Newcastle upon Tyne
**BENWELL  St James’ Church**

Benwell Lane NE15 6RR

St James’ Church was originally designed by John Dobson and opened in 1833. The church and graveyard offer a fascinating insight into the history of an area which was once home to such illustrious people as Richard Grainger, John Buddle and John Sowerby. On Friday there will be a talk on ‘Benwell Stories: Murder, Marriage and Other Tales’ by Olive Taylor. On Saturday there will be a talk on ‘Historic Churches: Their Use and Re-use’ by Cyril Winskell, and a guided tour of the church and graveyard. New this year: ‘Exploring our Past, Present and Future in Felt’ – an exhibition of felting pictures created by the local community. Children’s Trail available.

**Open:**
- Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00, Talk 10.30
- Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Launch of Felting Exhibition 11.00, Talk 14.00, Tour 15.00

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**BENWELL  Tracing Your War Time Ancestors**

West End Library, Condercum Road NE4 9JH

Learn which records are available to find out more about your ancestors’ war-time experiences. We will be looking at National Archives, monuments and local and national sources. The session will provide you with ideas about where to take your search.

**Pre-book online:**  www.eventbrite.co.uk

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: Workshop 14.00–15.00

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**ELSWICK  Maple Terrace Masonic Hall**

Maple Terrace NE4 7SE

Oldest purpose-built Masonic Hall in Northumberland (only one year younger than rebuilt hall at Beamish Museum). The hall is still in use by active masonic orders including Craft Masonry, Chapter, Mark and Women’s Order. The Lodge Room is original and dates from 1870. There will be informal guided tours around the building.

**Open:**
- Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–15.30
- Sun 14 Sept: 10.00–14.00
FENHAM  Tracing Your Criminal Ancestors
Fenham Library, Fenham Hall Drive NE4 9XD
A basic introduction to the darker side of family history. We will be looking at tracing criminal ancestors using local and national records and newspaper reports. This event is for over 18s.

Pre-book online: www.eventbrite.co.uk
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Workshop 14.00–15.00

GOSFORTH  Friends’ Meeting House
West Avenue NE3 4ES
The original building was designed by architects Hicks and Charlewood in 1898 as a men’s club in the Queen Anne style. In 1922 the building was extended and was opened as a Masonic Lodge in 1925. The building was acquired by the Newcastle upon Tyne Local Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends in 2011 and converted to the new Quaker Meeting House for Newcastle upon Tyne. Exhibitions and informal tours will be available.


HEATON  Heaton Park Guided Walk – Mines, a Temple, Bears and Much More!
Meet at the Pavilion, Heaton Park NE6 5JS
Explore the history of Heaton Park on this guided walk in the company of volunteers who are passionate about the parks. There are some steep sections, uneven ground and uneven steps on this walk.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Walk 18.00–20.30

JESMOND  Jesmond Dene Guided Walk
Meet at Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene NE7 7BQ
Join our fantastic guides on a walk through Jesmond Dene finding out about the past, present and future of this park. There are some steep sections, uneven ground and uneven steps on this walk.

Open: Sun 14 Sept: Walk 13.00–14.30
**JESMOND Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club**

Matthew Bank NE2 3RE

Grade II listed building. Victorian Real Tennis court built in what was then the garden of Jesmond Dene House in 1894. One of about 25 Real Tennis courts in the UK. In daily use by members of Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club. Real Tennis is the original racket sport! RIBA information boards will be on display providing information about this fascinating building, revealing hidden facts and architectural titbits.

