Five things you need to know today

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New bus service to Barnton — Big Beach Clean Up — Shakespeare at the King's — POP 2014 — Cadbury Easter Egg Trails

From 22 April Lothian Buses are running a new number 43 service from Waterloo Place to Barnton. Will you use this bus? Will this be a big change for you? It will run every 15 minutes along Queensferry Road.

For the timetable click here.

The Marine Conservation Society want you to join in their Big Beach Clean up at the end of this month, 24 - 30 April 2014.

Join us this Easter for the third Big Beach Clean-up, and help clean your nearest beach ready for the summer. Marine litter is a problem that we can all play a part in solving, and what better way to start than with a day at the beach.

So much more than just picking litter, you'll be contributing to a national survey, and meeting others from your community who want to protect the local environment.

More details of how to get involved here.

From today at the King's you can get a taste of Shakespeare. The all-male company staging this production has produced a trailer:-

Tickets here.



Remember that POP 2014 takes place on 26 April 2014. Cyclists wanting to tell the government that they have to make changes to allow Scotland to become a cycle friendly nation should get involved. You can also walk the short route from The Meadows to Holyrood on foot. Last year there were thousands of cyclists along the route.

The eight-point plan includes demands for

- 1. Proper funding for cycling.
- 2. Design cycling into Scotland's roads.
- 3. Slower speeds where people live, work and play
- 4. Integrate cycling into local transport strategies
- 5. Improved road traffic law and enforcement
- 6. Reduce the risk of HGVs to cyclists and pedestrians
- A strategic and joined-up programme of road user training
- 8. Improved statistics supporting decision-making and policy

More information <u>here.</u>

Eggsplore some of Edinburgh's heritage gems this Easter with the National Trust for Scotland and Cadbury as a series of Easter Egg Trails get underway.

Over the Easter weekend the Georgian House in Charlotte Square and Gladstone's Land on the Royal Mile are running Cadbury Easter Egg Trails.

For 2014, the theme is adventurers — children will receive a make-it-yourself pith helmet, a Trail Journal containing all

the clues needed to complete the trail and an Eggsplorer Passport to be stamped along the way. On completing the trail they will be rewarded with a delicious Cadbury Egghead.

Marketing Manager, Carly Lamberty, says the properties are looking forward to this fantastic family event. She said:"It's fantastic to be working with Cadbury again to bring Easter fun to Edinburgh! This year, we'll be encouraging young people to eggsplore Scotland's heritage and uncover all of the secrets that our properties hold.

"This is just the start of a packed programme of family events here and at Trust places all over the country, which will help turn Scotland into your playground in 2014."

Cadbury Easter Egg Trails take place as follows:

Georgian House, 7 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DR

Wed 16 - Tue 22 April 10am-4.30pm

Also running on 16, 17 & 22 April same times

Gladstone's Land, 477B Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2NT

Fri 18 - Sun 20 April, 10am-4.30pm

Usual entry prices

Cadbury Easter Egg trails take place at sites all over Scotland on selected dates from Friday 18 — Monday 21 April — for full details visit www.nts.org.uk/Easter.