

# Five things you need to know today

## Remembering Ewan Williamson

Today Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will mark 15 years since Firefighter Ewan Williamson tragically lost his life during firefighting operations at the Balmoral Bar in Edinburgh 2009.

A commemorative service is being held at the James Braidwood statue in Parliament Square.

SFRS colleagues will attend the service and stand alongside family and close friends to remember him. Chief Officer Ross Haggart, Depute Lord Provost Lezley Marion Cameron and Fire Brigades Union (FBU) representative, Colin Brown, will also be in attendance.

A minute's silence will be observed at 11.00am and wreaths will be laid in Ewan's honour.

The Commemoration Service serves to ensure that Ewan's memory continues to be honoured and his bravery and commitment to public service to protect others is recognised.



FUNERAL FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTER EWAN WILLIAMSON WHO DIED IN A PUB FIRE IN DALRY in 2009.

## Another new MP podcast

We called another new MP to catch up with his news – you can listen below. Scott Arthur is the Transport Convener as well as a university lecturer and now an MP.

Listen to this latest episode to find out how he will have to quit two of those roles – and one will mean a by-election later this year in the Colinton/Fairmilehead Ward.



Scott Arthur MP at Downing Street

# Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival

The 2024 festival begins today and will continue until 21 July. The programme – and a recommendation for today – are [here](#).



Next activity morning – Sat 13th July

Burdiehouse burn goes Wild! Family fun !

Free activities this Sat morning!

Come and join us this Saturday, 10am – 12 noon, 13-July for family fun with Donald from Wildside Nature.

There'll be nature activities, animal identification games, hammocks, fire building, marshmallow toasting and more! Open to all ages. Come along and join the fun. Meet us at the FBBVP Bothy on Gilmerton Dykes Street / beside the burn – from 10am! Pic Greg Macvean 11/07/2024

The 46th Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival kicks off on Friday 12th July and runs until 21st July. Kimberley Tessa Trio officially launch the festival in front of Edinburgh Castle. Pictured are Kimberley Tessa on saxophone, Sean Bissett on guitar and Edward Hetherington on bass.

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## City marks the centenary of The Flying Scotsman

By PHYLIS 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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# Burdiehouse goes wild!

The next activity morning organised by Friends of Burdiehouse is on Saturday 13 July – meet at the Friends of Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park at 10am.

Burdiehouse burn goes Wild will be family fun with free activities.

A spokesperson said: “Come and join us this Saturday, 10am – 12 noon, 13-July for family fun with Donald from Wildside Nature.

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