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Police in Edinburgh investigating a serious sexual assault that occurred in a field at Newmills Road, Balerno earlier this year have revealed they have a full DNA profile of the suspect.

Details of the investigation are going to feature on the webpage of BBC's Crimewatch programme after last night's programme.

In addition, officers are looking to trace the occupants of a light coloured five-door saloon car seen near to the scene around the time of the attack

At around 12:30am on Thursday 27th August, a 19-year-old woman was walking home when she was attacked, taken into a field and subjected to a serious sexual assault.

The suspect is described as white with a slim build. He is around 6ft tall and possibly has long hair. At the time, he was wearing a grey hoodie and dark jeans. He may also speak with an Edinburgh or English accent.

The officer in charge of the investigation, Detective

Inspector Grant Johnston said: “We are hopeful that tonight’s Crimewatch appeal will help jog people’s memories and result in a vital piece of information.

“Anyone who believes they have information that could assist with our ongoing enquiries is asked to come forward immediately.”

DI Johnston also revealed that police are looking to trace the occupants of a light coloured five door saloon car seen a short time before the incident near the railway line further down Newmills Road towards Gowanhill Farm Road. He stressed that the people in this car are potential witnesses and appealed for them to come forward.

Only a description of the driver is available and he is said to be in his 20s and around 5’7”. There were also thought to be two or three passengers in the vehicle and anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006ppmq>



The council have a big hole in their revenue budget and will have to make £126m of savings in the next four years. What do you think? Now is your big chance to tell them. Get involved with the council’s Question Time event next Monday evening at the City Chambers.

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Book Week Scotland – What the Soldiers Read in WWI

Monday 23 November 2015 at 6:00pm

Among the cultural activities in which soldiers engaged on the Western Front, reading was perhaps the most pervasive. But what did the ordinary soldier read? How was the literary taste redefined by the conditions of war? Tonight Professor Bill Bell will answer these and other questions relating to the role of print in what would come to be called the Great War for civilisation.

Venue:

George IV Bridge,



Edinburgh EH1 1EW

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New uptake figures reveal that a fifth of people eligible to be immunised against flu in the Lothians have already taken up the offer of the free flu vaccine, as the call was issued for more to come forward.

As winter sets in, those with underlying health conditions, pregnant women, and people aged 65 and over are being urged to make an appointment to get vaccinated this month, as the flu vaccine offers the best defence against the most common strains of the virus.

Figures highlight that 22 per cent of those with underlying health conditions and 27 per cent of those who are pregnant in the NHS Lothian region are already getting vaccinated.

In addition, 17 per cent of parents of children aged 2-5 years and not yet in primary school, have made an appointment with their GP to help ensure their child is better protected this winter.

Over two million people in Scotland will be offered the flu vaccination this year, and for the first time, all parents of children aged 2-5 years and not yet in school have been contacted and encouraged to make an appointment to get their child vaccinated in a bid to help protect as many children as possible.

Underlying health conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, lung disease and heart disease, can make people more vulnerable to flu, and health professionals in the Lothians are backing the campaign to drive uptake and ensure everyone in the region is ready for flu when it hits.

Dr Nicola Steedman, Senior Medical Officer for the Scottish Government Flu campaign, said: "Over the last five years, around 500 deaths have occurred each winter which can be attributable to, or related to flu, so it is vitally important to make sure that you get the vaccine to help to protect you.

"Flu can strike suddenly and it's important to be ready. If you have a long-term medical condition, are pregnant, or are 65 years old or over, the best way to help protect yourself against the serious effects of flu is to get vaccinated, even if you are feeling perfectly well. The flu vaccination is quick and easy, takes 10-14 days to work, and will help to protect you for around a year.

"Every year we see examples of how serious flu can be for young children – they may have little immunity to the infection and the virus can develop into more serious health complications for them, including pneumonia and inner ear conditions. The vaccine offers the best defence against the dangers of flu.

“Approximately 550,000 children will be offered the nasal flu vaccine this year. Parents of children aged 2-5 years who are not yet in primary school should contact their GP practice as soon as possible to arrange their vaccination.”

If you would like to find out more information about the flu vaccine, contact NHS Inform on 0800 22 44 88 or visit www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/flu.



An exhibition by a renowned Scottish artist is to take place in an Edinburgh charity bookshop.

John F Martin, whose work is held in collections all over the world, will present a collection of his paintings at the St Columba’s Hospice bookshop in Goldenacre at 15 Montagu Terrace.

John was educated at the Glasgow School of Art and was presented with the Newbery Medal. He has lived in the Scottish Borders since the early 1970s and his work focuses on scenes from his travels around Scotland.

The exhibition will feature John’s paintings, which are all for sale, with all original paintings available for £65 or less. A percentage of money from the sale of the paintings will be donated to St Columba’s Hospice, which provides specialist end-of-life palliative care to people from the city and the Lothians.

The exhibition runs from Friday 20 – Thursday 26 November, 10am – 4pm Monday to Saturday and 1pm – 4pm on Sunday.



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