

Museums in Annan, Dumfries and Sanquhar

Exhibitions, Events and Workshops

April - September 2019



ADMISSION FREE



Dumfries
COUNCIL
& Galloway

Welcome

Visit Scotland launched their #SeeSouthScotland campaign at the end of 2018. We love our local area in Dumfries and Galloway and hope that we can offer visitors from near and far an enjoyable museum experience here. We look forward to welcoming you to our venues.

Our events are listed on our new web site www.dgculture.co.uk where you can also download a PDF of this programme.

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EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS AND GROUPS



For further information on school or group visits please call Dumfries Museum on 01387 253374.

The museums are free to visit and Camera Obscura presentations at Dumfries Museum are free to school groups when booked in advance. If you are studying a specific topic and think that we can help please call us. We have a range of worksheets which may help structure your visit.

Loans boxes

We have a wide range of loans boxes available for schools and community groups to borrow free of charge. These cover topics such as Robert Burns, Domestic Life, Education and Childhood and many more.

Special workshops

We offer special workshops based on some of our temporary exhibitions - look out for further information on GLOW or through education email circulars.

Front cover: Dumfries man Robert Waland (1908 - 1999), optical engineer and astronomer, worked on telescopes at the University of Arizona at Tucson that enabled astronomers to compile an atlas of the moon surface that was used by the first astronauts to land on the moon in 1969. This is image Y842 from the lunar atlas held at Dumfries Museum.



To keep up to date with our news and get additional information follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@DumfriesMuseum).

Annan Museum

Annan Museum

Bank Street, Annan DG12 6AA

Tel: 01461 201384

Admission is free

Open 1 April - 31 October 2019

Monday - Saturday

11am - 4pm

This family friendly museum houses a permanent exhibition on the history of Annan and the surrounding area. A fascinating journey through time takes visitors from the prehistoric period up to the era of nuclear fission. Displays include costume, First World War memorabilia, town regalia and a remarkable collection of paintings depicting Annan and the Solway shore. Look out for a 4000 year old Bronze Age burial urn, mummified baby crocodiles and the 110 year old piece of chocolate!

The museum also hosts a lively programme of special exhibitions and events throughout the season, together with visitor information and a shop stocking pocket money buys as well as local history books and greetings cards by local artists.



NEW FOR 2019

Star objects to be added to the museum for 2019: London to Glasgow stagecoach jack, communion ware relating to Annan Old Parish Church and recent archaeological finds awarded to Dumfries and Galloway Council Museums via Treasure Trove.

EXHIBITIONS AT ANNAN MUSEUM



Monday 1 April -
Saturday 27 April

Annan Amateur Art Club

An exhibition of a wide selection of art work by members of Annan Amateur Art Club. Currently the club meets from October to April in a comfortable room at Galabank Football Stadium on Wednesday afternoons. Members support each other in developing their creative skills.

Saturday 4 May - Saturday 15 June
Haaf Net History

Unique to the inner Solway, haaf netting has been practised in Annan for over a thousand years. With links to the Vikings and Kings, Riding of the Marches and the fish cross - this interactive display documents for the first time the cultural and historical significance of haaf net fishing.

This exhibition has been developed in partnership with Annan Common Good Sub Committee and Annan Royal Burgh Fishermen's Association. Funded by Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee and The Scottish Government - Marine Scotland. Delivered as part of the International Year of the Salmon 2019.



Saturday 22 June - Sunday 8 September
Coastwise - Where every name tells a story

This exhibition reveals the history and stories behind the origins of coastal place-names by exploring the language used to describe features between Redkirk Point and Southernness. Using the first Ordnance Survey maps as a starting point the exhibition looks at how names have evolved and explains the meaning of words that have disappeared from our everyday language. Hands on family activities will accompany this exhibition.

