

Autumn 2011

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## September

**Daily Until 17 September Gruffalo's Picnic:** Crathes Castle. 10.30am-4pm. T: 0844 4932166 or W: www.nts.org.uk.

**Until End of October Gnational Treasure Hunt:** @ National Trust for Scotland properties. W: www.nts.org.uk.

**Tuesdays to 8 September Our Pancake Gala:** Jesmond Centre or St Columbus Church, Braehead Way. 2-3.30pm. E: rmorris@aberdeencity.gov.uk or T: 01224 522428. **FREE!**

**To 11 September (Weekends only) Busy Bugs Show:** Satrosphere Science Centre, Aberdeen. T: 01224 640340 or W: www.satrosphere.net.

**To 20 September Monster Creepy Crawlies Exhibition:** Satrosphere Science Centre, Aberdeen. 10am-5pm. T: 01224 640340 or W: www.satrosphere.net.

**1-30 Let's Talk Baby Month**  
**2 Ranger-Guided Children's Event - Bat Evening:** Castle Fraser, Inverurie. 7.30-9pm. Ages 7+. T: 0844 493 2167 or W: www.nts.org.uk. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**2-4 Aberdeen's International Street Market:** Union Terrace. 9am-6pm. W: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk. **FREE!**

**3 Fungal Foray: Contact Kincardine and Mearns Ranger.** T: 01569 768292 or E: kincardineandmearnsranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

**3 Braemar Gathering:** Princess Royal and Duke of Fife Memorial Park. From 9.30am. W: www.braemargathering.org.

**3-18 Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight:** W: www.scottishfoodanddrinkfortnight.co.uk.

**3 & 4 Huntly Hairst:** Huntly. W: www.huntlyhairst.co.uk.

**4 Rockpool Rummage:** New Aberdour. Contact Coastal Ranger: T: 01358 751 337 or E: coastal.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**4 Harvest Home Open Day:** The Store, Foveran. W: www.thestorecompany.co.uk.

**4 Grampian Motorcycle Convention:** Grampian Transport Museum, Alford. W: www.gtm.org.uk.

**6 September-31 October Knautical Knitting exhibition for North-East Open Studios:** Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh. 10.30am-12noon. £1 per child for knitting workshop. W: www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk.

**6-8 Offshore Europe:** Aberdeen Exhibition and

Conference Centre. W: www.aecc.co.uk.

**9-26 Techfest in September:** W: www.techfestsetpoint.org.uk.

**10 Doors Open Days Aberdeen:** Various locations. W: www.doorsopendays.org.uk.

**10-18 North-East Open Studios (NEOS):** Various locations. W: www.northeastopenstudios.co.uk.

**10 Ranger-Guided Family Walk - Fungi Fact & Fiction:** Leith Hall Garden & Estate. 10.30am-12.30pm. W: www.nts.org.uk. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**11 Ranger-Guided Family Walk - Fungi Fact & Fiction:** Crathes Castle. 10.30am-12.30pm. W: www.nts.org.uk.

**11 Peterhead Running Festival:** Catto Park, Peterhead.

**11 A Fair Trot:** Meet Udnv Village Green. Contact Formartine Ranger. T: 01358 726417 or E: formartine.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**12-30 50+ Festival:** Various locations in Aberdeen. W: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/50plus.

**13 Roald Dahl Day**

**17 Fungal Foray:** St Cyrus National Nature Reserve. 2-4pm. T: 01674 830736 or E: therese.alampo@snh.gov.uk. **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**17 Beach Litter Survey and Clean Up:** Aberdeen Beach. 10am. T: 01224 869245 or E: ijhouse@btinternet.com. W: www.mcsuk.org. **FREE!**

**17 Scottish Samurai Festival:** Gordon Barracks, Ellon Rd, Aberdeen. 2-9pm. Parade, fireworks, and lots of activities for all ages! E: rmorris@aberdeencity.gov.uk or T: 01224 522428. **FREE!**

**17-25 Active Aboyne:** T: 01339 885 222 or W: www.activeaboyn.co.uk.

**17-2 October British Food Fortnight:** W: www.lovebritishfood.co.uk.

**17 Beachwatch 2011:** Macduff. Meet Palmercove Bay. Contact Banff and Buchan Ranger. T: 01261 813299 or E: banffandbuchanranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**



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**17 Doors Open Days Aberdeenshire:** Various locations. W: [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

**17 Flowerpots Childcare First Birthday Celebration and Open Day:** Kingseat Business Park, Newmachar. 10am–2pm. T: 01651 869078 or W: [www.flowerpotschildcare.com](http://www.flowerpotschildcare.com).

