Welcome to the National Trust for Scotland’s programme of events for the North-East region. Inside you will find details of family events, guided walks and ideas for hours of enjoyment.

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You can find out more details of our events by visiting our website:
www.nts.org.uk

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Sunday 1st
Drum Castle
**ALLIUMS TO ZANTEDESCHIAS**  
12noon-4pm

Demonstration of planting up spring containers; sowing your own annuals. Our plant sales directly sponsor a seasonal gardener at Drum.

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Sunday 1st
Fyvie Castle
**ANTIQUES ROADSHOW**  
11am-5pm

If you have ever wanted to know more about your family heirlooms, now’s your chance! Experts on hand to make valuations. £10 per consultation. Event organised by Turriff Tourism Action Group. Tel: 01888 563563 for more details.

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Wednesday 4th
Crathes Castle
**RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S EVENT**  
2.30pm-4pm

Nests, feathers and lots of worms to eat. Come and find out about our woodland birds. NTS Members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non Members adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

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Wednesday 4th
Fyvie Castle
**DISCOVERY CLUB**  
10am-12noon

An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. Explore the garden, woodland and lochside as well as experiencing castle life. £4 per child, per session. For further information and to book, Tel: 01651 891266.

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Thursday 5th
Crathes Castle
**RANGER GUIDED PRE-SCHOOL WALK - SPRING**  
2.30pm-3.45pm

Find out what the woodland creatures are up to at this time of year. Suitable for 3 and 4 year olds. NTS members adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non-members adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

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Saturday 7th
Barrie’s Birthplace
**PETER PAN EASTER EVENT**  
1.30pm & 3pm


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Saturday 7th
Leith Hall
**THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT**  
1.30pm-3pm

Follow the trail through Leith Hall Estate, collect the trail sheets £1.00 from the kiosk (bring along a pencil). An Easter Egg for each completed trail sheet. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th
Crathes Castle
**EASTER BUNNY HUNT**
10am-5pm

The bunnies are back! Help us find them all in the walled garden by following the Easter Bunny Trail. Entry £1.50 per child, one accompanying adult free (includes entry to the walled garden). Prizes for all children. There are even bunnies in the castle. See if you can find them all. Normal Castle admission applies.

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Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th
Castle Fraser
**SPRING BULB SALE AT CASTLE FRASER**
12noon-4pm

Bulb sale at the potting Shed: Dahlias, Gladioli, Canna Lilies.

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Sunday 8th
Barry Water Mill
**EASTER DUCK RACES**
12noon-4pm

Duck Races on Barry Burn (conditions permitting). Ducks £1.00 each.

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Sunday 8th
Haddo House
**CHILDREN’S EASTER TREASURE**
1.30pm-4.15pm

Follow the clues to find the golden nest then claim your prize. Entry sheets costing £1 available at the main entrance to the house. Normal entry charges for adults apply.

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Sunday 8th
Drum Castle
**EASTER FUNDAY**
12.30pm-4.30pm

Chose creative activities from traditional bonnet making and egg painting to Drum’s very own ‘nest’ building and Easter posies. Treasure hunt with prizes for all and golden eggs for the lucky few. Normal garden entry applies. Some activities carry a 50p charge to cover costs.

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Sunday 8th
Fyvie Castle
**FAMILY FUN DAY**
12noon-4pm

Join us for fairground games, craft activities, face painting and bouncy castle fun. Also, explore Fyvie’s wildlife with our children’s quiz and Easter Egg Hunt around the grounds. For adults there will be a ceilidh band, falconry displays and traditional soups and home bakes served in our Tearoom. Event charge £2.50 per child, £1.00 per adult.

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Sunday 8th
House of Dun
**TARTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS**
2pm-4pm

Tartan theme Easter Family Fun Day. Tug of war. Easter Egg rolling competition and lots more. 3.30pm - Tartan Easter Bonnet Parade, 4pm - Fancy dress prize giving. Adults £6.00, children £4.00. Family Ticket (2 A + 2 C) £15.00.
Tel: 01674 810264.
Sunday 8th & Monday 9th
Castle Fraser
PETER THE RABBIT
AND STORYBOOK FRIENDS
11am-4pm
Celebrate Easter with Peter the Rabbit and his many friends at Castle Fraser. Take part in our egg hunt to beat all egg hunts with fabulous prizes. All completed hunt forms will go into a draw to win: 1st prize - a weekend stay for a family at the John Bell Holiday Apartment at Castle Fraser, 2nd prize - a free NTS family membership or equivalent prize for an existing member and 3rd prize - an Easter Hamper courtesy of M&S and lots more. Drawn on Monday at 4pm. Special storytelling of Goldilocks with Tommy the Teddy, suitable for aged 6 and younger. Please visit their website www.childrenlovestories.com. Also lots more to keep you entertained. £4 adults, £2 children (child under 4 year) inc NTS members. For further details visit our website or ring 01330 844810.

Sunday 8th
Mar Lodge
OPEN TO VIEW
10am-4pm
An opportunity to view the public rooms of the Lodge, and the magnificent Ballroom containing almost 2500 stags heads. Adults £3, children U-16 and NTS Members Free.

Wednesday 11th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: TRACKS & SIGNS
2.30pm-4pm
Follow the tracks animals leave behind to see if you can discover more about the wildlife of Crathes. NTS Members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non Members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Wednesday 11th
Fyvie Castle
DISCOVERY CLUB
10am-12noon
An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. We will be out and about exploring the garden, woodland and lochside as well as experiencing castle life first-hand. £4 per child, per session. For further information and to book Tel: 01651 891266.

Thursday 12th
Castle Fraser
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: POND DIPPING
Two sessions, either10.30am-12.30pm or 2pm-4pm.
Bring wellies and join us for some pond dipping. Come and find out more about the amazing world of pond creatures living here at Castle Fraser. NTS Members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non Members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.
Sunday 15th
Crathes Castle
CHILDREN’S TOUR AND
PUPPET SHOW
12.30pm-4pm

Make-believe you are back in the 16th century by dressing up in one of the costumes provided and joining our special children’s tour of the castle. Booking is essential as spaces are limited. Tel: 01330 844525 for details. Or just come along to enjoy the free puppet shows with Kidglove Puppets at 2.30pm & 3.30pm.

Wednesday 18th, Friday 20th & Saturday 21st
Haddo House
CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA & I PAGLIACCI
7.30pm

The Haddo Choral and Operatic Society Chorus and selected members of the Haddo Junior Choirs along with the Aberdeen Sinfonietta will perform these two one-act operas traditionally performed together, in Haddo House Hall. Tickets £22 and £16 (conc) from 01651 851111.

Sunday 22nd
Drum Castle
FALCONRY
12noon-4.30pm

A fantastic display of falconry skills and handling techniques from the North East Falconry Centre. Meet the birds and gain an insight into the history of Falconry against the backdrop of the medieval hunting tower and forest of Drum.

Sunday 22nd
Fyvie Castle
CLASSICAL & TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH MUSIC CONCERT
2.30pm-4.30pm

Relax in Fyvie’s beautiful Music Gallery and enjoy the glorious grand piano played by one of our talented local pianists Stephen Pratt plus friends.

Sunday 22nd
House of Dun
MELODIES IN THE MANSION
2pm-4pm

Lisa McGhee & Catherine Walker. Tea provided.
For further details contact Mrs Gray. Tel: 01241 437702.

Friday 27th
Angus Folk Museum
BOTHY NIGHT
7pm

An evening of Traditional music and poetry from around Angus. Tickets £4.
Booking essential. Tel: 01307 840288

Saturday 28th
Fyvie Castle
RANGER GUIDED ADULT WALK: DAWN CHORUS
4am-6am

Come to Fyvie at the crack of dawn for a stroll in the grounds to hear an early chorus of birdsong. We may even get to see other early wildlife. NTS Members: £3.00 Non Members: £5.00.
Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810
**Sunday 29th**
Drum Castle
**THE DECORATIVE POTAGER**
12noon-4pm
Join the Head Gardener on an informal workshop creating this year’s potager. Sowing, planting and investigating the medieval potager. Purchase your own potager plants at our plant sale. No booking required. Normal garden entry applies.

**Sunday 29th**
Castle Fraser
**ABERDEEN ORPHEUS CHOIR**
2pm-3pm
Enjoy the ambience of our wonderful Great Hall as you listen to the wonderful voices of the Aberdeen Orpheus Choir. Normal admission charges apply.

**Sunday 29th**
Mar Lodge
**PEOPLE, PINES & PLANTATIONS**
2pm-4pm
This short walk in the beautiful Glen Quoich will explore the history of the pine woodlands on Mar Lodge, including the archaeological evidence. Easy Walk. Adults £2, children U-16 £1. NTS Members £1.50/75p. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

**Saturday 5th**
Crathes Castle
**RANGER GUIDED ADULT WALK: DAWN CHORUS**
4am-6am
An early morning walk through the woods at Crathes to discover which birds are singing and why. NTS members £3.00, Non-members £5.00. Breakfast £3.00 per person. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

**Sunday 6th**
Drum Castle
**MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS**
1pm-4.30pm
Morris Men, Clog Dancers and Maypole. Join in and celebrate the Spring with this cheerful and uplifting event. Gardeners on hand to give local advice about plants suitable for your conditions.

**Monthly (May)**
Castle Fraser
**ALL STEAMED UP**
Take part in our monthly quiz and find out some fascinating facts about Steam Traction Engines, Road Rollers & Showman’s Organs - appearing at The Castle Fraser Steam & Vintage Fair in June. Someone will win a Family Ticket to the Fair.

**Saturday 5th**
Barrie’s Birthplace
**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF J.M. BARRIE**
2pm
Sunday 6th
Branklyn Garden
SCOTLAND’S GARDEN
SCHEME DAY
10am-4pm
Walks with the Head Gardener discussing plants of interest 2pm - 3.30pm. Adults £5, conc. £4. Members Free.