This exhibition was created by the Solway Firth partnership. Find out more at www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk/community/solway-coastwise

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Plastic waste art installation

The For Enjoyment community were commissioned by the Dumfries and Galloway Eco Warriors to produce an installation piece to highlight the effects of plastic pollution on the Dumfries and Galloway coastline. The resulting art work invites debate about the human impact of our natural world and at the same time highlight the importance of the work of the Eco Warriors in attempting to clean up our precious beaches.

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Saturday 14 September - Thursday 31 October
Dinosaurs

How do dinosaurs fit into the evolution of life on Earth? What can fossils tell us about these amazing creatures that roamed the Earth 65 millions years ago?

Discover some of the answers to these questions in this family friendly exhibition that includes hands on activities for children (and adults).

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Doors Open Days 2019
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FREE FAMILY EVENTS AT ANNAN MUSEUM

Suitable for aged 5 and upwards, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear old clothes - workshops can be messy! Where booking is required this opens one month before the event.

To reserve a place please phone Annan Museum on 01461 201384 during normal opening times (Monday - Saturday 11am - 4pm).

Activities are free. Donations towards the cost of materials are always appreciated and help to make the museum sustainable in the longer term.

Drop in spring activities

Thursday 11 April, 11am - 3pm
Get arty for Easter 1

Make decorative Easter inspired spring garlands, cards and gifts.

Thursday 18 April, 11am - 3pm
Get arty for Easter 2

Birds, beasts and animals are the inspiration for more arty activities at the museum.

Make seed bombs with RSPB officer David Lewis



Find out what the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds do and what you can see when you explore our local area. Make a treat to take home for your feathered garden friends.



Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Monday 22 April, 11am - 4pm

Find the Easter eggs

Find all of the eggs hidden around the museum and answer the Easter quiz questions to win a wee chocolate egg and lots of satisfaction.



Saturday 1 April - 27 April, Monday - Saturday 11am - 4pm

Drop in gallery activities to accompany the Annan Amateur Art Club exhibition

- Picture gallery trail
- Draw a picture to add to our Children's Art Gallery
- Decorate a butterfly or beastie to add to our spring wall hanging



Saturday 4 May - 15 June, Monday to Saturday 11am - 4pm

Drop in gallery activities to accompany the Haaf Net History exhibition

- Help us to decorate scales for the giant salmon
- Make a fishy face mask
- A fishy gallery trail
- Quizzes and colouring sheets



Drop in summer activities

Our summer programme of drop in craft activities and gallery trails are inspired by the Coastwise exhibition.

11am - 3pm on each of the following dates:

Thursday 4 July
Out of the blue

Use a variety of printing methods including bubble wrap, potatoes and sponges to make colourful sea creature pictures.

Thursday 11 July
Stories of the sea

Listen to stories of the sea and pirates and take part in bringing them to life.

Thursday 18 July
Seaside solar prints

Use sun sensitive paper and light to create beautiful silhouette pictures inspired by seaside objects.

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11am - 3pm on each of the following dates:

Thursday 25 July
“Tentaculous” jellyfish

Using paper plates and lots of streamers and fabric to make beautiful jellyfish mobiles.

Thursday 1 August
How big is a whale?

Stand inside our life size outline of a whale, learn interesting facts about their lives and imagine how these giants of the deep glide through the sea. Make tiny models of whales to take home.

Thursday 8 August
Painting with salt

Discover how paint mixes with salt to make fantastic rainbow coloured pictures.

Thursday 15 August
Treasure chest

Imagine finding a treasure chest hidden on the beach - what would be in it? Decorate a special box to keep your treasures in.

Saturday 22 June - Sunday 8 September,
11am - 4pm, Monday to Saturday

Drop in gallery activities to accompany the Coastwise exhibition

- Take the seaside feely box challenge
- What’s in a name? Find the hidden words and work out what they mean
- Follow the seaside trail
- Colouring sheets and quizzes

Drop in autumn activities at Annan Museum

Saturday 14 September -
Thursday 31 October,
11am - 4pm, Monday to Saturday

Drop in gallery activities to accompany the Dinosaurs exhibition

- Meet “Tea - Rex” (loves a brew) and follow his gallery trail
- Try walking in the footsteps of a dinosaur
- Hands on games
- Dressing up
- Make crayon rubbing pictures of fossils
- Colouring and quiz sheets

Further activities are planned for the October school holidays - details in the autumn/winter programme.



