

FIFE ARMS

HOTEL



SUMMER ART ROOM 2025

Creative Activities for Children & Families

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elcome to the Fife Arms' Summer Art Room programme, which offers a range of free creative activities for children and families to enjoy, whether working alongside professional artists or simply together as a family.

This Summer we are celebrating the author Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832), whose birthday is on Friday 15th August and inspired one of our Nature and Poetry rooms. Scott harnessed a deep interest in Scottish history, using local dialect, localised settings, and romantic themes.

We will also be honoring our loyal, loving, and tail-wagging best friends on Tuesday 26th August as we celebrate International Dog Day.

Our Family Room is stocked with creative resources for all ages, along with books and games to entertain. All Art Room activities are free for Fife Arms guests and all materials are provided. Whatever you sketch, paint, write or make at the Fife Arms this Summer, remember to share images with us online using #FifeArmsFamily.



EXPLORER'S NATURE JOURNAL

(All ages)



Embark on a botanical adventure this Summer inspired by legendary Scottish botanist David Douglas (1799 - 1834), best known as the namesake of the Douglas Fir.

Armed with your journal and a curious mind, observe local plants, sketch your discoveries, and create imaginative stories about the natural world.

Perfect for budding scientists, artists, and storytellers alike - let the exploration begin.



JUNIOR GHILLIES

(Ages 5 – 11)

Our Junior Ghillie programme gives younger guests a glimpse into the life of a Scottish Ghillie – what does that word mean? How long have Ghillies been around in Scotland and what do our hotel Ghillie team do?

Junior Ghillies will be issued with practical tasks to complete when out walking on a wildlife safari or floral trail. Learn about the history of Queen Victoria's Ghillie John Brown and local landmarks associated with him that can be visited by the family during your stay.

Report to the Ghillie desk to collect your Ghillie cap and basket to get you started.

Plus, make your own bespoke kilt pin using Fife Arms tweed. Visit the Family Room and get creative, using sustainable crafting materials to create your unique accessory.



SUMMER GARDEN POETRY PATH

(All ages)

Channel your inner poet whilst enjoying a walk around the beautiful Fife Arms garden. Keep your mind in the moment and your eyes peeled for our 'poetry path' words that have been installed in amongst the plants and trees.

Create your own unique poem featuring the words that you found on your walk and write it down in our 'Fife Arms Poetry Book' which will be on display in the Lobby for all to enjoy!



CREATIVE TRAILS

(All ages)

FAMILY TREASURE TRAIL

If Summer showers stop outdoor adventures, then why not give our hotel Treasure Trail a try? Put your best detective skills to the test and follow the clues to find amazing items all around the hotel. A fun, family challenge to enjoy together.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Hone your 'looking' skills and track down all the items on our Scavenger Hunt list! Pick up a Scavenger Hunt from the Family Room and see what you can spy and gather up on your family outings.

BRAEMAR FLORAL TRAIL

There are many wonderful plants and flowers that grow wild around the Fife Arms hotel. Use our Floral Trail to help you find and identify a few of them. Why not draw the flowers and plants you find, or take a photograph of them, to remind you of what you found on your visit to Braemar.



SIR WALTER SCOTT INSPIRED CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

(Age 5 - 11)

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST
2PM – 3.30PM
FIFE ARMS FAMILY ROOM

