

Five things you need to know today



A man died on Sunday after being pulled out of the Water of Leith in Stockbridge. [The Herald](#) reports that he was an 84 year-old pensioner.

Lynne McNicoll of Edinburgh charity, [It's Good to Give](#), has told us of the afternoon tea that they are organising in November. You will have to be quick to get a ticket as these fundraising events sell out very quickly. The afternoon tea will be held at The Hilton Caledonian Hotel on 20 November 2011 and the 'entertainment' will be supplied by best-selling author, Maggie O'Farrell. The raffles offer great prizes. If you know Lynne then you will know that the charity aims to help provide services for families of young people fighting cancer and build a purpose-built retreat for them all. She is a tireless fundraiser with immense energy and enthusiasm. You can get your tickets by clicking the link above.

Notwithstanding that the July 30 wedding of Zara Phillips and Mike Tindall is a family occasion from which the public are to be excluded, there will be an amount of public and media interest. Since the bride's grandmother is The Queen, there is also a need for security in Edinburgh during that weekend. [The Edinburgh Evening News reports](#) that the bill for extra police in the city will be around £500,000, and Lothian & Borders Police will have to pay it.

[BBC Good Morning Scotland](#) spoke to the Convenor of the Police Board who wants more money for the police to cover this expense.

A LibDem MSP who owns five houses in Edinburgh is coming under fire for claiming expenses of £13,000 for overnight

accommodation in the capital reports [The Scotsman](#). Jim Hume represents South of Scotland and also works as a local councillor.

[The Pentland Hills Regional Park](#) committee meets this Friday and one of the items on the agenda is to decide whether to impose car parking charges on those visiting Hillend.