

# **Five things you need to know today**

## **Moredun Summer Fun Day on Wednesday**

Bethany Christian Trust is holding a summer fun day in Moredun on Wednesday. There are free activities – and children in P4 to P7 can sign up for the summer club which takes place next week.



FREE

# MOREDUN SUMMER FUN DAY

Wed  
3RD  
July

2-4  
pm

## ACTIVITIES

BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES,  
SNACKS AND MORE!

Tron  
Church,  
Craigour  
Gardens,  
Moredun



...and while you're there

Sign up or find out about  
holiday club

8th-12th July (P4-P7)

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# Oxgangs Care

What a lovely idea – Edinburgh charity Oxgangs Care has hand knitted blankets for use in the neo-natal unit at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. The organisation also runs a day care and befriending service for older people in the EH10 and EH13 areas.

And they are always looking for volunteers to help out. A spokesperson said: “We are always looking to recruit new Volunteers at Oxgangs Care and we’d love to hear from you if you’re interested. At present our available volunteering roles are for the Befriending Service. As an Oxgangs Care Volunteer you would be provided with induction training, 1:1 support throughout your volunteering journey, opportunities to gain new skills and experience and most importantly you’d be making a meaningful difference.

“All we ask for is around one hour of your time per week, for a minimum period of six months. To apply now, please contact [volunteering@oxgangscare.org](mailto:volunteering@oxgangscare.org) or give our Volunteer Coordinator a call on 07482 799710. We’re open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.”

# Fringe choice

I Ran With The Gang is coming home to the Fringe. Liam Rudden’s Edinburgh story about Alan Longmuir the Bay City Roller will be on at Prestonfield in August.

The show returns with the blessing of Eileen Longmuir, Alan’s wife, who says, “I am delighted I Ran With The Gang is returning to keep Alan’s memory alive. He loved being a part of the I Ran With The Gang family and liked nothing better than sitting at back, watching the fans reaction as his story

unfolded, chuckling to himself that they hadn't noticed him."

[Read more here.](#)



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## Gold Standard

The Eric Liddell Community

### City marks the centenary of The Flying Scotsman

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

**IT WILL BE 100 YEARS** this month since athlete and missionary, Eric Liddell, won an Olympic gold medal in Paris. The story of his victory was the real-life inspiration for the film, Chariots of Fire, and he was not only a sprinter, but also a rugby player, winning seven caps for Scotland and working as a Christian missionary in China.

While he studied at the University of Edinburgh he also played sport for his country - although he had been born in Qing China where his Scottish parents were missionaries.

At the 1924 Olympics he would not run in the heats for the 100 metres race as these were held on a Sunday when he did not play sport. He then competed in the 400 metres heat held on a weekday, and - even though this was not "his" distance - he won.

His name has been given to The Eric Liddell Community (ELC) at Holy Corner which will celebrate the life of their namesake with a series of events this month. ELC is a registered care charity based at Holy Corner where they provide specialist dementia care and help people to overcome loneliness and isolation. The charity, which has HRH The Princess Royal as patron, has begun a fundraising campaign during this year to help them continue with their important work.

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SNP Leader and First Minister John Swinney launching the SNP's final week of campaigning in Edinburgh with Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes, candidates and SNP activists.

PHOTO Alan Simpson 28/6/2024

Today's featured photo is from Friday's celebration at Leith Victoria Swim Centre which is now 125 years old.

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