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: 12.00–16.00
- Fri 12 Sept: 12.00–16.00
- Sat 13 Sept: 12.00–16.00
- Sun 14 Sept: 12.00–16.00

**JESMOND Jesmond Old Cemetery**

Meet at Cemetery Gates, Jesmond Road NE2 1NL

Join the City Guides on tours of this 19th century private cemetery where prominent Newcastle citizens are buried. On Thursday at 11.00 there will be a tour of the west part of the cemetery (consecrated) and at 14.30 there will be a tour of the east part of the cemetery (unconsecrated). Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

**Pre-book by e-mail:** visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: Tour of West part of Cemetery 11.00,
  Tour of East part of Cemetery 14.30

**JESMOND Jesmond Parish Church**

Eskdale Terrace NE2 4DJ

This grade II listed building was designed by John Dobson and opened in January 1861. Wood carving by Ralph Hedley and stained glass by George Baguley and Lawrence Lee. In addition to the opening for HODs, all are welcome to attend any of the Sunday services at: 9.30, 11.15 and 18.30.

**Open:**
- Sat 13 Sept: 12.00–15.00

**JESMOND Newcastle Cricket Club**

Jesmond Ground, Osborne Avenue NE2 1JS

Lots to see and do is on offer at the Cricket Club over the HODs weekend after which you can relax in the bar! There will be displays illustrating the 125 years of this historic Jesmond Ground along with special displays entitled ‘Meet the Benefactors from 1887–2014’. Discovery Trail available.

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: 08.00–10.00 & 12.00–16.00
- Fri 12 Sept: 08.00–16.00
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JESMOND St George’s Church

St George’s Close, Osborne Road NE2 2TF
St George’s was built in 1888–9 by Charles Mitchell, a local shipbuilder, who engaged his shipyard architect to design the building. It is an outstanding example of Victorian art and architecture. The interior is one of restrained magnificence. The glass, mosaics, carving and metalwork include rare Art Nouveau design which fit seamlessly into the traditional Neo Early English style.

Open:
Thurs 11 Sept: 11.00–16.00, Tour 14.00
Fri 12 Sept: 11.00–16.00, Tour 14.00
Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00, Tour 14.00
Sun 14 Sept: 12.00–16.00, Tour 14.00

NEWCASTLE Alderman Fenwick’s House

98–100 Pilgrim Street NE1 6SQ
A rare chance to get inside this grade I listed, late 17th and early 18th century merchant’s house. Fine panelled first floor room with decorative plaster ceiling. Beautifully restored by the Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust. Now in use as offices. Tea Owl will host a pop-up tea room.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00

NEWCASTLE Bessie Surtees House

41–44 Sandhill NE1 3JF
Visit these 16th and 17th century merchants’ houses, fine examples of Jacobean domestic architecture. Now the North East office for English Heritage, the buildings boast some splendid period interiors and are best known as the scene of the elopement of Bessie with John Scott, later Lord Chancellor of England. On Saturday a cafe will be open in honour of an Edwardian resident business and a powerpoint presentation will display historic photographs of the house.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00,
Photographic Presentation 10.00–16.00, Cafe 11.00–15.00
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NEWCASTLE Brunswick Methodist Church
Brunswick Place NE1 7BJ
An 1820 grade II listed building and a fine example of early 19th century Wesleyan architecture. Brunswick succeeded the Orphan House as the mother church of Methodism in North-East England. The church will be open and will have historical documents on display including a Wesleyana display in the vestry which is not usually open to the public.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–14.00  Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–14.00

NEWCASTLE Cathedral Church of St Nicholas
St Nicholas Square, Mosley Street NE1 1PF
Displays will include: The Hexham Bible; copes; silver; and icons from the St Nicholas Icon Collection. There will also be a display of the work of Ralph Hedley, the 19th century craftsman responsible for the Choir. There will be timed ticketed tours of the Cathedral’s iconic Lantern Tower. Those who wish to join a Tower Tour must be aged over 8 and be physically fit. Tickets for the Tower Tour will be available on each day of the event from 09.00 – for that day only. Guided tours of the Cathedral will also be available throughout the weekend.

