North Tyneside
BENTON Rising Sun Country Park Heritage Exhibition and Heritage Walk
Whitley Road NE12 9SS
For Talk and Walk meet at the Countryside Centre
The park is open to all throughout the HODs weekend. Come see the Rising Sun Heritage Exhibition giving the rich history of the Rising Sun Country Park including its 200-year coalmining heritage with the Rising Sun Pit, one of Europe’s largest pits, which closed in 1969. On Friday there is a Heritage walk (approx 5 miles), taking in the history and landmarks of the local area. Please wear sturdy shoes and suitable clothing.
Pre-book by e-mail: risingsun@northtyneside.gov.uk
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Exhibition 09.00–18.00, Talk & Walk 10.30–12.00
Sat 13 Sept: Exhibition 09.30–15.00
Sun 14 Sept: Exhibition 09.30–15.00

CULLERCOATS Cullercoats Art Guided Walk
Meet outside Cullercoats Watch House, Front Street NE30 4QB
A guided walk around Cullercoats exploring its fascinating history as an artists’ colony. The tour will reveal a connection to one of America’s leading artists, Winslow Homer, and will take in some of the village’s most historic buildings.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Walk 14.00

CULLERCOATS Cullercoats Heritage Day
Cullercoats Community Centre, Belle Vue Street NE30 4QX
Cullercoats Heritage Open Day is a rich bonanza of seldom-glimpsed insights into the gritty history of a hard-working fishing village on the North East coast. Learn about Cullercoats’ early development, discover the old characters from the fishing industry and see if you can spot one of your ancestors in our huge collection of local pictures, photos and displays.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 11.00–14.00

CULLERCOATS Cullercoats Watch House
Front Street NE30 4QB
This grade II listed 1879 watch house was built for a Cullercoats volunteer life brigade and features in a number of famous paintings of Cullercoats, notably by leading American artist Winslow Homer.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00
**CULLEROATS** Dove Marine Laboratory
Newcastle University, Front Street NE30 4PZ
The Dove Marine Laboratory has been a centre of excellence in research, education and outreach related to the marine environment for over 100 years. It is part of Newcastle University’s School of Marine Science and Technology.

**Open:** Sun 13 Sept: 12.30–15.30

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**CULLEROATS** St George’s Church
Beverley Gardens NE30 4NS
A grade I listed Victorian Parish Church by the internationally known architect John Loughborough Pearson. Built by the 6th Duke of Northumberland in 1884, it is a perfectly proportioned gothic building, stone vaulted and finished with great attention to detail.

**Open:**
- Thurs 11 Sept: 10.30–18.00
- Fri 12 Sept: 10.30–18.00
- Sat 13 Sept: 10.30–18.00
- Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–18.00

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**CULLEROATS** The IRON House
5 Marden Terrace NE30 4PD
The IRON House is the home of IRON Press and its editor Peter Mortimer. Though only a medium-sized terrace, it offers a psychedelic perambulation, a kaleidoscopic journey through almost four decades of creative artists and their eccentric imprints within the house’s walls.

**Open:** Sun 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00

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**EARSDON** St Alban’s Church
Front Street NE25 9JY
St Alban’s Church is a landmark in the area. Two of the stained glass windows are of rare Tudor glass originally installed in Hampton Court in the time of Henry VIII. The Hartley Pit Memorial obelisk is situated in the grounds of the church. The church will include an exhibition to commemorate the Hartley Pit Disaster and the stunning new Hartley Memorial stained glass windows can be viewed by visitors.

**Open:**
- Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00
- Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–16.00
KILLINGWORTH (NEAR) Dial Cottage
108 Great Lime Road NE12 7DQ
A small exhibition at the house where George Stephenson lived from 1804, while working as a brakesman at the Old Killingworth Colliery. His equally famous son, Robert, was raised here. This year marks the bi-centenary of the invention of George Stephenson’s first Steam Locomotive ‘Blucher’. Find out more by visiting Stephenson’s home at that time.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 11.00–15.00 Fri 12 Sept: 11.00–15.00

KILLINGWORTH North Tyneside Steam
Cafe MyPlace, White Swan Centre, Citadel East NE12 6SS
A special event organised by Northern Voices Community Projects to mark the 200th anniversary of the invention of the Blucher Steam Locomotive by George Stephenson. The event will include readings from ‘North Tyneside Steam’ the recently published book by Dr Keith Armstrong and Peter Dixon, which celebrates North Tyneside’s transport heritage. Contributors to the book will perform their poems, stories and songs introduced by the editor, local poet Dr Keith Armstrong, with Ann Sessoms on Northumbrian Pipes.
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Performance 11.00–12.00

