

Five things you need to know today



Fire in Dumbiedykes

Police Commander's statement


Libby Clegg

Cinefringe

Virgin Money Fireworks

A man was treated for minor burns and smoke inhalation yesterday evening following a fire in his kitchen in his flat at Dumbiedykes Road, Edinburgh.

[More here](#)

 Commander Mark Williams is in charge of policing in Edinburgh. His word is final on much of what police do in Edinburgh, and his name was being used by protesters last week at the pro Palestine march. They stated more than once that it was the police commander who had decided their march would not process along Princes Street. Clearly in view of the fact that the march did take that route the protesters ignored advice. They also called for some volunteers to be arrested to ensure that the matter would be aired in court. This is not to say that the protesters were in any way out of control. They largely acted along with police advice, and there was clear cooperation between Police Scotland and the protest.

The police commander has issued a statement making it clear

that the police value their relationship with all members of the community, but have a duty towards all residents in the city.

[Post](#) by [Edinburgh Police Division](#).

Our video report on the march is [here](#).

Libby Clegg won a gold medal the other night at the Commonwealth Games. A remarkable feat to run so fast, but even more remarkable when you realise that she is a former pupil of the Royal Blind School Edinburgh and is registered blind. There is a lovely tribute to her on the Royal Blind website which [you will find here](#).

Cinefringe is what it says on the tin – The Fringe at the Cinema, more precisely it is at the Cameo and runs from 31 July to 3 August.

[Full programme details here](#).

In exactly a month's time there will be fireworks!

The Virgin Money Fireworks Concert brings Edinburgh's summer festival season to a spectacular conclusion, celebrating courage, heroism and struggles for freedom through stirring, uplifting music and a breathtaking fireworks display specially choreographed by international fireworks artists Pyrovision.

Alongside the majesty of Wagner's 'Ride of the Valkyries' from Die Walküre and Debussy's rousing March Écossaise, the concert takes in the stormy passions of Beethoven's Egmont Overture and the memorable 'War March of the Priests' from

Mendelssohn's Athalie.

Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, written to celebrate Russia's deliverance from Napoleon's invading armies, brings the evening to an electrifying conclusion, accompanied by a glittering display of pyrotechnics from the Edinburgh Castle ramparts.

[More details here.](#)