

Five things you need to know today



Suzanne Pilley murder trial – Increased time for some car drivers at Edinburgh Airport – Annie Lennox at Holyrood – Encyclopædia Britannica no longer to be printed – The Scotsman poll

The jury in the Suzanne Pilley murder case retired yesterday afternoon to consider its verdict, and will reconvene this morning at Edinburgh's Sheriff Court building to continue their deliberations. The case is a High Court matter, but has been heard over the last three weeks in Chambers Street. [The Daily Record](#) has a full report.

SNP MSP Colin Keir has welcomed Edinburgh Airport's move to double the waiting time for disabled passengers using the drop-off zone and short stay car park.

The move is part of the airport's on-going programme of improvements and will see disabled passengers have 30 minutes free time from April 1.

Mr Keir, SNP MSP for Edinburgh Western that covers Edinburgh Airport, said:-

"This is fantastic news for disabled travellers who will now benefit from double the amount of time at drop-off points.

"I'm pleased the airport has taken on the recommendation from the Mobility and Access Committee Scotland (MACS) to increase the time from 15 minutes to half an hour.

“Putting passengers at the heart of these improvements will have a significant impact on getting in and out of the airport.”

Annie Lennox OBE will speak at the Scottish Parliament today as part of Commonwealth Day events. Ms Lennox will be speaking in her capacity as Special Envoy of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Scotland branch.

Subject to Parliamentary approval, earlier in the day a Members’ Debate will also take place.

The theme for Commonwealth Day 2012 is ‘Connecting Cultures’.

It has been announced that **Encyclopædia Britannica** which was founded in Edinburgh in 1768 at the height of the “Enlightenment” will no longer be published in print form. Its aim was to publish clear, current and correct information, based on a scientific approach to knowledge. Now it has decided to adapt to the needs of its readers, and will go exclusively online with apps and updates galore.

And we must ask if perhaps it is not now time for The Scotsman to remove the poll [on their website](#) asking their readers whether it was wrong for Edinburgh resident, the erstwhile Sir Fred, to be stripped of his knighthood by Her Majesty the Queen. One of the things they teach you at journalism school is that news is new, and there is nowhere that this is more apt than on the web.