

Five things you need to know today

Happy Christmas to all our readers. However you spend today we hope you are safe and warm.

Will it be a White Christmas?

The longish range weather forecast suggests not. Instead it will be a balmy 8 degrees with sunshine for most of the day.

[Read more about the weather for the days ahead here on the Met Office website.](#)

Looking ahead

On 30 December in St Andrew Square there will be a screening of From Scotland With Love, a film made entirely of Scottish film archive and directed by Virginia Heath with a fabulous score by King Creosote.

[Tickets here.](#)



Scottish National Gallery – the Turners

Although the National Gallery of Scotland is closed today it will be open on 1 January when the Turner in January exhibition opens.

Scotland's famous collection of Turner watercolours was left to the nation by the great art collector Henry Vaughan in 1900. Since then, following Vaughan's strict guidelines, they have only ever been displayed during the month of January, when natural light levels are at their lowest. Because of this, these watercolours still possess a freshness and an intensity of colour, almost 200 years since they were originally created.

With almost 40 watercolours on display, including dramatic landscapes from the Himalayas, the Swiss Alps, and the Isle of Skye, visitors will journey through Britain, Europe and beyond, leaving behind January blues in favor of Turner's idyllic views of the world. *Turner in January* will also

include a Smartify audio highlights guide, a brand-new addition to the exhibition for 2024. Freely available on their devices, visitors can immerse themselves further into Turner's work through this highlighted guided tour of the exhibition, giving fresh insights and expanding on what is presented on the gallery walls.



Lauren Mallin and Carmen Brannan of National Galleries of Scotland get a preview of the Turner watercolours. PHOTO Neil Hanna

Getting rid of your Christmas tree

If you have a real Christmas tree then there are a couple of options for disposing of the tree after Christmas.

You can drop the tree off at Cammo Estate for recycling. The tree will be placed around the field trees there to create "habitat piles". There is no need to cut the tree up – unless you have to fit it into your car or van. Just leave it inside the pedestrian north gate beyond the bin on the right of the

entrance (or behind the map/notice board at the south car park). If you are bringing the tree on foot then leave it on the grass on the right of the main entrance before the Lodge.

Friends of Cammo will then move the trees to the desired locations, and say they become homes for robins and wrens. The trees will eventually break down and feed the other growing trees over time.

The other alternative is to check when the council will uplift a tree from your address. [Check on the council website here.](#)

Christmas gift idea – buy a subscription for someone you love

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Hooked on panto

Peter Pan tale gives Allan Stewart the chance to dress like a dame for the 25th year

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

IT IS ALL about swashbuckling adventure and high flying at the Festival Theatre where the

Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan will play until Hogmanay.

The boy who never ages appears in a new telling of an old tale complete with special effects,

stunning sets, colourful costumes and a lot of laughs and fun.

The trip to Neverland is one which will enchant audiences of all ages with the usual double

entendres sprinkled throughout the script. The cast includes Allan

Stewart appearing in his 25th panto as the dame Mrs Smee. Grant Stott as the big bad Hibs loving Captain

Hook and Jordan Young as Smee with the returning Clare Gray and Britain's Got Talent finalists Flawless as the Pirate Crew.

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