

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Opera at Rosslyn Chapel

Clean up on the beach

Ryder Cup

HMS Edinburgh

M & S fundraising

An international operatic singing star is coming home to Midlothian to perform at Rosslyn Chapel for Midfest 2014.

Iain Paton, who is originally from Mayfield, is an internationally acclaimed opera singer who shot to fame replacing Plácido Domingo as tenor soloist in Lloyd Webber's *Requiem* in Australia, New Zealand and Norway.

Some of his other singing career highlights include; TAMINO *Magic Flute* and SHEPHERD *Tristan und Isolde* for Scottish Opera, as well as recording the role of EURIMACHOS in Dallapiccola's *Ulisse* for the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Andrew Davis.

Now, the singing sensation is to take centre stage in the iconic Chapel, which is part of this year's Midfest – Midlothian's own arts and music festival.

The intimate one-off performance will take place in the candle-lit setting of the chapel where the singer will be joined by The Edinburgh Kevock Choir.

Ian Gardener, Director of Rosslyn Chapel, said: "It's great to have Rosslyn Chapel included in the Midfest programme for

2014, following the success of last year's event. The acoustics in the Chapel are renowned and this looks set to be an unforgettable evening of music."

The concert will take place on Saturday 13 September at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 for adults and £15 for concessions and are available on: www.rosslynchapel.com or in person from the Chapel.

There are more than 60 events going on across Midlothian for Midfest 2014 which runs from Saturday 6 September to Sunday 14 September. Get your tickets here: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/midfest-6764622193>

The UK's leading marine charity says it hopes people who love the coast around Scotland will take part in a nationwide beach clean event which includes clean-ups all the way down the Scottish east coast but especially Portobello. [Click here](#) to register as a volunteer to help clean up Portobello Beach.

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) runs regular beach cleans around the UK which this year will culminate in the Great British Beach Clean over the weekend of the **19th-22nd September.**

MCS says it hopes to get a record number of people cleaning beaches around the UK during its Great British Beach Clean weekend and is looking for volunteers in Scotland.

Tom Bell, MCS Campaigns Manager, says the event hopes to return many of Britain's beaches to their halcyon days of the 50's and 60's, before we became a throw away society resulting in thousands of pieces of litter, including vast amounts of plastic, along every kilometre of the UK's coastline.

"Our domestic habits over the last 50 years or so have resulted in dirty beaches. We throw more stuff away than ever.

Plastic in the marine environment may take hundreds of years to break down and it washes up or is blown onto beaches in bits from micro pieces to larger chunks.

We flush stuff down the loo we shouldn't, and that ends up in our water ways and then our beaches. We want to see people turning out to clean up their favourite or local beach during our Great British Beach Clean weekend – please don't turn your back out beaches.”

There are beach clean events in Scotland from Aberdeenshire to Angus and Edinburgh to East Lothian. The full list can be found at www.mcsuk.org.

The Ryder Cup was in Edinburgh yesterday. Did you catch a glimpse of it? We have photos and video [here](#).

The Council commissioned PWC to carry out an economic impact study for HMS Edinburgh to be used as a floating museum in Edinburgh. You can read the study below. The council have now decided it is beyond their means.

http://www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/06_03_HMS_Edinburgh_Final_Report.pdf

M&S Edinburgh has raised the sum of £5,139.58 for Care and Repair Edinburgh; the store's chosen Charity of the Year.

Over the last year, the store's fundraising efforts have involved employees who took part in a sponsored walk, a bungee jump and a silent auction.

Each year, M&S stores around the country select one charity to support for the full year, hosting fundraising events with

customers and employees.

Care and Repair Edinburgh is an independent charity offering advice and assistance to people who are older and/or have disabilities. They provide a range of practical services to help people repair, improve or adapt their homes so that they can live independently in their own homes in comfort for as long as possible.

Jenny McPartlin, M&S Edinburgh Store Manager, said: "Each year we commit to working with a local cause and this year we have been working closely with Care & Repair Edinburgh as it offers a great source of support for people throughout the city.

"We would like to thank all of our customers who have helped support our fundraising efforts over the last year and we hope that the funds raised go some way towards helping the charity continue their great work."

Employees from M&S Edinburgh were also recently invited to the grand opening of Care and Repair's new premises, at Osborne Terrace, Edinburgh. The plaque was unveiled by Alex Neil MSP and was attended by Eddie Thomson and Alison Barbour from the store's Business Involvement Group.