**18 Aberdeen Waldorf School Open Day:** 11am–3pm. T: 01224 868366.

**18 Autumn Round Up:** Tranquility Wild West Town, Drumblair, Forgue, Huntly. 1.30pm. T: 01466 730265 or E: [tranquility\\_town@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tranquility_town@hotmail.co.uk). **FREE!**

**18 Beachwatch 2011:** Don Ythan Coast. Meet Balmedie Country Park. Contact Coastal Ranger. T: 01358 751337 or E: [coastal.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:coastal.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**18 Beachwatch 2011:** Stonehaven. Meet Beach Pavillion next to Molly Gunnings. Contact Kincardine and Mearns Ranger. T: 01569 768292 or E: [kincardineandmearnsranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kincardineandmearnsranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**18 Old Roads, Settlements and Kirks of Cushnie:** Contact North Marr and West Garioch Ranger. T: 01975 564 811 or E: [access.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:access.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**18 Cairns and Covenanters:** Meet Fyvie Castle Car Park. Contact Formartine Ranger. T: 01358 726 417 or E: [formartine.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:formartine.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**22–24 Numberjacks Live on Stage!:** HMT: Various times and prices. T: 01224 641122 or W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**24 Autumn Beachclean:** St Cyrus National Nature Reserve. 10am–1pm. T: 01674 830736. Under 18s welcome with adult. **FREE!**

**24 Aberdeen Country Fair:** Belmont Street, Aberdeen. 9am–5pm. W: [www.aberdeencountryfair.co.uk](http://www.aberdeencountryfair.co.uk).

**24 September - 11 December (Weekends only) Bubbles Show:** Satrosphere Science Centre, Aberdeen. T: 01224 640340 or W: [www.satrosphere.net](http://www.satrosphere.net)

**25 Apples and Cornkisters:** Pitmedden Garden, Pitmedden. 11am–5pm. W: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

**25 White Cow Wood and the Chambered Cairn:** Meet White Cow Wood Car Park. Contact Buchan Ranger. T: 01771 622857 or E: [Buchan.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Buchan.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). **FREE BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**28 Rosh Hashanah**

**29 & 30 Little Scientist Day 'Recycling':** Satrosphere, Aberdeen. T: 01224 640340 or W: [www.satrosphere.net](http://www.satrosphere.net).

**30 World's Biggest Coffee Morning:** W: [www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk).

**30 Kemnay Wildlife Explorers – Fungal Foray:** Castle Fraser. Meet in carpark. 6.30pm–7pm. T: 01467 643859.

**30 Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Hoodles Playbarn, North Mains of Barra, Oldmeldrum. 10am–12noon. T: 01651 873813 or W: [www.hoodles.co.uk](http://www.hoodles.co.uk).

**30–16 October Doric Festival:** W: [www.thedoricfestival.com](http://www.thedoricfestival.com).

## October

**Throughout the month:** The Big Draw. W: [www.thebigdraw.org](http://www.thebigdraw.org).

**1–30 Planetarium Show:** Satrosphere Science Centre, Aberdeen. T: 01224 640340 or W: [www.satrosphere.net](http://www.satrosphere.net)

**1–31 Draw Something Fishy – Activities for The Big Draw:** Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh. W: [www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk](http://www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk).

**1 UN International Day of Older Persons**

**1 St Margaret's School for Girls Open Day:** Albyn Place, Aberdeen. W: [www.st-margarets.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://www.st-margarets.aberdeen.sch.uk).

**2 Grandparents' Day**

**2 Autumn Autojumble:** Grampian Transport Museum, Alford. W: [www.gtm.org.uk](http://www.gtm.org.uk).

**7 & 8 Yom Kippur**

**8 Arthur, Story of a King:** Lemon Tree. 2pm. £7.50+bf. Ages 8+. T: 01224 641122 or W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**8 Fungi Foray:** Haddo House, near Methlick. 2–4pm. £4 adult, under 12s free. W: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk). **BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**

**8–23 Children's Event - Autumn Quiz:** Crathes Castle, Garden & Estate. £1 each per self-led quiz. W: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

**8–23 Ranger Children's Event:** Red Squirrel Crafts & Quiz in the Castle: Castle Fraser, Inverurie. 12–4pm. W: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

**11 Aladdin:** Lemon Tree. 2pm. Ages 4+. T: 01224 641122 or W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**11 October Skeleton Fish – Under the Sea Activities:** Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh. 10am–12noon. W: [www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk](http://www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk).

**13 How the Koala Learnt to Hug:** Lemon Tree. 2pm. Ages 4+. T: 01224 641122 or W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**15 Kes:** Lemon Tree. 2pm. Ages 10+. £7.50+bf. T: 01224 641122 or W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**17 Parents' Week**

**18 The Lost Sock Princess:** Lemon Tree. 2pm. Ages 3+. £6+bf. T: 01224 641122 or W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**18 October Scary Sea Monsters – Under the Sea Activities:** Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh. 10am–12noon. W: [www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk](http://www.lighthousemuseum.org.uk).

