

Five things you need to know today



Tattoo flypast – Book Festival Book Swap – Danny McAskill – Edinburgh International Book Festival

If you have been in the city centre of an evening over recent times, then you may have heard and seen the four Typhoons hurtling eastwards over the Castle. It is all part of the spectacle that is the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2012. Except that it has been stopped, and there is now only one jet flying over each evening as there were so many complaints from people who thought that there was some kind of invasion. Deadline News [has the full story.](#)

This is an interesting idea. In the days of Kindles and ebooks, there are some who fear that the art of sharing books is perhaps being lost, so one of the Book Festival sponsors has decided to do something about it. The Guardian is organising a book swap at the Edinburgh International Book Festival. [You can read all about it here.](#)

Danny McAskill is the stunt cyclist par excellence. He will be in Edinburgh's Rose Street at its junction with Castle Street today at 5.30 as part of Edinburgh Art Festival. Free to attend but there is a viewing gallery and you can book tickets for seats there on the [Edinburgh Art Festival](#) website.

Today's photograph is from the Foodies Festival which took place in Inverleith Park over the weekend, and was blessed

with some good weather. Edinburgh's Mark Greenaway was running a pop up restaurant serving dishes like Eton Mess...yum!

Today we are spending the day (inside out of the rain...) in Charlotte Square Gardens mixing with the great and the good of the press in the press Yurt...we have tickets for a couple of talks, one by A.L Kennedy and the other by Sara Sheridan. We will be tweeting and taking photos too to bring you a flavour of it all, just in case you are at work, rather than out here in Festival land. [The full programme is here](#) and they have a very neat mobile site which lists what is on today in time order for you.

Of course Edinburgh Festival is full of the strange and the curious, and the funny. On Saturday afternoon you might be tempted to meet at the Salisbury Arms to then walk up Arthur's Seat with comedian Josie Long and some others who will be carried to the summit in sedan chairs. The purpose is to have a comedy gig at the top. [More details here.](#)