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# Lauriston Castle

WHAT'S ON March — December 2017

*An enchanting castle  
by the sea*

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# Museums & Galleries Edinburgh welcome you to Lauriston Castle.

For more than 400 years, enchanting Lauriston Castle has overlooked the River Forth at Silverknowes, near Cramond. Set among 30 acres of woodland and beautiful gardens, Lauriston Castle is a special place to visit.

The Castle itself has a beautiful Edwardian interior, from which we take inspiration for many of our workshops. Downstairs are the servants' quarters, including the maids' hall and the atmospheric old kitchen, where a warm welcome awaits you during the winter months.

Why not double up a day visiting the Castle grounds with a picnic, and historic Cramond is right on our doorstep. We also have our own café on site.

Free car parking is available within the Castle grounds off Cramond Road South. Lauriston Castle is easy to reach and is close by car from the City Bypass. It sits between Davidson's Mains and Cramond. You can take numerous buses to Davidson's Mains, or Silverknowes Terminus; both are around 10 minutes walk from Lauriston Castle. See [www.lothianbuses.com](http://www.lothianbuses.com) for details of local services.

The castle is conveniently located close to the NEPN (North Edinburgh Path Network) – just at the back of Tesco's in Davidson's Mains.

## Booking

Pre booking and advance payment are essential for all events. To book contact:

Online:

Go to [usherhall.co.uk](http://usherhall.co.uk) and enter Lauriston Castle in the search box

By phone:

0131 228 1155

(Opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 10am – 5.30pm)

In person:

Box Office, Usher Hall,  
Lothian Road, EH1 2EA

(Opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 10am – 5.30pm)

For further information (non-booking information) about any event, contact:

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# The Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology

Lauriston Castle is celebrating The Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and is delighted to be partnering with Archaeology Scotland. There are lectures and family days.

Saturday 16 September, 10.30am

## Romans in Scotland

£9



The Romans were only in Scotland for a few decades but in that time they left several impressive structures from forts and marching camps to the Antonine Wall. But did they have a greater impact on Scotland? Have they helped shape it into the nation it is today? This lecture will explore Roman Scotland and what archaeology has told us about their brief part of Scotland's history. **This lecture is provided by Archaeology Scotland, a charity that is working to inspire communities, amateurs and professionals to discover, explore and enjoy Scotland's past.**



Saturday 14 October, 10.30am

## Amongst the stones: research in west Ardnamurchan

£9



From its most famous find, the Viking boat burial that was featured on the BBC's Digging for Britain TV show, to the Neolithic chambered tomb of Cladh Aindreis to Highland clearances, The Ardnamurchan Transitions Project has been discovering the history and archaeology of Ardnamurchan for over a decade now. Come along to this lecture by a member of the team to find out about the exciting archaeology being uncovered. Learn about the unique Viking burial discovered by the team that has been recently featured in the papers. **This lecture is provided by Archaeology Scotland, a charity that is working to inspire communities, amateurs and professionals to discover, explore and enjoy Scotland's past.**

Saturday 23 September, 11am – 2pm

## Archaeology Day at the Castle

Free



For all budding archaeologists. Come celebrate the Year of History, Heritage and

Archaeology at Lauriston Castle with activities for all. Come be an archaeologist for the day and explore the rich history of the area. Also try your hand at some special digs and do some fun art activities. **This event is provided by Archaeology Scotland, a charity that is working to inspire communities, amateurs and professionals to discover, explore and enjoy Scotland's past.**

## Theatre at the Castle

Sunday 16 July, 7pm

Grounds open for picnics from 6pm

**The Three Inch Fools present Twelfth Night – Shakespeare in the gardens**

£14 per adult, £6 per child or special family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £35

Five actors, with all manner of musical instruments, present an inventive take on Shakespeare's knee-slappingly good comedy Twelfth Night.

The Three Inch Fools are a five-strong troupe of actors, travelling with set, props, costumes and camping gear, performing a highly imaginative and vibrantly musical take on Shakespeare's plays. The Fools perform Shakespeare in almost any kind of setting - to date, they have performed at castles, stately homes, gardens, churches, market places, village greens, an old fire station, a medieval crypt, a crowded pub and a garlic farm – all the world's a stage! You can't miss this motley troupe at Lauriston Castle this summer.



Monday 17 July, 7pm

Grounds open for picnics from 6pm

**The Three Inch Fools present Romeo & Juliet – Shakespeare in the Gardens**

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Five actors, with all manner of musical instruments, present an inventive take on Shakespeare's infamous love story Romeo & Juliet.

