

Five things you need to know today

Half-term at the National Museum of Flight

Looking for things to occupy young people over the next week or so? Then the whole family may like going to the Museum of Flight.

Set on one of the best-preserved Second World War airfields in the UK, half-term activities will bring this extraordinary history to life with costumed interpreters and genuine military flying equipment from the period. Families can also explore the site with the new *Family Satchels* containing puzzles and activities to enjoy together, before discovering the Museum's historic hangars filled with fascinating aircraft and interactive displays.

Steve McLean, General Manager at the National Museum of Flight, said: "As one of Scotland's best days out, the National Museum of Flight is the perfect destination for families this half-term. We are delighted to be able to offer these free activities thanks to the generous support of players of People's Postcode Lottery and I hope our young visitors will enjoy learning about life at East Fortune during the Second World War."



The National Museum of Flight, East Fortune Airfield, East Fortune. Picture by Stewart Attwood

Valentine's Day suggestions

We have a few suggestions for you to show your love how much they mean to you. Just follow this search here – be sure that it is the 2024 articles you read however as there are many other suggestions from previous years.

[Valentine's Day here.](#)



New restaurant has opened at Assembly Rooms

[Read more about the newest restaurant in town here.](#)



Fancy being a volunteer at Pleasance this summer?

Pleasance are looking for 200 people to join them and help out on a voluntary basis from Friday 26th July to Wednesday 28th August.

The Pleasance explain that their Festival Volunteer Programme “provides a platform for people of all backgrounds and ages to hone their skills in the creative industries by playing a key role in the daily operation of the Pleasance’s Fringe venues, at the centre of the largest arts festival in the world”.

Volunteers are crucial to the daily operations at Pleasance’s three venues with 33 performance spaces.

Roles are available in Technical, Guest, Industry and Marketing departments; each role involves genuine responsibilities with support from team members already

working in the industry.

[Apply here.](#)

Our February issue

Our February issue is out now. With more on Stephen Rafferty's exclusive story about Chief Constable Jo Farrell revealed in our centre spread and our new columnist to entertain you with news of all the theatre you must see, we are pleased with this month's issue. We hope you like it too.

[If you would like to make sure that you don't miss any of our monthly newspapers then sign up here.](#)

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Year of the Dragon

Bringing success and opportunity

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

THERE WILL BE a full programme of events in the capital to herald the start of the Year of the Dragon and celebrate Chinese New Year 2024.

The entertainment in Edinburgh forms the largest celebration of its kind in Scotland and it runs from 3 to 13 February. There is a wide range of activities including the Official Chinese New Year Concert at Usher Hall which has become an annual fixture in the civic calendar.

The programme includes dragon and lion dances, a bilingual cello, tai chi sessions, calligraphy and tarot card reading, all of which help to promote local businesses and to reinforce the links between Scottish and Chinese culture.

The Dragon is a significant emblem in Chinese culture symbolising power, nobleness, honour, luck and success, and it is predicted that the new year will bring opportunities, changes and challenges.

The festival in the capital is supported by Heriot-Watt University and Hainan Airlines, and is coordinated by Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG). This forms a large part of the group's China Ready initiative and ETAG will hold their annual conference during the week at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre with training sessions and industry meet-ups.

For a full run down of this month's events to celebrate turn to page seven

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