

# Five things you need to know today



**Today is Armed Forces Day**

**Wester Hailes on STV Edinburgh**

**New hotel approved by planners**

**Drylaw Telford Community Council**

**Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Celebrations for the Waterloo parade this morning will begin with a salute at 10:25am from HRH The Duke of Kent on The Royal Mile.

At 11:30am, a spectacular Armed Forces Day parade of up to 500 serving personnel and veterans will march from Johnston Terrace via Candlemaker Row to the Grassmarket, culminating in an afternoon of live music and dance right up until 3:00pm.

Highlights include a welcome from Edinburgh's Veterans Champion, Lord Provost Donald Wilson, and a flashback to the forties with retro dance troupe [The Kennedy Cupcakes](#), ska music from the [Pork Pie Band](#), and a traditional Scots military band.

More information from [Legion Scotland](#) who also produced this map of the route:



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There's lots of good work going on in Wester Hailes with its Green Gym, cookery classes and social history walks. Here you will see John Acheson Chair of Wester Hailes Community Council

talking about his love of the area, and the digital totem pole.

*Wester Hailes: Ewen goes 'home' for a tour of his old stomping ground and meets some great local residents.#WesterHailes*

*Posted by [STV Edinburgh](#) on Wednesday, 24 June 2015*

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Permission has been granted by the council's planners for a new hotel in Market Street.

Not everyone is pleased about it. The Old Town Community Council feel that the roofscape is not quite right.

Edinburgh World Heritage also had something to say about the roof, but basically will be happy that the site will be used now. It has been vacant for 50 years. The hotel will have 98 rooms over 8 storeys and there will be a lay-by for cars arriving and leaving. There will also be a breakfast room on the top floor to take advantage of the views.

*The development management sub-committee has approved another hotel in the Old Town, demolishing a de-listed building...*

*Posted by [Cockburn Association](#) on [Thursday, 25 June 2015](#)*

The partnership between The EDI Group Ltd and the Carlton Hotel Collection will deliver the European hotel operator's first venture in Edinburgh. Construction is due to start in December 2015.

Lynn Smith, Head of Development, EDI Group, said: "We are delighted about the positive decision made yesterday by the City of Edinburgh Council regarding the Market Street site. We firmly believe that this is great news for the city, bringing an exciting development to an integral site in the Old Town, job creation and investment from a new international hotel operator, which are all hugely positive outcomes for

Edinburgh.”

Alfred Bree, Managing Director, Carlton Hotel Collection, said: “”This is wonderful news for the Carlton Hotel Collection. We are very proud to have the opportunity to open our first premises in Edinburgh and in such an historic and prestigious location. Our luxurious hotel, conceived by our team of internationally awarded interior designers, will cater for the lifestyle and design-conscious traveller. It will offer magnificent views from the Penthouse lounge of one of the world’s leading cultural and historical cities, and in itself become part of that well known Edinburgh skyline.”

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Drylaw and Telford Community Council met earlier this week apparently to coopt new members onto the council but failed to do so as they were unsure of the procedure. Read the North Edinburgh Community News live report [here](#).

Their next formal meeting will be held on 26 August 2015 when they hope to coopt new members. The City council has helpfully produced a booklet offering all the advice that community councils need detailing ways to elect or coopt new members as well as maintaining a register of interests. That booklet is reproduced here. Drylaw/Telford is supposed to have 10 elected members and has room for 5 people to represent organisations in the area.



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Tomorrow there will be a Teddy Bear's Picnic at Lauriston Castle in Cramond!

Complete with baking teddy biscuits, making teddy puppets, getting their bear's portrait done by a cartoonist, a teddy photography studio, a woodland bear hunt where they can search for clues, prizes for best dressed bear, and hopefully little picnics in the woods with the bears.

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