



Doncaster **HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

22 April – 7 May
2017



Take part in events, talks, walks and workshops to celebrate the richness and variety of heritage in Doncaster.

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ACTIVITIES
ARE FREE!**





Doncaster Heritage Festival is organised by Doncaster Heritage Services and is delivered by partners across Doncaster for all to enjoy.

For more information please contact Doncaster Local Studies on **01302 734307**, email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk, or visit www.doncaster.gov.uk/heritagefestival

Please book tickets in advance as spaces are limited.

WHAT'S ON...

Sat 22 April
Doncaster & District Heritage Association Local History Fair
Featuring The Great War on Tour

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
11am – 4pm

The Annual Local History Fair organised by the member groups of the Doncaster & District Heritage Association [DDHA]. There will be stalls, displays, family activities, re-enactments and entertainment.

Doncaster 1914-18's Great War on Tour will be there to launch 'Our communities in War', a new series of pop-up exhibitions focussing on the involvement of local people and places in the First World War created by local history groups. Bring along your First World War family objects to be scanned and added to a new online community archive.

Doncaster 1914-18 is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Cost: FREE. Just turn up!



Sun 23 April
Mexborough First World War Walking Tour

Meet at Mexborough Railway Station, S64 9AQ
11am – 2pm

2.5 mile walk telling the story of how the First World War impacted on Mexborough. You will take in landmark memorials, buildings and some of the personnel who contributed to the war effort.

Tour led by Bill Lawrence of Mexborough Heritage Society and author of From Pit Town to Battlefields: 1914-1916 Mexborough & The Great War

*Dogs welcome. Please wear suitable footwear.

Cost: FREE. (Donations to Mexborough Heritage Society welcome). Just turn up!

Sun 23 April
Village Memories Braithwell Walk 1

The Ruddle Centre, S66 7BA
2.30pm - 4pm

The walk will cover the upper part of the Village taking in the Church (12th Century), the Manor House, old Methodist Chapel and the Stocking Factory ending at The Master's House (17th Century). Refreshments provided.

Cost: £3. (Under 12s FREE). To book a place please contact Keith Leyland on: 07932 660 852



Mon 24 April
Hickleton Hall: At Home, At War

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1
2pm – 3.15pm

Hickleton Hall is a Grade II listed Georgian Stately Hall situated in the picturesque village of Hickleton. Continuing on the theme of Doncaster 1914-18: At Home, At War this talk will focus on one house, Hickleton Hall. Topics include life as a dairy maid; Lord Halifax's diary entries and some notable visitors to the 'big house', including T.S. Eliot and Kathleen Kennedy (sister of JFK).

Cost: £2. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Mon 24 April
The St Leger: The World's First Classic Horserace

Grand St Leger Hotel, DN2 6AX
7.30pm – 9pm

Doncaster's finale to the 'British Classics' rarely fails to provide a story and Tony Barber's recently published history, The St Leger: The World's First Classic Horserace, recalls such stories. It reminds us that many of the racing world's great stars count the St Leger, a test of stamina for the three year old horses, in their victories.

Cost: £5. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk



Tue 25 April
Hickleton Church Re-discovered

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1, DN1 3JE
10am – 11.15am

In the 1980's Hickleton church became too dangerous to hold services as the whole structure was being affected by subsidence. A local writer said it was 'falling down a coalmine' and in 1982/3 a plan was put in place to underpin the whole structure. After twenty years Dan Radcliffe has compiled all the known information from the 1983 archaeological investigation and it is this information and the speaker's own notes that are the focus of today's talk.

Cost: £2. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Tue 25 April
A Brief History of Doncaster Parish Church and the Restoration of the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons' Memorial

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1, DN1 3JE
2.30pm - 3.30pm

A two-part talk discussing the history of the site from the 1st Century to Norman times, to the Parish Church and the Minster as it is known today.

You will also find out about the restoration of the Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons memorial & the research into the histories behind the names on the memorial.

Cost: £1.50. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Tue 25 April
Brewers' Inquisition: Heritage Edition

Doncaster Brewery & Tap, 7 Young Street, DN1 3EL
8pm - Onwards

Heritage themed Quiz Night at The Doncaster Brewery Tap. Pit your wits and intellect against the grumpy brewer (grumpy because the prize is free beer).

The winning team will receive tokens for 6 pints of beer (valid for 1 week), with a cash prize jackpot quiz during the evening.

