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Want to leave the dark days of winter behind and enjoy **a feast of summer colour?**

Kirkcaldy Galleries has one of the finest art collections in the country, and entry is **free**. If you haven't seen it yet why not make a trip?

The railway station is on our doorstep, we are just 5 minutes' walk from the bus station and car parking is free.



Why not enjoy a relaxing coffee in **Café Wemyss**, which also serves up tasty snacks and tray bakes





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Diane Arbus, *Young Man and His Pregnant Wife in Washington Square Park, N.Y.C. 1965*

ARTIST ROOMS National Galleries of Scotland and Tate. Acquired jointly through The d'Offay Donation with assistance from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and The Art Fund 2008 © The Estate of Diane Arbus LLC

## ARTIST ROOMS: **Diane Arbus**

**14 February – 31 May**

In its first ever ARTIST ROOMS exhibition, Kirkcaldy Galleries is thrilled to present the work of leading American photographer Diane Arbus (1923 – 71). Famous for photographing individuals marginalised by society, Arbus refused to take pictures of her subjects in ways that people wanted to see them, challenging concepts of identity, beauty and normality. Her unapologetic approach to photography revealed the complexities of human nature and relationships, making the ordinary extraordinary and the misunderstood familiar.

The Galleries will explore how her work reflected the social, political and economic changes taking place throughout the United States from the 1950s – 70s. Featuring twenty of her seminal pieces, this exhibition and associated events will highlight how Arbus' work and photographic technique challenge the viewer to see beyond the shocking to the complexities of each individual subject.





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## PORTRAITS+

**14 February – 31 May**

Artists explore and convey someone's identity through many different materials and mediums. *Portraits+* has been curated by Fife Contemporary Art and Craft to complement the ARTIST ROOMS: Diane Arbus exhibition. Featuring work by Ackroyd & Harvey; Leah Black; Calum Colvin; David Mach; Zoë Irvine; Lindsay Perth; Clara Ursitti, *Portraits+* will bring together a range of unusual contemporary approaches, some using photography as a start or end point. Science and art come together to surprise us and reveal new viewpoints.

*This exhibition is presented by Fife Contemporary Art & Craft. To find out more please look at [www.fcac.co.uk](http://www.fcac.co.uk) or email [mail@fcac.co.uk](mailto:mail@fcac.co.uk)*



Strike Your Pose: silhouette pin by Leah Black

Satan Watching the Sleep of Christ, 1874, by Sir Joseph Noel Paton



## 60 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG...

**11 April – 31 May**

The recent 60th anniversary of the National Fund for Acquisitions provides the perfect opportunity to display some of the artworks we have bought with the NFA's help. These include paintings by artists such as Alison Watt, Elizabeth Blackadder and Sir Joseph Noel Paton.

## FROM BRAILLE TO iPADS

FIFE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**6 April – 24 May**

This display celebrates 150 years of pioneering support for blind and partially sighted people throughout Fife. Objects and images will be shown from the Society's origins in Victorian Kirkcaldy up to the present day.



Fife Society for the Blind shop in Kirkcaldy, circa 1920s

Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery in 1925, with linoleum factories in background



## KIRKCALDY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**1 June – 31 August**

This year sees the 90th anniversary of Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery, which is also part of the town's war memorial. This display features objects and images from an event which drew around 25,000 to the opening ceremony in June 1925. Also included are some of the earliest pieces acquired for the collection, such as items that belonged to child author Marjory Fleming (1803–1811).

