

## Family Events near YOU from 3 September, 2010

### 3 Sep: Bat Night II

Linlithgow Palace, Linlithgow, EH49 7AL. 01506 842065.

<https://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/places/events.htm>

A short talk with some batty facts, followed by an easy walk to look and listen for bats in and around Linlithgow Palace. 8pm. Booking is essential.

### 3 Sep: Beecraigs Badger Watch

Beecraigs Country Park, Near Linlithgow, EH49 6PL. 01506 882254

£4.50/2.50 [http://www.beecraigs.com/ranger/ranger\\_prog\\_2.htm#september](http://www.beecraigs.com/ranger/ranger_prog_2.htm#september)

Join the Ranger Service to discover more about these intriguing animals. There will be a small presentation followed by an evening in the badger hide. Wear sturdy footwear and bring binoculars and a torch. No perfume or aftershaves. Booking essential as numbers are limited. Time to be confirmed. Over 12s. Meet: Sutherland Building, adjacent to Park Centre. Phone the Ranger on 01506 844516 for further details.

### 3 Sep: Up and Over Easter Craiglockhart Hill

Easter Craiglockhart

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/countrysiderangers](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/countrysiderangers)

Meet the Countryside Ranger for a walk up, over and round Easter Craiglockhart Hill watching out for the abundance of wildlife present, talking about the history of the area and discussing how the nature reserve is managed. Bring binoculars if you have them. Please bring sturdy footwear and waterproofs. Wear warm clothes in cold weather and sun hats in hot weather. Over 8s. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential. 2.30-4pm.

### 3-5 Sep: ITU Duathlon World Championships

Holyrood Park, Holyrood EH8 8DX. 01509 226161

[www.edinburghduathlon2010.com](http://www.edinburghduathlon2010.com)

The most prestigious duathlon competition ever staged in the UK. Watch the best duathletes in the world demonstrate their incredible levels of endurance and tactical ability. Duathlon is a combination of two individual sports, running and cycling.

### to 4 Sep: Mary and John Knox

Scottish Storytelling Centre, Royal Mile, EH1 1SR. 0131 556 9579.

£8/£6 [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)

Iconic yet intimate, real and eerie. Two alternating shows explore Scotland's most prolific figures. Mary, Queen of Scots: The Last Letter with Anna Hepburn (Wed & Fri) and John Knox: Turn Again with John Shedden (Thu & Sat). 5pm (50mins)

### 4 Sep: Children's Nearly New Sale

Polwarth Parish Church, Polwarth Terrace, EH11 1LU.

[www.NearlyNewSale.org.uk](http://www.NearlyNewSale.org.uk)

Loads of good quality toys, books, DVDs videos, nursery equipment, maternity and children's clothes. Entry by donation (suggested £1-£2). Donations of good quality toys and equipment gratefully received. Contact [donations@nearlynewsale.org.uk](mailto:donations@nearlynewsale.org.uk). This sale will be supporting The Sick Kids Hospital and Polwarth Church. 11am-1pm



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**4 Sep: Jeely jar screening: The Karate Kid**

The Hippodrome, Hope St, Bo'ness, EH51 0AA. 01324 506850

£2.10 [www.falkirk.gov.uk/hippodrome](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/hippodrome)

Worthwhile remake of the original 1984 hit with Jaden Smith (son of Will) as the Kid and martial arts mega-star Jackie Chan as the master. 11am

**4 Sep: Ecomaniacs - Survival Skills 14:-00-15:30**

Beeccraigs Country Park, Near Linlithgow, EH49 6PL. 01506 882254

£2 [http://www.beeccraigs.com/ranger/ranger\\_prog\\_2.htm#september](http://www.beeccraigs.com/ranger/ranger_prog_2.htm#september)

Aged between 8 and 12 years, interested in nature and wildlife, and enjoy having fun out-of-doors? Join the Ecomaniacs club and work in conjunction with the John Muir Trust to achieve the Discovery Award for keen participants. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. 2-3.30pm. Meet: Park Centre.

