

Living History stories will be taken from the following:

## CASTLE CORNET

Selected days at 2.15pm May- September

### ‘1204 and all that’

King John loses Normandy and medieval Guernsey farmer Alan and his neighbour Marie are not impressed - even with Nicholas the Merchant to explain. Eustace the monk doesn't help either!  
*(Approx 40 mins - Lower Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Fire in the Galley!’

Romans in Guernsey c 286 AD. A Gallo - Roman ship comes to grief in St Peter Port's harbour and the locals are ready to help - and to hinder - them! Based on evidence on display in Castle Cornet's Maritime Museum  
*(Approx 15 mins - Lower Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Owen of Wales’

Taken from an old medieval ballad the story tells of Owen of Wales, a mercenary in the employ of the French King, sent to recapture Guernsey from the English. The puppet style presentation tells of the Islanders who resisted him and of the beautiful Elinor, doomed to disappointment.  
*(Approx 20 mins Lower Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Burnt at the Stake!’

Religious persecution during the reigns of the Tudor Queens Mary 1 and Elizabeth 1 caused much misery and confusion in 16th century England. ‘Foxes Book of Martyrs’ records the tale of three Guernsey women, one of whom was pregnant, accused of heresy. Our short play explores the story behind their tragedy as they are led from their prison in Castle Cornet to be burnt at the stake in St Peter Port.  
*(approx 30 mins - Lower Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Tudor Times’

Meet ‘Lady Margaret’ who accompanied Lady Leighton, the Governor's wife on a brief visit to the Castle in the 16th century. As she works on her black work embroidery she shares her experiences.  
*(Approx 20 mins - Sutler's Garden & Story of Castle Cornet)*

### ‘Pirates and Privateers’

Obtaining a ‘Letter of Marque’ from the King gave seamen a legitimate claim on the bounty from enemy ships. ‘Dangerous Brian’ thinks this is one for him. He goes to London to make a claim from the Admiralty clerk - who is rather more impressed by the dignified Mr Tupper. Will ‘Dangerous Brian’ get his chance to go straight?  
*Approx 20 mins- Lower Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Cannons in the Castle’

The firing of cannon and more about these amazing pieces of artillery- found not only in the castle but elsewhere along the coast of Guernsey. (Approx 15 mins- Saluting Battery)

### ‘All Hands on Deck!’

Round the world in 30 minutes! From 1740-1744, Commander Anson's Royal Navy Squadron circumnavigated the globe in pursuit of the Spanish and their treasure ships. On board is Guernsey man Philip Saumarez and it is through his eyes that the story unfolds. A story of ill-manned ships, disease, determination and eventually - triumph!  
*(Approx 35 mins - Lower Courtyard / Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Besieged!’ - A Soldiers Tale

Castle Cornet was garrisoned by the English and when the English Civil War broke out in 1643, Sir Peter Osborne, Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey refused to surrender and stayed loyal to the King. Guernsey supported the Parliamentarians. For nine years the Castle was besieged. It is now December 1651 and Castle Cornet has surrendered to the Parliamentarians. ‘John Plunkett’ recalls his life as a soldier garrisoned throughout the siege.  
*(Approx 20 mins Middle Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘An Unfathomed Man’

Charles Hatton tells the story of his father - in - law Sir John Lambert imprisoned in Castle Cornet from 1661-1670 after the English Civil War. One of Oliver Cromwell's deputies, he was banished to the Island by Charles 11. A man of great integrity and military intelligence, Lambert's incarceration was an ordeal which destroyed his health and his future.  
*(Approx 35 mins - Lambert's Garden/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Return to the Castle’

In December 1672 lightning struck the Donjon in Castle Cornet and the gunpowder stored below exploded destroying the home & family of Sir Christopher Hatton the Governor of Guernsey. His two sisters survived the explosion despite being trapped by a fallen beam. Here they return to the Castle and ponder on the event that changed their lives.  
*(Approx 15 mins - Upper Lawn /Sutler's Garden/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Crisis at Cobo’- A Narrow Escape! (Also at Fort Grey)

Guernsey man Admiral Sir James Saumarez served with Lord Nelson and had a distinguished career in the British Navy. Our lively story reflects on his life and in particular his escape from a superior French squadron through the treacherous rocks of Guernsey - helped by Guernsey man Jean Breton.  
*(Approx 25 mins - Lower Courtyard / Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Blood, Sweat and Smoke’- below decks at Trafalgar

Guernseyman Peter Sylvie- ropemaker and seaman, served in many ships during the battles against Napoleon & the French in the late 1700s and early 1800s. He was on board HMS Royal Sovereign at Trafalgar in 1805 and 40 years on, is to receive a medal. He tells of his life and experiences ‘below deck’ during one of the most significant naval conflicts of modern times.  
*(Approx 25 mins - Lower Courtyard/ Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Mr Lihou Reports’