Sunday 6th
Craigievar Castle
SPECIAL CHILDREN’S GUIDED TOURS
Every Hour
Special tours of the castle for children - with the emphasis on having fun! Booking advisable. Normal entry charges apply. Then explore the arboretum outside the castle and see who is living in these large trees, with our Craigievar Wildlife Quiz - collect from the castle.

Monday 7th
Haddo House
WASTE AWARE WITH ABERDEENSHIRE
10am-4pm
Enjoy our second amazing Wild Waste Show at Castle Fraser with Aberdeenshire Council. Dress up and explore the different council vehicles used for waste management. Learn all about the environment and little things you can do to help while enjoying a fantastic family day out. Children’s Quiz, Crafts, Bouncy Castle and lots more. Free Admission.

Sunday 6th & Monday 7th
Castle Fraser
CASTLE FRASER UNDER SEIGE!
1pm-4.30pm
Aberdeen based re-enactment group, Medieval Realm enables history to repeat itself with tempestuous battle re-enactments and authentic demonstrations of medieval life, including the smells! Designed to engage all age groups. Small event charges may apply call 01330 833463 or visit our website: www.nts.org.uk
NB: There will be no access to the immediate castle policies, castle, shop or tearoom for non event visitors, due to the event. The wider policies and trails will be open to non event visitors as usual.

Tuesday 8th
Barrie’s Birthplace
THAT MAN BARRIE
2pm
Talk by highly respected local historian Sandra Affleck. Price £5.00 (also members).

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th
Leith Hall
LAIRD TO ORRA LOON
10am-2pm
This is a project bringing history to life for primary schools. More information from the education officer or property manager.
Saturday 12th
Crathes Castle
**IT’S MURDER AT CRATHES!**
7.30pm-10.30pm

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th
Drum Castle
**THE MEDIEVAL REALM**
11am-5pm
“Medieval Realm” recreate the atmosphere of the 1200-1300’s. The re-enactment includes sword fighting and armoury displays, archery, medieval camp life, medicine and cooking. Special children’s hands-on activities. Normal grounds entry applies.

Sunday 13th
Barry Water Mill
**NATIONAL MILLS DAY**
1pm-5pm
Free entry to the mill. Milling demonstrations 2pm and 3.30pm.

Sunday 13th
Mar Lodge
**DOIRE BHRAHGAD**
1pm-4pm
An easy climb, taking in views of Glen Ey and the Dee, before descending through the ancient pines. Mid Level Walk: adults £4, children U-16 £2. NTS Members £3/£1.50. Booking essential. Tel: **013397 41669**.

Sunday 13th
Castle Fraser
**RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: MINI BEAST MAGIC**
Two sessions, either 11am-12.30pm or 2pm-3.30pm.
Children’s mini beast hunts and a mini beast quiz starting from the castle reception looking at the creepy crawlies living in the woods. NTS Members adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non Members adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: **01330 844810**.

Sunday 13th
Fyvie Castle
**GARIOCH FIDDLERS**
2pm-4pm
Promenade recital with the very popular Inverurie based Garioch Fiddlers.

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th
Leith Hall
**LAIRD TO ORRA LOON**
10am-2pm
This is a project bringing history to life for primary schools. More information from the education officer or property manager.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th
Crathes Castle
**EXHIBITION OF PATCHWORK AND QUILTING**
10am-5.30pm
Admire the intricate stitchery and imagination in this exhibition of colourful quilts, large and small produced by the Aberdeen Patchwork and Quilters Group.
May

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th
Castle Fraser
**WEDDING CONSULTATION**
Weekend 11am-4pm

A unique opportunity for couples to look around one of the North East’s most popular and spectacular wedding venues. Experienced staff will be on hand to discuss your requirements and with the main rooms decorated by local florists and the dining table set for a wedding breakfast, this weekend is a must for everyone searching for a unique venue. Carriages will be exhibiting their cars on Sunday.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th
Crathes Castle
**MR BUG AND HIS AMAZING EDUCATIONAL ANIMALS**
11am-4pm

Have you ever held a giant cockroach, stroked a python or a pygmy hedgehog, seen a scorpion or tarantula at close quarters? No? Well this is your chance! Come and meet these land animals and learn about their lives in the wild.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th
Drum Castle
**WOODFEST**
12noon-5pm

A celebration of trees. Woodcrafts, wood turners, bodger; tree trails and quizzes. A chance to learn about Drum’s secret 100 acre wood. Normal garden charges apply.

Sunday 20th
Fyvie Castle
**PIANO PROMENADE**
2pm-4pm

Join us for another afternoon of music in Fyvie’s beautiful Music Gallery and enjoy the glorious grand piano played by one of our talented local pianists.

For more details of our events visit: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

Sunday 20th
House of Dun
**PLANT SALE**
1.30pm-4pm

Come and visit this very popular event and find yourself some bargains. Free Admission. For further details contact Mrs Gray. Tel: 01241 437702.

Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th
Leith Hall
**LAIRD TO ORRA LOON**
10am-2pm

This is a project bringing history to life for primary schools. More information from the education officer or property manager.

Friday 25th - Monday 28th
Leith Hall
**GALLERY IN THE GARDEN**
(IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TOUCHED BY SCOTLAND)
12noon-4pm

A variety of different art produced by local artists all displayed in the beautiful setting of the Leith Hall Garden.
Saturday 26th
Leith Hall
RANGER GUIDED ADULT WALK: BREEDING BIRDS
8am-10am
Come for a walk up Craigfall Hill to listen and spot the busy birds in the midst of their breeding season. Find out about their needs and how their behaviours are adapted to help them succeed in raising their young. NTS Members: £3.00. Non Members: £5.00. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th
Pitmedden Garden
ANNUAL PLANT SALE
10am-5pm
Pitmedden Garden's 8th Annual Plant Sale, over two days. Plants on offer include summer annuals, herbaceous, shrubs, climbers, alpines, trees and house plants. Gardening experts will be on hand to offer free advice. Free entry to sale.

Sunday 27th
Mar Lodge
CARN NA CRICHE & CARN NA DROCHAIDE
10.30am-3.30pm
A gradual climb by path and rough moorland to the summit of Carn na Criche, then on to the Corbett of Carn na Drochaide, high above Glen Quoich, with magnificent views of the Cairngorms; Mountain/Day High Level Walk. £10 per person. NTS Members £7.50. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Sunday 27th
Branklyn Garden
HIMALAYAN BLUE POPPY DAY
10am-4pm
Himalayan plants for Scottish gardens with your host Steve McNamara. This promises to be another very special Blue Poppy Day. Tea/Coffee available. Adults £5, conc. £4. Members Free.

Sunday 27th
Castle Fraser
INVERURIE ACADEMY
2pm-3pm
Castle Fraser is proud to show case more young musical talent as the Inverurie Academy band plays for the enjoyment of our visitors. Normal admission applies.

Sunday 27th
Blair Atholl
ATHOLL HIGHLAND GAMES
12noon-5pm
Come along to our stand and meet The National Trust for Scotland and the Perth & Kinross Council Countryside Rangers for a ‘paddle’ through the rumbling rivers and bubbling burns of Highland Perthshire. FREE (after entry into games).

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st
Leith Hall
LAIRD TO ORRA LOON
10am-2pm
This is a project bringing history to life for primary schools. More information from the education officer or property manager.
Thursday 31st  
Mar Lodge  
**WALK & STALK!**  
6pm-10pm  
An evening in the company of one of the Trust’s stalkers.  
A good time of day for wildlife, and an opportunity to see red deer and hear about the stalker’s work on this highland estate. Mid Level Walk. Places limited, so book early! Adults £5, children U-16 £2.50. NTS Members £4/£2. Tel: 013397 41669

Saturday 2nd  
Barrie’s Birthplace  
**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF J.M. BARRIE**  
7pm  
During the Walking Festival why not join Sandra Affleck for a walk in the footsteps of J.M. Barrie. Price £3.00.

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Monthly (June)  
Castle Fraser  
**WOODY IN THE WILLOWS**  
Our monthly quiz to celebrate the forthcoming outdoor performance of Wind in the Willows on 21st August. How much do you know about toads, frogs, rats, moles and badgers?

Saturday 2nd  
Drum Castle  
**THE NURSERYMAN’S CHOICE PLANT SALE**  
12noon-4pm  
This is the weekend for planting out half hardy annuals here in the north-east. Buy your plants here and support a heritage garden. Skilled garden advisers will be on hand to help you make your choices.

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd  
Crathes Castle  
**KIDS @ CRATHES**  
12noon-5pm  
A special weekend for children at Crathes. Dress up and make-believe you’re back in the 16th century by booking a place on the special Children’s Tour of the Castle. (Tour suitable for 5-12 yrs but under 8 yr olds must be accompanied by an adult). Meet in the Courtyard at 12.30pm for costumes as tour starts 1pm. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844525.  
Or explore the woods and learn more about their inhabitants, following our woodland trail quiz then making a mask to turn you into a gnarled old tree. Magic shows from 2-4pm featuring Garry Seagraves on Saturday and Allan Petrie on Sunday. Bouncy Castle, Face painting and quizzes ensure that there will be plenty to keep children amused throughout the afternoon.
Sunday 3rd
Drum Castle
SSPCA DOG DAY
12noon-4pm
All responsible dogs are invited to bring their well behaved owners to join in an afternoon of dasterdly doggie fun in aid of the SSPCA. From hairiest dog to most lovable face and waggiest tail, there is a class for every aspiring “crufter”. Normal garden entry applies.

