

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Competitions

Mural on the Meadows

Today at the Tattoo

Register to vote

Toys for Gaza

We have a great competition for you to enter... in fact there are two!

The first is to win tickets for Foodies Festival this weekend. [Enter here.](#)

The second competition is for a pair of tickets to have dinner at the Pommery Champagne Bar and then go to the Tattoo. [Enter here.](#)

Both competitions close on Thursday 7 August 2014 at 5pm.

At the Meadows a new mural has been put in place on the wall of the Scottish Power substation that faces on to the Meadows at the intersection of Middle Meadow Walk and North Meadow Walk.. The work was commissioned by Friends of the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links. The artist is Astrid Jaekel, who worked in collaboration with the poet Rachel Woolf to compose a fascinating interweaving of text and pictures over five large boards, covering most of the walls facing east and south of

the Scottish Power building.

For the first board Rachel has used an extract from Muriel Spark's *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* describing a walk over the Meadows of children with their teacher, Miss Brodie. Rachel then composed her own words to describe 'A Throng of Folk' on the Meadows, which Astrid interweaves with a series of brilliant illustrations over the next three boards. Finally a poem by Robert Burns ends the sequence, again accompanied by Astrid's imaginative interpretations. The whole set illustrates a procession and a celebration.

Frontline Typhoon and Tornado GR4s from RAF Leuchars in Fife and RAF Lossiemouth in Moray are saluting the crowds at Edinburgh Castle this August and tonight the aircraft will be a Typhoon.

Flying at 1,000 feet, the aircraft will travel east to west along the Royal Mile and over the castle esplanade. In addition and for one night only, one of the world's premier aerobatic display teams, the Red Arrows, will make a special appearance on August 9th.

Air Officer Scotland and Station Commander RAF Leuchars, Air Commodore Gerry Mayhew said:

"The Royal Air Force is delighted and honoured to be able to participate in this year's Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The Tattoo never fails to attract an international audience and we welcome the opportunity to showcase the United Kingdom's impressive air power capability. Our ever-vigilant Typhoon Force is on high alert every minute of every day to defend the United Kingdom's airspace and that of our NATO allies, while our Tornados provide critical intelligence gathering and air support to operations around the globe. None of these vital tasks could be achieved without the dedication

and skill of our people.”

For the Independence Referendum, you must register to vote no later than 2nd September 2014.

If you wish a postal vote, you must apply no later than Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Download forms and register today [by clicking here.](#)

Tenants and Residents in Muirhouse (TRIM) are collecting toys for Gaza at the Community Shop. They will be shipping the toys out to the area at the end of August. [Here they list all the toys they need to collect.](#)