

# Five things you need to know today



## Roller Derby – Waverley Station access – T in the Park – Greater Liberton – Red Arrows

Auld Reekie Roller Girls' all-star reserve team the Cannon Belles will be taking on Newcastle Roller Girls' B Team the Whippin' Hinnies in a fast and fierce tussle for the top. Get along to Meadowbank and see which team will hit, whip and skate their way to victory!

Edinburgh's Belles have had a successful season so far, losing only one game in the past year and gaining experience through playing both at home and abroad, most recently taking on the Amsterdam Roller Dames. But can they tackle Newcastle's Whippin' Hinnies, who have won every single one of their bouts in the past six months? It's sure to be a close game, though the Belles will have the advantage of being on home ground with the raucous support of the Edinburgh crowd.

The Cannon Belles' captain Mallory Powers told us 'We're really looking forward to this bout: it's going to be tough, but I think we can take them. We fully intend to whip the Hinnies!'

It's sure to be an eventful game, full of big hits and speedy skating. There will also be the usual fantastic stalls in attendance where the public can snap up some of our new, limited edition merchandise, or tuck in to the delicious cakes on offer. There is also a special guest announcer – Phill Jupitus of Never Mind The Buzzcocks fame!

Auld Reekie Roller Girls' Cannon Belles vs Newcastle Roller Girls' Whippin' Hinnies: 2pm, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 –

## Meadowbank Sports Centre

Tickets: £8 on the door or £7 from:  
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/643612>

Free for children aged 14 and under

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To complement the recent changes to vehicular access into Waverley Station made by Network Rail, the council is to make major changes to the road and pavement layout on Waverley Bridge and Market Street. These changes are designed to support an increase in pedestrian and road traffic, as well as further enhancing the public realm and improving connectivity for pedestrians between Edinburgh's Old and New Towns.

Construction of £1.2m worth of improvements will begin around Waverley Station starting from tomorrow.

The project is due to be carried out in two stages:

- Market Street – 26 May to 26 July
- Waverley Bridge – 8 September to 1 December

The council explain what they are about to do:-

*“The construction work includes: widening and resurfacing the footways in natural stone paving, installing new raised tables to improve pedestrian crossing points, installing a new zebra crossing, providing a new 10 bay taxi rank on Market Street, creating new loading areas, a new cycle lane, new street lighting, resurfacing the carriageway and reducing street clutter.*

*These improvement works have been carefully planned to minimise disruption to businesses and associated tourism, with programming purposely avoiding the summer festival*

*period.*

*At certain stages of the project there will be a need for temporary traffic lights, lane width restriction and parking suspension, however access for pedestrians and deliveries will be maintained at all times and all shops and businesses will be open for business as usual.*

*We will continue to work with the local residents and businesses throughout the course of the project so that we can minimise disruption and inconvenience to all those affected by the works."*

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Some Edinburgh bands are getting a chance to strut their stuff at T in the Park this summer.

Tennent's Lager have revealed the T Break line-up for 2014 with Edinburgh based bands Birdhead, NAKED and DJ, Tisoki all making the bill. Tennent's Lager put out their annual call in March for Scotland's unsigned acts to submit their demos to T Break in the hope of landing one of 16 highly coveted slots on the T Break Stage at T in the Park.

Edinburgh duo Birdhead describe their sound as prog come post punk groove rock and 2013 saw the release of their debut album *Pleasure Centre* which drew widespread critical acclaim and was listed amongst the top 50 albums of the year by T Break judge and BBC Radio DJ Vic Galloway.

Birdhead front man Stephen Donkin said, "We are absolutely over the moon to be picked for T Break. T in the Park is a festival that I've been to more times than I can count, and to be able to be part of it from the other side of the fence is an amazing opportunity. I just can't wait to give a performance as memorable as the ones I've seen down the years!"

Joining them on the bill will be the hypnotising NAKED, with a sound compared to walking through Japan at night where neon-lit beats filter under dissonant guitar sculptures NAKED are sure to bring a beautiful set to the T Break Stage this summer.

The final Edinburgh act to take to the T Break Stage this summer is bass music DJ, Tisoki. Gaining millions of hits online with tracks such as MMXIII and Sky Child and having played shows across Europe the Edinburgh DJ is sure to play an unmissable set at this year's festival.

Tennent's Lager have been proudly supporting Scotland's grassroots music scene through T Break for the past 19 years, providing the country's freshest unsigned talent with the chance to showcase their material to fans, musicians and music industry insiders alike on the biggest platform for unsigned artists at T in the Park – the T Break Stage.

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The Greater Liberton Heritage Project is one of the first groups in the UK to receive a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Sharing Heritage grant, it was announced this week. The funding is for their exciting project, 'The Search for Bridgend Medieval Royal Chapel', in south Edinburgh. The Greater Liberton Heritage Project, has been given £9,900 to carry out archaeological excavations to find out if local farm buildings include the remains of a medieval Royal chapel.

Sharing Heritage is a new funding programme to help people across the UK explore, conserve and share all aspects of the history and character of their local area.

The Greater Liberton Heritage Project are a team of volunteers established in 2002 to support and encourage research and public interest into the unique heritage and cultural identity of the area of Greater Liberton. As well as collating and disseminating the history of the area, we encourage the

conservation of sites important to the cultural heritage of the area. On the Search for Bridgend Medieval Royal Chapel project we will be working with Rubicon Heritage Services, a professional archaeological firm, with the support of Edinburgh City Council. Oral tradition and historical references indicate a Royal chapel was constructed at Bridgend during the medieval period. Historical research and archaeological field survey have shown that the remains may be incorporated into upstanding farm buildings. Archaeological excavations will be carried out to find structural and/or dating evidence which could prove whether the upstanding buildings are the medieval Royal chapel. Local schools, groups and societies are encouraged to get involved with the project which will allow them to learn about heritage in the local area and archaeological techniques.

Commenting on the award, Margaret Collingwood said: "It's great that we have been awarded this grant and we can't wait to get started. We love where we live and know there's so much more to discover about our past. We are all really excited about telling other people about our findings and sharing our heritage and history with them."



Convener of  
Culture and Sport  
Richard Lewis

Councillor Richard Lewis, Convener of Culture for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "This project will significantly support the cultural heritage of the South Edinburgh area. It is fantastic that the search for Bridgend Chapel will also offer local schools and community groups the chance to get involved and learn about their local heritage and archaeological techniques. Edinburgh's rich history is by no means restricted to the World Heritage Sites of the Old and New Towns, and we look forward to uncovering important

insights into the unique history of Greater Liberton.”

Colin McLean, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund Scotland, added: “Sharing Heritage is a wonderful opportunity for communities to delve into their local heritage and we are delighted to be able to offer this grant so that the community of Greater Liberton can embark on a real journey of discovery. Heritage means such different things to different people, and HLF’s funding offers a wealth of opportunities for groups to explore and celebrate what’s important to them in their area.”

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Tickets are now on sale for the Airshow at the National Museum of Flight on 26 July 2014. The Red Arrows are coming!

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