

Five things you need to know today



- Lord Provost for the day
- Get your Airshow tickets now
- Lothian Buses win awards
- Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards
- Musselburgh Racecourse Queen of Style

The Edinburgh Reporter is off shadowing the Lord Provost for the day today. The day starts with a flag ceremony at the City Chambers! The Lord Provost is also the Lord Lieutenant and he may just wear that uniform today for a change. He now has so many that he has put them all on mannequins in the Lord Provost's rooms.

The first duty is to raise the flag above the City Chambers for Armed Forces Day.

We will bring you some news about the day on Twitter and Facebook but will be publishing a longer version too.

If you have any questions then let us know!



Scotland's National Airshow takes place at East Fortune on 23 July 2016. The day starts at 10:00 and ends at 17:00.

The full line-up includes:

- RotorSport UK MT-03 Autogyro
- Royal Navy Helicopter Display team – The Black Cats
- Consolidated PBY Catalina
- Bell UH-1H Iroquois 'Huey'
- Hawker Hurricane

- Bücker Bü131 Jungmann
- Avro Lancaster
- SB Lim-2 (MiG-15UTI)
- North American P-51D Mustang
- Swiss PC-7 Aerobatic Team
- Percival Pembroke C.1
- Pitts S2S (Special)
- The RAF Red Arrows
- Red Bull Matadors
- Supermarine Spitfire
- Stolp Starduster
- BAC 167 Strikemaster Mk 82A
- Fairey Swordfish Mk.I
- Eurofighter Typhoon FGR.4
- Vampire Pair

Now you wouldn't want to miss that would you? [Get your tickets here.](#)



Lothian Buses won two awards last week as Scotland's Public Transport Operator of the Year and Scotland's Best Bus Service for the number 113 which goes out to East Lothian.

The Scottish Transport Awards are the highest industry accolades in the country.



Richard Hall, Lothian Buses' Managing Director, said: "It's great to see that the efforts and achievements of all of the dedicated staff within the business have been recognised with these awards. The transport industry in Scotland is full of people who work tirelessly day in day out to deliver outstanding service to customers and provide millions of passenger journeys every year.

"Lothian Buses has continued to make significant investments

into its people, fleet, routes and services. With over £18.5 million in environmental improvements and the introduction of more than 60 diesel-electric hybrid buses into its fleet, it has removed 600 tonnes of CO₂ from the company's carbon footprint and corresponding reductions of 99% in NO_x and 60% in particulate emissions.

"Our company is continuing to deliver on its commitment to lessening its impact on the environment whilst delivering sustainable and socially inclusive transport solutions across Scotland's capital city and the Lothians. More than two-thirds of the 800-strong fleet is now at Euro 5 standard or above."



Two Edinburgh groups have been awarded funding of £10,000 by the [Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards](#). Upward Mobility Project and Craigowl Communities will share the money between them.

Debbie Crosbie, Chief Operating Officer at Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks and Chair of the Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation, said: "Clydesdale Bank's Spirit of the Community Awards aim to recognise and support the vital contribution that voluntary and charitable projects make to their local communities. This is our opportunity to say thank you to the incredible community groups across Scotland for the inspiring work they undertake.

"All of the successful organisations are extremely deserving winners which have been recognised for their role in their local communities with these awards from Clydesdale Bank."



Upward Mobility Project supports 137 young people throughout Edinburgh and East Lothian with physical and intellectual disabilities and provides educational and creative workshops to promote self confidence and personal development. The

charity has been awarded £5,000 to establish a cafe lunch service and train 15 young people in catering and customer service skills.

Craigowl Communities aims to reduce poverty and provides learning opportunities, training, qualifications, guidance and support to people who want to improve their circumstances. The charity has been awarded £5,000 to contribute to the costs of a financial support worker.

Josh Barton, Managing Director of Upward Mobility Project, said: "Upward Mobility provides support and opportunities for adults with learning difficulties and autism. We work with people to develop confidence, imagination and life skills through music, drama, art and other expressive and physical activities. This generous grant will support our continued work to improve lives."

Lynn Cunningham, Managing Director of Craigowl Communities, added: "Last year Craigowl Communities' Futures project helped over 180 people by providing financial advice and training opportunities.

"The funding from the Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards means that we can expand this vital community resource so that we reach even more people in need of support this year. Specifically, this money will help to fund a support worker to engage with people who have been impacted on by homelessness across Scotland."



Musselburgh Racecourse's chosen Queen of Style showed there's more to her than glitz and glamour when she swapped her heels back to football boots after scoring the ultimate winner at Stobo Castle Ladies Day.



Musselburgh Racecourse Stobo Castle Ladies Day

2016.

This year's Queen of Style winner was Michelle Gardiner from Falkirk.

Football enthusiast Michelle Gardiner, who plays for Central Ladies first division in Falkirk, is known for flaunting her ball skills on the pitch, while off the pitch it's all about her desirable style.

The renowned Queen of Style competition was judged by fashionistas Miss UK, Laura Russell of Satisfashion and STV's Hayley Matthews who, after much deliberation, agreed that Michelle was the worthy winner to receive the brand new £10,000 car thanks to her original and on trend outfit.

Michelle attended the prestigious sell-out racing event after purchasing a last minute ticket and says she was shocked to have even been entered into the competition, let alone be crowned the winner, after choosing her chic outfit just days before.

Michelle said: "I still can't believe I won. I'm a tomboy at heart who loves my football but when there's an occasion to get dolled up I just can't say no.

"After buying my ticket just before they completely sold out I knew I did have a lot of time sort my outfit so I'm delighted that I managed to pull it off.

"This was my first year attending Stobo Castle Ladies Day but it certainly won't be my last. The pressure is now on for next year to see if I can retain my title."

Laura Russell, fashion judge at Stobo Castle Ladies Day said: "We were all delighted to be able to choose Michelle as the winner. It was a tough decision as there were so many stylish ladies on the stage but we all loved Michelle's floral outfit. It really suited her look and brought out her gorgeous features so we all agreed that Michelle had to be our winner.

It was unbelievably rewarding to watch Michelle's stunned reaction after her number was called out – a fabulous floral winner for Ladies Day 2016.


Aisling Johnston, Marketing Manager at Musselburgh Racecourse, said: "This year was definitely one of our most fashionable events yet. The competition was extremely tough as everyone looked amazing but Michelle offered something a little more unique and therefore was the deserving winner.

"Our focus for Stobo Castle Ladies Day 2016 was to invest in the customer experience ensuring we delivered a 5 star day with new initiatives to provide something memorable for our racegoers, and all indications are that it has paid off.

"We are now preparing to do it all over again on Friday (8 July) when we host our Bi-Centenary Celebration Raceday, so we would encourage people to stay in touch to find out the details of what promises to be a very special day."

Musselburgh Racecourse is firmly established as one of the UK's most stylish racecourses, hosting 28 flat and jumps meetings each year.

For more information and to book tickets to other race-days please visit: www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk

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