**4 Sep: Dress up Georgian Peg Dollies**

Museum of Edinburgh, Canongate, Royal Mile, EH8 8DD. 0131 529 3963.

Free <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Events/Events-Coming-Soon.aspx>

Art workshop for families: create tiny peg dolls all dressed up for a day out in style in Georgian Edinburgh, using lots of lovely papers and fabrics. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb. For more info and booking call Margaret Findlay 0131 529 3963. 10.30am or 1.30pm

**4 Sep: Big Zzzzzzz's**

City Art Centre, Market Street, EH1 1DE. 0131 529 3963.

£8/£2.50 <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/City-Art-Centre/Events.aspx>

If animals dream, what life do you imagine your pet might dream of? Inspired by the exhibition images, you will use paint and collage techniques to create an image of your own pet or animal and place it in a wonder Wegman-style setting. Family workshop suitable for all ages and designed for families working together. With artist Stephanie Walker. 10.30am or 1.30pm. For further info and booking contact Margaret Findlay on 0131 529 3963.

**4-6 Sep: Start in St Andrew Square**

<http://www.maydaynetwork.com/news/start-scotland>

Wide range of activities including cooking demonstrations, fashion shows and workshops, exhibits and events showcasing how everyone can cut down on waste and conserve natural resources at home, in the garden and at work. Start, an initiative established by the Prince of Wales to promote and celebrate sustainable living, will be launched in Scotland with a festival in St Andrew Square.

**5 Sep: Medieval Soap Sculptures**

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, EH1 1JF. 0131 225 7534

Free [www.nms.ac.uk](http://www.nms.ac.uk)

Carve your very own chess piece inspired by the Lewis Chessmen. Look closely at the Chessmen to create your own queen, bishop or humorous berserker. Or invent your own chess character to add to the board. Drop-in 12-4pm

**5 Sep: Duck Race and 10th Birthday Celebration**

Water of Leith Visitor Centre, Lanark Road, EH14 1TQ. 0131 455 7367

[www.waterofleith.org.uk](http://www.waterofleith.org.uk)

Adopt a duck for just £1 and compete for fantastic prize. Family Funday and Visitor Centre Birthday Party from 1pm with the Races starting at 2pm

**5 Sep: Edinburgh Forget Me Not Walk**

Edinburgh Academical Club House, Raeburn Place, Stockbridge, EH4 1HQ. 0131 669 7862

£10/5 [www.beatbloodcancers.org/event/edinburgh-forget-me-not-walk](http://www.beatbloodcancers.org/event/edinburgh-forget-me-not-walk)

Enjoy the beauty of the city and raise money for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. The walk will take you through parts of northern Edinburgh and then collect your well-earned medal. 11am. Entry Fees In advance: £7.50 adults, £5 aged 12 and under



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### **5 Sep: Independent Schools & Learning Event**

Our Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, EH8 8AS.

Free <http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/custompages/CustomPage.aspx?pageID=82516>

Opportunity to meet a selection of Scotland's best independent schools and education providers. Talk directly with school representatives and attend a range of seminar and interactive sessions planned throughout the day. 12-4pm

### **5 Sep: Festival Fireworks**

Princes Street Gardens, EH2 4AD.

[www.eif.co.uk/fireworks](http://www.eif.co.uk/fireworks)

Spectacular finale for the International Festival. This year it is a celebration of music from the movies. Inverleith Park with its great views of the castle, live video link and sound system, is recommended for families. 9pm

### **5 Sep: Geology Open Day**

Whitesands, East Lothian

Free. [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/rangerevents](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/rangerevents)

A day of family fossiling fun with covered stalls and short guided walks looking at the amazing geology on our coast. Find sea creatures set in stone and marvel at the evidence of prehistoric forests. This event is run in conjunction with Lothian and Borders RIGS Group. Meet at the car park (Grid ref NT712772). No booking required. Drop in 1-4pm

### **5 Sep: Awesome Archaeology**

Vogrie Country Park, Midlothian EH23 4NU. 01875 821 990

Free. [www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk)

Join Archaeology Scotland and the Ranger Service in a hands archaeology workshop. Examine real artefacts and experiment with ancient technology. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. 10am-4pm

### **6 Sep: Open Doors Days West Fife & Dunfermline**

[www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

A chance to explore some of Scotland's most architecturally, culturally and socially significant buildings. Every weekend in September you can explore places that are normally closed to the public for free.