Open: Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Cathedral Tours 10.15, 12.15, 14.15 & 16.15, Tower Tours 09.45, 11.45, 13.45 & 15.45
Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Cathedral Tours 10.15, 12.15, 14.15 & 16.15, Tower Tours 09.45, 11.45, 13.45 & 15.45
Sun 14 Sept: 12.00–16.30, Cathedral Tours 12.15, 14.15 & 16.15, Tower Tours 12.45 & 14.45

NEWCASTLE Central Square and Central Square South
Forth Street / Orchard Street NE1 3PJ
The public areas of Central Square, remodelled from a former 1930s Post Office sorting house which had closed in 1995, and Central Square South, a contemporary office complex incorporating major artwork, will be open for general viewing.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 09.00–17.00  Fri 12 Sept: 09.00–17.00
Sat 13 Sept: 09.00–12.00  Sun 14 Sept: 09.00–12.00
NEWCASTLE **City Highlights Walk**
Meet at NewcastleGateshead Visitor Information Centre, 8–9 Central Arcade, Market Street NE1 5BQ
Find out everything you ever wanted to know and things you didn’t know you even wanted to know! A walking tour with the City Guides around the heart of our historic city. The walk lasts approx 90 mins.

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: Walk 10.30
- Fri 12 Sept: Walk 10.30
- Sat 13 Sept: Walk 10.30
- Sun 14 Sept: Walk 10.30

NEWCASTLE **Discovery Museum**
Blandford Square NE1 4JA
Tours meet at Reception
Free access to the fascinating museum galleries and exhibitions with additional behind-the-scenes guided tours of the former North-East Co-Operative HQ building arranged especially for Heritage Open Days.

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00
- Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00
- Sat 13 Sept: 11.00–16.00
- Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–16.00

NEWCASTLE **Fabulous! LGBT Walking Tour**
Meet at Steps of City Baths, Northumberland Road NE1 8SE
Lesbian and gay history often gets overlooked, forgotten or lost, but times are changing and (at least in Britain) the past lives of lesbians and gay men are now being researched, captured and recorded. Richard Bliss and Kate Sweeney have created a theatrical walking tour (approx 2 miles) for HODS 2014. The tour will make accessible the social and legislative frameworks that have surrounded lesbian and gay lives from the earliest beginnings of urban life. The tour uses performance, recordings and film to share undisputed facts with a peppering of fiction to imagine what gay life in Newcastle might have been like from the 16th to the 21st centuries.

**Pre-book online:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Open:**
- Sat 13 Sept: Tour 11.00–12.30

‘What an absolutely fantastic tour of the building. The guide was so friendly and answered any questions with such enthusiasm for the building and the architecture, I’m thinking of being a volunteer myself. Thank you very much for a fascinating afternoon!’
Visitor to the Discovery Museum, Newcastle 2013
**NEWCASTLE**  **From Mansion House to Art House – A Guided Tour**

55/57 Westgate Road NE1 1SG

Open day at 55 Westgate Road celebrating the city's oldest arts building. Suitable for accompanied children aged 12 years and over.

**Pre-book by e-mail:** admin@newcastle-arts-centre.co.uk

**Open:** Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 14.00 & 15.00

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**NEWCASTLE**  **Grainger Market**

Grainger Street NE1 5QQ

Tours meet at the Grainger Market Inspector’s Office, Alley 2

The Grainger Market, a grade I listed building, is a permanent covered market and has been at the heart of Newcastle life since 1835. It was part of the redevelopment of Newcastle by Richard Grainger and his architect John Dobson. At the time it sold mainly meat and vegetables. The market still retains its traditional feel and houses a number of unique features including a fish market, the world’s smallest and oldest branch of Marks and Spencer which has traded since 1895 and the unique weigh-house.

**Pre-book by e-mail:** visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: 09.00–17.30, Tour 13.00
- Fri 12 Sept: 09.00–17.30, Tour 13.00
- Sat 13 Sept: 09.00–17.30, Tour 13.00

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**NEWCASTLE**  **Grey’s Monument**

Grey Street NE1 5BQ

Grey’s Monument, erected in 1838 to commemorate Earl Grey and his contribution to the passing of the Great Reform Bill. Designed by Benjamin Green, the monument has a Roman Doric column of hard millstone grit 135 ft tall (50ft shorter than Nelson's Column), set on a base of local sandstone. It is topped with a limestone statue of Earl Charles Grey by the sculptor Edward Hodges Baily. A rare chance to climb the 164 steps to the top of the monument for outstanding views of the city. Reasonable fitness and sensible footwear are necessary.

