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More detailed events listings are available on our website

**School Summer Holiday Activity Programme** Visit our website and Facebook page for updated event details. Great fun for a scorching summer!

# JULY

#### Sunday 24th SUPERHERO SUMMER SPECTACULAR

the Park for our Superhero Summer Spectacular. His wise show is unrivalled in the world today! Funny, fast paced and full of surprises. The day also features a selection of costumed characters inspired by your favourite comic Superheroes - Giant Transformers, Batman, Superwoman, Ice Princesses, Ironman, Spiderman, Captain America, Welsh superhero Mr Urdd and Magi Ann and more - shows, dancing, singing, photo opportunities and **LOTS OF FUN!** Come along dressed as your favourite superhero! A great family

fun dav out!

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY – early bird discount available for a limited time!

#### Sunday 31st

#### Dragonfly & Damselfly Identification Workshop

with Tadorna Wildlife Team, 1pm-4pm, Learn how to identify pond dragons! £10 adult, £5 child. Spaces are limited. Visit www.tadornatours.co.uk to book.

# AUGUST

#### Saturday 6th August

Bees & Blondies Identification Workshop. 1pm-4pm. Learn how to identify the bees of the garden! £10 adult, £5 child. Spaces are limited. Visit www.tadornatours.co.uk to book.

#### Sunday 7th

#### 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream' Evening Outdoor Theatre

- Shakespeare's most enduringly popular comedy of love and intrigue, magic and mayhem, is brought to life by famil favourites, Quantum Theatre, in their wonderfully funny and that most dangerous of nights when fairies are abroad an nothing is as it seems four young, unsuspecting, lovers become entangled in their magical affray and soon no mortals are safe in those bewitched and bewitching woods outside Athens....Become enchanted too by this exciting, funny and intriguing production suitable for the whole family. Tickets available online; Adults £15, children £10, Family (2+2) £42.

#### Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th

**Dolls House Exhibition** in the Castle. Life In Miniature - Real Life Scenes on a Small Scale. A fascinating display in miniature presented by West Glamorgan Dolls House Club. Free exhibition.

#### Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th

Living History Weekend including Lions and Lilies and American Living History Society to give a flavour of times gone by. American history, Archery, Medieval Knights, combat and sword demonstrations. A great day out. Free event.

#### Sunday 14th

#### The Big Cycle returns for its seventh year.

Enjoy cycling through the breath-taking scenery of South Wales on Wales' premier sportive in aid of Prostate Cymru, the leading prostate health charity in Wales. There's a choice of two routes: 54 and 72 miles. Help them #SaveTheMalesInWales www.prostatecvmru.com

#### Saturdav 20th

#### Adventure Outdoor Cinema - Pretty Woman (15)

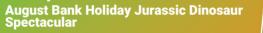
A fantastic outdoor cinema experience with a showing of the classic Pretty Woman! Visit www.adventurecinema.co.uk to book

### Sunday 21st

#### Adventure Outdoor Cinema - The Lion King (U)

Hakuna Matata! a musical outdoor cinema experience with a showing of the original version of the Disney classic. Plus music to enjoy before the movie with a soundtrack of specially curated songs. Visit www.adventurecinema.co.uk to book

# Monday 29th



A great family fun day out! Tiny, the huge Triceratops and Dexter, the cheeky, feathered T-Rex are here to help the fabulous Dr Fossil, along with some of the mischievous Dino Babies! Help adorable Emily Brontosaurus find the lost egg. A brilliant family 'Dino' day out! ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY – early bird discounted tickets available for limited time.

# **SEPTEMBER**

September Sundays with Tadorna Wildlife Team 11th, 18th, and 25th

Wild Sundays are a great way to end the week, with wildlife fun for all the ages! Meet at the Wildlife Hub in the Courtyard to start your adventure

#### 11am-12pm - Young Wildlife Rangers - Free

1pm-2pm - 'Minibeast Hunt' find out what minibeasts live in our log piles - Free **2.30pm-3.30pm** - Nature Craft activities in the castle (£1 donation)

#### Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th

The Great British Food Festival. Returning for the fourth vear, this is more than 'iust another food festival'. The Great British Food Festival combines the nation's love of great food and drink with some of the country's most treasured locations, providing a unique opportunity to explore new flavours and beautiful venues, all at the same time! Free on-site parking - Entry Fee Applies, Open 10am-5pm each day, Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

Tickets and further details www.greatbritishfoodfestival.com

#### Saturday 10th

Welsh Long Bow Championships at East lodge For more information visit www.margamarchers.net





#### Saturday 17th

Teachers Open day with Tadorna Wildlife - get to know the Tadorna education staff. learn about the school sessions on offer and have a go yourself! Get in touch with Tadorna directly to book a place - www.tadornatours.co.uk

#### Sunday 18th

Discover the Bats of Margam enjoy a walk around the grounds and find out about the after dark 'batty'! 6.30pm Meet at the entrance to the Orangery, limited places. £7 per person. Book online - www.tadornatours.co.uk

# OCTOBER

#### October Sundays with Tadorna Wildlife Team 2nd. 9th. 16th. and 23rd

Wild Sundays are a great way to end the week, with wildlife fun for all the ages! Meet at the Wildlife Hub in the Courtyard to start vour adventure.

