

Five things you need to know today



Bomb Disposal Squad in Granton – Royal Society announce new fellows – Warhol – Art @ 37 – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang today!

The Bomb Disposal Squad were in Granton this morning removing a 'device' which had been found in a loft... More on this story soon...

The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) has announced its new intake of Fellows for 2013.

There are 47 new UK and International Fellows to add to its 1500-strong Fellowship. Fellows are elected following a rigorous examination of their achievements in their relevant fields.

The RSE's mission is the advancement of learning and useful knowledge and since its establishment in 1783 it has made a major contribution to Scottish Society through its Fellows. It is unique in Britain and distinctive internationally in the breadth of its Fellowship, which ranges across the sciences, medicine, engineering, the social sciences, arts, humanities, business and public service.

Amongst its wide range of activities it provides: independent advice to Government and Parliament; research and enterprise Fellowships; education programmes for young people; and conferences and events aimed at both public engagement and specialists.

Sir John Arbuthnott, RSE President and eminent microbiologist, commented "As the President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh,

I am aware that I am a representative of men and women who are outstanding in their intellectual fields and are “standing on the shoulders of giants”. Given this, one of the most important and rewarding tasks of my role is, on behalf of the RSE Council, approving the internationally-recognised candidates who will be admitted as new Fellows to the Society.

“Every year the competition for places is intense and this year is no different, so I am delighted to welcome 47 new Fellows to the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

“The RSE prides itself on its international outlook, as well as its recognition of excellence in Scotland, so I am particularly pleased to welcome to the Fellowship our three new Honorary Fellows, Sir David Cox, Professor Robbert Dijkgraaf and Professor Jean Tirole.”

The new Fellows were announced at the RSE’s Ordinary Meeting on the evening of 19th March. The speaker at this meeting, Professor Michael Barrett, Professor of Biochemical Parasitology, University of Glasgow, was one of the new Fellows being announced. In his lecture on “The Scientific Life of Dr Livingstone”, he outlined key scientific and geographical discoveries made by Livingstone and, in particular, discussed the impact of tropical diseases on Livingstone’s travels in Africa.

There is to be an exciting exhibition of Warhol art later this year at Holyrood.

The announcement of this unique exhibition follows an agreement signed today by the Presiding Officer the Rt Hon Tricia Marwick MSP and the Chair of the Carnegie UK Trust, Angus Hogg with Eric Shiner, Director of The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh.

[More here](#)

A new art gallery Art @ 37 has just opened in Leith and [we have more news about it here.](#)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang we love you, Oh you....

Come on you know the words so get along to [the Filmhouse](#) this afternoon and have a great sing along with the film...