

Five things you need to know today



Our news today:-

Pandas, pandas, pandas

Vote for the Portobello and Leith Community Wind Turbine project

Blipfoto call for Saltires

Previously....Scotland's History Festival

Fireworks

The word on the street is that the pandas will arrive in Edinburgh this weekend. They are being sent by FedEx according to [The Herald](#). Tian Tian and Yang Guang should be here in time for Christmas. In the meantime, the First Minister is on his way to China on a pre-arranged visit from this weekend.

A message from Alistair Tibbitt at Greener Leith and a plea for your help:-

Greener Leith is in the final short list for a grant of up to £80,000 for our proposed Portobello and Leith Community Wind Turbine project. If the project gets the green light it won't just generate green energy. It will also generate a surplus of hundreds of thousands of pounds over its lifetime. It is out intention, to work with PEDAL Portobello to use this surplus to support community projects in the Leith, Craigentiny and Portobello area. Therefore, the turbine could help to offset some of the

cuts to local authority spending that many local groups are having to deal with.

The trouble is, to gain the £80,000 we have to win an online public vote – and we're currently second. Therefore, I'm writing to you to ask you whether you can help us get some more votes. Here's what you can do to help:

First, go here: <http://www.energyshare.com/portobello-leith-community-wind-energy-project/> and vote. Although you have to register on the Energyshare website, the whole process should only take a couple of minutes.

Second, once you've voted – please share the above link with folk in your social media accounts. If you are on Facebook, please sign-up for the 'voting event' and share it with all your friends. You can find the event here: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=177382445684690>

Lastly, if the organisation you work for has a blog, and/or an email list, please do mail your supporters and encourage them to vote too. If you need more facts about the project you can see this link for more detail: <http://www.greenerleith.org/a-z/p-is-for/portobello-and-leith-community-wind-turbine.html>

This project is being developed entirely by local volunteers from PEDAL Portobello and Greener Leith, but we hope it will be of benefit to the whole neighbourhood if we can pull it off!

[Scotland on Sunday](#) reports that Edinburgh's Blipfoto is calling on all you photographers to submit photos of the Saltire this week, which they will then collate in a film to be shown on Burns night. We have our [own Blipfoto](#) account which has been a bit neglected, but then you can always load up the photos anytime – as long as they were all taken on a different day.

Previously... Scotland's History Festival continues this week and there are still lots of good things for you to go and see...

28th November events include:

Patrick Geddes Walk

The History of Contemporary Scottish Tapestry

Scots engineers and architects in Japan in the 19th century

[Find out More>>](#)**29th November** events include:

Jock Tamson's Bairns

Time Banquets – the final Afternoon Tea

St Andrews Evening at St Giles

[Find out More>>](#)**30th November** events include:

Great Scottish Speeches

Bodysnatchers to Lifesavers: Three Centuries of Medicine in
Edinburgh

The Devine Judgement

St Andrew's Day Lecture Knife Men: The Scottish Anatomists

[Find out More>>](#)

Grant Ritchie has uploaded his shots of the fireworks display over the Castle last night to [Flickr](#), part of Fire & Frost, a range of activities on the Castle Esplanade to celebrate St Andrew's Day.

And our photo today shows a detail from the Scottish National Portrait Gallery which is where we are off to this morning!