

# Five things you need to know today



**House prices – Forth Ports looking for growth – Going nuts for doughnuts – Edinburgh Rugby looking for new coach – Half term suggestion for today**

ESPC have issued a report today claiming that the price of smaller houses is dropping faster than others. This is perhaps good news if you are buying at that end of the market, but not such good news for sellers. [Read more in our article here...](#)

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For the first time, Forth Ports in association with Cruise Britain, will exhibit at the Cruise Shipping Miami Conference in Florida this March, with a view to attracting new business to their main cruise terminals in Edinburgh and London.

Forth Ports enjoyed a busy 2012 cruise season across its three main terminals in London (Tilbury), Edinburgh both at Leith and Rosyth. The Cruise team is attending the cruise industry's premier global event to further raise the profile of Forth Ports cruise offering and, in turn, they hope to increase footfall across the capital cities and surrounding areas.

The Miami conference and tradeshow takes place at the Miami Beach Convention Centre, Florida in the second week of March and will see a broad range of cruise industry players come together to network, launch new products, unveil services and attend conference seminars. It is regarded as the industry's most authoritative professional showcase.

Forth Ports say that Edinburgh holds excellent potential as a home port, with easy access to the capital city and all the

culture and activities that it offers. The London port allows straightforward access up the Thames to the attractions of the UK's capital city centre, with close proximity to major airports.

In 2012, the Scottish ports welcomed an impressive 76 liners and 80,000 passengers.

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Krispy Kreme have opened a new shop to sell doughnuts and coffee at Hermiston Gait. The shop offers drive thru as well as over the counter, and this morning at the opening they could hardly keep up with the demand. [Our full report with video is over here.](#)

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Edinburgh Rugby are looking for a new coaching team today after their defence coach, Billy McGinty, resigned and the club have decided not to renew the head coach's contract. The new management team will take them forward in the 2013/14 season. [More information on the Edinburgh Rugby website.](#)

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It is snowing as you may have noticed. So today's suggestion is for an indoors trip to the National Museum of Scotland and become a Viking for the afternoon. The Viking exhibition runs until 12 May 2013 but this week there are all sorts of activities to engage children and adults alike and of course learn about the Vikings at the same time. Some of these are drop in events which you do not need to book. [There are more details here on the Museum website.](#)