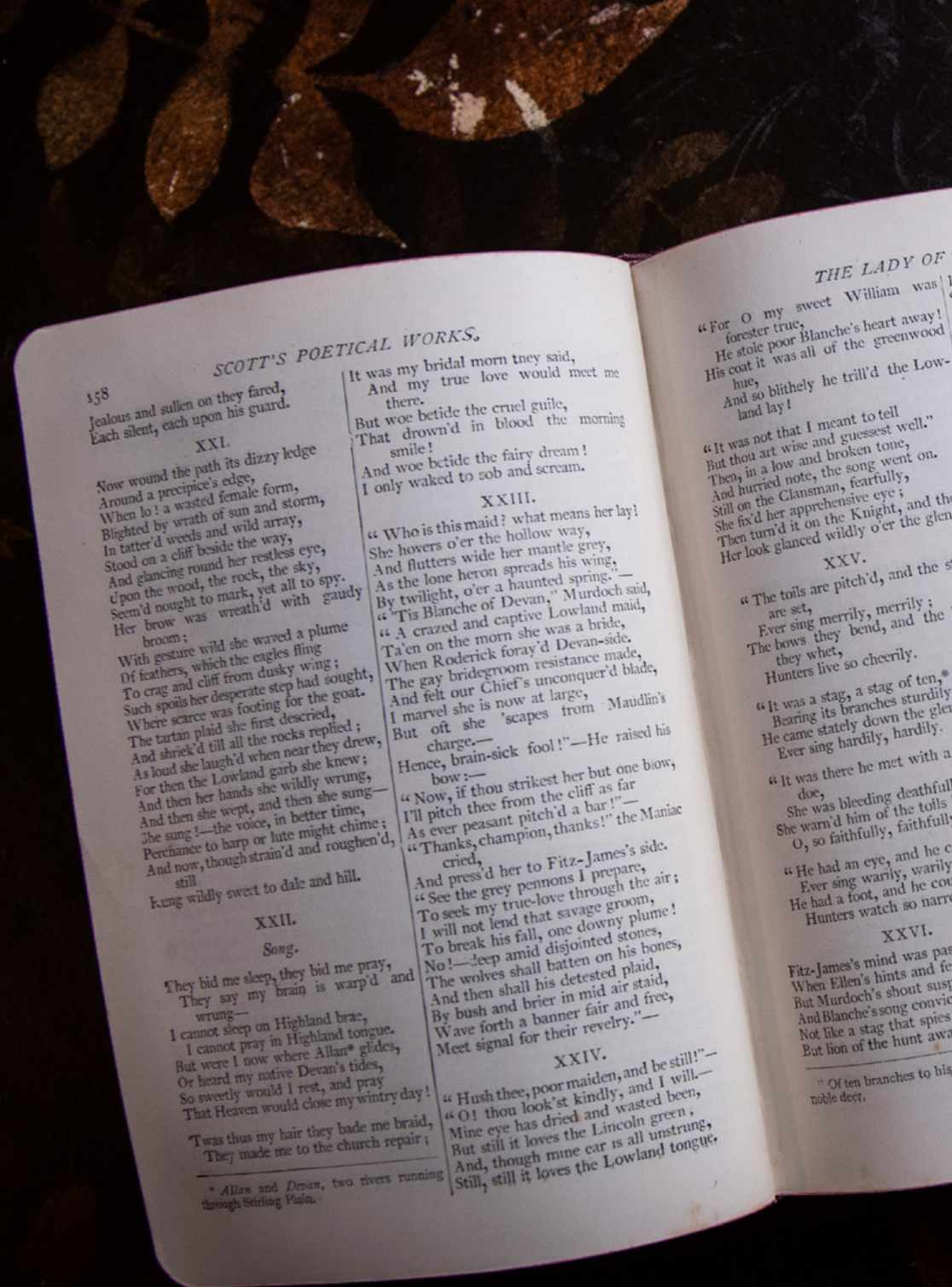
Harness your inner wordsmith and celebrate the birthday of Scottish historical novelist, playwright, poet and historian Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) with a creative writing workshop with writer and poet Gillian Shearer.

Join Gillian for a fun and imaginative session inspired by two of Scott's most famous characters: the gallant knight Ivanhoe, and the daring Scottish outlaw Rob Roy, known for his bravery and defiance. Discover the world of knights, castles, rebels, and clans as you create your own adventure stories.

Suitable for ages 5 - 11.

This is a free workshop for Fife Arms' guests and all materials are provided. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

To reserve a place on the Sir Walter Scott Inspired Creative Writing Workshop, please email reception@thefifearms.com



SCOTT'S POETICAL WORKS.

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Jealous and sullen on they fared,
Each silent, each upon his guard.

XXI.

Now wound the path its dizzy ledge
Around a precipice's edge,
When lo! a wasted female form,
Blighted by wrath of sun and storm,
In tatter'd weeds and wild array,
Stood on a cliff beside the way,
And glancing round her restless eye,
Upon the wood, the rock, the sky,
Seem'd nought to mark, yet all to spy.
Her brow was wreath'd with gaudy
broom;

With gesture wild she waved a plume
Of feathers, which the eagles fling
To crag and cliff from dusky wing;
Such spoils her desperate step had sought,
Where scarce was footing for the goat.
The tartan plaid she first descried,
And shriek'd till all the rocks replied;
As loud she laugh'd when near they drew,
For then the Lowland garb she knew;
And then her hands she wildly wrung,
And then she wept, and then she sung—
She sung!—the voice, in better time,
Perchance to harp or lute might chime;
And now, though strain'd and roughen'd,
still
Kung wildly sweet to dale and hill.

XXII.

Song.

