

Five things you need to know today



Serious Assault – Playday event today – Queensferry Ambition event – Life’s a Beach in St Andrew Square – Edinburgh Festival Fringe pick of the day

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after a woman was stabbed as she walked in the Wester Hailes area of the Capital on Monday morning.

The 33-year-old victim was approached by the suspect as she walked on a path that leads into Hailes Quarry Park, near Kingsknowe Court, around 11.15am.

Following a brief conversation, the victim continued walking into Hailes Quarry Park, however became aware of the suspect running back towards her.

He stabbed her in the shoulder, before running on towards a nearby play park. The victim was assisted by members of the public who came to her aid, and she was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, where she received treatment for her injuries.

The suspect is described as white, 5ft 5ins tall, clean shaven, with a wide-jawed face, blue eyes, and short messy light brown hair. He was wearing a brown long-sleeved zip-up hooded top, dark blue baggy jeans, and dark shoes. He spoke with a Scottish accent.

Detective Inspector Neil Spowart, from Police Scotland, said: “This was an unprovoked attack that left the victim with a serious injury to her shoulder, for which she required hospital treatment.

“She has been left understandably distressed as a result of what happened, and we are appealing to anyone who has information that can assist our inquiries to come forward.

“Anyone who was in the area of Hailes Quarry Park yesterday morning, who saw the suspect or noticed anyone acting suspiciously in the area, is urged to contact police immediately.

“Similarly, anyone who recognises the description of the suspect, or who has any other information that can assist our inquiries, should also get in touch.

“At present we believe this to be an isolated incident, and we have uniformed officers in the area carrying out door-to-door inquiries and engaging with the public in order to provide reassurance.”

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Queensferry Ambition is the name for the Business Improvement District in South Queensferry and they are holding an event next week to help their member businesses.

This is a Queensferry Networking Event:- A very simple format where you can come along and grab a bacon roll and a coffee tell everyone what you do and what sort of business you are looking for so everyone in the room can help you grow. Normally we will have a group discussion on a different topic each month, whether it be finance, marketing, or Sales Process everyone can have their input and some who find the area a challenge can learn from those who don't.

On 5 August 2013 the topic for discussion will be “Hiring Customers – Hiring Staff”.

Queensferry Ambition say that their vision is “to reveal the true potential of Queensferry as a quality destination for businesses, residents and visitors, through strengthening local involvement and delivering improvements that businesses genuinely want and contribute to.”

If you would like to go along please call the office or email info@queensferryambition.co.uk to book your space so they know how many to cater for.



From tomorrow Edinburgh residents and visitors are invited to experience East Lothian!

Friendly hordes of invaders from the east have taken over Edinburgh City Centre. *Wish you were there ...* is an initiative of East Lothian Council, in partnership with local businesses, to encourage Edinburgh residents and visitors to discover more about East Lothian’s attractions.

The central park area of St Andrew Square has become a temporary base for many of East Lothian’s businesses and visitor attractions from Wednesday 1 August. Some of the county’s top temptations including [golf](#), [food and drink](#), [National Museum of Flight](#), [The Scottish Seabird Centre](#), [Brunton Theatre](#), Lennoxlove Book Festival, welcoming inns and historical houses and even award winning beaches have been recreated in miniature to give Edinburgh folk a chance to sample the delights of East Lothian.

Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Cllr. John McMillan, explained:

“Wish you were there ... is a two week initiative devised by

East Lothian Council to encourage more of our Edinburgh neighbours and the city's many visitors to come along and discover what's on their doorstep. Activities will run at the square for a fortnight and include cookery demonstrations, tastings of some of the top food and drink produced within East Lothian and events for all the family including pony rides, art workshops and sporting challenges.

"Tasters of golf will hopefully encourage people to try out some of the 22 fine courses in East Lothian which has recently been branded 'Scotland's Golf Coast'. East Lothian will be the focus of world-wide golf attention next year when Muirfield hosts the open again and with Ernie Els winning the Open this year he'll be returning as defending champion to the course where he won the Claret Jug in 2002.

"All visitors to St Andrew Square receive a special Wish you were there ... passport providing full details of events and attractions. Whether people are looking for somewhere new to enjoy a meal out or seeking to enjoy a mini-break the East Lothian has lots to offer."

Wish you were there ... at St Andrew Square, Edinburgh runs from 8am – 8pm each day until Tuesday 14 August. Entry is free.

Check out [Visit East Lothian](#) for fuller details of the county's attractions. (And do remember Fringe by the Sea – look at the banner at the top of our site for all the great things on down in North Berwick next week!)

[Belhaven Bikes](#) will also be there:- "Wheels are our thing...so on 4-5th August we are offering an area where [Toddlebikes](#) can be trialled by 1-3 year olds. Toddlebikes are a fun, pre-balance bike and a great introduction to independent cycling. So that the adults don't miss out on some cycling fun...some of our regular [hire](#) bikes will be available for visitors to rent if they wish to take in some of the stunning, Edinburgh sights by

bicycle. We will also be exhibiting a selection of our unique mix of cycle, skate 'n' scoot products which take you from balance bikes to stabilisers and beyond...

Hope to see you there, please pop by and say hello!"

THE WRESTLING II is billed by the organisers as THE event of the Edinburgh Fringe 2013 – a one-night tournament pitting good against evil. And they can now reveal the Team Captains who will lead their men into battle on 13 August at 11pm...

Representing all that is good; the zen-like figure of **COACH O'HANLON** (a.k.a Ardal O'Hanlon – *Father Ted, My Hero, London Irish*).

Fighting for all that is evil; maniacal psychopath **DR. PUNISHMENT** (a.k.a Tim Vine – *Not Going Out, Live At The Apollo, QI*) who is out to avenge the loss the evil team suffered at the hands of Team Captain Russell Kane at the last show.

MEET THE CAPTAINS:

Coach O'Hanlon on Team O'Hanlon's preparations:

Dr. Punishment lays down Team Punishment's credentials:

Both teams will clash at the Pleasance Grand in front of 800 bloodthirsty fans. Bodies will be bruised, egos will be smashed and, if last time round is anything to go by, bones will be broken. The creation of comedy duo MAX AND IVAN, THE WRESTLING II will be an even bigger date on the calendar than the first event two years ago, which secured the Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Awards Panel Prize and was named Chortle's #1 show of 2011.

The night itself will feature THREE death-defying bouts; first

to be announced is TOM 'EXPLOSENTHAL' ROSENTHAL, of Team Punishment, vs DAN 'THE HAMMER' HEAD, of Team O'Hanlon.

Rosenthal (*Friday Night Dinners, Plebs*) is to make his one-on-one debut, as he takes on professional wrestler Dan Head ('the man with the titanium cranium') in a grudge match stemming from their tag-team clash at the last show.

Now, with the Team Captains announced, stay tuned for the remaining match-ups and combatants to be revealed over the course of the next fortnight, as the trash-talking commences and both teams try to get in the head of their opponents.

THE WRESTLING II also features a returning all-star team of announcers: ANDREW MAXWELL and BRENDON BURNS on colour commentary, MATTHEW 'THE PACIFIST' CROSBY as roving reporter and the mighty NICK HELM as gravel-voiced ring announcer.

THE WRESTLING II: AUGUST 13th // 11pm // PLEASANCE GRAND

TICKETS: <https://www.edfringe.com/whats-on/comedy/wrestling-ii>

