

FIFE ARMS

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FEBRUARY ART ROOM

Creative Activities for Children & Families

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elcome to the Fife Arms' February Half-Term Art Room programme, which offers a wide range of creative activities for children and their adults to enjoy, spending peaceful, creative time together as a family.

This winter, our inspiration comes from local Deeside Folklore and the tale of the Thieving Kelpie of Braemar. Passed through generations, this story speaks of imagination and the deep relationship between people and place.

Throughout February, families are invited to explore this legend through hands on making and storytelling. There will be a drop-in kelpie origami session, where children can fold and shape their own river creatures, alongside a specially created Fife Arms colouring-in storybook that retells the Braemar kelpie tale in a playful way.

The Brae Room will be stocked with creative resources for all ages, encouraging drawing, writing, crafting, and quiet moments. Books, games, and films will also be available, offering a cosy space to rest and reflect. Whatever you sketch, paint, write or make at the Fife Arms this February, remember to share images with us online using #FifeArmsFamily.





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!

TREASURE ISLAND

(Ages 5 – 11)



Did you know that Robert Louis Stevenson began writing *Treasure Island* whilst holidaying in Braemar? While exploring at the Fife Arms, imagine you stumble upon an old, weathered treasure map. The edges are frayed, and it's covered in strange symbols, but one thing is clear: X marks the spot!

Your adventure has only just begun...what happens next?

Where will the map lead you? Who do you meet along the way? What treasure might you find? Use the *Treasure Island Tale* storyboard to tell and draw your story...





KELPIE ORIGAMI MAKING WITH STEPHANIE VAN DEM

(All ages)

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
11AM-1PM
DROP-IN, FIFE ARMS LOBBY

Step into the shifting world of local folklore and meet the Thieving Kelpie of Braemar- the mischievous river spirit said to dwell in the waters of the River Dee.

Inspired by this Deeside tale, families are invited to take part in a drop-in kelpie origami session, folding and shaping their own kelpies from paper as we explore ideas of water, movement and transformation.

All activities are free for Fife Arms guests, all materials are provided, and no booking is required.

Simply drop in and give your mind the freedom to wander!

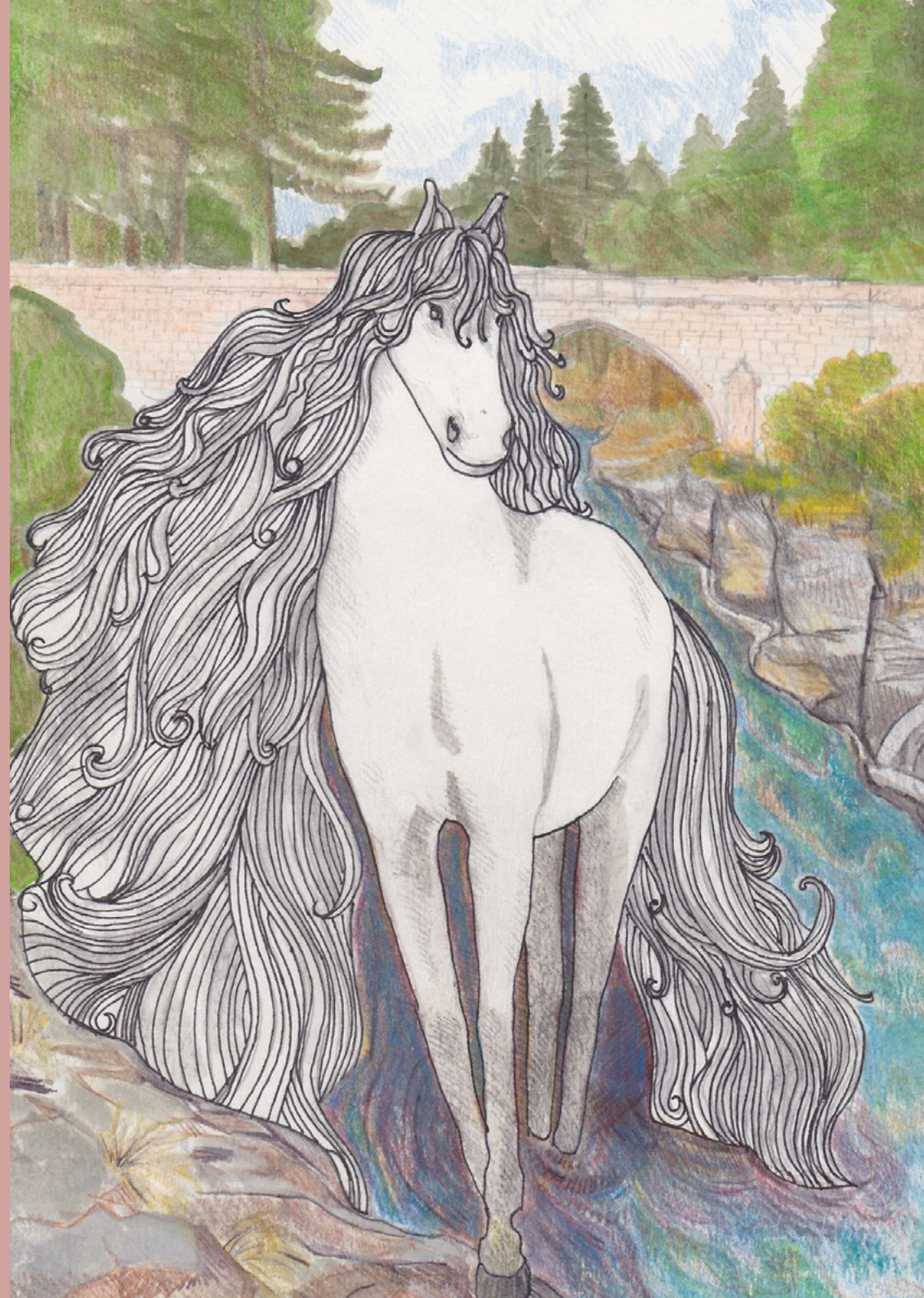
THE THIEVING KELPIE OF BRAEMAR

COLOURING STORYBOOK

(All ages)

As the story of The Thieving Kelpie of Braemar unfolds, children are invited to colour scenes of the river, its banks, and the kelpie itself.

Each page combines simple storytelling with space to draw, colour and add your own ideas, and families are welcome to take the book home as a keepsake of their time at the Fife Arms.





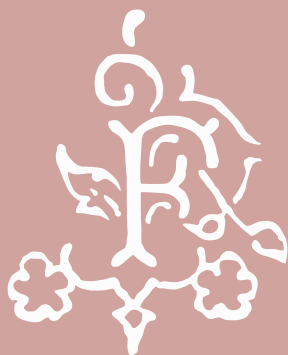
FOLKLORE FILM SCREENINGS

(All ages)

Coorie in at our Brae Room for a series of folklore-inspired film screenings, celebrating old tales, enchanted worlds, and stories shaped by myth, magic and transformation.

From Song of the Sea (PG), Wolfwalkers (PG) and Spirited Away (PG), these cosy, family friendly screenings offer a gentle way to slow down and step into imagined landscapes filled with curious creatures, hidden worlds and timeless storytelling.

Private screenings can be booked in advance at Reception and are suitable for family groups up to eight people.



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