



East Dunbartonshire

Local History Month

March 2025

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The Local History Month programme exists to engage the community with the area's local history. It is organised by East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust in partnership with local community, history, and heritage groups. All members of the community are welcome to take part.

Join us for a month-long programme of events, exhibitions, walks and talks across East Dunbartonshire. Discover the incredible stories and heritage that define our area – you'll be amazed at what you will discover!

Booking information:

For events bookable through Eventbrite visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/east-dunbartonshire-libraries-17826695432

For more information contact

✉ archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

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For more general information on EDLC Libraries, Heritage and Arts visit www.edlc.co.uk

Events Calendar

Saturday					
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Explore Your House History – Display by Archivist (on for whole month) (Bishopbriggs Library)					
"Shopping in Lennoxtown" High Street Trail & Display (Lennoxtown Library)					
Online Exhibition – Westerton Garden Suburb EDLC					
8					
Milngavie Heritage Centre Group - Display Opening (Milngavie Library)					
Archives for Local History Janice Miller, William Patrick Library 2-4pm					
"Women in the Community" Local History display in Lenzie Library celebrating International Women's Day 2025					
15					
Ichnos Heritage Walk - Dougalston Woods 1pm - 2:30pm					
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29					
Waterside Miners Charitable Society - Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes 11am					

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8
Bits and Pieces , Kirkintilloch Town Hall Heritage Centre Monday 28 February – Friday 6 May (closed at weekends)	Kirkintilloch Rob Roy FC Tour 3 - 4pm Milngavie & Bearsden Historical Society: Lecture – "Scots and the Spanish Civil War" by William Maley, Lower Hall St Andrews Church, Bearsden 7:30pm – 8:30pm	From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Local Studies) Milngavie	Memory Scotland Lennoxtown, Lennoxtown Library 2.30 - 4pm	"Lunchtime Talk - Allanderware" Lillie Art Gallery 12noon Jen Binnie. (30mins)	Milngavie Heritage Centre Group - Display Opening (Milngavie Library) Archives for Local History Janice Miller, William Patrick Library 2-4pm "Women in the Community" Local History display in Lenzie Library celebrating International Women's Day 2025
10	11	12	13	14	15
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17	18	19	20	21	22
Milngavie Library Talk - The Irish in Milngavie - St Patrick's Day talk	Morag Peers - The History of Kilmardinny - Kilmardinny House 6pm	From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Local Studies) Kirkintilloch Kirkintilloch & District Society of Antiquaries – Talk Developing Lenzie by Design: Alexander Thomson, Robert Turnbull, and their lasting impact 2-3pm, The Park Centre, Kerr Street Kirkintilloch "Quiet Lunchtimes" - Auld Kirk Museum 1pm - 2pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29
		From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Local Studies) Bishopbriggs "Quiet Lunchtimes" - Auld Kirk Museum 1pm - 2pm Memory Scotland - Bearsden, Kilmardinny House, 2-3.30pm	Morag Peers - Intro to family history 6pm-7pm William Patrick		Waterside Miners Charitable Society - Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes 11am

Bearsden

Bishopbriggs

Kirkintilloch

Lennoxtown

Lenzie

Milngavie

Westerton



Milngavie & Bearsden Historical Society: “Scots and the Spanish Civil War” – a lecture by William Maley.

Come along to the Lower Hall in St Andrews Church, Bearsden to hear an interesting lecture from Professor William Maley, affiliate in the School of Critical Studies at Glasgow University.

‘The Spanish Civil War, 1936-39, was fought between the elected Republican Government, a coalition of communist and socialist parties, and Nationalists, rebelling army generals and military units, supported by monarchists and the Falange, a fascist party. The Nationalists had international military and financial support from fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, while the Republicans were supported by the Soviet Union and Mexico. Other countries stayed neutral, but tens of thousands of volunteers, including Scots, joined the International Brigades and fought alongside the Republicans.



Tuesday 4 March



7:30pm – 8:30pm



**Lower Hall, St Andrews Church,
29 Roman Road, Bearsden,
G61 2SN**

The History of Kilmardinny House – A talk by Morag Peers

Join us for an engaging talk at Kilmardinny House with Morag Peers.

