

What's on this week? – 1st November 2010

Pick up your paper copy of The Broughton Spurtle from 1st November – and the first of any month. Otherwise past issues available on the internet. Usual outlets – more information on their [website](#).

Phil Spencer is coming to The Royal Highland Showground next weekend for the Ultimate Home Show on 6th & 7th November 2010. More information [here](#).

On Thursday 4th November there is to be a public lecture at Edinburgh University in the Medical Detectives series. Presented by Professor James Ironside this is the third lecture in the 2010 Medical Detectives lecture series. James Ironside is Professor of Clinical Neuropathology at the University and Director of the MRC Network of UK Brain Banks. The subject is Prions – the serial killers that attack the brain. You can get more information [here](#).

On 4th November The National Library is holding a Getting Started at the library event. It takes place at 18:00 [Book online](#) or phone 0131 623 3918.

On 5th November at the National Library they are holding the Muriel Spark Society Annual Lecture. It starts at 6.00pm and will be a story about meeting Muriel Spark delivered by Martin Stannard who is her official biographer.

Leith, Harbour and Newhaven Community Council meet on the first Wednesday of each month at The Express by Holiday Inn at Ocean Drive at 7.30pm. More details on their website [here](#).

The Scottish Community Foundation is holding a public

discussion on philanthropy on Wednesday 3 November 2010 in Edinburgh. Join the BBC's Sally Magnusson as she hosts Scotland's Philanthropy Debate 2010, organised by the Scottish Community Foundation, in association with Adam & Company. Lord Smith of Kelvin; Sir Christopher Gent, chair of GlaxoSmithKline; Ann Gloag, businesswoman and philanthropist; Jim McColl, chief executive of Clyde Blowers and Anne Boyd will take questions from the audience on philanthropy and charitable giving.

The debate is a free, ticketed event. To register for tickets, please send your request to debate@scottishcf.org

Edinburgh West End Community Council are meeting on Monday, 1st November. Details of the agenda can be found [here](#).

Edinburgh Corn Exchange are hosting the Wedding Fair and Fashion Show on 5th & 6th November 2010. More details [here](#).

Such and Such have a whole month of pop-up shops in Brunswick Street. On Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th November Such and Such studio will be transformed into a designer boutique by fashion brand [Nonchalant](#). After working with both Giles Deacon and Amiee McWilliams, Gemma Carver began her own label christened Nonchalant, where she could combine her love of garment construction with a passion for other cultures.

Talks run on Monday evenings from 7:30pm-8:30pm, in the Royal Observatory Edinburgh Lecture Theatre. Booking is not required for the talks, and tickets can be bought on the door. Season tickets will be available from the start of the programme.

Tickets: £3 adults, £1.50 children/concessions. Season tickets: £20 adults, £10 children/concessions.

The talk on Monday 1st November is by Bruce Sibthorpe "From Scope to Screen: How Herschel Images the Universe" Astronomy provides such beautiful images, which we all see in the news.

This talk will look at the steps which take us from telescope data to eye-catching image. More information [here](#).

Dark Tales at The Scottish Storytelling Centre on 4th November at 8.30pm when you are promised a frightful night of horror and wicked humour. More details on the [website](#). Also an art exhibition starts there on Saturday 6th November of artwork produced by partially sighted children in Russia. All proceeds to be split between The Royal Blind School Edinburgh and School 139 in Perm, Russia.

At The Edinburgh Bookshop Elmer the Elephant will be in [The Edinburgh Bookshop](#) to help them celebrate their birthday and meet the residents of Bruntsfield. There will also be balloons and goody bags,

On 3rd November at The Scottish Storytelling Centre there is to be a day conference hosted by the Joint Commission on Doctrine (Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church) with speakers including Professor Tom Devine and Rev Dr Alan Falconer, and followed by a service in St Giles Cathedral with guest preacher Very Rev Dr John Miller. Booking [here](#) on a first come first served basis.

You can get down and dirty at The Big Leith Clean-up! This week it is being held on 6th November at Pilrig Park and you should meet there at 11am at the entrance to Pilrig School. The clean-up lasts till 2pm. You are advised to wear sturdy boots and outdoor clothing. Children are welcome but must be supervised by an adult at all times. More information on The Greener Leith Social page [here](#).

Remember remember there's a big fireworks event at Meadowbank on 5th November and you can get your tickets [here](#). Also there are fireworks at Hopetoun House just outside town on 6th November. You are promised a programme of funfair rides, fire jugglers and dancers and food stalls. Build up to the fireworks hosted by Forth 1 radio presenter and Big Bad Panto

Villain Grant Stott. Gates open from 3.30pm, bonfire at 5.30 and fireworks at 6.30pm. More information on their [website](#).

Send us your photos! And if you are organising an event over the next few weeks then please tell us about it and we will include you in our weekly round-up.