**Pre-book by e-mail:** visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

**Open:** Fri 12 Sept: Climb 10.00–16.00 (half hour slots)
NEWCASTLE **Holy Jesus Hospital**
City Road NE1 2AS
A 17th century brick-built Almshouse, with adjoining 16th century Tudor Tower and 19th century soup kitchen, all built on the site of a 14th century Augustinian Friary, brought back to life with volunteer-led tours!

**Open:** Sat 13 Sept: 10.30–15.30, Tours from 10.30 running approx every 30 mins (last tour 15.00)

NEWCASTLE **James Alder and the Kestrel**
City Library, 33 New Bridge Street West NE1 8AX
Meet at Level 6, Room 7
Rod Alder describes his father’s art and his love of kestrels and other wildlife in this illustrated talk. Rod (also an artist) will also describe how, 60 years after it was written, he brought his father’s book ‘The Kestrel in the Crane’ to publication. This event is for over 18s.

**Pre-book online:** www.eventbrite.co.uk

**Open:** Thurs 11 Sept: Talk 17.30–18.15

NEWCASTLE **Laing Art Gallery – Isabella and the Pot of Basil**
Meet in the Marble Hall, New Bridge Street NE1 8AG
A wonderful opportunity to learn more about a Gallery favourite, Holman Hunt’s ‘Isabella and the Pot of Basil’. The short talk will be given by the Friends of the Laing Art Gallery.

**Open:** Sun 14 Sept: Talk 14.30

NEWCASTLE **Leazes Park Heritage Walk**
Meet at Boat Jetty, Leazes Park, Richardson Road NE1 4LR
A conducted walk around Leazes Park. Visitors will find out about the history of the Victorian Park, and the flora and fauna of this important city centre habitat. Led by the Friends of Leazes Park. Information leaflets will be provided.

**Open:** Fri 12 Sept: Walk 14.00–15.30
NEWCASTLE Live Theatre Tours
Broad Chare, Quayside NE1 3DQ
A guided tour revealing the beautiful listed buildings sensitively restored to create a state-of-the-art theatre and home for Live Theatre which has stood at the vanguard of new writing in the North East for over 30 years. A mixture of historical fact and tall tale exploring the history of the company and the buildings it inhabits.
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Tours 12.00, 15.00 & 17.30

NEWCASTLE Newcastle Castle
Old Newcastle, Around Castle Keep and Black Gate NE1 1RQ
Meet characters from the past around Newcastle Castle where the story of the city began. From a Roman soldier to a Victorian cobbler, hear about the fascinating lives of the city’s Castle inhabitants. RIBA information boards will be on display providing information about this fascinating area and buildings, revealing hidden facts and architectural titbits.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 11.00–16.00 Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–16.00

NEWCASTLE Newcastle City Hall Tour
Northumberland Road NE1 8SF
Why not come along and explore the architecture, history and culture of the City Hall. Come and listen to many interesting and humorous stories of the world-famous acts that have performed at the City Hall since its opening in 1927. You will be given a tour of the Hall including the backstage area and ‘Green Room’. The chance to stand on the stage provides the opportunity to get a close look at our world-famous Harrison & Harrison Organ.
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Tour 14.00 Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.30 & 14.00 Sun 14 Sept: Tours 10.30 & 14.00

‘Best tour of the lot, brilliant, well done!’
Visitor to Live Theatre, Newcastle 2013
NEWCASTLE Newcastle Civic Centre Banqueting Suite
Meet at Grand Entrance, Barras Bridge NE1 8QH
Architecture at its best… a modern classic grade II* building that never fails to impress. The guided tour will allow you to see amazing items such as commissioned Bavarian Crystal Chandeliers, original art work, Banqueting Suite, Council Chamber beautiful marbled floors, unique specially designed carpets and the magnificent Lord Mayor’s Silver gallery. Please arrive 5 mins prior to the tour starting.

