

Five things you need to know today



- **Drum Brae Post Office**
- **Museum of Fire**
- **The Forth Ferry**
- **Edinburgh Rugby moving to Myreside**
- **Seven ways to use your library card**



The Post Office in Duart Crescent has been closed for a week today. We [told you about this story yesterday](#) and the petition which has been set up to reinstate the local post office for people living on Drum Brae.

The local councillor Robert Aldridge has now told us what he thinks about the matter:

“I was shocked to learn of the closure of the post office. It is a lifeline to many local people in the Clermiston, Parkgrove, Drum Brae and East Craig’s areas. I remember when the East Craig’s post office was closed one of the arguments used was that residents would still be able to get to the Duart Crescent post office. A similar argument was used in the closure of the Parkgrove post office.

“I am furious that the closure has happened without any consultation from Post Office Counters and without any warning. I know that Asif who runs the post office is very well regarded and takes a really active interest in his customers and the community. He does what local post offices do best, looking out for people who may be vulnerable in the community and checking they are okay if they don’t appear for a regular payment.

“I’m 100 per cent behind the calls to reopen the post office,

at the very least until there is a proper consultation with the community. This is a vital local service. Its loss will mean people having to travel considerable distances to get the essential post office services. Some will have a bus journey of around 2 miles from East Craigs to Corstorphine.”



The Museum of Fire on Lauriston Place is owned by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who want to move out and sell the building.

The fire service have assured the public that they will relocate the museum within the city boundary and the council have said they will help with that.

When the red sandstone building was first built in 1900 it was used as a fire station which was then the responsibility of the local authority until 1941 when a National Fire Service was set up.

Councillor Day raised the matter of the Museum of Fire in February this year and called for a report on the legal position of the building and options for its future.

It sounds like the fire service will be moving out – what would you like to see in its place? Or perhaps you would like [to sign the petition here](#) to keep the museum in situ?



Yes, we love this idea! This summer there will be a ferry across the Forth. Starting this Saturday 14 May there will be a boat to take you from North Berwick to Anstruther for a single fare of £14 per adult. Bikes and buggies by prior arrangement and dogs and children under 3 go free.

Called The Forth Ferry the passenger service will take passengers across the river on a 55 seat catamaran. The aim is to encourage tourism links between East Lothian and Fife with great days out to be had on either side.



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Colin Aston, Managing Director of Seafari Adventures, said: "The trial of the Forth Ferry in 2015 was a great success, with lots of demand for the service and really positive feedback. There were also some really insightful comments from passengers and we have used these to make the Forth Ferry the best that we can."

Tom Brock OBE, Chief Executive of the Scottish Seabird Centre, said: "With a long and rich history, this crossing was previously the 'Pilgrim's Ferry' dating back over 1,000 years and used by pilgrims on their way to St Andrews. It has been wonderful, not only to reinstate this historic route, but to experience a demand for it to continue."

"This innovative service will benefit locals, visitors and communities on both sides of the Forth. In the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design it is great to be able to officially launch the Forth Ferry for 2016 with the first sailing on Saturday 14 May."

"We have been working in partnership with Fife Council, East Lothian Council, the Scottish Fisheries Museum, East Neuk Tourist Association and North Berwick Business Association on visitor itineraries and will be looking for locals to give their top tips for days out with #FFRecommends."

Manuela Calchini, Regional Director at VisitScotland, said: "We are delighted that the Forth Ferry is to return and the opportunities it will bring for tourism in the area. From the majestic Tantallon Castle in East Lothian to the beautiful seaside village of Anstruther in Fife, this innovative service will make it even easier for visitors to explore the many

attractions on both sides of the water. We hope more visitors will take advantage of this unique travel experience and journey between Fife and East Lothian this season.”

The Forth Ferry Excursion is the latest addition to a wide variety of popular boat trips offered by Seafari Adventures and the Seabird Centre. Full details and bookings for all boat trips: www.seabird.org.



Edinburgh Rugby announced earlier this week that it will play some of its matches at George Watson’s College ground at Myreside next season.

The club plays in the Guinness PR012 league and has been discussing moving to the school to play home matches there from January to May next year.

The full 2017/18 season will also be played at Myreside.

The School’s Myreside ground which is also the home of Edinburgh club Watsonians FC, has previously hosted Edinburgh Rugby matches, most recently during the 2015 RBS 6 Nations when a home fixture against Ospreys was played there.

George Watson’s College is itself developing plans to broaden its sporting provision and invited Edinburgh Rugby to be part of the project.



Jonny Petrie, Managing Director of Edinburgh Rugby said: “This is a hugely positive step for Edinburgh Rugby and we are delighted at the opportunity to play our home matches at Myreside.

“This is about building a strong future for the club at a home ground in the city that better suits our needs and improves the matchday experience for fans and players alike.

“I’d like to thank George Watson’s College for proposing the idea and for their support in working with us to develop the concept into a credible plan.

“We will now be liaising closely with all relevant parties to ensure a smooth transition over the coming months”



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