

EVENTS Programme 2020

Donnison School

Heritage and Education Centre

A Community Space FOR ALL



Lovell lectures

Entrance £3.00 - Members £2.50

Homemade refreshments included

MONTHLY MONDAY LECTURES

30th March 1.30pm - 3.00pm

EAST END Past and Present: A Photographic Journey

A tour of the East End buildings past and present with a local historian and 'East Ender'.

by local historian Jack Curtis

27th April 1.30pm - 3.00pm

The highwayman came riding...

The truth about Dick Turpin, and how myths are created

by historian Stuart Miller

18th May 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Sunderland Shipbuilders: A walk though Doxford's Shipyard

by local historian Jack Curtis

29th June 1.30pm - 3.00pm

The Girl with the wind blown hair

The story of Grace Darling

by local historian Stuart Miller

27th July 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Working Women: North East Fishwives

by Margaret Atkinson

28th September 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Sunderland and the assassination of President Lincoln

"So die all tyrants!" The truth about the assassination of President Lincoln, and the part played by Sunderland.

by historian Stuart Miller

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Monday 26th October 1.30 pm - 3.00pm

Changing Women's Fashion from late Edwardians through WWI

A dramatic illustration show casing the fashion highlights of 1900 –1918
by Bernadette Gibson *et al*

Monday 23rd November 1.30pm - 3.00pm

1930's East End Childhood Memories

A personal account through reflections and anecdotes
by Jack Curtis

Monday 7th December 1.30pm - 3.00pm

The Annual Donnison Christmas Lecture 2020

A Celebration event for The Donnison with mulled wine and Christmas treats!



Dorothy Lovell

Founder Member and Honorary President

1937 - 2019

Dorothy worked with Living History North East from 1993 and supported our work from its inception. She saw the creation of The Friends of The Donnison and sponsored our first series of community lectures at The Donnison School. She will be missed. Thank you

Day Trips

COACH TRIPS £14.00 per head.

Payment with BOOKING

Pick up at Sunderland War Memorial, Burdon Road 9.00am prompt

Raby Castle and Barnard Castle

Saturday 28th March

Raby Castle was built by the mighty Nevilles in the 14th century and is one of the finest and best-preserved medieval castles in North East England. Since 1626 it has been home to the Vane family and is currently the seat of the 12th Lord Barnard.



Helmsley and Yorkshire Lavender

Saturday 27nd June

Yorkshire's original family-run lavender farm, set in a spectacular hillside farm of nearly 60 acres. Helmsley's bustling market square, dramatic castle ruins, charming tea rooms.



Redcar Festival of Thrift

Saturday mid September (TBC)

A big weekend of activities designed for all the family. Showing you how to save money, be environmentally savvy and live a rich and



Pickering World War II Weekend

Saturday 10th October

Step back in time and enjoy the sights and sounds of the 1940's with this ever popular weekend event. Get your costumes on and share this wartime experience.



Knaresborough Christmas Saturday 5th December

Welcome to Knaresborough
Christmas Market!

Join us on the first weekend in December for a wonderful festive event in the picturesque North Yorkshire market town of Knaresborough with quality stalls, shops and lively entertainment



Afternoon Donnison Tea Treats

Book a special event - birthdays,
anniversaries

Book an enjoyable **Afternoon Tea** for you and your friends in our unique Georgian Schoolroom, a wonderful Grade II listed building dating from 1798.

We have an award-winning walled Victorian garden, as well as a gift shop.

Book, for a party of 6 or over, for a fresh cream tea served in fine china in this exceptional setting.

Refreshments include:

Fresh sandwiches, cream scones and fresh cream cakes with tea or coffee followed by an entertaining and informative talk.

£12.00 per person

Payment on Booking

GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE



NIGHT TIME LECTURES



Friday 13th March 7.00pm

Pie, peas and mash and a glass of wine/beer
£12.00 per ticket

Death and other Dark Places: The darker side of 19th Century Sunderland.