Sunday 3rd
Fyvie Castle
SPORTS SKILLS DAY
11am-3pm
A day of sporting fun on the lawn at Fyvie including football, netball and golf, with a team of experienced coaches. Soup and sandwich lunch available from our tearoom. Booking essential, contact Alan Duguid on 07870 327333.

Sunday 3rd
Craigievar Castle
MEET THE EXPERT
1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm
An antique dealer will be on hand to talk about the significance of the antiques at Craigievar. A rare opportunity for you to linger longer than is normally possible on your tour of the castle. There will be a £2.50 supplement payable for members and non-members alike for this event. Booking advisable. Tel: 013398 83635.

Saturday 9th
Crathes Castle
THOSE MAGNIFICENT BIRDS AND THEIR FLYING ROUTINES
1.30pm-4pm
Eagles, falcons, merlins and more. Witness these magnificent birds flying free. Be prepared for some audience participation too! Static display from 1.30pm with two free-flying displays throughout the afternoon. Make a day of it by visiting the castle and gardens, shop and restaurants. Open daily 10am-5.30pm (Castle opens 10.30am).

Sunday 10th
Drum Castle
FAMILY FROLICS ON THE FRONT LAWN
1pm-4pm
Join in the fun provided by Drumoak School PTA. Mystery quizzes, tombola, face painting, competitions of all sorts for all ages. Funds raised provide those little extras that every small rural school needs to thrive.

Sunday 10th
Leith Hall
KILDREMMY VINTAGE CAR RALLY
9.30am-1pm
House and Tearoom will open at 10am. This is an event not to be missed, a great opportunity for the car enthusiasts to enjoy looking at cars of bygone years in the picturesque surroundings of Leith Hall.
Sunday 10th
Mar Lodge
HIGHLAND WILDLIFE: CLAIS FHEARNAIGH
10.30am-4.30pm
Trees, birds, butterflies and flowers to enjoy, as we explore via the ‘hollow of the alders’.

Sunday 10th
Castle Fraser
LOCAL SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT
2pm-3pm
The return of the hugely talented Kemnay Academy Band and singers to Castle Fraser! Picnic teas available from the tearoom. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of music against the splendid backdrop of the castle. Normal admission prices apply.

Tuesday 12th
Drum Castle
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING BY ILLYRIA
7pm
Claudio loves Hero, and Benedick hates Beatrice. This is just as well, because Hero loves Claudio and Beatrice hates Benedick. Everyone laughs but it is no laughing matter. Murderous rage is unleashed, and death can be the only solution...Or can it? Dress warmly, bring your own seating, rugs and picnics and enjoy this outstanding performance. Doors open 6pm, adults £10, child £6, family (2+2) £30 (child 3-16 yrs). Box office: 01651 842352, 10am-5pm.

Wednesday 13th
House of Dun
SUMMER EVENING MUSIC AT THE MANSION
7pm-9pm
A special visit by a group of eight American performers including Tenor, Soprano and pianist will delight and entertain with a mixture of musical content. Cheese and wine will be served on the Terrace (weather permitting). Adults £7.00, conc. £5.00. Booking essential. Tel: 01674 810264.

Friday 15th
Pitmedden Garden
ROBIN HOOD BY ILLYRIA
7pm
Robin Hood’s adventures in Sherwood Forest are brought together in an exciting and riotous new open-air show. Suitable for everyone aged 5 and over. Dress warmly bring your own seating, rugs and picnics and enjoy this outstanding performance. Doors open 6pm, adults £10, child £6, family (2+2) £30 (child 3-16 yrs). Box office: 01651 842352, 10am-5pm.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th
Crathes Castle
A FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS & MUSIC
10am-5.30pm
Spectacular themed floral displays, combined with music throughout the Castle. Featuring live musical performances both inside and outside the Castle. David Bracegirdle will be playing classical guitar in the Garden 2.30pm-3.30pm on Sunday (weather permitting).
Saturday 16th
Angus Folk Museum
TRADITIONAL CRAFTS DEMONSTRATION
1pm
Call 01307 840288 for details.

Sunday 17th
Drum Castle
TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
1pm-4.30pm
An opportunity for bears of all sizes and ages to bring their owners to the annual picnic. Children’s entertainment through the afternoon with the Teddy Bears prize giving and parade at 4pm. Normal garden charges apply.

Sunday 17th
Fyvie Castle
ANNUAL VINTAGE CAR RALLY
11am-4pm
Enjoy a fabulous day at Fyvie Castle with a great selection of Vintage and Classic Cars and Motor Cycles. Also includes a Craft Fair and Stalls, Highland Dancing Display and the Turriff Silver Band. Bouncy castle and face painting for children. A small event charge will apply.

Sunday 17th
House of Dun
ROBIN COLVILLE CONCERT
PRESENTED BY KIM COLVILLE
3pm-5pm
Nostalgic Piano Encore!
A collection of popular piano pieces. Cheese and wine will be served in the interval on the Terrace (weather permitting).
Adults £10.00, conc. £8.00.
Booking essential.
Tel: 01674 810264.

Wednesday 20th
Crathes Castle
A SUMMER WALK
IN THE GARDEN
2pm
With the Crathes’ famous June Border coming into full bloom, join the Head Gardener for the first 2007 afternoon walk. Meet in front of the Castle. Normal Garden admission applies - NTS Members free.

Wednesday 20th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
Tel: 013397 41669.

Thursday 21st
Castle Fraser
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S STROLL
7.30pm
Join our Head Gardener for a Stroll in the Walled Garden and Secrets Woodland Garden, followed by Supper in the Castle. Meet in the Car Park. Adults £12.00, children £6.00 - pre-booking essential.
Tel: 01330 833462.
Thursday 21st
Leith Hall
MID SUMMER EVENING
GARDEN WALK
7.30pm-9pm
A walk with the Head
Gardener Toby Loveday.
Please book in advance tickets
£5 this includes refreshments.
Tel: 01464 831216.

Thursday 21st
Mar Lodge
WALK AND STALK!
6pm-10pm
An evening in the company of
one of the Trust’s stalkers.
A good time of day for
wildlife, and an opportunity
to see red deer and hear about
the stalkers’ work on this
highland estate. Mid Level
Walk. Places limited, so book
early! Adults £5, children
U-16 £2.50. NTS Members
£4/£2.

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th
Castle Fraser
CASTLE FRASER STEAM
& VINTAGE FAIR
10.30am-4pm
This major display of Steam
Engines, Road Rollers,
Vintage Tractors, Showman’s
Organs, Vintage Vehicles and
motorcycles at Castle Fraser.
Traditional Music & Song
Assoc. Scotland and from USA
The Strawberry Fields Fiddlers.
Stalls, refreshments, climbing
wall, archery and lots more
– an active day out for all the
family. Tel: 01467 642472
details. Special attraction this
year - The Celebration Singers
from the USA and - The Castle
Fraser Silent Auction. Auction
catalogue available on
request. Tel: 01330 833463.
Adults £6.00, children &
concessions £4.00 (applies
to NTS members). Special
discounted rates for Non
NTS members to view Castle;
adults £3.00, children and
concessions £2.00, Family
Ticket £10.00 (2 adults and up
to 4 children).

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th
Crathes Castle
PAINTING COURSE
WITH ALLISON EWEN
9.30am-4.30pm
Take the opportunity to
improve your artistic skills in
the relaxing atmosphere of
the grounds and gardens of
Crathes Castle. 2 Day course
costs £60 per person. Early
booking is essential as places
are very limited.
Tel: 01330 844525 for details.
Sunday 24th
Crathes Castle
SCOTLAND’S GARDEN SCHEME DAY
2pm-5pm
Take a leisurely stroll through the formal and woodland garden. View the plants in the glasshouses. Join the Head Gardener for an informative walk relaying the history of the gardens. Meet in front of the Castle at 2pm. Normal Garden admission applies - NTS Members free.

Wednesday 27th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife’s antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669

Wednesday 27th
Brodie Castle
THE WIZARD OF OZ
6.30pm
Presented by Heartbreak Productions. Doors open at 5.30pm. Adults £10, children £5.00. Please note that this is an outdoor performance, so you will need to dress warmly and bring along cushions/blankets.

Wednesday 27th
Craigievar Castle
AS YOU LIKE IT
7.15pm
The Festival Players Theatre Company present “As You Like It” by William Shakespeare in the grounds of Craigievar. Come and enjoy a summer’s evening of magic, mirth and music in this fairytale setting. Bring a rug or low backed chairs to sit on, a picnic! Gates open at 6pm. Prices: adults £10.00, children £5.00, Family Ticket (2A+2 or more C) £30.00. Booking advisable. Tel: 013398 83635

Saturday 30th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.

Saturday 30th
Brodie Castle
AS YOU LIKE IT
7pm
Presented by the Festival Players. Doors open at 6pm. Adults £12.00, concessions £10.00. Please note that this is an outdoor performance, so you will need to dress warmly and bring along cushions/blankets.

Monthly (July)
Castle Fraser
Jousting & Heraldry
Our very popular Jousting Tournament is being staged again this year.
Sunday 1st
Angus Folk Museum
TRADITIONAL CRAFTS DEMONSTRATIONS
1pm
Call 01307 840288 for details.

Sunday 1st
Craigievar Castle
SPECIAL CHILDREN’S GUIDED TOURS
Every hour
Special tours of the castle for children - with the emphasis on having fun! Booking advisable, entry charges apply. Then explore the arboretum outside the castle and see who is living in these large trees, with our Craigievar Wildlife Quiz - collect from the castle.

Sunday 1st
Mar Lodge
OPEN DAY EVENT
10am-4pm
Join us at Mar Lodge to meet the staff and see displays of the Trust’s work at this highland estate. Forestry demonstrations, hill ponies, children’s activities, and more. Free Entry to Grounds. Admission to Lodge: adults £3.00, children U-16 and NTS Members Free.

