

Five things you need to know today



- **Edinburgh BAFTA winner**
- **Sign up for the Snowflake Run!**
- **Investing Women**
- **Horse racing more popular than ever**
- **Scottish Chamber Orchestra at the Sick Kids**

Rebecca Morgan is from Edinburgh and she won a BAFTA with the short film which she produced with Writer/Director Caroline Bartlett. We interviewed Rebecca earlier in the week which you can read [here](#). Now some people across the UK will be able to see the film on the BAFTA Tour. So if you are in Stromness anytime soon.... [here](#) is the list of dates (but sadly not in Edinburgh!)

And there is a lovely snippet of the film in this video here:



Tomorrow the Snowflake Run takes place in Holyrood Park.

The run in Edinburgh is just one of four taking place across the UK. This new 10K event will raise money for life-saving research for Cancer Research UK.

And you may be pleased to know that there is still time to enter. Your age and ability do not matter much, as long as you have a bobble hat or beanie to wear and don't mind being hugged by a 'polar bear' or two along the way.

Susan Johnstone, Cancer Research UK's national event manager in Scotland, said: "We are absolutely thrilled that so many people have signed up to our first ever Snowflake Run in Edinburgh. But with 85 people diagnosed with cancer every day

in Scotland, we need as people as possible to take part and help give cancer the cold shoulder.”

Organisers hope to raise around £120,000 to advance research which will help more men, women and children in Edinburgh, and across the UK, survive cancer.

Susan continued: “It’s thanks to research that half of people diagnosed with cancer now survive. But half is not enough. That’s why we need as many people as possible to embrace the elements for the Stoke Snowflake Run.

“There are over 200 types of cancer and we won’t stop until we find cures for them all. The more research we are able to fund the sooner that day will come.”

For more information about the Cancer Research UK Edinburgh Snowflake Run visit snowflakeseries.co.uk

The first angel investment group made up only of women is called Investing Women and they are holding their first conference [Ambition and Growth](#) here in Edinburgh at Our Dynamic Earth on 7-8 March 2016.

200 of Scotland’s most successful businesswomen will attend the conference, including a dinner at Edinburgh Castle on the evening of 7 March and of course they will celebrate International Women’s Day the following day.

An important announcement will be made at the conference when the winner of the £20,000 AccelerateHER pitching competition will be announced.

Key speakers will include Dr Lena Wilson CEO of Scottish Enterprise and Annabelle Ewing MSP as well as Jackie Waring founder and CEO of Investing Women.





Horse racing is increasing in popularity in Scotland according to Scottish Racing. Last year over 300,000 people went along to the five racecourses in Scotland which is the highest number for seven years.

This is the country's second most popular spectator sport in fact, and none more so than at Musselburgh Racecourse where they had record crowds in February. At Ladies Day last year a record attendance of 10,300 watched the richest race of the year the £100,000 William Hill Scottish Sprint Cup.

VisitScotland have named the course among the top 20 visitor experiences in the country. As well as horse-racing there is room for golf on the 9 hole course in the middle of the circuit!

The sport brings £173 million to the Scottish economy, and of course the successful horses ensure they are kept in some kind of luxury by winning £6.7 million in prize money.

Three of the Scottish racecourses, Ayr, Hamilton Park and Musselburgh were rated in the top dozen courses in Britain out of a total of 60.

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The Scottish Chamber Orchestra entertained children at The Royal Hospital for Sick Children earlier in the week. As part of their community outreach programme they ran a whole day of musical workshops to entertain the children. Some are in hospital for a long time and have operations to go through.

The patients' families were invited to enjoy the music along with their children.

The workshop leader Matilda Brown and cellist Harriet Davidson used lots of fun and encouraged the children to create their own stories and sounds.

Fiona O'Sullivan, Arts Programme Manager of the Sick Kids Friends Foundation, said: "This was a fantastic activity organised for the children and we are extremely grateful for the Scottish Chamber Orchestra for helping us make it happen.


"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. Not only did this help the children to relax but it was also a learning experience and taught many of them how to play some of the instruments and communicate through sounds.

"It's definitely something we would look to do again in the near future."



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