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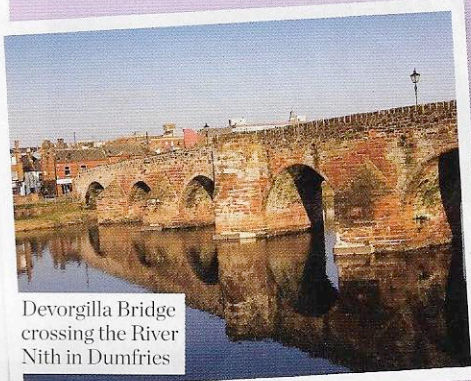
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Enjoy Yourself in Dumfries

The market town of Dumfries is set in the lowlands of Scotland, surrounded by lush green forests and hills, with a rugged coastline nearby. It lies on the banks of the River Nith and was home to the famed poet Robert Burns during his later years – you can visit his house and the Robert Burns Centre, as well as the Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura.

Meanwhile, **Romy's Sewing Room** in Dumfries will cater for all your dressmaking needs. The shop has a range of beautiful cotton lawn from McElroy fabrics and Japanese printed cotton by Nutex, along with a huge variety of cotton fabrics, gingham, linen blends, peach skin, duchess satins, chiffon, lace and many more. You'll also find a wide range of ribbons, zips, threads, pins and needles and all the sewing notions you could need, plus Simplicity, New Look and other patterns. Come and visit for a friendly personal service from an experienced dressmaker.

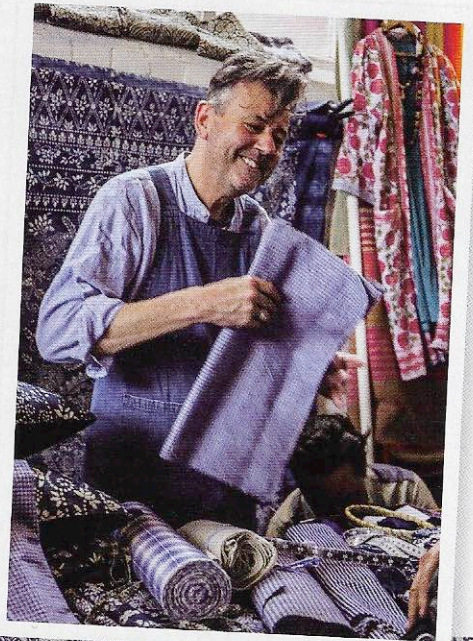


Devorgilla Bridge crossing the River Nith in Dumfries

The Selvedge Fair

If you're planning a trip to Edinburgh around 19th August, make sure to drop by **Dovecot Tapestry Studios** where the team behind cult magazine *Selvedge* will be bringing a carefully chosen selection of 50 merchants and makers. **The Selvedge Fair** offers the perfect opportunity to meet makers, catch up with old friends and find that special something, from rare vintage fabrics to must-buy haberdashery and skillfully handmade textile treasures.

Entry to the fair is £5 and you'll have the opportunity to make a miniature tapestry with Fiona Rutherford at one of the drop-in workshops, priced £10. You can also enjoy a guided walk in the historic city centre with a free map, relax with a cup of tea or a delicious lunch in Leo's Café, and learn about the history of the Tapestry Studios on a free tour of the weaving floor, meeting at 2pm in the Gallery.



Take a trip to The Selvedge Fair



Gartmore House sewing retreats

Gartmore House is a country house set in the beautiful Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, and it offers sewing retreats all year round, welcoming all expertise levels. You can choose a *Learn To Sew* taster weekend and get to know the venue and tutors, or opt for a relaxing five-day holiday at the special price of £345. There are two different types of five-day retreat: the first is called *Sew Your Own* and the second is *Understanding Sewing*

Patterns. The price includes five days of home cooked food (full board), single ensuite accommodation, professional sewing tutoring, a trip to Loch Katrine with cruise included and transport from Stirling railway station. The weekend taster includes the same features, minus the cruise, and costs £199. If you feel like trying something new, other types of activity holidays are also available including painting or lacemaking.

Food for thought

MAKE SURE YOU SAMPLE THESE TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TREATS!

- **HAGGIS** - this savoury pudding combining meat, oatmeal, onions, salt and spices is Scotland's national dish.
- **STOVIES** - a potato-based dish that uses various leftovers, similar to bubble and squeak.
- **CLOOTIE DUMPLING** - a suet and fruit pudding – 'clootie' refers to the piece of cloth that is wrapped around the mixture as it cooks.
- **CRANACHAN** - a dessert made from raspberries, oats, cream, whisky and honey.

