

# Five things you need to know today

## Porty Pride


Yes folks it is time for Porty Pride this weekend. Some events will take place at Portobello Town Hall where there will be a Makers Market from noon until 4pm.

There are really too many things on to list them all here but today there is a Freedom Swim at 5.30 for those who dare – meet at Groyne 5, then it is Porty Pride Film Night at the Town Hall at 7.00pm and the 5K run – Good Time Running takes place on Saturday morning at 10 – meet at Civerinos on the Prom.

[All the events are on the Porty Pride website here.](#)

## Wester Hailes Community Carnival Showcase

A free event takes place in Wester Hailes on Saturday when it is all about carnival.



**WESTER HAILES COMMUNITY  
CARNIVAL SHOWCASE:  
HEALTH, JOY AND HEALING**

**SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2023  
2-5PM, FREE**

Westside Plaza Civic Square  
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Join Edinburgh Art Festival, the Community Wellbeing Collective, SCOREscotland and Edinburgh Festival Carnival for a day celebrating Wester Hailes.

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# Edinburgh International Film Festival 2023

Booking opens at noon on Friday for all the films in the 2023 programme which runs for a shortened six day long run. The opening film is Silent Roar which is set on the Isle of Lewis and features a teenage surfer. There is much to read in the programme which you can see on the website now. And there will be a whole weekend of Cinema Under the Stars in the Old College Quad in a new use of the space which lent itself so beautifully to an almost outdoor space under canvas a couple of years ago.

[Browse the programme here.](#)



# The Red Arrows

Perhaps the best bit of the royal events in the capital on Wednesday was the appearance of the Red Arrows.

It is always thrilling when they fly over the city – and on Wednesday they were trailing their signature red, white and blue colours.

Here you can watch the flight from one of the cockpits...

*The view of [#Edinburgh](#) from the [#RedArrows](#) as the team performed a flypast to mark the Presentation of the Honours of [#Scotland](#) to Their Majesties The King and Queen this afternoon. [pic.twitter.com/okChddhjrS](https://pic.twitter.com/okChddhjrS)*

*– Red Arrows (@rafredarrows) [July 5, 2023](#)*

[And over here you can see the lovely images which photographer Tony Marsh took after climbing Arthur's Seat.](#)

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



## The King's Men

The Royal Company of Archers competed in The Edinburgh Arrow, displaying their skills as The King's Bodyguard in Scotland

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

EDINBURGH USUALLY hosts events during Royal Week in early July, but this year the Royal Honours of Scotland will be presented to His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty Queen Camilla during their first visit to Scotland since the Coronation. Thousands are expected to line the Royal Mile on 5 July.

The Honours of Scotland consist of the Crown, the Sceptre and the new Elizabeth Sword crafted in memory of the late Queen. The State Sword is too fragile for public use, so a new one has been made. The Stone of Destiny will also be in St Giles' for the service which will be broadcast live on TV.

The Royal Company of Archers are the Sovereign's Bodyguard in Scotland and each year are invited by the Lord Provost to compete for the Edinburgh Arrow on Bruntsfield Links. Our photo shows archer Ian Davie taking his turn.

Alan Simpson, OBE, DL, is a captain in The Royal Company. He said: "The Edinburgh Arrow was won by Colonel Charlie Wallace which was very satisfactory as he is the Secretary who does all the work. He was central in organising all the parades in September last year for the Queen's funeral, then for the Coronation and he has been working flat out on the parades to welcome His Majesty to Holyrood Palace and to St Giles as well.

"Everybody was delighted that he won. The person who wins the most points wins the arrow and Charlie "hit the clout" twice - which is no mean feat from 180 yards."

In total during Royal Week there will be around 250 archers on parade.

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