## **Annual Taxi Outing 2013**

The  $67^{\text{TH}}$  Edinburgh Taxi Trade Children's Outing took place yesterday. This is an outing organised and funded by taxi drivers and offers a day out to the beach for children with special needs, life-limiting conditions and terminal illnesses.

The taxis are all decorated with balloons or decked out as floats. They assembled at the ice rink car park at Murrayfield Stadium where judging and presentation of prizes took place for best float taxi, best balloon taxi, best fancy dressed driver and best fancy dressed child.

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The taxis then left Murrayfield at 10 o'clock heading under police escort through the city and along the coast to Yellowcraigs beach for a fun-filled afternoon before heading home about 4pm.

Organisers representative, Keith Bell said:- "A few weeks ago, Tom Gilzean's electric wheelchair and stolen and vandalised and as Tom had fundraised for the cause over the years, they were going to donate funds to replace it."

"However PoppyScotland stepped in to organise this, so we decided to invite Tom along for the day. He was collected from his house by our Chairman, Alex Lyons, and then when we got to Murrayfield, we surprised him with his own Rolls-Royce for the journey down to Yellowcraigs and back."