Pre-book by e-mail: debbie.harvey@newcastle.gov.uk
Open: Sat 13 Sept: Tour 12.00–13.30

NEWCASTLE Newcastle Guildhall Tour
Meet outside the Guildhall, Sandhill NE1 3AF
Grade I listed building containing a unique courtroom. Tours of the ornate interior lasting one hour, including the Mayor’s chamber and prisoner’s cage!

Pre-book by e-mail: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk
Open: Sun 14 Sept: Tours 14.00 & 15.30

NEWCASTLE Newcastle Unitarian Church
Ellison Place NE1 8XG
The Art Deco design is of block-like forms on reinforced concrete construction, with cladding in plain brick. Internally, the arrangement is reminiscent of Frank Lloyd Wright. The furniture is original. Robert Burns Dick was in partnership with R Norman McKellar, who introduced a Modernist direction and contributed to the design. Probably the last Art Deco building to be built in Newcastle. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and highlight notable features of the church and its history. On Saturday and Sunday there will be an organ recital by Kieron Fitzsimons at 14.00. Light refreshments will be available.

Open: Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–17.00  Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–17.00  Sun 14 Sept: 12.00–17.00

NEWCASTLE Parish Church of St Andrew
Newgate Street NE1 5SS
Oldest church in City of Newcastle. 12th century. There will be volunteers on hand to answer any questions as part of the HODs event.

NEWCASTLE Parish Church of St John the Baptist
Grainger Street NE1 5JG
Medieval Parish Church 1130–1450, with some interesting features, eg glass dating from 1400–1950, anchorites squint, old font cover and pulpit, Mousie Thompson choirstalls and tower and bells. Free guide leaflets and/or informal guided tours.

Open:
Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Sun 14 Sept: 14.00–17.00, Choral Evensong 15.30

NEWCASTLE St Dominic’s Priory Church
New Bridge Street NE1 2TP
Built 1869–1873 by A. M. Dunn, this beautiful grade II listed Dominican Priory Church has choir stalls in the chancel originally made for Peterborough Cathedral in 1826. Music will be played at various times during the days.

Open:
Sat 13 Sept: 15.00–17.00
Sun 14 Sept: 16.00–18.30

NEWCASTLE St Thomas the Martyr
Haymarket NE1 7PF
Grade II* listed building, designed by John Dobson. His first and best church! There will be volunteers on hand to answer any questions as part of the HODs event.

Open:
Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00
Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00

NEWCASTLE Sallyport Tower
Tower Street NE1 2HY
Also known as Walknoll, or Ships Carpenters’ Tower, Sallyport Tower was originally a rectangular bastion standing on the hill at the point where the medieval defensive town wall changed direction, as it ran round the northern side of the town. It had a vaulted basement, a fireplace and a spiral stair that led up to the now-demolished wall walk-way. In 1716 the Shipwrights’ Company built a banqueting hall on the first floor with a new entrance accessed by stairs at the East end. The Company retained it until the mid-19th century after which it had a number of uses and was rescued from dereliction and possibly demolition by the Corporation in the 1960s. A self-guided tour leaflet will be available.

Open:
Fri 12 Sept: 13.00–15.00
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NEWCASTLE Swing Bridge
Quayside NE1 3RQ
Meet at the top of the stairs halfway along the Swing Bridge 15 mins prior to tour
Join the Blue Badge Guides and take a tour of the grade I listed Swing Bridge which was built in 1875–76 by W G Armstrong. See the fascinating pump and engine room operated by the Port of Tyne. Please be aware that this is an operational area. No children under 12 years. Appropriate footwear required (no high heels).

