

# Five things you need to know today



- **Defibrillators set to be rolled out across the city**
- **Vic Godard**
- **Walk About This September**
- **The Big Project at The Queen's Hall**
- **Catch the last ferry to Fife!**

The Lord Provost launched an appeal in partnership with St John Scotland at a City Chambers reception last night to support the roll out of twenty Public Access Automated Emergency Defibrillators, or PAAEDs, across Edinburgh over the next twelve months.

The Edinburgh Committee of St John Scotland will deploy the devices and create local partnerships with three key groups of participants: Donors, Hosts and Guardians.

If you would like to get involved then you can either raise money or agree to look after a defibrillator. The two installed in Waverley Station have already saved two lives.

[Read more here](#)



You may have heard a lot of music over the last few weeks, but next month Vic Godard and the Subway Sect will be playing at the Wee Red Bar. You can get tickets [here](#).

Godard played the first ever date with the Sex Pistols, works with Edwyn Collins and he still works as a postie in London!





The Ramblers reminds you to step out for Walk About this September – its biggest ever free nationwide walking event, offering a walk to suit everyone.

The festival takes place from Saturday 3 September until Sunday 11 September. With over a thousand walks all over Britain, and almost 100 in Scotland, there's something for everyone to enjoy – from a short stroll in the park to a challenging hike up a mountain.

**For those who prefer to walk alone, or lead their own walks, the Ramblers has picked its favourite medal routes in Scotland, available via the free Medal Routes App. There are over 1,100 short walks to choose from. Download at [www.medalroutes.org](http://www.medalroutes.org)**

### **Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh**

**Bronze route:** A short walk of 15 minutes exploring Edinburgh's old town.

**Silver route:** This route takes you through Holyrood Park with views over Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Crags. Approximately 30 minutes.

**Gold route:** There are some short hill climbs on this hour-long route, but they afford great views of the Firth of Forth and the cityscape.

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### **Buckstone Café, Edinburgh**

**Bronze route:** A short walk around Fairmilehead Park on the south side of the city. Approximately 15 minutes.

**Silver route:** A longer walk of 30 minutes to Braidburn Valley

Park past Comiston Wellhouse, which was built in 1674.

**Gold route:** A fabulous hour-long walk to the rear of Mortonhall Golf Course and Braid Hills round to the 7 hills viewpoint at Buckstone Snab – lots of greenery and lovely views, you wouldn't even know you're in the city.

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Anyone can take part by visiting [www.Ramblers.org.uk/walkabout](http://www.Ramblers.org.uk/walkabout) and starting to log their walking trips – whether short or long, in the town or the countryside, alone or with friends.



On Friday 2 September The Big Project Youth Choir will be on stage at The Queen's Hall.

Sing along with hits from the likes of Katy Perry, Bruno Mars and Gary Barlow, and hear beautiful self-penned songs from the talented children and young people at The BIG Project – a youth and children's charity based in Broomhouse, Edinburgh. You might have seen and heard them before, singing "Flower Of Scotland" for the London 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony, or performing live on BBC Children In Need with Gareth Malone!

Over the past two years, they've been focused on songs and songwriting, through a project funded by Creative Scotland's Youth Music Initiative. They've written lots of their own songs, and thought about what makes songs so special and enjoyable. So it's really exciting that in this concert they'll be performing with some of our favourite songwriters – award-winning songwriter Karine Polwart, 2016 SAY Award Nominee Rachel Sermanni and Music Director, critically acclaimed songwriter Kim Edgar. To top it off, they'll also be joined in song by Love Music Community Choir, the UK's largest community choir. It's going to be really special – don't miss

it!

[Book tickets here.](#)

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Catch the last ferry across the Forth next Thursday!

The final Forth Ferry sailing of the season will take place on 8 September 2016, with Fife and East Lothian residents having the chance to enjoy great days out on either side of the Forth.

The Forth Ferry was launched by Seafari Adventures and the Scottish Seabird Centre to support VisitScotland's Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, and offers a unique passenger service between the popular seaside towns and tidal harbours of North Berwick, East Lothian and Anstruther, Fife.

Each crossing takes approximately 45 minutes on board the 55-seat Catamaran: bikes and buggies can be pre-booked ensuring that both families and cyclists can make the most of this opportunity.

Colin Aston, Managing Director of Seafari Adventures, said: "The Forth Ferry has had a really great season, with excellent feedback from passengers. What has been really interesting has been the number of walkers making the most of the Fife Coastal Path and John Muir Way, as well as cyclists. With only one more date scheduled I would recommend that bookings are made soon to avoid disappointment."

Tom Brock OBE, Chief Executive of the Scottish Seabird Centre, said: "With the launch of the Forth Ferry blog and itineraries on our website, we have offered more information for Forth Ferry passengers this year. We hope to build on this more for the 2017 season and would welcome top tips and recommendations on what to see and do on both sides of the Forth from tourists and locals alike.

“The aim of the Forth Ferry is to forge closer tourism links between East Lothian and Fife for the benefit locals, visitors and communities. It has been great working in partnership with VisitScotland, Fife Council, East Lothian Council, East Neuk Tourist Association and the Scottish Fisheries Museum to make the service such a success.”

Alistair Bruce, General Manager of Keavil House Hotel, said: “As Chair of the Fife Tourism Partnership, I am always impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment I see from various operators in the tourism sector. The Forth Ferry initiative which runs between Anstruther and North Berwick is no exception to this. This is a brand new service and has already attracted a great deal of interest and adds yet another attraction to entice visitors to Fife.”

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