Legends Live UK Tour 2017

Tony Denton Promotions are bringing these four iconic artistes together for the Legends Live arena tour 2017, the tour features Suzi Quatro, David Essex, The Osmonds & Hot Chocolate.

This tour will be kicking off at Glasgow's SSE Hydro on Friday 13th October 2017 and culminates at Cardiff's Motorpoint Arena on Sunday 22nd October. Sadly no Edinburgh dates.

Between 1973 and 1980, Suzi Quatro featured in the British charts for no less than 101 weeks, and has sold to date over 55 million records, and still counting. Her hits include the No 1 "Can The Can", that went on to sell two and a half million copies worldwide. Other hits include "48 Crash", "Too Big", "Devil Gate Drive", "Daytona Demon", "The Wild One", "She's In Love With You", "If You Can't Give Me Love", and a million seller in the U.S.A., "Stumblin In" a duet with Chris Norman. From 77-79 Suzi spread her wings and landed a part on the worldwide hit TV Series 'Happy Days', playing leather tuscadero opposite Henry Winkler and Ron Howard. She continued to act in other shows including, Minder, Dempsey and Makepeace, and more up to date, Absolutely Fabulous and Midsomer Murders. She has an on going career with Radio Two having done her own weekly programs, and many special documentaries including Elvis Presley, Otis Redding, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison and Patsy Cline.

From hit records to hit musicals <u>David Essex</u> OBE has had one of the most enduring careers in music, stage & screen. He scored two number 1 singles with "Hold Me Close" & "Gonna Make You A Star" and a string of hits including "Lamplight", "Silver Dream Machine", "A Winter's Tale", "Stardust", "Rock On", "Oh What A Circus", "Tahiti" & "Rolling Stone". He has starred in the films Silver Dream Racer, That'll Be The Day & Stardust" and appeared in Eastenders as Eddie Moon.

For over five decade The Osmonds have been entertaining sold

out crowds but it was in the 70's they escaladed to one of the biggest bands in the world. Osmondsmania took hold and the hits kept coming, "Down By The Lazy River" was their first UK hit followed by "Crazy Horses", "Let Me In", "Going Home", "The Proud One", "One Bad Apple" & the monster number 1 "Love Me For A Reason". The have recorded over 50 albums and sold over 100 million records, 59 of those reaching gold and platinum status.

In 1970 Hot Chocolate had their first hit with "Love Is Life" which reached number 6 in the charts, this was the first of many that continued until the late 90's. In all they achieved 27 top 30 hits, including the number 1 "So You Win Again". The band became the only group, and one of just three acts that scored a hit in every year of the 70's in the charts (the other two being Elvis Presley and Diana Ross). "You Sexy Thing" became the only track to reach the top 10 in 1970s, 1980s & 1990s and was used in the soundtrack to The Full Monty. A few of their biggest hits include "No Doubt About It", "It Started With A Kiss", "Girl Crazy", "Brother Louise", "Everyone's A Winner", "Emma" & "Put Your Love In Me".

CLICK below for ticket details



Whisky Galore at Bonhams this week



This Wednesday at Bonhams on Queen Street they will be selling nearly 200 lots of whisky in their showroom, or indeed by international live bidding which is offered at all their sales.

They expect bids to come from far and wide however, and that there will be special interest in the two bottles which were on board the SS Politician which perished in the Outer Hebrides. The Gilbeys bottle is likely to fetch around £6-8,000 and the Peter Dawsons is likely to achieve a sale price of £4-6,000.

Martin Green Whisky Specialist at Bonhams told us the story behind them. He said: "We have these two which came from the SS Politician. They were salvaged in 1987 and offered for sale at auction the very same year in a sale that I handled. They have come back for sale although not from the original buyer, but from someone who bought them from the original buyer in 2013.

"When it left Liverpool in 1941 it was carrying 28,000 cases. That's roughly speaking about 330,000 bottles. It's reckoned that the islanders looted and pillaged roughly 25,000 bottles. Subsequently in 1942 Customs and Excise were getting very concerned that people were taking bottles and they weren't paying duty which was why it's such a funny story.

"They then decided to blast number 5 Hold with 16 sticks of dynamite. So how many are actually left is a question. These two bottles are very rare because there won't have been very many left at all.

"These bottles were both declared to Her Majesty's Receiver of Wreck which is the correct procedure when something is taken from the sea from a documented ship. So they have been declared, duty was paid at the time when they were salvaged. We know that the provenance is impeccable.

"I think it is quite likely they will stay in Scotland, but that remains to be seen on Wednesday."

Field hockey — students go unbeaten in Europe



Sam Judge has guided her student team into Europe and emerged unbeaten. Photo John Preece

Edinburgh University women completed their EuroHockey Challenge 2 unbeaten but they were taken to a shootout by Austrian side SV Arminen in their final game.

Alison Eadie, who had netted the students opener in 56 minutes from a penalty corner, converted along with Sophie Newton and Sophie Maunder.

Joanna Wieloch had converted the Austrian side's leveller also from a penalty corner four minutes after the Scots scored.

Edinburgh had earlier topped qualifying Pool B with three straight wins.

Sam Judge's side thrashed Navex AHTC Wien (Austria) 5-0 then beat French cracks Iris Hockey Lambersart 4-1 before hammering Welsh combine Whitchurch Saints 7-0 to collect 15 points with a goal difference of plus 15.

Arminen were second in Pool A with 11 points from two wins and a defeat but they pushed the Scots hard.

Elsewhere, Grove Menzieshill women had a disappointing tournament in the EuroClub Trophy in Munich finishing seventh.

That was thanks to a 3-2 win over Italian side SG Amsicora ASD in their final game.

And the Dundee club's men finished fourth after losing 4-0 to hosts Dinamo Elektrostal in Russia in the EuroHockey Club Trophy.

