

Five things you need to know today

✘ **Portobello/Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership – Vintage Pop up Shop – Speed Dating – Ship Shape Leith Walk – Today's photo**

Portobello Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting is tonight from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the new East Neighbourhood Centre, 101 Niddrie Mains Road.

Portobello was named as one of the 30 excellent beaches by an EU rating.

Commenting on the report SNP MEP Alyn Smith said:

“I want to see all of Scotland's beaches come up to the high standards that the excellent, top rated holiday spots reach.

“Crucially , 97.6% of all Scotland's bathing waters met the criteria for the 2013 summer season, thanks to the efforts of Scottish Government and Scottish Environment Protection Agency, which provides real-time bathing water quality prediction. We should recognise that success as well as looking to improve where possible.

“Scotland's changeable weather patterns and heavy summer rains can have a negative impact on water quality. We want beaches where people can swim and enjoy an active outdoor life and, in order to improve our environment and our beaches, we have to monitor them and be vigilant.

“Scotland is known for stunning coastline and picturesque beaches and the waters off them are an asset for us in trying to sell Scotland as a destination. Bathing water standards are there to protect us and we want Scots and visitors to Scotland to have clean beaches to enjoy across the country.”

There is another Vintage Pop up Shop being held at Hemma today.

Hemma is at 75 Holyrood Road, EH8 8AE Tel: 0131 629 3327
hemma@bodabar.com for more details.



There is a speed dating event tonight for all of you looking for the perfect partner. The event is taking place at The Living Room at 20:00 and costs £20 a head. [More information here.](#)

Good luck!

If speed dating is not for you then you could head along to Henry's Cellar Bar where Chris Willatt is playing. [More information here.](#)





Today's photo was taken from the roof of the National Museum of Scotland on Chambers Street, looking northwest.

To get to the roof you take the lift in the modern part of the Museum and there is a huge open space which can be a good sunbathing spot during lunchtimes, or a great place to see the rest of the city.

We particularly enjoyed the Dino Night after hours at the

museum the other week, but there are another two evening events at the museum in August. You can get more details or book your tickets [on the museum website.](#)