

Five things you need to know today

Summer road closures in the city centre

This week some streets in the Old Town are being closed for the rest of the summer to accommodate pedestrian traffic which increases so much during the Festival. Others are then closed or pedestrian and vehicle access may be altered from the end of the month.



These are the streets affected:

High Street, St Giles Street (in part), Parliament Squares and Cockburn Street –

Edinburgh Fringe and Tattoo from 31 July to 25 August

- High Street, St Giles' Street and Cockburn Street – closed to vehicles between 10.30am and midnight (Monday to Saturday) and 10.30am to 9pm on Sundays.
- Loading and unloading permitted from midnight until 10.30am. No waiting permitted at any time.
- St Giles Street has an area restricted to allow loading 10.30am to 7pm in the east-west section (accessed from Bank Street/North Bank Street).
- Cockburn Street waiting, loading and unloading permitted from midnight until 10.30am.

Blair Street – Edinburgh Fringe from 5 August to 26 August

- Closed to vehicles from South Bridge for 30 metres westwards.
- Normal one-way is rescinded and there is an area restricted to allow loading and turning at the northern end of the north-south section.

Lawnmarket (Castlehill to George IV Bridge) – Summer Streets – 15 July to 30 September

- One way eastbound from Johnston Terrace for bus, coach, taxis and cycles only between 10.30am to 6.30pm daily.
- Access for servicing, loading and unloading 6.30pm – 10.30am (access via Johnston Terrace).
- Advisory 5mph speed limit.

Tattoo – 31 July to 24 August

- Closed to vehicles from 4pm, 5pm or 5.30pm to midnight for the Tattoo (see
- 5pm on 31 July and 1 August, 5.30pm weekdays (except 9 August)
- 4pm on 3, 9, 10, 17 and 24 August.
- General vehicle access, one way eastbound, midnight until 10.30am

Additional vehicle restrictions will be in place from 30 September to the end of July 2025 to allow the council to carry out major road repairs. More information will be provided at a later date.

Johnston Terrace – Summer Streets – 15 July to 30 September

- Access for all vehicles from 15 July to 30 September.
- No access into Lawnmarket except buses, taxis and cycles 10.30am – 6.30pm

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- 4pm on 3, 9, 10, 17 and 24 August.

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Cultural news

The new exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy which opens on Saturday is of Glasgow Boy, Sir John Lavery's, art. It is refreshing to see the art displayed by National Galleries Scotland in a huge space with room for all the lovely works to breathe.

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Vintage Vibes

Edinburgh-based charity project, Vintage Vibes has launched its new Wellbeing Prize Draw, encouraging Edinburgh locals to donate and enter the draw to win prizes that support their wellbeing while helping the charity project to tackle loneliness among older people in the city.

The multi award-winning charitable partnership brings people together through friendship matches, groups, and events to tackle social isolation and loneliness in the over the 60s across Edinburgh.

Prize draw tickets are now available online at Vintagevibes.org.uk, with local businesses supporting the cause by donating a wide range of fabulous prizes to encourage wellbeing and fun.

From tickets to shows at The Edinburgh Playhouse and The Cameo Picturehouse, to feel good treatments for your hair, body, mind and soul, a family photography session, and experiences such as a family day out at Edinburgh Zoo, or a meal at The Port of Leith Distillery Bar.

Gemma Wright, Fundraising and Communications lead at Vintage Vibes, said: "All proceeds from the prize draw go to supporting lonely and isolated older people in Edinburgh, which is one of the loneliest cities in the UK for older people. By supporting our new Wellbeing Prize Draw you could not only win a fabulous prize to improve your own happiness and wellbeing but know that you are in turn helping to improve the life of a lonely local older person too."



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The Eric Liddell Community

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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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