

JOHN DALTON 250 WEEKEND

Eaglesfield & Cockermouth

Thursday September 8th to Sunday September 11th 2016

Organised by Cockermouth & District Civic Trust as part of Heritage Open Days.

In September 1766, John was born in Eaglesfield, the son of a village weaver. He became a world famous scientist, particularly for his work in developing atomic theory, but also for developing the science of meteorology and the understanding of colour blindness.



September 2016 is the 250th anniversary of John's birth. The Civic Trust feels that this is an anniversary to celebrate and invites you to attend a number of activities in linked events in both Eaglesfield and Cockermouth over the Heritage Open Days Weekend.

<p>Friday Sept 9th 6.30pm to 7.30pm & Sat Sept 10th 10am to 4pm Kirkgate Centre</p>	<p>Exhibition on the Life & Work of John Dalton Cockermouth Heritage Group is holding an exhibition on the life & work of John Dalton in the Egremont Room of the Kirkgate Centre. This exhibition will also form part of the Heritage Group Summer Exhibition during August. <i>Organised by Cockermouth Heritage Group</i></p>	
<p>Friday Sept 9th 7.30pm Kirkgate Centre</p> <p>Tickets available in advance from the Kirkgate Centre, admission free.</p>	<p>A lecture on 'John Dalton, A Cumbrian Philosopher' by Thomas Fletcher Smith, based on his book of the same title. Dr Tom Smith will tell the story of the man behind the science, a man generally thought to be a Mancunian, as this is where he lived and worked as an adult, but whose heart always belonged to the Land of the Lakes. Tom Smith is a Cumbrian and a retired Chemist, who started his working life at Sellafield, obtained his PhD in Manchester and spent more than 45 years in the chemical and allied industries . <i>Organised by Cockermouth & District Civic Trust</i></p>	
<p>Sat Sept 10th 9am to 11am Eco Centre Cockermouth School</p>	<p>History of Science Teaching since John Dalton's Time Science teaching has changed dramatically since John Dalton learnt Science 250 years ago. The exhibition looks at the evolution of the science curriculum, teaching methods, student teacher relationships and technology in the classroom to compare Dalton's Science learning to that of Cockermouth School pupils today. The exhibition will be put together by the students at the school and will be displayed in the modern Eco Centre. <i>Organised by the Science Dept, Cockermouth School</i></p>	

<p>Sat Sept 10th 10am & 12.30pm Starting in Old Kings Arms Lane (return transport available)</p>	<p>Walk the John Dalton Way to Eaglesfield The Nuclear Striders Walking Group have created a new 45km walk in celebration of John Dalton 250. It is called the 'John Dalton Way'. It starts in Old Kings Arms Lane, Cocker-mouth, passes through Eaglesfield & continues to Seascale, passing Calder Hall, the first commercial atomic power station. A guide book is available. For John Dalton 250, there will be 2 guided walks along the first 6km of the trail to Eaglesfield. Families welcome. <i>Organised by the Nuclear Striders Walking Group</i></p>	
<p>Sat Sept 10th 10am to 4pm Eaglesfield Village Hall (transport between Cocker-mouth & Eaglesfield available)</p>	<p>Historic Eaglesfield & John Dalton Exhibition, - and light refreshments. The exhibition will include: - An exhibition of John Dalton's Life, including portraits of John Dalton - A print of the section of the Quaker Tapestry depicting John Dalton and peers - Historical photographs of Eaglesfield - Video loop of runners running the John Dalton Way <i>Organised by Eaglesfield Village Hall Committee.</i></p>	
<p>Sat Sept 10th 10am to 4pm Obtain leaflet from Eaglesfield Village Hall (transport from Cocker-mouth available)</p>	<p>Self guided walking tour of Historic Eaglesfield A circular 1 mile route featuring buildings such as the John Dalton Cottage, the Friends Meeting House and other 18th & early 19th century properties. Information posters will be displayed on route relating to individual properties. Occasional gardens will be open for access. For families, an additional quiz sheet will be available for children to complete along the same tour route. <i>Organised by Eaglesfield Village Hall Committee</i></p>	
<p>Sat Sept 10th Church Open 10am to 4.30pm (short visits available on return bus)</p>	<p>John Dalton Memorial Church The 1891 church is dedicated to St Philip and St James the Less. It was also named the 'John Dalton Memorial Church' in recognition of the fact that this eminent scientist was born within the parish & there is a commemorative plaque. Inside, there are some beautiful carvings done by Deaconess Sewel, a local woman. <i>Organised by St Philips & St James Church</i></p>	
<p>Sat Sept 10th Departs Bush Hotel, C'mouth: On hour from 10am to 4pm Departs Village Hall, E'field twenty past hour 10.20 to 4.20.</p>	<p>Transport between Cocker-mouth & Eaglesfield by Vintage Bus A bus service is being provided so that people can attend Heritage Open Day events in both Cocker-mouth and Eaglesfield, or can return to Cocker-mouth after completing one of the Heritage Open Day guided walks on the 'John Dalton Way' from Cocker-mouth to Eaglesfield. On the return journey, there will be a 10 minute stop to view the John Dalton Memorial Church. <i>Provided by Workington Transport Heritage Trust</i></p>	

Other Heritage Open Days activities in Cocker-mouth are in the Cocker-mouth HODS booklet & on www.heritageopendays.org.uk. These include Isel Hall, Banks Ironmongers, Percy House, Masonic Hall, Cocker-mouth Castle & an exhibit on the Quaker response to the Military Service Act, 1916.