived in  
the finest houses of Sunderland  
and the history of those buildings,  
including Hylton Castle, Ramside  
Hall and Tavistock House, Southwick  
Hall, Grindon Manor and Cleadon  
Meadows.

All welcome: Members £2  
Non-members £3

[www.sunderland-antiquarians.org](http://www.sunderland-antiquarians.org)

## The Ballad of the Crocodile and the Underpass: Story Sharing Roadshow

**Tuesday 21 May, 2pm**

North Biddick Social Club,  
Bonemill Lane, Washington  
NE38 8AJ

**Wednesday 22 May, 10am**

Washington MIND, The Life House,  
Grasmere Terrace, Columbia,  
Washington NE38 7LP

Come along to hear about our new  
project collecting stories of life in  
the new town using podcasting,  
photomontage (supercool collage  
techniques), and songwriting. Try a  
short taster of the activities. Hear  
about the historical significance  
of new towns, concrete crocodiles  
and underpasses.

Bring your memories, photos,  
memorabilia, ornaments, badges,  
whatever jogs your memory about  
living in Washington and find out how  
to get involved in telling these stories  
to a wider public.

**Email: [judithmurphy@communityopportunities.co.uk](mailto:judithmurphy@communityopportunities.co.uk)**



## Play with your Food: Nectar of the Gods, Mead Making for Beginners

**Wednesday 22 May, 6-8pm**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity  
Church, Church Street East,  
Sunderland SR1 2BB

Mead can be anything brewed with honey as its primary source of sugar, and everything after that is up to you. You could brew a Dry & Boozy Traditional Mead; bring down the abv for a Crispy Hydromel; add fruits to make a Viking Blood Melomel, or your choice of spices for a Christmas Metheglin – great for gifting.

The historic skill of mead-making is one of the easiest ways to get into home-brewing, and a great way to preserve seasonal harvest, while supporting your local honey producers. Expect demonstrations, mead-tasting, lots of information and opportunities to ask questions so that you leave with confidence and knowledge to make your own mead at home!

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## Glenda Young: Book Signing

**Thursday 23 May, 12 noon - 2pm**

Featherbed Books, 104A Newbottle  
Street, Houghton-le-Spring  
DH4 4AJ

Join Sunderland's bestselling author Glenda Young on the release day of her new historical novel set in the North East, *The Toffee Factory Girls*.

Glenda will be signing books at Featherbed Books on Thursday 23 May 2024 from 12 noon to 2pm.

[glendayoungbooks.com](http://glendayoungbooks.com)





## Talk: D-Day and the Durham Light Infantry (DLI)

**Thursday 23 May, 1pm**

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road, Sunderland SR1 1PP

Join us to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day with a talk by local historian Clive Bowery.

Clive will describe the role played by the three battalions of the Durham Light Infantry in the planning, build-up and operations of the D-Day campaign. The talk will be approximately 1 hour long.

Tickets are free and can be booked at the Museum shop or via the website

[www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk)

Email: [museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk)

Call: 07741 621 555

## 1719: After-hours Private Guided Building Tour with Drinks and Nibbles

**Thursday 23 May, 6.30-8.30pm**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church, Church Street East, Sunderland SR1 2BB

Discover Sunderland's first parish church with a private, after-hours guided tour of our beautiful 305 year-old, Grade 1 Listed building.

Exploring both the architecture of the building and the stories hidden within its walls and gain rare access with exclusive access into the Belltower and loft space.

After the tour enjoy a drink and a selection of nibbles from The Fat Unicorn - while you discuss your discoveries!

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## The Princess of Wales: A Local Heritage Story

**Friday 24 May, 5.30-7pm**

The Old Rectory The Broadway,  
Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4BB

An informative talk on the surprising local heritage of Kate Middleton, The Princess of Wales.

While Prince William's great-great-great-great grandmother, Princess Victoria was being crowned Queen of England in Westminster Abbey, in 1838, Kate's great-great-great-great grandmother Jane Harrison was delivering her sixth child in the Byker area of Newcastle.

