

Five things you need to know today 30 July 2011



So today's the day! The wedding of Miss Zara Phillips, who is thirteenth in line to the throne and Mr Mike Tindall takes place in the Canongate Church today. We are told they will tie the knot around 3 o'clock this afternoon, but there is limited opportunity for public viewing. So quite a different occasion from the wedding of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who married in London only three months ago, although many members of the Royal Family will be present. Hello have been banned from having an exclusive on the event but they have photos of some iconic weddings [online](#).

Apparently the couple were partying in the city centre last night. Down-to-earth royal Zara Phillips and husband-to-be Mike Tindall prepared for their big day – with cocktails and partying with pals on George Street.

The couple were joined by a dozen close friends for a pre-nuptials celebration at the city's Tigerlily hotel.

When the bar closed, the group headed downstairs to the hotel club, Lulu, where they declined VIP treatment and mingled with other revellers.

They capped their night by putting in a special request with the DJ, before letting loose on the dance floor when their tune, Party Rock Anthem by LMFAO was played.

David Johnston, director of Montpeliers (Edinburgh) Ltd, which owns Tigerlily and Lulu said: "They had a fantastic night and were unbelievably grounded.

"When Tigerlily closed they headed downstairs to Lulu. Our

security people accompanied them, but Zara's group were insistent they didn't want VIP treatment, even though we offered it.

"They said they'd be perfectly happy just to have a couple of tables and were happy mixing with the rest of the crowd.

"All of our staff who were dealing with them said they were lovely, lovely people and it was clear the group were comfortable together and were having a really good time."

22,000 visitors flocked through the doors of the National Museum of Scotland yesterday to examine for themselves the renovations to the building which have cost almost £50m. Did you go? What did you think?

Restalrig has its own festivities today when they stage [The Restalrig Festival](#).

[The BBC](#) report that around 450 cannabis plants have been removed from a house in Ferry Road, and a man has been arrested and charged with drugs offences.

Marco Biagi the SNP MSP for Edinburgh Central is hosting a surgery in Stockbridge on 5 August. More details [here](#).