KILLINGWORTH St John the Evangelist
West Lane NE12 6BL
Visit and view the grade II listed church completed in 1869 in a ‘rogue gothic’ style to the design of architect Enoch Bassett Keeling. View an exhibition to commemorate WWI and those from the 1914 church parish who died in the conflict. NB: the Parish in 1914 included Benton Square, Burradon, Dudley, Holystone, Killingworth, West Allotment and West Moor.
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: 10.00–16.00

LONGBENTON Parish Church of St Bartholomew
3 Station Road NE12 8AN
18th century church with churchyard. Gothic revival interior, tower and spire. Interesting stained glass windows, many designed by Dr Evetts. Octagonal shaped church hall.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–12.00 Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–12.00 Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00
LONGBENTON Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene
West Farm Avenue NE12 8ST
Learn about the history of this community church and the Parish it serves. See a display of church banners. View the old font used to baptise many of the local community.

Open: Sat 13 Sept: 11.00–14.00  Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–14.00

MONKSEATON Monkseaton Quaker (Friends) Meeting House
23 Front Street NE25 8AQ
Meeting House built as a private home in 1777, now in Monkseaton Conservation Area. Converted to a school during 19th century and donated to the Society of Friends as a place of worship in 1910. Meeting for Worship has been held here ever since.

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

NORTH SHIELDS Christ Church
Preston Road NE29 0LW
Originally built on the orders of Cromwell’s Commissioners to replace the ruined Tynemouth Priory. Consecrated in 1668. Now a Georgian gem with magnificent windows by Leonard Evetts, a Regency wooden font, model sailing ships and original stocks. On Saturday, the Ringing Chamber in the tower will also be open and there will be bell ringers present to show visitors around and answer questions.

Open:  Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00,
         Ringing Chamber 10.30–12.30 & 13.30–15.30
         Sun 14 Sept: 12.00–16.00

NORTH SHIELDS Discover North Tyneside Family History Workshop
Local Studies Centre (Discover North Tyneside), North Shields Customer First Centre, Northumberland Square NE30 1QU
An opportunity to trace your ancestors at the newly refurbished Discover North Tyneside Local Studies Centre in North Shields. Local Studies staff will guide you through the key research steps necessary to uncover your family past.

Open:  Fri 12 Sept: 14.00–16.00
NORTH SHIELDS Fish Quay Guided Walk
Meet at Fisherman’s Mission (next to Low Lights) NE30 1JA
A guided walk around the historic North Shields Fish Quay. The tour will look at key sites, including Clifford’s Fort and the four lighthouses and include a fascinating commentary on the life and history of the Fish Quay.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: Walk 11.00–12.30  Sun 14 Sept: Walk 11.00–12.30

NORTH SHIELDS Maritime Chambers
Register Office, 1 Howard Street NE30 1LZ
This handsome building was built 1806–7 for Tynemouth Literary & Philosophical Society, later becoming offices of Maritime Companies including StagLine. Now Registrars Office, it has great views over Fish Quay.
Open: Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–15.00

NORTH SHIELDS St Columba’s United Reformed Church
30 Northumberland Square NE30 1PW
This grade II listed building was designed by renowned local architect John Dobson, and opened in 1857. The foundation stone was laid on 20 October 1856 by William Shaw Lindsay, Independent MP for Tynemouth, and the first sermon was preached by Dr John Ker of Glasgow.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00

NORTH SHIELDS Stephenson Railway Museum
Middle Engine Lane NE29 8DX
Behind-the-scenes tours on Saturday (limited places, booking essential). On Sunday free rides on the passenger train to Percy Main and back will be available.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 11.00–16.00, Tours 11.00, 12.00 & 14.00
Sun 14 Sept: 11.00–16.00, Train Rides 11.30–14.30

NORTH SHIELDS The Old Low Light/Almshouses
Clifford’s Fort, North Shields Fish Quay NE30 1JA
Discover your maritime heritage as The Net, the North East’s newest heritage attraction, opens the doors on the newly refurbished Old Low Light. Discover how The Net is planning to celebrate the sea, boats and the Fish Quay and take part in a range of hands-on family activities, exhibitions, talks and guided tours.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–17.30  Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–17.30
Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–17.30  Sun 14 Sept: 10.00–17.30
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NORTH SHIELDS Salvation Army Citadel (Scotch Church)
Salvation Army Hall, Howard Street NE30 1AR
Non-Conformist Church, now Salvation Army Citadel. 1811 by John Dobson for Secessionist Church. Known as the Scotch Church because by deed the Minister had to be a licentate of the Church of Scotland. There will be a slide show at 30-minute intervals with a host to share local knowledge.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: 10.30–12.30

SHIREMOOR Over 100 Years of The Shiremoor & District Children’s Treat
The Shiremoor Centre, Earsdon Road NE27 0HJ
An exhibition of old cinefilm footage, photographs and oral histories showcasing the heritage of The Shiremoor and District Children’s Treat, an event for children from local communities originally set up by a group of pitmen in 1907.

