

# FIFE ARMS

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**AUTUMN ART ROOM 2025**

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**Creative Activities for Children & Families**

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elcome to the Fife Arms' October Half-Term Art Room programme, which offers a wide range of creative activities for children and their adults to enjoy, working alongside professional artists or simply together as a family.

This Autumn we are inspired by the local folklore of the Blelack Fairies, said to have once dwelled in the glens and woodlands of Deeside. The mischievous tales and magic have shaped local legend, offering us a world of wonder.

We're also celebrating the Gaelic festival, Samhain ("Sow-win"), this October. This is an important date in the pagan calendar for it marks the Day of the Dead, known to many of us today as Halloween.

Families can take part in fairy weaving with yarns and flowers to create magical keepsakes, then set out together on the Halloween Fairy Trail through Braemar to follow verses, riddles and fairy tales brought to life. The Fife Arms Family Room is stocked with creative sources for all ages, along with books, games and movies to entertain.

Whatever you sketch, paint, write or make at the Fife Arms this October, remember to share images with us online using #FifeArmsfamily.





# THE BIG DRAW

(All ages)



As part of The Big Draw, the UK's largest drawing festival, this October, we'll be creating a relaxed and welcoming Art Room for all ages. Families can enjoy an Art Station in the Family Room, while adults are invited to pick up a basket of sketch pads and pencils from Reception and let their creativity flow. No experience needed- just bring your imagination!

# TREASURE ISLAND

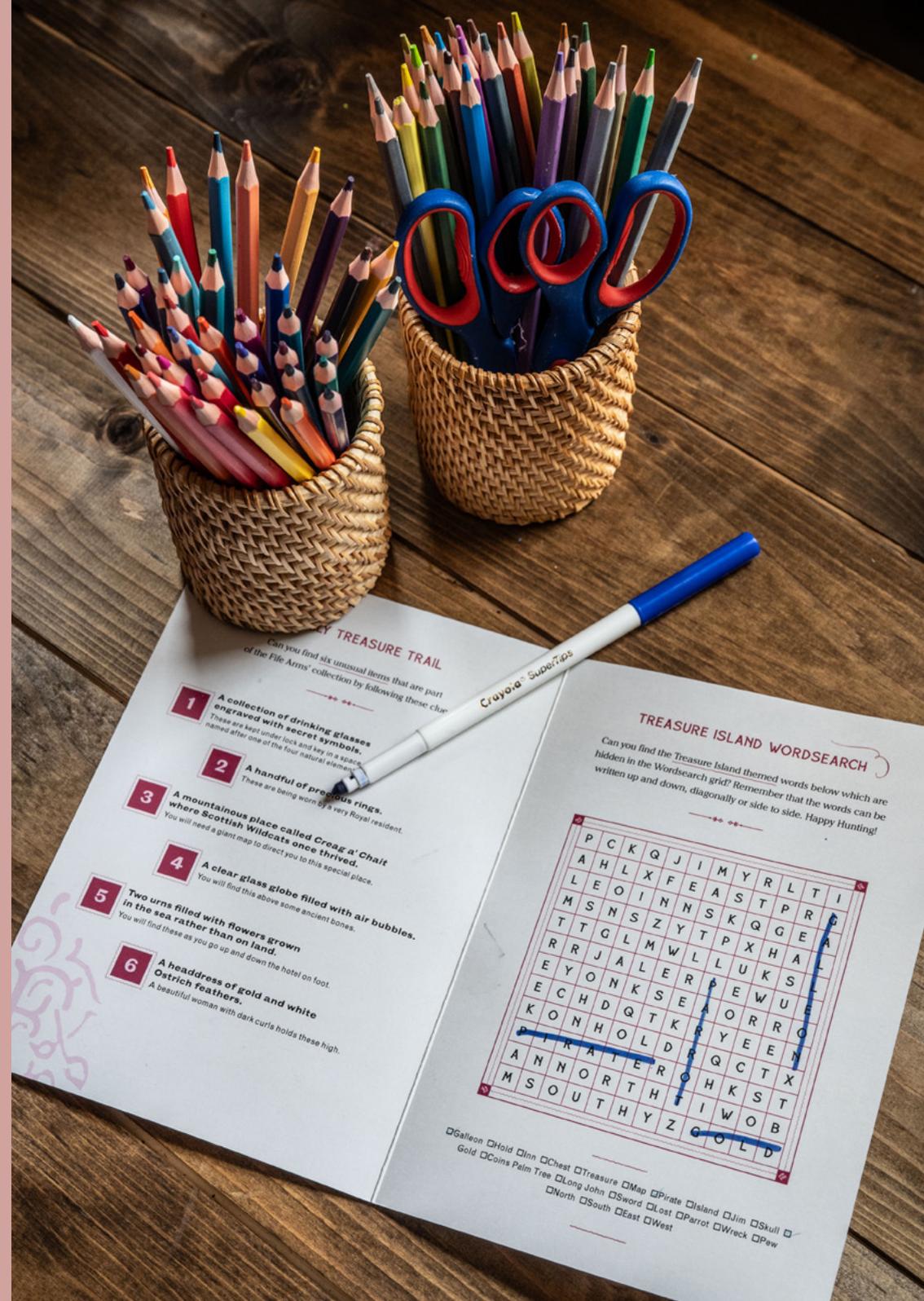
(Ages 5 – 11)



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...