Enjoy an atmospheric night of insight and intrigue into the darker side of the East End's streets and alleys.

Friday 24TH April 7.00pm

Pie, peas and mash and a glass of wine/beer
£12.00 per ticket

80TH Anniversary of food rationing during WWII

The Nation didn't starve, we were fit for work and war, men and women alike. From dried eggs to the rare banana!

By Jack Curtis



Friday 19th June 7.00pm

Pie, peas and mash and a glass of wine/beer
£12.00 per ticket

John Bridge GC, GM and Bar

John Bridge led a bomb disposal unit in WW II. His exploits earned him the highest award for gallantry.

by Alan Owen

Friday 11th September 7.00pm

Pie, peas and a glass of wine/beer
£12.00 per ticket

Mary Ann Cotton: Sunderland's Angel of Death

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND.

Dramatisation of her life and times!!

Come along and enjoy an atmospheric night of insight and intrigue into the dastardly deeds of the most notorious female mass murderer - Mary Ann Cotton, Sunderland's angel of death.



Donnison Centre

Special Heritage Events

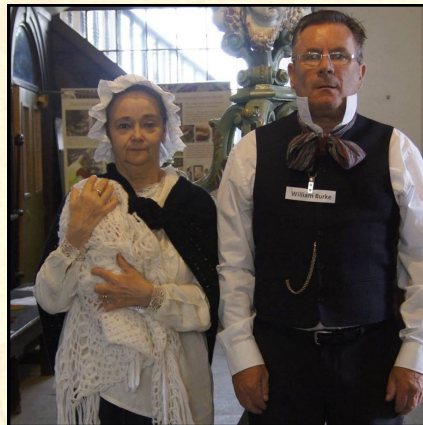
**Very Popular!
Pre-booking is
essential**

Friday 24th July 1.00pm

Cream Scone/Cake and Walkabout
£10.00 per ticket

An East End guided walk With Heroes and Villains

Come along and discover the hidden histories of Sunderland's East End.
Meet the characters of the past and hear their stories



Tours of The East End

Discover some of the history of Sunderland's old township, its characters, events and buildings that tell the story of Sunderland's past.

Take a walkabout that will bring some of those intriguing characters back to life!

Explore Hidden histories and Old Sunderland.

Refreshments afterwards:

The walkabout will take approximately 1.5 hours.

Tours of The East End: Heroes and Villains;

Characters of the East End People, Places and Untold Stories!

GROUP BOOKINGS AVAILABLE. £4.00 PER PERSON

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Christmas cream tea & entertaining talk



Thursday 19th November

Friday 20th November

Thursday 26th November

Friday 27th November

Thursday 3rd December

Friday 4th December

Thursday 10th December

**Gift Vouchers Available
A Special Gift**

The price includes sandwiches, cream scones, fresh cream cakes, Christmas cake, mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas crackers with lashings of tea or coffee followed by an entertaining talk.

£15.00 per person

Please - Book early to avoid disappointment

SAVE *the* DATE



Easter Egg-stravaganza
Saturday 11th April
11.00am – 3.30pm

Summer Garden Party
Saturday 11th July
11.00am - 4.00pm



Victorian
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 12th December
11.00am - 3.30pm

HERITAGE TOURS AND VISITS

Group visit

Tour and guide:

Explore this wonderful site, it's history and characters.

Book and tour and a cuppa!

