Sharing Stories, Sharing Heritage

Heritage Events Gorebridge 12th – 26th March 2018

Two weeks of workshops, talks and events are planned to celebrate the completion of the Conservation Area Restoration Project Gorebridge (2013-2018), sharing and exploring the rich and diverse heritage of Gorebridge. Discover new activity groups and places of interests in your local area. All events are free. Please check details of each event as some require booking of a place.

A full programme of events and details are available on www.gorebridge.org.uk.

Talks & Tours

Join the project Archivist Sean Watson on walking history tours of Gorebridge. Please contact sean.watson@gorebridge.org.uk

Built History Tour

Monday 12th March, 1.00 - 3.00pm

Meeting point Stobhill War Memorial

A guided walk to explore the fascinating history of the town. Beginning at Stobhill War Memorial, the tour will explore the history of churches, castle, Main Street and Railway Station. Please dress for the weather.
**Gunpowder Town**

*Tuesday 13th March, 1.00 – 3.00pm*

*Meeting point 58 Main Street Gorebridge*

A led exploration of the ruinous remains of Stobhill Gunpowder works with focus of documentary and archaeological remains to tease out the history of the site. Please wear footwear and clothing suitable for off path walking and uneven ground.

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**Workshops**

All workshops will be located at 55 Main Street Gorebridge (Bank of Scotland building)

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**Digital History: Digitising Family Photographs**

*Wednesday 14th March, 1.00 – 3.00pm*

*Booking required as numbers limited. For age 16 +*

Sean Watson will lead this introductory workshop into the digitisation of historic photographs including the process of scanning, editing and restoring images digitally. Booking required.

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**Traditional Soap Making**

*Friday 16th March, 9.30 – 12.30pm*

*Booking required as numbers limited (10 spaces). For age 16 +*

A wonderful opportunity to try your hand at making traditional soap which is kind to your skin with local soap maker Naomi Knights. Use natural ingredients and botanicals to add a range of colour and combination of scents. Please note that tallow will be used so this workshop is not suitable for vegetarians.

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**‘Roll Up, Roll Up’ Printing Workshops**

Join talented Artist Fiona Maher to explore the marks and insignia from around Gorebridge using block print techniques unto fabric and paper. Prints will be used to create a book.

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**Drop in printing workshop**

*Saturday 17th March, 2 -4pm*

*No booking required. Age 8 +*

Have a go at this wonderful printing technique. Learn the skills required to make and take prints. No experience necessary.
Heritage Street Printing (2 days)

Wednesday 21st March 10 – 12pm & Friday 23rd March 10 – 12pm, 2-4pm.

Booking required as numbers limited (10 spaces). Age 16 +

Apply the skills learnt from the drop in printing workshop going out and about in Gorebridge with printing unto fabric and paper.

For all workshop bookings contact 01875 232202 or stephanie.walker@midlothian.gov.uk

Family Events

The fabulous Macastory duo of Fergus McNicol and Ronnie Fairweather along with specialist local storytellers will be out and about in Gorebridge performing a unique mixture of music, poems, songs and an array of heritage tales to inspire and entertain you.

Woodland Wildlings

Friday 23rd March, 10.30 -12.00pm

Drop in event at 55 Main Street Gorebridge (Bank of Scotland)

Join in the fun filled performances of songs and stories for families with young children. A chance to discover all about the Woodland Wildlings and Wildlife Watch groups lead by Lorna weekly on a Friday. Age 0 – 5 years

Storytelling sessions for Schools, Nurseries and Community Groups.

The following dates in March are available for schools and community groups and early booking is advised as sessions are limited.

Monday 12th and 19th, Thursday 15th and 22nd and Friday 16th

Location: Gorebridge Library or by special arrangement at your school or nursery.

To book a storyteller session for your class or group contact Alison at gorebridge.library@midlothian.gov.uk or telephone 01875 820630.

Drop in for Drama

Monday 19th, 5pm – 7pm

Drop in event. For age 8 +. 55 Main Street Gorebridge (Bank of Scotland building)

Interested in drama and want to give it a try? Join in this fun drama session lead by Matt Dunn of 3 in 1 Theatre Company.
**Gorebridge Biodiversity Day**

**Wednesday 14th March, 9.30 -1.30pm**

*Drop in event. Suitable for all ages. St Margaret’s Church Hall, Lady Brae, Gorebridge*

The Railway Station Adopters are celebrating the importance of local plants, animals, birds and insects with a day of workshops and activities for all ages. Taking part are Greening Gorebridge, RSPB, Scottish Wildlife Trust and the Bat Conservation Trust.

Make wildflower seed bombs, help build bat boxes, and be entertained by Dr Bunheads amazing climate action puppet show with surprises in store. Refreshments provided.

**Greening Gorebridge Celebrations & Pass It on Week**

**Daily drop in events, Monday 12th March –Friday 17th March.**

Join Jaimie and Michaela to celebration the community achievements of the Climate Challenge Project. A number of fabulous events will be hosted daily. Pass it on week is a national event held to promote reuse, upcycling and sharing of items and materials. Daily events listed on www.gorebridge.org.uk along with details of future plans and volunteering opportunities.

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