

SPECIAL EVENTS



DUMFRIES HOUSE
THE GREAT STEWARD OF SCOTLAND'S DUMFRIES HOUSE TRUST

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GUIDED WALK

**TUESDAY
2ND MARCH**

10:00-14:00



Guided Walk: The last of our Guided Walks before we open for the new visitor season. Come and enjoy the first signs of new life as we make our final approach towards Spring.

Participants should dress for changing weather conditions, wear suitable footwear for rough terrain and bring a packed lunch. Enter via usual Visitor Entrance as signposted and meet at Cattle Sheds.

£5.00pp

EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY 3RD &
SUNDAY 4TH APRIL**

11:00-15:00



TEA TALK TUESDAY 6TH APRIL

13:00-16:30



Tea Talk: Campbell Armour, Director of Lyon and Turnbull will present a history of tea drinking in Europe and the East, illustrated with around forty antique exhibits including tea caddies, tea pots, tea cups and saucers, tea bowls and saucers, teaspoons and other tea related antiques.

As well as a talk, there will be a chance to handle the exhibits and to bring along exhibits of your own for identification. The talk will be followed by a delicious traditional afternoon tea served in The Rothesay Room.

£35.00pp

A day for the children: Eggs-plore the Dumfries House Estate, eggs-amine the clues, follow the trail and enjoy the prize!! A fun day for all the family. Cafe and shop open. Entry via normal Visitor Entrance Gates on Barony Road.

**£3.00 per entry
£2.50 pc for 2 or more**

CERAMICS STUDY DAY

**TUESDAY
27TH APRIL**

09:45-15:00



Lecturer on ceramics, Miranda Bowles, and ceramics conservator, Charlotte Culham, will lead this engaging study day. An introductory morning lecture by Miranda will be followed by an exclusive tour in the afternoon where the exciting and little known pieces in the collection of Dumfries House will be studied first hand. There will be an opportunity to get close to examples from China, Japan, Europe and England all of which were acquired by the successive owners of Dumfries House with some pieces going back as far as 250 years.

£55.00pp

BOOKING LINE

01290 551111

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**TEXTILES
STUDY DAY
TUESDAY 4TH MAY
09:45-15:00**



Textile Conservator Patricia Hughes' morning lecture 'Delay the Decay' will give an insight into Conservation of historic house interiors. Followed by textile historian Vanessa Habib whose 'To Cut a Valence or a Counterpane with a Genteel Sweep' will give a rare insight into how to furnish a mid 18thC Country House. A unique hands-on session in the afternoon is led by upholster Barry Ansell, who is currently involved with the restoration of the Chippendale furniture at Dumfries House. This is a new study day exploring an exciting aspect of the country house in both a theoretical and very practical way. Suitable for both professionals and people with an interest in historic interiors. Includes morning refreshments and lunch.
£55.00pp

**BLUEBELL WALK
SATURDAY 8TH MAY
10:00-14:00**



Bluebell Walk & Afternoon Tea. Enjoy a guided walk through a carpet of bluebells within the woodlands of the Estate and then you will be served an indulgent special Bluebell Afternoon Tea in The Rothesay Room, our new Café, in Dumfries House.
£15.00pp

**OUTSIDE IN
SUNDAY
23RD MAY
11:00-14:30**

'Outside-in' - Seasonal Highlights: This tour is designed to let you enjoy the best of all worlds: sample the history and the beauty of the Dumfries Estate on a guided walk before sitting down for a hearty lunch in our new cafe. Once refreshed, take

**BEHIND THE SCENES
TOUR & SUPPER
WEDNESDAY
26TH MAY
19:00-22:00**



Behind the Scenes Tour with Supper. This indulgent evening will begin with a Champagne Reception and Introduction by Dumfries House Curator, Charlotte Rostek. A specially extended Tour will include many areas of the house not normally viewed by the public. Following the Tour, we will proceed to The Rothesay Room for a candle-lit two course supper with wine followed by coffee and petits fours. Last year's event was a sell out, so early booking is recommended.
£85.00pp

in the highlights from our unique collection and feast your eyes on some stunning 18th century artefacts. Environmental Coordinator Bill Russell and Dumfries House Curator Charlotte Rostek will be your enthusiastic and informative guides. Bring a change of footwear and some sensible outdoor clothing. Places are limited for this popular tour, so please book early.
£35.00pp

IT'S ABOUT LOVE

FRIDAY 4TH JUNE

19:00-21:30



It's About Love: Take part in this special love themed evening tour of Dumfries House. The players in period costume, including Lord Dumfries, The Housekeeper, The Bulter and others, will tell tales of romance and intrigue related to Dumfries House. Champagne and live musical performance included. Places limited and pre-booking essential.