£3.00 per person

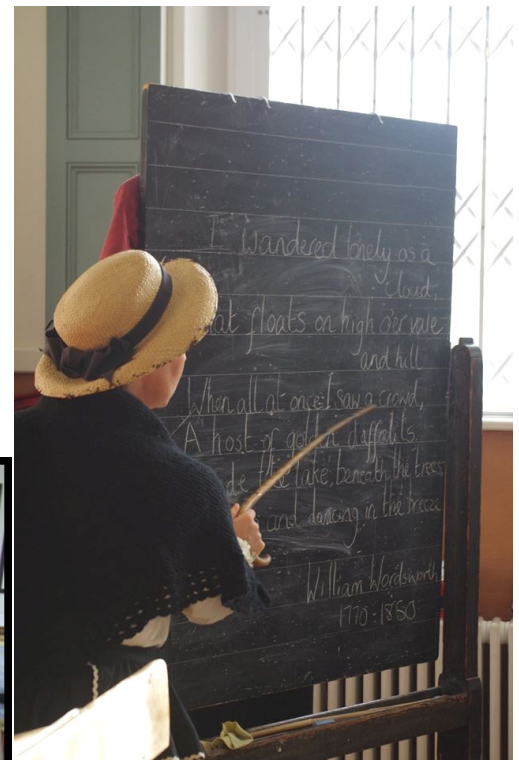


A Victorian Encounter:

Book a glimpse of a Victorian schoolroom experience. *'Just like the olden days'.*

Meet the teacher and watch out for the cane! **For young and old alike!**

*** Ideal for school groups!**



A bespoke lecture and cream tea:

Book a lovely afternoon visit for your group with an entertaining talk and a vintage themed cream tea.

£12.00 per person

Reminiscence

Reminiscence activities and workshops both on and off site. This is part of the Centre's **EnDear** programme and our commitment to provide stimulating and enjoyable activities. Contact the centre for more information.

EnDear:

**Enhanced Dementia and Education Awareness Raising
Making Memories Matter**



Creative, Crafty Exchange



Learn how to clippy, hook, knit, sew, card making, Christmas crafts and lots more!

Share and learn a craft or art at the Donnison **Creative Crafty Exchange**.

This is a friendly group that offers an exchange of skills and mutual enjoyment.

Refreshments provided.

Fridays 10.30am -12.30pm

£3.00 per session

(Donnison Sessions)





Community Singing Group

Join **Sunderland Intergenerational Singers** and enjoy the health benefits of singing together.

Share your love of singing with the community!

Tuesday Evenings from 4.00pm – 6.00pm



Heritage Open Days

11th—13th September

10.30am – 3.30pm

Visit our Centre FREE as part of the national festival of heritage sites.

As part of the programme of open days The Donnison School will be accessible and free for the weekend events. Come in and take a look around! Meet some local characters and enjoy our lovely garden.



VENUE & ROOM HIRE

Conventional venues have their own charm, but sometimes the inspiration for something totally out of the ordinary grabs you, and such a setting is great for those who want to help their event stand out from the crowd.

With its unique setting, **The Donnison School** will provide your meetings, small conferences, team building, workshops and parties with an abundance of character and atmosphere.

You won't find another venue quite like it. Call for further details to book our unique venue for your special events. The venue can be used for small lectures (45 people) or workshops (22 people).

Tel: 0191 565 4835



FRIENDS OF THE DONNISON SCHOOL

The Friends strive to provide an entertaining, educational and fun filled programme for the community to enjoy.

The Friends of The Donnison School are a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who help to run and maintain this lovely site. Please support our efforts to make it an even better experience this year.

MEMBERSHIP

The Donnison School Heritage and Education Centre is supported and maintained through fundraising, events and volunteers. Your continued support is invaluable.

Become a member TODAY and support this unique Georgian Community Centre.

Annual Membership Fee: £15.00 per person/£25.00 per couple.

The Donnison School, Church Walk, Sunderland, SR1 2BJ

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**Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!**

Donnison Plans for this coming year.

Living History North East are moving the **Regional Oral History Centre** out of The Donnison School into to the new **Elephant Tea House Development** on High Street. So look out for a new exciting programme of activities up town!!