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We have a special deal on above if you book both evenings £24 for adult ticket, £8 per child, £50 family ticket.



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Monday 30 October, 7pm – 9.45pm  
**The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes**  
£30 with wine and canapés

Acclaimed actor Jonathan Goodwin plays the great sleuth in *The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes*. The show features the great detective recounting highlights of his crime-busting career. It also includes autobiographical snippets concerning his life and times, the adversaries he has faced and mysteries he has solved. The show is an affectionate one-man homage to the world's greatest detective that includes quick costume changes, humour and audience participation. *The show is presented by Don't Go into The Cellar! Theatre Company, the British Empire's finest practitioners of theatrical Victoriana in a macabre vein!*

## Edinburgh Horror Festival at Lauriston Castle



We are thrilled to be working with Edinburgh Horror Festival at the Castle, a unique and popular festival celebrating all things gruesome! Atmospheric Lauriston Castle is the backdrop for a programme of very different events.

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Friday 27 October, 6pm – 7pm  
**Edinburgh Ghost Stories**  
Ages: Family friendly Storytelling  
£6 per person

What might be lurking in Edinburgh's shadows? Edinburgh's long and bloody history has led to it being known as one of the most haunted cities in Europe. Actor and writer Alex Staniforth unveils the phantoms of this ancient city. Tickets available from [www.edhorrorfest.co.uk](http://www.edhorrorfest.co.uk)

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Friday 27 October, 7.30pm – 8.30pm  
**The Twilight Séance**  
Magic/ Theatre  
Ages: 18+  
£10 per person

Magic and Theatre. The Séance is a traditional part of Hallowe'en, from Hollywood horror movies to the real life Houdini séances of the 1920s and 30s. Join paranormal illusionist Ash Pryce as he leads you into the netherworld, join hands and whisper gently as the bells ring, objects levitate and the spirits

make contact. Please note, this is a magic themed event ... or is it? Tickets available from [www.edhorrorfest.co.uk](http://www.edhorrorfest.co.uk)

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Saturday 28 October and Sunday 29 October,  
shows at 3pm – 4pm and 3.45pm – 4.45pm

### **The Haunted Hunt**

Ages: 8+

£6 per person

Take part in a Hallowe'en Interactive Adventure. The ghostly Grey Lady has been spotted and she has a task for children everywhere. Solve the clues and talk to the historic spirits of the ancient house who will lead teams around the grounds and castle to find the lost treasure of the Grey Lady. But beware, Sir Thomas Napier the Werewolf is on the prowl. Avoid him and find the treasure before the clock counts down and you'll be on the wolfman's menu! Tickets available from [www.edhorrorfest.co.uk](http://www.edhorrorfest.co.uk)

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Saturday 28 October and Sunday 29 October,  
5pm – 6pm

### **Selecting a Ghost**

Ages: 11+

£6 per person

Two classic tales of terror by Arthur Conan Doyle and Robert Louis Stevenson, Edinburgh born creators of Sherlock Holmes and Jekyll and Hyde. In addition to the quirky eponymous story by Doyle, thrill to the Bass Rock set tale of Tod Lapraik by Stevenson, performed by renowned actor and storyteller, Michael Daviot. Tickets available from [www.edhorrorfest.co.uk](http://www.edhorrorfest.co.uk)



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Saturday 28 October and Sunday 29 October,  
shows at 6.30pm, 7.15pm and 8pm (one hour)

### **Ghosts of the Castle**

Ages: 14+

£6 per person

Lauriston Castle Housekeeper Mrs Gifford invites you to take a tour of the historic building while the master is away and learn its secrets and history. But beware: just because nobody lives there doesn't mean it is empty... A promenade theatre piece. Tickets available from [www.edhorrorfest.co.uk](http://www.edhorrorfest.co.uk)

## Special Events for All the Family

All of our family events include a delicious snack for everyone

Monday 17 April, 10am – 1pm

### Easter at the Castle

£7 per person

Join us for our popular Easter celebrations, as spring is finally here. Spend a lovely day with us with woodland trails, egg and spoon race, crafts and Easter treats. Please note this is not a drop-in anytime session, it is a structured session lasting the full duration.

Sunday 14 May, 10am – 1pm

### If You Go Down To The Woods Today... The Lauriston Castle Teddy Bears' Picnic

£7 per person

Our Teddy Bears' Picnic has made a return by popular demand! Join us for a day of magical teddy activities and special tea parties. Remember to bring a picnic.



