

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



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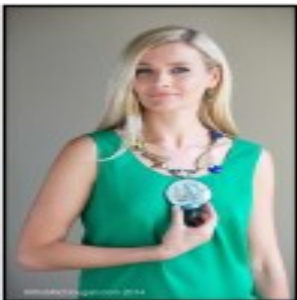
At the National Library of Scotland

Racing at Musselburgh tonight

Kenny Ireland the long time director of The Royal Lyceum Theatre and the ageing Donald Stewart on ITV's Benidorm has died at the age of 68.

There are many many articles regretting the passing of the Scottish actor who had been ill for some time but [click here](#) for the authoritative statement from the Royal Lyceum site.

The Craft Scotland Summer Show starts today and is open daily until 23 August. The show features 32 craft makers from across Scotland showcasing top quality jewellery, ceramics, textiles and homeware. The show returns to the 2nd floor of White Stuff in George Street with an outdoor raised platform where 'Meet your Maker' events will take place. Entry to the show is free, for opening times and details of the 'Meet your Maker' programme go to www.craftscotland.com/summershow



Photos by Rob McDougall: Grace Martin from Edinburgh tries on some stunning jewellery by Grainne Morton ahead of the launch of the Craft Scotland Summer Show

Today at the Edinburgh Art Festival

Discussion and Performance: Thembinkosi Goniwe, Kay Hassan and Feya Faku at 12 noon

Free, but book in advance. [Book tickets.](#)

Artist Kay Hassan and jazz trumpeter Feya Faku discuss their collaboration together with curator Thembinkosi Goniwe, followed by a chance to hear Feya Faku perform.

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As the centenary of its outbreak is marked across the world, an exhibition at the National Library of Scotland will examine Scotland's role in the First World War through the personal stories of a number of men and women who lived, and died, during this momentous period in history. A selection of items from the papers of Field Marshal Haig, including pages from his First World War diary, are on display in the Behind the Lines exhibition.

[More details here.](#)

Musselburgh Racecourse launches its August programme with three meetings within 20 days and total prize money just short of £150,000.

First up is the annual Carnival Race Night tonight with a £40,000 racecard and the £12,000 Mabanft Maba-Dash five furlong feature race.

A Caribbean steel band and traditional dancers provide the Carnival atmosphere with free entertainment including fairground rides, roundabouts, bouncy castles and stilt walkers. Traditional shows stalls, an interactive Kids Zone and the Forth One Roadshow presented by Mark Martin, complete the entertainment which is all free of charge.

The Archerfield Cup Race Day the following Friday (8 Aug) carries a £57,500 prize fund, including the £25,000 Archerfield Cup feature race over 1 mile six furlongs, then the East Lothian course is back in action on the Wednesday, 20 August, with an afternoon meeting and prize money of £53,000.

Musselburgh Racecourse commercial manager, Sarah Montgomery, said: "The Carnival Race Night has grown in popularity and sets the stage for a busy three week period in August. We are hoping the dry and sunny summer we have experienced so far will continue and locals and visitors to the area can enjoy the best that summer racing has to offer."

With a further three meetings in September and two in October before the National Hunt season begins, Musselburgh Racecourse is on course to have one of its most successful Flat seasons to date.

For further information and to book tickets online please visit www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk