

# DONCASTER HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2015

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Family History for Beginners workshop part 1: sources and how to use them  
Central Library meeting room 5  
10.30am-1pm  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

An advice workshop for people starting their family history to help them understand the sources available and how to use them to create a family history

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Female Viking Burial at Adwick-le-Street by Peter Robinson  
Central Library meeting room 1  
10.30am (1hr and Q&A)  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

In 2001 during an excavation to lay a sewer pipeline the burial of a Viking woman was found at Adwick-le-Street, come and discover her story

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Green men, Gargoyles and other Grotesques by Pat McLaughlin  
Central Library meeting room 1  
10.30am (1hr and Q&A)  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

Come and find out about these mysterious carvings, in stone and wood, from ancient cultures crossing the boundaries from pagan religion to early Christian beliefs

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

A Country House Evening: an evening tour of Cusworth Hall and grounds  
Cusworth Hall  
6.30-8.30pm  
Tickets £2.50 inc. refreshments

Join Cusworth Hall's expert guides for an evening tour of a country house, discover how the family entertained, and how the house was secured for the night. Also included is an evening tour of the Park with the Assistant Head Gardener

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Magna Carta: 800 years of England's Great Charter by Helen Cox  
Central Library, meeting room 1  
2.30 (1hr and Q&A)  
Tickets £3 inc. refreshments

An illustrated talk giving the background to the drafting of this world-famous charter, and its impact on the reign of King John I and later monarchs

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

The Sand House: A Victorian Marvel by Richard Bell  
Doncaster Museum: gallery 5  
11.30 (1hr and Q&A)  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

An updated illustrated talk about Doncaster's famous house carved in a sandstone quarry and the carved tunnels, which inspired the Elephant in the Room exhibition and life-sized elephant and mahout carving

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Doncaster Local History Fair  
Doncaster Museum, Chequer Road  
11am-4pm  
**Free entry**

Over 20 local groups will be displaying examples of their work and providing information and advice on the fascinating history of their area and its people.

This annual event will see the launch of 'Wyn's military index to Doncaster newspapers 1914-1919' available to order on CD Rom. This is the culmination of a 10 year project to index all the reports and articles relating to the serving soldiers, sailors and early airmen from the Doncaster Gazette and Doncaster Chronicle newspapers, 1914-1919. The index records serving personnel killed in action, missing in action, wounded, taken POW, those receiving awards and medals and other articles of interest.

If you are interested in being involved in a similar volunteer project the Doncaster 1914-18 project team will be on hand to talk to you.

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Hyde Park Cemetery walk: A biography of Doncaster stories of people who shaped our town  
3pm start from cemetery's main entrance, Carr Lane, Doncaster, DN4 5AA  
**Free entry** but donations welcome

A guided walk around Doncaster's first municipal cemetery, locating and recalling some of Doncaster's past notable residents

## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Hyde Park Cemetery: A biography of Doncaster by Richard Bell  
Central Library, meeting room 1  
2.30 (1hr and Q&A)  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

An illustrated talk recalling the lives (and deaths) of Doncaster people who shaped our town and are buried in Hyde Park cemetery

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Rationing in WWII by Cory Garner  
Central Junior Library  
10.00am start

Cory recalls life and in particular rationing during WW2.

This event is an **invite only** event as part of Dementia Awareness Week 2015, run for people living with dementia and their carers

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Palaeography workshop: how to read 16th and 17th century handwriting.  
Doncaster Archives, King Edward Road, Balby, Doncaster  
10.30am-12.30pm  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

A hands-on workshop to help you to learn how to read 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century handwriting on local documents, such as wills and deeds, held at Doncaster Archives. This event has limited places so please book early

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Looking after your family papers workshop with Sheffield Archives' conservator, Antony Oliver  
Central Library meeting room 1  
10.30am -12.30pm  
Tickets £3 inc. refreshments

Practical tips from the Conservation staff at Sheffield Archives on how to preserve and store your important family books, papers and photographs. There will be a chance to ask specific questions about your own family documents and hand-outs will be available.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Family History for Beginners workshop part 2: Internet hands-on session  
Central Library meeting room 1  
2.00pm-4.30pm  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

A hands-on computer session using genealogical websites to search for ancestors, as part of creating a family history tree

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

The Home Front by Tim Lynch  
Central Library meeting room 1  
10.30am (1hr and Q&A)  
Tickets £2 inc. refreshments

This talk explores what life was like for those left behind in times of war, including a time when feeding a slice of bread to a duck could land you in prison.

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Heritage Walks: Doncaster South Walk  
Starting at Doncaster Tourist Information Centre (TIC)  
10.30am start and lasts about 2½ hours  
£5 from TIC

A guided walk which covers the area of High Street, Hallgate, South Parade, Thorne Road, Christchurch Road, Nether Hall Road and Market Place