Take a deep dive into the Middleton's Northern heritage with this comprehensive presentation including pictures maps and evidence tracing the Middleton family line to the coalfields area of Sunderland.

[www.theoldrectory.co.uk](http://www.theoldrectory.co.uk)  
Call: 0191 563 4401

## Introduction to Tyne & Wear Archives: Using Archives for Family and Local History

**Friday 24 May, 1-2pm**

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road,  
Sunderland SR1 1PP

Lizzy Baker, from Tyne & Wear Archives will give a talk on the historic archive collections from Sunderland and the work of the archive service.

[www.sunderlandculture.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandculture.org.uk)



## Whitsuntide Steaming Weekend

**Saturday 25, Sunday 26 and  
Monday 27 May, 11am–4pm**

Ryhope Engines Museum, Ryhope,  
Sunderland SR2 0ND

See the giant Victorian beam engines of 1868 working under steam power. The engines provided water to Wearside for 100 years and have been preserved in situ since 1970 by local volunteers.

[ryhopeengines.org.uk](http://ryhopeengines.org.uk)



## Sunderland Empire Theatre Tour

**Saturday 25 and Wednesday 29  
May, 11am–12.30pm**

Sunderland Empire Theatre 4-5  
High St West, Sunderland SR1 3EX

Always wanted to know what goes on backstage at Sunderland Empire?

Tread in the stardust footsteps of the young Beatles, Kate Bush, Laurel and Hardy and Gary Barlow and immerse yourself in our theatre's 116 year history.

Discover the origins of our Edwardian Grade II\* listed theatre as our staff entertain you with interesting facts and stories of the stars who have performed on our impressive stage – who knows, you may even hear some spooky tales to thrill and chill you!

**Please note:** This is a venue tour and is not a performance

To find out more information and to book please follow the link.

[www.atgtickets.com/shows/venue-tour/sunderland-empire/](http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/venue-tour/sunderland-empire/)



## Community Garden Kids' Heritage Trail: Eedred the Saxon

**Saturday 25 May, 1–3pm**

Mowbray Park Community Garden, Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road, Sunderland SR1 1PP

Eedred the Saxon has hurt himself and needs a special herb potion to make him feel better. Can you help him?

Follow the Nine Herbs trail around Mowbray Park Community Garden and see how many herbs you can spot and smell!

As part of Sunderland Heritage week, we will be exploring the Saxon heritage by making huts with mud and sticks and learning how to write our names in Viking runes.

£2 per child, accompanying adults go FREE. To book your place please visit the Museum shop or website

[www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk)  
[www.mysunderland.co.uk/](http://www.mysunderland.co.uk/)  
[MowbrayCommunityGarden](#)



## Wearside Field Club: Alnwick Walk led by Brian Gray

**Saturday 25 May**

Coaches depart from South Shields Health Centre, Fulwell Methodist Church, the Bluebell and the Barnes (Hipsburn Drive Corner)

The Wearside Field Club celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2024. The club promotes interest in and enjoyment of the national heritage and environment. It pursues this aim by providing for its membership an annual programme of talks, walks and visits. Join them for a guided walk around Alnwick.

For more information, including travel arrangements email: [wearsidefieldclub@gmail.com](mailto:wearsidefieldclub@gmail.com)

[wearsidefieldclub.weebly.com](http://wearsidefieldclub.weebly.com)  
Call: 0191 528 5339





## The Pitmen Poets Re-Union Tour

**Saturday 25 May, 7pm**

The Fire Station, High Street West,  
Sunderland SR1 3HA

From Billy Elliot to Auf Wiedersehen  
Pet, from When The Boat Comes In to  
The Likely Lads... Now be enthralled  
and entertained by The Pitmen Poets.

A night of songs and stories laced with  
North-East humour and humanity  
featuring Lindisfarne singer and  
songwriter Billy Mitchell, Warhorse  
Songman Bob Fox, Master of Tyneside  
song Benny Graham, and Award  
winning songwriter Jez Lowe.