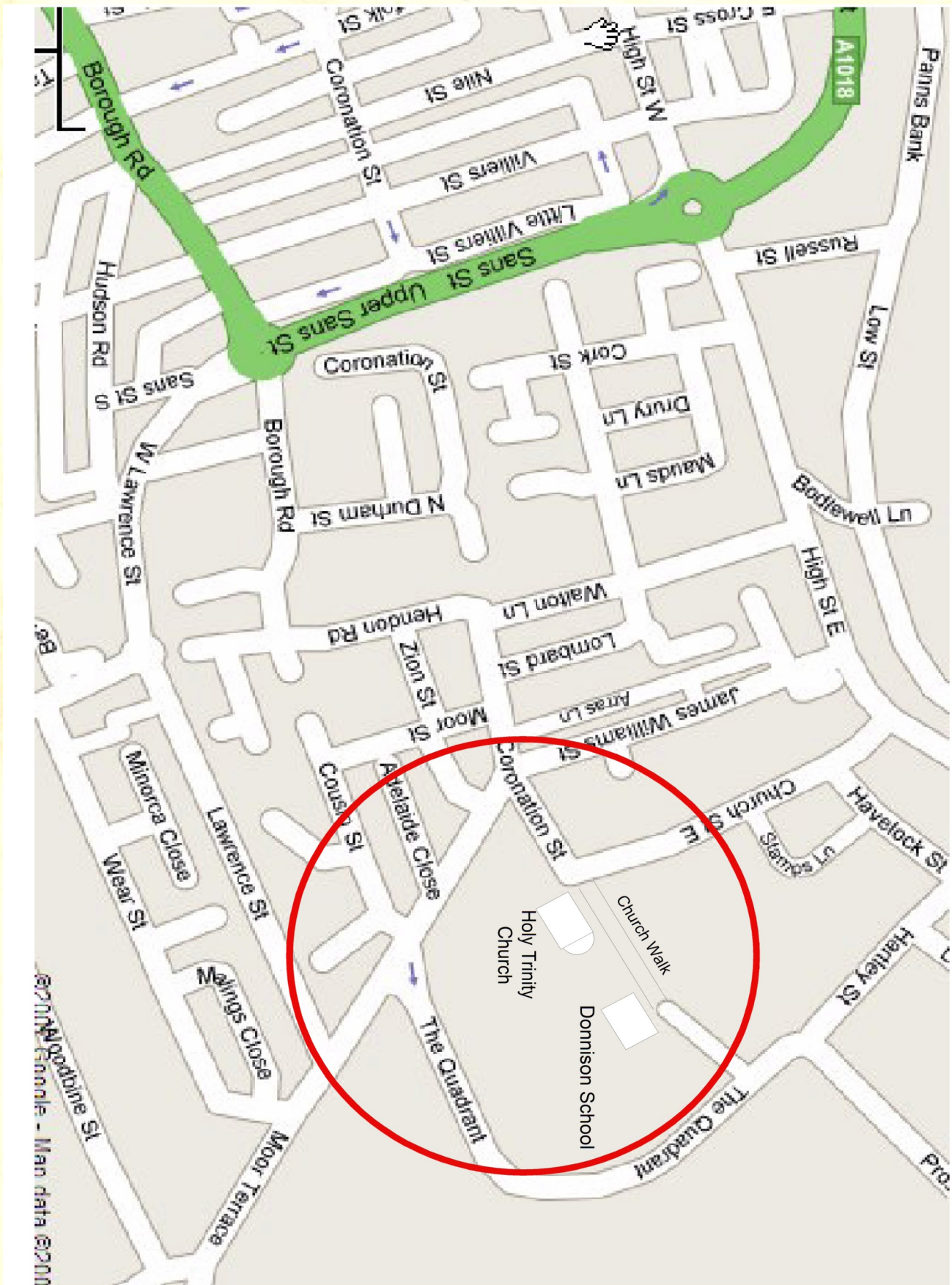


The Donnison School will be fundraising to develop the site this year and to make it an even better heritage and visitor centre for the public to enjoy.

As always we need your support to make sure this unique site continues to be part of Sunderland's proud built heritage.

Look out for our fundraising page coming soon!!





Bus service: 33 or 33A from The William Jameson, Borough Road to the Keelboat Lodge

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