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Welcome to Discover, your guide to events and activities at York Castle Museum. Visit our websites to Discover what's on at [York Art Gallery](#) and the [Yorkshire Museum](#) too!

Our exciting talks, tours and workshops are the perfect way for you to discover more about the fantastic exhibitions and collections including *A Personal Collection of Vivienne Westwood Shoes* (13 July 2018 - 28 April 2019).

Don't forget, admission to all sites is FREE for 12 months with your YMT Card.

talks

York's Sweet Past: A Taste of Success

Tuesday 5 June, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Also, weekdays throughout York Festival of Ideas (5 –15 June)

Delve into York's sweet past and meet our costumed confectioner Mary Ann Craven on York Castle Museum's Victorian cobbled street, Kirkgate. Find out how Mary – famous for her French almonds and boiled sweets – became a successful businesswoman in a male orientated Victorian world. Part of York Festival of Ideas.

Included in museum admission. No need to book.



Spotlight Talks: Shoes

Thursday 26 July, 2pm and then fortnightly on Thursdays at 2pm, throughout *A Personal Collection of Vivienne Westwood Shoes* (13 July 2018 – 28 April 2019)

Join our curators to find out more about the museum's collection as they shine a spotlight on individual shoes on display as part of the exhibition *A Personal Collection of Vivienne Westwood Shoes*. Spotlight Talks last approximately 15 mins.

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

Curator's Talk: The Queen of Extreme

Friday 27 July, 2pm – 3pm

Join us to explore the work and influences of Dame Vivienne Westwood, one of Britain's most eccentric, controversial and consistently original designers. By exploring key themes in her design – the use of bold graphics, the inter-relationship with music, a devotion to history – this talk will chart Westwood's progress from iconoclastic outsider to an internationally revered figure. Drawing on iconic Westwood designs seen in the exhibition *A Personal Collection of Vivienne Westwood Shoes*, find out more about how the designer's work, from the 'Seditionaries' boots worn by The Sex Pistols to the 'Super Elevated Gillie' that caused Naomi Campbell to tumble on a Paris catwalk, have established her reputation for leading where others can only follow.

£5 per person. Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



Curator's Talk: Footwear for Foul Weather – Patterns and Overshoes from the Collection of York Castle Museum

Friday 3 August, 2pm – 3pm

In an age before shoes and boots were waterproof, how did people navigate dirty streets and muddy country lanes without ruining their footwear? Worn by men and women alike from the middle ages to around 1850, pattens and overshoes protected the expensive delicate shoes of the rich, and the everyday shoes of agricultural workers, domestic servants and coachmen. Made of sturdy leather, wood and iron, they came in a remarkable variety of styles, and could be surprisingly decorative. Most households the country over would have owned at least one pair of pattens, and the unmistakable clatter of pattens on paved streets rang out in every British city and town.

Join Dr Faye Prior for a journey through the history of overshoes in Britain – a history that's surprisingly naughty in places! Experience the enormity of a massive pair of Victorian coachman's overboots, examine a set of pattens that belonged to a Yorkshire schoolmistress, and you could even hold in your hand a very rare (and tiny!) pair of children's pattens from the eighteenth century.

£5 per person. Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe – Sole Searching Georgian Footwear

Tuesday 18 September, 2pm – 3pm

Explore the fascinating story of women's historic footwear with York Castle Museum's Helen Thornton. Helen will lead you on a journey from the Gorgeous Georgians right through to the Racy Regency using stunning examples of women's shoes from the museum collection. Find out about cutting-edge Georgian footwear fashions and political impact on key styles. This session will last one hour and include a talk about shoes as well as an opportunity to view and handle objects at the end.

£5 per person. Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.

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York's Sweet Past: A Taste of Success

Tuesday 5 June, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Also, weekdays throughout York Festival of Ideas (5 –15 June)

Mary Craven was famous for her confectionary. Join us as we bring history to life through your taste buds with sweet treat demonstrations based on Craven's recipes in Castle's studio kitchen. You might even get to try some! Part of York Festival of Ideas.

£Price. Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



Felt Your Own Flower Brooch

Sunday 8 July, 1pm – 3pm

A practical session for adults with artist Lynda Withers. Be inspired by the fashion on display and make your own felt flower brooch to take away. This session is suitable for all abilities (16+ only). Part of Bloom Festival.

£15 per person, includes all materials and museum admission. Book through our [events](#) page.



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Walk in my Shoes

Thursday 26 July, Thursday 2 August and Thursday 9 August, 10am – 1pm and 2 – 4pm

Join Vivie Baglady, who collects shoes. Old shoes, new shoes, red shoes, blue shoes, odd shoes and even smelly shoes. She collects them all, but what stories from her collection will she tell today? 30 minute story telling sessions for children aged 4 + and their families.

Drop in activity included in museum admission. No need to book.

Dip Your Toes in the Water

Monday 6 and Friday 17 August, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm



Come to the Castle Museum and explore the designs and textures of Vivienne Westwood shoes. Work with an artist, and 'dip your toes in the water' of collagraph printing using everyday materials to make texture prints. Develop new skills in a practical workshop inspired by the designs of a fashion icon. Your print can earn an Arts Award sticker. Aimed at 5–9 years, however all welcome. Part of Explore Summer reading challenge and events 2018.

Drop in activity included in museum admission. No need to book.



York Museums Trust provides a range of activities and events for children under 5 to help them engage with the collections and exhibitions.

We currently offer two types of **Museum Monkeys** sessions across our sites: **Museum Baby for under 2s** and **Early Years Explorers for ages 2 – 5**.

Kids Go FREE plus there's **FREE entry for adults with a YMT Card** – 12 months of unlimited access to all York Museums Trust sites.

Early Years Explorers (2–5), Old Fashioned Wash Day

13 September, 10am – 11am

Wash the clothes in soapy water and listen to the Victorian wash day story.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



Early Years Explorers (2–5), Traditional Nursery Rhymes

20 September, 10am – 11am

Decorate the dish to run away, with the spoon, knock Humpty Dumpty off the wall, and wash the spider down the spout.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



Early Years Explorers (2–5), Shoes

27 September, 10am – 11am

Try on the costumes, explore the Shaping the Body exhibition and listen to the story of *The Old Woman who lived in a Shoe*.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



Early Years Explorers (2–5), Victorian Transport

4 October, 10am – 11am

Visit Kirkgate to see the Hansom Cab, play with the train set, and dress up as a horse to pull the cart.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



Early Years Explorers (2–5), In The Kitchen

11 October, 10am – 11am

Decorate biscuits, have a tea party, and investigate the play food.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.