[thefirestation.org.uk/whats-on/51](https://thefirestation.org.uk/whats-on/51)



## Hylton Castle Tour

**Saturday 18 May, 11am and  
12.30pm (Paid tour), Wednesday 22  
May, 11am (Free tour), 1-3pm (Free  
entry), Saturday 25 May, 11am and  
2.30pm (Paid tour)**

Hylton Castle, Craigavon Rd,  
Sunderland SR5 3PA

See the remains of the 14th century  
medieval gatehouse, Hylton Castle.  
The beautifully renovated iconic local  
history landmark is full of fascinating  
heraldic details and has a delightful  
cafe to relax in during your visit.

There is disabled access via a lift to  
three floors and a viewing gallery on  
the roof accessible only via a stone  
spiral staircase.

There is free on-site parking and  
disabled spaces available.

[www.hyltoncastle.org.uk](https://www.hyltoncastle.org.uk)



## The Story Behind Roker Pier and Lighthouse

**Tuesday 28 May, 2.30pm**

Adventure Sunderland, Marine Walk, Sunderland SR6 0PL

For over one hundred years Roker Pier and Lighthouse has protected the entrance into Sunderland's harbour. The distinctive red and grey hoops of the lighthouse stand out on one of the city's iconic landmarks.

Built between 1885 and 1903 when Sunderland was a major British port, it represented a triumph of engineering.

Restoration of the pier, tunnel and lighthouse began in 2012 but owing to this year's storm damage, the Roker Heritage group are unable to offer their usual tours.

Instead we are inviting you to come along and learn more about the structure's rich history, its connection to Sunderland's maritime industry and the unsung hero behind the building, Henry Hay Wake.

No need to book - Just come along.

[www.rokerpier.co.uk](http://www.rokerpier.co.uk)



## Washington Heritage: Pin the History on the Map

**Tuesday 28 May, 10am–2pm**

Galleries Shopping Centre, Washington NE38 7SD

A fun interactive workshop using teamwork to populate a digital heritage map of Washington using the online HistoryPin site. HistoryPin offers an exciting way to get our collective locations of interest on to a map, add photos and stories, and turn them into real walking trails.

In this free workshop with refreshments we will share locations, knowledge, personal stories and recollections and you are encouraged to bring along any photos or memorabilia you have that relates to your chosen sites of interest.

The workshop takes place in the Galleries Management Suite (1st floor, just up from the ramp that leads to the bus station).

**Email: [judithmurphy@communityopportunities.co.uk](mailto:judithmurphy@communityopportunities.co.uk)**



## Bear's Museum Adventure: Find the History Heroes

**Wednesday 29 May, 1.30pm and 2pm**

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road, Sunderland SR1 1PP

Join Hannah Graham, storyteller as we meet Bear for another amazing adventure in the Museum. Follow Bear through an interactive story and trail to discover the people who made history happen in Sunderland.

£2 per child, accompanying adults go free. Places must be pre-booked on [sunderlandmuseum.org.uk](http://sunderlandmuseum.org.uk) or via the Museum shop.

[www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.sunderlandmuseum.org.uk)  
Email: [museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk)  
Call: 07741 621 555



## Community Garden: Food is Fun

**Wednesday 29 May, 1–3pm**

Mowbray Park Community Garden, Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens, Burdon Road, Sunderland SR1 1PP

A family-friendly session at the new Community Garden in Mowbray Park.

Make eating a playful and sensory adventure! Wake up your senses with our exploration of taste and smell and how we enjoy food. Give our flavours a go and find out what your unique taste favourites are.

You can sow your own herbs to grow at home too!

[www.mysunderland.co.uk/  
MowbrayCommunityGarden](http://www.mysunderland.co.uk/MowbrayCommunityGarden)



## Community Growing - Past and Present

**Wednesday 29 May, 10am-1pm**

Just let Your Soul Grow  
Community Garden, Thompson  
Road, Sunderland SR5 1PW

Would you like to learn more about the land that Just Let Your Soul Grow nurtures? Do you have a story to share about how plants have been grown and taken care of in the past?