### **7 Sep: Arthur's Secrets**

Holyrood Park Information Centre, EH8 8AZ. 0131 652 8150

Free. [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk)

Discover the fascinating world of Holyrood Park and Arthur's Seat. Find out about the park's turbulent past, created by fire and ice. Look at the evidence people from the past have left behind and find out more about the wildlife. 1-3pm Age 8+

### **8-11 Sep: Magic Spaghetti**

Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh, EH21 6AA. 0132 665 2240

£6 [www.bruntontheatre.co.uk](http://www.bruntontheatre.co.uk)

A hilarious and mouth-watering Scottish/Italian show inspired by traditional tales with live music and cooking from Licketyspit Theatre Company. Ages 3+



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### **9-12 Sep: World Youth Climbing Championships**

Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, Ratho, Newbridge, EH28 8AH  
£10/5 [www.wyc-2010.com](http://www.wyc-2010.com)

With over 75 countries able to enter teams from six different categories, Over 300 competitors aged between 13 and 18 years are expected. Under 8s free. In preparation of the event and over the competition, there will be some disruption to the climbing walls

### **10 Sep: Romans Go Home? Spotlight On: Brigantia**

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, EH1 1JF. 0131 225 7534  
Free [www.nms.ac.uk](http://www.nms.ac.uk)

Learn about the Celtic goddess Brigantia with Dr Martin Goldberg, Curator of Early Historic and Viking Collections. 3pm. Book on 0131 225 7534

### **11 Sep: Remembered Remedies**

Royal Botanic Garden, Inverleith, EH3 5LR. 0131 248 2968  
Free. <http://www.rbge.org.uk/whats-on/event-details/1366>

Do you remember collecting hips and haws during the War? Ethnomedica volunteers will be on hand to collect your family's memories of using plants as simple remedies. Come and hear some of the stories that we have already collected. The archived stories will form a valuable record of how plants in Scotland have been used that will in future be made available online. 10am-12pm

### **11 Sep: Second hand sale of children's things**

German Church, Laudate House, Chalmers Crescent, EH9 1TW. 0131 667 1619  
<http://www.germanchurch.org.uk/edinburgh.php>

Children's clothes and toys, on sale from 2.30pm in the German-speaking congregation Church Hall. Cakes, food and drink are sold in aid of the church's children and youth work. Cost for stall hire is £3 plus 1 cake.

### **11 Sep: Animal Magic**

City Art Centre, Market Street, EH1 1DE. 0131 529 3963.

£8/£2.50 <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/City-Art-Centre/Events.aspx>  
Photographs capture a magical moment in time. Select your favourite Wegman photograph to inspire you to create a funny short story. Your story will be brought to life by creating a simple pencil line drawing to be animated in a small flick book - the next part of the story is up to you. Family workshop suitable for all ages and designed for families working together. With artist Stephanie Walker. 10.30am or 1.30pm. For further info and booking contact Margaret Findlay on 0131 529 3963.

### **11 Sep: Fabulous Figure Drawing**

City Art Centre, Market Street, EH1 1DE. 0131 529 3963.

Free. <http://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/Venues/City-Art-Centre/Events.aspx>  
Drop-in family drawing days. Inspired by the varied artworks in the In Our Own Image exhibition. Through fun activities and quirky challenges you will learn about proportion and how to express movement and character in your artwork. Family workshop suitable for all ages and designed for families working together. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb. 10am or 1pm. For further info and booking contact Margaret Findlay on 0131 529 3963.



