Five things you need to know today

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Edinburgh Taxi Outing – Missing Man – More tickets on sale at 10 today for Olympic Torch event – Webchat with Lothian and Borders Police – Love in a Library

Today is the day for the Edinburgh Taxi Outing when bighearted taxi drivers take children with special needs out for the day to Yellowcraigs. The taxis meet at Murrayfield Stadium to load up with their charges, and then the judges decide which taxi is the best decorated. The judges will be Lord Provost Donald Wilson, the Justice Minister, Kenny MacAskill MSP and Robert Grieve the Acting Cab Inspector. They are taking the Scottish Cup with them on their journey leaving under Police escort in procession from Murrayfield at 1000hrs. The route will be Corstorphine Road, West Coates, Drumsheugh Gdns, Hope St, Charlotte Sg, Princes St, Lothian Rd, Castle Ter, Johnston Ter, Lawnmarket, High St, Canongate, Scottish Parliament, Abbeymount (1030 Approx), Jock's Lodge, Portobello High St (1050 approx), Joppa and Musselburgh (1115 - 1140 approx) (where they stop off for as much ice cream as you can at eat at the world-famous Luca's then proceeding along the coast road through Prestonpans, Cockenzie, Port Seton, Aberlady, Gullane, Dirleton and Yellowcraigs (1300 approx).

Once at Yellowcraigs, there will be a BBQ, ponies, bouncy castle, face painting and a magician.

All children have water pistols for use on the route, so you get too close at your own risk!

Lothian and Borders Police are appealing for information to help trace a man who has gone missing in Edinburgh.

Michal Grabiarz was last seen in Great Junction Street in the early hours of Tuesday 5th June having been dropped off in the area by a friend.

Since then, no one has seen or heard from the 27-year-old and concern is now growing for his welfare.

Anyone who believes they may have seen Michal since Tuesday morning is now asked to come forward.

He is described as white, 6ft tall with a stocky build, blue eyes, short brown hair and a birthmark below his left eye.

Michal was last seen wearing a dark jacket, dark jogging bottoms and was in possession of a holdall that possibly had the words "Wisla Krakow" written on it.

A police spokesman said: "While it is not unusual for Michal to go for days without seeing his friends or his flatmate at their home in Yardheads, it is extremely unusual for him not to show up for work, which he has now failed to do so.

"We are keen to trace Michal as soon as possible and would urge anyone who believes they may have seen him since Tuesday 5th June to contact police immediately.

"Similarly, Michal is asked to get in touch with family, friends or police as soon as possible to let us know he is safe and well."

500 more free tickets are going on sale today at 10a.m. through Ticketmaster for the Olympic Torch Event at Edinburgh Castle tomorrow evening. <u>More details here.</u>

Today there will be more Love in a Library at the Central Library between 12.30 and 1.30. The Edinburgh International Festival website explains:-"Love in a Library tells, through a selection of songs, the story of a long-lasting unrequited love between a librarian and an avid reader and of the moment they finally reveal their true feelings to each other." More information here.