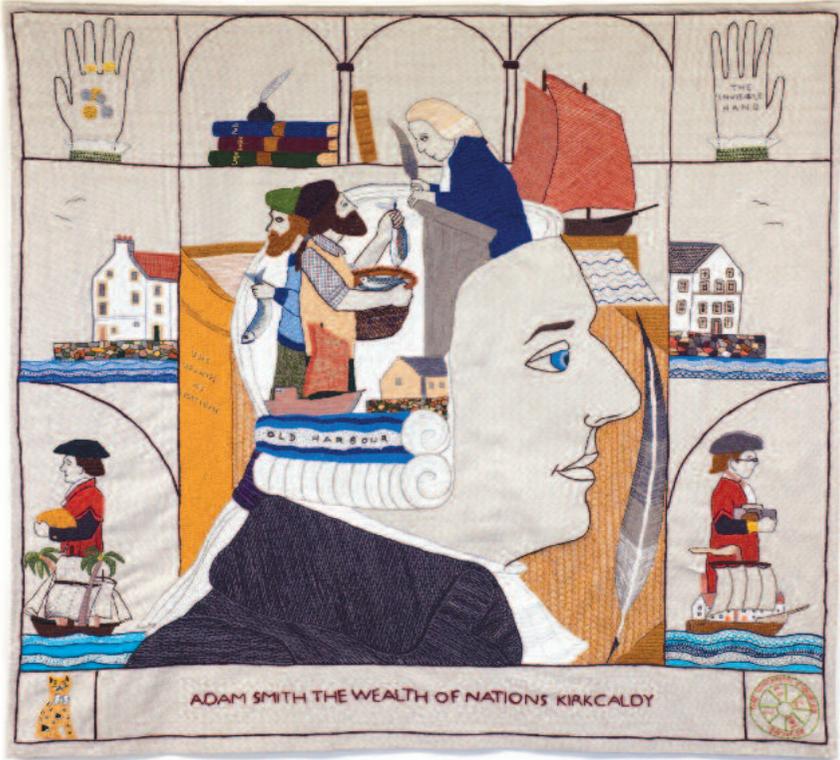


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## THE GREAT TAPESTRY OF SCOTLAND

**20 June – 20 September**

Visit Kirkcaldy Galleries during the summer to see the entire Great Tapestry of Scotland! Consisting of 160 individual panels, running 143 metres long, the Tapestry brings to life the history of Scotland in vibrant colour and detail for visitors of all ages. One of the biggest community arts projects in the world, the Tapestry was created by Scottish writer Alexander McCall Smith, artist Andrew Crummy and historical writer Alistair Moffat. Taking 1,000 talented volunteers more than 50,000 hours to complete, this project used a range of embroidery skills and over 30 miles of woollen yarn to translate Andrew Crummy's descriptive artwork into a colourful, detailed and textural depiction of the history of Scotland. Workshops and programmes centered on different aspects of the Tapestry will be offered throughout the summer, as well as talks and gallery tours by some of the people involved in the stitching. **Check [www.onfife.com](http://www.onfife.com) over the next few months for more information about this exciting exhibition and associated events!**



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## UP & COMING EVENTS

### EASTER HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS

3 April – 17 April | FREE

Drop in anytime during the Easter holidays and try out some seasonal activities at the Art Cart, or follow the Easter Trail through the galleries.



### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

16 April and 10 May | 1.30pm – 3pm | Age 12 – 18 | Free (booking essential)

Join the Fife Youth Arts Hub for a digital photography workshop using iPad Minis at Kirkcaldy Galleries. Students will briefly tour the ARTIST ROOMS: Diane Arbus Exhibition and then create their own black and white portraits. Call 01592 583204 to book a place.



Photo: Walter Neilson

### GUIDED TOUR & TALK ARTIST ROOMS:DIANE ARBUS

24 April and 22 May | 1.30pm – 2.30pm | Free

Join the Museum staff for a guided tour of the new ARTIST ROOMS: Diane Arbus exhibition and a discussion about how her work reflected the social, political and economic changes taking place throughout the United States in the turbulent 1950s and 1960s.

### THE GREAT TAPESTRY OF SCOTLAND

25 May 7.15pm £5.00; Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries £4.00 Includes refreshment Tickets available at the Galleries, or call 01592 583206 to book.

Come and join Stitch Coordinator Dorie Wilkie, as she gives an illustrated talk about her involvement in the creation of this amazing piece of work ahead of its arrival here in Kirkcaldy. *Supported by Friends of Kirkcaldy Galleries*



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Medieval pilgrim's badge in shape of scallop shell, discovered at Kincardine

## TREASURES OF THE KINGDOM: FIFE'S DECORATIVE HERITAGE UNEARTHED

14 March – 17 May

Explore the wonders of Fife's Archaeology – let your eyes be drawn to the carved whorls of Pictish stone carvings and wonder at the gleam of gold on a Medieval skeleton ring. From Bronze Age pots to Roman brooches and Medieval badges, the exhibition showcases some of the fascinating finds from across the Kingdom.

The exhibition also examines different styles of decoration and adornment through the ages. Visitors can enjoy a programme of activities including talks and workshops, with something for every age group. For more information about this exhibition, please visit <http://treasureskingdom.wix.com/treasures-kingdom>

*Curated by postgraduate Museums & Galleries Students at the University of St Andrews in collaboration with Fife Cultural Trust*



## TALL TALES & FABULOUS FABLES

30 May – 13 September

Go adventuring at St. Andrews Museum this summer and explore the fascinating world of children's books through our colourful, interactive exhibition. Create your own fairytale ending with our giant magnetic frieze, find out what's inside the mystery house, test your nerve in our spooky study, or try one of the many other free hands-on activities on offer in our family-friendly show.



