

LOANHEAD 350

Celebrating the 350th anniversary of the grant of Loanhead's Royal Charter

1669 – 2019

In May 1669 King Charles II granted a Charter giving full power, privilege and liberty to Sir John Nicolson of Lasswade, his heirs and assignees and to the inhabitants and indwellers, present and to come, of the town and village of Loanhead to have and hold a market cross, with a weekly market day each Tuesday and with a free fair each year, to commence on 8 October and to continue for the period of three days. The Charter was confirmed by an Act of the Scottish Parliament later in 1669. This was of course a highly significant development in the early history of Loanhead.

The tercentenary of the grant of the Charter was marked in appropriate fashion in 1969 with events arranged by the then Loanhead Town Council. To mark the 350th anniversary, the Gala Committee has co-ordinated a programme of events arranged by various other groups, organisations, public bodies and even some local businesses which, when amalgamated with the annual Gala celebrations, extends to almost 100 events over the period from late May to the final week in June. A primary aim of the programme of events is to highlight the wide range of activities currently taking place in Loanhead and provide opportunities for more local residents to become actively involved.

The 350th anniversary arises at a time of considerable challenge for Loanhead. The green fields which previously separated us from Edinburgh have all but disappeared under various new developments on both sides of the city by-pass. Elsewhere in Midlothian, only a few remaining fields currently prevent Rosewell, Poltonhall, Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Eskbank, Dalkeith, Woodburn, Easthouses, Mayfield, Newtongrange and Gorebridge becoming one continuous built up area where it is difficult to tell where one town or village ends and the next one begins. With large developments around Loanhead, Bilston, Roslin and the eastern end of Penicuik either already taking place or soon to occur, it appears a similar situation is likely to develop along the A701 corridor.

Loanhead has a long and proud history. We don't wish to become an Edinburgh suburb or just another part of an urban sprawl in Midlothian. Aside from celebrating the historical significance of what occurred 350 years ago, Loanhead 350 is part of an attempt to preserve our identity as a separate community. It is an opportunity to find out more about our history and traditions, to welcome new residents into our community and to encourage everyone in and around Loanhead to play a full part in the life of our town.

Please support as many of the events as possible. There is much to enjoy and hopefully many of you might discover at least one new group or activity which you may wish to be part of going forward.

Tuesday 28 May

BOOK LAUNCH

Our programme of events commences with the launch of “Loanhead – The Story of a Barony, a Burgh and a Community” by Alan McLaren, published to coincide with the Loanhead 350 celebrations. This will be the first opportunity to purchase copies of this long anticipated work on the history of our town. On this launch day, a sales point will operate from 2.00 pm – 8.00 pm in the garden of the author’s home at 23 Polton Road, Loanhead.

LOANHEAD BOOK GROUP

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Make new friends over a cuppa and a biscuit and be introduced to books you would never normally read. All welcome. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

Wednesday 29 May

LODGE ST LEONARD, LOANHEAD & LASSWADE No.580 OPEN EVENING

Masonic Hall, Clerk Street. 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm. The hall will be set out in the same manner as for a lodge meeting and members will be on hand to answer any questions. Organisers – Lodge St Leonard, Loanhead & Lasswade.

WALKING FOOTBALL

Bayne Memorial Hall, Burghlee Crescent. 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. New participants welcome for this fun fitness activity for over 50’s. Organisers – Loanhead Miners’ Youth FC.

LEARN DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue.
11.00 am – 12.30 pm.

If you need help to get more from your tablet or smartphone, then come along to this friendly drop-in interactive workshop and of course enjoy a cuppa too! Organisers – Volunteer Midlothian.

