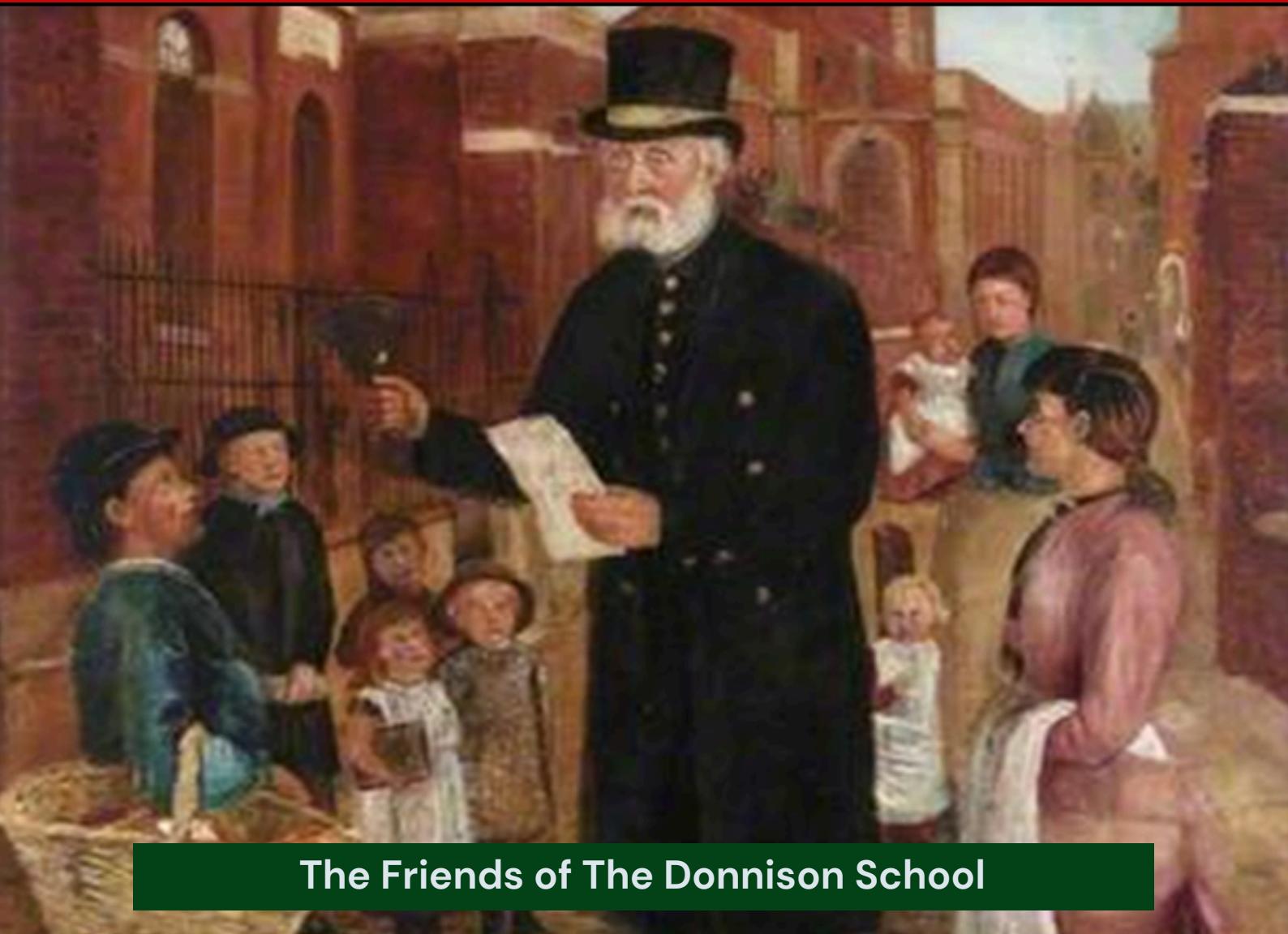


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The last Monday in the month. Starts @ 1.30pm

Rosie the Riveter: The Real Story by Stuart Miller

Monday 23rd February

We all know the iconic image of the munitions worker – but it's not the whole truth. Discover the artistic origins of the poster and meet the real women behind the legend.



Rise and Fall of Sunderland's Coal Mining Industry by Derek Potter

Monday 30th March

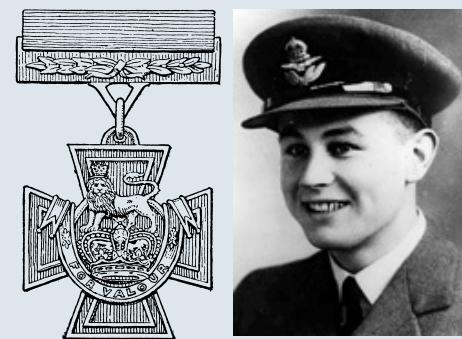
Trace the proud history of coal mining in Sunderland, from its industrial heyday to its decline, and reflect on the legacy it left behind.



Cyril Joe Barton VC by Stuart Robson

Monday 27th April

The story of the WWII pilot who gave his life to prevent his stricken aircraft from crashing into homes in Ryhope – a tale of courage and sacrifice.



An Audience with a Local Author Glenda Young Monday 18th May

An open conversation with one of Sunderland's best-loved writers. Bring your questions and enjoy a afternoon of stories, insights and inspiration.



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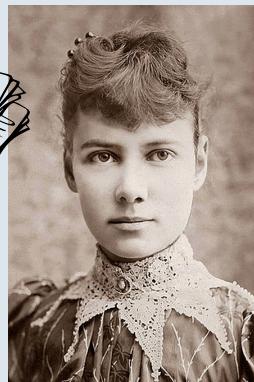
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Nellie and the Muckrakers by Stuart Miller

Monday 29th June

From daring undercover investigations to a race around the world in 80 days, Nellie Bly's fearless journalism exposed scandals and redefined women's role in the press.



The Bonny Pit Lad – Part 2 by Gordon Donkin

Monday 27th July

A continuation of Gordon's much-loved tale, revisiting the life and struggles of Sunderland's pit communities



Fishwives of the Northeast by Margaret Atkinson

Monday 28th September

Explore the lives, labour and legacy of the fishwives who worked the coast and markets, keeping communities fed and traditions alive.



The Life and Works of Rudyard Kipling by Gordon Donkin

Monday 26th October

A look at the celebrated author's writings, influences and controversies, exploring how his work continues to resonate today.



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The Railway Death March by Tony Hall

Monday 30th November

Also known as the Thailand-Burma Railway, was a tragic project during World War II. Built between 1942 and 1943, it relied heavily on forced labor, including Allied POWs and Asian laborers, under brutal conditions.



Local Characters across Sunderland brought to life!

by Janette Hilton and Donnison actors

Monday 7th December

Meet the famous and the infamous of Sunderland's past – a lively introduction to the city's local characters who shaped its story, for better or worse.



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