

# What's on this week?

A round-up of events in and around Edinburgh – or where to find out more....

The List has the authoritative guide to What's On in Edinburgh and Glasgow and you could do worse than get a copy delivered every fortnight, or go to their [website](#) to check on what you can get up to. They have the definitive Edinburgh Festival Guide too. [The Telegraph](#) has the rather exciting news that Emma Thompson is bringing a play to The Pleasance at the Edinburgh Fringe this year.

So this week in Edinburgh, some people are away on their annual hols, some are staying at home with the tourists (who seem to be mainly Spanish at the moment!) and everywhere you go there is an anticipation of the madness to come which is the Festival....now only a couple of weeks away so time you got your tickets for the Book Festival, The Fringe or the Festival proper. There are still some tickets left for The 2010 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the official [website](#). This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the event which runs from 6th to 28th August. We have an earlier article about The Tattoo [here](#).

Friday is when the [Big Tent](#) starts in Falkland, Fife. It runs from 23rd to 25th July. This is an important environmental event. Since it is not too far from Edinburgh we mention it here as it is simply worth knowing about and going along even for a short while. As a spin off from the main theme which is to discuss matters of environmental importance and impact there is some great music – notably Roseanne Cash this year!



The Edinburgh Bookshop at 219 Bruntsfield Place has a bookgroup meeting this week on Thursday, ore information [here](#).

Blackwells Bookshop 53-62 South Bridge also has a Book Group and they are meeting to discuss Vikram Seth's A Suitable Boy tonight 19th July at 6pm. Further details by emailing them on [events.edinburgh@blackwell.com](mailto:events.edinburgh@blackwell.com)

On 27th July The One Below hosts a UK vintage event. This is below The Rutland Hotel at 1-3 Rutland Street Edinburgh.

On Saturday we are all hoping for lovely weather when the Forge of the Wordsmiths Garden Party is on. It is being held at Trunk's Close 55 High Street Edinburgh which is the HQ of the Scottish Book Trust. Music as well as things literary – including literary cocktails...For more information email [forgeofthewordsmiths@gmail.com](mailto:forgeofthewordsmiths@gmail.com)

Free entry, complimentary drink and loads of fashion. Bring along something that you love but don't wear and swap it for something new (but old if you see what we mean...) You can reserve a place by phone on 0131 225 4326 or by email [events@luath.co.uk](mailto:events@luath.co.uk)

And you could be getting yourself prepared for a challenge on 1st August. You could abseil from one of Scotland's best known landmarks. The event is being organised by the Rotary Club of South Queensferry and supports both CHAS and Queensferry Care. Participants can choose to support one or both of these chosen charities. Experience the thrill of vertically descending 165ft from the Forth Rail Bridge, under the direction of expert instructors. There's no need for any previous experience. All they ask is that you are over 16 years of age (there is no upper age limit as long as you are in good health). A £20 deposit will secure your place and the club ask that you raise £120 for your chosen charity. To find out more please visit [www.rcsq.org.uk](http://www.rcsq.org.uk) and follow the links, or contact Amy Telford at CHAS on 0131 444 1515 or [amytelford@chas.org.uk](mailto:amytelford@chas.org.uk)

On 21 July at Ghillie Dhu there is a Writer's Bloc event, called Planet of the Apps and billed as an evening of spoken word with a technological twist. There will be a live Twitter feed during the event. You can get further information at [www.writers-bloc.org.uk](http://www.writers-bloc.org.uk)