Thursday 30 May

KNIT & KNATTER

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue. 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet? Maybe you’re an experienced knitter. Whatever category you might fall into, this group is for you. Be part of our “Yarn Bombing” task and help brighten up Loanhead for the Loanhead 350 celebrations. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

Thursday 30 May

LOANHEAD 350 – A CELEBRATION IN FLOWERS

Loanhead Parish Church, The Loan. 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm. The history of Loanhead depicted in a series of beautiful floral displays and arrangements. There will also be a display of photographs of old Loanhead. The newly published book on the history of Loanhead will be on sale on each of the 3 days of this event, with the author present on this day. Admission £3, children free (includes refreshments). Proceeds to Gala funds. Organisers – Loanhead Parish Church.

LEGO CLUB

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue. 3.30 pm. A kids and bricks' club for ages 8+ (or accompanied by an adult) with weekly challenges. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

BOOKBUG BEDTIME

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue. 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm. A special bedtime edition of Bookbugs for 0 – 4 year olds. Join us for some soothing songs and rhymes at bedtime. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

Friday 31 May

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TEA & CHAT

Loanhead Parish Church, The Loan. 10.00 am. All welcome. Organisers – Loanhead Parish Church.

CODING CLUB

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue. 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Learn how to create your own interactive stories, games, music, websites, and more! Ages 8+. Booking required – contact Loanhead Library – loanhead.library@midlothian.gov.uk / 0131 444 9032. Organisers – Loanhead Library.



STEWART BREWING BREWERY TOUR

Stewart Brewing, Bilston Glen Industrial Estate at 7.00 pm. Join us for a 2 hour tour of our brewery which will include up to five beers, nibbles, the history of Stewart Brewing, plus an opportunity to quiz your tour guide on any beer related questions that pop into your head. £15 per person. Book online at <https://www.stewartbrewing.co.uk/brewery/brewery-tours>. Organisers – Stewart Brewing.

Friday 31 May

LOANHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL FAIR

Ramsay Campus. Check school announcements for times and further details. Organisers – Loanhead Primary School Parent Council.

Saturday 1 June

LOANHEAD 350 – A CELEBRATION IN FLOWERS

Loanhead Parish Church, The Loan. 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. The history of Loanhead depicted in a series of beautiful floral displays and arrangements. There will also be a display of photographs of old Loanhead. In addition, guest organist, Joan Proven, will perform an organ recital at 3.00 pm. Admission £3, children free (includes refreshments). Proceeds to Gala funds. Organisers – Loanhead Parish Church.



THE HISTORY, HERE AND NOW OF SPRINGFIELD MILL AND MAVISBANK

Meet at entrance to Springfield Mill Local Nature Reserve, Polton, EH18 1JZ. 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Join the Ranger Service and Friends of Springfield Mill for a little ramble of 2 miles around these two beautiful next door neighbours set deep in the North Esk Valley. Suitable for all ages. Free, but pre-booking essential, call 01875 821716 (Fri – Mon). Organisers – Midlothian Ranger Service.

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Burghlee Park at 10.00 am. A 5-a-side football event for 2011 boys (7-8 years) involving around 10 teams from clubs in the Midlothian, East Lothian, South East Edinburgh and Borders areas. Organisers – Loanhead Miners' Youth FC.

BOOKBUG

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue. 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Come along and join a fun session of song and rhyme for 0-4 year olds and their families / carers to enjoy together. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

MIXED TRIPLES BOWLING FOR THE LOANHEAD 350 CUP

Loanhead Bowling Club, Kennington Avenue from 10.00 am. Teams comprising 2 men and 1 woman or 2 women and 1 man from the members of Loanhead Bowling Club, Loanhead MW Bowling Club and Polton Bowling Club will compete in a special competition for the Loanhead 350 Cup. Entry fee £6 per team. Entries can be made at any of the participating clubs. Closing date for entries, Friday 24 May 2019. Organisers – Loanhead Bowling Club in conjunction with Loanhead MW Bowling Club and Polton Bowling Club.