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### **11 Sep: The September Concert**

Edinburgh Festival Theatre, Nicolson Street, EH8 9FT. 0131 529 6000

[http://www.eft.co.uk/festival\\_theatre/event.aspx?evtid=413](http://www.eft.co.uk/festival_theatre/event.aspx?evtid=413)

Contemporary music to commemorate 9/11. From Queen, through Sting and Coldplay, and back through Toto and The Mamas and Papas, two rising choirs stage Scotland's first September Concert in memory of the lives lost and the international efforts to rebuild damaged communities. A donation towards the concert costs will be invited when you book. 7.30pm

### **11 Sep: Old McDonald and the 3 Pigs Plus**

Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1ET. 01592 583302

£4/£3 [www.attfife.org.uk](http://www.attfife.org.uk)

Our farmer tells a comical version of the three pigs tale with the help of the audience, a wild bunch of animals, squeaking and a large concertina book.

For 4 year olds plus. 2pm

### **11 Sep: Open Doors Days Midlothian**

[www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

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### **11 Sep: Jeely jar screening: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore**

The Hippodrome, Hope St, Bo'ness, EH51 0AA. 01324 506850

£2.10 [www.falkirk.gov.uk/hippodrome](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/hippodrome)

The age-old war between the canine and feline species is put on hold when they join forces to thwart a rogue cat spy (voiced by Bette Midler) with her own sinister plans for conquest. 11am.

### **11-12 Sep: Peppa Pig**

Edinburgh Playhouse, Greenside Place, EH1 3AA. . 0844 847 1661

£13.50 & £15.50 <http://www.livenationtheatres.co.uk/index.asp?venueid=93>

Peppa is a playful little piggy. Join the fun with Peppa and George, Suzy Sheep, Danny Dog and Emily Elephant. A charming, original and imaginative show, full of brand new songs, muddy puddles, and oinks. BAFTA award-winning children's TV show recreated live on stage. Sat 1pm & 4pm, Sun 10am & 1pm

### **11-12 Sep: Day out with Thomas**

Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, Bo'ness, West Lothian EH51 9AQ. 08444 77 1000

£9 [www.srps.org.uk/thomas](http://www.srps.org.uk/thomas)

Engines with friendly faces, children's entertainment, competitions, face painting, fairground attractions: a popular event with young fans of the Railway Stories by Rev W Awdry and his son Christopher. Hourly departures to Birkhill from 10.30am until 3.30pm. Prebooking strongly advised. Under 2s free

### **12 Sep: Riding of the Marches**

[www.edinburghridingthemarches.co.uk](http://www.edinburghridingthemarches.co.uk)

250 riders and their horses take to the fields and streets of Edinburgh, culminating with a parade up the Royal Mile from Holyrood Park about 2.30pm



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### **12 Sep: Make a Mushroom Print**

Royal Botanic Garden, Inverleith, EH3 5LR. 0131 248 2968

Free. <http://www.rbge.org.uk/whats-on/event-details/1488>

Use different mushroom shapes and textures to create your own piece of art to take home. With RBGE Art Education Officer Jacqui Pestell. Drop-in 1-4pm. Age: 5+

### **12 Sep: Open Doors Days Central Fife & Kirkcaldy**

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### **12 Sep: Open Doors Days East Lothian**

[www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

Includes: the Friends of Musselburgh Links are holding an open day at the new Stables Pavilion at Musselburgh Racecourse, Linkfield Road, from 12-4 pm. Displays will include the history of the Golf Course and the development of the reclaimed land. Information will also be available on the local birdlife, the John Muir Way and other related activities. Visit National Museum of Flight, East Fortune Airfield, EH39 5LF, for free. 10am-5pm

### **12-25 Sep: Fife Children's Book Festival**

[www.fifedirect.org.uk/childrensbookfestival](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/childrensbookfestival)

Events for children of all ages (and some family events) at various venues throughout Fife. The Book and Film events include the animation of Oliver Jeffers Lost and Found and for older children The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. Launches on 12 Sep with a day of family fun at the Dunfermline Family Book Carnival in Pittencreiff Park 11am-5pm.

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