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## UP & COMING EVENTS

### ADORN ME!

Thursday 9 April  
1.30 – 2.30pm and 3 – 4pm  
Ages 5 – 11 years | Free

Join us for a family-friendly drawing event. Decorate our paper giant with jewellery inspired by the archaeology on display, and then make some adornments to take home. Booking essential.



### BURIED BLING!

Saturday 11 April | 2 – 3pm  
Ages 7 – 11 years | Free

Have you ever wanted to be an archaeologist? Have a peek into their world with this hands-on

session where you will learn the skills that archaeologists use in the field. Booking essential.

### FAMILY OBJECT HANDLING

Saturday 18 April  
1 – 4pm  
Ages 5+  
Free

An opportunity to get to grips with some archaeological objects and think about what we can learn from the items that people leave behind. Drop in anytime.



### HANDS ON! ARCHAEOLOGICAL ART & CRAFT

Saturday 16 May | 11am – 4pm  
Ages 6 – 12 years | Free

Come and have a go at making some archaeology inspired accessories. Adorn yourself with jewellery status symbols or prepare yourself for battle! Drop in anytime.

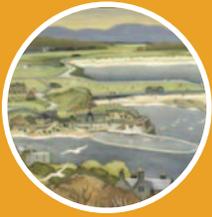
### CRAFT CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Sunday 17 May | Age 15+ years | Free

Join us for two fantastic craft workshops inspired by Fife's archaeology. Margaret Stewart will lead a stained glass making class, and Dr Sandra Wilson will hold a workshop making 3D printed artefact replicas. Contact the museum for further details and to book your place. Tours of the *Treasures of the Kingdom* exhibition will also run throughout the day.



Places on bookable workshops can be made by calling 01334 659380.  
Please ensure all children under 8 are accompanied on by an adult.



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## UP & COMING EVENTS

### TREASURE TROVE SCOTLAND EVENTS



**Treasure  
Trove**

*Protecting our  
Archaeological Heritage  
for the Nation*

**Saturday 25 April**

Chance discoveries of artefacts by members of the public have the potential to help us understand more about Scotland's past. The Treasure Trove system ensures that finds of cultural significance are protected for the benefit of the nation and preserved in museums across the country.

### HINTS AND TIPS WORKSHOP IDENTIFYING ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBJECTS

**Saturday 25 April | 10.30am – 12.30pm | Free**

Learn about archaeological material and how to identify it, with opportunities for object handling, from the Treasure Trove staff. Booking required.

### FINDS DAY

**Saturday 25 April | 2 – 4pm | Free**

If you have found an object whilst farming, gardening, or through hobbies such as metal detecting, bring it along to the Museum where Treasure Trove staff will be delighted to discuss your finds and answer any questions you may have. Drop in anytime.



### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS IN FIFE

**Saturday 9 May | 2 – 3pm | Free**

Stuart Campbell (Treasure Trove Scotland) talks about significant archaeological objects found in Fife, including some on show in St Andrews Museum! No booking required.

**Places on bookable workshops can be made by calling 01334 659380.  
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# ON AT METHIL HERITAGE CENTRE

The Old Post Office Building, 272 High St., Lower Methil, Fife KY8 3EQ  
T 01334 659339 E [fife.museums@fife.gov.uk](mailto:fife.museums@fife.gov.uk)

## ART LAB

27 January – 8 August

How do artists decide what to paint? How do they use colour, light and shadow to create a mood? What stories might be hidden inside a painting? Want to find out more? Then come along to our colourful, family-friendly exhibition where you can enjoy looking at different types of paintings and have fun with some arty activities.



## UP & COMING EVENTS



### FUNKY BIRDS

Saturday 4 April | 2 – 3.30pm

Ages 5 – 10 years | Tickets £3/£2.50

Create some funky and magical birds with artist Sophie McKay Knight. Owls & swans will especially feature in this fun, creative and hands-on workshop. Wear old clothes.

### FRUITY FLOWERY FUN

Wednesday 8 April | 11.30am – 1pm

Ages 5 – 10 years | Tickets £3/£2.50

This workshop will focus on re-creating the elements of still life and nature painting. Come along and enjoy creating fruit, flowers and plants in a variety of media with artist Sophie McKay Knight. Wear old clothes.



