



We don't often have a dilemma about what to display next in the main gallery but we now have such a rich menu to choose from. We could look for funding to properly display and conserve the Chinese and Japanese robes we have, which don't have great *socio-economic* connection with the permanent collection, or we could show the Victorian costumes which are always popular, but we have some great pieces from the sixties, seventies and eighties which have never seen the light of day, but with which our greatest number of visitors might relate to. We thought we would ask you the readers if you have any preference or indeed other ideas.

The staff will pass on your comments to the design team who will, as usual do whatever they want!



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**Current Exhibition
The Quilters Art**

Until the 5th of February, 2017 we have a continuing exhibition of Quilts and other Textile crafts on loan from the Sew n' Sews Quilt group from Kilbirnie. Those of you who are regular visitors will be aware that every two years our main gallery, and if necessary other spaces, are filled with the joy of dozens of quilts in rainbow colours. We applaud this group not only for their skills but also for their long established charitable giving to many good causes. Please take a little time to buy a ticket to see this remarkable exhibition and the remainder of the permanent exhibition and a stunning display of vintage wedding dresses as a special bonus.

Sadly for some the Mill will close from the 23rd Dec. until the 9th of January 2017

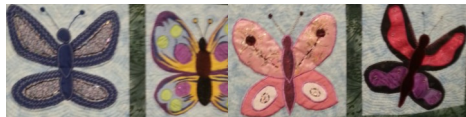




Some of you will be aware that this is the Ferguson family's ancestral home, and our Chairman, well over his three score years and ten has never seen such long lasting autumn colours. Not only trees such as the Acer and the Cherry have turned scarlet and gold, but beech, lime, elm and sorbus have either created masses of berries but tons of leaves. Enjoy them while you can but feel something for our poor maintenance team who have been forking them out of the heck on a daily basis.



The good news however is that we have, after twenty years of waiting, a crop from our oak woods. I know one acorn isn't much but we also had a hazelnut and lots of crab apples. The Chairman had a vision of a herd of rare breed pigs feeding on the acorn crop and greeting visitors and their dogs, sadly it may not be happening soon.



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The Miller's Kitchen



At this time of year, it is our custom to thank the local groups, rather than visitors and tourists who keep us going through the winter months. These are some of our walking and cycling groups. But we also get photographers and birdwatchers.