Tuesday 3rd
Barrie’s Birthplace
PETER PAN WORKSHOP
1.30pm & 3pm
Suitable for children aged 4-8. £5 per child place. All equipment provided. Booking essential.

Wednesday 4th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife’s antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Wednesday 4th
Killiecrankie
PLANT FOLKLORE
2pm-3.30pm
Discover which plants are to be found at Killiecrankie and learn about their uses and folklore. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Saturday 7th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.
Sunday 8th
Mar Lodge
DON’T GET LOST!
AN INTRODUCTION TO MAP & COMPASS
10am-5pm

Unravel the mystery of how to navigate! An indoor session, led by a qualified mountain leader, followed by a moorland walk in Cairngorm scenery, to put your new skills into practice. (Loan of map and compass included, or bring your own). £12 per person. NTS Members £8. Children U-16 half price. Booking essential.
Tel: 013397 41669.
Please bring own lunch.

Sunday 8th
Drum Castle
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
2pm-4pm

The Aberdeen and North East Family History Society will help you to discover more about your ancestors.

Sunday 8th
Branklyn Garden
GUIDED WALK
2pm-3pm

Guided walk to see the Lily collection.

Tuesday 10th
Barrie’s Birthplace
PETER PAN WORKSHOP
1.30pm & 3pm

Suitable for children aged 4-8. £5 per child place. All equipment provided. Booking essential.

Wednesday 11th
Castle Fraser
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: POND DIPPING
Two sessions, either 10.30am-12.30pm or 2pm-4pm

Bring wellies and join us for some pond dipping. Come and find out more about the amazing world of pond creatures living here at Castle Fraser. NTS members: adults £1, children £2.50. Non-members: adults £1, children £3.50. Booking is essential.
Tel: 01330 844810.

Wednesday 11th
Pitmedden Garden
GARDEN WALK
3pm-4pm

Join Susan Burgess, Head Gardener, for an insight into the day to day running of this famous Walled Garden. Usual admission charges apply.

Wednesday 11th
Crathes Castle
A SUMMER WALK IN THE GARDEN
7pm

Join the Head Gardener on the second walk in this popular series. Special high tea available in the Horsemill Restaurant at 5.30pm followed by the Garden Walk at 7pm. High tea and walk £13.50, walk only £7 inc NTS members. Booking essential.
Tel: 01330 844525 for details.
Wednesday 11th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife's antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential.
Tel: 013397 41669.

Wednesday 11th
Killiecrankie
THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE
2pm
Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle. Interactive battle talk (1 hr) followed by children’s craft activities and a display of weapons. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Thursday 12th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: MOTHS & BUTTERFLIES
2.30pm-4pm
Explore the beautiful world of moths and butterflies, inside or outside depending on the weather. NTS members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non-members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Friday 13th
Crathes Castle
WIND IN THE WILLOWS
7pm
Illyria, the popular open-air theatre group return to Crathes with yet another outstanding family show. Book and pay before 30th June and save £1.00 per ticket! Tickets cost £10.00 adults, £6.00 children. Gates open 6pm. Don’t forget to bring a picnic, a low backed chair or rug to sit on.

Saturday 14th
Pitmedden Garden
JAZZ ON A SUMMER’S EVENING
7pm-10pm
“The Buchaneers Jazz Band” perform live in a marquee in our magnificent Walled Garden. Dress warmly, relax and enjoy the music! Bring a picnic. Tickets £10 (£8 if purchased by 1st July) available from Pitmedden Garden. Tel: 01651 842352 between 10am-5pm.

Saturday 14th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.

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Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th
Castle Fraser
**NODDY & FRIENDS**
10am-5pm

Come and join Noddy and his friends for a fun afternoon. Admission; adults £9.99, child £8.50. Pre-booked admission; adults £8.99, child £7.50. Ticket enquiries: 0871 200 1416. This event is not run by the NTS. Separate admission applies to the castle although NTS members will be free as usual and special rates to the castle will apply for this weekend.

Sunday 15th
Mar Lodge
**HIGH TOP WALK: SRON RIACH & CARN A’ MHAiM**
9.30am-6pm

A strenuous 17 mile hike via the spectacular high coire of Lochan Uaine, Mhaim. Returning by the sharp ridge of Carn a’ Mhaim. £10 per person. NTS Members £7.50. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Sunday 15th
Drum Castle
**SCOTLAND’S GARDEN SCHEME OPEN DAY**
12noon-5pm

The Historic Rose Garden at its best. Savour the moment! 3pm. “Romancing the Rose” Garden Walk. Professional Gardeners Guild Plant Sale. Teas will be available in the Rose Garden on this special occasion. Normal garden charges apply which will go to SGS charities.

Sunday 15th
Barrie’s Birthplace
**WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF J.M. BARRIE**
7pm

During the walking festival why not join Sandra Affleck for a walk in the footsteps of J.M. Barrie. Price £3.00.

Tuesday 17th
Barrie’s Birthplace
**PETER PAN WORKSHOP**
1.30pm & 3pm

Suitable for children aged 4-8. £5 per child place. All equipment provided. Booking essential.

Tuesday 17th
House of Dun
**MOTOR CARAVANNERS WEEK**
7pm-8pm

Evening tour of the House of Dun. Adults £5.00, concessions £4.00. NTS Members Free.

Wednesday 18th
Fyvie Castle
**DISCOVERY CLUB**
10am-12noon

An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. We will be out and about exploring the garden, woodland and lochside as well as experiencing castle life first-hand. £4 per child, per session. For further information and to book. Tel: 01651 891266.
Wednesday 18th
House of Dun
MOTOR CARAVANNERS WEEK
7pm-9pm
Bothy Ballad Songs.
£5.00.

Wednesday 18th
Pitmedden Garden
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK:
FANTASTIC FLOWERS
2.30pm-4pm
What makes flowers so special? Why do they smell and look nice and why are there so many? Come and look at the wild flowers and a few garden ones too at Pitmedden. NTS Members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non-Members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking essential.
Tel: 01330 844810

Thursday 19th
Mar Lodge
NATURE DETECTIVES!
2pm-4pm
Family fun for all ages in the woods of Glen Duich. An opportunity to explore and discover the hidden beasties in this picturesque piece of woodland. ‘Bug Boxes’ provided! Family ticket £6, NTS Members Family Ticket £4, Unaccompanied children over 21 £2, Unaccompanied NTS children £1.50.
Tel: 013397 41669.

Wednesday 18th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife’s antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential.
Tel: 013397 41669.

Thursday 19th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: STREAM DIPPING
2.30pm-4.30pm
Use wellies and pond nets to find out what lives in the Coy burn. For older children only, 7 years and above, wellies and spare socks essential! NTS members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non-members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential.
Tel: 01330 844810.
Friday 20th
House of Dun
LONE STAR BBQ
& LINE DANCING
7pm

Contact Janet Penman for further details on: 01674 810709.

Saturday 21st
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm

Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd
Leith Hall
FOCUS CRAFT FAIR
12noon-5pm

A Gordon-based group with their excellent annual collection of local crafts and produce in a marquee on the front lawn. Usual admission fees apply.

Sunday 22nd
Fyvie Castle
FAMILY FUN DAY
12noon-4pm

Wonderland comes to Fyvie with Puppet shows, children’s dressing up, sing-alongs and musical fun for all the family. For adults the hugely popular Buchaners Jazz Band will be performing and traditional soups and home bakes will be served in our Tearoom. Event charge £2.50 per child, £1.00 per adult.

Sunday 22nd
Mar Lodge
HIGH TOP WALK:
DERRY CAIRNGORM
9.30am-6pm

A strenuous walk to the ‘Blue Hill of Derry’ over 1100 metres, returning by way of Loch Etchachan and the wooded Derry Glen. £10 per person. NTS Members £7.50. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Sunday 22nd
Leith Hall
SCOTLAND’S GARDENS SCHEME DAY
12noon

Music in the garden, plant sales, garden walks and perhaps complete the afternoon with a cream tea in the tearoom. Usual admission price applies, all donations go to charities.

Sunday 22nd
Crathes Castle
BON ACCORD SILVER BAND
2.30pm & 3.30pm

Enjoy the stirring music and spectacle of Aberdeen’s premier brass band.

Monday 23rd
Hermitage
BIRDS ARE BRILLIANT
10.30am-12noon

Children’s Event. A mixture of games and activities to discover more about our feathered friends at the Hermitage. Meet at The Hermitage car park. Children £2.00, accompanying adults free.
Tuesday 24th
Barrie’s Birthplace
PETER PAN WORKSHOP
1.30pm & 3pm
Suitable for children aged 4-8.
£5 per child place.
All equipment provided.
Booking essential.

Wednesday 25th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED
PRE-SCHOOL WALK:
MINI BEAST MAGIC
2.30pm-3.45pm
Wriggly worms, beautiful bugs and slippery slugs, come and
discover the amazing world of mini beasts living in the woods
at Crathes. NTS members:
adults £1.00, children £2.50.
Non-members: adults £1.00,
children £3.50.
Booking is essential.
Tel: 01330 844810.

Wednesday 25th
Crathes Castle
A SUMMER WALK
IN THE GARDEN
7pm
The third walk in the 2007 series looks at the Walled Garden at the height of
the summer with Crathes’ spectacular herbaceous borders in full bloom.
Special high tea available in the Horsemill Restaurant at 5.30pm followed by the
Garden Walk at 7pm. High tea and walk £13.50. walk only £7.00 inc NTS members.
Booking essential.
Tel: 01330 844525 for details.

