SCOTLAND'S **HISTORY COMES** TO LIFE Join us for a range of fun-filled and exciting Historic Scotland events. Whether it's a guided walk, jousting knights or theatrical performances, our events will delight all ages. Throughout our fantastic programme you will find lots of special events planned for this Year of Natural Scotland. Celebrate Scotland's outstanding natural beauty; get close to nature and find out more about our landscape, folklore and geology. Almost all of our daytime events are included in the normal admission price for the attraction.

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In addition to all the events in this guide, keep an eye out for hundreds of more intimate living history performances taking place throughout

To get the complete listing of upcoming events and to find out about our living history performances visit our website and join our

GRAND TOURNAMENT OF FOOTE

Urquhart Castle Sun 5 & Mon 6 May

Cheer on your favourite as our fully armoured knights clash with each other in a series of colourful and lively bouts to determine the champion of the day.

Visit the camp and discover how the squires would prepare their brave knights for battle. Witness the fierce archery competition and test your own skill with a bow.

- 11am 4.30pm
 Included in normal admission price
 Guaranteed entry for Historic Scotland members

SPECTACULAR JOUSTING

Linlithgow Palace Sat 29 & Sun 30 June, Sat 6 & Sun 7 July

Our daring knights return to stage an unforgettable display of horsemanship and skill. Hear the thunder of hooves and the crack of lances splintering as our knights battle it out in the arena.

Enjoy a full programme of supporting activities with shows and presentations. Wander through the bustling camps and see the exciting foot combat and living history displays.

- 12.30pm 4.30pm
- Adult £12, Concession £9.60, Child £7.20
- Family ticket available
- Buy tickets in advance online and save 10%
- Free park and ride sponsored by ORACLE Guaranteed entry for Historic Scotland members

The award winning event returns to Fort George. Set in one of the finest military fortifications in Europe the flagship event of Historic Scotland's calendar celebrates 2,000 years of Scottish history.

Fort George, near Inverness Sat 10 & Sun 11 August

The Fort will come to life as over 250 performers depict centuries of history from Picts and Romans to World War I and II.

CELEBRATION

OF THE CENTURIES

- 11am 5pm
 Adult £12, Concession £9.60, Child £7.20
 Family ticket available
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ROAD TO **BANNOCKBURN**

Stirling Castle Sat 1 & Sun 2 June

events for free.

conversation online.

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In 1306 Robert the Bruce was crowned king. Hear about the turbulent years that led up to the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 and the trials faced by Bruce as he campaigned for support. Learn about the military tactics used and see combat demonstrations by re-enactors with authentic arms and armour of the period.

- Included in normal admission price

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MEMBERSHIP



Tue(s) Arthur's Secrets 1pm
2, 9, 16, Holyrood Park
23, 30 This moderate graded walk will explore the geology, natural history and archaeology of Holyrood Park. Max. 20 people. (Free)

Wed(s) Standing Stones of Stenness 10am
3, 10, 17, 24 Standing Stones of Stenness
This guided walk looks at our oldest stone circle and the fascinating links with the nearby Neolithic village of Barnhouse. (Free)

Thur(s) Ring of Brodgar Walk 1pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Ring of Brodgar
Explore the surrounding area during a guided walk and discover the significance of the Heart of Neolithic Orkney. (Free)

Tue 9

Young Rangers
Linlithgow Peel
From jellyfish surveying to bird box building we welcome 5 -15 year olds, accompanied by an adult, for a morning of adventure.
Max. 20 people. (Free)

12pm

Tue(s)

Sun 16

Sat 20 Kinneil Walk
Sun 21 Kinneil House
Our guided walks explore the history and nature of Kinneil. (Free)

Sun 28 Holding the Rock for Scotland
Dumbarton Castle
See and hear the muskets fire as you relive the
Scottish civil wars of 1600s. Gain an insight into
the significance of Dumbarton Castle and hear
the story of the Scottish soldiers at this time.

