

Five things you need to know today



- **Vote for The Dean and Cauvin Trust**
- **Summer Nights at the Zoo**
- **Time to nominate your healthcare heroes!**
- **Watch Festival Portraits – Alan Cumming**
- **Isle of May art gallery**

The Dean and Cauvin Trust which is one of Edinburgh's oldest charities has made it to the finals of the Provident Good Neighbourhood Programme.

They could win money to enable our group work service to offer a 'discover scotland' programme, offering new experiences to the young people we work with who have perhaps never left Edinburgh.

Their 'discover Scotland' programme would enable the young people to get out of Edinburgh and show them what the rest of Scotland have to offer, by way of day trips or residential short breaks.

How can you help? Voting ends on the 26th June. This link will take you to the voting page and give you more detailed information about what they would do with the money.

<https://www.providentgoodneighbour.co.uk/vote-for-your-community/>



Summer Nights at the Zoo will take place on the next two Thursday nights, on 23 June and 30 June.

This is an adults only event from 6pm to 10pm when visitors get the chance to see for themselves what happens when the animals are (usually) left alone to have the hill in Corstorphine to themselves.



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There will be locally sourced street food and drink along with information about the work that the zoo does. Interactive science stations will be placed around the zoo where keepers and scientists will have fun activities on hand to show you how to extract DNA from a strawberry (and yes there is a strawberry daiquiri involved!) There is an inside out beehive to show you what goes on there, a panda information station and live comedy.

[Tickets here.](#)

Hopefully the weather will be kind to all who go along!



People in the Lothians are being urged to nominate their local healthcare heroes as the hunt for Scotland's top health workers begins.

Every year, the Scottish Health Awards recognise and reward dedicated NHS staff, support workers, volunteers and specialist teams who go the extra mile to provide outstanding patient care.

Nominations are being sought from those who want to acknowledge the quality of treatment they have received, either for themselves or a loved one.

This is an opportunity to reward the people who help the NHS provide world-class care to the people of Scotland, whether in hospital, at a GP surgery, at the dentist, or in the community.

Last year, three NHS Lothian healthcare teams scooped top awards at the Scottish Health Awards 2015.

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The Edinburgh International Festival has published a series of portraits online. You can watch Alan Cumming talking about how he became an actor here. (Other artists are available.....)

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Three of Scotland's most renowned wildlife artists are helping to celebrate a double anniversary with an exhibition inside the Isle of May's iconic Stevenson lighthouse.

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is hosting the exhibition in the island's Main Lighthouse as part of a season of events celebrating the Isle of May's 60th anniversary as a National Nature Reserve (NNR). It is also 200 years since the lighthouse started operating in 1816.

The display features artworks depicting scenes of the island and its wildlife by artists Derek Robertson, Keith Brockie and Darren Woodhead. Known locally as 'The May', this small island sits on the edge of the Firth of Forth.

David Steel, SNH's reserve manager on the island, said: "With the two anniversaries there's plenty to celebrate on the Isle

of May this year. We're delighted to be able to use the unique venue of the Main Lighthouse, which is owned and operated by the Northern Lighthouse Board, to show work by these talented artists. They each have a strong connection to the island and this exhibition will be a fabulous way of seeing the May through their eyes."

The exhibition will be open each weekend until 01 August, and then it will be open every day. Entry to the exhibition is free and it is free to visit the NNR, but you must take a boat trip to reach the island.


The island's importance for seabirds has drawn scientists to its shores for many years and the May is home to the oldest continuously running bird observatory in the UK, founded in 1934. The May is also a regular haunt for grey seals which are often seen lounging on the shoreline rocks.

Mike Bullock, Chief Executive of the Northern Lighthouse Board, said: "The Isle of May is a very special place and it is significant in our lighthouse heritage as the site of Scotland's first ever lighthouse, dating back to 1636, and the "new" light which is celebrating 200 years of operation for the safety of the mariner.

"Over the last year the NLB has solarised the operation of the light and as part of this reengineering work we have incorporated safety systems and installed information boards to allow the public to access the building and find out more about our history. We are delighted to be working with Scottish Natural Heritage to provide tours of this unique lighthouse building."

This island has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries and features the remains of a 12th Century monastery. Scotland's very first lighthouse, 'The Beacon', remains on the island after it was saved from demolition at the request of Sir Walter Scott. The current, castle-like lighthouse was designed

by the engineer Robert Stevenson.

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