Places must be booked in advance – call 01592 583204.

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The **Friends of Methil Heritage** bring a wide range of fascinating talks to the Centre each year. To learn more about their calendar of programmes, please contact the Centre on 01334 659339.





# ON AT MAC FIFE'S MOBILE MUSEUM

## *Moving Stories*

FIFE'S GREAT WAR

**Until December 2016**

MAC's latest exhibition about WW1 started its tour in April 2014 and is proving a big success with visitors to this unique and free outreach service.

As well as showcasing our collections, the themes in the exhibition explore the experience of the Great War from a Fife perspective. Personal stories form a strong part of the display and 'Sea Front', an animation film specially commissioned from artist Claire Lamond, created in response to letters and diaries, is featured in a period room setting.

*Moving Stories* will tour until December 2016 as part of a rolling programme of First World War events developed by Fife Cultural Trust.

**To book MAC call 01592 583204 or email [mac@onfife.com](mailto:mac@onfife.com).**

**Find more information on and additional resources for *Moving Stories* at [www.onfife.com/movingstories](http://www.onfife.com/movingstories).**



*'Sandy' from Claire Lamond's animated film 'Sea Front', now showing on Moving Stories – Fife's Great War.*

Follow MAC and share stories about World War I's impact on your community and family on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fifegreatwar](http://www.facebook.com/fifegreatwar). You can also follow Fife Cultural Trust's centenary events on Twitter at [@onfifemuseums](https://twitter.com/onfifemuseums).



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# COMMEMORATING WORLD WAR I



## A WEEK TO REMEMBER

Fife Cultural Trust has been running a series of World War I weeks at community venues to provide insight into many aspects of the Great War for visitors of all ages. Our final week will be at Rothes Halls from 9 to 17 November. With daytime and evening workshops for children and adults, talks, film events and more, there's something for everyone! MAC – Fife's Mobile Museum, will also be on hand for visitors to experience 'Moving Stories – Fife's Great War'.

**For more details and information on other WWI events, please visit [www.onfife.com/fifsgreatwar](http://www.onfife.com/fifsgreatwar).**



## SCOTLAND'S WAR

Do you want be part of the commemoration of a conflict that changed the lives of everyone in the country? Find out how the war affected your family or your community, share your stories or record your research. **For more information, visit [www.scotlandswar.ed.ac.uk/fife](http://www.scotlandswar.ed.ac.uk/fife)**

**To hear about our next roadshow email [fifsgreatwar@onfife.com](mailto:fifsgreatwar@onfife.com)**



# MUSEUM OUTREACH INFORMATION

The Outreach Service offers a range of resources for all ages. For details of current events or to use any of the services listed please contact the Collections & Exhibitions Team on 01592 583204, or check our website [www.onfife.com/museums-galleries](http://www.onfife.com/museums-galleries).

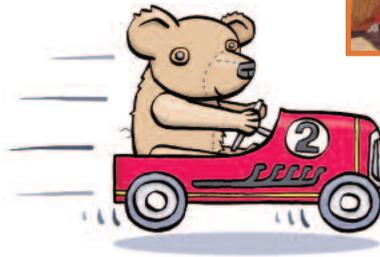
## Loan Boxes

From the Egyptians all the way to the swinging Sixties, there are over twenty topics to choose from. For use by community groups and schools. Free of charge. Boxes typically contain a range of original objects for handling, photographs and replica costume.



## Group visits

Visits can be arranged from your school or your group. Call the Museums Team on 01592 583204 to make your booking.



**Please note: loan boxes are collected from and returned to Kirkcaldy Galleries. Ring the Collections & Exhibitions Team on 01592 583204 or email [museums.enquiries@onfife.com](mailto:museums.enquiries@onfife.com) to make your booking.**

# new additions

## A SKELETON NOW IN OUR CUPBOARD!

One of the most fascinating recent acquisitions for the Museums' collection is a 16th century gold ring, decorated with the shape of a human skeleton stretched out with its arms over its head. The ring was discovered by a metal detectorist in the Culross area.

The reason why the ring was decorated in this striking manner is revealed by the words 'COGITA MORI' ('remember death') engraved on the inside. This is one half of a popular motto *Vivere disce, cogita mori* or 'Learn to live, remember death'. This reminded people to live a good life on earth, in expectation of judgment in the next life.

We acquired the ring by applying to the Treasure Trove panel in Edinburgh, and the National Fund for Acquisitions assisted its purchase. You can see it in the *Treasures of the Kingdom* exhibition at St Andrews Museum this spring.