Speedway - Havelock admits that Tigers are a class act



Gary Havelock (left) and Scott Courtney, the men behind Berwick Bandits, in talks at Armadale. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Gary Havelock praised his injury-hit side for leading against Championship-chasing Glasgow Tigers early on.

But it was downhill after that as Glasgow piled up the points to win 54-38 on Sunday night.

Nick Morris top scored for Berwick and their team manager Havelock, said: "It was a tough match to go into with so many guys down.

"To lead after two heats was brilliant. Sad to say it all went pear-shaped after that as we were reminded what a good side Glasgow are."

Meanwhile, jubilant Jack Smith accepted the Rider of the Night award and revealed: "It's my best performance for Tigers."

Sunday's result keeps Tigers within six points of Edinburgh Monarchs who have 32 points.

The West of Scotland club have three meetings in hand over the league leaders.

Stoke-on-Trent based Smith scored four points from two second place finishes and two blanks and is next in action in a double-header against Workington Comets this weekend.

He said: "To finally get round here and score some points and to get that award was an amazing feeling.

"Berwick were missing a few riders but they've got some strong riders in there and they did push us hard, but we managed to get the win."

Tribute to cyclist Zhi Min Soh



Police have released a photo of the 23-year-old woman who died at Shandwick Place last week.

Zhi Min Soh of Malaysia died when she was hit by a minibus after falling from her bike at 8.30 am on Wednesday 31st May. It appears that her bike wheels may have become trapped in the tram rails causing her to fall off into the path of the bus.

Ms Soh was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment, however she sadly passed away a short time later.

In a statement issued through Police Scotland, Dr David Kluth, Director of Undergraduate Medical Teaching at Edinburgh University's Medical School, said: "Zhi Min was a talented,

thoughtful student, who was well-respected by her peers and always keen to help. She will be deeply missed by the Medical School community.

"Our sympathies at this time are with her family and friends. We have all lost a bright star of the future."

Officers are still investigating the circumstances of Ms Soh's death and are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

Police Sergeant Fraser Wood of Edinburgh's Road Policing Unit said: "This is a tragic incident and our thoughts are with Zhi Min's family and friends as they come to terms with their loss.

"I would like to thank those who stopped in Princes Street to assist Zhi Min on Wednesday morning. A significant number of witnesses have come forward and we are continuing to speak to them as part of our ongoing inquiries. We will be in touch with all witnesses in due course.

"I would again ask anyone who may be able to help our enquiries to come forward and contact us as soon as possible."

Those with information can contact officers at Edinburgh's Road Policing Unit on 101, quoting incident 643 of May 31.

'Jolomo' unveils first exhibition of paintings

dedicated to subject of the sea.

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A top Scottish artist best known for his paintings of crofts and landscapes has unveiled his first exhibition of paintings dedicated to the subject of the sea.

Most people think of John Lowrie Morrison, or "Jolomo", as a painter of West Coast landscapes, lighthouses and crofts, but he has always been fascinated by the ocean. A 'Mhuir — The Sea, at the Torrance Gallery in Edinburgh, is his first exhibition focusing exclusively on that subject.

John, who is one of Scotland's most successful and popular painters, said: "I have always loved the sea. It's probably in my blood because my family are all from Harris, and my grandfather, uncles and cousins were all merchant seamen.

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"I live near the sea in Argyll, with the Sound of Jura and the Corrywreckan not far away. As I like to record what's around me in my paintings, the sea is often present, but I've never created an exhibition which focuses on the sea as a subject. I have felt for quite some time that I would like to concentrate on the sea, hence this exhibition."

He said that painting the sea has allowed him to develop the more abstract aspects of his painting style. "I use a lot of abstraction in my work. Remove the croft house or the lighthouse from one of my paintings and what's left is fairly abstract."

John trained at Glasgow School of Art and worked in education for 25 years before taking up painting full-time in 1997. His expressionist landscapes in high-key colour quickly made him one of Scotland's best-selling artists, with celebrities such as Sting, Madonna and Rick Stein buying his work.

Photos by Colin Hattersley cphattersley@gmail.com
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Edinburgh Conservatives welcomed Theresa May earlier

Edinburgh politicians stopped campaigning for about 40 minutes today to get down to Granton and hear the message from the Prime Minister.



Nothing much was new. The soundbites were similar to those used all the way through this General Election campaign and here is what the Edinburgh politicians we met had to say:

Angus Robertson SNP Depute Leader said: "The surreal sight of Theresa May addressing activists in a removal warehouse served only to underline the opportunity that the people of Scotland have to remove her majority on Thursday.

"People in Scotland have the chance to deliver a verdict on Theresa May's shameful record of cuts in Thursday's election.

"With polls narrowing across the UK, whether or not Theresa May gets a bigger majority — or even loses her majority — could come down to the election outcome in Scotland.

"Any Tory MPs elected will simply rubberstamp further cuts by Theresa May, and Labour cannot win in Scotland — meaning a vote for them risks letting Tory MPs in by the back door.

"Now more than ever, it is vital to elect strong SNP voices to stand up for Scotland against Tory cuts."

Commenting on Ruth Davidson's claims that Theresa May will 'make Britain great again' — echoing the campaign slogan of Donald Trump — Labour General Election campaign manager James Kelly said: "Ruth Davidson's stealing Donald Trump's slogan was a toe-curling moment, but both the Tory campaign and the Trump campaign have sought to divide our society.

"Theresa May and Ruth Davidson both support slashing the social security safety net for the poorest, tax cuts for the richest and scapegoating immigrants.

"And the Tories are responsible for Brexit, which was supported by Trump, which handed Nicola Sturgeon a fresh grievance in her bid to break-up Britain.

"On June 8, Scots can send Nicola Sturgeon a message to abandon her plans for a divisive second independence referendum without endorsing the vile policies of the Tories. A vote for Labour on 8 June is a vote to end austerity and oppose a divisive second independence referendum."

