

May 2008

Dumfries & Galloway
Naturally Inspiring

15 March - 2 November 2008

Farm & Creamery Tour Daily 2.45 – 4.00pm
Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet
Visit the milking parlour and creamery; learn how we turn milk into delicious ice cream. Suitable for buggies & wheelchairs. 01557 814040 www.creamogalloway.co.uk

15 March - 2 November 2008

Ice Cream Experience
Daily 11.30am-12.15pm and 1.30 - 2.15pm
Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet
Taste scrumptious Cream o' Galloway ice creams & frozen yogurts and hear stories about their creation. From the viewing gallery, you'll learn about the process from raw ingredients to finished product.
01557 814040 www.creamogalloway.co.uk

1- 8 May 2008

Dumfries Film Festival
Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre, Dumfries
Special guests, gala film screenings and workshops exploring ways to create a more environmentally conscious and ecologically responsible world. The Festival celebrates Scottish film talent with classics 'The Wicker Man' & 'Local Hero' and premieres short films made in the region, celebrating the work of local filmmakers
01387 264808 www.rbcft.co.uk

3 May 2008

Bats
Glentroot Visitor Centre, Newton Stewart
Join local bat group for a slide show, then search for bats hunting in the night sky. Booking essential 01671 402420
www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland

3 May 2008

Tearfund Drumlanrig Cyclo-Sportive Challenge
Drumlanrig Castle, Thornhill 8.00am
Cyclosportive – Timed cycle rides of 100 and 62 miles on signposted routes up to Scotland's highest village with feeding stations en route. Entry by donation to Tearfund
www.drumlanrigchallenge.btik.com

9-15 May 2008

Newton Stewart Walking Festival
Newton Stewart area.
Walking Festival offering 26 walks over 7 days, ranging from 3Km to over 20 Km, suitable for a wide range of ages and

4 May 2008

Spring Garden Festival
Harbour Square, Kirkcudbright 10am – 4pm. - £1.00
Display of garden plants from local nurseries. Get inspiration from your local plantsmen and women to help transform your own garden. Large selection of plants for sale and a wealth of expert advice.
www.summerfestivities.com

4 May 2008

Dawn Chorus Walk
Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet 4.30am-8.00am Cost £5.00
Join us around the nature trails at the crack of dawn and witness Galloway's exceptional birdlife welcoming the new day with song. Rounds up with a well-deserved hot drink and a light breakfast at the visitor centre. Booking: 01557 814040
www.creamogalloway.co.uk

5 May 2008

Teddy Bears' Picnic
National Museum of Costume, New Abbey, Dumfries
If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise! Bring your favourite bear and join in the fun and games or simply relax with your picnic in the beautiful setting of Shambellie House.
01387 850375 www.nms.ac.uk/costume

6 May 2008

Spring Delights from the Far East
Logan Botanic Garden, Port Logan 10.30am – noon.
Enjoy a tour around the garden in the company of a member of the horticultural team. See the seasonal displays of late spring/early summer floral delights such as primulas, rhododendrons and paeonias.
Garden admission applies. No booking required.
www.rbge.org.uk

9-11 May 2008

7th Moniaive Folk Festival
Moniaive, near Dumfries
Concerts, workshops, sessions, world music late night extra, children's events and competitions. Performances from great artists including Altan, Moishes Bagel, Lionel McLelland, Paul McKenna. Band. 01848 200474
www.soundsense.biz
travelscribe@btinternet.com

18 May 2008

Birdsong and Wildflower Walk
Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet 9am

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fitness. Evening entertainment.
01671 404500
www.newtonstewartwalkfest.com

10 May 2008

Fiddlers' Rally

Dumfries High School - 7.00pm
Rally in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support featuring The Border Strathspey & Reel Society and friends, with compere Frank Curran and guest artistes.
Tickets available from John Douglas Music and at the door.
Cost £7. 01387 750698

16-18 May 2008

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club Annual Rally

Annual run around the region starts from Riverside Car Park, Newton Stewart on Saturday from noon, and machinery display at Stair Park, Stranraer on Sunday. 01671 403926
www.wytmc.org.uk

16 May 2008

Dumfries & Nithsdale Health Improvement Team's Ceilidh

Easterbrook Hall, Crichton, Bankend Rd, Dumfries 7.30pm-midnight. Ticket - £11 including buffet.
Traditional Scottish evening with dancing to "Two-Left-Feet".
Finger buffet and bar. Raffle with proceeds going to local charities. Contact Lindsay : 01387 244686

17-18 May 2008

World Ceilidh

Knockengoroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas
Family friendly music festival celebrating great music and landscape and featuring folk, fusion, dance and world music acts. 01644 460662 www.knockengoroch.org.uk

17-18 May 2008

Scottish Model Air Show

Castle Kennedy Airfield, Stranraer 10.00am
Flying display of a number of radio controlled model aeroplanes of different sizes and types ranging from small scale to very large and powered by propeller or jet engines.
0141 637 4222
www.saaweb.org.uk

18 May 2008

Vintage Rally

Park Farm, Dumfries
Vintage vehicle rally and car boot sale. 01387 710584

24 - 25 May 2008

Dumfries & Galloway Greyhound Rescue

Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet
Come along and learn what D&G Greyhound Rescue Group do, and meet some of the greyhounds they have helped.
01557 814040 www.creamogalloway.co.uk

