

# Five things you need to know today



- **Inch House Community Centre**
- **Bloomiehall Park Centenary Trophy**
- **Katie Morag at Gardening Scotland**
- **Families Need Fathers**
- **At Newhailes in June**

The council will not spend any more money on Inch House, preferring to find a purchaser and secure some grant funding to pay for the renovations required.

The house is “A” Listed and was bought by Edinburgh Corporation just after the Second World War and used as a primary school.

For the last thirty years it has been used as community centre serving around 20,000 visitors each year.

The building is in need of major investment of over £1 million to ensure it is fit for purpose, and last autumn some stonework fell off, meaning that scaffolding was required.

The decision on the future of the building will be made on Thursday of this week at the [Finance and Resources Committee.](#)



Later this week there will be a fierce battle for the Bloomiehall Park Centenary Trophy. The football trophy will be fought over by teams from the staff at Juniper Green Primary School, RBS and Ward’s Garage.

The tournament opens on Tuesday 7 June at 7:00pm and the final will take place on Friday 10 June at 7.30pm/



Katie Morag author Mairi Hedderwick was the top attraction at Gardening Scotland as crowds gathered for her hugely popular storytelling session.



The author, from Kiltarlity near Beaulieu, gave her time for the NSPCC to read her popular Katie Morag stories in the children's tent today (Sat) at Gardening Scotland – the national gardening and outdoor living Show – which took place at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh. NSPCC is the event's charity partner this year.

The Katie Morag Treasury author has had her books made into a TV series which is broadcast on BBC's CBeebies channel, winning her two children's BAFTAs and a recent prestigious Peabody Award in Manhattan.

Mairi said: "I'm delighted to be supporting NSPCC Scotland at Gardening Scotland. It has been a wonderful day. It's such an important charity in the fight against child abuse and it's great to be here to see the work that charity has been doing in Scotland.

"The children really enjoyed the Katie Morag stories – the tent was packed out. She clearly has a big fan club. It was lovely to see them so engaged in the adventures of Katie Morag."



Families need Fathers meet tonight at **10 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AU at 7.00pm.**

More details about the charity [here](#).



The delicate art of fan work and tips on how to hold a tea cup are just two of the essential Georgian life skills which will be imparted at a special event at the National Trust for Scotland's Newhailes, Musselburgh in June.

"Miss Christian cordially invites you", runs on Saturday 18 June. Under the lady laird's expert guidance, visitors will time travel back to the 1800s where they will receive insights into the hospitality and social customs of the period.

Miss Dalrymple was in charge of the historic estate from 1792 until 1839 and was famed in for her social occasions and impeccable etiquette. She was very interested in interior design and has been a powerful influence over the way the house looks and feels today.

Deputy Property Manager at Newhailes Quonya Huff said:

"Miss Christian's balls and soirees were sought after invitations in Scottish society. In the 1800s there was a strict code of conduct at such events and to ensure a repeat invitation, guests would be expected to behave impeccably. It will be great fun to share these historical insights with our modern visitors, contrasting them with the much less formal conventions of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."


Visitors will be able to have a nosy at Miss Christian's new house improvements. They can meet her illustrious guests and get advice on important points of Georgian etiquette. Meanwhile, Ella the maid will be working hard behind the scenes. Visitors can take a peek below stairs to find out about servant life and learn the art of napkin folding and take home their creation.

The fun continues in the Visitor Centre with family activities including writing with a quill and ink, traditional games, historic costumes and a family heritage trail.

This historical event will take place on Saturday 18 June

2016; tours begin at 11:30am and run every 45 minutes. Price is included in the admission ticket. To avoid disappointment, purchase your ticket in advance online at [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk). This event is FREE to National Trust for Scotland members, who should book in advance on 0131 65305599 or email [Newhailes@nts.org.uk](mailto:Newhailes@nts.org.uk).

Discover 300 years of Scottish history through this magnificent and carefully conserved neo-Palladian villa. Newhailes is famed for having some of the finest rococo interiors in Scotland. There are sumptuous decorative details at every turn, from the gilded eagles over the drawing room windows to the exquisite Chinese wallpaper and imposing Italian marble fireplaces. Outside, the designed landscape is of international significance, with its woodland walks, water garden and shell grotto.

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