Join us in the Garden where we will be sharing stories about community growing and gardening methods that have been tried and tested in Sunderland over the years.

JLYSG community garden is an inclusive space with wheelchair access and toilet facilities.

**[www.justletyoursoulgrow.com](http://www.justletyoursoulgrow.com)**  
**Email: [JLYSG@outlook.com](mailto:JLYSG@outlook.com)**

## 1719: Heritage Fortnight Building Tour

**Wednesday 29 May, 10–11am**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church, Church Street East, Sunderland SR1 2BB

Join us on a guided tour that explore some of the most intriguing features of Seventeen Nineteen: from the font, to the William Wailes stained glass window and the WW1 memorial.

Discover the hidden histories of the building on this friendly tour.

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**Email: [17nineteen@theccct.org.uk](mailto:17nineteen@theccct.org.uk)**  
**Call: 0191 560 0288**





## River, Town and People: Rain's Eye Plan

**Wednesday 29 May, 2–4pm**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church, Church Street East, Sunderland SR1 2BB

Local historian Stuart Miller examines aspects of the development of modern Sunderland from the 1780s to the 1880s.

This unique depiction of life in Sunderland in the 1780s is an excellent starting point. The actual method of production of this so-called map is controversial but it is also intriguing as an introduction to the beginning of the growth of the Sunderland of the Industrial Revolution.

The session will last for two hours including a break of 30 minutes to sample the coffee and cake of the Seventeen Nineteen coffee corner.

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Call: 0191 560 0288



## Hollowed Ground - The People of the Durham Coalfield (Film Night)

**Thursday 30 May, 7pm**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church, Church Street East, Sunderland SR1 2BB

In the 19th Century, County Durham in North East England saw its population increase dramatically, as mine workers and their families moved into the area in search of work.

Built on coal, these pit towns and villages forged their own unique identity. Interwoven in the fabric of this, is community, and an unwavering resilience in the face of adversity. The story of the people of the Durham Coalfield is one of unyielding determination and perseverance to build a better future.

[www.17nineteen.org.uk](http://www.17nineteen.org.uk)

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## Wearside Women Who Astonished the World

**Thursday 30 May, 7pm**

Stockton Road United Reformed Church, Sunderland SR2 7DD

This talk by Revd. John McManners is about three Sunderland women whose remarkable lives had a major international impact.

- Margaret Dryburgh, missionary in China and Singapore, who created a remarkable 'vocal orchestra' in a women's concentration camp in Sumatra.
- Gertrude Bell, who championed the Arab cause during and after the first World War.
- Janet Lacey, who founded Christian Aid, one of Britain's most important international development charities.

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## Evening With an Expert - Copt Hill Barrow Discoveries

**Friday 31 May, 5.30-7pm**

The Old Rectory The Broadway, Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4BB

Beneath this seemingly ordinary hill lies an ancient secret. Listen as industry expert Rob Young goes into detail about the digs and discoveries at the famous Copt Hill Barrow.

Dive deep into ancient burial practices, found artifacts and first hand accounts of the digs - from the man who literally wrote the reports on the digs himself and guest lecturer in the field of archeology at Newcastle university.

For just a £3 suggested donation hear more about the amazing revelations unearthed in the Copt Hill Barrow.

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## Community Garden Workday and Church open for visitors

**Friday 31 May, 10.30am–1pm**

Stockton Road United Reformed Church, Sunderland SR2 7DD

Several days of activity to celebrate our church, its heritage, building, grounds and people, past, present and future begins with a Community Garden Workday.

Help us as we develop our grounds as a community asset available all day every day, and night.

**Friday 31 May, 1–5pm**

Stockton Road United Reformed Church, Sunderland SR2 7DD

The Church will be open, with volunteers able to help you explore this magnificent building, with refreshments available alongside a fascinating display of historic photographs and objects.