### At Lauriston Castle with The Edinburgh Sketcher

Friday 16 June,

10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4pm

Friday 21 July,

10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4pm

Friday 11 August,

10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4pm

£20 per person

We are delighted to offer special sketching tours with the famous Edinburgh Sketcher. In this sketching session, you will get the chance to learn speed sketching skills and time saving solutions which will enable you to capture the world around you in ink and watercolour, no matter how long you have. You will make the most delightful drawings and be inspired to do more in the future – a very special opportunity. All materials will be provided, no experience needed.

For booking, contact the Edinburgh Sketcher on the following link, [edinburghsketcher.com/sketching-workshops/](http://edinburghsketcher.com/sketching-workshops/)

Sunday 18 June, 10am – 1pm

### Father's Day at the Castle

£6 per person

A very special day where we make dads feel very special at the Castle. Spend time with us as a family doing some very lovely things. Bring a picnic with you.

Sunday 25 June, 11am – 3pm

### Art in the Garden

£8 per person

Spend a summer's day with us in our relaxing gardens and explore a host of art activities. At the end of the day we will have a competition for the best work produced, and you can win

some super prizes! Please note this is not a drop-in anytime session, it is a structured session lasting the full duration.



Saturday 22 July, 3pm

### How to be a Psychic Conman

£6 per person

Roll up! Roll up! Roll up! Gather ye round the travelling caravan, as Snake Oil Salesman Ash Pryce demonstrates the miraculous curative abilities of psychic surgery, taught to your humble trickster by a wise man in the Philippines (or a magician's tool book, whichever sounds more wondrous). See with amazement the telekinetic forces at work as you learn how to move objects with your mind, psychically manipulate your finest silverware and read the minds of your peers. Or maybe, it's all just a trick? The show will

involve demonstrations and explanations of telekinesis tricks, metal bending, psychic surgery and remote viewing. And if that wasn't enough, interspersed throughout the show will be numerous on stage demonstrations of mentalism to add an extra layer of entertainment to the proceedings. Warning to those on the front row... there will be blood! Recommended 11+



Tuesday 15 August, 10.30am – 12noon

### Summer Magic Workshop – with Edinburgh International Magic Festival

£10 per person

Learn, create and perform your own magic at a whirlwind workshop this summer! Learn to perform incredible magic and make new wizard friends. From levitations to cool card tricks - come have fun and learn at the magic school at Lauriston Castle. No previous magic experience necessary! Ages 7–11.

Saturday 9 September, 11am – 4pm

### WW1 at Lauriston Castle

Re-enactments in the grounds and Castle. Free and no need to book, just come along.

Join the Scots in the Great War Living History training in the grounds of Lauriston Castle in the long summer before the outbreak of WW1. See displays of drill and bayonet fighting, handle original objects from the time and find out about the life of Scottish soldiers. This is for all the family to learn about history in a very fun and interactive way.



Monday 16 October, 10.30am – 12 noon  
**Halloween Magic School – with  
Edinburgh International Magic  
Festival**

£10 per person

It's the time of year when there are more witches and wizards about than at any other. So why not learn some magic to go along with your awesome outfit? Learn, create and perform your own magic at a spooky, magic workshop this Halloween! Learn to perform incredible magic and make new wizard friends. No previous magic experience necessary! Just bring yourself, your costume and your magic wands and we'll do the rest. Ages 7–11.



Saturday 28 October and repeated Sunday 29 October, 10am – 1pm

**Spooky Lauriston**

£7 per person

Have a ghoulishly terrifying time at our annual Halloween event. Repeated twice this year due to its increasing popularity. Experience a variety of gruesome activities over 3 hours, and remember to wear your most terrifying costume. Please note this is not a drop-in anytime session, it is a structured session lasting the full duration.

Sunday 10 December, 10am – 1pm

**A Magical Family Christmas**

£7 per person

Our traditional and much-loved annual event, when you can step back in time and experience the joy and tradition of Christmases in the past. Experience a variety of activities over the 3 hours. Please note this is not a drop-in anytime session, it is a structured session lasting the full duration.



## Costumed Performance Events

Edinburgh Living History are our multi award-winning team, who interpret the history of the castle in a variety of entertaining ways in Edwardian costume – bringing alive the history of the house. Each performance is carefully devised by Edinburgh Living History to be as historically accurate as possible and include a touch of drama and a soupcon of humour. You will walk through the Castle on a special tour watching the performance unfold.

Sunday 9 April at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

### Trouble Downstairs

Adult £5 (£6.50), Child £3 (£4.50), Family £12.50 (£17) (Price in brackets includes afternoon tea)

Mr and Mrs Reid are expecting visitors but a problem has arisen with one of the staff. Will this affect the visit or will it be solved easily? Find out by joining Edinburgh Living History at Edinburgh's very own hidden Edwardian gem. Come along and be transported right back to the Edwardian period.



