

Richness of East Lothian's heritage

In the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, East Lothian's Museums Service celebrates the richness of East Lothian's intriguing history, impressive cultural heritage and fascinating archaeology at exciting exhibitions and events.

Museums across East Lothian are gearing up for a day of innovative events on Saturday 20th May. Geological time travel in Dunbar, vintage gala day at Prestongrange and a Noble gathering exploring the work of a local painter at the John Gray Centre, Haddington are some of the highlights.

In Dunbar the outreach team from Dynamic Earth and Angus Miller of Geo Walks will be exploring John Muir and Geology - Deep Time and Scotland's Time Lords. Drop into Dunbar Town House Museum & Gallery to see the Dynamic Earth demonstrations and join in craft activities from 10am to 4pm.

The earth is 4600 million years old! Come along and make your very own earth clock. What does it have to do with meteorites, moon rocks and radioactive bananas? Can you fit the extinction of the dinosaurs (65 million years ago) and the evolution of humans (2 million years ago)? There will also be two guided walks lead by Angus Miller of GeoWalks exploring Dunbar's rocky story and the hidden clues that can be found in places where John Muir loved to explore as a boy. Booking is essential for the guided walks.

Prestongrange Museum will host a special gala day thrown to celebrate the opening of the Pithead Baths and Canteen in 1952. Join us to experience Prestongrange at its bustling best! Dressing up is strongly encouraged for full immersion in this fabulous vintage day out for all. The day will be filled with the sights and sounds of 1950s Prestongrange. Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band will play 1950s music in front of the iconic bathhouse. Perfect 1950s housewives will lead families on an interactive tour looking for clues to bake the perfect cake. A costumed tour will explore the transformative benefit

brought to the whole Prestonpans community by the opening of the brand new Pithead Baths and Canteen. A local stables will provide small ponies for younger visitors to ride and will be positioned at the pithead near the beam engine and powerhouse where pit ponies would have come to the surface to rest during the annual summer holidays. The day will also include Punch and Judy shows, face painting and vintage crafts. This fun packed afternoon will be a whirlwind adventure exploring Scottish history, incredible industrial archaeology and a rich local heritage.

The John Gray Centre is hosting an inspiring morning celebrating the work of East Linton painter, Robert Noble RSA, PSSA (1857–1917). Noble inspired many other artists to paint outdoors in East Lothian and became the focal point of a creative community near his home in East Linton. He was also at the forefront of change within the art establishment championing new and progressive artists. Hear fascinating expert talks and enjoy a curator led tour of the major exhibition of Noble's work on display in the John Gray Centre Museum. Alexander Moffat OBE RSA will deliver a fascinating talk on the painter and Iain Patterson, a member of the local group who researched the exhibition will lead a tour of the display. He will explore the painter's techniques and highlight key works. We hope visitors will leave with an in-depth appreciation of Noble's art and his place in both Scottish history and East Lothian's heritage.

Dynamic Earth hands on demonstrations and crafts - Deep Time and Scotland's Time Lords

Dunbar Town House Museum and Gallery
High Street, Dunbar EH42 1JJ. 01620 820699
10am to 4pm. No booking required. Donations welcome.

Angus Miller, Geo Walks - Families beach exploration: pebbles and cliffs.

11am-12/12.30pm from John Muir's Birthplace.
126 High Street, Dunbar, EH42 1JJ. 01368 865899
Booking essential. £5 per family

Angus Miller, Geo Walks - Geology walk, harbour to Belhaven

1.30pm-3.30/4pm from John Muir's Birthplace.
126 High Street, Dunbar, EH42 1JJ. 01368 865899
Booking essential. £5 per person (suitable for 12+ years).

Vintage Gala Day

Prestongrange Museum
Morison's Haven, Prestonpans, East Lothian, EH32 9RX
0131 653 2904
Saturday 20th May 2017
12noon to 4pm
£2 suggested donation per family, some activities are charged

Noble Gathering

John Gray Centre, 15 Lodge Street, Haddington, East Lothian, EH41 3DX,
01620 820690, elms@eastlothian.gov.uk

Saturday 20th May 2017
10.30am to 12.30am
£5 per person
Booking essential

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