

Five things you need to know today



Council meets this morning – Cup Fever – Waverley Station – Squirrel Cam – Festival of Museums

The full council meets this morning for the first time in its new form, and no doubt will be hoping the new coalition is as friendly as the Hearts and Hibs mascots in our photograph. The purpose of today's meeting is to formally inaugurate the Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, the Deputy Provost, Deidre Brock and the two council leaders. It is next week that the fun begins however when all of the various jobs are divided between the coalition partners. The Greens have already [explained their first split here...](#) (over football!)

Football is the number one topic here in Edinburgh this week with the prospect of the Scottish Cup being brought home to Edinburgh by one or other of our city's teams. We interviewed Hibs legend, Pat Stanton yesterday about the prospect of the final. You can listen to him and see our other photos of the cup which was brought to the capital yesterday by the SFA [in our article here.](#)

There are reports this morning that a burst water main caused flooding in the station last night, and that the scaffolding being used to work on the roof was affected. It is reported that the scaffolding was in danger of collapse before some holes were drilled in it. The departure boards show that all trains are running on time.

✘ First there was penguin cam, then there was panda cam, and now Edinburgh Zoo has launched squirrel monkey cam which goes live today!

Online viewers can now get live 'fly on the wall' access to the squirrel monkeys in Edinburgh Zoo's Living Links exhibition. A 20 strong boisterous troop of lively little monkeys, there's never a dull moment in their enclosure.

Following the success of penguin cam, which launched in June 2009, Edinburgh Zoo launched panda cam at the end of 2011. Astoundingly panda cam has just this week reached over a million hits! [Squirrel monkey cam](#) is the latest online 24/7 window into the lives of the animal inhabitants at Edinburgh Zoo.

Extremely playful, social and packed full of energy, look out for dominant male 11 year old Rio – easily recognisable as he's the biggest squirrel monkey by far; and curious babies Orla, Freya, Zipi and Eduardo born in November last year – not shy, these bossy youngsters are making their mark within the group and have been spotted trying to dominate their older siblings already.

Native to the rainforests of South America, the character-packed monkeys are instantly identifiable due to their bright yellow legs and arms. They can be found living in groups of up to 300 monkeys. You will [find squirrel cam here.](#)

Scotland's museums and galleries hold an eclectic mix of inspirational cultural events from Aberdeen to Ayrshire and Dundee to Skye and Stirling, and this year there are almost 90 events confirmed.

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

Event Name: *Crocant, Collops and Codsounds*

Venue: *Museum of Edinburgh*

Address: *Huntly House, Canongate Royal Mile*

Telephone for publication: 0131 529 4143

Website: www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk

Date and time: *Sunday 20 May 2pm–4pm*

Price: *Free*

Description: *At 2pm in an illustrated lecture, food historian Ivan Day will explore some of the more unusual aspects of the eighteenth century dining table. As well as introducing us to many of the less familiar dishes of the period, he will also discuss how specific foodstuffs and drinks had a potent influence on the design of silver, ceramic and glass table equipage. From 2.15–3pm discover the uses of herbs and their many uses in the kitchen and in the first aid kit! Make some gorgeous smelly reminders of your visit to this hidden courtyard in the Museum of Edinburgh. At 2/3/4pm find out what life was like in the old town in a dynamic and engaging way with special costumed performances depicting life in 18th century Edinburgh. Meet James Craig as he talks about his plans for the New Town and find out about close living and crime and grime! At 2/3/4pm, enjoy 18th Century music with*

Quartet94. Its members enjoy playing a wide variety of music genres, with repertoire ranging from Haydn to The Beatles!

Editorial notes: *No advance booking required.*