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...to museums in Fife



Fife Museums Forum
Events and Exhibitions 2009

Introduction



Fife Museums Forum is delighted to support Homecoming Scotland 2009, highlighting Scotland's contribution to the world. With eleven exhibitions and numerous events taking place in thirteen venues across Fife during 2009, we hope to offer something for everyone.

Events



Innovation Trail **Scottish Fisheries Museum**

5 January – 23 December 2009

Museum opening hours and charges apply (see exhibition section entry)



Follow a signposted trail around the museum to see examples of Scottish innovation in design, engineering and technology that shaped the fishing industry, both in Scotland and across the world.



Fisherfolk, Fisher-families **Scottish Fisheries Museum**

January – December 2009, 10AM – 4.30PM on the first Monday of each month

Admission free (there may be charges for photocopying etc)

A series of family history days at our Research Library and Photographic Archive where we will help you trace your fishing roots using Scottish fishing boat records, local census records, accounts of East Neuk fisher families, links to sources of further information etc. Please contact us in advance so that we can make material available.



Scottish Vintage Bus Museum

See the buses of your youth and take a bus ride into pure nostalgia! The largest museum of its type in the UK, almost 200 historic buses and other vehicles are housed on this 50 acre parkland site. There is also a special collection on show in our recently refurbished Exhibition Hall, which also incorporates a shop and café. Ongoing restoration work can be observed in our workshops during guided tours around the site on vintage buses.

Sunday 17 May

Sunday 21 June

Weekend of 15 & 16 August

Guided tours every Sunday from Easter – 4 October (outwith the above events)

Annual Bus Running Day

Fife Historic Vehicle Club Annual Gathering

Annual Open Weekend



A Weekend with the Stars

MUSA—Museum of the University of St Andrews

Over the May Weekend (1–4 May 2009) MUSA will be running Show Scotland events on the theme of ‘Great Minds and Innovation’. Inspired by our scientific collections and the famous astronomer James Gregory, the events all link to the theme of astronomy and space.

Friday 1 May, 9PM–11PM

Saturday 2 May, 7PM–9PM

Sunday 3 May, 2PM–4PM

Monday 4 May, throughout the day

Late night star gazing *

Film Night at MUSA *

Music in the galleries

Meet James Gregory

* Require advance booking

All events are free and will take place in MUSA. For more information or to book a place on an activity please call Rhona or Laura on 01334 462 396 / 01334 461 663.



Genealogy Day

St Andrews Preservation Trust Museum

Saturday 2 May 2009, 11AM–4.30PM

Admission free



Always wanted to start a family tree? Meet our Family History Group and learn about genealogy. Tips, addresses and information about some of the most famous families in St Andrews will be available. Junior genealogists will also be able to enjoy special activities.



Fife Family History Fair

Home & Away—Scots on the Move

Roths Halls, Glenrothes

Saturday 3 October 2009, 9AM–5PM

Day ticket £17.50, exhibition area only ticket £3

It's a day that cannot be missed if you are interested in family history. Six speakers will examine Scottish emigration and the ever-popular exhibition area has a host of resources for delegates. For booking information please visit www.fifefamilyhistoryfair.org.uk



There will be many other events and activities taking place at various Fife Museums Forum venues across Fife during 2009. Please check our websites for further details or contact the venues directly. We have provided a list of telephone numbers and website addresses on the back page of this leaflet.



Exhibitions



Robert Burns—The Murison Collection **Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery**

7 March–26 April 2009

Monday–Saturday 10.30AM–5PM; Sunday 2–5PM

Admission free

A substantial and fascinating collection of books and objects known as 'The Murison Burns Collection' travels from its usual home at Dunfermline Carnegie Library to Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery.



Memories From Afar **Crail Museum & Heritage Centre**

Open Easter Week & weekends April–May; daily June–September 2009

Monday–Saturday 10AM–1PM & 2PM–5PM; Sunday 2PM–5PM

Admission free

The exhibition features mementoes from around the world brought back by Crail Folk who came home.



Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?—The Ingenuity of Sport **Fife Folk Museum**

Daily 1 April–30 Sept 2009, 11.30AM–4.30PM (last admission 4PM)

Daily October 1–31 2009, 12.30PM–3.30PM (last admission 3PM)

Admission: adults £3.50, children free, concessions £2.50, groups £2.00 per head. Please book groups in advance with the curator 01334 828 180

Do you know what a 'featherie' is? What are curling stones made from? Where might you find a champagne cork? These are just a few of the questions we will be attempting to answer. Featuring a broad display of sporting activity in Fife including the Ceres Highland Games, Lunardi's flight and a photographic archive of Fife-born racing driver, Jim Clark.





Andrew Carnegie—A Man Ahead of His Time **Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum**

From April 2009

Monday–Saturday 11AM–5PM; Sunday 2–5PM

Admission free



Andrew Carnegie was a champion of scientific innovation and technology. His investments in iron and steel production delivered huge dividends which financed his many philanthropic gifts, including funding of the Carnegie Institute of Washington and Carnegie Mellon University where scientific research has produced significant advances in astronomy and robotics. Carnegie was indeed a man ahead of his time. His worldwide legacy is exhibited in our newly refurbished Main Hall incorporating new technology in graphic, audio-visual and touch screen displays.



The Men's Amateur Game since 1946

British Golf Museum

April 2009–April 2011

April–October: Monday–Saturday 9.30AM–5PM; Sunday 10AM–5PM

November–March: Monday–Sunday 10AM–4PM

Admission: adults £5.50, senior citizens £4.50, children (5–15) £2.90, children (under five) free, students £4.50, family £14.00

The British Golf Museum is showcasing a new exhibition focusing on the Men's Amateur Game since 1946. Prominent Scottish amateurs, and the early amateur careers of renowned professionals such as Colin Montgomerie, feature alongside their international counterparts. Events such as the prestigious Amateur Championship are explored, as are international matches, including the Eisenhower Trophy, won for the first time by current holders Scotland in 2008. This exhibition complements permanent displays which already chart Scotland's significant historical and contemporary contribution to the game.



It's an Education!

Museum of Communication

May to end September 2009

Wednesday & Saturday 11AM–4PM

Admission (includes refreshments): adult £3, accompanied child £1.50, family £8.50. Group visits welcome by arrangement



Our exhibition shows how Scottish inventors and innovators changed the world. They pioneered colour photography, the telephone, radar, television, webcams and much more. Lots to see, lots to do, for all ages! Exhibits from the 19th to the 21st centuries! 'Listen in' at the Radio Room and round off your visit with a relaxing coffee in the café.



Object as Muse

Life Contemporary Art & Craft @ Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery

9 May–21 June 2009

Monday–Saturday 10.30AM–5PM; Sunday 2PM–5PM

Admission free

Julie Cook 'Asentamiento Dress', cotton duvet with silk poultice and tapes, Courtesy of the Crafts Council. The 'Asentamiento Dress' is part of 'Duende: a time for healing', a series that was developed by Julie Cook in collaboration with counselling psychologist Lisa Isaacs

Innovation in craft: Object as Muse is an exhibition that presents six different artist responses to the Asentamiento Dress by textile artist Julie Cook that is part of the Crafts Council Collection. Artists include Colette Bryce (poetry), David Birkin (photography), Julie Cook (textiles), Dunne & Raby (critical design), Tamsin van Essen (ceramics), Susie MacMurray (installation) and Arabel Lebrusan (jewellery). This emotionally thought provoking exhibition from the Crafts Council is brought to Kirkcaldy for an exclusive Scottish outing.



Ancestral Voices—Life in Victorian St Andrews

St Andrews Museum

23 May–30 August 2009

Monday–Sunday 10AM–5PM

Admission free



During the mid-19th century, thousands of Scots left for new lives in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. But, what were they leaving behind? Come along and discover what life was like in Victorian St Andrews. What kind of homes did people live in? What sort of jobs did they do? How did they spend their leisure time? Find out about some of the amazing changes that were taking place in the town and see how it developed into one of Scotland's most popular destinations.