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(Entry included in admission price)

Sat 27
Cairnpapple Weekend
12pm
Sun 28
Cairnpapple

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Learn how people lived millennia ago.
Take part in activities for kids and
demonstrations of historical skills.
(More details on our website)



Wed(s) Standing Stones of Stenness 10am 1,8,15, Standing Stones of Stenness 22,29 Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Thur(s) Archaeology and Birds at Brodgar 10ar 2, 9, 16, Ring of Brodgar

23, 30 This guided walk around the Ring of Brodgar will introduce you to history as well as the birds and wildlife around this Neolithic Site. (Free)

Thur(s) Ring of Brodgar Walk 1pm 2, 9, 16, Ring of Brodgar Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Sun 5 Grand Tournament of Foote 11am Mon 6 Urquhart Castle See overleaf for full details.

Tue(s)Arthur's Secrets1pm7,14,21,28Holyrood Park
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.4



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Daily Ring of Brodgar Walk 1pm Ring of Brodgar Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Mon(s) Standing Stones of Stenness 10am Wed(s) Standing Stones of Stenness Fri(s) Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Sat 1 Road to Bannockburn 12pm
Sun 2 Stirling Castle
See overleaf for full details.

Sun 2 Kings and Queens 12pm

Kings and Queens
Holyrood Park
Step back in time to find out how royals like
King David I and Queen Victoria changed
the face of Holyrood Park. (Free)

1pm

1pm

Mon(s)
3, 10, 17, 24
Holyrood Park
Come along on a gentle guided walk around Hunter's Bog and St. Margaret's Loch. Max. 20 people. (Free)

Arthur's Secrets

4, 11, 18, 25 Holyrood Park
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Wed(s) Arthur's Adventure 1pm
Holyrood Park

5, 19 Holyrood Park

Join us for a challenging guided walk to learn about Arthur's Seat's turbulent past.

Max. 20 people. (Free)

Thur(s) Archaeology and Birds at Brodgar 10am 6, 13, 20, 27 Ring of Brodgar Repeating Event, see May entry for description.

Fri 7 - A Satire of the Three Estates
Tue 11 Linlithgow Palace & Stirling Castle
Thur 13 - Fri 14 Stirling
Stirling (More details on our website)

Sat 8
The King's Campaign
12pm
Sun 9
Aberdour Castle
It's 1313 and Sir Thomas Randolph is plotting the daring capture of Edinburgh Castle.
Wander through the medieval encampment and learn what it took to keep the troops clothed, fed and armed. (Entry included in admission price)

Renaissance Revelry
Bothwell Castle
Enjoy the exclusive company of King James IV
and his Court as they celebrate a day of royal
revelry. Relive the spectacle of knights clashing
in combat, see the ladies parade the fashions
of the day and try your hand at archery.
(Entry included in admission price)

Go Wild in the Garden 12pm
Dirleton Castle
Create your own creature crafts, test your

Create your own creature crafts, test your nature knowledge, follow the clues of the Castle Garden Trail and meet some creepy crawlies at this family fun day. (Entry included in admission price)

Thur 27 Scottish Chamber Orchestra 8pm

Stirling Castle
Under the baton of conductor Gergely Madaras,
the SCO performs Beethoven's Symphony No 3
'Eroica', alongside music by Weiner and Ibert.
(Adults £18, Concessions available. Tickets from
Albert Halls Box Office.)

12.30pm

Sat 29 Spectacular Jousting
Sun 30 Linlithgow Palace
See overleaf for full details.



Daily
Ring of Brodgar Walk
Ring of Brodgar
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Mon(s)
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Standing Stones of Stenness
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Pri(s)
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Tue(s)
Arthur's Secrets
1pm

2, 9, 16,
23, 30

Holyrood Park
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Wed(s)
3,17,31

Holyrood Park
Repeating Event, see June entry for description.

Thur(s)
4, 11, 18

Ring of Brodgar

Archaeology and Birds at Brodgar
Ring of Brodgar

Sat 6 Spectacular Jousting 12.30pm Sun 7 Linlithgow Palace See overleaf for full details.

