

Tuesday in Edinburgh – things to do today

✖ **TUESDAY** – from folksong to organ music, from independence to the English language...

Tradfest and Blackwell's Edinburgh (South Bridge) present David Torrance 'A New Union' – Scotland in a Federal UK. In this new book, Torrance argues for a wholesale transformation of the famously uncoded British constitution. He advocates a 'new union', a UK federation in which Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland become sovereign states on a more equal footing. 6.30-7.30pm. To obtain your free ticket call in at the shop's front desk or call 0131 622 8218.

Tradfest: Clash of the Titans: Revival & Renaissance. Raymond Raszowski Ross examines the famous clash between Hamish Henderson and Hugh MacDiarmid about the role of folksong in literature, and its wider significance for Scottish culture. 6-7pm National Library of Scotland. Free tickets from the Scottish Storytelling Centre Box Office on 0131 556 9579.

Tradfest: Cafe Ceilidh. A free afternoon of traditional songs and music in the Storytelling Court of the Scottish Storytelling Centre. 2-4pm, unticketed.

✖ **Walter Scott & the Storytellers:** Anne Fancett and Lisa McKenna explore Scott as 'Wizard of the North' and master storyteller. 2-3.30pm at the National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge. Book by calling the Scottish Storytelling Centre on 0131 556 9579. Part of Tradfest.

University of Edinburgh: Professor Bettelou Los,, Forbes Chair of English Language, gives her inaugural lecture '**Changing English.**' 5.15-6.15pm, Lecture Theatre 175, Old College, South Bridge.

St Mary's Metropolitan (RC) Cathedral, Picardy Place. Concert with Belgian organist **Luc Ponet** from Our Lady's Basilica in Tongeren. Music by Widor, and the mighty 'Storm' Fantasia by Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens. Free entry, retiring collection. 7.30pm.

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