Cost: 50p each. (Max. team size is six) Limited space available. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Wed 26 April
Doncaster 1914-18: Stories from the First World War

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1, DN1 3JE
10.30am – 11.30am

Join the Doncaster 1914-18 project team and volunteers to hear some of the highlights from First World War stories submitted by Doncaster's residents since 2015. Find out about wartime nurses, remarkable battlefield stories, a scrapbook, and Vic the dog!

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Wed 26 April
Drop-in First World War Family History Surgery

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 4, DN1 3JE
Time: 12pm – 3pm

Would you like to research your family's history but don't know where to start? Or are you stuck on a question relating to a person or place you've started researching? Join our resident expert Bill Bevan for help with all of your family and local history research queries, and find out how to share your First World War stories via the Doncaster 1914-18 website.

Doncaster 1914-18 is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Cost: FREE. Limited places.
Please call 01302 734293 and ask to speak to a member of the Doncaster 1914-18 team to book a place, or email info@doncaster1914-18.org.uk



Thu 27 April History of Doncaster Borough Police 1900-1968

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
10.30am – 12pm

A continuation of the history of Doncaster's own police force between 1900 -1968 when it was amalgamated into the then West Riding police. It will include the force and the Suffragettes, the two World Wars, the growth of traffic in the town, the expansion of the town with the inclusion of Balby and Hexthorpe, Wheatley and Cantley. It will also include two murder cases.

Cost: £2. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk



Thu 27 April Presentation of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Colours

Sir Nigel Gresley Square, DN1 3BU
10am – Onwards

Doncaster Council is hosting a presentation ceremony in Sir Nigel Gresley Square where The Rifles Regiment will be presenting the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (K.O.Y.L.I.) Colours. The ceremony starts at 10am and promises to be a great spectacle with military band and around 100 military personnel on parade.

The Great War on Tour team will be present at the Presentation of the K.O.Y.L.I. Colours and will be showcasing a new memorial trail commemorating the lives of the First World War Victoria Cross winners with connections to Doncaster and the surrounding area, and exploring sites associated with them.

Cost: FREE. Just turn up!

Thu 27 April The Sand House – A Victorian Marvel

Doncaster Brewery & Tap, 7 Young Street, DN1 3EL
7.30pm – 9.15pm

An illustrated talk covering everything you could want to know about the world's only mansion carved from solid sandstone and its amazing tunnels, which stood in Doncaster from the 1850s until the late-1930s.

Cost: £2. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk



Fri 28 April Relaxed Opening

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
9.30am – 11am

A Relaxed Opening for visitors who may prefer a quieter museum visit (including visitors with autism, dementia or visual impairments).

Cost: FREE. Just turn up!

Fri 28 April The Brontës of Haworth

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1, DN1 3JE
10.30am – 11.30am

After the recent BBC drama, 'To Walk Invisible' hear Helen Cox give an overview of the lives and work of one of Britain's most famous, and tragic, literary families.

Cost: £3. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Fri 28 April Work and Industry in the First World War: Family and Local History Workshop

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 4, DN1 3JE
10.30am – 3.30pm

Do you have an ancestor who worked for the railway, in mining or local industry during the First World War? Do you want to find out more about them, or just want to find out more about Doncaster's Home Front history during the First World War? Join resident expert Bill Bevan to view original objects relating to Doncaster's Home Front History, and find out how to use them to carry out research.

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Cost: FREE. Limited places.

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Sat 29 April Edward Thomas: War Poet World War One Poetry Writing Workshop & Performances

Upper Room, Doncaster Brewery & Tap,
7 Young Street, DN1 3EL
Workshop 2.30pm-6pm / Performance 7pm-9pm

An event in two parts. Produce your own poem based on the work of the poets of the Great War. Led by local poet Ian Parks, the workshop is open to beginners and experienced poets alike; just bring a pen and paper and let the poets of the First World War inspire you to write a poem of your own.

'Read to Write' commemorates the 100th anniversary of the war poet Edward Thomas with readings from his poems, journals, and letters.

Supported by Right Up Our Street, Doncaster 1914-18 and Read to Write.

Cost: Workshop £2. Performances FREE. Places limited. Please reserve your ticket now to avoid disappointment. Call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk





Sun 30 April May Day at Cusworth Hall

Cusworth Hall & Park, DN5 7TU
1pm – 4pm

Join us as we celebrate May Day at Cusworth Hall. Try your hand at Maypole dancing with our very own Cusworth Maypole, meet Cook in the Great Kitchen and try a sample of her Spring-time cooking, have a go at our family trails inside the Hall, and take part in our craft activities which will have a May Day theme. A fun afternoon out for all the family!

Cost: FREE. (Small charge for family craft activities)
Just turn up!

