Saturdays 9th September 2017

Welcome to Doors Open Day 2017

Doors Open Days is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust. It runs throughout Scotland every September as part of European Heritage Days.

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Midlothian Council would like to thank all of the hosts who make Doors Open Day possible.

Note: Visitors enter venues at their own risk. Neither Midlothian Council nor the participants are responsible for any accidents or damage that occurs. Building owners retain the right to refuse access. Due to unforeseen circumstances occasionally venues may alter their programme. Up to date information on DoD will be available online via social media and website.

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Dalkeith Community Fire Station

Various equipment demonstrations and an opportunity to get inside a fire engine. Police Scotland, British Transport Police, British Red Cross and the Firefighter’s Charity will also be in attendance.
Fire station in full operation throughout the day. Please do not park in front of fire appliance bay doors.

Dalkeith Masonic Lodge

The lodge was completed and consecrated in 1766 by the local order of Freemasons and is one of the oldest purpose-built lodge rooms in the world.
Guided tours and Lodge set out as if for Masonic Meeting.
Complimentary tea and coffee for visitors.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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Visitors can find out how to get started tracing their own family history, with access to the Church’s large database and there will be activities for children.

National Mining Museum Scotland

Undercroft Tours
Study shoes and jackets required. Hard hats provided. Booking essential.
Tour Times: 10:30, 12:00, 13:30 and 15:00 hrs

Various opening times
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Vogie House and Country Park

What’s behind the door to Vogie House? Come in and join the Ranger Service for a nose around and guided tour to hear fascinating facts of how Vogie has developed over the centuries from country estate to country park.
Guided Tours on the hour from 1100 hrs until 1600 hrs lasting 45 minutes.
Booking essential Please telephone 01875 821716 to book.

Vogie Country Park Bat Walk

Come and join The Wildlife Information Centre (TWIC) Manager and learn about the different bats to be found here. Numbers limited so booking essential. Call Midlothian Council on 0118 3523465 or e-mail dcooper@twic.mldothian.gov.uk
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Dalkeith Corn Exchange and Museum

The Corn Exchange and Museum will be open for guided tours and a special exhibition. Activities include a Tea Dance to commemorate the Empress Ballroom, taking place from 1400hrs until 1600hrs. For more details please visit www.dalkeithx.org or find the Corn Exchange on Facebook.

Gorebridge Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARES)

Exhibition of scheme’s achievements: Trust office 1000 hrs until 1600 hrs.
Guided walks in centre conservation area: 1300 hrs until 1415 hrs – meet at War Memorial.
Food by the Fire at Newbyres Castle outdoor cooked, local food: Dragons, Castles and Knights theme with local story tellers – great family fun - 1000 hrs until 1300 hrs.

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St Mary’s Episcopal Church

The building of Newbattle Church, on its present site, began in 1727 and was completed in 1728/9. Its history actually dates back to the Nineties at Newbattle in 1140.
Visitors can try out their musical skills on the organ.
Tours at 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, and 1500 hrs

Crichton Collegiate Church

Crichton was built as a Collegiate Church by Sir William Crichton, Lord Chancellor of Scotland in the time of King James I. The couding is now in the care of a Trust.
Demonstration of the unique organ built by John Brodie from 1430 to 1530 hrs. www.crichtonchurch.com

Lasswade Church

The Church was opened in 1860 for the Lasswade Congregation in the United Presbyterian Church. In 1894 the Church was completely overhauled and several alterations carried out. In 1929 the U.P. Church united with the Church of Scotland.
Photographic and historic items exhibition.

Rosewell Parish Church

In 1871 the foundation stone was laid for Rosewell Church which was opened officially on 22 July 1874.
All items gifted are on display.
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Midlothian Camera Club

Midlothian Camera Club welcomes you to an exhibition of photographs taken by its members and a display of vintage cameras. The club caters for all levels of photographic ability and interests. It provides opportunities for its members to learn new techniques and develop their skills through activities, presentations and use of studio and darkroom facilities.

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Newbattle Country Park

Visitors can find out how they can take part. Ranger Service for a nose around the building is now in the care of a Trust. Demonstration of the unique open oven built by Brock from 1430 to 1530 hrs. www.crichtonchurch.com

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St Nicholas Buxton Parish Church
A programme of restoration has been carried out on the stonework of the church and the Alms Collection House both funded mainly by Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Apsis is now a ruin. It contains the restored effigy of the Earl of Morton and his wife, Princess Joanna.

Activities throughout the day for all ages. Guided walking tours 1130 and 1300 hrs.

Parking a short walk from Penicuik House at car park visible from the A766. Access to site for blue badge holders only. Contact Ranger Service 01968 670796 to arrange.

Midlothian Snowsports Centre
Free tubing sessions 1000 till 1200 hrs by advance booking only. Maximum 5 people one of whom must be an adult. Four years and over only and at least one metre in height.

E-mail centre to book ski@midlothiansnowsport.co.uk to book or email doorsopendays@midlothian.gov.uk

Soutra Aisle
Soutra Aisle, dated 1686, is a family burial vault, constructed when the Scottish church banned monuments inside churches. The unlocked crypt can be explored.

Guided tours by Director of Investigations.

Old Penicuik House
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See first-hand Penicuik Community Development Trust’s progress towards restoring it to its former glory.

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Glencorse Kirk
Built in 1865 to a design by Sir Rowland Anderson, leading church architect. The four storied, saddle roofed tower (unique in the Lothians at the time) was added 10 years later.

Enjoy a visit to this beautiful listed building in its rural setting, a short walk up the Kirk Brae from Milton Bridge. Enjoy a visit to this beautiful listed building in its rural setting, a short walk up the Kirk Brae from Milton Bridge.

Lodge St Leonard
Loanhead and Lasswade

This Lodge has been active in Loanhead since February 1876 when a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to allow it to be formed. The foundation stone was laid on 29 April 1879.

The Lodge will be open all day with a meeting night, with Office bearers to answer questions. Light refreshments free to visitors.

Stratton Pond Bat Walk

You will have the chance to see these amazing creatures and their unique adaptations as well as being able to identify them with our bat detectors as they swoop and chatter whilst hunting for their tea. Torch and warm clothes required.

Meet at Stratton Pond main entrance (opposite McDonalds) at 19.30. Booking essential! Please telephone 01875 621776 to book.

St Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church

A programme of restoration has been undertaken to preserve the interior of the church which was consecrated in 1810. The magnificent stained glass windows are the only thing to survive from the original church and were installed in 1872.

Activities throughout the day for all ages. Guided walking tours of Soutra Aisle, dated 1686, are available for £3 per adult and £1 child. Please note converted stable block is not included.

Parking a short walk from Penicuik, Midlothian. Stout footwear recommended.

St Mary's Church

There are a number of stone monuments inside the Church's family burial vault, constructed in 1868. An important tomb in the church family vault is that of the Marquess of Tweeddale and his wife. Their effigies are in the church porch. The Marquess was Thos. M. Tweeddale, DD, Bishop of Ross. His wife was Frances née Bute.

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