Sunday 2 June

MAVISBANK DETECTIVES! FAMILY TRAIL

Down in a hidden valley on the River Esk is Mavisbank – a 300 year old ruined house full of secrets and stories waiting to be explored! Come along at 11.00 am to join an exciting trail discovering strange buildings, searching for old pathways, and hunting for clues about the past! Free, but limited space and booking is required – contact Ross@elgt.org.uk / 0131 445 4025. All children aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult and sturdy footwear is essential! Meet onsite at the interpretation panel off the riverside path. Access from Loanhead via Polton Road, with limited parking at the bridge in Polton and Mavisbank just a short walk along the riverside path. Organisers – The Mavisbank Trust.



SUNNY SPRINGFIELD SUMMER POND DIP

Springfield Mill Local Nature Reserve, Polton EH18 1JZ. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Follow the signs to the Ranger where you will take a dip into the deep for newts, fish and watery mini beasts. No need to bring any fishing clobber as we have nets, trays and magnifiers to explore for the afternoon. Free and suitable for all ages. No pre-booking required – just drop in. Organisers – Midlothian Ranger Service.

Monday 3 June

BOOKBUG

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Come along and join a fun session of song and rhyme for 0-4 year olds and their families / carers to enjoy together. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

Tuesday 4 June

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION – LOANHEAD FACES

An exhibition of photographs of Loanhead people from previous eras will be held in Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, during normal library opening hours. Continues until Thursday 27 June. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee in conjunction with Loanhead Library.

Wednesday 5 June

BOXING CLUB – OPEN NIGHT

Boxing Gym in MacTaggart Scott Works' Canteen, Hunter Avenue, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. Come along and find out more about the MacTaggart Scott Boxing Club. New junior and adult boxers welcome. We also offer boxercise (no contact) classes. Organisers – MacTaggart Scott Boxing Club.

Wednesday 5 June

WALKING FOOTBALL

Bayne Memorial Hall, Burghlee Crescent. 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. New participants welcome for this fun fitness activity for over 50's. Organisers – Loanhead Miners' Youth FC.



MINI BEASTIE HUNTING FOR TINY TODDLERS

Straiton Pond Local Nature Reserve, EH20 9NH. Meet at entrance to Straiton Pond, opposite McDonalds. 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm. Suitable for under 5's. Join the Ranger Service to make a collection of the weird and wonderful bug and insect life in the woodlands and water. Free, but pre-booking is essential. Call 01875 821716 (Fri – Mon). Organisers – Midlothian Ranger Service.

BRASS BAND CONCERT

Loanhead Miners' Club (Main Hall). The Loan. 7.30 pm. Featuring MacTaggart Scott Loanhead Band, Loanhead Youth Brass Band and Loanhead Brass Roots. Tickets £6 (under 16's free). Tickets available on the door. Organisers – MacTaggart Scott Loanhead Band.

ARMY CADETS' OPEN EVENING

Army Cadet HQ, King George V Park (behind the Leisure Centre). 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. In addition to welcoming everyone to gain an insight into the activities of the Army Cadet Force, there will be an inflatable obstacle course to try out and refreshments will be available. Organisers – 36 (Loanhead) Platoon, Army Cadet Force.

LEARN DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

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JUDO – OPEN FREE SESSION

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Friday 7 June

PARADYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FUN DAY

Paradykes Primary School, Mayburn Avenue. 9.30 am – 11.30 am.

Lots of fun with stalls, games, inflatables, entertainment, hot dogs, refreshments, ice cream van and lots more. Organisers – Paradykes Primary School Parent Council.

