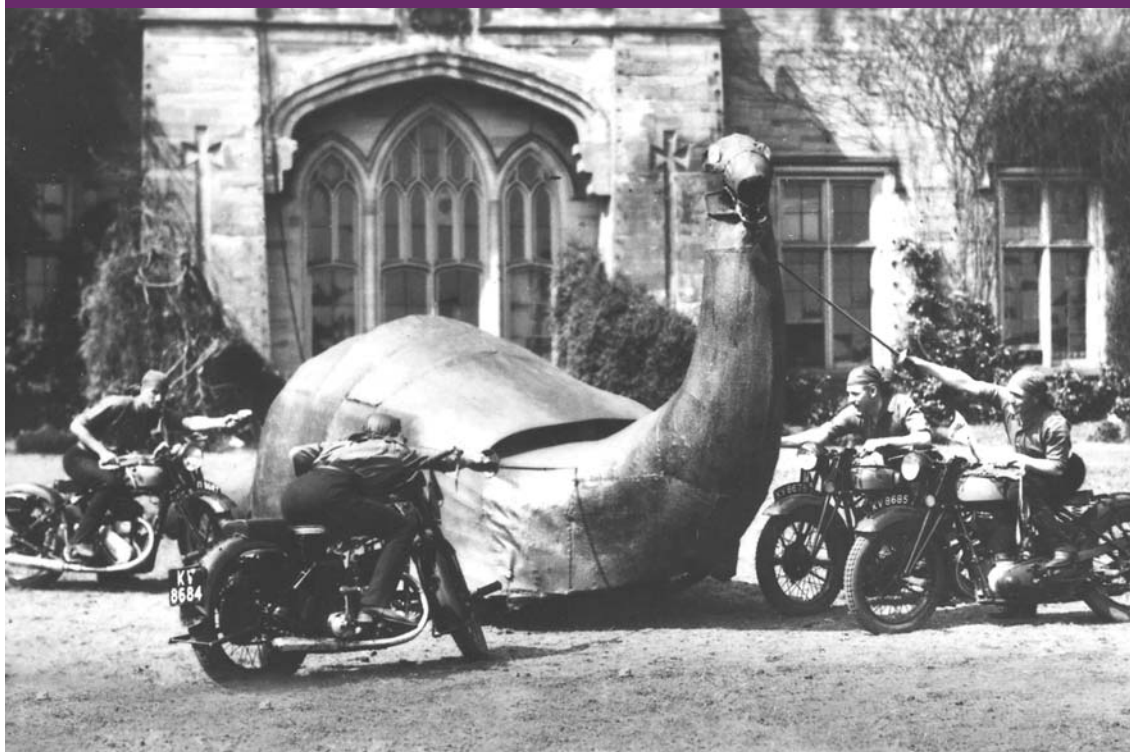


# Local History Month

A monster of a month in Gateshead

30 April - 27 May 2007



## Most Events are Free!

For events where booking is essential, contact **Tourist Information** at the **Central Library (0191) 433 8420** or **Gateshead Visitor Centre (0191) 477 5380**

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You can simply turn up for many events but a number are shown as **•PBE** (this means that numbers are limited and pre-booking is essential). Unless otherwise stated, you can make your bookings at any library in Gateshead or by phoning the Central Library on 0191 433 8420 or Gateshead Visitor Centre 0191 477 5380.

### **Mon 30 April 10.00am 'Roots Online'**

Using the internet to trace your family history. (Please note this event is only suitable for people who have already done some family history and are able to use computers). Felling Library. **•PBE**

### **Mon 30 April 2.00pm 'Bygone Felling'**

A chance to look through old photographs and reminisce. Refreshments available. Felling Library.

### **Mon 30 April 2.30pm 'Stargate – quarries, coals & communities'.**

The story of a Ryton Colliery Village. Talk by John Boothroyd, Secretary Ryton LHS. Blaydon Library. **•PBE**

### **Mon 30 April 2.30pm 'Fancy a cuppa?'**

Ringtons was established in 1907. Join us for a centenary celebration. Talk and tea tasting to follow. Sunderland Road Library. **•PBE**

### **Tues 1 May 1.30pm 'Bygone Birtley'**

Take a stroll around the old 'village' of Birtley and enjoy a tour of the historic Masonic Lodge. Walk leaves from Birtley Library. **•PBE**

### **Tues 1 May 7.00pm 'Ravensworth – Gateshead's secret garden rediscovered'**

Talk by Jules Brown of the Civic Trust. Shipley Gallery.