Repeating Event, see May entry for description.

Sat 13 Scottish Chamber Orchestra 8pm Dunblane Cathedral SCO Strings, led by celebrated violinist Anthony Marwood, return for a programme

Anthony Marwood, return for a programme of music including Elgar's Serenade for Strings and Mendelssohn's Concerto in D minor for Violin and Strings. (Adults £18, Concessions available. Tickets from Albert Halls Box Office.)

Sat 13
Sun 14
Castle Campbell and Dollar Glen
This is your chance to work alongside experts
to monitor and survey the local wildlife, plants,
birds and insects. Join the guided walks organised
by Historic Scotland and the National Trust

Tue Young Rangers 10am
16 Linlithgow Peel
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

of Scotland. (More details on our website)

Thur 18 Babe the Sheep-Pig 6.30pm by Dick King-Smith
Duff House

This heartwarming tale of friendship, courage and determination is brought to life by the creative team behind the record-breaking 2012 production of The Twits. Enjoy the adventures of Babe the Sheep-Pig at this outdoor theatre production. Suitable for ages 5+. (More details on our website)

Sat 20 Fragments of Blue – under one sky Jedburgh Abbey and Jedburgh Old and Trinity Church

Sun 21

The first in a trilogy of unique and highly distinctive events inspired by the recent discovery of the Hawick Missal Fragment. With new music by an exciting young composer, alongside imagery, light, colour and sweeping soundscapes, 'Fragments of Blue' will transform the historic spaces in Jedburgh. (For more information visit www.fragmentsproject.co.uk)

Royal Pursuits
Holyrood Park
A look at the royal pursuits that took place in the park including birds of prey talks and handling, lure coursing, archery and a hobby horse workshop. (Free)

Fri 26 Medieval Mayhem 12pm Sat 27 Caerlaverock Castle Sun 28 Experience medieval life as this favourite

Experience medieval life as this favourite family day out returns. Bring along your little lords and ladies to test their skills at hobby-horse jousting, foam sword fighting and teach them how to dress for battle. (Entry included in admission price)



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Mon(s)Standing Stones of Stenness10 amWed(s)Standing Stones of Stenness10 amFri(s)Repeating Event, see April entry for description.4

Sat 10 Celebration of the Centuries 11am
Sun 11 Fort George
See overleaf for full details.

Tue 13 Young Rangers 10am
Blackness Castle
Repeating Event, see April entry for description.

Thur 15 The Mikado by Gilbert and Sullivan 6.30pm
Duff House
This wonderful comic opera might be set

in Japan but it is very much a parody of British politics and public life. It gets the complete Illyria treatment, faithfully performed and brought to life in this outdoor theatre production. (More details on our website)

Sat 24 Family Bat Nights 12pm
Fri 30 Holyrood Park & Linlithgow Palace
Sat 31 A short talk followed by an easy grade walk to look and listen for bats in the park.
Max. 20 people. (More details on our website)

Sat 24 Kinneil Walk 12pm Kinneil House Repeating Event, see April entry for description.



Sat 7 Family Bat Night Craignethan Castle

After our bat talk join a walk around the castle grounds to look for and listen for bats.

Max. 20 people. (More details on our website)

7.30pm

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Sat 14 Fragments of Black – a song of night Kelso Abbey and Kelso Old Parish Church

The second event of the Fragments trilogy with a second work of new music. Enjoy an evening of light, sound and song and be taken on a journey through a medieval landscape. (For more information visit www.fragmentsproject.co.uk)

Sat 21 After Flodden – Commemoration 12pm Sun 22 and Coronation Stirling Castle

In the 500th anniversary year of the Battle of Flodden which saw the devastating loss of James IV, visit Stirling Castle to hear reflections on what went wrong for the Scots on that fateful day. Join us on this special anniversary weekend as we commemorate the battle and mark the crowning of James V. (Entry included in admission price)

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