

Five things you need to know today



Museum of Childhood

Edinburgh's Hidden Gems

The Causey

Edinburgh Mela

Charity Golf

The Royal Mile-based [Museum of Childhood](#), which is owned and managed by the City of Edinburgh Council, has invited the artist Kate Davis to host a free talk on her work and inspirations at the [City Art Centre](#) at 3pm on 17 July 2014. Davis has just finished an exhibition of work relating to playing with makeshift toys.

The Museum's doll collection, which belonged to London cashier Edward Lovett (1852 – 1933), has been housed at the Museum of Childhood since 1961.

Edward Lovett was a member of the Folklore Society and became an authority on dolls, particularly makeshift dolls made for poorer children who did not have commercially made toys.

EdinburghReportage is our sister site and we are looking for you to help us fill one of our storyboards with your suggestions of the Hidden Gems in Edinburgh.

[Have a look over here](#) and post your photos, video or just a few words telling us where your hidden gem is.

The Causey is a triangular shaped traffic island just off East Cross Causeway. People have big ideas for it and there is a workshop this Saturday to discuss plans for their next big event. They ran the very exciting and successful Southsiders event last year.

<http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Making-Light-Work-of-It-flyer.pdf>

This year's Edinburgh Mela programme brings together artists from Poland, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Jamaica, China, Gambia, Rajasthan, Cuba, the Ukraine and Kenya, whilst still keeping traditional and contemporary South Asian culture at its heart. The World Dance Feste tent, one of the only platforms dedicated to dance throughout the official Edinburgh Festivals, will showcase dance styles from traditional Indian Kathak and Spanish flamenco through Brazillian football-influenced dance and dark contemporary hip hop.

There are two new dance commissions this year: From Here To There by influential Edinburgh choreographer Merav Israel and Capicúa, featuring Spanish flamenco legend Carmen Ledesma; The King of Ghosts, the Mela's major celebratory commission, teams up the Scottish Chamber Orchestra with rising star Soumik Datta in a cinematic musical spectacular.

The Edinburgh Reporter spoke to Chris Purnell at the launch earlier this week:-

Try and Score Celebrity Golf Day is returning to the Fidra Links course at Archerfield on the 6 August 2014. This is a charity golf day to raise funds for Royal Blind.

Competing in the charity golf tournament will be 18 teams of

3, each then made up to a four ball with a football or rugby legend. Sporting names last year included George Burley, Andy Nicol, Jim Renwick, Scott Hastings, Gordon Smith, Pat Nevin, Paul Hartley and John Robertson.

The charity golf day will commence with full use of the practice facilities from 8.00am, coffee and bacon rolls served from 9.30 in our private dining room, followed by a run through of the rules. There will be a shotgun start at 11.00 and following a competitive round of golf, teams can mix with celebrities and fellow competitors whilst enjoying drinks, dinner, trophy presentation and a special sporting auction.

Numbers and Celebrities are strictly limited so book early!
Teams of 3 cost £575, which includes:

- Coffee and bacon roll on arrival
- Round of golf on the Fidra Links
- Dinner with wine and beer
- Trophy presentation

Please note: tickets purchased are non refundable.

To book your team space now, visit the Royal Blind [online shop](#). To reserve a team space, please contact their events team on 0131 229 1456 or email gemma.gillespie@royalblind.org