

Prestongrange Museum

What's On

2010



Welcome back to the new season at Prestongrange! We have a variety of events for you to enjoy this year including our new programme of 'Walkie Talkies' and old favourites such as Family Activity Day.

WALKIE TALKIES SERIES

From Monks to Bricks: A Hive of Industry with Philip Rayner

Sunday 25th April
1-2.45pm

£1.50 per ticket (includes refreshments)
Or £5 for 4 tickets (can include multiple talks)



Our new series of Sunday afternoon 'Walkie Talkies' kicks off with an introduction to the site and its history with Philip Rayner. Philip has worked at Prestongrange for three years and has built up a mass of knowledge from talking to visitors and researching the museum collections. This event will include a short illustrated talk followed by a guided walk around the site. A perfect introduction to our other talks!

To book your ticket, please contact prestongrange@btconnect.com or phone 0131 653 2904.

The Art of Production

Sunday 2nd May
12 noon – 3pm
FREE

A new event where we look at the bricks, coal and salt produced at Prestongrange in new, artistic ways. Play some scrap-metal music with Prestongrange's 'Pipe' band, make a life-size salt sculpture, or create your own Prestongrange bricks. You'll also be able to see potters throwing pots, discover our new exhibition called 'Gone to Pot' and hear some wonderful tales about coal with storyteller Marie Louise Cochrane. Suitable for everyone!



Creatures of the Night

Friday 14th May
8.45pm – 10.45pm
Ticketed - 50p suggested donation per person

Join the Ranger Service for a late night walk around Prestongrange discovering who or what uses the site at night. Moths, bats, foxes and mice are just some of the creatures we might come across. Hot drinks will be provided! Part of 'Museums at Night' weekend. Your donations will go towards a new bird box for the site.

Last year, tickets went within days, so book yours now! For tickets, contact [Prestongrange@btconnect.com](mailto:prestongrange@btconnect.com) or phone 0131 653 2904. Donations can be made on the night.

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WALKIE TALKIES SERIES

Prestongrange Pottery

With George Haggarty

Sunday 30th May

1-2.45pm

£1.50 per ticket (includes refreshments)

Or £5 for 4 tickets (can include multiple talks)



Renowned pottery expert George Haggarty joins us for a glimpse into Prestonpans' Pottery past! The pottery expert for the Prestongrange Community Archaeology Project, George has a vast knowledge of the Prestongrange site. George's talks are always popular so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. This event will include a short illustrated talk followed by a guided tour around the exhibition 'Gone to Pot'.

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Three Harbours Arts Festival

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Friday 4th June

2pm – 3.30pm

50p per ticket (includes juice and a cake)

Step through the looking glass and come on an adventure! Come dressed in your maddest party outfit for a tea party with a difference.

Create a wild hat and take part in some party games. Prize for the best dressed. Suitable for ages 5-12, limited spaces available so book now!



To book your ticket, please contact prestongrange@btconnect.com or phone 0131 653 2904.

The Battle of Prestonpans Comes to Prestongrange!

Sunday 6th June

12 noon – 3.30pm

FREE (Donations to Battle Trust welcome)

Join the Prestonpans Battle Trust re-enactors, storytellers and musicians for a day of historical adventure as we bring the 1745 Jacobite battle to life. Plus you can board the Battle Bus, meet Adam the Jacobite soldier, and play some battle games of your own. The Powerhouse will also feature an exhibition on the Battle.

WALKIE TALKIES SERIES

Crucible and Kiln: the Chemistry of Prestongrange.

With David Anderson

Sunday 27th June

1-2.45pm

£1.50 per ticket (includes refreshments)

Or £5 for 4 tickets (can include multiple talks)

David Anderson is a local historian with experience of working in the chemical industry. In his 'explosive' session, we learn about Prestonpans' early chemical industry, including a



chemical experiment! This walkie talkie will explore the basic processes of the ceramics, glassmaking and sulfuric acid industries, all of which had local connections.

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WALKIE TALKIES SERIES

Tea and Cakes with Catherine and Annie With Nicola Wright and Angie Townsend

Sunday 25th July
1-2.45pm



£1.50 per ticket (includes refreshments)
Or £5 for 4 tickets (can include multiple talks)

Come and meet Catherine Blair; Suffragette, instigator of the SWRI and founder of Mak'Merry Pottery. Brought to life through storytellers Angie Townsend & Nicola Wright reminiscing over 'Cups of Tea and Pots!'. In this session, you'll be invited to pull up a chair and join their chat within our pottery exhibition. In the words of Catherine Blair, "If you know a good thing, pass it on!"



Family Activity Day

Saturday 21st August
12 noon – 3pm
FREE

It's our third year running for this ever-popular event. Try out different activities from archery to water sports at this day of fun for all the family! There will also be an appearance by the mobile library van, the Ranger Service, Archaeologists, and arts and crafts. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy the fun!

Halloween Party

Friday 29th October
1.30pm – 3.30pm
FREE

Dress up, dook for apples and do a little dance! The perfect way to end the season at Prestongrange. Suitable for families. Drop in event.



Exhibitions

Gone to Pot

May – October 2010

Scotland's pottery industry was transformed in the 1750s. The Prestonpans potteries became so important that by 1792 the industry employed 252 people out of a population of 2028. Using the beautiful illustrations of artist Michelle McCluskey you can discover the story of East Lothian's potteries. The exhibition will highlight the main potteries from the Prestonpans area including familiar names such as Gordon's and

Belfield's. It will also explore the history of the Mak' Merry Pottery Studio. Children's activities will include a Victorian tea table and pottery wheel.

Prestongrange: A power house of Industry

May – October 2010

New look for Prestongrange Visitor Centre! This exciting new exhibition is part of the ongoing changing displays at Prestongrange. Each year the Visitor Centre will focus on different industries that have shaped this fascinating Industrial Heritage Site. This year we are exploring the industries of Coal, Brickworks, Glassworks and Potteries.

Tracing Prestongrange's Past Exhibition

14th-25th June

Discover the fascinating stories of Prestongrange workers with links to countries around the world. It will also feature a display on Venetian glassworkers by pupils from Preston Lodge High. Plus you can plant your own family flag! Open 11.30am-4.30pm, daily. Free.

Schools Programme

We also offer a variety of workshops for schools including:

People Who Help Us: Museum Staff

Nursery-P2

A Day in the Life of a Potter - Victorian Life at Prestongrange

P4-S4

Inspirational East Lothian Pottery (Art and Design)

S1-S6

These are free to East Lothian schools.

To find out more about our schools programme, contact Museums Education Officer Sarah Cowie on scowie@eastlothian.gov.uk or call 01620 828225

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Visit us via public transport!

Lothian Bus 26 and First Bus 129 (66 on Sundays) stop right outside the site, plus we're on the National Cycle Network Route 76, from Edinburgh to Berwick (and Stirling to St Andrews)