Pre-book by e-mail: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Sun 14 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00

NEWCASTLE The Armstrong Building
Meet in the lobby of the Main Entrance, Queen Victoria Road NE1 7RU
The Armstrong Building is intrinsically linked with the formation of the University and will be opening its doors to the public during HODs. The tours (approx 1 hr) will guide the public through the building’s hundred-year history from fully original features such as King’s Hall, to the most recent work that hopes to secure the building’s future. RIBA information boards will be on display providing information about this fascinating building, revealing hidden facts and architectural titbits.

Pre-book by e-mail: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk
Open: Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.30, 13.30 & 15.00
Sun 14 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.30, 13.30 & 15.00

NEWCASTLE The CastleGate – Newcastle Electric Tramways Power Station
Melbourne Street NE1 2JQ
The two-part tour will include a fascinating insight into the industrial architecture of the early 1900s, close up views of the 50-tonne crane, underground tunnel, WWII air raid shelter and commemorative stained glass window. Visitors who prefer not to go below street level to view the tunnel and air-raid shelter will have the opportunity to see a pre-recorded tour on the big screen. In the Turbine Hall, visitors will be able to view further information and participate in a quiz about the building’s place in the industrial history of Newcastle.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Tours 10.30, 13.00 & 15.30
Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–17.00, Tours 10.30, 13.00 & 15.30
NEWCASTLE The Lit & Phil
23 Westgate Road NE1 1SE
The Literary & Philosophical Society is the largest independent library outside London, housing over 150,000 books. The grade II* listed building was opened in 1825 and the magnificent reading rooms remain largely unchanged. Take a guide tour (approx 45mins) over the HODs weekend.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00

NEWCASTLE The Mining Institute
Neville Hall, Westgate Road NE1 1SE
Explore the secrets of Neville Hall. There will be guided tours around this fascinating building including rooms never before open to the public and a display commemorating the Miners, the Mining Institute and the First World War. RIBA information boards will be on display providing information about this fascinating building, revealing hidden facts and architectural titbits.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Rooms and Display 10.00–17.00, Tours 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00
Fri 12 Sept: Rooms and Display 10.00–17.00, Tours 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00
Sat 13 Sept: Rooms and Display 10.00–17.00, Tours 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00

NEWCASTLE The Natural History Society of Northumbria
Council Room, Second Floor of the Great North Museum: Hancock, Barras Bridge NE2 4PT
The Society will once more be opening the doors of its prestigious Council Room allowing visitors to view the historic furnishings and paintings. There will also be a small exhibition from the Society archives including the recent acquisition of seven rare wood blocks by the famous wood engraver, Thomas Bewick. Members of the Society will be available to answer questions.
Open: Fri 12 Sept: 11.00–15.30
NEWCASTLE Theatre Royal
100 Grey Street NE1 6BR
A fascinating tour of the grade I listed Theatre Royal. A unique chance for HODs visitors to see front and back stage of this magnificent landmark building.

Open:  Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 12.00  Sat 13 Sept: Tour 09.30

NEWCASTLE Trinity House
Broad Chare NE1 3DQ
Historic maritime organisation in a grade I listed building with Entrance Hall, Chapel (1505) and Banqueting Hall (1730). Maritime artefacts and paintings on display.

Open:  Sat 13 Sept: 10.30–16.00

NEWCASTLE Tyne Theatre and Opera House – Theatre Tours
Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre, Westgate Road NE1 4AG
This grade I listed theatre has been providing entertainment to the people of the Newcastle area since 1867. Guides from the Preservation Trust will set the historical scene before taking you into the beautiful auditorium, on to the stage, and then below the stage to see the carefully restored Victorian stage machinery. Your guide will explain how this was used to produce amazing theatrical effects.

Open:  Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00  Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00

NEWCASTLE Tyneside Cinema
10–12 Pilgrim Street NE1 6QG
Daily heritage tours of this grade II listed 1937 News Theatre at 10.00 & 11.00 over HODs. See a free Newsreel screening and watch archive material that would have been on screen in the heyday of newsreels, and on Saturday and Sunday see material made locally by the Newcastle ACA Filmmakers group, originally formed in 1927!

Pre-book by e-mail:  boxoffice@tynesidecinema.co.uk

Open:  Thurs 11 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 11.00  Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 11.00  Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 11.00, Screening 12.15  Sun 14 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 11.00, Screening 12.15
NEWCASTLE **Tyneside Son: Thomas Spence 1750–1814**
Level 6, City Library, 33 New Bridge Street West NE1 8AX
A display of books and documents to mark the bicentenary of Newcastle-born Thomas Spence who died in London in 1814.

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 08.30–20.00  
Fri 12 Sept: 08.30–17.30  
Sat 13 Sept: 09.30–17.30  
Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–17.00

NEWCASTLE **Tyneside Sons: A Celebration of Thomas Spence and Thomas Bewick**
Site of Spence Plaque Broad Garth, Quayside 
Red House, 32 Sandhill NE1 3JF
Join the Thomas Spence Trust and Northern Voices Community Projects in marking and celebrating the bicentenary of Thomas Spence (1750–1814). On Thursday, poems, stories and songs will be performed at the site of the Spence plaque on Broad Garth at 14.00 and then readings from his work and that of his friend and sparring partner Thomas Bewick with poems and songs inspired by both of them will be performed at the Red House, Newcastle at 19.30 (over 18s only).

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Poems Stories and Songs at Site of Spence Plaque 14.00 and Readings, Poems and Songs at the Red House, 32 Sandhill 19.30 onwards

NEWCASTLE **Vintage Bus Tour**
Meet at Rear Car Park Civic Centre, Off Sandyford Road NE1 8QH 
Join the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society and take a unique tour on a classic vintage bus through the historic streets of Newcastle.

Pre-book by e-mail: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

Open: Sat 13 Sept: Tours 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00  
Sun 14 Sept: Tours 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00

NEWCASTLE **Walking the Walls**
Meet at the Castle Keep, Castle Garth NE1 1RQ 
Walk the line of the 13th and 14th century Town Wall, where possible, with the City Guides, looking at some of the wall and towers which still exist. This is a three-hour walk – please wear sensible clothing and footwear.

Pre-book by e-mail: visitorinfo@ngi.org.uk

Open: Sat 13 Sept: Walk 14.00–17.00 (approx)
**OUSEBURN From Flax to Freelance: The History of 36 Lime Street**

Ouseburn Warehouse Workshops, 36 Lime Street, Ouseburn Valley NE1 2PQ

Today 36 Lime Street is a collective of over 40 workshops, occupied by freelance artists and other creative practitioners. The building dates from the 1840s and in its 165-year history has witnessed some of the Ouseburn’s greatest events and changes. Join Ouseburn expert Mike Greatbatch and 36 Lime Street artist Sue Woolhouse on a tour of the building, external and internal!

Pre-book by e-mail: suewool@gotadsl.co.uk

Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Tour 14.00 Sat 13 Sept: Tour 14.00

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**OUSEBURN Make it in the Ouseburn**

Mushroom Works, St Lawrence Road NE6 1AR

Take a guided tour around the building and discover its past and what goes on here now. Meet the artists and designers who work here and view free demonstrations on weaving and woodcarving. On Saturday and Sunday there is a variety of interesting heritage-skills workshops available to book onto (which require a fee to be paid). For more information about the workshops and to pre-book a place please contact the Mushroom Works on www.mushroomworks.com ‘What’s On’ page.

Pre-book online: www.mushroomworks.com

Open: Sat 13 Sept: Talk and Tour 12.00–13.00, Weaving Demo 10.00–17.00, Wood Carving Demo 14.00–17.00, Workshops (fee charged) 10.00–17.00
Sun 14 Sept: Talk and Tour 12.00–13.00, Weaving Demo 10.00–17.00, Wood Carving Demo 14.00–17.00, Workshops (fee charged) 10.00–17.00

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**OUSEBURN Ouseburn Farm**

Ouseburn Road NE1 2PA

Ouseburn Farm is a green oasis in the heart of Newcastle. Get up close with the animals. Explore the fields, woods and ponds. Stroll around the garden. Look around our award-winning, sustainably built visitor centre with its energy and water-saving features.

