



TALKS PROGRAMME 2024

ENJOY ILLUMINATING EVENINGS WITH EXPERTS IN THE MAGNIFICENT TUDOR HALL.



All tickets for these talks are £10 (or £3 for Friends and volunteers) with proceeds going to The Friends of The National Civil War Centre – Newark Museum.

The Demise of Richard Thomas Parker Thursday 26th September, 7.30pm to 9pm

Richard Thomas Parker was the last man to be publicly hanged in Nottingham in 1864. Meet his descendent Catherine Pincott and hear his sensational murder case. Become a juror and decide his fate.

Food In Seventeenth-Century England Wednesday 9th October, 7.30pm to 9pm

Join Dr Mark Dawson to enjoy a deeper look at the food on the tables of the elite and ordinary people of Stuart England.

Newark in The British Civil Wars Friday 18th October, 7.30pm to 9pm

Meet local historian Stuart Jennings and discover what it was like to live through Newark's sieges. Enjoy a look at his new book with the chance to buy a signed copy.

Female Highwaymen Thursday 7th November, 7.30pm to 9pm

Celebrate the dark and learn about the dangers of the night in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Find out more about the real renegade women who might have robbed you of your purse!

A Very Merrie Noyse at Christmas Tuesday 10th December, 7.30pm to 9pm

Come and get Christmassy with us at this joyful evening talk about historical Christmas music!



Festival of Archaeology Discovery Day Saturday 20th July

Meet a community archaeologist and hear all about their latest finds throughout the day in our Tudor Hall. Free with admission.

Heritage Open Days: Cavalry in the Courtyard Saturday 7th September

Step out into our hidden Tudor Courtyard. Meet a real cavalry horse and find out what it was like to be the fastest soldier on the battlefield! Talks and tours throughout the day. FREE.

Heritage Open Days: Resource Centre Tour Wednesday 11th September, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Come and see some of the 95,000 objects in our museum store in this rare opportunity to see behind the scenes. FREE.

Sects and Violence Friday 8th November, 7.30pm to 9pm

A comedy performance of Professor Von Goosechaser's Halloween lecture about the strange beliefs of the seventeenth century. £10

Christmas with the Curators Saturday 30th November, 3pm to 5pm

Meet our curators Glyn and Kevin and kick off the festive season with a Christmas cream tea in our café. Join them on a special tour of our galleries as you enjoy the special chance to open display cases, handle objects from our collection and find out what's involved in looking after our treasures. £25.00 to include a cream tea and gallery tour.

This series of early-afternoon talks will equip you with all you need to know to become time travelling tourists, ready to enjoy the very different worlds of the past. Relax in the cosy and historic atmosphere of the Palace Theatre's Byron Room, enjoying the company of our expert speakers with themed refreshments for a bite-sized, light-hearted taste of history!

TICKETS FOR THESE EVENTS ARE £10 TO INCLUDE A DRINK AND THEMED BISCUIT OR SNACK.



What To Eat Saturday 7th September 3.30pm to 5pm

Meet food historian Dr Mark Dawson and find out all about the delights (and horrors) seventeenth-century food!

Getting Dressed Friday 22nd November 3.30pm to 5pm

Join costume historian Meredith Towne to find out how to look the part in in the seventeenth century. Delve into our dressing up box and make sure you know your doublet from your mantua!

Bed and Breakfast Tuesday 3rd December 3.30pm to 5pm

Going to bed in the 1600s was just the same as now right? Wrong! Denise, our Learning Manager, will guide you through how to get a good night's sleep in the past.



Join us for two fascinating walking tours (alternating weekly) which take you to the hidden historical areas of Newark. On Besieged (but never beaten), you can discover Newark's crucial role in the English Civil Wars and explore some of the town's highlights, while Newark Through Time is crammed full of intriguing stories and sites of Anglo Saxon, Medieval, Georgian and Victorian Newark.

ARE YOU PART OF A HISTORY SOCIETY OR SIMILAR GROUP?

Why not book a group visit to the museum! There are discounts available for groups of 10+ and our friendly team can arrange special tours and catering on request. Get in touch on 01636 655765 or email museums@nsdc.info to find out more.