

Five things you need to know today



Queen's Birthday Honours list 2015

World Naked Bike Ride

Smelly plant at the Botanics

Airshow

Muirhouse Photography Group

Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

[Read more here.](#)

Ms Dorothy Horne Senior Manager, 6VT Edinburgh Youth Cafe has received an OBE for services to Young People.

We are very pleased to see that Lynne McNicoll is now Lynne McNicoll OBE and are delighted that she has already altered her Twitter account to suit.

She is the founder of the local cancer charity [It'sGood2Give](#) aimed at young people with cancer and their families. Lynne is herself now undergoing a series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer which of course she is dealing with in the same way as she always approaches life.

Well done Lynne! Many congratulations!

We are delighted that Van Morrison has been knighted and Kevin Spacey is made an honorary knight. For those of you who follow House of Cards this means that an American President has been

knighted...right?

Who are you most pleased for?

✘ **The [World Naked Bike Ride, Edinburgh](#) is part of a [global protest](#) against car culture, oil dependency, and a way to demonstrate cyclist vulnerability on the roads. Also a celebration of body freedom and a lot of fun! Dress code is “as bare as you dare”. Most people wear shoes and Scottish laws mean minimal genital coverage is required.**

[Read more here](#)

A big smelly plant is now in bloom at the Botanic Garden soon...

The *Amorpha phallus titanum* (titan arum), one of the world's biggest and smelliest blooms, is set to flower and could look like the one at Basel. It's a first for the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and for Scotland.

There was great excitement at the Garden this morning when horticulturists discovered the bud had started to unfurl to reveal a flower. The plant is currently 137cms in height and getting bigger by the day.

The Botanics said: "It is expected that the titan arum, which is housed in the Lowland Tropics House, will be of great interest to visitors. So, when it is in full bloom, and at its smelliest, the Garden will be open from 9am until 9pm. Visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for details and to check its progress."

 In July you have the airshow to look forward to.

Here's a reminder of what you might be able to see:

Get down to Muirhouse Library to see the Muirhouse Photography Group exhibition.



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