

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Today at Edinburgh's Christmas

Happy Birthday to The Haven!

Adventure talk – tonight


Rail Fares stand still

Roadworks at Forth Replacement Crossing

Today at Edinburgh's Christmas you could use your 20% discount if you have an EH postcode and book yourself a skating session. There are actually two ice rinks. One is in East Princes Street Gardens which you can book [here](#) and the other is in St Andrew Square which you can book [here](#). Prices start from £5.00.

The little cafe down at Newhaven is three years old today!

[Post](#) by [The Haven](#).

 An event being held at The Hub later today features four of the UK's leading adventurers : Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Ben Fogle, Olly Hicks and Kenton Cool.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes: Deemed the world's greatest living explorer. Sir Ranulph's expeditions include the first to visit both the North and South Poles by surface and the first to cross Antarctica on foot.

Ben Fogle: A popular TV personality, Ben's many adventures have included rowing tandem across the Atlantic Ocean, cycling

across the Rocky Mountains and travelling through the empty quarter of Oman.

Olly Hicks: The youngest person to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean and Tasmania Sea, Olly also attempted an around the world solo row but was thwarted by a boat failure. Olly will attempt to row around the world solo again in 2016.

Kenton Cool: As well as reaching the summit of Everest 11 times (a British record), Kenton was the first to complete the triple crown of the summits of Everest, Nuptse and Lhotse in a single trip. Kenton has also led many of Sir Ranulph Fiennes' expeditions, including their tackling of the North Face of the Eiger.

Tickets are £16 each for over 19s only and are still available to buy from www.thelittleboxoffice.com/theblackgrouse

Transport Scotland has announced that off peak rail fares will remain the same in 2015, but that peak fares will rise in line with inflation.

[Read more here.](#)

The Forth Replacement Crossing continues towards completion, but of course it means new roads and disruption on roads in the area.

Here is the weekly update on the arrangements which will affect you if you drive in the area:

Monday 08 December 2014 – A904 East controlled by stop/go boards for short duration tie-in works at Echline Corner.

Tuesday 09 December 2014, off-peak – temporary traffic lights on A904 near Echline Corner for surfacing works, white lining and other works.

Overnight Tuesday 09 / Wednesday 10 December 2104 – new access to B924 from A904 at Echline Corner open (temporary access west of U221 closed). All access from west at this stage, westbound traffic will require to use gyratory to access new link from west. Traffic on will still be

controlled by temporary traffic lights on B924 to facilitate completion of tie-in works

Friday 19 December 2014 – B924 fully open to two-way traffic. Westbound traffic on A904 will continue to use gyratory to access new link from west side.

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