

# Five things you need to know today



**Midlothian Council have a new leader – Calling all Blood Donors! – Captain Flinn – Madeleine Peyroux – Remembering Robert Louis Stevenson**

Councillor Owen Thompson, who has been a councillor since 2005, has been appointed leader of Midlothian Council. The previous leader Bob Constable resigned last week. On his appointment to the top job he said: -“I am absolutely thrilled that colleagues have shown their trust in me and asked me to take on this important post. I worked closely with Bob and look forward to him continuing to be an important part of the administration of this council.

“Bob has achieved a tremendous amount since taking on the leadership last year and I hope to continue his success.

We’ve opened the new Lasswade Centre, agreed and secured funding for the replacement of Newbattle Community High School, built genuinely Scotland-leading facilities for older people at Cowan Court in Penicuik, increased the number of hours of nursery education and delivered the living wage and no compulsory redundancies while freezing the council tax for two years in a row.”

Cllr Thompson was the youngest councillor in Scotland when elected in 2005. He was brought up in Loanhead, and educated in Midlothian before gaining a finance and accountancy qualification from Napier University.

\*\*\*

Give blood today at Comely Bank St Stephens Church, East Fettes Avenue, EH4 1DL



PURSLANE

RESTAURANT

\*\*\*

Captain Flinn & The Pirate Dinosaurs is on in St Andrew Square Garden to entertain the children. A rerun of a Fringe show which seems to have been a success according to this [review](#).

\*\*\*

Time to check out the Usher Hall website for all the good shows they are bringing to Edinburgh over the next few months.

Tonight songstress Madeleine Peyroux will entertain with new songs from her album The Blue Room.

Ticket details [here](#).

\*\*\*

The UNESCO City of Literature has a wide range of events on

all the time. This one takes place next week on 3 December 2013 at the Writer's Museum.

*How did Stevenson record his memories? How do we remember him now? How was he memorialised after his death? Members of the editorial team of The New Edinburgh Edition of Robert Louis Stevenson talk about some of the most important objects in the Edinburgh Writers' Museum. Using images of items on display in the Museum, the talk will range across Stevenson's writing career and show how objects, as well as texts, can tell stories about a life.*

*7pm*

*Who is this for? -Adults*

*Dates: Tue 3 December 2013*

*Cost: Free*

More details [here](#)



**PURSLANE**

---

RESTAURANT

---