**OUSEBURN Ouseburn Heritage Walks**

Northern Ouseburn – meet at the Biscuit Factory Stoddart St  
Central and Southern Ouseburn – meet at 36 Lime St Studios entrance  
Eastern Ouseburn – meet at Houls Yard Clocktower Cafe  
Ouseburn Bridges – meet at the Tyne Bar Maling St  

Knowledgeable and enthusiastic guides will give you a glimpse of this area’s fascinating past and show how many of those old buildings have been transformed for new uses. The Northern walk includes a look round the Biscuit Factory; the Central and Southern walk explores the heart of the Ouseburn with a look inside 36 Lime Street; the Eastern walk includes the former Maling Pottery Ford B factory, now Houls Yard, and finishes at the Free Trade Pub; and the Bridges walk, led by author Sue Bright, explores the history of the magnificent Ouseburn Bridges. Whilst not too strenuous, these walks may involve some steep hills. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

**Pre-book by e-mail:** lesley.turner@ouseburntrust.org.uk

**Open:**  
Thurs 11 Sept: Northern Walk 14.00–16.00  
Fri 12 Sept: Central and Southern Walk 14.00–16.00  
Sat 13 Sept: Eastern Walk 13.00–15.00  
Sun 14 Sept: Ouseburn Bridges Walk 14.00–16.00

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**OUSEBURN Seven Stories: National Centre for Children’s Books**

30 Lime Street NE1 2PQ  

Seven Stories is the first gallery and archive in the UK that celebrates the wonderful world of children’s books. On the HODs Sunday delve into the world of film and story with Seven Stories exhibition ‘Moving Stories, Children’s Books from Page to Screen’, curated in partnership with National Media Museum, Bradford. Step into Cinderella’s carriage, sail away with Lost and Found, discover original illustrations and artefacts as well as being inspired to create your own mixed-up fairy tales!

**Open:** Sun 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

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‘I enjoyed an absolutely brilliant night of exceptional poetry and music at the Red House hosted by Keith Armstrong – many thanks to everyone there, brilliant!’  
Visitor to the Red House – North East Odes and Pit Poems, Newcastle 2013
OUSEBURN Stepney Bank Stables
Stepney Bank NE1 2PN
Meet at the indoor arena reception
A peak into the past at Stepney Bank Stables… Take a fascinating tour of the Old Stable Yard. Learn the history of the site and meet some of its modern day inhabitants! Meet at the new indoor arena reception before heading up Stepney Bank to the Old Stable Yard built in 1879.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: Tours 11.00 & 14.00
Sun 14 Sept: Tours 11.00 & 14.00

OUSEBURN Victoria Tunnel Guided Tour
Lime Street
The Victoria Tunnel was a coal waggon-way in 1842 to transport coal to the River Tyne. It was used in WWII as an air-raid shelter. Ticket advice regarding meeting place, time and appropriate clothing to wear will be provided on booking. Only those with confirmed bookings will be allowed access.
Pre-book by e-mail: clive.goodwin@ouseburntrust.org.uk
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00
Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00
Sat 13 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00
Sun 14 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00

SUMMERHILL St Matthew’s Church
Big Lamp, Summerhill Street NE4 6EH
Designed by Johnson, it is the crowning glory of the architect’s work, containing his family’s memorial to him, and some fine Kempe windows. The Sacrament Chapel has recently been refurbished and the Altar furnishings replaced with a Triptych. On Saturday there will be a low mass at 10.00 and an Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sung Evensong and Benediction at 15.00. Also a strawberry cream tea will be served from 13.00–15.00. There will be organ music on the historic Wadsworth (1884) instrument at intervals throughout the weekend.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 09.00–18.00; low mass 10.00, Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sung Evensong and Benediction 15.00, strawberry cream tea 13.00–15.00
Sun 14 Sept: 12.00–18.00