CAMERA OBSCURA, DUMFRIES

Camera Obscura, Dumfries

The Observatory, Rotchell Road,
Dumfries DG2 7SW
Tel: 01387 253374



Open 1 April - 30 September 2019

Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Admission
Adult £3.60
Concession £1.80

The Camera Obscura is on the top floor of the old windmill tower at Dumfries Museum. Originally an astronomical instrument, it was installed in 1836 when the windmill was converted into an observatory. From it you can see a fascinating panoramic view of Dumfries and the surrounding countryside. A unique experience.

The windmill tower and Camera Obscura are accessed via a spiral staircase - please telephone for further details. Camera Obscura viewings are not available when it is raining in order to preserve this rare historical instrument.

Dumfries Museum

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The Observatory, Rotchell Road,
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Open all year

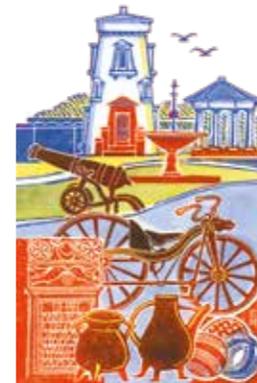
1 April - 30 September 2019
Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm,
Sunday 2pm - 5pm

1 October 2019 - March 2020
Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Admission free

A treasure house of history in Dumfries and Galloway telling the story of the land and people of the region. Look out for fossil footprints left by prehistoric animals, the wildlife of the Solway, tools and weapons of our earliest people, stone carvings by Scotland’s first Christians and the everyday things of the Victorian farm, workshop and home. Museum activity trails and gallery investigations, visitor information and a shop with unusual and nostalgic toys, gifts and pocket money buys.

The windmill tower is reached via a spiral staircase - please telephone for further details.



EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS AT DUMFRIES MUSEUM



2019 Foyer Exhibition -
Until January 2020
Mr Museum

Alfred Edgar Truckell (Alf) was born 100 years ago on 14 February 1919. He was curator of Dumfries Museum 1948 - 1982. During this time he expanded the museum collection, increased visitor numbers, opened the Old Bridge House as a museum of domestic life and started a museum in Annan. He was a well known figure in the town and was awarded an MBE for his services to learning.



Saturday 6 April - Sunday 2 June
Roman invaders in the Solway?

The story of the Priestside anchor and the ships that carried Roman invaders to our shores 2000 years ago.

The Roman Army was almost invincible on land of its own choosing and was closely supported by a formidable navy. For many years an ancient iron anchor from Priestside near Annan has been on display in Dumfries Museum. New studies have revealed that this may be one of the rarest survivors of an invading Roman navy. Find out more about how the anchor was made and how the Romans used boats to conquer and colonise.

Also on show is the Bulbury Camp anchor, on loan from Dorset County Museum. This anchor is definitely of Iron Age date and was found during the excavation of Bulbury Iron Age Hill-fort in 1881. It will be the first ever time that these two rare anchors can be compared.



**Saturday 8 June -
Saturday 31 August**
**Set in Stone - Dumfries’
sandstone carvings**

Discover the craft of stone carving, from quarrying in Locharbriggs to carved gargoyles in the town centre. This exhibition brings together stories from people involved in the trade, contemporary carving, new images and research of local stonework.

Over the past year, the Dumfries Historic Building Trust’s Stonecarving Project has been celebrating the amazing history and continuing tradition of local stone carving, working with volunteers to capture living memories and find hidden gems in the town archives.



