

# Five things you need to know today

## Sign up to our monthly newspaper

Our March newspaper has been published for a while. Please pick up a copy from any of our stockists or [subscribe here](#) to have your own copy delivered to your door.

This month's paper celebrates the 100th anniversary of Sir Eduardo Paolozzi's birth in 1924. We are already working on the next paper so do get in touch if you have a story for us.

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWS A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



## 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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## Fatal Accident Inquiry

A Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) has been set for 11 April at Edinburgh Sheriff Court into the death of Xander Irvine who was three when the driver of a car, Edith Duncan drove into

him and killed him. Xander's mother Victoria was also hurt in the incident which took place on Morningside Road.

Mrs Duncan was subsequently charged by police but died before any trial was held following the incident in June 2020.



Pic taken 30/6/2020 Picture Alan Simpson Xander Irvine (3) was killed by a car driven by Edith Duncan (91) who died in May 2021 before she could stand trial. Prosecutors have ruled Xander's death occurred in 'circumstances giving rise to serious public concern' and a fatal accident inquiry will now take place at Edinburgh Sheriff Court. A virtual preliminary hearing has been set for April 11.

## **Today the second Knoop's store opens**

And there may be free hot chocolates on offer in George Street as the second hot chocolate shop in two weeks opens in Edinburgh.

This is not just any hot (or cold) chocolate – it's Knoopology.

<https://knoops.co.uk>





Victoria Street shop

# Summer Sessions

Ocean Colour Scene have been announced as the headliners for Edinburgh Summer Sessions which have moved from Princes Street Gardens to the Royal Highland Showground on 17 August 2024. Tickets go on sale today [www.smmrsessions.com](http://www.smmrsessions.com)

A promotional poster for the Edinburgh Summer Sessions. The background is a vibrant sunset over a body of water, with a stage structure visible on the right. The text is overlaid in white and red. At the top left, it says 'EDINBURGH SUMMER SESSIONS'. To the right, a button-like shape contains 'TICKETS' followed by an arrow and the website 'WWW.SMMRSESSIONS.COM'. The main act is 'OCEAN COLOUR SCENE', with 'OCEAN' in white and 'COLOUR SCENE' in red, partially enclosed by a white circle. Below that are 'THE VIEW' and 'EMBRACE' in white. Further down is 'ALABAMA 3' in white. At the bottom, logos for 'Reverend & THE MAKERS' and 'REPUBLICA' are shown. A central box says 'EARLYBIRD TICKETS FROM £49.50'. At the very bottom, three buttons are separated by star icons: 'SAT 17 AUG', 'ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOWGROUNDS', and 'EDINBURGH'.

## Webinar for Fearless Women

Girls from Edinburgh are being given the opportunity to be inspired by successful women in a free online webinar series.



They are invited to a series of talks from women who are highly regarded in their respective industries. On 19 March at 6pm, the guest speaker in the “Fearless Women” webinar series is Christine Middlemiss, Chief Veterinary Officer of the United Kingdom who will be hosted by [St George’s School](#) in Edinburgh to coincide with 150 years of the Girls’ Schools Association.

Professor Middlemiss leads the government’s animal health policy, and is at the forefront of outbreak response and other animal related health issues. She leads the exotic animal disease outbreak response for England, and advises on the necessary programmes to control and eradicate disease where possible. Professor Middlemiss also negotiates on behalf of the UK government, representing her country in Europe and further afield.

At the end of the webinar, students will have the opportunity to ask Professor Middlemiss questions about her career and achievements to date.

You can sign up at [St George’s Fearless Women Webinar](#).