Discover the stories of the families who owned Kilmardinny House since the present-day residence was built at the start of the 19th century, down to its final owners and bequest to the people of Bearsden.



Tuesday 18 March



6pm – 7pm



**Kilmardinny House Art Centre,
Kilmardinny Avenue, Bearsden, G61 3NN**

Memories Scotland Reminiscence Group: Bearsden

Join us in Kilmardinny House with the Memories Scotland Reminiscence Group.

Memories Scotland uses sports and social history to prompt reminiscence – a proven method of improving quality of life among people living with dementia and other forms of memory loss.

The benefits of reminiscence, however, extend further still. When we find resonance, inspiration or even contrast in past lives, it can encourage us to share stories from our own. Anyone can experience the therapeutic benefits of this collective storytelling.



Wednesday 26th March



2pm – 3:30pm



**Kilmardinny House Art Centre,
Kilmardinny Avenue, Bearsden, G613NN**

Explore Your House History

A display exploring how to research the history of your house. Are you interested in past occupants, when your house was built, or perhaps you'd like to track down original building plans? Discover the best sources for tracing the history of any building.



This will be on display in Bishopbriggs library from Saturday 1 March - Saturday 5 April (excluding Sundays).



Saturday 1 March – Saturday 5 April



**Bishopbriggs Library,
170 Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs G64 2LX**

From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Bishopbriggs)

Are you fascinated by old newspapers? Do you find yourself curious about the history of your town? Join us to share your memories and impressions of East Dunbartonshire across various eras. This event invites you to explore our local studies collection, featuring books, newspapers, ephemera, and photographs that provide a window into the past and a glimpse of life in our area. Come and enjoy the rich insights these materials offer.



Wednesday 26 March



Event held from 10am – 3pm



**Bishopbriggs Library, 170 Kirkintilloch Road,
Bishopbriggs G64 2LX**



Bits and Pieces , Kirkintilloch Town Hall Heritage Centre

Pop along to Kirkintilloch Town Hall's Heritage Centre for another opportunity to view the 'Bits & Pieces' exhibition created for the Made in Kirkintilloch project. The exhibition offers a fascinating insight into the local area's changing social and industrial landscape and many of the people and things associated with them. It is a collaboration between Kirkintilloch locals, Edward Z. Smith and Don Martin, who worked with artist and curator Trevor Cromie.



Monday 28 February – Friday 6 May (closed at weekends)



10am-4pm



**Kirkintilloch Town Hall, Union Street,
Kirkintilloch, G66 1DG**

Kirkintilloch Rob Roy FC - Guided Tour & History of the Club

Attention football enthusiasts! We invite you to join us at the Kirkintilloch Community Sports Complex on Tuesday 4 March , and Tuesday 11 March , from 3 to 4 pm. Enjoy a guided tour of the grounds and uncover the fascinating history of Kirkintilloch Rob Roy FC, one of the oldest Scottish Junior clubs still in existence.



Tuesday 4 March & Tuesday 11 March



3pm – 4pm



**Kirkintilloch Community Sports Complex,
72 Donaldson Street, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XS -
Home of Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C**

Archives for Local History

We've selected some of our favourite archives to celebrate the rich local history of East Dunbartonshire. Drop in to browse the display and get up close with some unique historical documents. Our archivist will also be on hand to help with any queries.

Drop in event, booking not required.



Saturday 8 March



2pm – 4pm



William Patrick Library, Kirkintilloch



Quiet Lunchtimes - Auld Kirk Museum

During March, the Auld Kirk Museum is offering groups a calm visiting hour that can be booked in advance. The Museum can often be a loud space with many or excited visitors. These lunchtime sessions provide an opportunity to attend when only your group will be in the space and may appeal to visitors who prefer a more relaxed environment, plus their families, friends, and carers.

Friendly staff will give you a warm welcome and support your visit as you explore the museum. At 2pm the museums will be opened to the public again but visitors to this session are welcome to remain in the museum for as long as they like.

Additional dates available on request.