SHIREMOOR Shiremoor Masonic Hall
Moor Edge Road NE27 0HU
This 1930s Masonic Hall (opened 1932) is largely in its original condition, and recently refurbished. Guided tours and an explanation of Freemasonry by Masons in full regalia, plus a display of Masonic artefacts.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00

TYNEMOUTH Tynemouth Lighthouse
Meet at the Lighthouse Roundhead at the foot of the Lighthouse
The foundation stones of the Pier were laid in 1854 and the lighthouse built soon after. The lighthouse is fully operational and owned by the Port of Tyne. Come for a special guided tour. Please allow 20–30 minutes to reach the lighthouse prior to the tour commencing. Appropriate footwear required (no high heels). No children under 10 years old. All tours are subject to weather conditions.
Pre-book by e-mail: ticns@northtyneside.gov.uk
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Tours 09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Fri 12 Sept: Tours 09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Sat 13 Sept: Tours 09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
Sun 14 Sept: Tours 09.00, 10.00, 11.00, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00
TYNEMOUTH Tynemouth Priory Theatre
Percy Street NE30 4HA
Members of the theatre on hand to provide behind-the-scenes tours of this 189-seat Victorian theatre, which was formerly a Wesleyan chapel built in 1882. RIBA information boards will be on display providing information about this fascinating building, revealing hidden facts and architectural titbits.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 12.00–16.00

TYNEMOUTH Tynemouth Station – Restoration
Station Terrace NE30 4RE
A chance to get a unique insight into the restoration of this important Victorian building. Mike Steele, Director of Operations for Balfour Beatty, will lead a guided tour and talk about the recently completed multi-million pound restoration programme.
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Tour and Talk 11.00–12.00

TYNEMOUTH Tynemouth to Cullercoats Heritage Trail
Meet at East entrance to Tynemouth Metro Stn, Station Tce NE30 4RE
Walk finishes at Cullercoats Metro Stn, Station Rd NE30 4PQ
Get a unique insight into North Tyneside coastal heritage. From Tynemouth through to Cullercoats, discover a rich and diverse history in this guided walk. Please wear suitable clothing and shoes.
Open: Fri 12 Sept: Walk 13.00–15.00

TYNEMOUTH Tynemouth WWI Commemoration Project Cemetery Guided Walk
Meet at Main Gate on Walton Avenue NE29 9NJ
Tour of WWI graves and family memorials at Preston Cemetery. Learn about how the borough of Tynemouth contributed to the WWI effort. Find out about the stories behind the men commemorated.
Open: Sun 14 Sept: Walk 10.30–12.30

WALLSEND Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin
67 Churchill Street, High Howdon NE28 7TB
A lovely Victorian Church containing unique stained glass windows that incorporate photographic images of Mary Burn and her daughter Mary Barbara. Includes beautiful millennium stained glass windows.
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 11.00–16.00
**WallSEND** Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths and Museum
Buddle Street NE28 6HR
Open doors for HODS. On Saturday and Sunday there will be guided tours of the Fort and section of Hadrian’s Wall. There will be an opportunity to see the ‘Ships, Coal and Zeppelins – North Tyneside in WWI’ exhibition.

**Open:** Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00 Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00 Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00, Tours 11.30 & 14.30 Sun 14 Sept: 10.00–16.00, Tours 11.30 & 14.30

**WallSEND** St Luke’s Church
Frank Street NE28 6RN
St Luke’s contains a reordered Irish stained glass window in memory of WWI. One of the finest examples in Europe, designed by Wilhelmina Geddes of Dublin. Parish registers will be available to view on the day.

**Open:** Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00

**WallSEND** St Peter’s Church
Church Bank NE28 7LH
St Peter’s boasts the largest collection of Irish stained glass in the country, the Angel nave ceiling and memorials to local mining disasters. Church records dating back to the 17th century and repaired stocks will be on display as well as a 16th century nonsuch chest.