Commenting on the decision to host the campaign event in a removal firm warehouse, Mr Kelly added: "The only way to ensure there are removal vans outside Downing Street on Friday morning is to vote Labour on Thursday.

"There are only two outcomes in this General Election: a Labour government for the many, not the few, or a Tory government intent on a hard Brexit.

"Voting SNP will just risk letting Theresa May back into Downing Street."

Seals thrive but seabirds are under threat



Late evening sunshine under the iconic Forth Rail Bridge. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media on board The Maid of the Forth

It's 7pm on a sparkling, sunlit Sunday night and we're on a birdwatch cruise on the Forth.

Suddenly a green buoy appears and the on-board RSPB expert said: "There are seals basking in the last rays of sun."

The entire cruise party rushed to starboard and there they were. Four huge seals snoozing. Cameras clicked and video buttons were pushed.

Later, we saw another seal colony off another island but there was so much more to this three-hour cruise than that.

The expert live commentary from RSPB experts pointed out a puffins, guillemots, razorbills and gannets.

Kittiwakes, cormorants, shags and eider ducks also featured during the cruise on the Maid of the Forth from South Queensferry.

Whether you are a wildlife novice or an expert, this trip offers something, particularly on a beautiful night.

Typical of the Forth, the weather turned quickly but the rich wildlife of the river between Edinburgh and the Kingdom of Fife proved enthralling thanks to the expert staff who were so

approachable.

Sadly, some birdlife species are suffering, but not the seals. They are there in numbers to delight cruisers.

The next cruise is on 2 July 2017 (6pm) and booking is now available here.

Speedway — mixed fortunes for Bandits

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Lewis Bridger, hurt at Berwick and out for a spell. Picture Colin Poole

Aaron Summers powered to 14 points and Richard Lawson claimed 13 as Glasgow Tigers mugged Berwick Bandits 54-38 in the Championship in the West of Scotland.

There were only eight points in the meeting after eight races but a 5-1 in Heat Nine thanks to Lawson and Nike Lunna made the scoreline 34-22 and there was no way back for the Borders club.

The comfortable win takes Glasgow onto 26 points from 11 fixtures, six behind pace-setting Edinburgh Monarchs who have raced in three more meetings.

Berwick still anchor the table with seven points from 14 matches but are only four behind ninth-placed Scunthorpe Scorpions who have raced in one more fixture.

On Saturday, much-changed Berwick claimed their second Championship win of the season in a 48-44 home victory over

Workington Comets.

It came at a cost as Lewis Bridger was hurt in crash. Jye Etheridge, however, found form with 11 points and Nick Morris top scored with 12 points.

Lothian Country say their new number 43 was pretty busy today

Lothian Country the new subsidiary of Lothian Buses began its new Queensferry service earlier today and we stepped aboard one of the first buses from St Andrew Square so that we would meet some of the commuters coming into town.



It was hard to find a dissenting voice on board. Everyone seems to like the new service which goes all the way into Scotstoun where there will be a terminal just as soon as the Cala development is finished.

The bus service appears to fit very well for those commuters we spoke with.

They especially like the integration with the buses in the city centre where they can use a Day ticket from South Queensferry and then to jump on a connecting service in Edinburgh.



Local councillor Norman Work who has campaigned for the

service since Stagecoach announced they were pulling out (and even before Stagecoach took it over) said: "I am delighted that all the hard work has paid off with Lothian buses listening to the Queensferry residents and have stepped in to operate a replacement bus service.

"I hope the residents and those living along on the Queensferry Road corridor will support the new service."

One aspect of the new service which needs to be fixed however is the overhanging trees on the country roads. The route was previously served by single decker buses and this needs to be addressed urgently. Our driver Sean was careful to go very slowly in certain parts where the branches are worst, but they do need to be cut back.

A spokesperson for Lothian Country said: "Feedback has been positive so far on all aspects of our new Lothian Country service. Our drivers have reported high satisfaction levels and are hoping to see many more new customers in the coming weeks and months."

The timetables and fares are here.

Everybody likes the new bus! Could not find anybody who didn't! @LothianCountry pic.twitter.com/xag5FLog0s

- Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) June 5, 2017

2017 Fringe Schools Poster winners announced

Three young artists from across Scotland have been announced as the winners of the 2017 Fringe Schools Poster Competition

supported by Virgin Money.

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Revealed today, at a special Fringe prize-giving celebration at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh, the winning designs will feature as the cover images for the official 70th anniversary Fringe Programme and will be seen by thousands of locals and visitors from across the UK and around the world this summer.

From left to right: Orla Henaghen, aged 13, is the Senior 1 to Senior 6 winner from St Peter the Apostle High School in Clydebank, Shona McCarthy, Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, Helen Willder, aged six, is the Primary 1 to Primary 3 winner from George Watsons' College in Edinburgh, and Tom Dolby, aged eight, from St Mary's Schools Melrose in the Scottish Borderswins the Primary 4 to Primary 7 category.

Shona McCarthy, Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society said: "It has been an inspirational day meeting our winners and their families and I hope that all those who participated in the competition will be encouraged to continue developing their creative skills and engaging with the arts.

"I'm delighted to have shared a taste of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe with schoolchildren from around Scotland today, and I am thrilled that in this special anniversary year, Scotland's young people have been given the opportunity to design the cover of the 2017 official Fringe Programme.

"The Fringe Programme is an important tool for audiences and participants to navigate their way through the thousands of events at the festival and I'm sure that these three eyecatching cover designs will be enjoyed by everyone taking part in the Fringe this year."

Witness appeal following sheep-worrying incident in the Pentland Hills

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Police are appealing for information following a sheep-worrying incident in the Pentland Hills which took place around 3.25pm on Saturday at a farm near the Kirkgate area of Currie.

A tan-coloured dog, possibly a spaniel, was seen chasing livestock in a field and a lamb was later discovered to be missing an ear.