Wednesday 12 March, Wednesday 19 March & Wednesday 26 March



1pm – 2pm



**Auld Kirk Museum,
Peel Brae, Kirkintilloch,
G66 1HN**



From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Kirkintilloch)

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Wednesday 19 March



Event held from 10am – 3pm



William Patrick Library

**(Archives and Local Studies on the 1st floor)
2 -4 West High Street, Kirkintilloch G66 1AD**

Developing Lenzie by Design - Kirkintilloch and District Society Antiquaries

The Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries has organised this talk by Dominic D'Angelo, Chair of the Alexander Thomson Society, on aspects of Alexander "Greek" Thomson's work.

Dominic will discuss the work of Alexander 'Greek' Thomson, with reference to his early coastal villas at Cove and Kilcreggan, his late designs and posthumous work used in developing Dullatur and Lenzie carried out by his last partner, Robert Turnbull, and his architect successor, the (unrelated) David Thomson.



Wednesday 19 March



2pm – 3pm



Park Centre, 45 Kerr Street, Kirkintilloch, G66 1LF





Introduction to Researching Your Family History

Join the millions of people around the world delving into their family's history. This taster session will cover the resources and information you need to get started, and the types of records you might find useful.



Thursday 27 March



6pm – 7pm



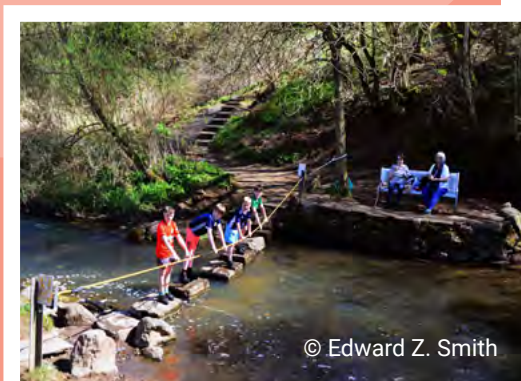
William Patrick Library

(Archives and Local Studies on the 1st floor)

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Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes Waterside Walk

Join us for an informative walk around the circular Eco-Museum of Scottish Mining Landscapes Waterside route, starting and finishing at the Waterside Miners Club car park.



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Saturday 29 March



11am



**Waterside Miners Club car park, Old Duntiblae Rd,
Kirkintilloch, G66 3LG**

Shopping in Lennoxtown - High Street Trail & Display in Lennoxtown Library

Step back in time with a journey through Lennoxtown's shopping history! This engaging trail by Campsie Local History Group invites

families to explore historical photographs of the original shops, creatively displayed in the windows of today's modern storefronts.

Discover the charming stories and nostalgia behind these beloved places as you stroll through the town and be sure to visit Lennoxtown Library for the "Shopping in Lennoxtown - Memories of the Main Street" display. Don't miss this delightful adventure through time!

This will be on display in Lennoxtown library from Saturday 1 March - Monday 31 March (excluding Sundays)



Saturday 1 March – Monday 31 March



Library opening hours



**Lennoxtown Library, Main Street,
Lennoxtown, G66 7JJ**





Memories Scotland Reminiscence Group: Lennoxtown

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Thursday 6 March



2.30pm – 4pm



Lennoxtown Library, Main Street, Lennoxtown, G66 7JJ

From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Lennoxtown)

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Wednesday 12 March



Event held from 10am – 3pm



Lennoxtown Library, Main Street, Lennoxtown, G66 7JJ



Women in the Community - Local History Display

Join us at Lenzie Library for the “Women in the Community” local history display, celebrating International Women’s Day 2025! Discover the inspiring stories of remarkable women who have shaped our community.

This will be on display in Lenzie library from Saturday 8 March - Saturday 5 April (excluding Sundays)



**Lenzie Library, 31 Alexandra Avenue,
Kirkintilloch, G66 5BG**

From Then to Now: Daily Life in East Dunbartonshire (Milngavie)

Are you fascinated by old newspapers? Do you find yourself curious about the history of your town? Join us to share your memories and impressions of East Dunbartonshire across various eras. This event invites you to explore our local studies collection, featuring books, newspapers, ephemera, and photographs that provide a window into the past and a glimpse of life in our area. Come and enjoy the rich insights these materials offer!



