

What's on in Cumnock

Camp Remembered

A brand new exhibition will shine a spotlight on Pennylands Camp 22 when it opens at The Baird Institute in Cumnock on Saturday, January 13.

Pennylands Camp 22, also known as Camp 22, Temple Camp and Auchinleck Camp, is a former WWII POW camp near Auchinleck, to the north-east of Dumfries House.

Built as training facilities for the Tank Corps, Pennylands was also used as a transit camp for regiments and then a prisoner of war camp, housing German and Italian prisoners.

At the end of the war the camp was used as a repatriation camp for Polish soldiers returning home; then by Ayr County Council as housing for local families.

It was demolished in the 1950s and largely forgotten about until now.

On display will be objects from archaeological digs of the site, extracts from oral history interviews that capture the recollections of members from the local community as well as archival documents from the period.

Led by Cumnock History Group and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, this exhibition tells the story of those who lived and worked in and around Pennylands Camp 22.

Accompanying this exhibition will be a series of three free talks by Cumnock History group and the team behind the research, starting with Digging into the Past by Liz Jones of Addyman Archaeology, on Thursday, February 1 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

This will be followed by



Collecting Stories by Dr Sue Morrison, on Thursday, March 1 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and Remembering The Past by Bobby

Grierson of Cumnock History Group on Thursday, April 5 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. There will also be a free fun

ATTENTION!!!: Pennylands platoon

day on Friday, April 13 from 1pm to 3.30pm, where families can explore some of the memories told and objects in the exhibition through drama, arts and crafts workshops.

The Pennylands Camp 22 - Hidden Histories of Ayrshire exhibition will run until Saturday, April 28 and admission is free.

For more information and opening times, call the Baird Institute on 01290 427084 or visit eastayrshireleisure.com

Party Time

Auchinleck Community Development Initiative (ACDI) will hold their kids' Christmas party at Auchinleck Boswell Centre on Friday, December 22 from 6pm to 8pm.

There will be a DJ who will play festive games with the children, and youngsters will receive a chippy and a drink as part of the £3 entry fee.

A tuck shop will also be operating at the event.

What's on East Ayrshire

ART EVENT

Kids can come along and get creative at The Dick Institute, Kilmarnock, as East Ayrshire Leisure launches the latest block of DO ART at the DI! on Thursday, January 18.

Using a variety of mediums including paint, print and ceramics, children can take inspiration from the exhibitions on show in the galleries before creating their own masterpieces.

DO ART at the DI! is suitable for ages 7+ and is held weekly on Thursdays from 4pm to 5.30pm until Thursday, March 22. All materials will be provided.

The block costs £45 and booking is essential.

Also starting on Thursday, January 18 at The Dick Institute is a new session of Adult and Young People's Art Classes.

Professional artist Fiona Fleming will help you to develop your drawing skills in a fun and informal environment, exploring a range of art mediums,



ART ATTACK: Display of work

techniques and materials, suitable for both complete beginners and the more experienced.

Classes are for ages 14+ and will run weekly on Thursdays from 6pm to 7.30pm until Thursday, March 22. Cost is £54 per block and booking is essential.

All materials are provided. Both classes can be booked online at www.eastayrshireleisure.com, or in person at The Palace Theatre Box Office 01563 554900.

Please note that there will be no classes on Thursday, February 15.

GRIME STORY

Fancy getting your hands dirty?

The Friends of Dean Castle Country Park group is looking for more volunteers to get involved, help keep the park looking great and encourage wildlife to flourish.

The group holds twice-monthly practical conservation and grounds maintenance sessions, so if you love being outdoors, learning new skills and doing practical work, this could be the volunteer role for you.

The next session will be held on Sunday, January 7 from 1pm to 3.30pm, where volunteers will be helping to erect fencing in the urban farm as part of the Wild About the Farm project.

Wild About the Farm aims to create wildlife habitat in the farm area of the park, with hedgerows and ditches to provide foraging and shelter for birds, mammals, insect and amphibians.

E-mail jessica.wharf@east-ayrshire.gov.uk, or visit eastayrshireleisure.com for more information.



DEAN CASTLE: Picturesque scene

Cumnock Juniors FC Social Club
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Saturday 16th December
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