

**St James' Heritage & Environment Group**  
**WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMME 2023**

**Local History Talks and Films**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1pm at West End Library**

***North East life in the 1960s***

Revisit this memorable decade with local author Andrew Clark, with stories of childhood, music, fashion, entertainment, sport, work and holidays.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am at Denton Burn Library**

***Discovering Scotswood***

Take your seats for a visual journey through the history and heritage of Scotswood with John Taberham. You will be surprised what is out there.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1pm at West End Library**

***The Lemington Canaries of Canary Island***

Film and illustrated talk by John Taberham about this largely forgotten story. Follow the journey back to the First World War to find the secret armaments factory, learn how the women who worked there got the nickname of the Lemington Canaries, and hear what dangers they faced on a daily basis.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1pm at West End Library**

***The West End in Film***

Join us to watch a variety of archive films about local life through the years.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1pm at West End Library**

***Memories of Old Benwell Village***

An illustrated talk by West Newcastle Picture History Collection about the history of the original Benwell Village. We invite you to share your memories and photographs with us. .

**Guided Walks and Visits**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 10.30**

***Guided tour of the New Tyne Theatre, Westgate Road***

Explore one of our most precious historic buildings - the Tyne Theatre. Your guide Alan Butland will take you behind the scenes, including underneath the stage, to see how it all works. *Numbers limited.*

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am at the Discovery Museum**

***A journey through Newcastle***

Join us for a non-walking tour of Newcastle, with photographs and objects from the museum's collections. Explore stories of local history and notable landmarks with the Communities Team.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 11am, leaving from outside the Discovery Museum**

***Exploring Summerhill***

Guided tour by Olive Taylor of the historic Summerhill area on the western edge of the old town, home to many prominent Newcastle families during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1pm, leaving from St James' Graveyard, Benwell Lane**

***Benwell's Lost Coalmines***

This circular walk visits sites linked with Benwell's coalmining heritage. On the way we will look at how the area has changed over the years.

**Big Local History Event**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am to 4pm at West End Library**

*A date for your diary! Programme to follow. Book early to ensure your place.*

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL for all activities**

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