Wednesday 5 March



Event held from 10am – 3pm



Milngavie Library, Allander Road, Milngavie, G62 8PN

Keeping Calm and Carrying On - Display by Milngavie Heritage Centre Group

This heritage display examines the dramatic changes the war years brought to The Home Front in Milngavie and Bearsden during WW2.

This will be on display in Milngavie library from

Saturday 8 March - Saturday 10 May (excluding Sundays)



Saturday 8 March - Saturday 10 May



Library opening hours



Milngavie Library, Allander Road, Milngavie, G62 8PN



A Stitch in Time – Display by the team at Milngavie Library

Pop in to Milngavie library to explore a display giving a glimpse into the lifestyle of a home during the War era. Discover how households transformed everyday challenges into creative solutions, mastering the art of recycling and repurposing!



Saturday 8 March



Library opening hours



**Milngavie Library,
Allander Road, Milngavie,
G62 8PN**



Lunchtime Talk – Allanderware

Join us for a quick-bite Lunchtime Talk with our Museums Collection Officer and get a mini-fix of art and local history. Hear the story behind Allanderware, see some of the colourful ceramics from our collection, and we might even fit in a touch of what this short-lived pottery has inspired since!

A short, informal talk (~30min) looking at a small number of objects in our gallery space.



Friday 7 March



12pm – 12.30pm



**Lillie Art Gallery, 71 Station Road,
Milngavie, G62 8BZ**

Ichnos Heritage Walk – Dougalston Woods

This interactive guided walk will be an opportunity to engage with the human and non-human heritage of the woods, how they were used and what the woods can reveal to us today. We'll also touch on the history of the



Dougalston Estate, which was once owned by John Glassford, a prominent Tobacco Lord in the eighteenth century, and how this estate was connected to the Caribbean and the triangular trade.

What animals and trees can we find in the woods? What can we understand about the history of the woods and the estate from the landscape and features we can see? What did Dougalston look like in the past and how did people use it?

Dougalston Woods paths can be uneven, muddy and steep. This walk is suitable to ages 7+. Outdoor clothing and footwear are recommended. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the organisers if you have any accessibility questions.



Saturday 15 March

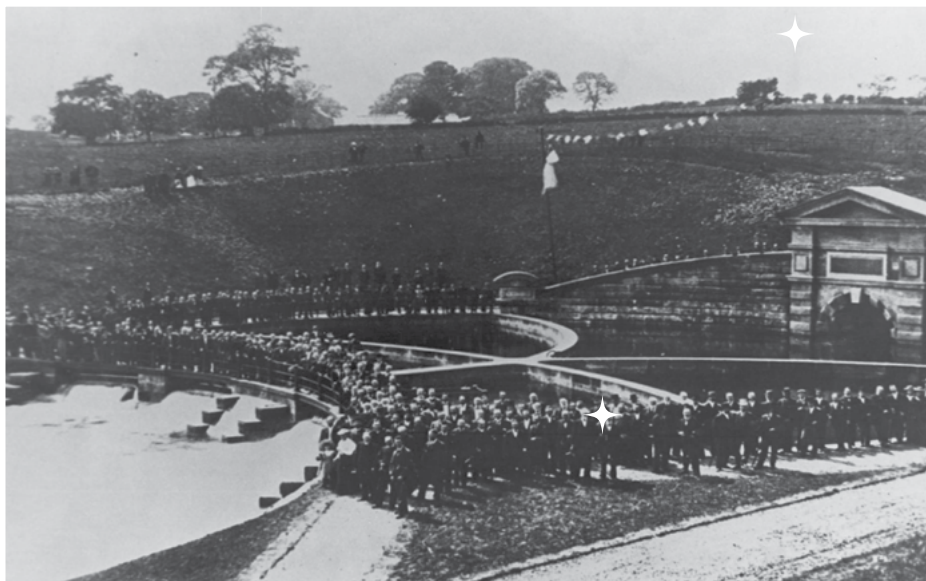


1pm – 2.30pm



Dougalston Avenue, Milngavie, G62





The Irish in Milngavie

Join us at Milngavie Library for a talk exploring the experiences of the workers involved in building a section of Glasgow's water supply at Craigmaddie Reservoir, located near Milngavie in East Dunbartonshire in the late 19th century. This exploration seeks to highlight the lives and struggles of the mainly Irish labourers, many of whom faced harsh challenges posed by nature and some even lost their lives, all in exchange for a daily wage and to provide a clean water supply for the people of Glasgow.



