

Five things you need to know today



Woman dies near King's Theatre

Royal Highland Show – Best Show

Inverness commuters rail at the proposal to change trains at Edinburgh

Stargazing at the Botanic

Morningside Community Council meet tonight

[STV News](#) have a report on the apparent murder of a woman near the King's Theatre last night around 6. What this shows is that even in the most tragic of circumstances, when reporting soon after an event and with only bare facts available, it seems that a journalist will grab on to any snippet. The article rounds off with an explanation that crime author, Ian Rankin, was nearby, and that he tweeted about it. In true Twitter style we think this deserves the response #shakesheadindisbelief.

Mike Crockart MP for Edinburgh West has tabled an Early Day Motion at Westminster to celebrate the Royal Highland Show on being voted the top show in the UK by readers of Farmers Guardian.

Commenting Mr Crockart said:- "I'm delighted that the hard work of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland has been recognised with this accolade. It

demonstrates the level of support that the show has, not only in Scotland but across the UK.

“To come out top against competition like the Great Yorkshire Show and the Royal Welsh is a reflection of how hard the Society works year round to co-ordinate the show and its efforts to bring new things to the experience of visitors each year. I visit with my young son each summer and it really is a super day out – he has a great time!

“Of course, the Society does more than the show and this award is for me as much about recognising its role in supporting the very best standards in agriculture, forestry and stewardship of the countryside, which are an essential part of Scotland’s heritage and future.

“The role played by the Royal Highland Educational Trust is particularly important. The Trust aims to give every child in Scotland the opportunity to learn about food, farming and the countryside through visits, estate days and classroom talks. Craigie’s Farm at South Queensferry is one of the farms which takes part in the scheme to provide this valuable education.

“I am sure that the Society and the Show will continue to evolve – not only growing the show’s status as an important trade fair but also its work in educating and informing the public about farming, food and rural issues in Scotland.”

[The Inverness Courier](#) reports that there is growing disquiet about the proposal by Transport Scotland that rail passengers from Inverness to London might have to simply change trains at Edinburgh. There is currently a service from Inverness to London once daily and rail campaigners want that increased to twice daily.

Go [stargazing at the Botanics](#) this evening any time today from 4.30 to 9.00p.m. The BBC are helping to organise this free activity for all the family. Meet at the John Hope Gateway.

Morningside Community Council meet tonight at 7.30. This is the agenda for the meeting:-

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