Wednesday 25th
Killiecrankie
THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE
2pm
Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle.
Interactive battle talk (1 hr) followed by children’s craft
activities and a display of weapons. Meet at Killiecrankie
Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Wednesday 25th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to
view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife’s antler
Booking essential.
Tel: 013397 41669.
Thursday 26th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: SIMPLY SQUIRRELS
2.30pm-4pm
Imagine life as a squirrel, here in the woods at Crathes. Could you find squirrel food, a good place to live and maybe build your own drey? NTS members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non-members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Friday 27th
Angus Folk Museum
bothy night
7pm
Evening of traditional music and poetry from around Angus. Tickets £4. Booking essential. Tel: 01307 840288

Saturday 28th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.

Sunday 29th
Mar Lodge
NATURE DETECTIVES!
2pm-4pm
Family fun for all ages in the woods of Glen Quoich. An opportunity to explore and discover the hidden beasties in this picturesque piece of woodland. ‘Bug Boxes’ provided! Family ticket £6, NTS Members Family Ticket £4, Unaccompanied children over 21 £2, Unaccompanied NTS children £1.50. Tel: 013397 41669.

Sunday 29th
Castle Fraser
SCOTLAND’S GARDEN SCHEME DAY
12noon-4pm
An opportunity to stroll round The Walled Garden when its at its best! Strawberry Cream Teas, gentle Jazz music and an opportunity to discuss gardening tips with the gardeners. Take part in the raffle, and you could win the services of a gardener for half a day! Small event charge applies, including members.

Sunday 29th
Drum Castle
THE BIG CATS RETURN
12noon-4pm
Jaguars Annual Meet. Pipe band, craft stalls. The local Jaguars Enthusiasts Club hosts this annual event and raise funds for local charities, as well as supporting the work of the NTS. A chance to purr-rr-rr over some fantastic engines! Normal garden charges apply.

For more details of our events visit: www.nts.org.uk
Monday 30th
Hermitage
MINI BEAST MADNESS
10.30am-12noon
Hunt in the woods for the smallest creatures and see how they live. Children’s Event. Meet at the Hermitage car park. Children £2.00, accompanying adults free.

Friday 31st
Castle Fraser
THE FESTIVAL PLAYERS
PRESENT AS YOU LIKE IT
7.30pm
Bring your own seating, rugs and picnics and enjoy the informality of this Shakespeare classic. Booking Office 01330 833463 9am-5pm. Adults £11.00, children & concessions £6.00. Family Ticket (2+2) £30.00. (child 3-16yrs).

Monthly (August)
Castle Fraser
SCOTS HEROES
How much do you know about William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots, Greyfriars Bobby and others? Take part in the quiz and find out some fascinating facts.

Wednesday 1st
Fyvie Castle
DISCOVERY CLUB
10am-12noon
An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. £4 per child, per session. For further information and to book: Tel: 01651 891266.

Wednesday 1st
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: FLOWER POWER
2.30pm-4pm
Smelly cocktails, coloured dyes and food for insects. Find out more about flowers and their secret lives. NTS members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non-members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810

Wednesday 1st
Hermitage
FAMILY DUSK WATCH
8.30pm-10pm
Children’s Event. Experience the twilight zone and find out about the creatures of the night. Suitable for families with 5-12 year olds. Meet at The Hermitage car park. Adults £2.50 children £2.00.

Wednesday 1st
House of Dun
THE FESTIVAL PLAYERS
PRESENT AS YOU LIKE IT
7.30pm
Open air production, dress warmly, bring your own seating, rugs and picnics and enjoy this performance on the terrace overlooking the Montrose Basin. Adults £12.00, conc. £10.00.
Wednesday 1st
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife's antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Thursday 2nd
Castle Fraser
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: POND DIPPING
Two sessions, either 10.30am-12.30pm or 2pm-4pm
Bring wellies and join us for some pond dipping. Come and find out more about the amazing world of pond creatures living here at Castle Fraser. NTS Members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non Members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Thursday 2nd
Pitmedden Garden
THE FESTIVAL PLAYERS PRESENT AS YOU LIKE IT
7.15pm
Open air production, dress warmly, bring a picnic and your own low backed seating. Doors open 6.15pm. Tickets: adults £10.00, child £5.00, available from Pitmedden Garden Box Office 10am to 5pm. Tel: 01651 842352.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th
Castle Fraser
CASTLE FRASER’S SPECTACULAR JOUSTING TOURNAMENT
11am-4pm
The thrilling “Knights of the Damned” jousting stunt team. Also, Aberdeen re-enactment group, Medieval Realm with authentic demonstrations of medieval life. Admission if booked before 1st August at Aberdeen Box Office on 01224 641122. NTS Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) £15.50; adults £6, children £3, Non Members Family Ticket £17.50, adults £7.00, children £3.50. Tickets available on the day: NTS Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) £18, Adults £7.00. Child £4.00, Non-Members Family Ticket £21.00, adults £8.00, child £4.50. NB: There will be no access to the immediate castle policies, castle, shop or tearoom for non event visitors, due to the event. The wider policies and trails will be open to non event visitors as usual.

Saturday 4th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.
Sunday 5th
Craigievur Castle
MEET THE EXPERT
1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm
Enhanced tours of the castle with an art expert talking about our collection of paintings. Find out the significance of James Jamieson, the father of Scottish portraiture, and why Sir Henry Raeburn is so much admired as a portrait painter. A rare opportunity to linger longer than is normally possible on your tour of the castle. There will be a £2.50 supplement payable for members and non-members alike for this event. Booking advisable Tel: 013398 83635.

Sunday 5th
Mar Lodge
HIGH TOP WALK: CARN LIATH
10am-5pm
A nine mile walk from Inverey to the 818 metre summit of Carn Liath, with unrivalled views of the Cairngorms, returning by way of a good track by the Allt Cristie. £10 per person. NTS Members £7.50. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Tuesday 7th
Barrie’s Birthplace
PETER PAN WORKSHOP
1.30pm & 3pm
Suitable for children aged 4 - 8 years. £5.00 per child place. All equipment provided. Booking essential. Tel: 01575 572646.

Wednesday 8th
Fyvie Castle
DISCOVERY CLUB
10am-12noon
An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. £4 per child, per session. For further information and to book: Tel: 01651 891266.

Wednesday 8th
Pitmedden Garden
GARDEN WALK
3pm-4pm
Join Susan Burgess, Head Gardener, for an insight into the day to day running of this famous Walled Garden. Usual admission charges apply.

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Wednesday 8th
Crathes Castle
A WALK IN THE GARDEN
7pm
Enjoy the warm colours of late summer on this informative tour through the Walled Garden with the Head Gardener on the fourth walk of the 2007 series. Special high tea available in the Horsemill Restaurant at 5.30pm followed by the Garden Walk at 7pm. High tea and walk £ 13.50, walk only £7 inc NTS members. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844525 for details.
Wednesday 8th
Killiecrankie
THE BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE
2pm
Get to grips with the gory details of this gruesome battle. Interactive battle talk (1 hr) followed by children’s craft activities and a display of weapons. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Wednesday 8th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S EVENT: BIRD BONANZA
Two sessions, morning from 10am or afternoon from 2pm.
Follow our bird quiz through the woods, make a bird box to take home and watch birds feeding. Rangers will be available to help make the bird boxes and identify birds. NTS Members: adults £1.00, children £2.50. Non Members: adults £1.00, children £3.50. Plus cost of birdbox - optional if you want to make one to take home, £4.00. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Wednesday 8th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife’s antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Thursday 9th
Pitmedden Garden
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: BUTTERFLIES, BUGS AND BEASTIES
2.30pm-4pm
From beautiful to brutal. Butterflies, bees, bugs and beasts are brilliant and bizarre. Find out why there are so many types and how they are all important to nature and people. NTS Members: adults £1, children £2.50. Non-Members: adults £1, children £3.50. Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Saturday 11th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th
Drum Castle
COUNTRY SKILLS WEEKEND
12noon-5pm
Falconry, dog displays.
Craft demonstrations
- spinning, weaving,
woodturning, corn dollies,
bodging, beekeeping.
Woodcraft activities and
bothy stories for children.
Small animal corner. Craft
stalls selling locally produced
wares. Normal garden charges
apply.

Sunday 12th
Barrie’s Birthplace
WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF J.M. BARRIE
2pm
Led by Sandra Affleck.
Price £3.00.

Sunday 12th
Brodie Castle
HISTORIC WHEELS
VINTAGE CAR DAY
1pm
Come and enjoy a day at
Brodie Castle. For further
information
Tel: 01309 641371.

Sunday 12th
Leith Hall
SPINNING AND WEAVING
DEMONSTRATION
1pm-4.30pm
In the Music Room. An
opportunity to ask questions
or perhaps even try your skill
at this ancient craft. The usual
admission price applies.

Sunday 12th
Fyvie Castle
THE HOUND OF THE
BASKERVILLES BY ILLYRIA
7pm
Sherlock Holmes and his
assistant Dr Watson, tackle
the most baffling case of their
careers. As Watson rushes to
Devon, an escaped convict
roams the wastes of Dartmoor
at night, and a distant howling
is heard echoing in the
moonlight...a night of chills
and chuckles. Dress warmly,
bring your own seating, rugs
and picnics. Doors open 6pm.
Adults £10, child £6, family
(2+2) £30 (child 3-16yrs).
Tel: 01651 891266.

Sunday 12th
Mar Lodge
DON’T GET LOST!
AN INTRODUCTION TO
MAP & COMPASS
10am-5pm
Unravel the mystery of how to
navigate! An indoor session, led
by a qualified mountain leader,
followed by a moorland walk to
put your new skills into practice.
(Loan of map and compass
included, or bring your own).
£12 per person. NTS Members
£8. Children U-16 half price.
Booking essential.
Tel: 013397 41669.
Bring own lunch.
Tuesday 14th
Brodie Castle
HANSEL & GRETEL - JACK & THE BEANSTALK
6.30pm
Presented by the Chapterhouse Theatre Group. First performance starts at 6.30pm. Adults £10.00, children £5.00. This is an outdoor performance, so you will need to dress warmly and bring along cushions/blankets.

