



To Boldly Go!

As the gannets return to the Bass, thoughts turn to Maximus (pictured above with Maggie Sheddan), our famous gannet chick who hit the headlines a year ago when he was transported in style: by car to Glasgow; by helicopter with HMS Gannet to Cornwall; and finally by fishing trawler to join his mates who were wintering in the Bay of Biscay. The bold gannet set a new record as the latest chick to be born on Bass Rock and was colourfully ringed to help make him stand out should he return. It is possible that he may join a more southerly colony, but next year we'll be keeping our eyes peeled for a gannet with bright red rings on one leg.

Slow Food and Stop

Due to changes in the direction of the Slow Food Movement at a national level, the Slow Food East Lothian programme of events will not be going ahead this year. The non-profit making Slow Food East Lothian was started five years ago by John Tiller and was headed up by chair Wendy Gootjes, with a small committee of volunteers, including Rod Bunney of the Fisherman's Kitchen, Richard Bunney, Amanda Heath and Lynda Dagleish of the Scottish Seabird Centre. The popular programme included the seasonal Slow Food festivals at the Seabird Centre, visits to local farms, celebrity chef restaurant evenings, Slow Food School Dinners at North Berwick High School and the annual Children's Fun Food Day.

Slow Food was set up in 1986 in Italy, as an antidote to fast food and dedicated to championing "good, clean and fair food", supporting local producers and suppliers and educating children about their food and where it comes from. It is hoped, that a new group will be formed soon in North Berwick and future plans and events announced this spring.

WHAT'S ON!



Professor Egghead and Tammy the Puffin get ready for the Save the Planet Show

It's a fun packed Easter holiday at the Seabird Centre. Join Professor Egghead for the Save the Planet Live Show. With Easter Treasure Hunts, cuddly Easter bunnies and children's activities including Story time by the Sea and Wild About Art workshops, they'll be kept busy all holiday.

All events free to members or included with admission, unless shown.

April

2nd-5th April
Easter Treasure Hunts, cuddly Easter bunnies and Puffin Club
 Activities daily

2nd April 2.30pm
Story Time by the Sea
 Snuggle down for an afternoon of stories by the sea.

3rd-17th April 2pm-3pm
The Save the Planet Show (part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival)
 Join Professor Egghead and his team of presenters for this exciting new daily show in the Wildlife Theatre. With lots of madcap experiments and crazy fun. Help Professor Egghead solve the mystery of what's gone wrong with planet puffin. (free to members and included with admission).

1st April - 31st May
Barbara MacKenzie Exhibition
 In the Picture Gallery Scottish landscapes with a vibrant, almost Mediterranean feel.



Until 8th April
Scotland's First Housing Expo Exhibition

Scotland's first housing expo will showcase 50 architect designed houses, set in four unique zones, featuring innovative construction and cutting edge sustainable systems. The winning models and drawings are on show at the Seabird Centre.

7th April
Walking with Birds - Paxton House

Meet at Paxton House Car Park 10.30am. Contact Lesley Johnson 0750 242 947.

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17th April
Walking with Birds
Beginners Walk with RSPB Edinburgh 3 hours. Cost is £20 for the 4 dates. Contact Mike Betts - email mike@betts10fs.net or 0131 332 1708. Cost is £20 for the dates

18th April
Walking with Birds - Paxton House
Meet at car park there 10am. Contact Mike Betts, as above.

18th April 2pm - 4pm
Wild About Art - Back Garden Beasties
Join our scrap material workshop and make something to encourage the bugs and beasties in your backyard with Alchemy Arts.

21st April
Walking with Birds
Barns Ness. Meet at Car Park 10.30am. Contact Lesley Johnson 0750 242 947.

25th April
Walking with Birds
Beginners Walk 3 hours. Cost is £20 for the 4 dates. Contact Mike Betts - email mike@betts10fs.net or 0131 332 1708. Cost is £20 for the dates

25th April
Walking with Birds
Early Birds. Meet at the Scottish Seabird Centre entrance 8am. Contact Maggie Sheddan on 07709505133.

11th April
Walking with Birds
Beginners Walk with RSPB Edinburgh 3 hours. Cost is £20 for the 4 dates. Contact Mike Betts - email mike@betts10fs.net or 0131 332 1708. Cost is £20 for the dates.

12th April-12th May
Biodiversity - Vital and Fragile Exhibition
Discover more about biodiversity, what it is, why it is vital to our survival and how we can help protect it. 2010 International Year of Biodiversity
www.biodiversityislife.net



May

1st May 2pm
Sci-Fun Climate Change Show
Presented by SCI-FUN, the Scottish Science and Technology Roadshow, from the University of Edinburgh. Climate Change is one of today's most widely debated topics – but why is the subject so important? Find out more in our presentation about: the variations in climate that our planet is currently experiencing the possible causes, the future we might have to prepare for, and ways in which we might limit the scale of these changes.



Details correct at time of going to press. Call 01620 890202 or visit www.seabird.org for updates.