£35.00pp

OUTSIDE IN

SUNDAY 4TH JULY

11:00-14:30



'Outside-in' - Seasonal Highlights: This tour is designed to let you enjoy the best of all worlds: sample the history and the beauty of the Dumfries Estate on a guided walk before sitting down for a hearty lunch in our new cafe. Once refreshed, take in the highlights from our unique collection and feast your eyes on some stunning 18th century artefacts. Environmental Coordinator Bill Russell and Dumfries House Curator Charlotte Rostek will be your enthusiastic and informative guides. Bring a change of footwear and some sensible outdoor clothing. Places are limited for this popular tour, so please book early.

£35.00pp

FURNITURE

STUDY DAY

TUESDAY 7TH &
WEDNESDAY 8TH
SEPTEMBER

09:45-15:00



Furniture Study Day Introduction to 18th Century Furniture with David Jones: The Thomas Chippendale and Scottish Collections at Dumfries House. Furniture Historian and Lecturer at St. Andrews University, David Jones, will lead both of these exciting study days. The programme is designed to provide an introduction to the 'Shakespeare' of the furniture makers and a first-hand look at the most outstanding pieces in the Dumfries House collection. Participants will gain an understanding of Chippendale's involvement with Scotland in the early part of his career. They will also get an appreciation of the furniture of the so-called 'Director' period and the role of Dumfries House in the stylistic development of Chippendale. Includes morning refreshments and lunch.

£55.00pp per day

ANTIQUES QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY
17TH JUNE

19:00-21:00



Antiques Quiz Night with Campbell Armour: A fun evening to test your own knowledge of antiques. Instead of the traditional Antiques Roadshow, this is your chance to identify, date and value from a multiple choice question sheet, a selection of antiques brought along by Fine Art Auctioneers, Lyon and Turnbull. The evening will finish with specialist talks.

£35.00pp

**BEHIND THE SCENES
TOUR & SUPPER**

**WEDNESDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER**

19:00-22:00



Behind the Scenes Tour with Supper: This special Tour will begin with a Champagne Reception and Introduction by Dumfries House Curator, Charlotte Rostek. A specially extended Tour will include many areas of the house not normally viewed by the public. Following the Tour, we will proceed to The Rothsay Room for a candle-lit two course supper with wine followed by coffee and petits fours. Last year's event was a sell out, so early booking is recommended. Perhaps your last chance to visit before the House returns to a period of slumber over the winter months.

£85.00pp

**OUTSIDE IN
SUNDAY
31ST OCTOBER**

11:00-14:30

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£35.00pp


**CAROLS & CANDLES
THURSDAY
9TH DECEMBER**

19:00-21:30



Carols and Candles: Ayrshire based vocal ensemble, Ayres & Graces, will give a sparkling performance of Christmas Carols old and new within the beautiful setting of the Tapestry Room. Glass of champagne on arrival, mulled wine and mince pies during the interval and a chance for some late evening Christmas Shopping in our shop. This event has been a sell out each year and early booking is recommended.

£22.50pp

 **STUDY DAYS** - Whether an expert, a novice, a student or professional, we look forward to welcoming participants from all backgrounds. Each Study Day includes tea / coffee on arrival and luncheon (home made soup, selection of sandwiches, followed by cakes with tea and coffee).

**HISTORY
STUDY DAY**

**TUESDAY
12TH OCTOBER**

09:45-15:00



History of Dumfries House Study Day with Simon Green, "I think Dumfries House is the homeliest of them all" Simon Green is an architectural historian who is passionate about discovering how and why buildings are transformed by different generations. He lectures and leads tours throughout the country always focusing on and celebrating the wonders

that buildings, their designers and their owners have to offer. He works for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland and is writing the story of the development of Dumfries House from its inception by the Earl of Dumfries to the present day. Includes morning refreshments and lunch.

