

# FIFE ARMS

## HOTEL



**MAY ART ROOM 2025**

**Creative Activities for Children & Families**

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elcome to the Fife Arms' May Art Room programme, which offers a range of free creative activities for children and families to enjoy.

This Spring, we are inspired by artist Vanessa Bell (born 30th May 1879), a key member of the Bloomsbury Group of artists whose work featured rich colours and decorative patterns. Her work blurred the lines between fine and applied art, influencing modern design and interior decoration. The work of the Bloomsbury Group inspired the décor in our Artist Studio Room at the Fife Arms, with their decorative spirit embodied in the painted walls, fabrics and furniture. You can also see cushions and lampshades designed by Vanessa Bell's granddaughter, Cressida Bell, within the hotel.

The Fife Arms Family Room is stocked with creative resources for all ages, along with books, games and movies 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 May, remember to share images with us online using [#FifeArmsFamily](#).





# POP-UP ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

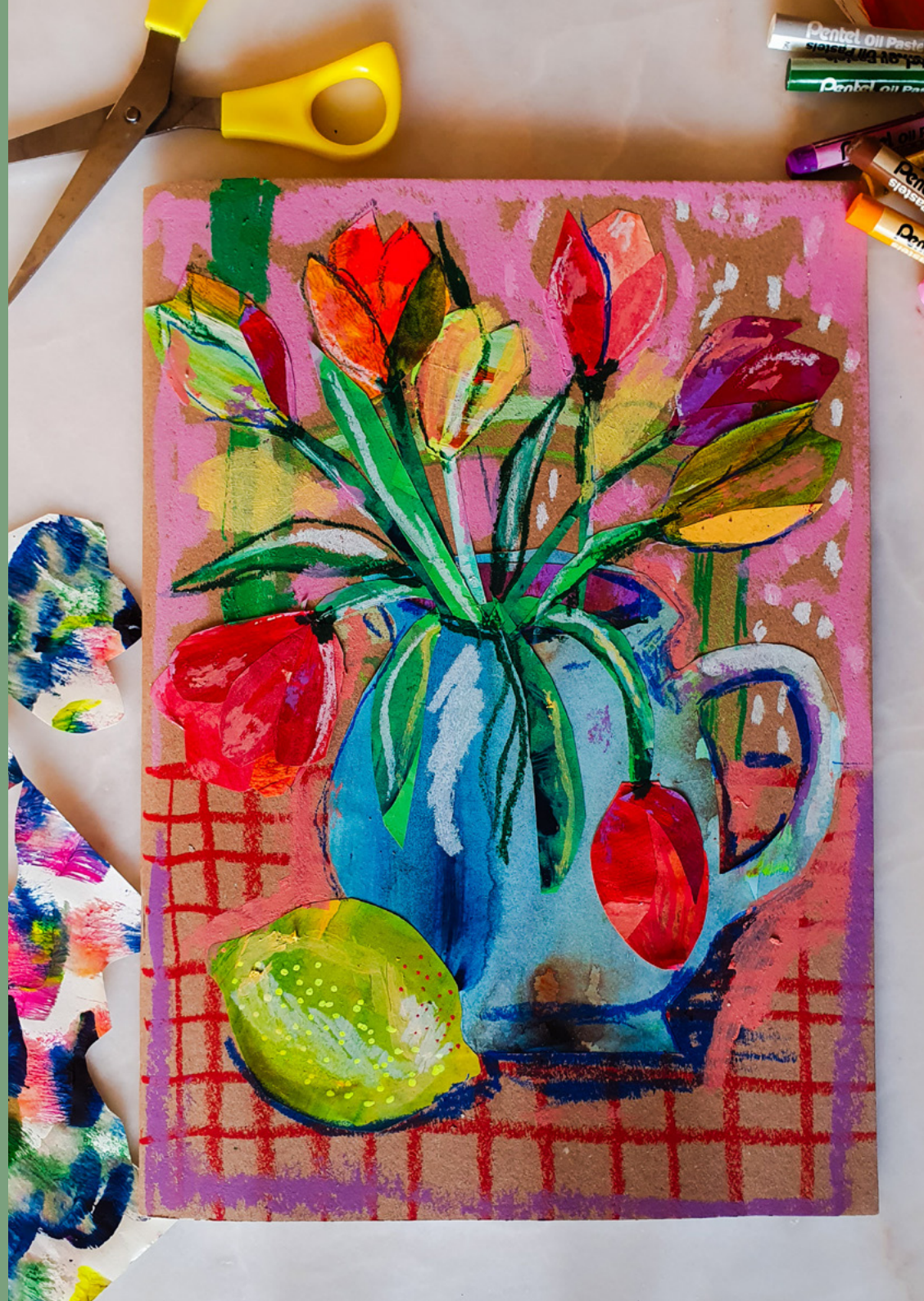
(All ages)

FRIDAY 30TH MAY  
2PM — 4PM  
FIFE ARMS LOBBY

Join artist Helen Greensmith in the Lobby as she brings the vibrant spirit of the Bloomsbury Group to life. Watch as she demonstrates her artistic process, designing a decorative book jacket inspired by the rich colours, bold patterns, and expressive style of Vanessa Bell.

This is a great opportunity to chat with the artist about their work and have a go at designing your own book cover.

No booking necessary. All materials provided.





# BLOOMSBURY INSPIRED PATTERNS

(All ages)

Grab a sketch book from the Family Room and be inspired by the patterns and colours of the hotel interiors or the art works within its incredible collection to create your own, Bloomsbury-inspired decorative patterns. Get creative using different shapes, repetitions and vibrant colours.



# BLOOMSBURY INSPIRED POETRY (All ages)

As we celebrate artist Vanessa Bell and the Bloomsbury Group this May, we invite you to channel your inner poet whilst enjoying your time at the Fife Arms.

The Bloomsbury group was a circle of artists, writers and intellectuals in the first half of the 20th century, originating in the Bloomsbury home of famous writer, Virginia Woolf and her sister Vanessa Bell. Virginia described her sister Vanessa, as a 'poet in colour', describing the way Bell wove emotion and life into her work, much like a home filled with love and shared stories.

Inspired by this legacy, reflect on your own family and home and create a unique poem for our 'Fife Arms Poetry Book', on display in the Lobby, where your words - like the Bloomsbury spirit - can inspire others.





# 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.





# CREATIVE TRAILS

(Age 5 – 11)



## FAMILY TREASURE TRAIL

If Spring 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.





## FILM SCREENINGS

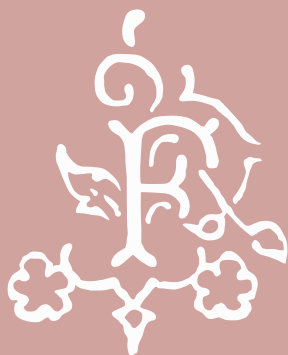
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From 26th May – 1st June, why not book a private movie screening for the family. These can be booked in advance at Reception and are suitable for family groups of up to 8 people.

Grab a carton of popcorn and 'coorie' in (the Scots word for snuggle!) on our giant Family Room sofa to enjoy a selection of Spring films including The Secret Garden (PG), The Lorax (U) and Bee Movie (U).







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