

Five things you need to know today



Missing woman found safe and well – Great Tapestry of Scotland – Royal Edinburgh Hospital – First new church in Edinburgh – Clean up campaign

Police in Edinburgh can confirm that Oranuch Waugh (38) who was reported missing last week has been found safe and well.

Last week Police Scotland asked for help in tracing the whereabouts of the woman who was reported missing in the Capital.

Oranuch Waugh (38) was last seen in Albion Road, in the Leith area, on Thursday October 17. She was not seen or heard from for a few days, and concerns grew for her well-being.

Oranuch, who is originally from Thailand and lives in the Drylaw area, is described as 5ft tall, with a dark complexion, long dark brown hair, and brown eyes.

The public are thanked for their assistance.

We hope you read our article about the Great Tapestry of Scotland which has been moved from Holyrood to Cockenzie House.....if not read it [here](#)!



The first new church to be built in Edinburgh for more than 20 years will open its doors next week.

St Martin's Parish Church, which serves the communities of Magdalene and Bingham, is to be styled as a 'café church' with no pews or pulpit and will be a thoroughly "modern church for the 21st century", according to Minister Russel Moffat.

The new building, which features multi-coloured brick facing and a striking sloping roof, replaces the original St Martin's on Magdalene Drive, which was the first church to be built in the parish by Church of Scotland in 1957. The last church constructed in Edinburgh before St Martin's was St Colm's Parish Church on Dalry Road in August 1991.

Russel explained: "The old St Martin's was becoming a major drain on resources and the site itself was quite high

maintenance for a small congregation like ourselves, so when the opportunity arose to sell the whole site, it was the most sensible course of action.”

Cruden Homes and Port of Leith Housing Association acquired the site from Church of Scotland and commissioned Edinburgh-based Ian Springford Architects to design a smaller church building on the corner of the site as part of a development of 23 affordable homes. The congregation has met in Brunstane Primary School for a year and a half while demolition and construction was underway and will have their first Sunday service in the new building on 3 November 2013.

“We’re quite amazed at the space,” Russel continues. “It’s a bit like Dr Who’s Tardis in that it looks small on the outside, but when you come in, the height they’ve given us in the sanctuary is really brilliant and ideal for our purposes. There’s also a large screen with a projector on the wall so we’ll also be using the latest technology for worship.”

Round café-style tables where people can interact and discuss issues will be regularly used in a new informal approach.

“We need to get away from talking heads – the person standing at the front – it needs to be more participatory and engaging than people just turning up and being spoken to,” Russel says.

“We also want our church to be open to everyone, whatever their status, background or sexual orientation. We want an inclusive church where people are accepted for who they are

and are not judged. We want it to be a mending place for the weary or troubled. Our vision is to contribute to human flourishing in any way we can and help people find 'life in all its fullness.'"

The presbytery of Edinburgh will dedicate the building on Tuesday 29 October. The first Sunday service on 3 November will be at 11am. Local politicians and councillors have been invited to both events.

A new city wide litter campaign, 'Clean Up Edinburgh', will be launched today. The Edinburgh Reporter is off up the canal on the Re-Union boat as the volunteers have decided to do a wee clean-up on the canal (not really part of the council clean-up!) – give us a wave if you see us!

The campaign then proceeds with a day of action on **29 November**, bringing together communities, businesses and individuals across Edinburgh for clean-up events across the city.

A [Keep Scotland Beautiful survey](#) showed that more than half of the Scottish population has dropped litter, and almost half do it regularly. This is a problem for all of us, caused by most of us. That is why Keep Scotland Beautiful has launched the [Clean Up Scotland](#) campaign to tackle these issues nationwide, and we are proud to be supporting this.

Edinburgh is a beautiful, vibrant city but litter can be a blight on our landscape. Litter can have a huge impact on quality of life, our environment and costs us millions to clean up. We want to encourage staff, residents, schools, communities, business and visitors, to all play a part and pledge to take action on litter and be proud of the city we live in.

In a [nationwide poll by Zero Waste Scotland](#), 44% of the Scottish population believes that a major education and awareness drive is the best way to tackle our litter problem, with only 10% opting for investing more in clearing it up. We therefore hope this year long programme of engagement and awareness raising activity can help us to start changing

people's attitudes towards littering.

There are a number of ways that you and your community can get involved from small individual actions to holding your own community clean up. Find out more below:

Join one of the clean-ups on 29 November, happening across the city. You can find out where and when these will be held by visiting www.edinburgh.gov.uk/litter

Or why not encourage your community to organise their own clean-up? The council can provide advice on locations, health and safety and promotion. We can also provide some equipment if necessary. Let us know if you do have any events planned!