### **Tues 1 May 7.15pm 'The Council at war 1939 – 1945'**

Talk by Richard Pears of Whickham Local History Society. Dunston Library. **•PBE**

### **Wed 2 May 2.30pm 'Saltwell Park Stroll'**

A walk around this recently restored park discovering some of its hidden secrets and ending in a visit to Saltwell Towers. Walk starts from the Avenue Road entrance to the park. **•PBE**

### **Thurs 3 May 10.30am ‘Gateshead Old Town Hall Tour’**

May include a visit to the Police cells. Meet at front entrance of the town hall.

Not suitable for disabled visitors. ♣PBE

### **Thurs 3 May 2.30pm ‘Fancy a cuppa?’**

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### **Thurs 3 May 2.30pm ‘Stella Hall’**

The history of Stella Hall and the Cowen family. Talk by John Oliver. Winlaton Library. ♣PBE

### **Fri 4 May 10.30am ‘Gateshead Old Town Hall Tour’**

May include a visit to the Police cells. Meet at front entrance.

Not suitable for disabled visitors. ♣PBE

### **Fri 4 May 12.30pm ‘Crystal clear’**

The story of glassmaking in the North East. Talk by Alex Thirlaway. Shipley Gallery.

### **Fri 4 May 2.30pm ‘St Mary’s Church and town’**

The importance to Gateshead of this historic church. Talk by Anthea Lang, Local History Librarian. Low Fell Library. ♣PBE

### **Sat 5 May 10.00am – 5.00pm Pathhead Water Mill, Summerhill Road, Blaydon.**

Take the opportunity to have a free visit to this historic mill.

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### **Sun 6 May 2.30pm ‘Rabbits to Redheugh’**

Railways, modern art and bridges are all covered in this promenade along the Gateshead bank of the river. Walk by Newcastle City Guides. Meet outside west door of the Sage Gateshead (St Mary’s Square).

### **Mon 7 May 11.00am ‘Graves, coffins and plague walk’**

Discover who is buried in St Mary’s Churchyard and episodes in Gateshead’s murky past! Meet at Gateshead Visitor Centre, St Mary’s Church, Oakwellgate. ♣PBE

(This event is subject to change & an alternative walk will be offered if necessary)

### **Tues 8 May 2.30pm ‘Hedgerows and headstones’**

A walk around Lamesley ending in a graveyard trail. Meet in car park, Ravensworth Arms, Lamesley. ♣PBE

### **Tues 8 May 7.00pm ‘North East Coast in Picture Postcards’**

Discover how this area was shown in postcards in this illustrated talk. Bring your own pre-1955 postcards (from anywhere in the world) for a free valuation. George Nairn. Shipley Gallery

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## **Wed 9 May 10.30am 'Making of a stained glass window'**

Discover the story behind the beautiful stained glass window in St Mary's Church Whickham. Talk by Noel Adamson. Whickham Library. **•PBE**

## **Wed 9 May 11.00am 'Holidays at Home Reworked' ; Moving Memories Personal Stories'**

A rare chance to see original footage from Holidays at Home, Saltwell Park 1944 plus personal memories of the Home Front in Newcastle & Gateshead. Tyneside Cinema. Tickets £3.50; £3 available from the Tyneside Cinema, Old Town Hall, Gateshead.

## **Wed 9 May 2.30pm 'Blaydon Burn walk'**

Find out about Blaydon Burn's fascinating past: mills, mines and much more! Walk starts at Black Bull car park. Some rough ground so stout footwear is necessary. **•PBE**

## **Thurs 10 May 10.30am 'Bridges through Tyne'**

An illustrated talk about the history of the bridges over the Tyne and the changes and developments made to the quayside. Graeme Charlton, Wrekenton Library. **•PBE**

## **Thurs 10 May 2.30pm 'Sir Vincent Raven & the North East Railway'**

Sir Vincent Raven was one of the NER's foremost locomotive engineers. Discover more about him in this talk by author Andrew Everett. Central Library.

## **Thurs 10 May 7.00pm 'An evening with Janet McLeod Trotter'**

Author of "A Handful of Stars" and "The Jarrow Lass", Janet is a popular writer of historical novels set in the North East of England. She will talk about her novels and their settings. Pelaw Library. Tickets £1 available from Pelaw Library tel. 0191 4336409 **•PBE**

## **Thurs 10 May 7.15pm 'Say you love me – an audience with Marion Husband'**

Come and hear local author Marion Husband talking about her latest novel set in the North East. Birtley Library. **•PBE**

## **Thurs 10 May 7.15pm 'River Tyne from source to sea'**

Enjoy a fascinating film showing historical sites en-route from the source of the Tyne to the sea. Francis Newman, Sunnyside Local History Society, Whickham Library **•PBE**

## **Fri 11 May 10.30am 'Fancy a cuppa?'**

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## **Fri 11 May 12.30pm 'Behind the scenes at the Shipley Gallery'**

Talk and tour of the stores with curator Amy Barker (note limited disabled access) **•PBE**

## **Fri 11 May 2.30pm 'Early Low Fell'**

The rise of a Victorian suburb. Walk discovering Low Fell's history. Meet at the back of Low Fell Library, Chowdene Bank. **•PBE**

**Fri 11 May 7.00pm 'Women of Gateshead'**

A look at how women lived and worked here with a look at some of Gateshead's most influential women. Anthea Lang, Local History Librarian. Central Library.