16th century gold ring © Treasure Trove

# ON AT DUNFERMLINE CARNEGIE LIBRARY & GALLERIES

In two years, Dunfermline's Heritage Quarter will have a new cultural hub offering interactive museum and gallery spaces, integrated with the world's first Carnegie Library. The prestigious extension building will also house a new children's library and local studies space. For a video flythrough of the site visit [www.youtube.com/artsfife](http://www.youtube.com/artsfife).

## GET INVOLVED

So far, over 250 volunteers have contributed their time and enthusiasm to help catalogue, research and capture Dunfermline's stories. Activities such as archaeological excavation and the recording of oral history interviews have allowed participants to learn new skills in interesting and unusual environments. From internships and visits to schools, to a host of local activities and events, there are a wide range of opportunities to get involved with the development of the new museum.

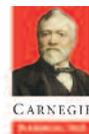
Contact **The Project Team**  
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## **Buckhaven Museum**

Above Buckhaven Library,  
College Street, Buckhaven, Fife KY8 1LD

T 01592 583204

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

The story of Buckhaven from fishing village to mining town.

## **Burntisland Edwardian Fair Museum**

102 High Street, Burntisland, Fife KY3 9AS

T 01592 583204

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

A recreated walk through the sights and sounds of the town's fair in 1910.

## **Inverkeithing Library & Heritage Centre**

Queen Street, Inverkeithing, Fife KY11 1PA

T 01383 602471

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

Highlights from Inverkeithing's history.

## **Laing Museum**

120 High Street, Newburgh KY14 6DX

T 01334 659380

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

Come and see books and artefacts gifted to the town by Victorian collector, Alexander Laing.

## **Newburgh Library & Heritage Centre**

Tayside Institute, 102 High Street,  
Newburgh, Cupar KY14 6DA

T 01334 659375

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

Highlights from Newburgh's history.

## **Newport Library and Heritage Centre**

Blyth Hall, 3 Scott Street, Newport on Tay

T 01334 659376

E [newport.library@onfife.com](mailto:newport.library@onfife.com)

The history of Newport in objects & photographs.

## **Pittencrieff House Museum**

Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 8QH

T 01383 722935

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

Displays featuring Pittencrieff Park, from fossils to family outings. Lots of children's activities.

## **St Margaret's Cave**

Glen Bridge Car Park, Dunfermline

T 01383 602386 or 01383 722935

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

Dunfermline's only underground attraction  
– spiritual, spooky and surprising.

## **St Monans Windmill and Salt pans**

St Monans, Fife

T 01334 659380

E [fife.museums@onfife.com](mailto:fife.museums@onfife.com)

Visit this restored eighteenth century windmill and nearby excavated salt pans.



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## Kirkcaldy Galleries

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### Opening Hours

Mon 12 noon – 7pm, Tues 9.30am – 7pm, Weds 9.30am – 5pm, Thurs 9.30am – 7pm,  
Fri 9.30am – 5pm, Sat 9.30am – 4pm, Sun 12 noon – 4pm. Café Wemyss open daily

The Galleries are fully accessible to wheelchairs. A wheelchair is available on request.  
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Friends website: [www.kirkcaldygalleriesfriends.org.uk](http://www.kirkcaldygalleriesfriends.org.uk)

## Methil Heritage Centre

272 High Street, Lower Methil, Fife KY8 3EQ † 01334 659339

### Opening Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 11.00am – 4.30pm Saturday 1.00pm – 4.30pm Shop, Tearoom

The Museum is on the ground floor and is wheelchair accessible.

Friends website: [www.methilheritage.org.uk](http://www.methilheritage.org.uk)

## St Andrews Museum

Kinburn Park, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews KY16 9DP † 01334 659380

### Opening Hours

Open Daily 10.00am – 5pm (April – Sept), 10.30am – 4.00pm (Oct – March)

Café in the Park open as Museum

The Museum is fully accessible to wheelchairs. A wheelchair is available on request.

Admission is free to all our venues. Please note—the exhibition programme may be subject to change.  
Please check the website, social media pages or look out for details in the local press.

[www.onfife.com/museums](http://www.onfife.com/museums)

**Cover, left to right, top to bottom:** *Head of a Lady* (detail) by JD Fergusson, *The Great Tapestry of Scotland* panel, 1963 Civil Rights Protest, loan box object, 16th century gold ring, Roman coin, *Tall Tales*, Denbeath footballers 1914.



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