TEA & CHAT

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Saturday 8 June

POP UP SHOP

Fountain Green. 9.30 am – 11.30 am. Your chance to obtain tickets for Gala events such as the Tea Dance and the Teddy Bears' Picnic, bunting, copies of the programme supplement and copies of the new book on Loanhead's history. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

Saturday 8 June



THE HOP RUN

3 waves of start times: 12.30 pm, 1.15 pm & 2.00 pm. In association with Dirty Events, Stewart Brewing bring you the 10K Hop Run, beginning at Rosslyn Chapel and finishing at the brewery in Bilston Glen Industrial Estate, where there will be live music, street food and, of course, a celebratory beer waiting for you. Over 18's only to run, but under 18's welcome to cheer you on at the finish line at Stewart Brewing where you are welcome to stay and enjoy the music and beer until 8.00 pm. Enter online <https://www.dirtyevents.com/event/hoprund/> £30 pp (includes event t-shirt, bottle opener medal, your first beer and entertainment at Stewart Brewing HQ all day). Entries close Sunday 2 June 2019.

BOOKBUG

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Sunday 9 June

THE LINK OPEN DAY

The Link, 5 Mayburn Walk. 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Join us at The Link for food and refreshments and see what we have to offer. With stalls, activities and performances from our user groups, outdoor entertainment and a bouncy castle. We may even have a celebrity guest along to open our event! Organisers – LASC Childcare Services.

COMMUNITY PLANTING EVENT

Fountain Green. 12.00 noon. Midlothian Council is no longer planting out flower beds at locations such as Fountain Green. We are community volunteers who have taken on the planting and subsequent maintenance of these prominent public flower beds. Come along and help us plant out the flower beds for the summer and find out more about our plans to keep Loanhead looking its best. More information is available on our facebook page. Organisers – Friends of Fountain Green.

Monday 10 June

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Monday 10 June

LOCAL HISTORY WALK

Join local historian and author Alan McLaren for a walk back in time in Loanhead's High Street. 6.30 pm for approximately one hour. This is a free event, but places are limited and pre-booking is essential. Call 0131 440 3830 to book. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be re-scheduled. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

Tuesday 11 June

NEW AGE CURLING

Loanhead Leisure Centre, George Avenue. 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm. Come along and try this fun activity for over 50's. £2 per person. No booking required. Organisers – Ageing Well, Midlothian Council Sport & Leisure.

BRAW BLETHERS

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue. 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm. Come along to this reading group with a difference. The group get together to read and tell stories, using poems, song lyrics, fiction and news articles to spark conversation. Have a cuppa and a good blether. All welcome. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

Wednesday 12 June

HISTORY WALK AT MAVISBANK

Join the Mavisbank Trust at 11.00 am for a guided walk exploring Mavisbank, a house and grounds with almost 300 years of history. Enjoy walking in the peaceful grounds and find out a little about the fascinating history of Sir John Clerk of Penicuik's summer villa. Free, but limited space and booking is required – contact Ross@elgt.org.uk / 0131 445 4025. All children aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult and sturdy footwear is essential! Meet onsite at the interpretation panel off the riverside path. Access from Loanhead via Polton Road, with limited parking at the bridge in Polton and Mavisbank just a short walk along the riverside path. Organisers – The Mavisbank Trust.

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Thursday 13 June

LOANHEAD HEALTH WALK

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QUIZ NIGHT

EH Twenty Bar & Kitchen, Fountain Place, 8.00 pm. Free to enter – enter on the night. Organisers – EH Twenty Bar & Kitchen.

CROFTERS COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Croft Suite, The Loan, 8.00 pm. If you enjoy country & western music, join us at the Crofters Country Music Club when Roots & Wings will be performing. Members £4, non members £5. Organisers – Crofters Country Music Club.

Friday 14 June

CARNIVAL PARADE (Gala Week Event)

Floats and decorated vehicles, hundreds of characters in fancy dress, large preserved vehicle section and music from 9 bands. Judging at Fountain Green from 6.30 pm. Parade moves off from Church Street at 7.00 pm.

Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

TEA & CHAT

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Saturday 15 June

BOOKBUG

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Come along and join a fun session of song and rhyme for 0-4 year olds and their families / carers to enjoy together. Organisers – Loanhead Library.



