

Five things you need to know today

✘ The Lending department in Central Library will be closed from today until Saturday 30th July while they install their brand new self service machines. The other departments in Central Library will remain open as normal while the work is carried out.

The list of candidates for the council by-election closes today at 4pm and we will then know everyone who is standing for election. We aim to interview them all and will have that article for you soon.

We are excited to be off today to have a look at the newly completed National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street. What have they done with all the goldfish in the ponds in the main hall? Have they kept the same animals....Oooh we can't wait! We will have all the news for you as soon as we can publish it after midnight...So may be worth waiting up for!We already have the photos. There is to be an impressive opening ceremony on Friday morning...here are the details..

Opening Ceremony

Fri 29 July

Ceremony: 9:15 – 10:30

Museum open: 10:00 – 17:00 (drop in)

Free

Help us celebrate the opening of our newly-redeveloped museum. Join us for our opening ceremony and be among the first to explore all the exciting new galleries and displays! The excitement starts with entertainment in Chambers Street from 9.15am. Marvel at the sea creatures on stilts and enjoy the beats of world music drummers. The museum opens at 10am sharp – be one of the first to discover the amazing displays with new objects like the T.Rex and familiar favourites like

the Totem Pole.

The Herald has a review of Magnus Öström Band but we will have our own here later....

And proof perhaps that it is a bit of a slow news day [The Scotsman](#) tells us that some of Zara Phillips' friends who are invited to the wedding have been given especially early slots at Hopetoun Horse Trials on Saturday so that they can still attend the nuptials at Canongate Kirk. Elsewhere the paper estimates that around 2,000 members of the public will try to watch the private wedding at the weekend.