

Five things you need to know today



Red Bull Hill Chasers – Penguins – Pisces Balloon Sculpture – Peppa Pig at Musselburgh tomorrow – Learn to bid at auctions!

Red Bull Hill Chasers, a dual uphill bike challenge race series, is scheduled to take place across the Grassmarket and into Victoria Street today and these streets may be restricted between 6:00 am and 10:00pm.

The event is an uphill sprint over a 170-metre course and will be open to both elite riders and enthusiasts on BMX bikes, mountain bikes, road racing and fixed-gear bicycles. Up to 500 cyclists will take part in a morning time trial, with the 30 best competitors expected to race in the final, alongside 10 elite cyclists, taking place in the evening.

Previous events in the annual series have been held in Malaysia and Bristol. The event is expected to be free for spectators.

Here are the penguins on parade at Edinburgh Zoo yesterday...

As part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival there is a big balloon sculpture in the Museum. It is free to go and see it and you can [find out more about it here](#). Have you been? What did you think?

The National Museum of Scotland interviewed the balloon

sculptor Jason Hackenwerth here



Children's favourite Peppa Pig will be making a special Easter Sunday appearance at Musselburgh Racecourse's Betfred Easter Festival.

Peppa is one of large number of free attractions at the East Lothian course which hosts one of the region's largest family friendly Easter Sunday events.

A Children's Zone includes a ball pool, magic show, fairground rides, bouncy castle, kiddies roundabout, face painters, trampolines and stilt walkers and the Easter Bunny will be giving away a free Easter Egg to every child.

All children aged 18 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The racecourse opens at 11.30am with racing starting at 2.20pm and including the Musselburgh Gold Cup.

Online discounts are available when booking in advance. For more information visit www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk



Lyon & Turnbull want to teach you how to bid at an auction. Learn the techniques of nodding in the right way!

This is what they are planning for 4 April 2013.

Buying at auction can be exciting and rewarding, but to the uninitiated, the whole process can be at best nerve-wracking, if not downright terrifying! To celebrate the launch of our new 'Interiors' auctions, we will answer all your questions and show you how the whole process works.

So why not join us for a glass of wine, a bit of a chat, a detailed explanation of the auction process and terminology, and a mock auction to try out your new skills without cost or risk?

***Everything you wanted to know about auctions (but were afraid to ask) Thursday 4th April, 6-8pm
at 33 Broughton Place, Edinburgh EH1 3RR***

If you think this could be useful or fun, please [click here](#) to book a place. If you are a seasoned buyer or just thinking about giving it a go, please come along for a friendly chat and remember there is no such thing as a silly question!

If you choose to come to this event you can also enjoy a look around our latest Interiors auction. As a final incentive, anyone registering to bid in the Interiors auction will receive a complimentary beverage from our in-house cafe.

[More details on their website.](#)