Five things you need to know today

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In the news today

Fare dodger Viral Video

Edinburgh MSP Marco Biagi uses e-newsletter to keep in touch

At Holyrood today

Ralph Fiennes comes to the Cameo Cinema

A day at the races

A student who had not paid his fare was thrown off a train at Edinburgh Park by a vigilante member of the public. What do you think? Should you take the law into your own hands in these situations, or stay out of it?

Edinburgh Central MSP, Marco Biagi, is using all the modern technology he can get his hands on to keep in touch with his constituents. Here is his latest newsletter which you can also get by email.

December e Newsletter

The Scottish Government's Health and Sport Committee meets today and part of its business will be to discuss a petition by Mairi Johnston calling on the Scottish Parliament to ask the Scottish Government to raise awareness of the dangers of silicone breast implants and to urge the UK Government to ban

the use of such implants and review the 3-year time bar rule for medical injury. The European and External Relations Committee will also meet this afternoon to discuss the latest edition of the Brussels Bulletin and report on its visit to Brussels.

Did you know that the Cameo is hosting a Q & A with Ralph Fiennes next Monday evening? The star of The English Patient will be in the cinema on Lothian Road to answer questions about his new film Coriolanus, which he stars in but also directed.

Next week at this time you will be winding down, so how about organising a day away for your friends and family at the races? Musselburgh Racecourse have told The Reporter that they are racing next Tuesday.

"The Festive raceday on the 20th December offers great value Christmas packages in the stylish Epperston Restaurant, as well as in our private suites, with a delicious 2-course turkey menu with all the trimmings."