PC Alistair Murdoch of Oxgangs Police Station said: "Sheep worrying is completely avoidable and I can't emphasise strongly enough the need for dog walkers to ensure their animals are kept on leads around livestock.

"All dogs, whatever their usual temperament, are capable of chasing livestock. This behaviour can have severe or even fatal consequences for these animals as well as both an emotional and financial impact on the farmer.

"We're urging anyone who may have information about this incident, or who saw a dog matching this description and being walked by a woman in the area, to contact us.

"We're still working to establish the full circumstances surrounding this and if the owner see's this appeal I'd ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible to help with our ongoing enquiries."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 2820 of 3 June 2017, or report this anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

#GE2017 Prime Minister pays a swift visit to Granton

The bus arrived to block the warehouse door and the security gates shut behind that, so unless you had an invitation there was no way you would have been able to see Prime Minister Theresa May when she visited Edinburgh today.

Once she and Ruth Davidson the leader of the Scottish Conservatives bounded onto the small stage, the message was clear. No to a second independence referendum. But then that has been the message of the Conservative candidates in this election from the off, and she was preaching to the converted as the audience was made up of press and Tory activists. After a short speech she took a few questions from the press and sadly not from us. Then she was off. The assembled supporters were held back at the closed door of the warehouse until the bus was out of sight with its police escort, but they seemed enthused.



Iain McGill local Conservative candidate

We spoke to local candidate Iain McGill who is the Conservative candidate in Edinburgh North and Leith. He said: "It is always nice to have the Prime Minister come to Edinburgh North and Leith, the best constituency in the whole land. I was very pleased to welcome Theresa May here. Do you know the Conservatives are on the resurgence here in Scotland?

We are more and more relevant every day and we are going to send the SNP a clear message today. Scotland said no to a referendum. Now is not the time for another one. It was once in a generation, once in a lifetime and the Conservatives are going to get on with the day job, get on with governing."

The Prime Minister said : "We can build that better Britain. We can work together for that stronger more prosperous future. Now what that means is we need to get the best deal from Brexit, bring back control of our money. our laws and our borders. But it is also about forging new trade deals for our goods and services across the globe, that global outward looking Britain.

"It's about ensuring that we spread prosperity and wealth across the whole United Kingdom. That is what our modern industrial strategy is about. It's about helping people with the cost of living by capping rip-off energy tariffs and of course it is about protecting our national security and defence. It is about dealing with the terrorists and standing up to the extremists. So I'm confident that we can build that stronger, fairer, more prosperous Britain. We have the plan, we have the vision, we have the leadership to do that. We can do that together but only the British people can give me and our party that mandate.

"And so my message to them is very simple. Give me the backing to lead Britain, give me the authority to speak for Britain. Strengthen my hand as I fight for Britain. Give me your backing and I will deliver for Britain."

Prime Minister "We can build a better Britain" on her visit to Clockwork Removals earlier pic.twitter.com/xRrPbkB1ii

- Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) June 5, 2017

Meadows Festival dodged the rain today



Thousands of people visited The Meadows Festival over the weekend. The volunteer-run even offers something for all the family with eats, drinks and music as well as bric a brac, some political stalls and a children's area.



One section of the Meadows was reserved for some really scary looking rides!

Despite some grey clouds it did not actually rain today!



We spotted the lovely Gordon Millar of ScotStreetStyle with Louise



Edinburgh sends condolences to London



The people of Edinburgh have expressed condolences for the

victims of the London attack.



Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh The Rt Hon Frank Ross

Speaking on behalf of the city, Lord Provost Frank Ross said in a statement: "This has been a horrific attack on innocent people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

"As sister Capital cities, Edinburgh and London share a unique history and bond. Today our citizens share heavy hearts in the wake of such violence but also praise for the astoundingly brave response from London's people and emergency services."

Flags are also being lowered to half-mast at the City Chambers on the Royal Mile.

London attack — national political campaigning stops for today

Seven people have died and 48 are reported to be in hospital, some with critical injuries, after what appears to have been a terrorist attack on London Bridge.

National political campaigning will cease for today, although with only four days before the election local campaigns will continue. Only UKIP has said they will continue campaigning.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: "Following the horrific terrorist attack in the centre of London last night, we are working closely with the UK Government and Police Scotland to monitor the situation. Later today I will chair a meeting of the Scottish Government's Resilience committee.

"My thoughts are with the families and friends of those who have tragically lost their lives and with everyone who has been harmed or affected by these terrible incidents."

Secretary of State for Scotland and Conservative candidate for Dumfriesshire Clydesdale and Tweeddale, David Mundell was to visit Newton Mearns but that visit has been cancelled.

Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale who was expected to visit East Lothian said: "My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families after the horrific terrorist attacks in London last night.

"Once again our nation finds itself under attack from those who hate our way of life and seek to change us. But we will not allow that to happen, because the values that they hate — democracy, the rule of law and tolerance — are what make our country so special. It's why Britain is a beacon for other nations around the world. We will not let the terrorists win.

"We must also thank those in our emergency services who yet again put themselves in danger to protect others. Their bravery and commitment to our safety never fails to inspire.

"London is one of the greatest cities in the world, a place where people from every continent have made their home. One of the most multi-cultural cities on earth will continue to welcome people from different faiths, cultures, races and backgrounds. It will not be cowed. We all stand with the people of London today."

Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Willie Rennie MSP was to visit East Dunbartonshire. Willie Rennie said: "Another attack on innocent victims, more grieving families and

friends. We will not become immune to such tragedies. We stand with all those affected in their grief, ever more determined to overcome."

Forth 1 want a Pizza of Vittoria in Charity Football Game

An Edinburgh restaurant chain Vittoria Group are pulling on their football kit to raise money for one of Edinburgh's best loved charities.

Vittoria Group FC will go head to head with local radio station select, The Forth 1 Allstars at Meadowbank Stadium's 3G pitch on Sunday June 11 th at 2pm.