**Sun 13 May 11.00am 'Saltwell Park Stroll'**

A walk around this recently restored park discovering some of its hidden secrets and ending in a visit to Saltwell Towers. Walk starts from the Avenue Road entrance to the park. ♣PBE

**Mon 14 May 10.30am 'Public Art in Gateshead'**

The story behind the sculptures. 2 hr walk leaving from the reception area, Gateshead Civic Centre. ♣PBE

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**Mon 14 May 2.30pm 'Blaydon Burn'**

A talk about the restoration project and industrial archaeology of Blaydon Burn with Lee Rankin, Blaydon Burn Project Officer. Blaydon Library. ♣PBE

**Tues 15 May 2.30pm 'A Walk Around Bygone Bill Quay'**

Learn more about Bill Quay's past. Meet outside Bill Quay Methodist Church. ♣PBE

**Tues 15 May 2.30pm 'Ryton Reminiscences'**

A talk and slide show by Graeme Charlton. Crawcrook Library. ♣PBE

**Tues 15 May 7.00pm 'Here comes the night'**

Darkness in Victorian times. A look at an often unexplored part of social history. Dr Malcolm Grady, tutor in Victorian history. Shipley Gallery

**Wed 16 May 10.30am 'Fancy a cuppa?'**

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**Wed 16 May 10.30am 'History of Chopwell Parish Church'**

In the church's centenary year, Father Paul Murray will give a talk about the history of the church and churchyard and its place in Chopwell. Chopwell Library. ♣PBE

**Wed 16 May 2.30pm 'Church and Town'**

Discover how important St Mary's Church was to the people of Gateshead. Tour of the Church and graveyard. Meet at Gateshead Visitor Centre, St Mary's Church, Oakwellgate. ♣PBE (This event is subject to change & an alternative will be offered if necessary)

**Wed 16 May 5.30pm – 7.30pm 'A Journey through the Past'**

Gateshead High Street in photographs, maps and other resources. Think you know everything about the High Street? Then think again! A drop-in evening in the Central Library looking at old photographs, maps and directories of the area.

**Thurs 17 May 10.00am – 6.00pm 'War memorials'**

Come and talk to Mick Hardy and members of the North East war Memorials Project at Crawcrook Library.

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## **Thurs 17 May 2.30pm 'The Lost Industries of Gateshead'**

Illustrated talk by Dr Tom Yellowley. Central Library.

## **Thurs 17 May 2.30pm 'Births and Deaths in years gone by'**

Audrey Clark ex Superintendent Registrar, Gateshead. Whickham Library. ♣PBE

## **Fri 18 May 12.30pm 'Slavery – the North East perspective'**

Tamsin Lilley, Curatorial Assistant, Tyne & Wear Museums. Shipley Gallery.

## **Fri 18 May 2.00pm 'Civic Centre tour'**

include a visit to the Mayor's parlour. Meet in the Civic Centre reception area. ♣PBE

## **Fri 18 May 2.30pm 'Ryton Village walk'**

Discover more about this historic village. Meet at the Cross. ♣PBE

## **Fri 18 May 3.30pm 'Tea and a tour of Bensham Grove'**

Discover the history of one of Gateshead's oldest houses and the family who lived there and enjoy a cup of tea Edwardian style. Bensham & Saltwell Heritage Group. ♣PBE

## **Fri 18 May 7.00pm 'Grisly tales'**

Stories to make your hair curl of Newcastle, Gateshead and the Quayside. Illustrated talk by Pat Lowery, Chair of Newcastle City Guides. Central Library.

## **Sat 19 May 9.30am – 12.30pm 'Local and Family History Fair'**

Discover more about your ancestors and the area in which they lived. Buy bargain local history books and ask questions of the experts. Exhibitors include Tyne & Wear Archives, NDFHS, North East War Memorials Project, Local History Societies from around Gateshead, Newcastle City Guides and of course, ourselves Central Library.