Guernseyman Admiral Sir James Saumarez was one of Nelson's captains. In 1805 he was in charge of the Channel Island Squadron and so missed the great triumph at Trafalgar. However, his nephew John Lihou, who was on board the ‘Swiftsure’ is back in the Island to see his uncle and report on the battle. Sir James is also entertaining the delightful Miss Miffy who is fascinated by Mr Lihou - and his story.  
*(Approx 25 mins - Lower Courtyard /Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Wildhawk’ Warneford and the downing of the Zeppelin

New recruits to 201 Squadron RAF are reminded of the story of Rex Warneford of the No.1 Squadron, Royal Naval Air Service, precursor of 201 Squadron RAF, who won the VC as the first man to down a Zeppelin in 1915. However, his fame was short lived, killed in a flying accident ten days later.  
*(Approx 15 mins - Middle Courtyard / Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘An Island Posting.’ The Guernsey Military Re-enactors

It is 1943. The Castle has been garrisoned by German occupying forces for 3 years. The war is going against them and they are under orders not to fraternise with the locals. However, the Grenadiers stationed in Castle Cornet will talk about their uniform, kit, weapons and their posting from the Russian Front.  
*(All day [selected w/e only] - Royal Battery and around the Castle)*

### ‘Lady Tar’

Naval muster books rarely mention the women who served in the ships commanded by captains such as Nelson and Saumarez. The life of a seaman's wife was not always a happy one - on board or on land - as our lady tar can tell you!  
*(Approx 15 mins - Lower Courtyard / Hatton Gallery)*

### ‘Full Steam Ahead!’

A Victorian tale of competition, heroism and tragedy as the railway companies strive to be the first to the Channel Islands with their steamer services. On Maundy Thursday 1899 the L&SW Railway steamer ‘Stella’ struck the Casquets rocks. Over 100 people perished in the disaster.  
*(Approx 35 mins - Lower Courtyard / Hatton Gallery)*

## Themed tours at the Castle

(All tours start by the shop on the Lower Level)

### 'A Quiet War'

From 1940 - 1945 Guernsey was occupied by German forces. A Guernsey man who lived through the Occupation shares his experiences as he tours the German fortifications in Castle Cornet. (Approx 45 mins)

### 'The First Castle'

A tour of the Castle as it might have been in the medieval period. Though designed as a defensive structure to guard St Peter Port's important harbour, its development included a Chapel and Great Hall as well as Donjon (tower). (Approx 45 mins)

**The 'Period' Gardens** (Most Sundays 2.15 pm May-Sept)  
Four gardens within the Castle walls have been planted to reflect relevant periods in the castle's history. The tours are supported by an illustrated talk on wet days. (Approx 45 mins)

## FORT GREY

Most Wednesdays 11.15am May - September

### 'Militiaman of Rocquaine'

The threat from the French in the early 19th Century was felt by all Guernsey men. Although the local Militia had been around for several hundred years, it was only now that they were trained to be a proper fighting force, ready to repel any attack Napoleon might make. Stationed at Fort Grey, our Militiaman recounts what life was like as a part-time soldier and a full-time farmer in 1808. (approx 20 mins)

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## GUERNSEY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Most Tuesdays 11.15am May - September

### 'A Gift for Mr. Lukis'

Antiquarian collector and archaeologist Frederick Corbin Lukis opened the first museum in Guernsey. In our story, a gentleman from one of the country parishes has brought an interesting object for Mr Lukis to consider. Speaking the local patois (Norman-French), Martha his relative and companion to Mrs Lukis is more than delighted to help him and to share the gossip about Mr Victor Hugo amongst others. (15 mins -Museum Foyer)

### 'The Quarryman'

Meet Martha, who is housekeeper to Mrs Lukis, wife of Frederick Corbin Lukis who started the first museum in Guernsey. It is 1860 and her sister Adelina is on a visit from England. Martha is grateful to have a chance to share her worries about their brother John - a quarryman, but her sister's new found status makes for an uncomfortable meeting. (15 mins- Museum Foyer)

### 'The Cholera Epidemic of 1832'

Rich or poor, none could be sure to escape this deadly disease. In 1832 it struck at the heart of St. Peter Port. Samuel Boucher relives those three weeks of terror with the help of several ladies of his acquaintance..... (20 mins - on the terrace)

### 'The Travels of Guernsey Tom'

A light hearted but informative look at Guernsey's Tomato Industry in its hey day as the 'Guernsey Tom' makes its way to market. Loaded on crates, tossed on the waves and cosseted on the railway Guernsey Tom is on a great adventure - until that is - he realises why he is there! (20 mins - on the Terrace)

To accompany the 2005 Exhibition:

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For further information on our special Festival programme or availability of the company for hire, please contact:  
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## 2005 PROGRAMME

Castle Cornet

selected days - 2.15pm

Fort Grey

most Weds -11.15am

## Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery

selected days - 11.15am

A programme of local stories with members of The Guernsey Museum 'History in Action' Company. Costumed presentations, storytelling and tours.

For details on the performance programme please telephone Castle Cornet on 721657, Fort Grey on 265036 or Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery on 726518 or ring our information line on 12039

