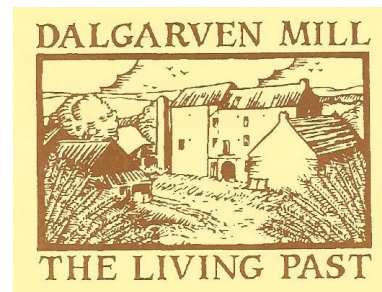


## CALENDAR 2019



Please, think about buying the new CALENDAR, we have spent a huge amount on new windows and other repairs this summer, so think of someone who would like it as a Christmas present, or send one abroad and solve all your foreign gift problems. Last year a Mill supporter sent fourteen all over America and Canada. In total we sold all but 35 of two hundred so help us do better this year. There are also Mugs and posters on sale, more good Christmas presents.

WHAT A GIFT ONE OF RACHEL'S SILK AND MERINO SHAWLS WOULD MAKE.



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We shall remember .....



We are approaching the centenary of the end of the Great War, and it is fitting to remember those who died, and those like my father John Ferguson who was shot twice but survived.

Others in this tiny village were not so lucky and we pay them our respects with this display of poppies

Sew n' Sews quilts  
are coming for their  
biennial Exhibition



Welcome to my new quilt, I loved this one when Rosie Furlong exhibited it, and wanted to use a photo of it in my forthcoming book on the Costume collection. So I enquired as to who owned it, to get permission to publish it, Rosie said "I still have it, would you like to acquire it ? My answer was yes please, so with thanks to Rosie it can now be seen in the Coffee Room When the Quilting exhibition begins on the **ninth of November** there will be many, many beautiful pieces of work on view, so make a date now to come and bring your friends. **You can pre-order lunch or "Tea at three" and make it a day out,** and you might even find that unusual gift.



## The winds of change .....



This year one of our Founders, Rob Ferguson our Curator, and Chairman reached a significant birthday and there were rumours that he might retire, but hold onto your seats, instead, even as we speak, the doors are being widened for his new motorised scooter. How good it is to see both children and grandchildren still here and supporting the project.



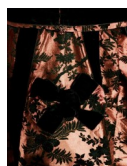
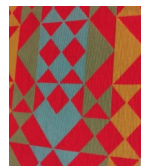
The Ferguson Family on Opening day 1987

## New Costume Book.



This is the story of the collection which Rob and Moira began in the nineteen seventies and continued after the Trust was set up in 1994. In now numbers more than two thousand pieces from 1775 right up to 2000 and beyond.

It is impossible to show all of what we have, but the stories and backgrounds of donors and outstanding pieces will be told.



We do not yet have enough money to publish, so if you would like to be a Patron for the book and guarantee your copy. Just donate £20.00 and leave it, and your name, as you would like it to appear in the list of Patrons. Please ask staff for the form.

We would like thank all of our supporters and other grant givers for funds to repair all the windows in the main building and to the Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club. We would like to thank Dalry Parish Boundary Trust for funds to restore the Water Wheel below, and the Vintage Tractor boys for returning the wee grey Fergie which everyone loves.



Our special thanks to the six of you who each gave a hundred pounds to buy a paddle, and to the group who collected £250 during their visit for the same cause.

## Volunteers

We are desperately looking for more people to volunteer, we have several lovely ladies who research, catalogue, record, repair, conserve, pack and unpack, tidy, do social media, write captions - we can use any skill you may have. You can do all or any of the above, or clean, garden, talk, guide visitors, paint or transfer any skills you may have.

Chaps can also do fab things like repair furniture, tools, gardening or build. Just a thought, anyone fancy a men's shed in one of our empty buildings? We have a printing press if anyone would like to do woodcuts or any other art or craft work.



It's Christmas time again so now is the time to order your delicious brandy soaked family sized cakes or even one of our teeny weeny ones. Please ask staff for costs and ingredients.