

Forfar Meffan Museum and Art Gallery

What is the Museum?

Situated in the heart of Forfar's historic town centre is "The Meffan" built in 1898 as a bequest from the daughter of Provost Meffan. Originally Forfar's library and museum, the building is now a lively art gallery and museum.

The building is much loved by the community with local clubs and societies meeting here.

What to see

Two galleries are devoted to Art exhibitions. Every month new art exhibitions are staged and these ever changing exhibitions bring to Forfar the work of a range of contemporary Scottish artists.

Another two galleries explore "The Forfar Story" from the time of Pictish artistic endeavour. A stunning collection of Pictish Stones are displayed to best advantage so both front and rear of these enigmatic sculptured stones can be closely examined. An interactive screen guides the visitor through every Pictish stone found in Angus. Models of two archaeologists are seen excavating a log canoe dated to the 11th century.

The visitor can next wander through time down an old narrow cobbled street called The Vennel. They can peer into a knockmaker's workshop (clocks), see linen being woven by a weaver, drool over bread, and of course, brides at the bakers; the shoemaker is busy mending and making boots and shoes. The last shop on the street is Peter Reid's sweetie shop with its famed Forfar Rock. Finally the visitor steps into a crowd staring in awe and horror at a witch about to be strangled and burnt. Forfar had a dark period in its history where several women were accused of witchcraft.



When to Visit

Mon to Sat 10.00-17.00

Closed 25-26 Dec and 1-2 Jan

Sales area, WC, disabled access to upper floors
No entrance charges

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Every Object Tells a Story...

Witches branks - An example of the brutal iron witches branks or scold's bridle used to subdue women accused of witchcraft in 17th century Scotland. The branks acted as a device for depressing the tongue and keeping suspects quiet.



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