3rd November - 7pm
Isle of May Evening Talk
1st - 12th May
Biodiversity - Vital and Fragile
Exhibition

Discover more about biodiversity, what it is, why it is vital to our survival and how we can help protect it. 2010 International Year of Biodiversity
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1st May - 31st May
Barbara Mackenzie Exhibition
 In the Picture Gallery

1st May
RSPB Walking with Birds
 Beginners Walk 3 hours.
 As above.

5th May
Walking with Birds
 Lammermuirs. Meet at Gifford Car Park 10.30am. Full day outing. Contact Lesley Johnson, as above.

7th May 2.30pm
Story Time by the Sea
 Snuggle down for an afternoon of stories by the sea.

9th May
Walking with Birds
 Hadfast/Ormiston. Meet Hadfast 10am. Contact Alan Gracie, RSPB Edinburgh on 0131 652 0308.

12th May
Walking with Birds
 Gore Glen. Meet at 10.30am in the Car Park. Contact Lesley Johnson, as above.

15th May - 22nd June
A Dream Takes Flight
Exhibition
 Celebrating the 10th Birthday of the Scottish Seabird Centre this exhibition looks back at its history, the events and the people who have helped make it the success it is today.

16th May 2pm-4pm
Wild About Art - Puffin Kites
 Fly as high as a bird in this art workshop by making your own very own puffin kite with Alchemy Arts.

June

1st June - 22nd June
A Dream Takes Flight
Exhibition

23rd June - 30th June
Floating Zoo Exhibition
 In the marine world it's the little things that count! There are literally billions of tiny plants and animals all drifting around the



ocean with the tides like a floating zoo. Find out about the miniature marine marvel that is plankton; what can it teach us about our world and learn why it has a very important part to play in your existence.

1st June - 30th June
Graham Riddell Exhibition
 In the Picture Gallery. A new exhibition of images by local landscape and nature photographer
www.grphotography.co.uk

4th June 2.30pm
Story time by the Sea
 Snuggle down for an afternoon of stories by the sea.

16th June
Walking with Birds
 The Hirsell, Coldstream. Meet at Car Park 10.30am. Full day outing Contact Lesley Johnson, as above.

20th June 2pm-4pm
Wild About Art - Daddy Birds
 Art workshop inspired by the bright and showy daddy birds of the natural world and make a lovely gift for Father's Day with Alchemy Arts.

30th June
Walking with Birds
 St Abbs Head. Meet at Head Start Car Park 10.30am. Full day outing. Contact Lesley Johnson, as above.

July

1st - 31st July
Floating Zoo Exhibition
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1st - 31st July
Graham Riddell Exhibition
 In the Picture Gallery

2nd July 2.30pm
Storytime by the Sea
 Snuggle down for an afternoon of stories by the sea.

18th July 2pm-4pm
Wild About Art - Whales and Dolphins
 Use the artwork from international cultures to inspire your own whale and dolphin pictures with Alchemy Arts.

26th - 28th July 11am - 4pm
Whales and Dolphins with WDCCS
 Come and meet the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society and find out more about the amazing bottlenose dolphins and

other cetaceans that live in Scotland. Learn how to spot a dolphin from our Telescope Deck and join in our fun family activities. Find out how blubber keeps you warm, learn how whales feed and meet our life-size inflatable dolphin. We can also tell you about the threats whales and dolphins face and how you can help. Why not join our team and look out for dolphins from the Seabird Centre and you may even be lucky enough to see them yourself?

PUFFIN CLUB

Join us 2pm - 3pm weekends and daily during the school holidays for fun make and take sessions. Included with membership and admission to the Centre.

March

27-28th March
Puffin Club Paper Loop Chicks
 Try and spot the first chicks on camera and make your own cute chick to take home.



April

19-20th April
Spring Lambs
 Celebrate spring time and make a little lamb from recycled materials.

24-25th April
Puffin Food Chain Mobiles
 Who eats who? Make a mobile that will help you figure out the food chain.

30th April
Clowning Around!
 Puffins are called the "clowns of the sea" - watch them live on camera and then make your own life-like model.

May

3rd-4th May
Egg Carton Ladybirds
 Turn your old egg cartons into colourful ladybirds.

8th, 9th, 15th May
Build a Bird
 Make the fastest, biggest, most colourful bird you can

17-18th & 29-30th May
Lollipop Stick Insects
 Make your own lollipop stick insects to celebrate Biodiversity Week.

21st-23rd May
Puffin Party Hats
 Help celebrate the Scottish Seabird Centre's 10th Birthday and make your own puffin party hat.

June

5 -6th June
Toilet Roll Octopus
 Make a fun and friendly pet octopus to take home

8th June
Stained Glass Sea Scenes
 Help feed the birds through the winter months by creating a recycled bird feeder for your garden.

12-13th June
Gannet Life Cycle Wheels
 See how a gannet grows from egg to adult with this gannet life cycle wheel.

19th June
Diving Gannet Flick Books
 See the gannet dive for fish in your very own flick book.

26th - 27th June
Gannet Grabbers
 Think catching fish is easy? Have a go by making your own gannet grabber and have a go for yourself.