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**WALKS, TALKS AND
WORKSHOPS AT DUMFRIES
MUSEUM**

Booking is required unless otherwise stated.

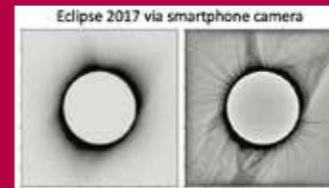
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Saturday 30 March
8.15pm - 10pm
**Earth Hour 2019 -
Celebrating the Diversity
of Life on Earth**

Join us for the global Earth Hour party, highlighting the need for action on climate change. After the lights go out at 8.30pm join us for refreshments and a candlelit storytelling session inspired by the diversity of life on Earth. Stories and readings on the theme of animals by Tom Hughes and JoAnne McKay. Suitable for all ages.



Thursday 11 April, 7pm
**Crowdsourcing Novel
Eclipse Science with
Smartphones -**

A talk by Dr Hugh Hudson, School of Physics & Astronomy, University of Glasgow

Smartphones usually come equipped now with excellent cameras and GPS registration. This makes it possible to both record good images of totality, during a total solar eclipse, and also to measure the timing of Bailey’s Beads (also known as the diamond ring effect) with millisecond precision. A free app will be used during the next solar eclipses (Argentina on 2 July 2019, Patagonia in 2020). If successful, the smartphone observations in 2019 may provide definitive estimates of the shape of the Sun.

This Yuri’s Night talk is presented in collaboration with Dumfries Astronomy Society.



Thursday 25 April, 7pm
**‘Masons’ marks - What use
are they?**

A Talk by archaeologist Moira Greig

Who were the stonemasons who left such a built legacy for us today? Archaeological building surveys often ignore masons’ marks or give them little importance. By systematically recording the locations of all marks they can help identify different building phases and add information on payment methods for the construction. To date Scotland’s Masons’ Marks Project has recorded marks on 79 buildings.

This talk is presented in collaboration with the Dumfries Historic Buildings Trust as part of the Dumfries Stone Carving Project.



Thursday 2 May, 6.30pm
**Sir Robert Carey and his
dangerous world**

Patricia Finney (author P F Chisholm) will be talking about the Anglo-Scottish Borders in the 1590s when the wars with Scotland had stopped but the raiding, reiving, murdering and firesetting was still going merrily on. Sir Robert was expected to bring peace with 8-25 men.

P.F. Chisholm has published many historical novels inspired by the Border Reivers including her omnibus editions Guns in the North, Knives in the South, Swords in the East.

This event is presented in partnership with Waterstones’ bookshop, Dumfries. Patricia’s books will be for sale on the night and can be signed by the author.



DOORS OPEN DAYS

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Doors Open Days 2019

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Camera Obscura presentations are free throughout this weekend.

Friday 13 September, 7.30pm
The Dumfries Burns Club Autumn Lecture - Sailing from Kippford to Inverness

This talk by Mr Bill Brydson is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served.



Thursday 19 September, 6.30pm
Midnight Heroes

A photo biography of the Titanic's eight musicians and their legacies by David Kaplan, Titanic Historian

David Kaplan, a Michigan resident, has been studying the Titanic for over 40 years. During that time he met eighteen survivors of the tragedy. He has visited numerous Titanic related sites in Canada, US, UK, and the actual sinking site on the Atlantic Ocean. He now gives presentations internationally on a variety of Titanic topics.

Saturday 20 July, 10am - 12noon and 2 - 4pm
50th Anniversary of Apollo Moon Landing

On the anniversary of the first moon landing recreate the event with our moon landing backdrop and costumes to make a unique family photo. Space related craft activities, trails and quizzes for all the family. Find out about local man Robert Waland who helped to make the telescope used to map the moon, making lunar landings possible.

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Drop in Spring Activities

Saturday 6 April - Sunday 2 June
Drop in gallery activities to accompany Roman Invaders in the Solway? exhibition



- Dress up as a Roman or Iron Age local
- Make a Roman helmet
- Gallery trails, colouring sheets and quizzes



Tuesday 9 April, 10am - 12noon or 2 - 4pm
"Anchors aweigh!"