- 11am-12pm: Young Wildlife Rangers Free
- 1pm-2pm 'Discover the Margam Deer' walk and talk Free 2.30pm-3.30pm - Nature craft activities in the castle (£1 donation)

#### Saturday 8th

Burn Series Adventure Race. The Burn Series Adventure Race includes running, cycling and kayaking. There are two distances to choose from, one for beginners and children and the other for more experienced adventure racers. Distance One: BURN: 10Km run. 1km kavak. 40km mountain bike orienteering. Distance Two: MINI BURN: 3km run. 1km kavak. 10km mountain bike www.burnseries.co.uk

#### Sunday 16th October

Deer Photography Workshop with Tadorna Wildlife. Join expert photographers and learn how to take the best photographs of the deer rut. £25pp for 3 hour guidance. Limited spaces. To book visit www.tadornatours.co.uk

#### Sunday 16th October

Bat box Making Workshop with Tadorna Wildlife. Make a Bat Box for your garden bats. 11am – 3.30pm (11am-12pm Special Education Needs hour) £7 per box meet at the castle.

#### Wednesday 19th October

Deer Photography Workshop Join expert photographers and learn how to take the best photographs of the deer rut. £25pp for 3 hour guidance. Limited spaces. To book visit www.tadornatours.co.uk

#### Saturday 22nd

Apple Day in the Community Orchard and Meadow. A celebration of all things 'Apple' including apple juicing, food, crafts, music and orchard expertise.

29th Oct – 6th Nov October Half Term – Check our website for the latest activities on offer during October Half Term www.margamcountrypark.co.uk

#### October Half Term with Tadorna Wildlife Team

Celebrate National Mammal Week 29th October · 6th November. Join us for a day searching for all manners of mammals that make the Park their home! 11am - 12pm - Mammal Walk - Free 1pm-2pm - Deer Tracking- what species will we spot? - Free 2:30-3:30 - Owl pellet dissection - Free Meet at the Wildlife Hub in the Courtyard to start your adventure

#### Sunday 30th

Infinity Run at East Lodge - book in and join for a range of run distances. www.infinitvrunning.co.uk

# **NOVEMBER**

#### November Sundays with Tadorna Wildlife Team 13th and 20th

Wild Sundays are a great way to end the week, with wildlife fun for all the ages! 11am - 12pm - Young Wildlife Rangers - Free

1pm-2pm - Discover the Margam Deer Walk - Free 2.30pm – 3.30pm – Nature Craft activities in the castle (£1 donation)

Meet at the Wildlife Hub in the Courtyard to start your adventure.

#### Saturday 12th - Sunday 27th

#### The Margam Community Christmas Tree Festival in

partnership with The Friends of Margam Park. The Park is pleased to be organising a Community Christmas Tree Festival for the second time following the success of the 2019 festival. This special event aims to bring Park groups, community groups, schools, businesses, visitors... together making a beautiful festive display for all to enjoy.

Visitor Entry to the festival in the Castle will be by donation.

#### Thursday 17th November – Sunday 1st Jan

Luminate Wales. A captivating after dark, illuminated trail. Set to ambient music, you will follow the trail as it meanders through the gardens and around the Castle exterior with stunning lighting elements and light play guiding you along the way, punctuated wow moments and highlights. A winter family tradition not to be missed! www.luminate.live/margam-country-park

#### Sunday 27th

**Elf Walk** Join in for a festive walk around the Park with the Friends of Margam Park – Wear your elf hat, elf suit or your Christmas Jumper! Ticket only event, limited spaces.

## DECEMBER

#### 3th .4th .10th .11th .17th .18th

#### Santa Deer Feeds and Elf Workshop Days

Come and watch Santa as he feeds his Deer this December! A traditional family favourite. Why not try out one of the popular Elf Workshops! All great festive fun! Ticket only events, book in advance.