All money raised on the day will go directly to Forth 1's Cash for Kids, which helps disadvantaged children across Edinburgh, The Lothians and Fife.

Organiser Leandro Crolla commented: "The Vittoria Group is passionate in supporting local charity and Forth 1s Cash for Kids is a very worthy cause. It supports children and young people across the area in a whole range of areas in their life. We support the charity all year round raising nearly £50,000 with promotions and events but this will offer a different edge to our usual fundraising.

Forth 1 presenter Mark Martin is hoping for a large crowd on the day: "I work closely with Cash for Kids every week and know exactly how any money is used. There are thousands of children living in difficult circumstances and they need our help, especially with the summer holidays just around the corner. I'm really looking forward to seeing the new Vittoria football team in action, I hope their football ISN'T as good as their food or we're in trouble!"

The Forth 1 group will feature Edinburgh Festival favourite, comedian Gareth Waugh, celebrity hair stylist Boyd MacIntyre, former Raith Rovers and Hibs player Paul Tansey and other familiar faces on the day.

The Vittoria Group vs The Forth 1 Allstars takes place at Meadowbank's 3G pitch, Sunday June 11th at 2pm. Entry by donation.

A day at the races — Edinburgh Cup Day at Musselburgh

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Sara Cox radio presenter who was at the after party



Leanne Ferguson with her mount Schmooze in the final race



Victor and Carina Contini with friends enjoying hospitality in the Queen's Stand



Police were unobtrusive but we think there were more police officers than usual. Bag

searches were carried out at the gates.
This is perhaps the best photo of the day (!)
A huge crowd enjoyed the day across the stand, the hospitality suites and the picnic areas.
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That huge screen fits into the truck!
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A day of four seasons so brollies were a necessity.
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Even though it wasn't Ladies Day it was a stylish affair!
Voc ladios the one on the right is gotting married!
Yes ladies the one on the right is getting married!
Lady jockey Josephine Gordon won the first race. Here she is talking to Gordon Brown.
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Horses were cooled off after the races with a bucket of water.
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Mr Stephen Rafferty on a rare day off.
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Peter Collins who plays walking football when he is not taking bets. Charming Edinburgh bookie — with his colleague they were doing a roaring trade.



Chameleon Lady entertained the crowds before the races began.



Local developer in the running for industry award

EDINBURGH BASED MNM DEVELOPMENTS MAKING A NAME IN COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY AWARDS FIELD

With twelve industry awards already under its belt, and currently bidding for more, an Edinburgh based developer has spoken of their importance in building profile and awareness in the current marketplace.

Family run MNM Developments, which has a development of luxury apartments and penthouses at Marionville, Meadowbank, has entered the Scottish Home Awards once again, having enjoyed considerable success in this competition in the past few years. For the past two years running, MNM has won Apartment Developer of the Year for its development at Harbour Green, Portobello and was a Finalist in the Small Housebuilder of the Year category.

A family run firm, MNM is headed up by Marc Teague, his sister Michaela and younger brother Nathan, making full use of extensive knowledge and experience passed on by their father Danny, who made Teague Homes one of Scotland's leading private housebuilders. Bringing to the table many years' experience in the industry, MNM has been able to hand pick its team of builders, craftsmen and tradesmen to create its impressive, award winning developments.

MNM has also won accolades in the UK Property Awards, and was named Build Magazine's Property Developer of the Year for 2016.

Said Michaela Teague: "We have once again entered the Scottish Home Awards, this time for our new development at Marionville, Meadowbank. We would love to win again and continue to put an Edinburgh developer on the map. It's true that it takes time and effort to enter these and the other awards that we target, but as a relatively new name in the industry, we feel that we have gained valuable profile and publicity through winning."

Michaela added: "We have grown in confidence too and it reassures us that we are well and truly on the right track with what we are trying to achieve with MNM. We didn't want to just adopt the Teague name, we wanted to make our own name in the industry, and we are delighted with our success so far. It's a continual learning curve and we are growing and developing as a company all the time."

Marionville has contemporary, two bedroom apartments and penthouses, all with master bedroom en-suite, from just £260,000, with stamp duty paid by MNM. The apartments situated on the Marionville Road side are complete with large balconies, whilst some of the stunning penthouses have access to large decked rooftop terraces and enjoy panoramic views across Edinburgh.

Fixtures and fittings are from some of the Capital's finest suppliers, with bespoke Schuller kitchens installed by Riddle & Coghill, ceramics from Collinson, and flooring by Style Flooring. Along with energy efficient gas central heating, the

apartments are constructed with the very latest eco friendly materials and pre-wired for the luxury Sonos state of the art sound system.



A stunning, interior designed, ground floor show apartment is open for viewing at Marionville Thursday to Sunday 12 noon-4pm. Please call 0131 273 5257 for more information, or check out www.mnmdev.co.uk

Edinburgh student singer competes in West End Gala competition.

■ Edinburgh born Izuka Hoyle competes with some of the UK's outstanding young singers aiming to win the coveted Student Performer Of The Year Competition 2017. Each finalist will perform a Sondheim song together with one chosen from a shortlist of 'best new songs'.

Originally from Edinburgh, **Izuka** moved to London in 2014 to attend Arts Educational Schools London on the Andrew Llyod Webber Scholarship. Due to graduate in September, she is currently appearing in *Working* at the Southwark playhouse and will shortly after begin shooting her first feature film; joining an A list cast, this project will mark her professional screen debut. No stranger to competitions, she was successful in winning the **Young Scottish Musical Theatre Performer of the Year back in 2015**.

Izuka is beyond thrilled to be a SSSSPOTY (phew!) finalist and would like to thank the Stephen Sondheim Society for granting

the opportunity, but also Chris Hocking (ArtsEd Director) and Dane Preece (ArtsEd Head of Music) for the past three years of love and support.



