

Five things you need to know today

Hibs fail in Andorra

Nigel Duncan was on the ball with his coverage filed shortly after a disappointing match last night when Hibs lost to a side they ought to have beaten.

He thinks that the manager's coat is "on a shoogly peg". Do share your thoughts with us of the Easter Road side's performance.

[Read more here](#) – and you may comment below any of our articles.



Cinch Premiership – Hibernian v Ross County
8/8/2021.

Hibernian play host to Ross County in the Cinch Premiership at Easter Road Stadium, Edinburgh, Midlothian, UK.

Pic shows: Hibs' left winger, Joe Newell, gets the ball under control.

Credit: Ian Jacobs

The pigeons are back

On Thursday we met Shona who created the Elm Row pigeons – which are back. They may be behind the Heras fencing for just a little while longer until the rest of that area is finished off. But we are assured by the council that the rest of the work will be completed on Leith Walk and all along the Trams to Newhaven route by the end of August.

[Read more here.](#)



A Leith Walk comprises the seven pigeons on the pavement in Elm Row created by sculptor Shona Kinloch and replaced as part of Trams to Newhaven PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Fringe shows

If you are bringing a show to the Fringe and you would like to tell our readers about it then please upload your story with a photo [here.](#)

Make it compelling and include the link for tickets. Good luck and we hope everyone has a successful time in Edinburgh.

Audiences will of course make their own choices, sometimes based on reviews and the views of others.

So to our readers who are going to the Fringe or the Festival – we invite you to tweet to us your FIVE word review of any show you see. Yes only five...

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[L-R] Cris Peploe, Claudia Cawthorne and Martha Haskins launch the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2023 Programme. Photograph by Peter Dibdin

Bringing the Fringe to care homes – Fringe Cares Fest

The Edinburgh Interfaith Association has come up with a brilliant idea and is taking Fringe musical performers to city care homes owned by Barchester Healthcare to entertain the residents. Professor Joe Goldblatt is behind the move. He said: ““Last year my wife and I sponsored one performer and I was amazed when residents who had not spoken for months suddenly burst forth into song, in French, when a Fringe performer began to sing the Edith Piaf popular song *La vie en rose*. As they sang along I was speechless and in awe of the power of musical memories to inspire their strong positive emotions and awaken their senses.”

Four programmes are scheduled for August 2023 and Professor Goldblatt hopes the programme will expand to more and more care homes in future years.

Two different performers are scheduled for 2023. Canadian storyteller and banjo player Keith Alessi stars in his critically acclaimed solo banjo performance entitled *Tomatoes Tried to Kill Me but Banjos Saved My Life* and the highly popular acapella quartet Octavoce shall perform their musical jubilee entitled *100 Years of Disney Plus!*

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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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