Tuesday 14th
House of Dun
TREASURE ISLAND PRESENTED BY FESTIVAL PLAYERS
7.30pm
Open air production, dress warmly, bring your own seating, rugs and picnics and enjoy this performance on the terrace overlooking the Montrose Basin. Tickets: adults £9.00, child £6.00 and for families 1 child free per family group of 4.
Tel: 01674 819264 for details.

Wednesday 15th
Craigievar Castle
HANSEL & GRETEL - JACK & THE BEANSTALK
7pm
Chapterhouse Theatre Company present two children's favourites together in one performance as part of their national tour of picnic-in-the-park open-air events. Suitable for children of all ages this is a sparkling show of music, fun and storytelling. Dress warmly, bring your own seating, low back chair, rugs and picnic. Gates open 6pm and the performance, lasts 1 1/4 hrs. Tickets: adults £10.00, children £6.00, Family Tickets (2A + 2 or more C) £30.00.
Tel: 013398 83635.

Wednesday 15th
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife's antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free.
Booking essential.
Tel: 013397 41669.

Wednesday 15th
Crathes Castle
MOTH NIGHT
8pm to late
Learn all about moths with local expert Helen Rowe. This event is a joint activity between the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service, Butterfly Conservation Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service, to promote awareness of moths, and is free to participants. Aimed at adults and older children, booking essential.
Tel: 01330 844810.

For more details of our events visit: www.nts.org.uk

August
Wednesday 15th
Hermitage
DUSK WATCH
8pm-9.30pm
Find out about the elusive wildlife that frequents the half-light between day and night. Not suitable for children under 12 years old. Meet at the Hermitage car park. Charge £2.50.

Thursday 16th
Crathes Castle
MOTH MORNING
10.30am-12noon
Especially for those who couldn’t stay up too late the night before, we shall be opening the moth traps, which have been on all night to see what we can find. Learn more about these fascinating creatures with local expert Helen Rowe. This is a joint activity between the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service, Butterfly Conservation Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service to promote awareness of moths, and is free to participants. Aimed at all ages, booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Friday 17th
Castle Fraser
RANGER GUIDED ADULT EVENT: HARVEST SUPPER AND BAT WATCH
6.45pm-9/9.30pm
Enjoy a harvest supper in the tearoom followed by a brief talk about bats and then a gentle stroll around the castle grounds to watch the bats emerge. Access suitable for people with disabilities, please phone for further details. All tickets £15.00. Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Friday 17th
Crathes Castle
OPEN DAY FOR TEACHERS
11am-4pm
Take a look behind the scenes with our Education Guide and Rangers and find out how we prepare for school visits. While you are here why not try out Skywall and Skytrek. Tel: 01330 844525 for more details.

Saturday 18th
Mar Lodge
A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE: THE LAIRIG GHRU
8pm-8.30pm
A long, strenuous walk through this high Cairngorm pass. Discover the secrets of the Cairngorms on this historic route. Transport is provided back to Mar Lodge. £40 per person. Places limited, so book early! Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

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Saturday 18th
Killiecrankie
FUR, FEATHERS & FANGS
2pm-4pm
Drop by any time during this session to meet the Ranger and have a closer look and feel of some unusual objects from our nature table. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Free.

Sunday 19th
Castle Fraser
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S EVENT: BAT QUIZ AND CRAFTS
12noon-4pm
Make bat crafts with the rangers and then try and find the hidden bats in the castle by following our quiz. Small charge applies.

Tuesday 21st
Castle Fraser
WIND IN THE WILLOWS
7.30pm
The ever popular Illyria Theatre Co.’s production will take place in the Castle Courtyard. Suitable for everyone aged 5 and over. Dress warmly, bring own seating and picnics. Doors open 6 pm. Adults £10, child £6.00, Family (2+2) £30.00 (child 3-16yrs). Box Office: 01330 833463, 9am-5pm.

Tuesday 21st
Dunkeld
ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF DUNKELD
2pm
Discover more about this little known battle. Interactive battle talk (1 hr) on Stanley Hill followed by a short walk. Meet outside the Tourist Information Centre, The Cross, Dunkeld. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Wednesday 22nd
Brodie Castle
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
7pm
Presented by Heartbreak Productions. Doors open at 6pm. Adults £12.00, concessions £10.00. Dress warmly and bring along cushions/blankets.

Wednesday 22nd
Mar Lodge
A WALK IN THE PARKS
7pm-8.30pm
An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife’s antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.
Saturday 25th
Dunkeld
**BIRNAM HIGHLAND GAMES**
12noon-5pm

Come along to our stand and meet The National Trust for Scotland and Perth & Kinross Countryside Rangers for a ‘paddle’ through the rumbling Rivers and bubbling burns of Highland Perthshire. FREE (after entry to games)

Sunday 26th
Crathes Castle
**BANCHORY STRATHSPEY & REEL SOCIETY**
2pm & 3pm

Tap your feet to the music of our own version of a Fiddler’s Rally in front of the castle. If the weather turns nasty then we’ll move indoors to the Exhibition Room.

Sunday 26th
Castle Fraser
**A CASTLE FRASER SPECTACULAR**

A celebration of all traditional Scottish music and entertainment. Refreshments or bring your own hamper, blanket and seats. There will be no entry to the Castle, Shop or tearoom other than for event visitors. Please see NTS website: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk) or call **01330 833463** for ticket prices.

Sunday 26th
Pitmedden Garden
**SCOTLAND’S GARDEN SCHEME DAY**
10am-5pm

Usual admission charges apply. All proceeds go to SGS Charities.

Sunday 26th
Drum Castle
**BONNIE BULBS**
12noon-4pm

Bulb Sale specialising in more unusual varieties and species. Bulb planting for children 2-3pm.

Sunday 26th
Fyvie Castle
**SPORTS SKILLS DAY**
11am-3pm

A day of sporting fun on the lawn at Fyvie including football, netball and golf, with a team of experienced coaches. Soup and sandwich lunch available from our tearoom. Booking essential, contact Alan Duguid on **07870 327333**.

Wednesday 29th
Angus Folk Museum
**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**
11am

50 years to the day since Angus Folk Museum opened it’s doors. Join us for a day celebrating Jean, Lady Maitland’s legacy to the people of Angus.

Wednesday 29th
Crathes Castle
**A WALK IN THE GARDEN**
2pm

As summer draws to an end and autumn approaches, join the Head Gardener in an afternoon walk in the Garden - the last guided walk in the 2007 series. Meet in front of the Castle at 2pm. Normal Garden admission applies - NTS Members free.
Wednesday 29th
Mar Lodge
**A WALK IN THE PARKS**
7pm-8.30pm

An evening stroll in the grounds around the Lodge, with an opportunity to view the interior of the Stag Ballroom, adorned with the Duke of Fife's antler collection. Easy Walk: adults £2, children U-16 Free. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Friday 30th, Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st
House of Dun
**VOICES OF ANGUS**
2pm & 7pm

Outdoor performance by Violet Jacob. This is the return of the performances which were so successful last year. Adults £10, concessions £8. (Indoors if weather inclement).

Friday 31st
Mar Lodge
**THE GATHERING CEILIDH**
8.30pm-12.30pm

Be entertained with a superb ceilidh band in the stunning location of Mar Lodge's Stag Ballroom. Price £10, including traditional stovies. Licensed. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Sunday 1st September
Drum Castle
**CORN DOLLY WORKSHOP**
1pm-4pm

Master Craftsman Elaine Lindsay leads this workshop introducing participants to the folklore and skills of making corn dollies. Contact Elaine on 01467 681330 for more information and tickets.

Sunday 2nd
Crathes Castle
**JUNIOR HIGHLAND GAMES**
12noon-4pm

Tried tossing the caber, hurling a wellie or putting the haggis? Time to put on your kilt and have a go - just for fun! Highland dancing & pipes and drums - all add to the truly Scottish flavour of the afternoon. Tel: 01330 844525 for details.

Sunday 2nd
Drum Castle
**HARVEST FEST**
12.30pm-4.30pm

Sunday 2nd
Fyvie Castle
A TOUCH OF SCOTLAND
2pm-4pm
A Scottish Pipe Band display, Scottish Highland Dance Display and Live Scottish Music at Fyvie Castle. A small event charge may apply.

Sunday 2nd
Mar Lodge
OPEN TO VIEW
10am-4pm
An opportunity to view the public rooms of the Lodge, and the magnificent Ballroom containing almost 2500 stags heads. Adults £3, children U-16, and NTS Members Free.

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th
Castle Fraser
BULB & PRODUCE SALE
12noon
Sale in the potting shed by the walled garden. For the next 3 weekends we run our very popular Bulb Sales & Organic Produce raised in our Walled Garden. Last year the Bulb Sale sold out on our second weekend - we’ll increase our stocks for this year!

Sunday 9th
Mar Lodge
FROM BEARS TO BACKPACKS: A LOOK AT OUR CHANGING LANDSCAPE
1pm-4pm
A leisurely walk in Glen Lui, enjoying beautiful views of a landscape influenced by people past and present. Adults £4, children U-16 £2, NTS members £3/£1.50. Mid Level Walk. Booking essential Tel: 01339741669.

Sunday 9th
Crathes Castle
BEATING RETREAT
2.30pm & 3.30pm
A true spectacle of Scottish Pipe band music performed by the Gordon Highlander’s Association Drums and Pipes.