Izuka Hoyle

The Stephen Sondheim Society and Mercury Musical Developments have announced the 12 finalists for the annual West End Gala for The Stephen Sondheim Society Student Performer of the Year and The Stiles + Drewe Prize. The 12 finalists from performing arts schools around the country have been selected to perform at the 2017 competition being staged at the Noël Coward Theatre on Sunday 11 June at 3pm, hosted by Olivier Award winner Clive Rowe. The finalists are Tom Blackmore, Verity Blyth, Katie Buchholz, Oscar Conlon-Morrey, Georgia Frost, Izuka Hoyle, Rob Peacock, Emma Rendell, Georgia Richardson, Shaq Taylor, Jack Whittle and Joe Wiltshire Smith.

The gala will also include a special performance by Olivier Award winner and guest judge **Janie Dee** — soon to be seen as Phyllis in *Follies* at the National Theatre and writer and broadcaster **Edward Seckerson** returns to Chair the Student Performer judges as does legendary Sondheim interpreter **Julia McKenzie** to present the prize.

This year the annual gala will again be directed by **Chris Hocking**, with musical direction by **Stephen Ridley** and will also feature comedy double act Dominic Ferris and Martin Milnes who will be reprising their medley '33 Sondheim Numbers in 5 Minutes'.

The **Stiles + Drewe Prize** supports and develops new musical theatre writing via its two distinct arms. Recognising an outstanding song from a new musical, the winner of **Best New Song** receives £1,000 to put towards developing their work. Judging the Best New Song finalists with Stiles and Drewe will be songwriter **Dan Gillespie Sells** (The Feeling & *Everyone's*

Talking About Jamie) and actor **Giles Terera** (soon to star as Aaron Burr in Hamilton).

The Edinburgh Reporter, wishes Izuka the very best of luck, and we will be keeping a close ear on the proceedings and will announce the results in due course.

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www.sondheim.org/students

#GE2017 — final campaign weekend



Phew! We have nearly made it to the end of an election campaign for Westminster which overlapped a long run up to the council elections on 4 May.

The Edinburgh Reporter will be at the election count on Thursday night to bring you news of our constituencies as it

comes in.

We have interviewed some of the candidates already and you can read those, watch our video reports and listen to the audio interviews here.

This weekend Nicola Sturgeon will begin a campaign tour of 30 constituencies, and today alone she will visit 6 of those covering 300 nautical miles by helicopter.

The SNP has candidates in every constituency in Scotland and say that they are the only political party to do so. They have almost 8,000 volunteers out delivering 2 million leaflets and manning their street stalls.

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Nicola Sturgeon said: "Now, more than ever, we need strong SNP voices standing up for Scotland at Westminster and standing up to the Tories.

"The SNP is the only party who are serious about being that strong voice for Scotland — contesting every seat across the country, while our opponents run lacklustre campaigns in just a smattering of seats.

"That's why in the final few days before polling day I'll be campaigning alongside thirty hardworking SNP candidates standing up for communities across Scotland.

"While the Tories remain on course to win the election UK-wide, Scotland could be pivotal in reducing the size of their majority. Electing strong SNP voices is only the way to keep the Tories in check.

"Tory MPs will simply rubber stamp whatever toxic policies Theresa May wants to railroad through — whether that's a smash and grab on pensions, deeper cuts to welfare, the abhorrent rape clause or further cuts to public services. SNP MPs will never give her that free hand. "The only way to stop the Tories and the only way to stop more cuts is to vote SNP on June 8th."

Scottish Labour have Alistair Darling, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and chair of Better Together, will join Blair McDougall, Labour's candidate for East Renfrewshire and former Better Together campaign director, for campaigning in Clarkston. He has been busy along with former Prime Minister Gordon Brown writing to 100,000 Scots asking them to defeat the SNP by voting Labour.

In his letter, former Prime Minister Gordon Brown says Nicola Sturgeon 'should focus on the day job of running our schools and hospitals, and forget about her obsession with another divisive independence referendum'.

In his letter, former Chancellor and leader of the Better Together campaign Alistair Darling warns that a 'vote for the Conservatives, or any other party, won't stop another divisive referendum, it will simply help the SNP win here and across Scotland.'

The letters have been sent to voters in marginal seats where only Labour can defeat the SNP.

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Willie Rennie leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats continues his tour of Scotland with a stop in St Andrews today, continuing to campaign in seats that the Liberal Democrats are targeting to gain from the SNP.

He will say that in those seats it is a straight race between the Liberal Democrats and the SNP and people should rally behind the Liberal Democrats to gain seats and stop the SNP.

Mr Rennie is expected to say: "We are targeting to win seats like Edinburgh West, East Dunbartonshire, North East Fife, Caithness, Argyll and the Highlands. In those seats we are the people that can change the direction of this country.

"In less than seven days time people have a straight choice. Do they want a MP who will do nothing more than advance the

cause for another divisive independence referendum, or they do want an MP that will stand up for the local community?"

Alison Johnstone MSP says that Greens will go to Westminster with a pledge to stand up for everyone's "right to live with dignity".

Speaking at Glasgow West Carers Centre, Johnstone gave her backing to Patrick Harvie, who is standing in neighbouring Glasgow North, and said that by electing Scotland's first Green MP, voters will get a local champion who will speak up and represent those who "continue to be ignored by Westminster".

Johnstone also highlighted the importance of care work in Scotland and how the profession can often be "undervalued and underpaid". Meanwhile, Harvie outlined Green proposals for a Universal Basic income that would see people live "free from the fear of poverty".

Gardening Scotland — The Flying Scotsman display

Caitlyn Coburn 7 from Leuchars Primary waters 'The Flying Scotsman' display featuring William Wallace at Gardening Scotland, Royal Highland Showground 2017.



The display is part of the Living Garden competition which over 300 schools entered.



The event is hosted by the Garden for life forum and Keep Scotland Beautiful to bring these One Planet Picnic Porcket Gardens to life.

