



SPEAKING OF DUNFERMLINE



Oral history volunteers, backroom team and interviewees gather to share their stories at the Tiffanys Lounge.

“Speaking Of... Dunfermline” was a fantastic success. Overseen by Katy Firth, Research & Activities Assistant, the project has now concluded, and everyone involved had a hugely rewarding experience. The result is a fabulous collection of stories about everything from coal mining and clippies to dancing, dating and dogs on trams. A booklet on the project is available now, and much of the work will feature in the new museum.

Congratulations to Katy, who is expecting her first child in September. We’ve advertised for temporary maternity cover and hope to have someone in post soon. Best wishes to Katy in her new role – job title “Mum”.

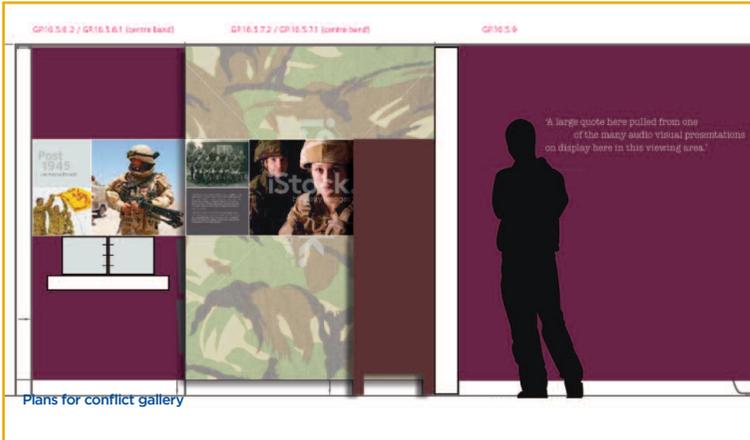


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Museum Design



Dougal Drysdale was recently reunited with his father Captain David Drysdale's army uniform to be included in our World War Two display.

As well as the high profile volunteer work the team is quietly working on the content and look of the permanent museum displays. We thought we'd share with you the latest plans from Redman Design for the wartime theme.

Hoardings Up!



The team posing by the hoardings on Abbey Park Place.

If you pop by St. Margaret's House, you can chat to the museum project team, and visit the local studies and archives facilities. You will also see our newly installed hoardings, along with the graphics in the windows on St Margaret's Street and Abbot Street.

They're very attractive, and full of information about the museum, library and galleries, and what to expect when we open!

Cake and Construction

To celebrate this year's Volunteer Week, twenty volunteers visited the library building and the construction site led by BAM Site Manager, Lauren Miller. She gave a fascinating insight into the technical work involved in integrating the old and new buildings and the work that lies ahead to deliver this amazing 21st century facility. The volunteers enjoyed a cuppa and cake back at the BAM Construction Office.



Building site tour. St Margaret's House in the background where the Museum Team is based.



Carnegie Trefoil Guild members Anne Baxter and Dorothy Wilson

VOLUNTEERS GALLERY



Kayleigh Sinton shortlisted for Young Volunteer of the Year (Fife Voluntary Action Awards, 2015)



First World War volunteers presented their favourite stories discovered during their research

Make a Noise in Libraries... and Museums too!

We used the RNIB's campaign, which promotes accessible reading materials for blind and partially-sighted people, as a springboard to find out how customers think we can improve Fife's library and museum services. Almost 130 people joined us at events designed to increase awareness of the different kinds of sight problems as well as promoting our library housebound service and free digital magazine app, Zinio.



Margaret Mitchell won a Samsung Galaxy Tablet in our prize draw correctly guessing the mystery object: a goffering iron used to make ruffles in fabric.



Pupils from Duloch Primary School try out simulation glasses to experience different vision problems.

Maygate Update

The Summer Reading Challenge, for children in the school holidays, started in July with a Record Breakers theme. The challenge is linked with the Guinness Book of Records – always a popular source of weird, wonderful and wacky facts from around the world.

Staff at Dunfermline Maygate Library have been encouraging youngsters to do their 'personal best' in the Challenge by reading 6 or more library books of their choice, and we are busy giving out little prizes along the way! We will be awarding certificates and medals up until completion in September.



Charlotte and Annabel Newell (aged 10 and 8 years) receiving popper crayons and stickers for the Summer Reading Challenge.



St Leonard's Works, 1989



Dunlop Textiles © J Gilchrist

Talking Textiles Wanted: Dunfermline's Ex-Mill Workers

Did you work for Hay & Robertson or Erskine Beveridge? Were you working in one of the factories when linen production ceased? We'd love to hear from you! If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to help us bring the story of Dunfermline's linen trade to life, please get in touch with the museum team.

Get involved... find out more

There will be lots of ways that you can help make the new Dunfermline Museum into something to be proud of. More information will be issued in quarterly newsletters which you can download from the website or receive by post if you send in a request to join a newsletter mailing list. Send an email to libraries.museums@onfife.com or ask in one of our Dunfermline libraries.

You are also welcome to contact The Museum Project Team
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