**Open:** Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00

**WallSEND** TT2 Ltd
Meet at Tyne Tunnels Car Park, Bewicke Road NE28 0PD
The site consists of four tunnels. The tours (approx two hours) will include: a presentation; visit to the control room; new pump room; extract building; and pedestrian escape tunnel.

**Pre-book by e-mail:** tt2limited@tt2.co.uk

**Open:** Sat 13 Sept & Sun 14 Sept: Tours 10.00 & 13.00

**WallSEND** Wallsend Hall (Formerly Civic Hall)
The Green NE28 7PA
An opportunity to see inside and view pictures from the Council’s art collection, including landscapes, civic portraits, and other work, mostly from the Victorian era. Find out more about these paintings in the exhibition booklet available during HODs.

**Open:** Thurs 11 Sept: 10.00–16.00 Fri 12 Sept: 10.00–16.00
WALLSEND  **Wallsend Local History Walk**
Meet Wallsend Forum Shopping Centre outside Anson Public House on corner of Station Road and High Street West. Walk ends on a bus route back to Wallsend
Local history trail including Segedunum Roman Fort, Wallsend's Medieval Green and Holy Cross Church. Please wear suitable clothing and shoes.
**Open:** Thurs 11 Sept: Walk 13.00–15.00

WALLSEND  **Wallsend Masonic Hall**
Hugh Street NE28 6RL
This 1890s Masonic Hall is largely in its original condition, and recently refurbished. Guided tours and an explanation of Freemasonry by Masons in full regalia, plus a display of Masonic artefacts, and discussion groups. There will also be an exhibition of materials from Wallsend Local History Society.
**Open:** Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–16.00

WALLSEND  **Wallsend Town Hall Tour**
High Street East NE28 7RR
Wallsend Town Hall is an impressive group of buildings which showed the pride and ambition of ‘new’ Wallsend in 1907. A Warden guided tour detailing the history and operation of the Town Hall and outer buildings, including baths, police court and fire station.
**Open:** Fri 12 Sept: Tours 10.00, 11.00, 13.00 & 14.00

WALLSEND  **War Horse (Cinema Screening)**
Wallsend Hall, The Green NE28 7PA
Jam Jar Cinema and Wallsend Hall presents a special screening of Director Steven Spielberg’s film *War Horse* to commemorate the centenary anniversary of the start of WWI. Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, *War Horse* combines joy and sorrow, passionate friendship and high adventure.
**Pre-book by e-mail:** info@wallsendhall.co.uk
**Pre-book online:** www.jamjarcinema.com
**Open:** Thurs 11 Sept: Screening 13.00

‘**Tynemouth Lighthouse tour was excellent – the best thing I have visited this year! Thanks to all concerned.**’
Visitor to North Pier Lighthouse, North Tyneside 2013
WHITLEY BAY Historic Whitley Bay Local History Walk
Meet outside the Whitley Bay Metro Station entrance (coast/town centre side), Station Road NE26 2QZ
Get a unique insight into the rich and diverse history of this historic seaside town on this guided walk. Please wear suitable clothing and shoes.
Open: Sun 14 Sept: Walk 13.00–15.00

WHITLEY BAY Playhouse: Whitley Bay – Guided Tours
Marine Avenue NE26 1LZ
A unique opportunity to experience a behind-the-scenes tour of this outstanding venue.
Open: Thurs 11 Sept: Tour 11.00 Fri 12 Sept: Tour 11.00 Sat 13 Sept: Tour 11.00 Sun 14 Sept: Tour 11.00

WHITLEY BAY St Mary’s Lighthouse and Visitor Centre
St Mary’s Island NE26 4RS
Situated on a part-time tidal island, St Mary’s Lighthouse and Visitor Centre offers the opportunity to climb its 137 steps for spectacular views of the North East coast and a chance to learn about the history of the island, the operation of the lighthouse and the numerous local shipwrecks. On Saturday there will be a walk round St Mary’s Island and the neighbouring headland highlighting the details and history of the numerous shipwrecks in the area. On Sunday there will be a tour of St Mary’s Lighthouse detailing the history and operation of the lighthouse and the lives of lighthouse keepers.

WHITLEY BAY St Paul’s Church Bell Tower
Junction of Park View and Marden Road
Entry to the Tower is opposite Marden Road NE26 2TR
The tower is open specially for a Bell Ringing demonstration. Hear the Bells ring. Meet local members of the bell ringers Guild. Try ringing a church bell!
Open: Sat 13 Sept: 10.00–12.30