**20 Activity Afternoon:** Grampian Transport Museum, Alford. 12.30–3.30pm. W: [www.gtm.org.uk](http://www.gtm.org.uk).

**20 Aberdeen Snow Sports Open Day:** Garthdee. W: [www.aberdeensnowsports.com](http://www.aberdeensnowsports.com).

**22 Aberdeen's Fun Olympics:** Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen. 2pm–7pm. Open to all ages with physical or leaning disabilities. W: [www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com](http://www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com). **FREE!**

**26 Diwali**

**27 & 28 Little Scientist Day 'Animals in the Jungle':** Satrosphere, Aberdeen. T: 01224 640340 or W: [www.satrosphere.net](http://www.satrosphere.net).

**28 Kemnay Wildlife Explorers – 'Wildlife & Crime' Talk:** 7pm. Kemnay Village Hall. T: Jim Piggins 01467 643859.

**29 Halloween Craft Session:** Inverurie Library. 10.30am–11.30am. Ages 0–12. T: 01467 621619.

**29 Aberdeen Country Fair:** Belmont Street, Aberdeen. 9am–5pm. W: [www.aberdeencountryfair.co.uk](http://www.aberdeencountryfair.co.uk).

**29 & 30 Halloween Parties:** Satrosphere Science Centre, Aberdeen, 4–6pm. T: 01224 640340 or W: [www.satrosphere.net](http://www.satrosphere.net).

**30 British Summertime Ends**

**31 National Adoption Week**

**31 Halloween**

**31–6 November Dyslexia Awareness Week:** For details of local meetings see: W: [www.dyslexiascotlandnortheast.org.uk](http://www.dyslexiascotlandnortheast.org.uk).

## November

**1 All Saints' Day**

**3 Christmas Fayre:** Hoodles Playbarn, North Mains of Barra. T: 01651 873813 or W: [www.hoodles.co.uk](http://www.hoodles.co.uk).

**4 Music to Fireworks:** Brechin Castle Centre. £2.50; children 14 and under free. W: [www.brechincastlecentre.co.uk](http://www.brechincastlecentre.co.uk).

**4–6 Aberdeen's Winter Festival Street Market:** Union Terrace. 9am–6pm. W: [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk). **FREE!**

**5 Guy Fawkes Night**

**5 Robert Gordon's College Open Day:** Schoolhill, Aberdeen. From 9.30am. W: [www.rgc.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://www.rgc.aberdeen.sch.uk).

**5 Aberdeen's Fireworks Night:** Aberdeen Beach. From 7.30pm. W: [www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com](http://www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com). **FREE!**

**5 & 6 Christmas Craft Fair:** Haddo House, near Methlick. 10am–4pm. Adult £3. W: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

**6 Stonehaven Bonfire & Fireworks Display:** Mineralwell Park, Stonehaven. From 6pm. Adults £3, Children £1. Contact Stonehaven Round Table for more information. W: [www.stonehavenguide.net](http://www.stonehavenguide.net).

**12 The Curious Scrapbook of Josephine Bean:** Lemon Tree. 11am and 2.30pm. £6+bf. Ages 6+. T: 01224 641122; W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**13 Remembrance Sunday**

**19 Tall Tales for Small People:** Lemon Tree. 2pm. £7.50+bf. Ages 8+. T: 01224 641122; W: [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com).

**20 Christmas Lights Switch On:** Union Street. 5.30pm. W: [www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com](http://www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com). **FREE!**

**21–28 Road Safety Week**

**22 & 23 November Little Scientist Day 'Day and Night':** Satrosphere, Aberdeen. T: 01224 640340 or W: [www.satrosphere.net](http://www.satrosphere.net).

**24 Christmas Shopping Night:** Royal British Legion, Oldmeldrum 7–9pm. T: 07967 277685.

**25 Kemnay Wildlife Explorers – 'Squirrels and Hibernation' Talk:** 7pm. Kemnay Village Hall. T: 01467 643859.

**26 Aberdeen Country Fair:** Belmont Street, Aberdeen. 9am–5pm. W: [www.aberdeencountryfair.co.uk](http://www.aberdeencountryfair.co.uk).

**26 & 27 Christmas at Fyvie Castle:** Fyvie Castle, Fyvie. 12–4pm. Adult £3.50, Child £1.50. W: [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk).

**27 Business Association Christmas Fair:** Town Hall, Stonehaven. 11am–4pm. **FREE!**

**27 Christmas Tree Switch On:** Castlegate, Aberdeen. 4pm. W: [www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com](http://www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com). **FREE!**

**27 Nativity Scene Unveiling:** St Nicholas Kirkyard, 12 noon. W: [www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com](http://www.aberdeenswinterfestival.com). **FREE!**

**30 St Andrew's Day**



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