'A Scottish Fair' by Andrew Young

Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery

27 June–13 September 2009

Monday–Saturday 10.30AM–5PM; Sunday 2–5PM

Admission free

Photographs and paintings by the Burntisland artist and local historian Andrew Young evoke the era 1870–1920. Featuring the return of the 'lost' painting, 'A Scottish Fair', which is being loaned to the museum by its new owners. Said to have been painted as a wedding present, it depicts the bride and groom, with their guests, at Burntisland Fair.





Grave Stones—Memorials for Family History
 Kirkcaldy Civic Society @ Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery
 29 August–4 October 2009
 Monday–Saturday 10.30AM–5PM; Sunday 2–5PM
 Admission free



Family tree research can mean visiting graveyards looking for clues to your ancestors. This exhibition features local graveyards and members of the Society will offer guidance on how to interpret the symbolism of memorials.



The Weird and Wonderful World of Frank Buckland
 Scottish Fisheries Museum
 9 October 2009–31 January 2010
 April–September: Monday–Saturday 10AM–5.30PM; Sunday 11AM–5PM
 October–March: Monday–Saturday 10AM–4.30PM; Sunday 12PM–4.30PM
 Admission: adult £6, concession £5, accompanied child free, members free

An exhibition showcasing the life, works and legacy of the foremost marine scientist of his age, founder of the Museum of Economic Fish Culture and Inspector of Salmon Fisheries, a true innovator in the fields of marine research and conservation. Featuring newly conserved specimens from Buckland's collections.



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Venue Details



Andrew Carnegie Birthplace

Moodie Street
Dunfermline, KY12 7PL
01383 724 302
www.carnegiebirthplace.com

British Golf Museum

Bruce Embankment
St Andrews, KY16 9AB
01334 460 046
www.britishgolfmuseum.co.uk

Crail Museum & Heritage Centre

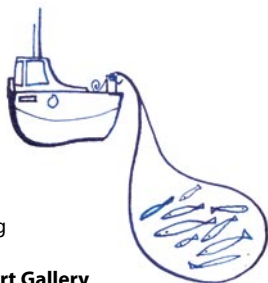
62/64 Marketgate
Crail, KY10 3TL
01333 450 869
www.crailmuseum.org.uk

Fife Contemporary Art & Craft

Town Hall, Queen's Gardens
St Andrews, KY16 9TA
01334 474 610
www.fcac.co.uk

Fife Folk Museum

High Street
Ceres by Cupar, KY15 5NF
01334 828 180
www.fifefolkmuseum.org



Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery

War Memorial Gardens
Kirkcaldy, KY1 1YG
01592 583 213
www.fifedirect.org.uk/museums

Laing Museum

Laing Library, 120 High Street
Newburgh, KY14 6DX
01334 659 328
www.fifedirect.org.uk/museums

Museum of Communication

131 High Street
Burntisland, KY3 9AA
01592 874 836 (Wednesday & Saturday), otherwise
contact Dr Tom Stevenson on 0131 440 3425
www.mocft.co.uk

MUSA—Museum of the University of St Andrews

7A The Scores
St Andrews, KY16 9AR
01334 461 660
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/musa

Pittencrieff House Museum

Pittencrieff House Museum, Pittencrieff Park
Dunfermline, KY12 8QH
01383 722 935 / 01383 602 374
www.fifedirect.org.uk/museums

Roths Halls

Kingdom Shopping Centre
Glenrothes, KY7 5NX
01592 583 387
www.fifedirect.org.uk/libraries

Scottish Fisheries Museum

St Ayles, Harbourhead
Anstruther, KY10 3AB
01333 310 628
www.scotfishmuseum.org

Scottish Vintage Bus Museum

M90 Commerce Park,
Lathalmond by Dunfermline, KY12 0SJ
01383 623 380
www.busweb.co.uk/svbm

St Andrews Museum

Kinburn Park, Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, KY16 9DP
01334 659 380
www.fifedirect.org.uk/museums

St Andrews Preservation Trust Museum

12 North Street
St Andrews, KY16 9PW
01334 477 629
www.standrewspreservationtrust.org

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