Sun 30 April Discovering Doncaster's Past: A Guided Walk

Hyde Park Cemetery (Use DN4 5AA for main entrance)
3pm – 4.30pm

Discover the fascinating stories of people that are buried in the cemetery.

Cost: FREE. (Donations Welcome) Just turn up!

Mon 1 May Mayflower Day

Austerfield Study Centre, DN10 6RG
11am – 4pm

A celebration event to showcase the history and heritage of Austerfield; birthplace of Pilgrim Father & 'Governor of the New Plymouth Colony', William Bradford.

There will be village trails led by Local Author and Historian Sue Allan, children's events, races & games. Food & drink available.

Cost: Free. Just turn up!

Mon 1 May Village Memories Braithwell Walk 2

The Master's House (next to the Butcher's Arms),
S66 7AW
2.30pm – 4pm

This second walk will cover the lower part of the village and will point out the oldest house /shop in the village. There will be a visit to one of the 17th Century farms and Moat Hall (12th Century), which was originally a farm belonging to Roche Abbey. Refreshments available.

Cost: £3. (Under 12s FREE). To book a place please contact Keith Leyland on: 07932 660 852



Mon 1 May The Recovery of the River Don Walk

Marshgate, DN5 8AF
2pm – 3.30pm

The waterways in Doncaster have a fascinating history and heritage. Led by Chris Firth MBE, you will be taken on a circular walk, taking in the River Don, River Cheswold and Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation.

Cost: FREE. Limited spaces available. To book a place please call: 01302 796173

Tue 2 May Palaeography Workshop

Doncaster Archives, DN4 0NA
10am-12pm

The handwriting of the 16th and 17th centuries often takes unfamiliar forms, and these can pose problems for the modern reader. This workshop aims to introduce the family or local historian to a variety of styles of handwriting from the era of the Tudors and Stuarts, including some of the abbreviations used by clerks of the period. Copies of documents from the period, relating to Doncaster and its surroundings will be used, along with the occasional parchment original.

Cost: FREE. To book a place please call 01302 859811



Tue 2 May Professor Carenza Lewis –

The David Hey Memorial Lecture: Plague, Pits and Public Archaeology – Unearthing the Impact of the Black Death

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
7.30pm – 9.00pm

The Black Death killed millions as it swept across medieval Europe and Asia, but its impact has been difficult to assess due to a lack of robust contemporary data. Time Team's Professor Carenza Lewis will talk about her ten-year programme of 2,000 archaeological excavations in the village gardens of eastern England which has demonstrated that the population was reduced by around 45% and shown exactly how badly different rural communities were affected. She will highlight how extending this programme across the UK, Europe and beyond could involve members of the public in making ground-breaking new research on their doorstep.

Cost: £5. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Wed 3 May

Women and Children in the First World War: Family and Local History Workshop

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 4, DN1 3JE
10.30am – 3.30pm

Want to find out what the women and children in your family were doing during the First World War, and how Doncaster's women and children contributed to the war effort? Join resident expert Bill Bevan to view original objects relating to Doncaster's Home Front history and learn how to use them to carry out research.

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Cost: FREE. Limited places.

Please call 01302 734293 and ask to speak to a member of the Doncaster 1914-18 team to book a place, or email info@doncaster1914-18.org.uk

Wed 3 May

The Life & Works of James Paine

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1, DN1 3JE
2pm – 3pm

In 2017, the Friends of Doncaster Mansion House are celebrating the tercentenary of the birth of James Paine.

James Paine is widely regarded as one of the great architects of the Palladian Revival and Doncaster Mansion House was his first major project that launched his career. Discover more about him in this talk.

Cost: £2. Tickets purchased from Doncaster Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk



Thu 4 May

Ambulance Trains

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
10.30am – 11.30am

During the First World War ambulance trains were used both at home and abroad to carry sick and wounded men away from the front line. They were filled with men suffering from terrible medical conditions and were often crowded, smelly, dirty and dangerous. Over two million men were lucky enough to be transported all the way back to the UK where they could recover in 'Blighty' hospitals.

Talk led by archivist Alison Kay from the National Railway Museum.

Cost: £3. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Thu 4 May

The History of Afternoon Tea with Meryl White

Taste Eatery, DN1 3JU
2pm – 4pm

Explore the origins and the characters involved in creating this quintessential British tradition and what makes the perfect afternoon tea with Meryl White, author of Grandma Abson's Traditional Baking. Ticket includes an afternoon tea (to include tea, scone, cream and jam, finger sandwiches and assorted cakes).