£55.00pp

BARRY ANSELL

Barry Ansell was trained by five of the leading upholstery firms in Central and East London before he started his own business on his father's premises in 1977. Building a business over twelve years he then purchased R D Robins Upholsterers, now in its 69th year, continuing the family tradition in the upholstery trade. RD Robins have worked on major projects such as Burghley House, Waddesdon Manor and Chatsworth and count amongst their clients two of the biggest auction houses in the UK. They are currently involved with the re-upholstery of the Chippendale seat furniture at Dumfries House.

CAMPBELL ARMOUR

Campbell Armour has over 20 years experience in the field of Fine Art and Antiques and, as a Director of Lyon and Turnbull, has daily contact with collections of paintings, furniture, silver, jewellery, ceramics, books and others. Over the last 15 years he has lectured widely to specialist groups, including many of the Scottish NADFAS and Art Fund groups, specialising in tea related antiques and British glassware. His talks, illustrated with objects rather than slides, allow for handling of the antiques, while his enthusiasm for his subject makes for a stimulating and entertaining session where questions are welcomed.

MIRANDA BOWLES & CHARLOTTE CULHAM

Miranda Bowles is a freelance lecturer in the decorative arts, and lectures at the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Wallace Collection as well as being an occasional lecturer to other groups. She heads up the ART FUND for Dumfries and Galloway. After training in the conservation & restoration of ceramics & vessel glass at West Dean College near Chichester, Charlotte Culham joined the conservation team in Glasgow Museums & spent the next 10 years at the Art Gallery & the Burrell Collection. Since 1999 she has worked from a studio at home in Dumfriesshire on collections from all over Britain. Charlotte was accredited in 2000.

SIMON GREEN

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VANESSA HABIB AND PATRICIA HUGHES

Vanessa Habib (M.Phil) held the Drapers Fellowship at the University of Bradford. After moving to Scotland she worked at the National Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh and since then has written about 18thC and 19thC Scottish textiles. Vanessa is currently researching the history and manufacture of Scottish carpets for the Society of Antiquaries in Edinburgh. Patricia Hughes trained as a Conservator at the V&A and is Acting South Regional Conservator for the National Trust for Scotland. She is also a partner in the Albion Conservation Consultancy in charge of Collections Care and Environment.

DAVID JONES

David Jones FSA (Scot) is Lecturer in Furniture History in the University of St Andrews, where he has taught since 1984. He specialises in Scottish furniture and Thomas Chippendale but is also an authority on vernacular furniture, having been editor of Regional Furniture for the past eighteen years. He is a member of the Curatorial Committee of the National Trust for Scotland and is Honorary Keeper of Furniture at Dumfries House.

CHARLOTTE ROSTEK

After obtaining an MA in Art History at Glasgow University Charlotte occupied her first curatorial position in the Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Germany. Back in Britain she worked at Glasgow School of Art, became Keeper of Art at Paisley Museum and Art Galleries and managed Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House for the National Trust for Scotland before she was appointed Curator at Dumfries House. Charlotte lectures widely on Dumfries House and is currently researching specific aspects of the Dumfries House collection.



BILL RUSSELL

Bill has been the Environmental Officer at Dumfries House since 2007. He lives on the estate with his wife and twin boys. Bill is a qualified Mining Geologist and has a real interest in local history and wildlife. Bill recently spent three years overseas carrying out conservation work as a volunteer in New Zealand and USA.

HOW TO BOOK

The number of places available for each event is limited and early booking is recommended.

You can book a place on any of the events listed by calling our special Booking Line on **01290 551111** or book online at **www.dumfries-house.org.uk** If you require any further information on any of the above, you can contact us on **01290 425959** or email **c.rostek@dumfries-house.org.uk**

ARRIVAL AND PARKING

Participants are requested to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start time. Unless otherwise specified, entry for all special events will be via A70 Gate which lies between Ochiltree and Cumnock. Parking is available at the front and rear of the House. Visitors should enter through the main front entrance.

Events which fail to realise our minimum number of participants may be cancelled and full refunds given.



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