Sunday 28 May at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

### Mangles, Maids and Mops.

Adult £5 (£6.50), Child £3 (£4.50), Family £12.50 (£17) (Price in brackets includes afternoon tea)

The Reids and their guests are about to travel to the Continent, leaving the staff to clean the house from top to bottom. Are they up to this task? And why is cook so angry with the gardener?

Wednesday 21 June, 7pm

### A Midsummer's Marriage (a comedy)

£20 with a light summer picnic

Celebrate Midsummer's evening with us. A promenade play, devised by the members of Edinburgh Living History, set in our enchanting gardens with a summer picnic. In this modern day play, the Hamiltons have inherited the Laurels and have plans to renovate it. Before they can there is to be a midsummer's wedding and you are invited to attend the preparations. All the arrangements have been made and the future in-laws are on their way. What could possibly go wrong, and who is that mysterious man at the garden gate? This is a re-run of the successful farcical comedy staged for the first time last summer. Please note, it is a promenade performance and, regrettably, not suitable for anyone with mobility problems.

Sunday 24 September at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

### Lauriston, 1917

Adult £5 (£6.50), Child £3 (£4.50), Family £12.50 (£17) (Price in brackets includes afternoon tea)

The war to end all wars is now in its 4th year. Things are becoming more and more difficult

so the Reids of Lauriston Castle are continuing their attempts to provide support for those overseas.. Come and find out for yourself how they intend to do this and how they are coping with the deprivations of wartime.



Friday 17 November, 7pm – 10.30pm

**A Subtle Kind of Murder**  
**MURDER MYSTERY**

£30 with refreshments

Our murder mysteries are highly acclaimed, and this is a newly scripted play.

Family and friends have gathered at the Laurels for a birthday celebration; but as with many families there is an undercurrent of bad feeling. Who could foresee that it that would eventually lead to murder? You are invited to join us to try to find an Edwardian killer.

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Sunday 3 December at 1pm, 2pm  
and 3pm

**Christmas 1910**

Adult £5 (£6.50), Child £3 (£4.50), Family  
£12.50 (£17) (Price in brackets includes  
afternoon tea)

Join us and experience what Christmas may have been like in the past. Meet Mr and Mrs Reid and their special guests to see how preparations are going for Christmas. Find out what is going on above and below stairs, what problems are arising and how they will be solved. Experience the true magic of an Edwardian Christmas.



## Special Events for Adults



Monday 3 July, Tuesday 4 July,  
Wednesday 5 July and Thursday 6 July

### The Secret Room

Explore untold mysteries in the Secret Room, where performances are intricately linked to a magician's interpretation of the colourful history of Edinburgh treasure – Lauriston Castle. Imagine secret passages, alchemy, clandestine laboratories and a game of cards that resulted in a loss of money, reputation and your home. A sell-out for the last 4 years, this event runs as part of the Edinburgh Magic Festival and features three of the finest Scottish magicians, as they animate the castle's intriguing past with stories, performances and illusions. To book visit [www.magicfest.co.uk](http://www.magicfest.co.uk)

Saturday 19 August, 7pm – 9pm

### Castle Pub Quiz Night

£12

Come along and spend a great evening at Lauriston Castle testing your local history knowledge. With prizes, light refreshments and popular quizmaster extraordinaire Dave Albury. Bring your own bottle and we will provide a good old fashioned buffet.



Saturday 7 October, 7pm

### How to Talk to the Dead

£6

Hydesville. New York. 1848. The young Fox sisters begin communicating with the spirit of a murdered beggar and spiritualism is born. This interactive look at a history of talking to the dead will feature an array of magical treats including levitating tables, ectoplasm manifestation and spirit communication. Part magic show, part comedy, a regular room filler at the Edinburgh Fringe, having toured the UK and performed a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Horror Festival 2016. Ouija Boards, Spirit Slates, Spirit Communication, ectoplasm ... and more. Recommended 14+

Tuesday 31 October, 7:30pm for 8pm

### Atmosphere: Carry on Screaming

Dr. Orlando Watt and his sister Valeria invite you to join them at the Bide-A-Wee Rest Home for a very special expanded screening of the Carry On classic from 1966. Dress code: Edwardian/Hallowe'en.

Tickets: £10 available online from [atmosphere.eventbrite.com](http://atmosphere.eventbrite.com) from 1 October 2017. Supported by New Media Scotland's Alt-w Fund.