Cost: £10. (Price includes an afternoon tea)
Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Thu 4 May

Testament of Youth screening & First World War Nursing Talk

Doncaster Little Theatre, DN1 1JD
7pm – 10:30pm

Kate Vigurs will bring history to life as a First World War nurse. Discover more about the life of a nurse during wartime and about Doncaster's Auxiliary hospitals.

The costumed talk will be followed by a screening of Testament of Youth, based on the memoir of the same name written by Vera Brittain, a First World War nurse.

Cost: £5.50. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Tickets can also be purchased from Doncaster Little Theatre's Box Office.

Fri 5 May

How To Trace Your Family History on the Internet

Doncaster Central Library, Meeting Room 1, DN1 3JE
10am-12 noon

Would you like to research your family history but don't know where to start? Or are you stuck on a question relating to a person or place you've started researching? Come and find out how to use free resources such as 'Find my Past' or 'Ancestry' held by Doncaster Libraries.

Cost: FREE. To book a place please call: 01302 734307 or email: central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk



Fri 5 May

The Romans in Doncaster: Talk & Handling Session

Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
2pm – 3.30pm

Come along for an opportunity to handle Roman artefacts from the Doncaster area and learn more about why Doncaster was so important within the Roman occupation of Britain. This session will be led by a member of our education team, who is an archaeologist and PhD candidate in Archaeological Materials at Sheffield University.

Cost: £4. Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk



Sat 6 May
Doncaster 2017: Pottery and Archaeology

Doncaster Museum & Arts Gallery,
Chequer Road, DN1 2AE
10.30am – 4pm

This conference will consist of a series of presentations by leading specialists describing recent work on pottery from sites of prehistoric, Roman, medieval and later date in Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire.

If you have any unusual, interesting, rare or unidentified Prehistoric, Roman or Medieval pottery, please bring it along to share with the group of experts and enthusiasts.

Cost: FREE. (Suggested contribution of £2 towards refreshments). Just turn up! But places are limited to 60 and will be on a first come first served basis.

Sat 6 May
From Romans to Racing Town

Doncaster Minster, DN1 1RD
10.30am – 1pm

A Heritage Walk exploring the area from the Roman times and finishing at the racing exhibition at Doncaster Museum.

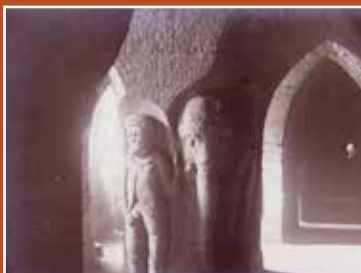
Cost: £5. Tickets can be purchased from the Tourist Information Centre 01302 734309
Tourist.information@doncaster.gov.uk

Sat 6 May
Denaby and Conisbrough History Fair

Denaby Football Field, St Albans Church Entrance
11am – 3pm

Explore the History of Conisbrough and Denaby with stalls, interactive activities, music, a heritage walk and dancing. Local schools will also be displaying their recycled art projects that represent Denaby and Conisbrough's history. Supported by the Well Denaby project.

Cost: FREE. Just turn up!



Sun 7 May
Discovering the Sand House

Car park of Silverwood House, DN1 3RW
11am – 12pm

The very first official guided walk around the site of the former Sand House, showing how the house and its tunnels came about and where they were in relation to today's layout. Attendees will gain greatest benefit if they already have some knowledge of The Sand House.

Cost: £2 Tickets can be purchased from the Central Library. Please call 01302 734307 or email central.localhistory@doncaster.gov.uk

Sun 7 May
Bawtry Heritage Walk

Cooplands, Scot Lane, DN10 6JL
2pm – 4.30pm

A fascinating walk taking in the rich heritage of the Bawtry area. This walk will exhibit Bawtry Hall, 1 Yorkshire and St Nicholas' Church, and talk about the River Idle and the history of the East Coast Railway Line.

Cost: £5. Tickets can be purchased from the Tourist Information Centre 01302 734309

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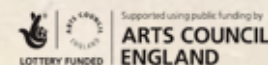
Saturday 29 April

DONCASTER CENTRAL LIBRARY

An exhibition of words tracing the history and legacy of print, including a full performance by Commoners Choir, a hand-printed letterpress & CD souvenir for all, tea, cakes and lots and lots of printed words.

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ONGOING EVENTS...

Exhibition: Riding High: Doncaster Airfield and the Zeppelin Raids on Sheffield
Ongoing
South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum

Exhibition: Estate of War: Doncaster's Country Houses 1914-18
Until January 2019
Cusworth Hall and Park

Lives on the Line
Until January 2018
Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery

Grunts and Grapples
8th April – 2nd July 2017
Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery



*We look forward to
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