

Five things you need to know today



Order of the Thistle – Edinburgh International Magic Festival – Voting in the referendum – HOLI ONE Colour Festival – Dads Rock

Today HM the Queen will be in Edinburgh to lead all the Knights of the Garter in a procession from the Signet Library to St Giles Cathedral and into the Thistle Chapel there. According to the British Monarchy website the format is this:-

The Knights of the Order of the Thistle gather in the Signet Library dressed in their green velvet mantle, hat and collar to await the arrival of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

In Parliament Square the Guard of Honour found by The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland (Royal Company of Archers) with the Colours of the Royal Company, is accompanied by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

Upon the arrival of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh in Parliament Square, the Chancellor of the Thistle, the Dean of the Thistle and the Secretary of the Thistle conduct Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to the Signet Library to join the procession into the Chapel of the Order of the Thistle. The Queen installs the new Knights and then the procession forms once again and proceeds to the Cathedral where the remaining part of the Service takes place.

In the chapel you can see the heraldic emblems of each individual Knight or Lady of the order, but you will have to wait till after the service taking place there this morning

before getting in to the cathedral.

The oldest of the Knights of the Thistle in terms of appointment is the Duke of Edinburgh, followed by the Duke of Rothesay and the third is the Earl of Elgin who is the chief of the Clan Bruce. He had a very busy week last week including the reenactment of the Battle of Bannockburn and the Service of Magnanimity at Dunfermline Abbey on Friday. Although he will be wearing the regalia of the Order of which he is a member today, when The Edinburgh Reporter saw him at the weekend he was sporting the most gloriously devilish socks of yellow and red stripes which are of course his heraldic colours.

Today at the Edinburgh International Magic Festival there are some very good shows to see. Have a read at the full programme here. The Festival runs till 4 July 2014.

<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Magic-Fest-2014.pdf>

The Scottish Independence Referendum takes place on 18 September 2014, but you must be registered to vote by 2 September 2014 or you will not be able to have your say.

Young people who will be 16 or over on the date of the referendum can also register.

You can register by contacting the [Electoral Registration Office](#) on 0131 344 2500 or by clicking the link to download forms.

It's being billed as the hottest ticket in town and if you're quick, you could still book your place at one of the UK's most unique music festivals.

There is just five days to go until the HOLI ONE Colour festival descends on Edinburgh. Taking place on Saturday 5th July from noon until 10pm at Gypsy Brae Ground, HOLI ONE aims to unite people through music and colour.

Alexander Dau, director of HOLI ONE Colour Festivals, said: "We are expecting thousands of people to attend the festival in Edinburgh however, we do have a limited number of tickets still available so for anyone who wants to experience music, dance, performance art and visual stimulation should act quickly before it's too late."

Against a backdrop of dance and DJ music, revellers at HOLI ONE throw powders into the air to create an explosion of colour and excitement aimed at celebrating togetherness and the colour of everyday life. Last year, HOLI ONE Colour festivals were attended by 100,000 people worldwide and took place across cities and countries that included London, South Africa and Berlin.

Tickets are priced from £30.99 per person and can be purchased at <http://tickets.holione.com/edinburgh>