## **Sun 20 May 11.00am 'Along the River's edge'**

A look at the Quayside from both sides of the river. Walk lasting 1½ hours starting from outside Gateshead Visitor Centre. St Mary's Church, Oakwellgate. ♣PBE

## **Sun 20 May 2.30pm 'Browsing in Bensham'**

A walk around this popular area of Gateshead finding out more about its history and the people who lived in it. Meet outside rear of Bensham Grove Community Centre. ♣PBE

## **Mon 21 May 2.00pm 'Porrfect Poetry'**

Join Low Fell's Reading Group for a lighthearted look at Geordie poetry with special guest star 'Geordie Mary'. Low Fell Library. ♣PBE

## **Mon 21 May 2.30pm 'Fancy a cuppa?'**

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### **Mon 21 May 7.15pm 'Victorian Gateshead'**

Gateshead really was a Victorian 'boom town'. Find out more in this talk by Anthea Lang, Local History Librarian. Birtley Library. ♣PBE

### **Tues 22 May 2.00pm 'Geordie Songs and Monologues'**

Kepier Chare Primary School sing Geordie songs interspersed by monologues from John Boothroyd, Ryton Local History Society. Crawcrook Library. ♣PBE

### **Tues 22 May 2.15 pm 'Wartime memories'**

Take a trip down memory lane with gas masks and ration books. Illustrated talk by Graeme Charlton with artefacts from the Discovery Museum. Sunderland Road Library. ♣PBE

### **Tues 22 May 2.30pm 'Rowlands Gill - The Early Years walk'.**

Visit buildings and sites which illustrate the origins, development and early years of the village of Rowlands Gill. Meet at Rowlands Gill Library Car Park, junction of Norman Road and Smailes Lane. ♣PBE

### **Tues 22 May 7.00pm 'Ragged and Industrial Schools'**

Schools of Northumberland, Durham and Tyneside. Talk by Shirley Lenderyou. Shipley Gallery.

### **Tues 22 May 7.15pm 'Angel of the North'**

The story of Gateshead's iconic sculpture. Francis Newman, Sunnyside Local History Society, Dunston Library. ♣PBE

### **Wed 23 May 10.30am 'Local personalities'**

Find out more about some of the notable people who used to live in this area. Margaret Minns, Whickham U3A. Whickham Library. ♣PBE

### **Wed 23 May 11.00am 'Last Shift' 'Bowes Line'**

A rare chance to see local films about brickmaking and a local colliery railway. Tyneside Cinema. Tickets £3.50; £3 available from the Tyneside Cinema, Old Town Hall, Gateshead.

### **Wed 23 May 2.30pm 'Walk Around Winlaton Mill'**

Discover more about the history of this old village.

Meet at the car park opposite Winlaton Mill garage. ♣PBE

### **Wed 23 May 7.15pm 'Bridges of the Tyne'**

A look at our landmark bridges spanning Newcastle and Gateshead in this walk by Newcastle City Guides. Meet outside the Castle Keep, Newcastle.

### **Thurs 24 May 1.00pm – 4.30pm 'Who do you think you are?'**

A family history event organised by the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society. Meet experts from the NDFHS, NEWar Memorials Project and our own resident experts. Some timed appointments are available – to book tel 0191 433 8420 or 0191 433 8403 Central Library.

### **Thurs 24 May 1.30pm ‘Ousebrough Odes’**

A one mile moderate walk in Ousebrough Woods with the Countryside Team & Gateshead Libraries. Discover a beautiful ancient woodland with a surprising industrial past hidden in a corner of Gateshead and enjoy some poetry along the way! Please wear sensible footwear and bring suitable outdoor clothing. No children. Tickets £1 (to include transport to the woods and refreshments) available from Birtley Library Tel 0191 4336101 **•PBE**

### **Thurs 24 May 2.00pm ‘The High Level Bridge’**

The High Level Bridge was the first dual decked bridge in the world and is a Grade I listed building. Find out more in this talk followed by a walk along the bridge. Meet in reception, Gateshead Civic Centre. **•PBE**

### **Fri 25 May 10.30am ‘Fancy a cuppa?’**

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### **Fri 25 May 12.30pm ‘Rowing - when the Tyne led the world’**

Ian Whitehead, Maritime Curator, Tyne & Wear Museums. Shipley Gallery.

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### **Fri 25 May 7.00pm ‘The Mayors of Gateshead – a fascinating early history’.**

Talk by Susan Lynn, ex-Mayoress of Gateshead. Central Library.

### **Sun 27 May 11.00am ‘Gateshead’s Hidden Histories’**

If you want to know where you can find Archimedes’ head, beehives and old Father Time in Gateshead, then this is the walk for you. Walk lasting 1½ hours starting from outside Gateshead Visitor Centre, St Mary’s Church, Oakwellgate. **•PBE**

For further information about any of these events or if you have a local history enquiry, contact Anthea Lang, Local History Librarian on 0191 433 8403 or email [anthealang@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:anthealang@gateshead.gov.uk)



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