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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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FREE

Friday 5th July, Gracemount Mansion

12.30 - 1.30 Community Lunch in Walled Garden

1.30 - 2.30 Presentation of the research conducted
by Kara Bohn, Annie Dallas-Burt & Prof Lowrey

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Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) 2024

The EIFF will launch a new Midnight Madness strand with the UK

premiere of Fed Alvarez's Alien: Romulus. The full programme for EIFF will be announced on 11 July at noon.

EIFF Director, Paul Ridd has said: "We are absolutely ecstatic to be the UK premiere host for this viciously entertaining new vision for the ALIEN franchise from one of the most exciting horror filmmakers currently working. Fede Alvarez brings a sense of tradition and legacy, as well as gory originality and swagger to the table, and we can think of no better way to open our Midnight Madness programme than with this showstopping new film. Plus knowing that Ridley Scott's seminal original ALIEN also played a midnight UK premiere at the Festival back in 1979 is the icing on a spectacular, albeit very gnarly, cake. Bring it on."

From August 15 to August 21 2024, the 77th edition of EIFF will take place at unique venues in Edinburgh, including Summerhall and the historic Cameo cinema, allowing audiences to seamlessly experience the best of the Fringe along with the world-class programme of cinema at EIFF. Submissions to EIFF have now closed with more information available at www.edfilmfest.org.

[Read more here.](#)



Isabela Merced as Kay in 20th Century Studios' ALIEN: ROMULUS. Photo courtesy of 20th Century Studios. © 2024 20th Century Studios.

New online Ukrainian museum

The full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine which began on 24 February 2022 has resulted in a significant loss of human lives and the national and international displacement of Ukrainian people.

Cultural heritage has been lost and now an online museum is to be set up to preserve as much as possible for future generations.

[Read more here at the Crowdfunder.](#)

Today's featured image is of Stanley Reilly – there is a small exhibition of his photos just launched on Thistle Street. [Read more here](#)