

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Christmas Shopping today

Next of kin appeal

Edinburgh Rugby

Same sex marriage now legal

Take a cab home this Christmas

The Dovecot on Infirmary Street is open today especially for Christmas between 10.30am and 5.30pm For last minute Christmas presents, come and browse Selected on this special Dovecot Sunday open day.

Police Scotland is appealing for information to help trace the next of kin of a man who died in Edinburgh this week.

David McLeish passed away within his home address in Grove Street on Thursday, however police have been unable to trace his next of kin.

There are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of the 58 year-old and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.


Anyone with information that can help locate his relatives is asked to contact police on 101.

Our sports section is full of rugby and football. If you have a sport that you would like to write about for us then do get in touch. Meantime check out John Preece's match report from Friday night and lovely photos of the men in pink....

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The Edinburgh Reporter met up with two couples at Leith Registrars earlier this week for whom the change in the law to allow same sex couples to marry is a life changer.

[The Edinburgh Reporter NEWS Same sex marriage legal from today](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

 Edinburgh Western SNP MSP Colin Keir has urged festive revellers to be 'Cabwise' this Christmas.

Mr Keir said, "Everyone wants to have fun at this time of year but it is important to be safe especially when travelling home from a night out particularly if you are a woman travelling alone. If revellers are hailing a taxi on the street they should make sure that they use properly licenced taxis which are easily identifiable here in Edinburgh. Only licensed cabs are entitled to pick up from the street. Always pre book Private Hire Cars. Have a great time but be 'Cabwise' – don't forget your personal safety."

Cllr Gavin Barrie Regulatory Convener with the City Council echoed Mr Keir's call saying, "I very much want to echo the 'Cabwise' message. Only hail a licensed cab on the street. People enjoying a night out may be unaware that Private Hire cars must be pre-booked and never hailed from the street, your details will then be logged for your safety. As the Convener of the Council's Regulatory Committee which oversees taxi and

Private Hire Car licensing I want everyone on a festive night out to enjoy themselves but above all I want everyone to remain safe.”

The politicians were joined in this call by representatives of two major Edinburgh taxi firms – City Cabs and Central Taxis. Director of Central Taxis Tony Kenmuir said “I applaud the ‘Cabwise’ initiative and would say that people can plan ahead by pre-booking their journeys or using the taxi app. You don’t need to stand out in the cold to get a taxi. Enjoy yourself and have a safe journey home.”



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