The designs include food for people, good for wild life and celebrates the 2017 year of History, Heritage and Archaeology. Gardening Scotland is on today and tomorrow. Details here www.gardeningscotland.com

Photos Ian Georgeson

Bringing refugees and locals together

Refugee Festival Scotland is back for its 17th year from 20 June to 2 July with a programme of events across Edinburgh.

Music and dance along with visual art and discussions to help people learn more about life for refugee communities in Scotland are included.

Eleanor Harris, Refugee Festival Scotland producer, said: "So many people across Scotland have come together to welcome refugees over the last year.

"We are amazed and inspired by people's kindness and their desire to connect with those who have come here seeking safety from war and violence in their home countries.

"Refugee Festival Scotland gives people from different backgrounds the chance to get to know each other better, to find out a little about each other's lives and cultures and to discover what we have in common.

"With events running across the country, our festival shows Scotland at its best, friendly, welcoming, full of colour and creativity."

Here are some of the event highlights coming to Edinburgh:

Music

Refugee Survival Trust International Concert

A concert to highlight the diversity of musicians from local and refugee communities in Edinburgh. Learn about the music and instruments of cultures from around the world, share delicious international foods, and celebrate the connections we make through music.

21 June, 7pm — 9pm. Lauriston Hall, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh

http://www.rst.org.uk

Dance

Edinburgh City of Sanctuary: Ceilidh Connections

A special ceilidh to celebrate the many people, places and organisations that make Edinburgh a welcoming city for people seeking sanctuary. A family-friendly evening with shared food, followed by dancing and music from diverse community groups.

1 July, 5-11pm, Kings Hall Edinburgh

www.ceilidhcollective.org

Language

Arabic Café at The Welcoming

Learn Arabic phrases, enjoy delicious snacks, good music, and meet people from around the world to celebrate the contribution of newcomers to Scotland.

26 June, 12.30 - 2.30 pm The Welcoming, 20 Westfield Avenue, Edinburgh

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arabic-cafe-at-the-welcoming-tickets-34289584069

Visual Arts

Exhibition of refugee portraits by Hannah Rose Thomas

Portrait Exhibition runs 19-23 June, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

Exhibition Launch 'The Art of Connection' 21 June, 6pm - 7.45pm

Hear and see how artist Hannah Rose Thomas connected through her art with refugees in Jordan and Calais.

Places limited. Book place at launch via admin@interfaithscotland.org

Speedway - Tigers sweat over Lawson after crash



Battered and bruised Richard Lawson aims to ride against Berwick on Sunday. Picture Ian Adam David Howe misses Berwick Bandits' home clash with Workington Comets today with concussion.

Dany Gappmaier is also absent riding in a Grand Prix qualifier and Lee Payne damaged his shoulder last weekend and sits out.

Todd Kurtz has been booked as a stand-in and Bandits will use rider replacement for Howe with Nathan Greaves in for Payne.

Jye Etheridge returns from his injury as Bandits welcome the current Shielfield Park track record holder, Craig Cook. He leads Comets who also include Thomas Jorgensen.

Workington have booked a guest for the concussed Rob Shuttleworth with Ryan MacDonald taking the rides. Tapes go up at 7pm.

For Sunday's trip to Glasgow, Stoke's David Wallenger covers at reserve while James Sarjeant guests. Remember the tapes go up at 6pm.

And Tigers are sweating over Richard Lawson who was hurt in a Heat 10 crash involving Coty Garcia at Redcar Bears on Thursday.

Speedway - Monarchs tame Tigers but it was close

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Max Clegg was again influential as Monarchs kept Tigers at bay. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

SGB Championship: Edinburgh Monarchs 49, Sheffield Tigers 44

Edinburgh: Sam Masters 10, Mark Riss 7, Erik Riss 8, rider replacement for Josh Pickering, Ricky Wells 11, Max Clegg 11, Mitchell Davey 2

Sheffield: Aaron Summers (guest) 12, Todd Kurtz 3, Lasse Bjerre 8, James Sarjeant (guest) 2, Kyle Howarth 13, Robert Branford 5, Ryan MacDonald (guest) 1

Red-hot reserve Max Clegg turned on the power again to help Edinburgh Monarchs claim a nervy home victory in the SGB Championship against title rivals Sheffield Steelers.

In-form Clegg won one of his seven races and his score of 11 was matched by Ricky Wells.

Sam Masters, Monarchs' skipper, was next best with ten points but Glasgow Tigers captain Aaron Summers claimed 12 points for the visitors as a guest.

Their top scorer was Kyle Howarth with 13 in a tight contest with Monarchs only securing their victory in the final two heats after Tigers closed to within a point.

Edinburgh started well and led 26-16 after seven races but Tigers then upped a gear.

Summers, guesting for the visitors, claimed six points in Heat 11 on a tactical ride to narrow the gap to seven points at 38-31.

And Lasse Bjerre and Robert Branford, a former Edinburgh rider, claimed a 5-1 in re-run Heat 12 to bring the score even closer at 39-36.

It got worse for the home side as Kyle Howarth won the next race with Summers third to close the gap to a point at 41-40.

But Mark Riss and Clegg came home first and second in the penultimate race for a 5-1 and a 46-41 scoreline to ease home nerves.

And Masters and Wells teamed up to take second and third in the final heat to earn a 3-3 draw and a 49-44 result.

David Sedaris comes to Edinburgh on his UK tour

David Sedaris, humorist, bestselling author and star of Radio 4 series 'Meet David Sedaris', will appear at The Usher Hall in September 2017.

His diaries entitled 'Theft By Finding (Volume ONE; David Sedaris Diaries 1977-2003)' are now released.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre- eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris is the author of Barrel Fever and Holidays on Ice, as well as collections of personal essays, Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim, When You Are Engulfed in Flames, and his most recent book, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls, each of which became an instant bestseller. The audio version of Let's Explore Diabetes With Owls is a 56th Annual GRAMMY Awards Nominee for Best Spoken Word Album. He is also the author of the NYT-bestselling collection of fables entitled Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk: A Modest Bestiary (with illustrations by Ian Falconer).