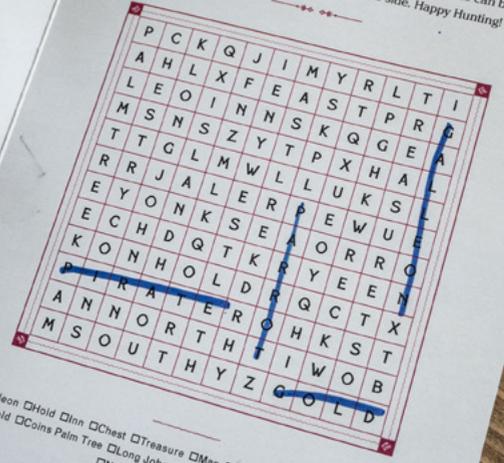
## TREASURE TRAIL

Can you find six unusual items that are part of the Fife Arms' collection by following these clues?

- 1** A collection of drinking glasses engraved with secret symbols.  
These are kept under lock and key in a space named after one of the four natural elements.
- 2** A handful of precious rings.  
These are being worn by a very Royal resident.
- 3** A mountainous place called Creag a' Chait where Scottish Wildcats once thrived.  
You will need a giant map to direct you to this special place.
- 4** A clear glass globe filled with air bubbles.  
You will find this above some ancient bones.
- 5** Two urns filled with flowers grown in the sea rather than on land.  
You will find these as you go up and down the hotel on foot.
- 6** A headdress of gold and white Ostrich feathers.  
A beautiful woman with dark curls holds these high.

## TREASURE ISLAND WORDSEARCH

Can you find the *Treasure Island* themed words below which are hidden in the Wordsearch grid? Remember that the words can be written up and down, diagonally or side to side. Happy Hunting!



- Galleon  Hold  Inn  Chest  Treasure  Map  Pirate  Island  Jim  Skull  Gold  Coins  Palm Tree  Long John  Sword  East  Parrot  Wreck  Pew  North  South  East  West



# YOUTH ART REVIEWERS (11+)



Our Youth Art Reviewers project encourages young adults aged 11+ to share your voice and views on the Fife Arms Art Collection and interiors, using a series of guided worksheets to explore your personal selections using critical skills and imaginative responses. A selection of the best Youth Art Reviews will be shared on the Fife Arms social media pages – just like a professional art critic!

# CREATIVE TRAILS

(All ages)



## **FAMILY TREASURE TRAIL**

If Autumn 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 challenge for all the family to enjoy together.

## **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





## JUNIOR GHILLIES

(Age 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!

# FAIRY WEAVING

## WITH CHLOE MACINTYRE

(All ages)



**TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER**  
**10AM-2PM**  
**DROP-IN, FIFE ARMS FAMILY ROOM**

Step into a world of fairy folklore and join local artist Chloe MacIntyre for a magical afternoon of weaving and making. Inspired by the Blelack fairies of Deeside, Chloe will guide children and families through a series of enchanting drop-in activities.

Depending on what inspires you, you might:

- Weave with yarns and flowers to make little fairy blankets or rugs
- Try your hand at cordage, a traditional Celtic technique for twisting fibres, to create fairy ropes or tiny baskets
- Experiment with band weaving (for older children) to craft colourful fairy friendship bracelets.

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!



# HALLOWEEN FAIRY TRAIL

(All ages)

27TH- 31ST OCTOBER

This Halloween, wander through the heart of Braemar on a marked trail that brings ancient fairy folklore to life. With a marked map in hand, families are invited to follow verses and riddles that tell the tale of the fairies who once dwelled at Seely Howe, until they were driven away, leaving behind a lingering curse woven into local legend. Along the route, discover enchanting fairy nooks crafted by artist Jenny Hood, each one sparking curiosity and delight. As you journey between Braemar's landmarks, you'll be invited to create your own playful spell, inspired by the Blelack fairies, and add your words to the story.

A magical adventure for children and families to enjoy together this Halloween. No booking is required—simply come along, take up the trail, and step into the world of the Blelack fairies.

(Children must be accompanied by an adult.)





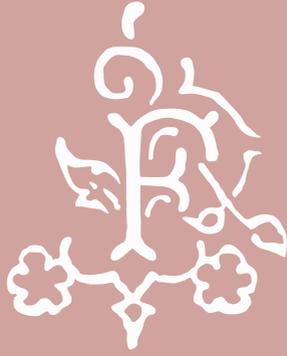
## SPOOKY SEASON SCREENINGS

(All ages)

13TH – 31ST OCTOBER

As the nights draw in, why not book a private movie screening for the whole family? Screenings can be booked in advance at Reception and are suitable for family groups of up to 8 people.

Grab a box of popcorn and coorie in (the Scots word for snuggle!) on our giant Family Room sofa to enjoy a selection of autumn favourites this Halloween season, including Hocus Pocus (PG), The Addams Family (PG), and The Corpse Bride (PG)



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