

Five things you need to know today

Corstorphine/Murrayfield by election

The time for nominations for the by election in Corstorphine/Murrayfield has passed, and all candidates have now been disclosed.

They are:

Fiona Bennett	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Richard Fettes	Scottish Family Party: Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage,, Pro-Life
Hugh Findlay	Scottish Conservative and Unionist
Pete Gregson	Independent
Elaine Miller	Independent
Richard Parker	Scottish Labour Party
Donald Rutherford	Scottish National Party
Gary Smith	Scottish Libertarian Party
Chris Young	Scottish Green Party

Our aim is to speak to all of the candidates on video to bring them to you if you are a resident in that ward. We have interviewed some but not all as yet. If you are a candidate or an agent then please get in touch with us.

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New Concert Hall

Work on the new Dunard Centre has begun with the demolition of the 1960s extension to the former RBS HQ in St Andrew Square and the construction of its replacement a new structure designed by David Chipperfield Architects.

The concert hall will be the first constructed for more than 100 years in the capital, and with acoustics designed by world renowned acousticians Nagata Academy it will become the official home of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, but will also be used by many others in the city for concerts and education.

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The work began on the Dunard Centre on 6 February with a visit from UK and Scottish Government Ministers as well as the Council Leader to listen to Ae Fond Kiss by Su-a Lee Assistant Principal Cello at Scottish Chamber Orchestra ©2023 The

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Security exercise at Shanghai Club

The Security Industry Authority ran a safety exercise at the weekend at Shanghai Club on George Street. The exercise was run with Police Scotland, The Scottish Ambulance Service and The City of Edinburgh Council.

The event confronted staff at the nightclub with a series of real-time possible emergency scenario simulations which involved volunteer actors. One included an attack with a bladed weapon, an acid attack a suspect package and a marauding terrorist attack. Other security teams from Edinburgh and the surrounding area attended to observe.

Ronnie Megaughin, the SIA's Head of Compliance and Inspections, said: "These realistic scenarios are an excellent method for training security operatives and gives them an ideal opportunity to put their training to use. Security operatives may be the first people on the scene in an incident. Yesterday's staged terror incidents enabled security operatives to take part and deal with the scenario, and then receive an instant debrief from counter-terror experts.

"We know from experience that operatives, and their managers, really appreciate what they learn from these events and find them worth their while. Any of these security staff could find themselves as the first responder at a serious incident, and this exercise could literally be the difference between life and death."

Murals at St John's

You will have no doubt noticed the fabulous array of murals at St John's Church over the years. They have a Facebook page in case you have missed any.

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER... CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



By **STEPHEN RAFFERTY**

FIVE PORTOBELLO rowers are finding their land legs after an epic 39 day 3,000 mile journey across the Atlantic which raised more than

£30,000 for young persons' charities. The crew of Atlantic Body & Soul completed the world's toughest rowing test, the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, overcoming 20ft waves and an overnight power

outage when they had to hand steer the boat in pitch darkness. Sean Watters, Matt Callia, Ed van der Ven, Alec Martin and Cal MacAninch - all members of Eastern Amateur Coastal Rowing

Club - sailed into English Harbour in Antigua to a hero's welcome and the sound of the bagpipes - a fitting end to a six week journey from La Gomera in the Canary Islands. Overcoming physical and mental

exhaustion, the quintet and hundreds of supporters have raised much needed funds for two charities which support young people, Body & Soul and The Junction. *Full story page eight*

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