Wednesday 26 March



7pm – 8pm



Milngavie Library, Allander Road, Milngavie, G62 8PN

A Garden Suburb for Glasgow

This digital exhibition tells the story of Scotland's first garden suburb. Built at Westerton in 1913 the garden suburb is part of an outstanding conservation area and one of Scotland's architectural gems. Discover the origins of the suburb, the principles behind the design and layout of the houses, and the resourcefulness of Westerton's first residents. Featuring images from the suburb's archives preserved by the EDLC Archives Service.



View the exhibition by clicking the link below:

<https://www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/westerton-garden-suburb/>

Local History is not just for March!

If Local History Month has sparked your interest in local history why not contact us at archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or call 777 3142 for more information on our Archives and Local Studies department (situated on the first floor of the William Patrick Library).



Here you can enjoy free access to a wealth of archive and local history material including local newspapers from 1883 to the present day, a vast collection of 40,000 photographs and a large and varied selection of local books and maps to enjoy. There are also over 300 archive collections covering councils, schools, businesses, industries, cemeteries, clubs, individuals, families, poor relief, valuation rolls, burial records and building plans.

Looking to discover more about East Dunbartonshire

Explore our online collections catalogue here

collections.edlc.co.uk/search/simple

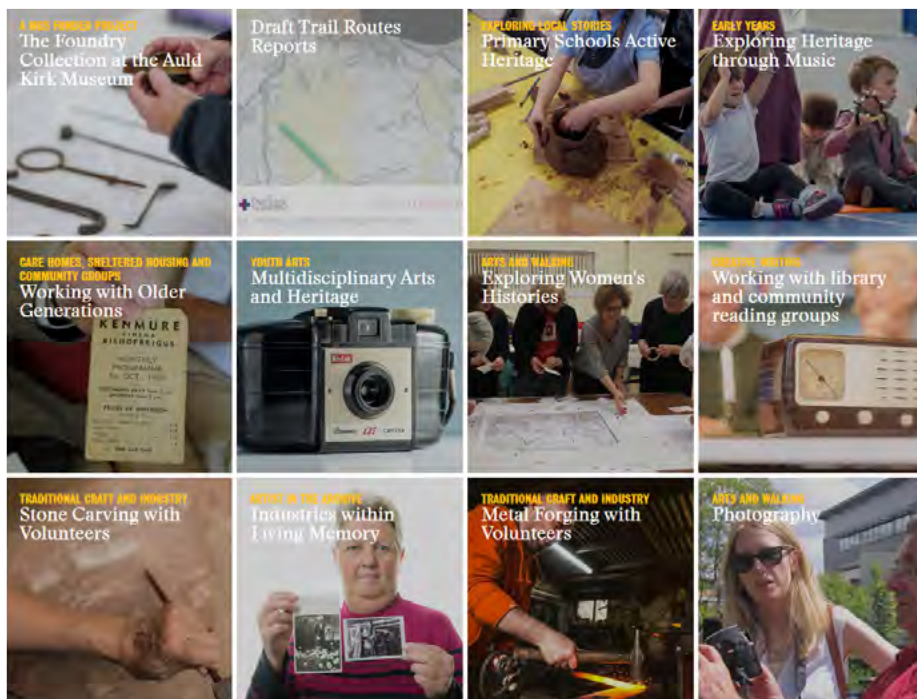
Want to find out more about local people, places and history?

Why not purchase one of our local publications!

Contact archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk for more details or visit www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/historical-records/local-history/local-publications/ for a full list of these great titles.

Did you know Trails and Tales is a Heritage and Arts Project which has engaged artists with communities to explore their local history and heritage? This project has generated research, conversations and creative responses to learning and has informed the design and creation of a series of outdoors sculptural arts and heritage trails, across 11 local communities (Towns and Villages). There are nine downloadable maps on our website which you can use to explore East Dunbartonshire.

For more information, please see www.trailsandtales.org



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