

Monday 9 August 2010

✖ Edinburgh is now fully in the grip of the Festival. The streets are thronged with tourists and festival goers.

A brief look at the news around Edinburgh:-

A woman has died after apparently falling from a balcony in Dundas Street in the early hours of Sunday morning. [STV News](#) has more. And [The Daily Record](#) also reports that a man was killed in a fall from a flat in Leith last night. It is believed he may have fallen from the roof.

Sainsburys in Rose Street was evacuated on Friday following a leak from a fridge in the basement.

The Pope is to be handed over from Lothian & Borders Police to their colleagues in Strathclyde at Harthill Service Station....so that the motorway can stay open according to [The Daily Record](#). Would telling us now perhaps mean that there will be more of a traffic jam than there might otherwise have been?

[The Edinburgh Evening News](#) has a story about Malcolm Irving who has taken photos of all the police boxes in Edinburgh for a new book....

Meanwhile the Festivalling season goes on....

There was a procession of pipers on The Royal Mile on Saturday heralding the start of the 60th Tattoo. On Sunday The Festival Cavalcade took place in Holyrood Park. It used to follow a route along Princes Street but for the second year in a row has avoided the tram-ridden area. There are some photos on [STV News](#).

[pepez@flickr](#) has some great photos from the Mela Festival this weekend.

Adam Hills, the brilliantly funny Australian comedian, has loaned Honker, a soft toy given to him by a fan for his baby daughter, to 10 year-old Lenny until Tuesday evening. The point is that Lenny (who almost stole the show tonight at The Assembly Hall (which is on The Mound – not in George Street) where he was persuaded to be a ventriloquist's dummy for a while) will show Honker around and take photos for Hill's own website. [Edinburgh Spotlight](#) has the story.