STRAITON POND LITTER PICK

Straiton Pond Local Nature Reserve, EH20 9NH. Meet at entrance to Straiton Pond, opposite McDonalds. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Suitable for all ages. Help please! We are looking for some kind helpers to join the Straiton Volunteers on our annual litter pick around the pond to keep it looking clean and tidy. Everything you need to pick and spruce the place up is provided. Organisers – Midlothian Ranger Service.

Saturday 15 June



STRAITON CAMPFIRE CAFE

Straiton Pond Local Nature Reserve, EH20 9NH. Meet at entrance to Straiton Pond, opposite McDonalds. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Suitable for all ages. Marshmallows are on our menu, beautifully caramelised over some campfire flames, followed by hot choc o'clock with Kelly kettles going full steam. Join us to test out your culinary skills in the great outdoors. Free, but pre-booking is essential. Call 01875 821716 (Fri – Mon). Organisers – Midlothian Ranger Service.

CONCERT FEATURING PENICUIK COMMUNITY CHOIR

Loanhead Parish Church, The Loan, 7.30 pm. Tickets available at the door. In aid of Loanhead Parish Church Rwanda Group supporting individuals and families in Rwanda. Organisers – Loanhead Parish Church.

Sunday 16 June

FAMILY FUN RUN (Gala Week Event)

Starts from the Memorial Park. Entrants should enrol from 10.30 am. Run starts at 11.00 am. Entry is free and all participants will receive a medal. The route this year remains that based on the Memorial Park, Burghlee Park and the Park Avenue Playing Field as used in recent years. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

OPEN PAIRS' BOWLING COMPETITION

Loanhead Miners' Bowling Green, The Loan. For further information and to enter, please contact Gary Allen at Loanhead Miners' Bowling Club. Organisers – Loanhead MW Bowling Club.

GEMINI POM POM TROUPE (Gala Week Event)

The troupe will perform at Fountain Green, commencing 2.30 pm. Free event, although a voluntary collection will be taken for Gala funds. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

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Monday 17 June

NOVELTY DOG SHOW (Gala Week Event)

Fountain Green, commencing 6.30 pm. Come along with your dog and take part in this free and fun event. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

BOOKBUG

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Come along and join a fun session of song and rhyme for 0-4 year olds and their families / carers to enjoy together.

Organisers – Loanhead Library.

Tuesday 18 June

JUMBLE FOOTBALL (Gala Week Event)

Memorial Park, commencing 6.30 pm. Free entry. Open to all boys and girls up to P7. Teams will be selected at the event, with a separate section for younger children. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

NEW AGE CURLING

Loanhead Leisure Centre, George Avenue. 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm. Come along and try this fun activity for over 50's. £2 per person. No booking required. Organisers – Ageing Well, Midlothian Council Sport & Leisure.

WHISKY TASTING

EH Twenty Bar & Kitchen, Fountain Place. 7.00 pm. £20 per person. Pre-booking required – phone EH20 on 0131 629 0220.

Organisers – EH Twenty Bar & Kitchen.

Wednesday 19 June

CRAFTS ON THE GREEN

Fountain Green, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Join the members of the Loanhead branch of the Scottish Women's Institute and the Craft 'n' Chat Group from The Link who will be displaying the results of their craft activities and offering soft drinks and nibbles. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be relocated to the Croft Suite, The Loan. All welcome. Organisers – Loanhead SWI.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF FAIRGROUND

Memorial Park. 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm. The Queen Elect and Herald will officially open the fairground at 6.00 pm and, on this opening night, members of the Gala Court will enjoy free rides courtesy of the funfair operators. See separate page for further details of the fair.

Organisers – Slater's Showtime Funfairs.