24 - 25 May 2008

Join the Scottish Wildlife Trust for a walk around our nature trails, learning about the birdsong which echoes through the woods and the seasonal wildflowers which brighten every corner of the trails.
01557 814040 www.creamogalloway.co.uk

23 May 2008

Castle Douglas Food Demonstration

Lochside Theatre, Castle Douglas
Wendy Barrie, the famous Scottish Food Champion will give a talk and food demonstration prior to her opening the celebrations tomorrow. Tickets £10
www.cd-foodtown.org

23-24 May 2008

Super Nature

Balloch Wood, Creetown 8.00pm - midnight
Interpretation of the 70s American urban experience a la Saturday Night Fever. Experience light installations, performance, music and wildlife in the wood. Wear your funkier gear (sensible footwear) for a 1.5 mile walk full of surprises. Meet Adamson Sq, Creetown for transport to the wood. www.spring-fling.co.uk

23-31 May 2008

Dumfries & Galloway Arts Festival

Venues throughout the region
Music, comedy, drama, literary, children's events, films and visual arts. Top class international performers play in venues across the region. 01387 260447
www.dgartsfestival.co.uk

24 May 2008

Kirkcudbright Academy Half Marathon

Starts at the Academy, 11am. Come and support the runners, or even take part. www.kahm.org.uk

24 May 2008

Castle Douglas Food Town Day

Throughout Castle Douglas 7.00pm
A celebration of food with stalls, children's events, Jazz BBQ, cookery demonstrations and so much more...
www.cd-foodtown.org

24 May 2008

A Night of Music and Dance

Harbour Square, Kirkcudbright 7.00pm
A party night for all the marathon runners and spectators. A lively programme of Scottish music and dance www.summerfestivities.com

24 May 2008

Dumfries Book Fair

Assembly Rooms, George Street, Dumfries.
Antiquarian and second hand books, maps and prints will be on sale by dealers from all over the country.
01556 650412 www.pbfa.org

27 May 2008

Dougie MacLean in Concert

Lockerbie Academy, 7.30pm
A great opportunity to see this fabulous singer/songwriter,

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Upper Nithsdale Walking Festival

Around Annan

10 walks of varying lengths around the Royal Burgh, all led by an experienced guide. Come and enjoy the beauty of Upper Nithsdale. 01659 50596

www.uppernithsdale-events.org

24 – 25 May 2008

Gold Panning Championships

Museum of Leadmining, Wanlockhead

Come along and try your hand at panning for gold or watch the experts at work. British Championships held on Saturday and the Scottish Championships on Sunday. 01659 74387

www.leadminingmuseum.co.uk

24 – 25 May 2008

Eco Weekend

Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet

Take part in both indoor and outdoor fun games and activities with an eco-friendly nature. Ages 8 and over. Booking: 01557 814040

www.creamogalloway.co.uk

24 – 26 May 2008

Spring Fling

Studios throughout Dumfries & Galloway 10.30am

Arts and crafts open studio event. Watch artists and craftmakers at work in their studios and workshops for this one weekend opportunity. 01387 262084

www.spring-fling.co.uk

25 May 2008

Dumfries Lions Club Annual Raft Race

River Nith, Dumfries, Nunholm -12 noon.

20th annual raft race of 2 miles for homemade rafts. Fun event in fancy dress. Prizes for best fancy dress and first raft home in each category. 01387 261609

www.lions105ne.org/clubs/dumfries.php

25 May 2008

Drumlanrig Castle Farmers' Market

Drumlanrig Castle Stableyard, Thornhill 11am-3pm

Over 20 stalls comprising various producers from as far afield as Perth, Argyll and Cumbria. Meats, dairy, chutney, home baking, vegetables and much more...

Kids' entertainment. Free entry to Country Park and market. Castle, gardens and adventure playground also open. 01484 600 404

www.drumlanrig.com

best known for "Caledonia" and "The Last of the Mohicans".

Tickets £15.

01576 202 626 / 202 189

www.lockerbie-academy.co.uk

www.dougiemaclean.com

28 May 2008

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Buccleuch Centre, Langholm 7.30pm

Works by Beethoven, Stravinsky and Honnegger. Programme concludes with Beethoven's 2nd Symphony. 0131 557 6800

www.sco.org.uk

28 May 2008

Wildlife Photography Workshop

Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet

Join wildlife photographer Keith Kirk for an introduction to the use of digital cameras in capturing wildlife. Short presentation followed by a walk around Cream o' Galloway's nature trails to put your skills to the test. Booking: 01556 502351

www.dumfriesandgallowaynaturalhistory.co.uk

28 – 29 May 2008

Bat Night

Cream o' Galloway, Rainton, Gatehouse of Fleet 8.30-10.30pm.

Come along and learn about the mysterious ways of bats with slides, fun activities and games. Follow it up with some real bat-spotting in the woods.

01557 814040

www.creamogalloway.co.uk

30 May 2008

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart 7.30pm

Works by Beethoven, Stravinsky and Honnegger. Programme concludes with Beethoven's 2nd Symphony. 0131 557 6800

www.sco.org.uk


31 May – 5 June 2008

Dumfries Riverside Painting Challenge

6 days to complete a painting (or paintings) featuring the River Nith, with prizes for the best painting in each category.

All paintings will be exhibited in the Secret Gallery, 58 Friars Vennel Dumfries from 9th – 14th June 08. 01387 253044

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