

# Five things you need to know today

## Charity move

The Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood has donated more than £11,000 of furniture to the nearby charity Scottish Veterans Residences. This includes armchairs, artwork and televisions and desks, all of which were surplus to the hotel's requirements following refurbishment of the hotel.



L-R Kit Rawalai, a veteran who served with the Royal Scots and Cat Charles, a veteran who served with the WRAC (Women's Royal Army Corps) enjoy afternoon tea on furniture donated by the Marriott Edinburgh Hotel Holyrood at the Scottish Veterans Society, PHOTO © Sandy Young Photography

# Social Prescribing Day

Thursday is Social Prescribing Day (the approach that healthcare takes to suggesting non-medical solutions to remedy social and emotional problems affecting wellbeing) and Soul Water Sauna would like to recommend that sauna can be used to improve wellbeing, physical, mental and social.

## Investment in community sport

Community sport in Edinburgh has received a share of £1.5 million of investment from **sportscotland's** Sport Facilities Fund with investment in bouldering redevelopment at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena.

The Edinburgh facility is one of 18 projects in Scotland sharing a total of £1,506,263 from **sportscotland** to develop existing facilities or create a new home for sport and physical activity.

The Edinburgh International Climbing Arena has received £100,000 to improve opportunities to progress at all levels of the sport.

The redevelopment will ensure that Ratho becomes the only climbing centre in the UK with Olympic standard facilities for all three climbing disciplines (lead climbing, speed climbing and bouldering).

This investment has been made possible thanks to National Lottery players, who raise £30 million each week for good causes across the UK.

Chief Executive of **sportscotland**, Forbes Dunlop, said: "The aim of the Sports Facilities Fund is to support sustainable

and inclusive projects with their ambitions of using sport and physical activity to enhance the lives of their local communities. This investment would not be possible without National Lottery players who continue to raise vital funding for sport across Scotland.

“The physical and mental health benefits of sport are well documented, but equally important is the ability to create a space where everyone is welcome to participate at their own level.

“Projects like this one at the EICA not only create opportunities for people to take part in sport and physical activity but can also provide a place for communities to come together.



## Happy Holi

Book now for your tickets to attend Holi in Saughton Park on 24 March. This is organised by Scottish Indian Arts Forum and

begins at 1pm. Be prepared to get covered in colour!

A vibrant poster for a 'Happy Holi' event. The background is dark purple with scattered colorful powder. In the top left, there are several small bowls containing different colored powders (orange, blue, red, yellow). The text 'Happy Holi' is written in a large, pink, cursive font. Below it, the text 'Join us for music, colours, festivities and fun!' is written in white. The event details are listed in yellow and white: 'Venue - Saughton Park Bandstand', 'Date & Time - 24th March | 13:00 - 16:00', and 'Tickets - Adults: £10 | Children (6-12 yrs): £5 | Under 5s go free!'. Below the ticket information, it says 'Tickets are Non-Refundable' and 'Food available for purchase'. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the 'SCOTTISH INDIAN ARTS FORUM' with '30 years' written above it and 'SINCE 1994' below it. The logo features a red and white geometric design. At the bottom, there is a QR code on the left with the text 'Scan to pay' below it. In the center, there are social media icons for X (#siafscotland), Instagram (@siafscotland), Facebook (ScottishIndianArtsForum), and YouTube (Scottish Indian Arts Forum). On the right, there are logos for 'Bell Bottom' and 'CHENNAI'S MARINA'.

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## Leith artist carves out new look for Athletic

By **STEPHEN RAFFERTY**

**THE LEGACY OF** world famous artist and Leither Eduardo Paolozzi is helping to support the work of a local football club for which it is believed members of his family played.

The eye-catching special edition Paolozzi football shirt was launched to increase community awareness of Leith Athletic and to raise funds for the launch of girls and women's teams.

The initial run sold out immediately and a new edition - produced on the 100th anniversary of Paolozzi's birth on 7 March - is being shipped worldwide as fans and collectors from as far away as Australia, Brazil, America and The Netherlands, snap up the shirt.

Paolozzi, widely credited as the father of pop art, was born in Leith in 1924 to Italian immigrants and after graduating from the Edinburgh School of Art, became established as a sought-after sculptor, designer, printmaker and in later life, a teacher and academic.

Knighted in 1989, Paolozzi later donated a large body of his work and the contents of his studio to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. Members of Leith Athletic's fledgling girls' squad (left) visited the Modern Two gallery on Belford Road to experience the "Paolozzi at 100" free exhibition which runs until Sunday 21 April.

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