

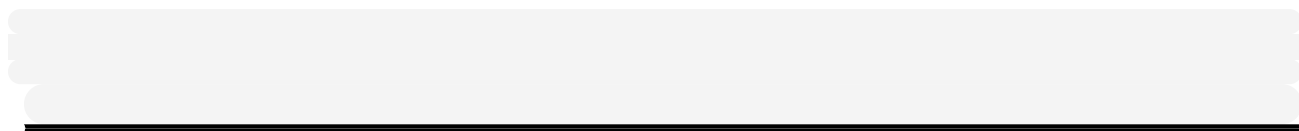
# Five things you need to know today

## At Granton Hub

Extra tickets have been released for a heritage event at Granton Hub being held later today. The programme will include an evening of talks and discussion celebrating the part women have played in the history of the area.



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## Art at the Gasholder

A piece of public art will be commissioned by the City of Edinburgh Council as part of the development of [Granton gasholder park](#). In February the Council invited locally-based artists and creative practitioners to develop ideas for the new artwork to be co-created with the local community.

Locals and visitors to Granton Waterfront will be given a preview of six shortlisted designs for the new piece which are exhibited at Granton Station from Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 July.

Ideas for the selected pieces have been taken from community interests and themes connected to Granton and all of the artists have provided opportunities for the local community to participate in the design process.

[Read more here](#)



The Granton Gasholder. Photo: © 2021, Martin P. McAdam  
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## Transformation

The Royal Highland Centre is a versatile space – and to prove it they [have published a video](#) showing how the largest cattle hall in Europe was transformed into a space for the election count (where there was only a whiff of disinfectant in the air...)

Now the show ground will be transformed again for Truckfest Scotland which takes place from 3 to 4 August. Audiences can look forward to revelling in car-crushing Monster Truck Action which sees the return of fan favourites Swamp Thing and Slingshot; The UK's top-ranked freestyle motocross riders take flight in Broke FMX, with heart-stopping tricks the likes of which are usually only seen on TV; and those brave enough can even become part of the action by taking a ride in the real Slingshot truck.



In addition, Truckfest continues to offer one of the most diverse and wide-ranging looks at the haulage and trucking industry, exhibiting incredible trucks of all shapes and sizes including American rigs, customised trucks, emergency vehicles & vintage trucks. 2024 tickets are now on sale: <https://www.truckfest.co.uk/truckfest-scotland/>



## Love Your Business on the beach

Networking organisation Love Your Business will be meeting on Gullane Beach on 9 August for their summer networking session from 10am to 12 noon. If you would like to join in then email [michelle@michellebrownpr.com](mailto:michelle@michellebrownpr.com) for details.

And yes you can bring your own food – and swimming costume!

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## Gold Standard

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

**City marks the centenary of The Flying Scotsman**

**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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