Learn more about anchors old and new and make a model of a Roman battle ship.



Tuesday 16 April, 10am - 12noon or 2 - 4pm
Felt flowers for spring

Use felt to make pretty spring bookmarks, hairclips and decorations.

Friday 19 - Monday 22 April (Sunday 2pm - 5pm, otherwise 10am - 5pm)

Find the Easter ducklings

Find all of the ducklings hidden around the museum and answer the Easter quiz questions to win a wee chocolate egg and lots of satisfaction.



Drop in Summer activities

Our summer programme of drop in craft activities and gallery trails are mainly inspired by the Set in Stone exhibition

10am - 12noon or 2- 4pm on each of the following dates:

Tuesday 2 July
Gargoyles and grotesques

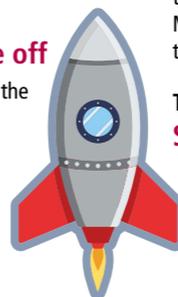
Be inspired by carvings from Dumfries and create your own clay creature.

Tuesday 9 July
Soap carving

Chisel and scrape away to carve a miniature statue, and add your own masons' mark.

Tuesday 16 July
Prepare for take off

Get ready to celebrate the first space ship to land on the moon. Make your own fantasy rocket from recycled materials.



Tuesday 23 July
New light through old windows

Discover the carved stone patterns of Lincluden Abbey and make your own decorative window hanging.

Tuesday 30 July
3D Coats of arms

Build up a shield representing your interests, just like the carved stone examples all over Dumfries.

Tuesday 6 August
Roman altars

Discover the museum's Romans altars, what their symbols mean and what the Romans offered to their gods. Make and decorate a miniature altar to take home.

Tuesday 13 August
Stony faced

Discover some of the strange faces carved in stone around Dumfries and make your own mask version.

Tuesday 20 August
Neat knotwork

Spot the fabulous designs on stone crosses from Dumfriesshire. Use string to make your own patterns of interlaced designs and animals and carve these into clay.

Saturday 8 June - Saturday 31 September

Drop in gallery activities to accompany the Set in Stone exhibition

- Discover the museum's quarried and carved sandstone with the Set in Stone trail
- Make a gargoyle mask
- Colouring sheets and quizzes



Drop in Autumn activities

Saturday 21 September - Saturday 23 November

Drop in gallery activities to accompany the Coastwise exhibition

- Coastal "feely box" challenge
- Sea themed museum trails
- Colouring sheets and quizzes



Further activities are planned for the October school holidays - details in the autumn/winter programme.

Old Bridge House, Dumfries



Old Bridge House, Dumfries

Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE

Tel: 01387 256904

Open 1 April - 30 September 2019

Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm,
Sunday, 2pm - 5pm

Admission free

Cross the fifteenth century Devorgilla Bridge to the Old Bridge House. Built in 1660 into the sandstone of the bridge itself, Dumfries' oldest house is now a museum of everyday life in the town. You can see the family kitchen, nursery and bedroom of a Victorian home, and pay a visit to an early dentist's surgery! Sit at the traditional school desk and try your hand at some Victorian school room exercises.

The Old Bridge House is accessed via steps - please telephone for further details.

**DOORS
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DAYS**

Doors Open Days 2019

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Robert Burns Centre, Dumfries



Robert Burns Centre, Dumfries

Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE

Tel: 01387 264808

Open all year

1 April - 30 September 2019
Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 2pm - 5pm

October - March 2020
Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Admission free

Redisplayed for the 2019 season, the exhibition at the Robert Burns Centre showcases a precious collection of artefacts that are of national significance. Visitors can explore Dumfries as it would have been at the time of Robert Burns through a fascinating 3D landscape model, with additional information and illustrations available on two new gallery apps. An audio booth gives visitors the chance to listen to contemporary performances of the poets' songs and poems and younger visitors can discover more about Scotland's national bard through a new gallery trail, colouring sheets, word games and jigsaws.