# **EVENTS** GUIDE





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# **Regular Activities**

#### Friends of Margam Park Walks:

Guided Walk to Capel Mair & Ffynnon Gyffyr every Wednesday 11am. Guided Walk to Mynydd Yr Castell Hillfort every Friday 1pm, Health and Wellbeing Walk 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month at 10am. Sunday Margam Ramble Every Sunday 11am. All are weather permitting. Suitable footwear is required. To confirm details for all the Friends Guided Walks visit www.friendsofmargampark.co.uk

#### Margam Park Adventure

Located in the Castle Visitor Courtyard, there is something for everyone and an Adventure to remember forever! They offer a wide range of activities including Mountain Biking, Canoeing & Kayaking, Stand-up Paddle Boarding, Archery, Orienteering, Raft building, Go Kart & Bike Hire. We have a great team of trained instructors and coaches who can accommodate your needs and aspirations for the perfect Adventure experience!

www.margamparkadventure.co.uk 07825446846

#### Why not Go Ape!

Our Tree Top Adventure at Margam boasts the biggest Tarzan Swing in the UK. You'll have to gear yourself up for a leap of faith, which features a stomach-wrenching drop of six metres! Book on www.goape.co.uk/days-out/wales/margam

## **New for 2022**

#### **Tandorna Wildlife Hub**

Get WILD with the Tadorna Team and their wildlife activities and nature-filled events throughout the year! Have a go at pond dipping, discover the creepy crawlies of Margam, come deer spotting, find out what comes out at night on our Bat Walks and lots more! www.tadornatours.co.uk

#### Margam Country Park Community **Orchard and Meadow Project**

With workshops, talks and events throughout the year in our new orchard and meadow area. Look out for listings on our website and social media pages. Regular volunteer days are on a Wednesday from 9.30am. To get involved please email margampark@npt.gov.uk



# **APRIL**

#### Sunday 3rd

Margam Chilli Festival - in The Orangery, 10am-5pm Hosting some of the most well-known chilli producers from all over the UK. Mild to extreme chilli sauces, cooking sauces, chilli plants, chilli pastes, pickles, seeds, chilli dips, chilli beer, merchandise and more. Free entry.

#### Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th

#### Step back in time with a Re-enactment Weekend.

Medieval Knights and Archers from the Lions and Lilies Group. a weekend of archery, combat and sword demonstrations. Discover what life was like for soldiers and civilians in the Civil Wars with the Sealed Knot in our Living History camp. Ask questions, learn how to handle a pike and try on armour. and learn about handicrafts and the food of the era.

#### Monday 11th

Easter Crafts with the Friends of Margam Park in the Castle, 11am-3pm Join an Easter crafts session and make an Easter card. Free activity.

Have A Go at Archery with the Margam Archery Club. 11am -3pm, 3 arrows £1. Meet at the BBO site at the rear of the Castle.

#### **Tuesday 12th**

Swashbuckling Pirates with Louby Lou's Storytelling in the Castle, 11am / 12:15pm / 1:30pm / 2:45pm (30 minute storytelling session)

Join Captain Smelly Socks and Captain Seaweed as they battle it out to become the most swashbuckling pirate of all the seven seas. Free sessions - spaces are limited and available first come first serve.

Have A Go at Archery with the Margam Archery Club. 11am -3pm. 3 arrows £1. Meet at the BBQ site at the rear of the Castle.

#### Tadorna Wildlife Team EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 13th – 17th & 19th - 24th April

Go WILD this holidays and discover the range of wildlife that make their home in the Park. Activities for all ages. Meet outside the Wildlife Hub in the Castle Courtvard. 12pm-1pm - 'Come on a Minibeast Hunt' - Free activity 1.30pm-2.30pm - Pond Dipping session - Free activity 2.30pm-3.30pm - Nature craft activities in the Castle. (£1 donation)

#### Wednesday 13th

Celebrate Easter with Menter Jaith Castell-nedd Port Talbot! 11.30am-1pm & 1:30pm-3pm in the Castle. Expect crafts, games, singing and plenty of fun! Free activities.

#### Thursday 14th and Friday 15th

**Doggie Pawtraits** with Katrina- Pop in to have your pets portrait taken. www.katrinabartlett.co.uk

#### **Thursday 14th**

Easter Crafts with the Friends of Margam Park in the Castle. 11am-3pm Come and make an Easter Bunny mask and join in with an Easter Craft session. Free activity.