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Friday 1 December, 10am – 3.30pm  
**Gold Frankincense and Myrrh:  
Christmas Candles**

Christmas Candlemaking,  
with a special Christmas buffet lunch  
£45

Amaze and impress your family with your own home-made candle at your Christmas table. Come and learn how to make natural soya candles, a cleaner alternative to conventional candles, in time for Christmas. We will be making a scented container candle (bring your own favourite small vintage china teacup or bowl) and a scented and decorated pillar candle. You can explore with wonderful combinations of scents or make unscented candles if you prefer. Candlemaker: Andrea Gregory, Amberwick Natural Candles.

## Adult Craft programme

All of our adult workshops include hot drinks and cakes for breaks.

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Monday 5 June, 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Bird table/bird box**  
£30

Come along and work in idyllic surroundings to make a handcrafted bird box or table for all your feathered friends. Plenty of help and support will be available from artist and woodworker Chris Kent.

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Saturday 8 July, 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Patchwork Cushions**  
£22

Make a beautiful patchwork cushion for your

home with a kaleidoscope of stunning vintage style fabrics. With Margaret Findlay and a guest artist.



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Monday 10 July, 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Wooden Mobiles/wind chimes**  
£25

Using wood, wire and twine we'll be making a wooden mobile or set of wind chimes. We'll provide all materials and tools needed (everything except the wind!). With artist Chris Kent.

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Saturday 5 August, 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Summer Bunting Tea Party**  
£30

Make sweet summer bunting with vintage fabrics to decorate your garden for summer in the idyllic and peaceful setting of our summer gardens. We will provide a little vintage-inspired afternoon tea party to refresh you. With Margaret Findlay and a guest artist.

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Saturday 25 November,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**String of Gingerbread Men Advent**  
£22

Make an adorable string of little gingerbread men to string in your home for Christmas. Use special vintage fabrics and little embellishments to make something very special. With Margaret Findlay

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Monday 27 November,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Woodblock Printed Christmas Cards**  
£22

Create a bundle of beautiful printed cards. Using green wood blocks and small tools we will design and cut simple patterns and shapes which can then be printed on to cards. With artist Chris Kent.

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Thursday 30 November,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Wooden Christmas Tree Decorations**  
£22

Another wonderful chance to work with the beautiful medium of wood. Get the chance to turn beautiful pieces of wood into very unique Christmas tree decorations. Decorate these to suit your own tree and colour schemes. With artist Chris Kent.



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Saturday 2 December,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Wooden Christmas Treasures**  
£22

Inspired by traditional folk art painting techniques used on woodenware in the 18th and 19th centuries, enjoy a relaxing day hand-painting personalised wooden tree trims and decorative elements using simple stencils and hand-painting techniques. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

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Wednesday 6 December,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Christmas Stockings**  
£22

Make a stunning and individual hand-crafted Christmas stocking to give to someone special using vintage inspired Christmas fabric and special adornments. With Margaret Findlay and a guest artist.

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Friday 8 December,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Sparkling Christmas Glass Painting**  
£22

Inspired by Lauriston Castle's beautiful stained glass windows, create a lovely assortment of hand-painted glass and perspex decorations and a glass decorative bowl as a centrepiece for your Christmas table. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

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Saturday 9 December, 10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Driftwood Christmas Trees**  
£30

Make a completely different and completely unique Christmas tree. Using unusual found

wood and driftwood we will construct a unique and beautiful Christmas tree (bring along any interesting pieces of wood that you might have or any unusual objects you would like to incorporate. With artist Chris Kent.

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Monday 11 December,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Scandi Christmas Home Decor**  
£22

Inspired by Scandinavian Christmas accessories, make a cut paper wreath, mini tree and lots of tags, wrap and cards! Explore with lovely tones of red, white silver and gold. With artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb.

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Friday 15 December, 10.30am - 3.30pm

**Frosted Pinecones and Stars Light Garland**  
£35

Make a beautiful pre-lit garland for your home using Lauriston Castle greenery and beautiful Scandinavian decorations. With Margaret Findlay.

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Saturday 16 December,  
10.30am – 3.30pm

**Christmas Wreaths**  
£35

Christmas would not be Christmas without our magical wreath workshops at Lauriston Castle. You will also get a chance to make a festive garland.

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Sunday 17 December,  
10.30am – 3.30pm  
**Magical Wreaths**  
£35

Against the backdrop of our historical kitchen, make a huge green wreath to take pride of place on your street. You will also get a chance to make a festive garland.



## Family Craft Programme

All of our family craft events include a delicious snack for everyone

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Sunday 21 May, 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Akitsushima (Land of the Dragonflies)**  
£4 per person

Hear Japanese stories and legends in our beautiful Japanese garden underneath the Blossom trees. Make a dragonfly or butterfly out of willow and tissue as a special keepsake to remind you of your day. With Mike Durnan.