A stair lift is available to access the first floor exhibition area.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE BURNS SCOTLAND PARTNERSHIP IS



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Robert Burns Centre, Dumfries 13 July - 5 October 2019 Jessy fair

A portrait of Jessy Lewars is on loan from East Ayrshire Leisure to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Robert Burns on 21 July 1796.

Jessy was the sister of one of the poet's colleagues in the Excise Service. She was also a neighbour to the family when they moved to Mill Street in Dumfries (now Burns Street), becoming a close friend and helping with the children. She helped Jean Armour nurse her husband through his last illness and Burns wrote several poems to the music she played, including Inscrption to Jessy Lewars,

*"Thine be the volumes, Jessy fair,
And with them take the Poet's prayer"*

Newly conserved for this exhibition, the painting is the first of a programme of loans to the Robert Burns Centre from the Burns Scotland collection.



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ROBERT BURNS CENTRE FILM THEATRE

BOX OFFICE 01387 264808

Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE

The Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre has provided an alternative film-going experience for over 30 years and screens a diverse range of films including foreign language films, low-budget independent films, documentaries, animations and short films.

Our diverse programme is complemented by activities which will appeal to a range of audiences and age groups. We look to collaborate with community groups, local and national bodies, and individual practitioners to create special events tailored to specific audiences and age-groups. Contact rbcft@dumgal.gov.uk or call on 01387 263094 for more details.



www.rbcft.co.uk

Robert Burns House, Dumfries



Robert Burns House, Dumfries

Burns Street, Dumfries DG1 2PS

Tel: 01387 255297

Open all year

1 April - 30 September 2019

Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 2pm - 5pm

October - March 2020

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm

Admission free

It was in this simple sandstone house in a quiet Dumfries street that Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, spent the last years of his life. He died here in 1796 at the age of just thirty seven. The house shows us how the poet and his family lived in the late eighteenth century, and is now a place of pilgrimage for Burns enthusiasts from around the world. The sales area has books, gifts and keepsakes, all with a Burns connection.

Robert Burns House is accessed via steps - please telephone for further details.

DOORS OPEN DAYS Doors Open Days 2019

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September, 10am - 5pm

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Sanquhar Tolbooth Museum



Sanquhar Tolbooth Museum

High Street, Sanquhar, DG4 6BN

Tel: 01659 50186

Open 1 April to 30 September 2019

Tuesday - Saturday
10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Admission free

Discover Sanquhar's world famous knitting tradition and the story of the mines and miners of Sanquhar and Kirkconnel. What was it like to be a prisoner in Sanquhar jail? How did the ordinary people of Upper Nithsdale live and work in times past? All this and more can be found in the town's fine 18th century tolbooth. A free audiovisual presentation and gallery investigation take you on a tour, revealing the fascinating story of Upper Nithsdale.

Sanquhar Tolbooth Museum is accessed via steps - please telephone for further details.

NEW FOR 2019

New objects to be added to the museum for 2019 include recent archaeological finds awarded to Dumfries and Galloway Council Museums via Treasure Trove including a Bronze Age axehead and a medieval cross pendant.



Tuesday 2 July -
Friday 16 August
Summer Quizzes

How observant are you?
Test your skills in our series of weekly quizzes, you could win a prize! Suitable for all ages.

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WHERE TO FIND US



To Sanquhar
Tolbooth Museum
(27 miles)

Gracefield
Arts
Centre

Railway
Station

Ewart
Library

Midsteeple

Old
Bridge
House
Museum

Tourist
Information

Fountain

DG One
Leisure Centre

Theatre
Royal

To Annan
Museum
(17 miles)

Dumfries
Museum
& Camera
Obscura

Robert
Burns
Centre and
Film Theatre

Robert
Burns
House