

Five things you need to know today



D-Day Anniversary – Broughton High School Concert – The Edinburgh Quartet – Community Cafes – Scot took football to Brazil!

Ahead of visiting France today on the anniversary of D-Day, First Minister Alex Salmond paid tribute to the Scottish servicemen and women who played a vital role in the D-Day landings 70 years ago.

In 1944, Scottish soldiers were part of the Allied troops that stormed the beaches of France and marked the beginning of the end of World War Two.

The First Minister was speaking ahead of attending commemorations at Bayeux Cathedral and Sword Beach in Normandy today. He said:-“Scotland, like many other countries, paid a heavy price during the Second World War with an appalling loss of life, as well as the thousands of people who suffered injuries and experiences which changed them and their family life forever.

“Too many paid the ultimate sacrifice and we must never forget those who fought and died to protect the democratic freedoms we still cherish today. However, we are not only remembering those who made sacrifices in the second world war but those who fought in many conflicts – it is only right that we honour and recognise their sacrifice and commitment.

“Scottish troops played a crucial role in the Normandy landings, led by Brigadier Simon Christopher Joseph Fraser,

15th Lord Lovat and kilted Bill Millin who played bagpipes on Sword Beach on invasion day to rouse the troops in even greater endeavour.

“We must remember with pride and gratitude of all those who were involved in the liberation of Europe in the Second World War, as well as thanking those who still fight for us today.”

The First Minister added that the government is committed to improving the lives of servicemen and women, past and present:

“The Armed Forces continue to touch the hearts of Scots today thanks to their loyalty and selflessness, and the Scottish Government will continue to show unequivocal support for the Armed Forces community in Scotland.

“We have recently started the appointment process for Scotland’s first Veterans Commissioner to further improve public services by listening to the experiences of ex-servicemen and women. I also announced over £200,000 of funding to assist Scotland’s veteran charities and help community museums in their local commemorations of the centenary of the great war.”





Edinburgh Quartet

“The Edinburgh Quartet Celebrates Hans Gál”



Hans Gál

Concert: The Queen’s Hall, Edinburgh, 3.30pm Sunday 15th June

2014The Edinburgh Quartet and guests Maximiliano Martín (Principal Clarinet: Scottish Chamber Orchestra) and Juliette Bausor (Principal Flute: Royal Northern Sinfonia & London Mozart Players) join forces for a special concert featuring Hans Gál's Clarinet Quintet and Concertino for Flute and String Quartet, alongside Mozart & Mendelssohn.Full programme: Mozart: Flute Quartet in D major, Gál Clarinet Quintet Op.107, Gál Concertino for Flute & String Quartet Op.82, Mendelssohn: String Quartet Op.80.Tickets £15, £12 concessions, £5 students and children, from The Queen's Hall Box Office 0131 668 2019.<http://www.thequeenshall.net/whats-on/shows/edinburgh-quartet-celebrates-hans-gal-june2014>

✖ There is now a map of all the community cafes across the city!

Edinburgh Community Cafes have produced a second edition of their guide to tasty food with a social conscience around the city.

Money raised in each of the cafes supports the local projects, training programmes, charities and community centres all doing good work in your neighbourhood. From providing employability and training programmes, raising funds and developing volunteering opportunities left, right and centre, there is a diverse range of opportunities to get involved in... not to mention all the tasty food on offer!

The network of cafes has expanded to over 40 in the last year so it was high time for a new map to let the people of Edinburgh know what we're all up to and how to find us. The group includes organisations like Autism Initiatives, Bethany Christian Trust, The Eric Liddell Centre, and Sikh Sanjog,

The map is a fantastic resource to inform customers of other vibrant community cafes in Edinburgh.

Jenny Bassett, Grassmarket Community Project said:-

“Pick up a map at any of the community cafes, find us online at edinburghcommunitycafes.org.uk or visit our facebook page. Thanks to NHS Lothian for funds to design and print this run of maps. ”

Finally in news from the University of Edinburgh we are told that the Brazilians were introduced to football by one of their former students, Thomas Donohoe in 1894.