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CUMNOCK History Group has invited residents to share their memories of the Pennylands World War II prisoner of war camp.

Members are staging two dropin sessions and are eager to hear stories and information, as well as pictures, of the camp which was on Dumfries House Estate.

The first of these took place at The Boswell Centre, Well Road, Auchinleck, last Thursday, April

One week later, on May 4, at The Barrhill Centre, Bank Avenue, Cumnock, the team will be there

By Frank Cassidy Senior Reporter

– from 2pm to 4pm. Some of the fascinating finds from a recent archaeological dig will be on display at both events.

Called Pennylands Camp 22, the exciting project has been supported by a £10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

So far, archaeologists have uncovered much of the physical layout and uses of the camp and unearthed intriguing personal finds such as badge moulds, toys,

bottles and military insignia.

Ongoing work will continue through events such as the drop-in sessions, oral history, desk and archival-based research.

Bobby Grierson, chairman of Cumnock History Group, said: "It's fantastic that we have been awarded this grant and we can't wait to get started.

"We are eager to discover more about the Pennylands camp, its inhabitants and its impact on the local community.

"It is exciting to involve more people and share this heritage and history."



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