Saturday 15th
Killiecrankie
ABC OF TREE ID
2pm-3.30pm
A beginner’s guide to tree ID. What’s the difference between an oak and a beech? Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th
Castle Fraser
BULB & ORGANIC SALE
12noon
Sale in the potting shed by the walled garden.
Daily 15th - 24th
Haddo House
NORTH EAST OPEN STUDIES
12noon-5pm
An exhibition of art by local artists in the Peatyards.
Entry FREE.

Sunday 16th
Crathes Castle
RANGER GUIDED ADULT WALK: FUNGI FACT & FICTION
2.30pm-4.30pm
Delve into the fascinating world of fungi. We will look at simple ID, fungal facts and folklore. Aimed at beginners.
NTS members: adults £3.
Non-members: adults £5.
Booking is essential. Tel: 01330 844810.

Sunday 16th
Fyvie Castle
FAMILY FUN DAY
12noon-4pm
Join our parade of the new Knights and Ladies, enjoy an opportunity to try on medieval costume, helmets and chainmail, design your own coat of arms and see demonstrations on Arming a Knight by medieval re-enactment group Sciltron. Also, children’s magic shows, fairground games, face painting and Ranger led wildlife fun. Traditional soups and homebakes will be served in our Tearoom. Event charge £2.50 per child, £1.00 per adult.

Sunday 16th
Mar Lodge
FASCINATING FUNGI!
2pm-4.30pm
Ever seen a cauliflower fungus or a toadstool with teeth! A beginners guide to the fascinating array of fungi to be found in the pinewoods.

Saturday 22nd
Hermitage
FUNGI FORAY
2pm-4pm
A beginner’s guide to the fascinating world of fungi. Includes basic ID and folklore. Meet at the Hermitage car park. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd
Drum Castle
COVENANTERS AT DRUM
12noon-5pm
Hugh Fraser’s Regiment of Dragoones set up camp below the medieval tower. Displays of Scots soldiers and camp followers in the 1640’s. See how Covenanting soldiers were wounded in battle and how they were patched up afterwards! Musket Drills and Parades. Normal garden entry applies.
**Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd**  
Castle Fraser  
**BULB & ORGANIC FRUIT & PRODUCE SALE**  
12noon-4pm  
Come along to the annual Castle Fraser Bulb Sale in the potting shed by the walled garden. Last chance to stock up.

**Sunday 23rd**  
House of Dun  
**APPLES AND PEARs DAY**  
1.30pm-4pm  
Plant Sale by the Angus Members Centre. Entrance Free.

**Saturday 29th**  
Killiecrankie  
**PATTERNS & PEBBLES OF THE PASS**  
2pm-3.30pm  
A beginner’s guide to the geology of Killiecrankie. Discover a world of rocks and ice in the Pass. Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

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**Sunday 30th**  
Drum Castle  
**FUSTY FUNGUS, EDIBLE EAT?**  
11am-4pm  
Join our fungus fanatic on this foray from 11am-1pm Workshop including walk and lunch. £10.00 non members, £8.00 members. 1-4pm Afternoon fungus table with advice on the do’s and don’ts. Normal garden entry applies.

**Saturday 29th**  
Haddo House  
**ITALIAN CONCERT**  
7.30pm  
Join us for Vivaldi’s ‘Gloria’ and Rossini’s ‘Messe Solennelle’ in Haddo House Hall. Tickets £16 and £12 (conc) from: Tel: 01651 851111.

**Sunday 30th**  
Pitmedden Garden  
**APPLES & CORNKISTERS**  
11am-5pm  
Join in the celebrations of another harvest in the Garden. Our famous apples and pears will be on sale along with other produce between 11am-5pm. Ranger led wildlife activities. From 1.30-4.30pm there will be Bothy Ballads and Wood turner Alan Steele will demonstrate his craft in the Museum of Farming Life. Usual admission charges apply.
Saturday 6th
Drum Castle
RANGER GUIDED ADULT WALK: A WILD NIGHT OUT
6pm-8pm
Come and discover what our furry and feathered friends get up to in the twilight zone. Then join us afterwards for a warming drink and piece of shortbread. NTS Members: adults £3.00. Non Members: adults £5.00.
Booking essential.
Tel: 01330 844810.

Monthly (October)
Castle Fraser
BATTY HALLOWEEN
Follow Batty Bertha round the Castle and learn some interesting facts about the Bats which live in the Castle Fraser turrets. Win a Family Ticket to our “Follow the Star” event in December.

Saturday 6th
Drum Castle
ALL TIED UP
11am-3pm
Here’s your chance to find out how to arrange rosehips and berries into wonderful autumn arrangements. This workshop includes a short walk collecting material, followed by a soup lunch and a session on making that perfect ‘wow’ display. Led by our own flower arrangers who take great delight out of using fresh material from the gardens. Tickets £15 Non-Members, £12 Members.
Booking essential.
Tel: 01330 811406.

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th
Drum Castle
AUTUMN WILDLIFE WATCH
1pm-5pm
A weekend celebrating the autumn. Come for a chuffle in our leaves, enjoy our big skies, hug our ancient oaks, listen to creepy tales. Storytelling 3-4pm. Normal garden charges apply. Creative autumn art activities in a marquee for all the family - make a hedgehog from pine needles and fir cones or a butterfly from honesty seeds. Leaf sculptures and squirrel’s tea parties or spot autumn wildlife on one of our estate trails.

Sunday 7th
Fyvie Castle
PIANO PROMENADE
2pm-4pm
Join us for another afternoon of music in Fyvie’s beautiful Music Gallery and enjoy the glorious grand piano played by one of our talented local pianists.

Sunday 7th
Craigievar Castle
RANGER GUIDED ADULT WALK: FUNGI FACT & FICTION
2.30pm-4.30pm
Delve into the fascinating world of fungi. We will look at simple ID, facts and folklore. Aimed at beginners.
NTS Members: adults £3.00. Non Members: adults £5.00.
Booking essential. Tel: 01330 844810.
October

**Wednesday 10th**  
Killiecrankie  
AUTUMN GOLD  
10.30am-12noon  
Children’s Event.  
Family activity walk looking at autumns leaves and fruits.  
Meet at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre. Adults £2.50, children £2.00.

**Friday 12th**  
Castle Fraser  
THE QUEST - THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND’S UNIQUE BOARD GAME  
7.30pm  
Teams of 4 to take part in the NTS’s unique board game the Quest in Castle Fraser’s atmospheric Great Hall. Buffet supper to follow in front of the fire. Booking essential.  
Tel: 01330 833463. Adults £14.00, children & concessions £7.00.

**Saturday 13th**  
House of Dun  
ISOBEL LUKE WIND OCTET  
7.30pm  
Spend a relaxing afternoon listening to beautiful music in the sumptuous venue of our Saloon. Cheese and wine will be served which (weather permitting) can be enjoyed on the Terrace overlooking the beautiful Montrose Basin.  
For further details contact Mrs Gray. Tel: 01241 437702.

**Sunday 14th**  
Fyvie Castle  
PIANO PROMENADE  
2pm-4pm  
Join us for another afternoon of music in Fyvie’s beautiful Music Gallery and enjoy the glorious grand piano played by one of our talented local pianists.

**Sunday 14th**  
Branklyn Garden  
AUTUMN COLOUR WALK  
2pm-3pm  
Walk with the Head Gardener to look at Autumn colour plants. Adults £5, conc. £4. Members Free.

**Wednesday 17th-Sunday 28th**  
Castle Fraser  
BATTY HALLOWEEN  
A small selection of bat crafts will be available for you to try out and help pass some winter afternoons on the school holidays.

**Wednesday 17th**  
Crathes Castle  
RANGER GUIDED CHILDREN’S WALK: NATURAL RECYCLING  
2.30pm-4pm  
Where do all the autumn leaves go and who does all the recycling in the wild world. Come and find out more on this fun walk. NTS members: adults £1.00, children £2.50.  
Non-members: adults £1.00, children £3.50.  
Booking is essential.  
Tel: 01330 844810

Wednesday 17th
Fyvie Castle
DISCOVERY CLUB
10am-12noon

An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. £4 per child, per session. For further information and to book: Tel: 01651 891266.

Thursday 18th
Fyvie Castle
THE MAGICAL WORLD OF FYVIE
9.30am-3.30pm

Explore some of the mysteries of Fyvie Castle, garden and woodland. A day of fun, magical moments, and NO parents. For ages 8-12. Cost £8.00 per child, pre-booking essential. For further information and to book Tel: 01330 844810.

Friday 19th
Mar Lodge
THE GHILLIES BALL
9pm-1am

Be entertained with a superb ceilidh band at this traditional event in the stunning location of Mar Lodge’s Stag Ballroom. Price £9. Licensed. Booking essential. Tel: 013397 41669.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st
Drum Castle
AUTUMN BOUNTY
12noon-4pm

Arts and Crafts at the Castle. Floral displays through the Castle. Bargain bare root plants, Jams and Chutney’s. Wood turning demonstration and space to enjoy the colours of autumn.

Saturday 20th
Crathes Castle
ANOTHER MURDER AT CRATHES
7.30pm-10.30pm

Experience the twists and turns, discard the red herrings and follow the clues as you join the Blitz Experience in this murderous tale. Buffet supper included in the price. Booking essential for this popular evening. Tel: 01330 844525.

Sunday 21st
Castle Fraser
THE ROMANS INVADE CASTLE FRASER
12noon-4pm

Enjoy a very entertaining but very informative afternoon at Castle Fraser with the Romans as they explain how the Romans came to Britain. Admissions NTS Members: adults £3, children £1. Non-Members: adults £4, children £2.
Sunday 21st
Fyvie Castle
PIANO PROMENADE
2pm-4pm
Join us for another afternoon of music in Fyvie’s beautiful Music Gallery and enjoy the glorious grand piano played by one of our talented local pianists.

