

Fabulous Forties Vintage

Wednesday 6 November

Wakefield Museum

5pm to 7.30pm

No need to book!

- See original 40s clothing, accessories and patterns
- Join in a taster session of 'Jitterbug Zumba'!
- Get yourself a 40s hairdo
- Live performances from The Honeybirds!
- Vintage-inspired crafts to try
- A talk on Women in War from Dr Phil Judkins (6.30pm)
- 40s-inspired creations from a local milliner and costumier
- Enjoy a special 40s-inspired meal and/or drink in Create Cafe (without rationing!)

Includes:

More Deadly than the Male (6.30pm) in Learning Zone

Women have carried out many roles in war - some well-known, some entirely unexpected. Come and see how many of the duties, both civilian and military, described by Dr Phil Judkins, and undertaken by women of many nations and beliefs in the wars of the 20th and 21st centuries, you simply would not believe!

Christmas Dinner: from Edward I to Edward VII (with Elizabeth I as well)

Adult talk with tastings – by Dr Annie Gray

Wednesday 18th December

Wakefield Museum - Learning Zone

6pm to 7.30pm

Booking essential as places are limited: 01924 302700 or email

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To many people, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a turkey and trimmings, pudding and brandy butter and a feeling by the end of the day that movement is impossible. But where do our notions of 'traditional fare' come from, and when modern writers 'reinvent' the Christmas meal, are they really doing anything so very different?

This talk charts the traditions of dinner, along with the specific foods consumed, from the high medieval to the Edwardian period. From the celebration of the twelve days under Edward I, to the masques and merriment of Elizabeth's court, Christmas has been a celebration. But it dwindled and nearly died under the Georgians, before being reborn under Victoria. Concentrating on dinner, this talk covers the way the English have celebrated Christmas through the medium of the table. It uses recipe books, literary description and illustrations, as well as experimental work on recipes from the everyday to the spectacular.

Samples of Xmas foods through the ages will be available, along with recipes to take away.

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