

Five things you need to know today



High School Yards steps reopen

COMPETITIONS!

Figgate Park Clean up

Armed Forces Day

Celtic Renewables

The steps at High School Yards have just been reopened after being closed for 12 years. This is a joint venture among the council and other organisations and we were at the opening ceremony held in the summer sunshine yesterday afternoon.

[The Edinburgh Reporter NEWS](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

[Read more here.](#)

We have just launched two competitions: One to win a pair of tickets for the AAM Scottish Open this July.

Enter [here](#) before 5pm on 30 June 2015.

The other is a competition to win a pair of tickets for Mark Beaumont's Edinburgh Festival of Cycling Talk on Friday night.

Enter [here](#) and Good Luck!




Edinburgh is a big centre for the armed forces, with barracks and the Castle all playing a central role in the city, and we will be marking Armed Forces Day this Saturday.

This year's event will be held in the Grassmarket and will include a parade that will provide a high profile presence of the Armed Forces and Veterans community in Edinburgh.

The parade route sets off from Johnston Terrace via Candlemakers Row to the Grassmarket at 11.30am.

On arrival at the Grassmarket there will be a short address from the Lord Provost and a senior military or veteran figure before the parade dismisses to enjoy the entertainment and military and charity displays.

 Edinburgh-based Celtic Renewables has been named Europe's most innovative biotech SME after producing the world's first advanced biofuel, capable of powering vehicles, from the residues of whisky production.

The company was yesterday presented with the award and a cheque for €10,000 at the European Parliament by Carlos Moedas, the EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation.

Earlier this year Celtic Renewables' founder and President Professor Martin Tangney and his colleagues made history when they unveiled the world's first ever samples of biobutanol derived from whisky production residues.

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