Wednesday 19 June

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PROMENADE CONCERT (Gala Week Event)

Fountain Green, commencing 7.00 pm and featuring Midlothian Community Concert Band and guests, the Electric Soul Project and Penicuik & Musselburgh BB Pipe Band. Free event, although a voluntary collection will be taken for Gala funds. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

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GIN & TAPAS EVENING

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Thursday 20 June

TEA DANCE (Gala Week Event)

Loanhead Miners' Club, Main Hall, commencing 1.30 pm. Dancing to live music, refreshments, bingo and raffle. Tickets £2. Available from Chrissie Rygula or Annette Perfect (0131 440 1380) or pay on the day. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

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Thursday 20 June

LINE DANCING

Loanhead Leisure Centre, George Avenue. 1.15 pm – 2.30 pm. An introductory/taster event for complete beginners in the over 50's age group. £2 per person. No booking required. Organisers – Ageing Well, Midlothian Council Sport & Leisure.



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DECORATED SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION (Gala Week Event)

Judging will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 20 June. All local shops and businesses are invited to decorate their premises for the Gala Week. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

FAIRGROUND

Memorial Park. 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm. See separate page for further details of the fair. Organisers – Slater's Showtime Funfairs.

Friday 21 June

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC (Gala Week Event)

A new Gala event for pre-school children. In a large marquee in the Memorial Park at 10.00 am. This is a free event, but tickets must be obtained in advance as capacity is strictly limited. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

Friday 21 June

CODING CLUB

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Learn how to create your own interactive stories, games, music, websites, and more! Ages 8+. Booking required – contact Loanhead Library – loanhead.library@midlothian.gov.uk / 0131 444 9032. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

FAIRGROUND 2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1 NIGHT

Memorial Park. 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm. Special 2 for the price of 1 offer on all rides with vouchers to be found in the Gala programme. Organisers – Slater's Showtime Funfairs.



BREWERY TOUR

Stewart Brewing, Bilston Glen Industrial Estate at 7.00 pm. Join us for a 2 hour tour of our brewery which will include up to five beers, nibbles, the history of Stewart Brewing, plus an opportunity to quiz your tour guide on any beer related questions that pop into your head. £15 per person. Book online at <https://www.stewartbrewing.co.uk/brewery/brewery-tours>. Organisers – Stewart Brewing

EVE OF GALA ENTERTAINMENT

EH Twenty Bar & Kitchen, Fountain Place. A singer will perform live to entertain customers from 8.30 pm. Organisers – EH Twenty Bar & Kitchen.

Saturday 22 June

LOANHEAD CHILDREN'S DAY (Gala Week Event)

The biggest day in Loanhead's annual calendar and Midlothian's oldest and largest local festival. Crowning of the School Queen, processions, traditional ceremonies, children's sports and lots of entertainment. Fountain Green and Memorial Park. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

FAIRGROUND

Memorial Park. 1.30 pm – 8.00 pm. See separate page for further details of the fair. Organisers – Slater's Showtime Funfairs.

Sunday 23 June

CHILDREN'S SPORTS (Gala Week Event)

In the event that the sports scheduled for Saturday 22 June are cancelled due to inclement weather, they will be re-scheduled for Sunday 23 June in the Memorial Park at 2.00 pm. Organisers – Loanhead Gala Committee.

Monday 24 June

BOOKBUG

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 10.00 am – 10.30 am. Come along and join a fun session of song and rhyme for 0-4 year olds and their families / carers to enjoy together. Organisers – Loanhead Library.

CHATTERBOOKS

Loanhead Library, The Loanhead Centre, George Avenue, 3.45 pm – 4.30 pm. Chatterbooks is a reading club for children aged 8 – 12 years. Enjoy chatting about your books and have fun with lots of activities and enjoy juice and biscuits at the end. Booking required – contact Loanhead Library loanhead.library@midlothian.gov.uk / 0131 444 9032.

Thursday 27 June

AIR CADETS' OPEN NIGHT

Air Cadets' HQ, Burghlee Terrace, 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm. Open to anyone interested in finding out more about the Air Cadets. Organisers – 2466 (Loanhead) Squadron, Air Training Corps.

LOANHEAD 350

Celebrating the 350th anniversary of the grant of Loanhead's Royal Charter

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