

Five things you need to know today



Art exhibition at Ocean Terminal

Valentine's Day movies at the Sick Kids

Virgin East Coast increase services on London route

Singing Jockey at Musselburgh

Edinburgh Students Arts Festival

Interview Room 11 is an artspace at Ocean Terminal and from next weekend you will be able to see Robert Davies' photographic study of coastal Edinburgh.

Davies said: "With this body of work I set out to explore the changing edge of a city, and in doing so found a coastal landscape in limbo. One of stalled housing developments and dislocated communities – a landscape of unfinished visions, uncertain of its future and disconnected from its past.

"Having grown up on the South coast of Wales and lived in St Ives in Cornwall, I have an affinity with the coast. Its towns, cities and communities are familiar to me, as are the changes brought on by development and the shifting needs of society. Having moved to Edinburgh I found similar locations, the port areas of Leith, Granton and Newhaven, which became the focal point for my research and photography.

"My images explore these spaces – generic isolated housing developments that resemble compounds rather than luxury homes, surrounded by wasteland, they appear to have more in common with the West Bank than the Water of Leith. Not the "luxury urban village", or "place where people and their children want

to live, work and play...” as described in the promotional literature. The architecture is utilitarian and uninspiring, the public spaces ineffectual and desolate, cut off from the city they lack any sense of community.

“If “cities are the privilege scenes of memory” perhaps what was imagined for these developments, and what has turned out to be the reality are quite different things.” ❌

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Patients at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children were treated to a movie night at the weekend to help them and their families celebrate Valentine’s Day.

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Pix in the Stix brought in their mobile big screen and showed shoe real blockbusters.

The Sick Kids Friends Foundation (SKFF) transformed one ward into a mini movie screen and showed Pixar’s Home for the younger patients and Pan for the older age group.

They were also treated to ice cream from S Luca from Musselburgh!

Fiona O’Sullivan, Arts Programme Manager of the Sick Kids Friends Foundation, spoke of the benefits of hosting regular fun and interactive activities within the hospital.

She said: “This was a fantastic activity organised for the children and we are extremely grateful to Pix in the Stix for helping us make it happen.

“We wanted to provide a normal, everyday experience for families who may not have had the chance to spend much time together recently. We also thought it would be a nice idea for any parents with children in intensive care to have the opportunity for a Valentine’s Day date.

“This is just one of the many activities we provide to ensure children and young people’s lives are less interrupted by illness; they are less scared of hospital and have a more positive experience.

“It’s definitely something we would look to do again in the near future.”

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Ryan Winks is a professional jockey based in South Yorkshire who has a night job – as a professional singer. At the Scottish Cheltenham Trials at Musselburgh Racecourse recently he sang for the crowd just after winning a race with Chestnut Ben trained by his father Peter in the Scottish Champion Chase. You can watch it here!

This is the 200th anniversary year for Musselburgh where they have a full range of fixtures in the next few months including the Stobo Castle Ladies Day and the Edinburgh Cup sponsored by Edinburgh Gin.

There will be racing tomorrow with the final jumps meeting of the 2016 season, after which the course will be getting ready for the Good Friday meeting which signals the start of the

flat season.

There will be a special raceday on 8 July 2016 to celebrate the bicentenary. For more information on the full list of fixtures, including a number of seasonal highlights, and to book tickets visit: www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk

✘ The Edinburgh Students Arts Festival 2016 continues this evening at 6:00pm with a free event at The Biscuit Factory, 4-6 Anderson Place, EH6 5NP.

This is a symposium called Democratic Regeneration which looks to engage a variety of individuals and groups in a discussion on reclaiming or rejuvenating urban spaces as a starting point for stronger social community.

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