#### BANK HOLIDAY Monday 18th April SUPERHERO SPECTACULAR

Titan is taking a break from his busy schedule to visit the

Park for our Superhero Spectacular. His wisecracking antics have become the stuff of legends, his show is unrivalled in the world today! The day also features a selection of costumed characters inspired by your favourite comic Superheroes - Giant Transformers, Batman, Superwoman, Ice Princesses, Ironman, Spiderman, Captain America, Welsh superhero Siani Sionc and more - shows, dancing, cinging photo experturities and LOTS OF FUNI inging, photo opportunities and LOTS OF FUN!

ne along dressed as your favourite superhero! SONLY - early bird discounted tickets available for limtime. Book on our website!

#### **Tuesday 19th**

**Animal Masks Making** with the Friends of Margam Park in the Castle. 1pm-3pm

Choose one of our British animals to make into a mask. Discover more about your favourite animal. Free activity. Have A Go at Archery with the Margam Archery Club. 11am -3pm. 3 arrows £1. Meet at the BBQ site at the rear of the Castle.

#### Wednesday 20th

Twmpath Sessions in the Castle. 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm (40 minutes)

Suitable for all members of the family. A chance to learn traditional Welsh dances with Urdd Gobaith Cymru. Free activity.

Have A Go at Archery with the Margam Archery Club. 11am -3pm. 3 arrows £1. Meet at the BBQ site at the rear of the Castle.

#### Drive in Cinema - Deadpool (15),

Visit www.gowerdough.co.uk to book!

#### Thursday 21st

#### Witches & Wizards with Louby Lou Storytelling in the

Castle. 11am / 12:15pm / 1:30pm / 2:45pm (30 Minute sessions) Hubble bubble toil and trouble, can you make the potion bubble? Help our wizarding friends in this magically imaginative story. Free sessions, spaces are limited and are first come, first serve. Come and meet the RSPB on the Castle Lawns. 10am-3pm. Find out which habitats are on the Park and some of the birds and animals that you might be able to spot.

Drive in Cinema - Last Vegas (12A) Visit www.gowerdough.co.uk to book!

#### Friday 22nd

'It's a Bugs Life' with the Friends of Margam Park in the Castle. 11am-3pm. Pipe Cleaner Dragonflies, dot to dot butterflies...all things buggy!!!! Free activities.

Drive in Cinema - The Hangover 3 (15), - Visit www.gowerdough.co.uk to book!

**BANK HOLIDAY Monday 2nd May** 'Dragon Quest' A day packed with 'Dragon' fun!!!! Be captivated by the enormous Valerian Dragon, Say 'Hello' to Sir Aurelious Jones the pirate Knight and his partner in crime 'Epico' the Dragon. Blizzard the Ice Dragon has flown in from the North, with a little frost on his wings, he will melt your heart! Enjoy the Tale of the 'Dragons Breath' with the wonderful 'Francis out for the 'Dragon Tamer Fire Performers' after the shows. Join in the 'Giant Dragon' Balloon modelling workshop and be part of the 'Balloon Dragon Parade'

Outdoor Cinema - West side Story (12 A) An open-air cinema screening of Spielberg's spectacular new version of West Side Story. A fresh take on one of the biggest and best movie musicals of all time! visit www.adventurecinema.co.uk to book! Saturday 28th



#### Sat 23rd April

Drive in Cinema Bridget Jones Baby (15). -Visit www.gowerdough.co.uk to book!

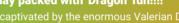
# MAY

#### May Sundays with the Tadorna Wildlife Team 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

- Wild Sundays are a great way to end the week, with wildlife fun for all the ages!
- Meet outside the Wildlife Hub in the Castle Visitor Courtyard. 11am-12pm - Young Wildlife Rangers - Free
- 1pm-2pm 'Wildlife Walk: discovering what wildlife lives around the Castle grounds - Free
- 2pm-3pm 'Pond Dipping' discovering the underwater world of our lake - Free
- **3.30–4.30pm** Nature craft activities in the Castle (£1 donation)

#### Sunday 1st

Discover the Dawn Chorus with Tadorna. 6am start. A wonderful time to experience the wonders of birdsong. 25 places available £10 adult, £5 child, includes a hot drink and breakfast roll. Visit www.tadornatours.co.uk to book.



ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY – early bird discounted tickets

#### Saturday 21st

Welsh Long Bow Championships at East Lodge. For more information visit www.margamarchers.net

#### Sunday 22nd

Infinity Run at East Lodge - book in and join for a range of run distances. www.infinityrunning.co.uk

#### Friday 27th

Outdoor Cinema – Mamma Mia! Celebrate 50 years of ABBA with an outdoor cinema screening. The story of a brideto-be trying to find her real father told using hit songs from everyone's favourite Swedish pop group, ABBA! Visit www.adventurecinema.co.uk to book!