Wednesday 24th
Fyvie Castle
DISCOVERY CLUB
10am-12noon
An action packed morning of hands-on fun at Fyvie Castle for 8-12 year olds. £4 per child, per session.
For further information and to book Tel: 01651 891266.

Friday 26th
House of Dun
GHOSTS AT THE COAST (FOR ADULTS ONLY)
8pm
Prepare to be scared on our torchlit tour, ghoulish stories. Discover the myths and legends of Halloween. Fancy dress competition. Hearty supper. Adults £12.00.

Saturday 27th
Fyvie Castle
THE HAUNTED SIDE OF FYVIE CASTLE
9pm
A Tour of the Castle takes place highlighting the myths, legends and stories of Fyvie. Enjoy a Buffet Supper before being taken around the Castle at night. £20 per person incl. refreshments. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 27th
Drum Castle
HALLOWEEN IN THE TOWER
6pm-9pm
Join storyteller Jackie Ross in the damp dark halls of the Tower of Drum. Bring a lantern and we’ll provide the hot drinks. 6-7pm (drinks 7-7.30pm for children 9 and under. 8-9pm (drinks 7.30-8pm) for children 9 and over. Pick up tickets at Drum Castle reception or send a cheque and self addressed envelope to The National Trust for Scotland, Drum Castle, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, AB31 5EY. Tickets: adults £8, children £5.

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th
Crathes Castle
WITCHES & WIZARDS
10am-4pm
Write a magic spell using dyes made from plants then magically turn our craft materials into a frog to take home. Dress as a witch or wizard and come along to Crathes to join in the annual Witch Hunt in the grounds. £1.50 per child (bring a pencil) - prizes for all children. Join Winnie the Witch for Halloween fun and games. Don’t miss the Witch & Wizard Parade at 2pm each day. Then visit the Spooky Castle and see if you can find all the ghosts hiding in the rooms. Normal Castle admission applies. Castle opens 10.30am.
Tel: 01330 844525 for details.
Saturday 27th
House of Dun
GHOSTS AT THE COAST
6pm & 8.30pm
Prepare to be scared on our torchlit tour with ghoulish stories. 6pm for children, 8.30pm for adults only. Discover the myths and legends of Halloween. Fancy dress competition. Hearty supper. Adults £12.00, children £7.00 (Family ticket 2A + 2C) £30.00.

Sunday 28th
Drum Castle
THE MEDIEVAL SOLDIER
12.30pm-4.30pm
Re-enactment group “Medieval Realm” will show visitors something of medieval life in the Tower of Drum. From torture in the cellar, to guard duties on the battlements, ladies leisure activities and lordly pursuits. Normal garden charges apply.

Sunday 28th
Fyvie Castle
PIANO PROMENADE
2pm-4pm
Join us for another afternoon of music in Fyvie’s beautiful Music Gallery and enjoy the glorious grand piano played by one of our talented local pianists.

Sunday 28th
Fyvie Castle
SPORTS SKILLS DAY
11am-3pm
A day of sporting fun on the lawn at Fyvie including football, netball and golf, with a team of experienced coaches. Soup and sandwich lunch available from our tearoom. Booking essential, contact Alan Duguid on 07870 327333.

Wednesday 31st
Leith Hall
HALLOWEEN EVENING
7.30pm-9pm
A fun evening for all the family with a tour of the House like you have never seen before! Strange happening and spooks appearing from dark corners. Ghost stories and a look into the cellar to sample the real atmosphere of Halloween. Fancy dress is recommended but not compulsory. Book early. All tickets £8.00 (this includes refreshments). Tel: 01464 831216.

Wednesday 31st
Haddo House
HALLOWEEN AT HADD O
5.30PM-7.30PM
Scary tours for the 8 to 11 year olds throughout the house. Supper in the tearoom to follow. Tickets £6.50. Booking essential as numbers restricted. Tel: 01224 592777.
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th
Haddo House
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR
10am-4.30pm

An excellent choice of Christmas gifts for everyone at this popular annual event at Haddo Hall. Adults £2.00, children free. During this event the Haddo House Shop and Tearoom will also be open to visitors.

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th
Castle Fraser
COURTYARD SHOP OPENING WEEKEND
12noon-3.30pm

The Courtyard Shop will be open for early Christmas shopping - weekends from 10th November - 9th December. Tea, coffee & cake in the tea room.

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th
Fyvie Castle
CHRISTMAS AT FY EVIE CASTLE
12noon-4pm

Get in the festive mood at Fyvie with Inspire children’s choir singing Christmas songs in the music gallery and regular demonstrations in creative festive floral arrangements in the Dining Room. Santa will be by the fire in the Billiards Room to receive Christmas lists. Our shop will be open with a range of Christmas decorations, cards and gifts. Mulled wine and mince pies as well as other festive refreshments will be available from our Victorian tearoom. Admission: Non Members adult £2.00, NTS Member adult £1.00. Children FREE!

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd
Crathes Castle
CHRISTMAS PAST
10am-4pm

Sir Alexander Balbridie invites you to Crathes annual Victorian Christmas house party - a truly different Christmas experience! Special event charge for entry to the castle £3.00 adults £2.00 children (including NTS members). Outside the Castle, holly & mistletoe and roasted chestnuts are for sale and the NTS shop and Horsemill and Courtyard restaurants are also open. Join the Rangers for some Christmas arts and crafts in the Exhibition Room. Porridge the Donkey who will be keeping Santa company from 12.30-2.30pm on Saturday.
Tel: 01330 844525 for details.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd
House of Dun
SANTA’S GROTTO & WINTER FAIR
10am-4pm

Santa and Mrs Claus will be at the House of Dun to receive letters from children. While children follow the fairy trail to a surprise, parents can do some Christmas shopping at the fair and Angus Crafters shop. Café Dun will be open 10am-4pm. Entrance to Santa adults £1.00, children £4.00 (includes gift). No charge to Craft Fair.
Sunday 2nd
Crathes Castle
CAIRNGORM REINDEER PARADE WITH SANTA
10am-4pm
Parades 12.30 & 2.30pm
The Cairngorm reindeer join Santa at Crathes this afternoon to drive his sleigh through the castle grounds. Special event charge for entry to the grounds £3.00 adults £1.00 children. Separate charge for the Victorian House Party in the Castle £3.00 adults, £2.00 children. Please note that as this is a special event the charges also apply to NTS members. Early arrival is advised to avoid queuing. Tel: 01330 844525 for details.

Thursday 6th - Wednesday 19th
Haddo House
JACK & THE BEANSTALK
Christmas panto. For more information visit our website: www.nts.org.uk

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th
Barrie’s Birthplace
VISIT SANTA IN HIS GROTTO
1pm-4pm
Come and visit Santa in his Grotto at Barrie’s Birthplace. An afternoon of fun for the family.

Saturday 8th
House of Dun
THE SAMUEL CHORUS

Sunday 2nd - Friday 7th
Castle Fraser
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERTS
7.30pm
Castle Fraser welcomes back the following choirs: Sunday 3pm - The Aberdeen Orpheus Choir, Monday & Tuesday 7.30pm - Inverurie Choral Society, Wednesday 7.30pm - The Granite City Chorus, Thursday 7.30pm - Choir TBC, Friday 7.30pm - The Aberdeen Orpheus Choir. Enjoy Margaret’s famous mulled wine served with mince pies and shortbread. The courtyard shop will be open for Christmas shopping ad decorations. Tickets £9.00 incl. Refreshments. Booking essential on 01330 833463.

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th
Drum Castle
HOLLY FEST
11am-4pm
Join in the warmth and friendliness of this popular Christmas Festival. Mulled wine to whet your voice for the carol singing, roast chestnuts and a log fire. Stories and creative crafts for the children and German style open market, selling quality hand crafted goods. Holly wreath demonstrations, kits to buy and try, traditional Christmas foliage and cones. Free admission for children, all adults £3 (includes refreshments).

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Thursday 13th
House of Dun
CAROLS AT HOUSE OF DUN
7pm
Sing all your favourite carols led by the Angus Members Centre. Come early to get your place at this extremely popular event. For further details contact Mrs Gray
Tel: 01241 437702.

Friday 14th
Crathes Castle
CHILDREN’S CAROLS AT CRATHES CASTLE
7pm
A carol concert especially for children. Suitable for 5 - 12 year olds (children must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets cost £5.00/child, £9.00/accompanying adult. (includes Crathes mulled wine for the adults and fruit juice for the children, with mince pie or shortbread.) Early booking essential.
Tel: 01330 844525.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th
Crathes Castle
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT CRATHES CASTLE
5pm & 7.30 pm
Early booking is essential for this ever popular series of carol concerts featuring the Linties. Join us after the concert for a glass of the ever popular Crathes Mulled Wine, mince pie and shortbread.
Tickets cost £10.00 per person.
Tel: 01330 844525 for details.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th
Castle Fraser
FOLLOW THE STAR
11.30am-4pm
Joseph’s amazing camels return to bring Christmas cheer and joy. The ultimate Christmas event for children. Adults £6.00, children & conc. £4.00 including NTS Members. Admission if booked before 10th December: Adults £4.00 children & conc. £2.50.
Tel: 01330 833463.

Sunday 16th
Haddo House
CAROL CONCERTS
2.30pm & 4pm
Selected members from the Haddo Junior Choirs join the choral and Operatic Society in two concerts of beautiful seasonal music at 2.30pm and 4pm in the Chapel, Haddo House. Tickets £8.00 including tea, from 01651 851111.

Thursday 18th
Fyvie Castle
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
6.30pm
Enjoy a candlelit celebration of Christmas in the opulent surroundings of Fyvie’s purpose built music Gallery followed by light refreshments in the Billiard Room.
Limited tickets available. £10 adults £8 concs.
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Drumoak, Banchory, Kincardineshire, AB31 3EY

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Fyvie, Turriff, AB53 8JS

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