

Five things you need to know today



Waverley access – Armed Robbery – Plans for another teahouse in the city centre – Gordon Strachan – Royal Blind fundraiser

Yesterday's Transport & Environment Committee meeting decided to proceed with the plans for an improved access to Waverley Station which the council have been discussing with Network Rail who own the station. One of the fears was that taxis would no longer be allowed into the station following security alerts in recent years elsewhere in the country. Other stations throughout the UK have stopped cars entering the main station concourse, but Network Rail now seems to agree that cars and taxis may continue to have access to the concourse in Edinburgh. Cars will have 30 minutes free parking for dropping off passengers using trains, and taxis will have much the same facility as at present with additional spaces on Waverley Bridge at certain times of day. The plans have to be finalised and will perhaps be the result of the passenger audit which is being carried out between now and the end of February.

There was an armed robbery at the new jeweller's store in the Assembly Rooms yesterday. [More details here.](#)

The council's Finance & Budget committee meets tomorrow at the City Chambers. This is the final meeting ahead of the all-important Budget meeting of the full council on 7 February. You can read all the papers for the meeting [here](#). One of the items up for approval is a lease of 250 Canongate to the owners of Mimi's Teahouse who already have a shop down on The

Shore. Always good news to have another tea house in the city centre.

Gordon Strachan is the new Scotland manager and our John Hislop has written an article about the Edinburgh born footballer and now football manager [here](#).

☐ Are you a sports fan who fancies the challenge of competing in “the toughest quiz in town?”

Well, start brushing up on your sports trivia because Try & Score 2013 is just around the corner! Try & Score is Royal Blind’s unique sports evening, where guests mingle with sporting celebrities over dinner while pitting wits in an epic quiz. This year’s event will be taking place on **Thursday 16th May at the George Hotel in Edinburgh**.

Launched in 2008, this event has grown into a highly anticipated evening of fun that consistently raises much-needed funds for Royal Blind’s services. Sporting legends who have previously attended this event include: Gavin Hastings, Scott Hastings, John Beattie, Gordon Smith, Walter Smith, Craig Levein, Steven Pressley, Steven Frail, Kenny Milne, Dan Parks, Alan Rough, Andy Nicol, Rowan Shepherd, George Burley, Jim Leishman, Terry Butcher, Stuart Dougal, among many others. This year’s event promises to be a fantastic evening hosted once again by the brilliant Scott Wilson. The evening will also feature hilarious after-dinner entertainment from Neil ‘Razor’ Ruddock and a unique charity sporting auction.

Tickets for Try & Score 2013 are now on sale and for a limited period you can take advantage of our **Early Bird Rate**!

Tables of 12 can be booked for just £69 per person, while each ticket includes:

- A drinks reception
- 3-course sumptuous menu
- Complimentary wine with dinner
- Goody Bag

This offer is only valid until 29th March 2013, so book your

tickets today!

To book a table, please phone Karen Deacon on 0131 229 1456 or email karen.deacon@royalblind.org. Tickets can also be purchased [online](#). Payments can be made by credit/debit card or an invoice.