

Five things you need to know today



Tomorrow's Santa Run – Edinburgh Christmas Charity Fayre – 2014 Evening Classes – Tonight at the Traverse – Queen of Tarts

This year Huxley, guide dog puppy in training sponsored by The Huxley, Edinburgh, will officially start the Santa Run tomorrow in Princes Street Gardens.



Huxley, a four month old, golden retriever guide dog puppy in training, has lovingly been named after his proud sponsors, The Huxley, Edinburgh. The fluffy pup will officially start off the Great Edinburgh Santa Fun Run & Walk alongside the Stockbridge and Edinburgh Postal Pipeband for the Walk around Princes Street Gardens dressed as Santa.

All funds raised from The Great Edinburgh Santa Fun Run goes to 'When You Wish Upon A Star', a charity which aims to grant the wishes of children throughout Scotland suffering from life-threatening illnesses by sending a group of brave children to Lapland to meet Santa and enjoy a traditional sleigh ride with Rudolph and his friends.

Starting at 11am, Scotland's fundraising Santa's will run, walk and stroll around West Princes Street Gardens, which is spread over a short 2km circuit. You don't have to be a

runner to take part, the route is accessible to wheelchairs and mobility scooters, children in push chairs and dogs on leads are allowed.

All dogs are encouraged to dress up as Santa with Huxley presenting the honour of **"Best Dressed Dog"** on the day with a special prize – a Dog Treat Stocking, perhaps with some Kyloe treats thrown in.

Huxley comments:- "I'd be barking mad to miss this run as four paws are better than two, I only hope my rabbit friends don't try to distract me in the gardens!"

As well as **"Best Dressed Dog"**, The Huxley, Edinburgh are also donating the prize for **"Best Dressed Buggy"** –Lunch for 4 in The Huxley, Edinburgh, with children eating from the Mini Menu.

Make your cheeks extra rosy before the Santa Run on Sun 8th Dec at The Huxley, Edinburgh. They are offering take away coffees to anyone dressed as Santa for a jolly discounted price of £1.50. Doors open from 8am.

The Huxley, Edinburgh is the perfect place for the Santa After Party, anyone participating in the run can get a burger and beer for £7 that day.

Hear those sleigh bells jingling? It's not too late to sign

up. You won't need to hunt round the shops for a Santa Suit either, your entry fee includes one.

Entry £15 Adults (12yrs and over) includes Santa Suit to keep;

Junior £7.50 (2yrs to 11yrs) includes an Elf Hat to keep

Infant Free (below 2 years) old includes Elf Hat to keep

For further information and to register for this event visit www.thesantarun.org.uk or call 01357 529 950.

If you want to get behind Huxley and help raise money for the 'When You Wish Upon a Star' Charity please donate at the Huxley's Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/thehuxley

The [Edinburgh Christmas Charity Fayre](#) in Inverleith Park, Edinburgh is open from 10am to 5pm today Saturday 7th and 9am to 5pm tomorrow Sunday 8th December and is packed with fun, entertainment and shopping. As well as a mixture of charity and non charity stalls, it features a NEW Santa's Grotto where children can meet Santa have their photo taken and receive a special gift.

Why not stay awhile and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and sample some of Loopy Lorna's award winning delicious cakes at The Loopy Lorna's Tea House in the main marquee.

There will also be a special Christmas Carol Service after which free mulled wine and mince pies will be served. The Rev Jeremy Middleton of Davidson's Mains Church will take the service at the Faye's main stage at 3pm on Saturday 7th December.

You can take part in the [5k Fun Run](#), the [Golden Tinsel Mile](#)

[Walk](#), the [Great Christmas Buggy Run](#) and the [Santa Toddle](#) on Sunday.....More details here.



Probably about the right time to tell you that the new schedule for the 2014 Evening Classes is now available online [here](#).

What are you thinking of learning?

The jewel of this year's Traverse Festival crown, [Ciara](#), starring Blythe Duff is now on at The Traverse. Written by David Harrower and directed by the Traverse Artistic Director Orla O'Loughlin this is a highly recommended must see this Christmas.

Winner of a Scotsman Fringe First and Herald Angel Award in August, *Ciara* offers an insight into the exhilarating world of a gallery owner, and daughter of one of Glasgow's notorious crime bosses (3-21 December).

Booking details [here](#).

We have been reminded that the Queen of Tarts is taking bookings for high teas at a secret location.....

There are tea parties on 8, 14 & 15 December but you have to be quick to get a ticket.

You can go to the Queen's [Facebook](#) page and find out more details and get the booking link.

