

# Five things you need to know today

## Visitor Levy becoming more of a reality

The plans to charge those staying in hotels or other accommodation overnight in Scotland are moving apace with the bill passing Stage 2 in The Scottish Parliament and plans for a formal consultation being formed by the council.

[Read more here.](#)



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Picture Alan Simpson

Lots of Tourists on the Royal Mile.

## **Suicide Memorial quilt**

Lothians Speak Their Name CIC is creating a quilt in memory of those people who have died by suicide. There are other quilts being sewn in other parts of the UK and all of these memorial quilts may eventually be exhibited together. The project is supported by the National Lottery Community Fund.

There is one more workshop being held for people to come along and make a square to remember someone they have lost before the call for squares closes in May. It is not a formal support group but everyone who attends has had a similar experience and the organiser says there is a common sense of understanding what the others have been through.

Sue Henderson, founder of the project said: "You don't need to have any experience of sewing or quilting because there will be lots of advice and ideas from others in the room – and we'd love people to use any other craft technique they're familiar with that can be put on a fabric square. If people prefer to make a square by themselves at home, that's ok.

"The squares will be stitched together to create a quilt, which we want to display in different venues all around the Lothians. This means that even if you find it really hard to talk about your loss, your loved one's name will be seen, and they will be remembered – for the life they lived, and not just as a number.

"And when people come to see the quilt, we know that it will have an impact on them. We hope that it will help them to open up – either about their own mental health struggles, and that we can signpost them to help and support; or about the suicide of a loved one which they may never have been able to talk

about before. Through this, we hope this quilt will help to save lives. You can contact the LSTN team on FB or Instagram, where you'll find details about the workshops and guidelines for making a square, or at [lothianspeaktheirname@gmail.com](mailto:lothianspeaktheirname@gmail.com)

## **Citizen Ticket successes**

The Edinburgh based ticketing and booking platform Citizen Ticket has had a number of new wins both international and in the UK. Recent clients who have signed up include Giants Enterprises which runs events for the San Francisco Giants at Oracle Park, Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Foxlake.

**Colin Palmer, Chief Technology Officer of Citizen Ticket** said, "Citizen Ticket continues to innovate and solve complex ticketing problems for events, venues & visitor attractions. These client wins are testament to the power of our platform and we are looking forward to our onward journey, tackling fundamental ticketing challenges for enterprise-level clients globally."

Founded in 2013, Edinburgh-headquartered Citizen Ticket provides a premium ticketing and booking platform for events, venues and visitor attractions. The company's cloud-based self-service software enables its clients to generate online payments for ticket sales, manage customers, and capture important data. As well as handling customer service, Citizen Ticket also provides on-site support to clients and assists them with event advertising and marketing.



Oracle Park

## **Cheap flights at the National Museum of Flight**

On Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March the National Museum of Flight in East Lothian is offering free entry to National Lottery players. Visitors to the Museum must book a ticket online in advance of their visit and bring along both their admission ticket and lottery ticket or scratch card.

Steve McLean, General Manager at the National Museum of Flight said: "We're delighted to be taking part in The National Lottery Open Week again this year. We've been fortunate to receive National Lottery funding, which has enabled us to redevelop two of our Second World War hangars. These spaces tell the stories of military and civil aviation, from the first use of air-to-air weapons in 1914 and drone warfare in

the 21st century, to flying for fun and connecting distant communities. We're thrilled to have the opportunity say thank you to everyone who has supported us by buying a National Lottery ticket and we're looking forward to welcoming them at the National Museum of Flight."

Located on the UK's best-preserved Second World War airfield, the National Museum of Flight in East Fortune is home to a world-class collection of aircraft, from a Supermarine Spitfire to Concorde. It explores the history of aviation from the First World War to the present day through interactive galleries, supersonic experiences and historic hangars.

East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian, EH39 5LF  
Tel: 0300 123 6789

[Tickets can be booked online nms.ac.uk/flight](https://nms.ac.uk/flight)

Winter opening hours:

Nov – Mar, open weekends only, Sat & Sun: 10:00 – 16:00, last entry 15:00

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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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