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## Penshaw Monument: Tours to the Top

**Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June, 30 min. tours from 10am–4.30pm**

Penshaw Monument, Chester Road, Penshaw DH4 7NJ

Climb the 76 steps, built into one of the columns and enjoy the wide-spread views of Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, the Yorkshire Dales, Pennines and the Coast.

A maximum of 5 people are able to climb to the top of the monument in each 30 minute tour slot.

Children must be at least 1 metre tall and accompanied by an adult. Please wear sensible shoes to climb the hill and monument and appropriate outdoor clothing, it can be breezy at the top.

**[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/penshaw-monument](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/penshaw-monument)  
Call: 0344 249 1895**



## Hylton Colliery Mural Unveiling

**Saturday 1 June, 10am**

Castletown Community Centre,  
Fawcett Terrace, Castletown,  
Sunderland SR5 3DA

Join us for the unveiling of a brand new commemorative public mural and information display on Ethel Terrace commemorating those who worked and lost their lives at Hylton Colliery.

The new mural has been created by local artist Frank Styles, well known for his works around the city that celebrate Sunderland's rich history of shipbuilding, mining and football.

Come along to an exciting day of new sights and sounds for Castletown, as the mural unveiling is accompanied by a brass band.

Funded by Council North Area committee.



## Glenda Young: Book Signing

**Saturday 1 June, 12 noon-2pm**

Waterstones Sunderland SR1 3LB

Join bestselling author Glenda Young in Sunderland Waterstones for a book signing of her latest historical novel set in the North East, *The Toffee Factory Girls*.

[glendayoungbooks.com](http://glendayoungbooks.com)



## The Story of Skiffle, by Hop, Skiffle and Jump

**Saturday 1 June, 6pm**

Seventeen Nineteen, Holy Trinity Church, Church Street East, Sunderland SR1 2BB

Chronicling the history of Skiffle through song, dance, stories and more. A fascinating show full of toe-tapping beats!

For two magical years, from 1956 to 1958, skiffle became the music of young people throughout the country. From the star professionals like Lonnie Donegan and Chas McDevitt through to youth club and coffee bar bands 'having a go', the craze took hold.

Hop Skiffle and Jump play the songs of skiffle, telling the stories behind the personalities, with dancing and photographs, getting the audience involved along the way. A truly unforgettable show for any fan of blues, skiffle and music history.

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## Open Church: Our Heritage, Our Environment!

**Saturday 1 June, 12-3pm**

Stockton Road United Reformed Church, Sunderland SR2 7DD

Come along to help us celebrate 'Our Heritage, Our Environment'!

There will be something for everyone no matter what age or interest throughout the day. Including:

Music-Pantastic, Jubilate Community Choir, Mountains of Fire and Miracle worship group, Environment - Amanda's Creature Comforts, Inspiron learning Hydrogen model cars, and turtle, Durham Wildlife Trust, Arts and Crafts - Fused Glass workshop, Messy Church crafts, Heritage - Stained Glass windows trail, Play - Under 5's fun and so much more...

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Join us to commemorate 60 years of the new town. From 24 July 1964, a collection of villages became a town, with new roads, new housing, new shops and new industrial estates. Throughout 2024 we'll be celebrating that transformation. Watch out for events bearing this logo, and especially:

### **Award Ceremony - George Clarke Design Challenge**

Friday 19 July, Arts Centre Washington, Biddick Ln,  
Washington NE38 8AB

### **The main Washington 60 event**

Friday 20 July, Northumbria Playing Fields, just off the A195  
NE37 3HR

Featuring Washington's own Martin Stephenson and a host of other performers, stalls, food and drink.

# Local History Library launching at CreativeSmartCityHub Washington

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Washington

Houghton and Washington Libraries will be relaunched as Creative Smart City Hubs this summer, after recently closing for refurbishment. Part of this transformation, will see the opening of a local studies library space in Washington, which will include:

- Archives and Special Collections
- Digital Archives and Online Resources
- Exhibits and Displays
- Local History Programmes and Events
- Community Engagement and Volunteer Opportunities



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