

What's on in Edinburgh this weekend? 4th March 2011

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Tonight at St Mary's, Palmerston Place at 7.30pm.

An evening with Alexander McCall Smith, including discussion, wine and cake to launch his new *No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* novel, *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party*. Also performing are the St Mary's Cathedral Choir. The event is to raise funds for future musical projects. More details on [The List](#).

Tonight from 7pm is the last 'The Mine' to be held at [The Wee Red Bar](#) – a night of live local music featuring [Blank Canvas](#), [Jump: Press A](#) and [Curators](#). Tickets are £4.

Opening night of "Guys & Dolls" performed by The Bohemians Lyric Opera Company, at the Church Hill Theatre in Morningside. Runs until the 12th March. Tickets £12 – £14 available from the Booking Manager 07751282710, for more information go to <http://www.bohemians.org.uk/>

Mary Kenny launched her About Face exhibition at the **Scottish Storytelling Centre** last week and you can still catch it until 26th March.

Kenny's exhibition of drawings and paintings explores the relationship between being an artist and storyteller. The exhibition is open from 10am -6pm and has free entry. You can find more information this and other events at the Centre [here](#).

Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, EH1 1SR Tel. +44 (0)131 556 9579

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Affordable Vintage at The Out of the Blue Drill Hall. 11am till 4pm, tickets £2/£1. Over 40 stalls of vintage clobber are promised. For more information please visit www.vintagefair.co.uk

MP for Edinburgh North and Leith, Mark Lazarowicz, has told us that he has organised a public meeting on '[Fairtrade](#) – taking it further' for Edinburgh North & Leith residents as part of **Fairtrade Fortnight**. It will look at how we can build on the success of Fairtrade in the future. It will take place from 10am-11.30am at [McDonald Road library](#)

There is no charge for attendance but please book your place(s) in advance by emailing: doranka@parliament.uk

For more details click [here](#).

Farmers' Market on Castle Terrace every Saturday. Follow them on [Facebook](#) for news

Woodland Birds 10am – 1pm, Colinton Dell. A guided walk which explores the bird life of the Dell as part of the [Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust](#). All workshops are free but booking is required. For details of this and other environmental workshops click [here](#) or to book a place, please email Ruth Wyatt at ruth@elgt.org.uk or call 0131 445 4025.

The monthly **Portobello Organic Market** is on today from 10am until 2pm. Find locally sourced food, crafts, live music and even face-painting at this popular market. For more information head to <http://pedal-porty.org.uk/>

Writing workshop in Edinburgh, at **North Edinburgh Arts Centre** – with author Willie Robertson 11.30am.

Click [here](#) for more details or to book a free place at one of these workshops email Claire at claire.stewart@scottishbooktrust.com or write to: Scottish Book Trust, Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street,

Edinburgh, EH1 1SR. When writing, please include your name, address and contact telephone number, with your preference for which workshop you would like to attend. Places are free but limited so booking is essential.

Bainbridge Music Showcase at [The Bongo Club](#) – indie pop from [Echo Arcadia](#), reggae funk from [Selective Service](#), alternative pop from [Steve Heron](#), and acoustic melodies from [Rachel Morrison](#). Doors from 7pm, tickets £5.

6th March 2011

You might be a wee bit late to take part (although there are registrations on the day for the very fit!) but you can at least watch [The Meadows Marathon](#) which is an annual half marathon and 5km fun run, which takes place in the beautiful surroundings of The Meadows. The runners will do 8 laps of The Meadows.

Ballet from the Bolshoi at The Cameo at 16.00. This month they are dancing Don Quixote. Booking details [here](#).

Sneaky Pete's in the Cowgate have a night of live music featuring [Dan Michaelson and the Coastguards](#), [The Heebie Jeebies](#), [The Wooden Sky](#), and [This Daring Move](#). Doors are from 7pm, tickets are £5 and available [here](#).

[A night of entertainment](#) at the Royal Navy Club in Broughton Road including live bingo games, music, dancing and an auction is being organised to help raise funds for the St Columba's Hospice rebuild campaign in Edinburgh. Featuring auction items including sports kit signed by tennis player Andy Murray, a signed photograph of Harry Potter star Jason Isaacs and a family pass to Knockhill Racing, the Edinburgh Evening News reports.

The Musselburgh Hotpot is calling all Musicians, Story-tellers, Poets and Artists to mosey on down to the sea-side town and try out their fledgling tricks and seasoned talents

in a friendly monthly acoustic open-floor platform. This all goes down at Stagg (Volunteer Arms) 81 North High Street, Musselburgh at 8pm on the first sunday of every month.

Please get there at 7.30 pm in order to register to perform and entry is by donation. For more details contact Stephen 0131 653 6577 or Angie 0131 653 2423.