

Five things you need to know today



Big Screen – GO East! – Children go free at Channings – Festival of Museums – Local TV

Scotland's only Olympic Live Site in Edinburgh's Festival Square has a few things on next week:-

14 – 20 MAY:

LIVE OPERA, HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH THE SCOTTISH CUP, THE BIG DANCE, OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY ARRIVES ON BRITISH SOIL

Wednesday 16 May 10.30am to 6pm

Scottish Football Association's UEFA Grassroots Day, with portable football pitches and coaching. The Scottish Cup will be present during this event and members of the public can have their photographs taken with it. Hibs and Hearts mascots will also be at the event.

Thursday 17 May, from 6.30pm

Puccini's La Bohème broadcast live from The Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Presented by Deborah Bull and Zeb Soanes.

Opera's greatest love story returns in this beautifully detailed traditional production starring Anja Harteros and Joseph Calleja. Perfect for new opera audiences the free BP Summer Big Screen live relay of Puccini's La bohème, the story of a struggling poet whose life changes forever after meeting a beautiful fragile young woman, is the ideal place to start.

Seats will be laid out in Festival Square for people to enjoy the live performance via the Big Screen. The evening will

commence with a performance by Scottish opera group Aria Alba at 6.45pm.

Friday 18 May at 1pm

[The Big Dance Schools Pledge](#). A multi-venue Guinness World Record attempt for the “Largest Dance Routine”.

During the day, coverage on the Big Screen of the Olympic Torch’s arrival in the UK.

Saturday 19 May and Sunday 20 May

Twice-hourly live coverage of the first two full days of the Olympic Torch Relay.

This video about the Hibs and Hearts Cup Final next weekend features the Edinburgh Evening News and it is just fab! Learn the words before next week now!

When you have a young family it’s sometimes difficult to find a restaurant that suits everyone – and which isn’t too painful on the pocket! Channings on South Learmonth Gardens, a short walk from Edinburgh’s West End, offers itself as a perfect destination for everything from morning coffee to lunch or an early evening supper.

Head Chef, Karen Higgins, knows just how important catering for little guests is, and has created a dedicated children’s menu making Channings one of the most family friendly destinations in the city. Keeping the costs manageable for mums and dads or perhaps grandparents is important too, so one child under five eats for free!

Menu is priced from £2.50 for soup of the day and includes sausage & mash (£4.50) and burgers and chips (£5.50) and, of

course, the all important homemade vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce and sprinkles!

For further information, to discuss any special dietary requirements or to book, visit www.channings.co.uk; call 0131-274 7465 or email food@channings.co.uk

From 18-20 May, Festival of Museums will celebrate Scotland's wealth of culture with exciting and innovative day and night events in museums and galleries throughout the country. Many of the workshops, talks, concerts and exhibitions are FREE. The Festival, organised by Museums Galleries Scotland, coincides with other Europe-wide celebrations of the many eclectic cultural experiences offered to visitors by museums and galleries, including Museums at Night.

There are loads of events in Edinburgh, and you can have a look at all the events at www.festivalofmuseums.com

Here is one example:-

Event Name: *Cultural Creations Workshops*

Venue: *National Mining Museum Scotland*

Address: *Lady Victoria Colliery, Newtongrange, Midlothian EH22 4QN*

Telephone for publication: *0131 663 7519*

Website: www.nationalminingmuseum.com

Date and time: *Songwriting Workshop 1pm/Storytelling Workshop 1pm/Banner Making Workshop 12-5pm*

Price: *Adults £10 Children £7.50 Family £30*

Description: *Get your creative juices flowing as you take part in our series of creative workshops inspired by the*

museum's collection. Get your creative juices flowing as you take part in our series of creative workshops inspired by items in the museum's collection. Choose from songwriting or storytelling workshops or simply drop in to the FREE banner making session and dip in and out as you please! This fun day, which is suitable for individuals and families alike, will culminate in a celebratory performance of the finished creations and a chance to unwind with a buffet and refreshments in the Old Power House. Advanced booking is required

Local MP Mike Crockart welcomes opening of bidding for local
TV

Bidding for Edinburgh's local TV channel is now underway after OFCOM confirmed that Edinburgh will be one of the first areas in the UK to have its own local TV station.

Commenting on the announcement, Edinburgh's Liberal Democrat MP, Mike Crockart said:-"This is good news for the capital. People want to be kept up-to-date with issues which are important to them and a local TV station for Edinburgh will make this possible.

"UK media has become over centralised and doesn't serve local areas the way it should. Today's announcement is a big step forward in bringing Edinburgh relevant home-grown programming.

"Of course we must make sure that the very many rural communities around Edinburgh, like Ratho and Kirkliston in my constituency, are included in the scheduling. There is a fear that programming will be centred on the city, neglecting the views of those in more rural areas."