Five things you need to know today

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We seem to be enjoying an Indian Summer here in Edinburgh, as our photo of some sunbathers above Illegal Jacks illustrates perfectly. Do you think perhaps Jacks send them up Burritos by some kind of pulley system?

Later today we will be liveblogging with Ian Murray MP for

Edinburgh South. Email your questions to theedinburghreporter@gmail.com or submit your points by comment on the liveblog when it becomes active this evening at 5.30p.m. Remember our Liveblogs can still be viewed in the days and weeks to come – but why not take part and put your questions to one of your Westminster representatives?

The Edinburgh Evening News tell us that Council Leader, Jenny Dawe is ready to have any investigation in the trams project now, and has written to the First Minister to advise him of her council's state of readiness. What do you think? Is it premature to investigate the matter before the contract is completed? Add your comments below!

Gulp! is 'popping up' in the BackRoom of Sofi's Bar, Henderson Street, Leith from 5pm till...late! this evening.

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If you have a spare hour or two today then you might like to watch the ceremony by which The Princess Royal was installed as Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, and JK Rowling was honoured with a Benefactor's Award at the same ceremony. The video is about 56 minutes long so be warned!