

Five things you need to know today

Scotland's Garden Scheme – garden open on Tuesday and Thursday

The garden at Inveresk EH21 7TH is open today from 2 to 4pm and again on Thursday for visitors to admire the artist's garden with beautiful plants filling every border and spilling over arches and lining paths. This will be the final opening this year and is not one to miss out on.

The [garden](#) has a shell house, rose parterres, sculptures and fountains.

The garden is owned by Sir Charles and Lady Fraser who have nominated the charity Trees for Life to receive 60% of the funds raised from entrance monies. [Find out how to buy tickets here.](#)

Saughton celebration

The Friends of Saughton Park are celebrating their 10 year anniversary with a community event on Saturday 27 July from 12 until 4pm. There will be music at the band stand and all sorts of family activities.



WHALE Arts have announced their new Chief Executive

WHALE Arts has chosen Kate Griffin their interim CEO to become their permanent Chief Executive. Ms Griffin has more than two decades of experience in the creative sector.

[Read more here](#)



Kate Griffin WHALE Arts CEO PHOTO Alan Simpson

Leith Theatre

Leith Theatre have a new digital space where you can keep an eye on the latest developments on the journey to reinstate the

building to a fully functioning theatre once more. The theatre under the Chairmanship of Bob Last has carried out “extensive building work” since early 2023 and now they announce that the first phase of remedial work has been completed to make the structure wind and watertight – and a bit more.

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Gold Standard

The Eric Liddell Community

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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