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Saturday 3 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Pond Secrets**

£4 per person

Come along to our beautiful pond in the Japanese Garden at Lauriston for a pond dipping workshop to discover the different creatures that live there. Create your very own wooden sailing boat to sail in the pond. With Mike Durnan.



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Sunday 23 July, 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Enchanted Birds**

£4 per person

Make a beautifully hand-crafted string of magical birds to hang in your home using beautiful fabrics and special embellishments. With Lauriston Castle staff.



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Wednesday 5 July, 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Croquet Tea Party!**

£4 per person

Inspired by “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” enjoy a game of “Queen of Hearts” croquet on the lawns of Lauriston. Decorate some spectacular cakes and biscuits for a special tea party in the gardens. With Mike Durnan.

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Tuesday 1 August 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Pond life**

£4 per person

Come along for this fantastic pond dipping workshop where you can discover the different creatures that live in Lauriston Castle pond. Make your very own wooden boat to sail in the pond. Not to be missed! With Lauriston Castle staff.

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Saturday 15 July, 11am – 3.30pm

**Felted Seashore Bunting**

£6 per person

Make adorable hand felted bunting inspired by the seashore on our doorstep. Make bright fish and dazzling mermaid bunting and decorate your bunting with beautiful embellishments. With Margaret Findlay

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Sunday 13 August 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Knights of the Castle**

£4 per person

Lauriston Castle is always on the lookout for brave knights to protect us from marauding dragons. Prepare for battle with making your own coat of arms, sword and shield to battle to defend yourself with. With Mike Durnan.

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Sunday 3 September 10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Bird Feeders**

£4 per person

This autumn why not help to make some tasty treats for our little feathered friends. Make and decorate a beautiful bird-feeder and learn how to make some yummy snacks that tiny beaks will love. With Lauriston Castle staff.

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Saturday 30 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Glistening Lanterns**

£4 per person

Make a beautiful little hand-crafted lantern to glow and shimmer in the dark, inspired by nature. With Lauriston Castle staff.

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Sunday 8 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Amazing Autumn Jewellery**

£4 per person

Take inspiration from the amazing autumn colours and textures at Lauriston and make unique jewellery – badges, bracelets, brooches and pendants. With Mike Durnan.

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Sunday 15 October 10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Spooky Pictures**

£4 per person

Come and create a spooktacular gothic photo frame using some monstrously messy Modroc and decorate with terrifying things. With Lauriston Castle staff.

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Sunday 5 November,  
10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Magical Woodland Winter Scenes (3D Pictures)**

£4 per person

Imagine our woods by night and make a 3D picture of mysterious night-time woodland scene, with fairy lights and secret animals. With Mike Durnan.

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Sunday 26 November,  
10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Sock Snowmen**

£4 per person

Make a beautiful little festive snowman to decorate your home for Christmas. With Lauriston Castle staff.

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Sunday 3 December,  
10.30am – 12.30pm

### **Crazy Christmas Crackers**

£4 per person

Create your very own colourful crazy Christmas crackers with jokes and treats galore. They are sure to go with a BANG! With Mike Durnan.



## Lectures

All of our lecture mornings cost £9 and include a friendly lecture where you have the opportunity to meet our guest lecturer, have coffee and cakes and get a special tour.

Take advantage of our special offer, book 10 lectures for £80

Tuesday 4 July, 10.30am

### May Morris in Scotland

May Morris was a designer, embroiderer, jewellery maker, workshop manager and teacher. She is best-known today as the editor of her famous father's writings but a major exhibition at the William Morris Gallery in London this autumn will reassess her achievements as an artist. This talk focuses on her visits to Scotland from 1902 onwards and on the influence of Scottish crafts on her own work. **Annette Carruthers is the author of The Arts and Crafts Movement in Scotland: A History (Yale, 2013) and is currently working on a book on Ernest Gimson, Arts and Crafts architect and designer.**

Friday 7 July, 10.30am

### Development of front line treatment in WW1

In the first battles of 1914, the front line medical services were quickly overwhelmed by the numbers of wounded and the nature of the wounds. New technologies led to a new type of warfare – and unprecedented demands on medical staff. The talk will explain how the medical services evolved in response to these demands - and how medical advances came about as a result. **Ailsa Clarke's interest in WW1 was sparked as a**

**16 year old on her high school battlefield trip. She went on as an adult to become a tour guide on the Western Front before going into secondary school teaching. She is also a practitioner of living history who specialises in portraying women on active service during the conflict.**

