

Five things you need to know today

New radio station on air in Edinburgh from today



Mike Osman

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The station promises uplifting music and stories with content on air 24 hours a day.

Every day will begin with three hours of original exclusive comedy from impressionist Mike Osman. He has regularly performed as Donald Trump and it may appear that he has guests

on the show – but it will really just be Mike in the studio.

Half term suggestion – The Real Mary King's Close

Calling all brave and curious explorers, this February The Real Mary King's Close is shining a light (or lack of) onto Edinburgh's history, illuminating the lives of former residents and unravelling truths about their deaths with Lantern Led Tours.

The new Lantern Led Tours are available for a limited time only during Half Term, where guests will descend into complete darkness with the only light source being the flicker of their lanterns, as they explore Edinburgh's history.

Hidden beneath the Capital's iconic Royal Mile, Edinburgh's best underground experience is ready to send those daring to on a time-traveling adventure. The one hour guided tour will transport customers to another era, with eerie interactions from two insidious characters that used to strike terror into people's hearts at their very sight.

Paul Nixon, General Manager at The Real Mary King's Close, said: "The Real Mary King's Close is a place filled with excitement and mystery, where strange revelations of Edinburgh's ominous past come to life. We are so excited to launch our Lantern Led Tours and elevate the experience to a whole new level. This is a great activity to do with family and friends over the February holidays, so come along and find out who is the bravest of the bunch."

The tours will be running Friday 10th to Sunday 12th February and Friday 17th to Sunday 19th February from 7pm-9pm every 15 minutes. Prices are £25 per adult / £19 per child (5 to 15yo – no under 5 allowed).

[To book click here](#)

Life-saving defibrillators for Edinburgh care homes on Valentine's Day

Several care homes in Edinburgh will have defibrillators from today. The equipment is public access and the funding has come from the City's community benefit scheme.

Thanks to a donation from the Council's energy supplier Utilita, the life saving devices will be installed at complexes in Gilmerton (30 Ravenscroft Place), Granton (26 Granton Crescent), Piershill (13 Moira Park) and Sighthill (117 Calder Gardens).

Cllr Jane Meagher, Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener, said: "We now have over 80 public access defibrillators in Edinburgh and this initiative is putting even more of these important devices on the map. The four now installed at our sheltered housing complexes will provide extra reassurance for those in our care but will also be accessible to neighbours and people passing through.

"As part of our community benefits scheme, we work with Council suppliers to help them give back to the city and Utilita is one of our biggest energy suppliers. We have a contract to switch all empty Council homes to Utilita, making sure that tenants have smart meters and welcome credit in their new home. This project has been made possible thanks to their community benefits donation. I'd like to thank them and everyone involved."

Edinburgh Science Festival 2023



Edinburgh Science Festival – The Festival's 2023 programme is revealed at 10.30am on Tuesday, 14 February: www.sciencefestival.co.uk The photo call features Stephanie Maia with daughter Valentina (age 7) experimenting with dry ice at Summerhall, one of the Festival venues. PHOTO Ian Georgeson

The Edinburgh Science Festival will unveil its full programme for the Easter holidays this morning. We will bring you news as soon as we get it.

Edinburgh Science Festival is the first and one of the most respected science festivals in the world, taking place between 1 and 16 April 2023. Known for producing world-class live events, this year's Festival invites everyone to get hands-on with science and embrace the concepts of experimentation, innovation, creativity, curiosity and invention that lie at the heart of its 2023 theme – *Let's Experiment!*

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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 rained 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.

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