

Five things you need to know today

Films at Edinburgh Street Food

Edinburgh Street Food on Leith Street has an outdoor cinema showing a variety of films in July and August with more to come in September.

The 4 metre outdoor screen is sponsored by [Lonkero](#) a company which makes a version of Finland's national long drink with gin, grapefruit and soda water as well as a pinch of pine, lime & twist of botanicals.

All films and live sports are free to watch at Edinburgh Street Food, where there are 50 Lonkero sponsored deck chairs (available on a first-come-first-served basis) and guests can order from 11+ street food vendors and 3 bars, from the comfort of their seat via QR code. Those aged 18+ might like to try a crisp pint of Lonkero, available at Edinburgh Street Food on draught, served over ice with a slice of grapefruit.

Andrew Marshall, co-founder of Edinburgh Street Food said: "ESF is proud to be a springboard for many independent food and drink businesses.

"Not only are we thrilled to add Lonkero to that mix, but conscious of the ever-increasing financial pressures on our customers, we were eager to offer a fun and free activity for people to enjoy this summer."



Festival of Politics

Festival of Politics is on at Holyrood from 19 to 23 August. Sign up for tickets now.

<https://twitter.com/VisitScotParl/status/1804453768081055768>

It's still Leith!

While she was an MP Deidre Brock combined with Ben Macpherson MSP in a campaign to keep Leith in the name of the new Scottish constituency. And the campaign has been a success. The new name is Edinburgh North Eastern and Leith.

Get along to The Museum of Edinburgh on Friday

This year celebrates 200 years of the world's first municipal Fire Brigade – founded right here in Edinburgh. Journey through two centuries of firefighting legacy with a special exhibition created in partnership with the Museum of Scottish Fire Heritage. From its humble beginnings in 1824 to the modern-day achievements as the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, explore the remarkable history, stories, and contributions of Edinburgh's Fire Service.

On 26 July there is a Family event to meet the SFRS Edinburgh Community Action Team. (and there are more events during August)

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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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