Friday 28 July, 10.30am

### The Golden Stool – Britain's Forgotten War in Asanteland, 1900

The true- and bizarre- story of one of Britain's least known colonial conflicts. The Governor of the Gold Coast, Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, could have scarcely foreseen that thousands would perish by his demand to sit on an ancient tribal stool. **David Clarke is a historian and specialist in the military conflicts of the late Victorian British Empire and the Great War. He is a teacher in Edinburgh.**

Monday 7 August, 10.30am

### Inglis' Amazons

The pioneering work of Elsie Inglis and the Scottish Women's Hospitals is one of the most amazing stories of the First World War. From their inception in Edinburgh in 1914 to the establishment of units in France, Serbia and Russia, the achievements and courage of the members of the SWH is beyond parallel - yet it is a story largely forgotten in the city of its origins. Hear what prompted Inglis to establish the unit, the struggles and successes they faced and the legacy they have left for future generations. **Ailsa Clarke's interest in WW1 was sparked as a 16 year old on her high school battlefield trip. She went on as an adult to become a tour guide on the Western Front before going into secondary school teaching. She**

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Thursday 17 August, 10.30am

### **That Quaint and Picturesque Street: Old Edinburgh at the 1886 International Exhibition**

The International Exhibition of Industry, Science and Art brought the spectacle of modernity to Edinburgh's Meadows in the summer of 1886. But its centrepiece, the Old Edinburgh Street, immersed visitors in the past: in a meticulous recreation of the city's historical architecture. In this talk Dr Wilson Smith will tell the story behind the Old Edinburgh exhibit, revealing the vision of Edinburgh, and of Scotland, which its promoters wished to present and uncovering the Street's relationship with the changing city outside the Exhibition walls. **Wilson Smith was awarded a PhD from the University of Edinburgh in 2015 for his thesis on the 1886 Edinburgh International Exhibition. He has subsequently taken part in the MESH (Mapping Edinburgh's Social History) project in the University's School of History, Classics and Archaeology. In a previous existence he was Principal Librarian at Edinburgh College of Art.**

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Friday 25 August, 10.30am

### **Who Shot the Red Fox?**

In 1754 the government factor, Colin Campbell of Glenure aka "*The Red Fox*", was shot and cruelly murdered in Appin. Fearing that this was the re-run of the '45 rebellion, the authorities conducted the largest man-hunt in Scottish history as well as creating the greatest injustice with the trial and subsequent hanging of James of the Glen. **Ian Logan will be introducing the events leading up to the murder, the**

**murder itself and discussing who among the many suspects was the likely murderer. Don't believe all you may have seen in the many films! The crux of Robert Louis Stevenson's book *Kidnapped* is the murder of the Red Fox and it is this book that has also drawn Ian into the murder. Ian Logan is Project Manager for Stevenson Adventures, a charity taking disadvantaged young people into the outdoors. Ian is the driving force behind the *Stevenson Way*, a long distance trail which follows the footsteps of David Balfour in Robert Louis Stevenson's book *Kidnapped*. The *Stevenson Way* is now part of a new European Cultural Route "In the Footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson" which links all the various places that Stevenson was involved in.**

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Monday 28 August, 10.30am

### **Not So Straight Down the Middle: Some Neglected Aspects of Golf History and Heritage**

This talk will explore some of the lesser-known aspects of golfing's past and ask questions such as: What is the relationship between a packet of seeds and the figure on the Ryder Cup? What is the origin of the phrase 'the rub of the green'? Why did some caddies carry a flag? What aspect of golf did women pioneer and men follow behind? It will also consider the perennial issue of whether golf was invented in Scotland and look at the darker side of golf heritage. **Wray Vamplew is Emeritus Professor of Sports History at the University of Stirling and Visiting Research Professor at Manchester Metropolitan University. He was co-author of the official history of the Profession Golfers' Association and has written on the history of the golf club as a social organisation, the welfare of caddies, and professional golf as an occupation.**

Thursday 7 September, 10.30am

### **Cramond: A Land that Attracts All in Ancient and Modern Times**

Cramond was the first place of human settlement in Scotland around 8500 BC. This talk will explore the facets of Cramond's ancient past, such as the Votadini tribe and Romans and move forward to the present, including reasons why land by the river and the sea has always been physically and mentally beneficial through the ages. **Rev. Dr Georgiana Cameron-Gaiduscek is a scholar of Celtic and Scottish Studies and Anthropology and has also experientially taught Celtic spiritual traditions for over a quarter century, as well as being a screenwriter (Sacred Ground for Star Trek Voyager, among others) an artist, writer and documentary presenter. You can see her documentary for Reality Films on spiritual layers of meaning in the Harry Potter novels, "The Seeker's Guide to Harry Potter," on YouTube and see the original book on Amazon, based on a course taught at Edinburgh University.**

