

Five things you need to know today

☒ Tonight in Edinburgh there will be about 37 minutes of bangs from the [Virgin Money Festival Fireworks](#) during the 45 minute display...We are looking forward to it!

Edinburgh MP and former UK Chancellor, Alastair Darling, has written a book. But [The Independent on Sunday](#) thinks there are several passages which could have been the work of his wife, Maggie. She is a former journalist but surely is too busy cooking up a storm in the kitchen? She has [her own recipe blog](#) after all...except that on checking we see that this is rather neglected since the last post was in March 2011...

Some photos from the opening night on Friday of the Edinburgh Mela Festival here on [Ros Gasson's photography blog](#).

The Guardian section [Comment is Free](#) feels free to comment on the Edinburgh Trams project, not much meat in this article but certainly a bit of sauce. We have had a look at the Edinburgh Trams website which has news about the works in the area of the tramline from now till next summer. We are not convinced that this [news on current works](#) is completely up to date, but if it is then we are to expect some works to begin again from tomorrow.

And today you can scoot along to [Abbeyhill Colonies](#) to see the work of the 25 artists who live there...jewellery, photographs, music, cakes, paintings and tea are all promised.

Today's photo is from [Thomas Haywood](#)