#### Sunday 29th

Outdoor Cinema - Harry Potter A magical outdoor cinema experience with a showing of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Visit www.adventurecinema.co.uk to book

#### Sunday 29th

Migrant Bird Identification Workshop, 1pm-4pm, Learn how to identify migrant bird species on both sound and appearance. £7 per person. Visit www.tadornatours.co.uk to book.

#### Monday 30th

Enjoy a fantastic show with Siani Sionc the superhero in the Castle at 11am, 12.30pm & 2pm. Full of of dancing, singing and fun! There will also be crafts with Menter laith Castell-nedd Port Talbot for you to enjoy and a special visit from Magi Ann. Free activity.

#### **Tuesday 31st**

Celebrate the Queens Jubilee with the Friends of Margam Park in the Castle, 11am-3pm, Help decorate the Jubilee Bunting and roll your sleeves up for jubilee craft activities. Free activities.

Have A Go at Archery with the Margam Archery Club. 11am -3pm. 3 arrows £1. Meet at the BBQ site at the rear of the Castle.

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# JUNE

#### June Sundays with the Tadorna Wildlife Team 5th. 12th. 19th. 26th

Wild Sundays are a great way to end the week, with wildlife fun for all the ages!

Meet outside our Wildlife Hub in the Castle Visitor Courtvard for all our events.

10am-10.30am - Discover what's in the Moth Trap - Free 11am-12pm - Young Wildlife Rangers - Free

1pm-1.30pm - 'Insect Walk' around Castle gardens - Free **2pm–3pm** - Craft activities in the castle (£1 donation)

#### Wednesday 1st

Celebrate the Queens Jubilee with the Friends of Margam Park in the Castle, 11am-3pm. Make a Jubilee Card as a souvenir and enjoy jubilee craft activities in the Castle. Free activity.

**Please note:** There will be a car park booking system in place for the Jubilee Bank Holiday. If you're planning a visit to the Park during the Jubilee Bank Holiday, you'll need to visit our website to book the car park in advance.

#### Thursday 2nd 'A SEASIDE ADVENTURE' - Mermaids, Whales and Nautical Tales'

as a Pirate or ready for a day on the beach! A day full of f and frolics - come and see a giant 50ft WHALE and hear her story! See the mermaid in her globe, sing along to a sea shanty,

meet Victorian seaside jugglers: Pirate Captain Perilous Pete: Fiery Jacks Pirate Pack: have a hula with Yana: join in with the pirate and mermaid circus workshops and....see the GIANT LOB-

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY – early bird discounted tickets

#### Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th

Margam International Kite Festival – Jubilee holiday

Bring your kite along and join in the fun! Kites of all shapes and sizes. (Bank Holiday Entry fee applies for Thursday 2nd June).

#### Friday 3rd June

Celebrate Wales Biodiversity Week with a Tadorna Wildlife Team Park Bioblitz.

Ever wanted to experience a range of wildlife activities within one day? Join in to search and record all the species we see. 10am-10.30am: What's in the moth trap / 11am-12pm: Fungi and Plant Identification Walk / 1pm-2pm: Reptile Walk / 2pm-3pm: Mammal Walk / 3pm-4pm: Bird Walk Meet outside the Wildlife Hub in the Castle Courtvard.

#### Sunday 19th

Dragon Ride The UK's most prestigious Sportive, a noncompetitive Cycling marathon held over a mountainous course using public Roads in South Wales and the Brecon Beacons. www.dragonride.com

#### Sunday 26th

'Make an Insect Home' workshop with Tadorna wildlife Team. 11am-12pm Special Education Needs hour and 1pm-3.30pm in Castle, £7 per box, book online www.tadornatours.co.uk

# JULY

July Sundays with Tadorna Wildlife 3rd. 17th. 31st

Wild Sundays are a great way to end the week, with wildlife fun for all the ages! Meet outside the Wildlife Hub in the Castle Visitor Courtyard.

11am-12pm - Young Wildlife Rangers - Free 1pm-2pm - Reptile Walk - Discover what reptiles can be found in the Park - Free **2.30pm: 3.30pm** - Nature craft activities in the castle (£1 donation)

#### Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

The Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society Display of **Tractors.** Discover a huge range and variety of unusual tractors and vintage farm machinery and talk to the experts. www.glamorganironhorse.webs.com Free

#### Saturday 23rd

Summer Pruning – Free Workshop Join us for summer pruning of the espalier pear trees in the Community Orchard. 10am-12pm and 1pm -3pm. Includes hands on, practical demonstrations. Booking is essential. Free workshop.

