

Five things you need to know today



The City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill – Lost Teddy Bear – Ping pong anyone? – Sunshine on Leith – Libraries –

The City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill reaches its preliminary stage debate today. This bill introduced by the council in September last year has two purposes. The first is to allow a new monument to be erected in memory of John Rattray in Leith Links and the second is intended to deal with the monies held in the Surplus Fire Fund so that anyone receiving a grant from the newly constituted fund must live in Edinburgh.

[Planning permission](#) has already been granted for the statue in April last year, but the restriction against any further building on the common good land comprising Leith Links is preventing the plans for a statue proceeding.

John Rattray was a surgeon, a member of the Royal Company of Archers and a leading golfer as the first Captain of the Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Leith Links. The Leith Rules of golf were the first recorded rules of the game, created in 1744. Rattray was also Surgeon General to Bonnie Prince Charlie.

More on this dual purpose bill [here](#).

We had notification from Lost Teddy Bear last night that a teddy had been lost in a taxi. Although to date we have not

heard that the bear (who is called Arthur) has been found, we are amazed at the service that Lost Teddy Bear provide! So if you ever lose your teddy bear you know what to do....

[@EdinReporter](#) *Lost Teddy in Edinburgh taxi coming home from doctor. Little 4 yr old boy with broken collar bone needs teddy to sleep ☐*

– *Lost Teddy Bear (@lostteddybear)* [January 20, 2014](#)

[@_WiffWaff](#) *wetuns next week folks! 22nd Jan, 6pm-10.30pm, free entry pic.twitter.com/LwU9RvuVGR*

– *Out of the Blue (@ootbdrillhall)* [January 14, 2014](#)

Tomorrow night the wiff waif or ping pong starts again at Out of the Blue. Be there or be square....

☒ Sunshine on Leith will be shown on Saturday 1 February 2014 at 7.30pm at Destiny Church. This has been organised by Inspiring Leith – Link Up.

Inspiring Leith is part of the Link Up programme in 10 locations across Scotland and run by Inspiring Scotland and hosted in Leith by Bethany Christian Trust.

For details contact Ian Dyson on 07581 028200 or iandyson@bethanychristiantrust.com They have a [website](#) too.

With a library card you can go to any library in the city. Do you know where they are? Well we have produced a map to make

it easy for you....and some bits of it are fully clickable with photos... There is also a list of all the libraries [here](#).

Today's featured library is Fountainbridge Library which has a lovely facade. More details [here](#).
