

Five things you need to know today

UCI Road World Championships

You have been warned. There will be cycling in the city in the next week or so. But is anyone else still worried about the potholes? An event in Cambridgeshire was cancelled this week due to the danger posed by potholes – and that involved amateur riders. There is still a massive crater at the foot of The Mound, and nobody has bothered to fix it ahead of the elite men hurtling down the hill there.

The Men's Elite road race, takes place on Sunday 6 August, beginning from Arthur's Seat, a suitably awe-inspiring start for the world's finest riders and provides a taste of the rich history to follow.

From there, the riders pass through Edinburgh's Old Town pass by Edinburgh Castle where the Tattoo will be in full swing.

What follows will be one of the most photogenic and memorable images of the entire road race as the riders cross Queensferry Crossing, one of the three bridges connecting Edinburgh to Fife.

Once the riders have passed the bridges they will roll on past Falkirk, Bonnybridge, Denny and Fintry, taking in views which include the spectacular Kelpies. The riders then climb the Crow Road, a 5.8km ascent with an average gradient of 4%. This could be a key section where the national teams will look to test their competition.

From here, they'll descend into the Glasgow finishing circuit. This is the finishing circuit for the Women Elite road race (which encompasses the Women's Under 23 road race), on Sunday

13 August, and the Men's Under 23 road race, on Saturday 12 August.

But first could somebody fix the potholes in Edinburgh?



Fringe by the Sea

Everything does not just happen in the city in August. There is a huge move to the seaside from 4 to 13 August when big names such as Maggie O'Farrell, Dara O'Briain, Denise Mina, Peat & Diesel and Dylan Moran all feature on a wide programme of events.

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Fair Trade

Edinburgh has been a Fairtrade city for 19 years, and happily will now make it to the 20th anniversary as the status has been renewed for a further three years.

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Fleamarket

A date for your diary the Fleamarket is on at Out of the Blue on 29 July. The Drill Hall Café will be open for refreshments and there will be more than 40 stalls selling pre-loved clothes, antiques and collectibles.

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



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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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