They bid me sleep, they bid me pray,
They say my brain is warp'd and
wrung—
I cannot sleep on Highland brae,
I cannot pray in Highland tongue.
But were I now where Allan* glides,
Or heard my native Devan's tides,
So sweetly would I rest, and pray
That Heaven would close my wintry day!

'Twas thus my hair they bade me braid,
They made me to the church repair;

* Allan and Devan, two rivers running
through Stirling Plain.

It was my bridal morn they said,
And my true love would meet me
there.
But woe betide the cruel guile,
That drown'd in blood the morning
smile!
And woe betide the fairy dream!
I only waked to sob and scream.

XXIII.

"Who is this maid? what means her lay?
She hovers o'er the hollow way,
And flutters wide her mantle grey,
As the lone heron spreads his wing."
By twilight, o'er a haunted spring,—
"Tis Blanche of Devan," Murdoch said,
"A crazed and captive Lowland maid,
Ta'en on the morn she was a bride,
When Roderick foray'd Devan-side.
The gay bridegroom resistance made,
And felt our Chief's unconquer'd blade,
I marvel she is now at large,
But oft she 'scapes from Maudlin's
charge.—
Hence, brain-sick fool!"—He raised his
bow:—
"Now, if thou strikest her but one blow,
I'll pitch thee from the cliff as far
As ever peasant pitch'd a bar!"—
"Thanks, champion, thanks!" the Maniac
cried,
And press'd her to Fitz-James's side.
"See the grey pennons I prepare,
To seek my true-love through the air;
I will not lend that savage groom,
To break his fall, one downy plume!
No!—deep amid disjointed stones,
The wolves shall batten on his bones,
And then shall his detested plaid,
By bush and brier in mid air staid,
Wave forth a banner fair and free,
Meet signal for their revelry."

XXIV.

"Hush thee, poor maiden, and be still!"—
"O! thou look'st kindly, and I will.—
Mine eye has dried and wasted been,
But still it loves the Lincoln green;
And, though mine ear is all unstrung,
Still, still it loves the Lowland tongue;

THE LADY OF

"For O my sweet William was
forester true,
He stole poor Blanche's heart away!
His coat it was all of the greenwood
hue,
And so blithely he trill'd the Low-
land lay!

"It was not that I meant to tell
But thou art wise and guessest well."
Then, in a low and broken tone,
And hurried note, the song went on.
Still on the Clansman, fearfully,
She fix'd her apprehensive eye;
Then turn'd it on the Knight, and the
Her look glanced wildly o'er the glen

XXV.

"The toils are pitch'd, and the stag
are set,
Ever sing merrily, merrily;
The bows they bend, and the
they whet,
Hunters live so cheerily.

"It was a stag, a stag of ten,*
Bearing its branches sturdily
He came stately down the glen
Ever sing hardily, hardily.

"It was there he met with a
doe,
She was bleeding deathfully
She warn'd him of the toils
O, so faithfully, faithfully

"He had an eye, and he c
Ever sing warily, warily
He had a foot, and he cou
Hunters watch so narrowly

XXVI.

Fitz-James's mind was pas
When Ellen's hints and fe
But Murdoch's shout susp
And Blanche's song convic
Not like a stag that spies
But lion of the hunt awa

* Of ten branches to his
noble deer.

POP UP ARTIST – INTERNATIONAL DOG DAY

(All ages)

TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST
11AM – 4PM
FIFE ARMS LOBBY

Join artist Jane Jensen as we celebrate our wonderful canine friends, both in real-life and in art.

Whether you're a dog lover, an art enthusiast, or just looking for a fun way to celebrate International Dog Day, this is your chance to see creativity in action as Jane will be in the Lobby, demonstrating her artistic talent for sketching dogs.

This is a great opportunity to chat with the artist about their work and even have a go yourself.

No booking necessary.



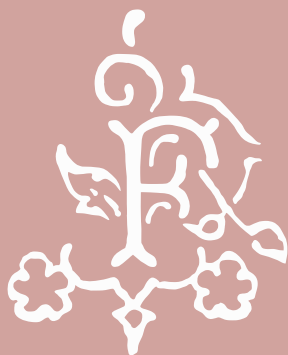
FILM SCREENINGS

(All ages)

From 7th July – 29th August, why not book a private movie screening for the family. These can be booked in advance at Reception and are suitable for family groups of up to 8 people.

Grab a carton of popcorn and 'coorie' in (the Scots word for snuggle!) on our giant Family Room sofa to enjoy a selection of family Pixar films this Summer, including the Toy Story (PG) collection, Finding Nemo (U), Up (U) and Soul (PG).





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