Monday 25 September, 10.30am

### **Doctor Who? Some Famous and Infamous Medics of 18th and 19th century Edinburgh**

Who tried to save Deacon Brodie? Why did Conan Doyle choose the number 221B in Baker Street? Who wanted to build a Temple of Health on the top of Arthur's Seat? What was Margaret Ann Bulkley's great secret? Whose testimony led to the downfall of many a wayward spouse? All will be revealed in this light-hearted illustrated talk about some of the famous and infamous characters in Edinburgh's medical history. **Sheila Szatkowski is a writer and historian based in Edinburgh. She is currently completing**

**a biography on the life and unpublished works of John Kay (1742-1826).**

Friday 6 October, 10.30am

### **A Dirty Swindle: True Stories of Scots in The Great War**

A Dirty Swindle: True Stories of Scots in the Great War sprang from the belief that the current 'celebrations' seriously underplayed the Scots' contributions to and losses from the 1914-1918 war. Walter Stephen delves deeper to provide a uniquely Scottish outlook on the Great War. He gives a well-rounded interpretation from different perspectives, from recruitment and training to refugee camps and the battlefields. It is not all misery and toil – a side of Field Marshal Haig never seen before is revealed. **Degrees in Geography, Economic History and Education prepared Walter Stephen for a professional career devoted to the development of environmental awareness and understanding, including the establishment and management of Britain's first successful Urban Studies Centre. As an Independent Scholar he was Chairman of the Sir Patrick Geddes Memorial Trust and responsible for six books on Geddes and his circle.**

Tuesday 24 October, 10.30am

### **The Lauriston Horoscope**

Lauriston Castle was built in the late sixteenth century as an inheritance for the judge Sir Alexander Napier whose horoscope can be seen, carved in stone, in the front of the castle. This lecture explores the meaning of the horoscope, and the lives of Sir Alexander, his friends and family, including his half-brother of John Napier, the inventor of logarithms. **Dr Jane Ridder-Patrick gained**

her PhD in History from the University of Edinburgh. Her speciality is astrology in early modern Scotland.

Thursday 26 October, 10.30am

### Haunted Edinburgh

This lecture will look at the ghost stories of Edinburgh, their past, and how they resonate today. Ash will also talk about his experiences of investigating the Tantallon Ghost in North Berwick, to the East of Edinburgh, which in 2009 was declared the subject of the most convincing ghost photograph in the world. **Ash Pryce and Alex Staniforth have worked for various ghost tours and paranormal entertainments companies, and have years of experience in the world of the paranormal.**

Wednesday 1 November, 10.30am

### The Early History of the Cramond Estate

This lecture will look at the mansion houses, some of the owners, and the changes to the land use from the 1600s through to the changed face of Cramond today. **In retirement Bill Weir has given more time to the Cramond Association and has undertaken work researching the mansion houses of the Old Cramond Parish in conjunction with the Cramond Heritage Trust and their archive team.**

Wednesday 8 November, 10.30am

### The Good, the Bad and the Bellygerents: The Clothed Body and Masculinity in John Kay's Edinburgh Etchings

John Kay was a prolific, yet untrained, etcher and engraver in Edinburgh who was active from the 1780s into the early decades of the nineteenth century. From his shop on the High Street he produced hundreds of etchings of local characters, who were not always aware they were being turned into a work of art, ranging from eminent lawyers to thieves and murderers. Although the etchings are relatively simple, they offer a unique insight into Edinburgh society, particularly into how the clothed masculine body could be represented and interpreted. **Sally Tuckett is lecturer in dress and textile histories at the University of Glasgow. She has studied the clothing and textile cultures of eighteenth and nineteenth century Scotland, ranging from tartan to Turkey red dyed and printed cotton. She has published on national dress and identity in Scotland and aspects of the Scottish textile industry in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.**

Friday 24 November, 10.30am

### Thomas Allan 1777–1833, Banker, Newspaper Magnate, Mineralogist and Developer of Lauriston Castle

During the ownership of Thomas Allan (1823–1833) Lauriston Castle largely became the building we know and love today. Who was Thomas Allan? **Dr Sandra Marwick, a former colleague in Edinburgh Museums and Galleries will share her research into the life of the man who in Sir Walter Scott's words 'displayed good taste in supporting instead of tearing down or destroying the old chateau'.**

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