

Ten things to do in Edinburgh in March 2012



What can you get up to in the Capital this month?

If you are really lucky and already have tickets you might be going along to a pop up afternoon tea run by [@tealiciousEdin](#). There is some information here on the [Edinburgh Cake Ladies blog](#). This is another example of something being run almost behind all our backs that you could miss completely unless you engage on Twitter and other forms of social media. But then you all do, don't you? So if someone out there gets along to the afternoon tea event or indeed to the Edinburgh Cake Ladies would you like to tell us about it?

The first pinhole photography festival has kicked off at the Botanic Gardens. Running from **March 5 – 11**, it features both exhibitions and workshops. To find out more, visit [their website](#).

[Ten Tracks](#) presents an anti-folk extravaganza at The Third Door on **11 March** from 6.30 – 9.30pm. Headline act Lach is the founder of [Antihoot](#), a bit draw at the Fringe festival.

Support is from Cal Abugnah Dee (a good friend of Lach's and fellow U.S. antifolker), currently on tour in the UK; whilst Rossco Galloway is opening the night. His songwriting is honed from several years on the Edinburgh underground circuit and you may know him as a main figure in the Ruby sessions at 99 Hanover Street.

If you get there before 8pm entry is a mere £3 – for more info

and tickets [click here.](#)

March 12 – 18 is Brain Awareness Week. The Neuroscience Department at Edinburgh University will be running workshops for Primary 7 pupils to introduce children to the basic structure of the brain, which will involve making plasticine models and 3D jigsaws! Find out more [here](#).

Judy's Vintage Fair is coming to Out of the Blue Drill Hall on **17 March** from 11.00 to 4.00. [More details here.](#)

Perhaps you might like to join a private members club? Edinburgh's newest and most popular fine dining restaurant is launching this exciting new addition to its services, from March.

The Mulroy, which opened in September and was the first Edinburgh restaurant to be officially launched by royalty, will now offer a private members' club.

Membership of The Mulroy Club will offer a wide range of benefits, including invitations to exclusive events, such as dinner parties and days at the races; discounts on selected wines, free hire of The Mulroy's private dining room and many more.

Annual membership for founding members will cost only £120 plus VAT and applications are now being taken.

Clemens Hoss d'Estenfeld, owner of The Mulroy said: "The Mulroy will be the only Edinburgh restaurant offering membership of an exclusive club and we have created a range of benefits, which we believe will attract a high level of interest."

He added:” A number of our regular diners have already confirmed they will be joining and we look forward to welcoming many more new members.”

This month [The Mulroy](#) is also introducing a cocktail list and light snacks, suitable for pre-theatre or post theatre.

Budding writers might want to head along to [Portobello Library](#) on **March 19**, when author and playwright [Caroline Dunford](#) will begin running a series of workshops. To find out more or book, you can email portobello.library@edinburgh.gov.uk or call 0131 529 5558.

What’s better than a pub quiz ? – A brewery quiz!

7pm Friday 16th March 2012

The Caledonian Brewery

42 Slateford Road, Edinburgh

£25 for a team of 5

Show off your general knowledge in Edinburgh’s Caledonian Brewery.

There will be a prize for the champions, best team name, losers’ booby prize and a charity raffle.

To find out more contact Royal Blind events team on 0131 229 1456 or email events@royalblind.org

Literary Death Match returns to Edinburgh on **27 March**. Watch [Sara Sheridan](#), [Gavin Inglis](#), [Michael Pedersen](#) and [Claire Askew](#) battle for literary supremacy before judges [Christopher](#)

[Brookmyre](#), [Hannah McGill](#) and [Alan Bissett](#) in the Voodoo Rooms. More details [here](#).

Finally, the second annual [Scottish Tattoo Convention](#) is to be held at The Corn Exchange on **March 31 and April 1**. Organisers said,

“In 2011, a whole new meaning was given to the term ‘Edinburgh Tattoo’. Not since Robert The Bruce and the war-painted Jacobites stormed the fields of Bannockburn, had Scotland seen such a proud ink skinned army gathering.

Scotland’s long over due International Tattoo Convention had arrived, and it was a roaring success! Not only did some of the World’s most prominent artists, from both the UK and abroad, showcase their amazing tattooing skills, but we were also treated to some great entertainment, music, and fantastic vendors plying their unique items – so it is with great pride we announce its return in 2012.”

Over a hundred tattoo artists from across the world will attend the event, which will also have entertainment in the form of music, burlesque and more. Further details can be found on the [website](#).