He was also the editor of Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules: An Anthology of Outstanding Stories. Sedaris' pieces appear regularly in The New Yorker and have twice been included in "The Best American Essays." There are a total of ten million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages.

He and his sister, Amy Sedaris, have collaborated under the name "The Talent Family" and have written half- a-dozen plays which have been produced at La Mama, Lincoln Center, and The Drama Department in New York City.

These plays include Stump the Host, Stitches, One Woman Shoe, which received an Obie Award, Incident at Cobbler's Knob, and The Book of Liz, which was published in book form by Dramatists Play Service.

David Sedaris' original radio pieces can often be heard on the US public radio show This American Life. David has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album.

His latest audio recording of new stories (recorded live) is David Sedaris: Live for Your Listening Pleasure (November 2009). A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premiere at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). Since 2011, he can be heard annually on a series of live recordings on BBC Radio 4 entitled "Meet David Sedaris."

Saturday, 9 September 2017 - The Usher Hall

Doors 6.30pm - Tickets £33

Ticket details here.

Betfred Cup Draw Made

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Photo: SPFL

The draw for the first stage of the Betfred Cup - the League Cup as was - was made on Friday evening.

Hearts have been drawn with Dunfermline Athletic, Peterhead, East Fife and Elgin City.

Hibernian have been drawn with Ross County, Montrose, Alloa and Arbroath.

Edinburgh City have been drawn with Motherwell, Morton, Queens Park and Berwick Rangers.

Celtic, Aberdeen, Rangers and St Johnstone receive a bye into the second round of the competition due to their involvement in European tournaments.

The ties are due to be played between 15th and 29th July with some of them being broadcast on BT Sport.

The full draw is as follows:

South draw

Group E — Kilmarnock, Dumbarton, Ayr United, Clyde, Annan Athletic

Group F — Motherwell, Morton, Edinburgh City, Queen's Park, Berwick Rangers

Group G — Hamilton Accies, Queen of South, Albion Rovers, Stenhousemuir, East Kilbride

Group H — Partick Thistle, St Mirren, Airdrie, Stranraer, Livingston

North draw

Group A - Inverness CT, Falkirk, Stirling Albion, Brechin City, Forfar

Group B — Hearts, Dunfermline, Peterhead, East Fife, Elgin City

Group C — Dundee, Dundee United, Cowdenbeath, Buckie Thistle, Raith Rovers

Group D - Ross County, Hibernian, Montrose, Alloa, Arbroath

Cyclist who died following road traffic collision on Princes Street named as Zhi Min Soh



The 23-year-old woman who died following a road traffic collision on Princes Street has been named as Zhi Min Soh of Malaysia.

The incident happened around 8.30am on Wednesday, May 31, when Ms Soh was involved in a collision with a mini-bus after falling from her pedal cycle.

Ms Soh was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment, however she sadly passed away a short time later.

In a statement issued through Police Scotland, Dr David Kluth, Director of Undergraduate Medical Teaching at Edinburgh University's Medical School, said: "Zhi Min was a talented, thoughtful student, who was well-respected by her peers and always keen to help. She will be deeply missed by the Medical School community.

"Our sympathies at this time are with her family and friends. We have all lost a bright star of the future."

Officers are still investigating the circumstances of Ms Soh's death and are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

Police Sergeant Fraser Wood of Edinburgh's Road Policing Unit said: "This is a tragic incident and our thoughts are with Zhi Min's family and friends as they come to terms with their loss.

"I would like to thank those who stopped in Princes Street to assist Zhi Min on Wednesday morning. A significant number of witnesses have come forward and we are continuing to speak to them as part of our ongoing inquiries. We will be in touch with all witnesses in due course.

"I would again ask anyone who may be able to help our enquiries to come forward and contact us as soon as possible."

Those with information can contact officers at Edinburgh's Road Policing Unit on 101, quoting incident 643 of May 31.

Hearts Sign Cole Stockton

Hearts made their second signing of the summer today when they captured the signature of Tranmere Rovers striker Cole Stockton on a pre-contract agreement. The 23-year-old's contract at Prenton Park ends on 30^{th} June and the big striker will officially join Hearts on 1^{st} July.

Stockton scored 18 goals last season, having been loaned out to Morecambe before he returned to Rovers who were denied a return to the English Football League when they lost the play-off final to Forest Green Rovers at Wembley.

Stockton will head out with his new Hearts teammates to a training camp in Dublin as Ian Cathro's side prepare for the new season in Ireland.

Meanwhile, Hearts await Friday night's draw for the sectional stage of the Betfred League Cup. As one of the seeded teams in the north, there's the possibility they will be drawn in the same section as city rivals Hibernian. However, they won't be drawn with Edinburgh City — for reasons known only to the SPFL, Gary Jardine's side are in the south half of the draw.

Hibs' fan Hugh Cockburn's charity bike ride for Sarcoma Cancer.



Lifelong Hibs' fan Hugh Cockburn has completed his charity bike ride of 152 miles, visiting 12 stadiums and raising over £1000 for Sarcoma cancer uk, in memory of fellow St Patrick's Branch member Shaun McKinley. After resting his tired legs, Hugh took time from his busy schedule to describe his journey to the Edinburgh Reporter and share some of his photographs.

He said: "Monday morning I arrived at Easter Road to be met by Big G, Stuart and Jackie from the St.Pats Branch and Colin Millar from Hibs. I greatly appreciated them taking the time to come and see me off. Colin took us in to the stadium where I had a quick photo shoot before heading off up Easter Road on my quest.

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"It started raining as I reached Ingleston and continued until my first pit stop at Bathgate. There, I met to old gentlemen on electric bikes who showed me the cycle path that led straight to my first stop Airdrie. I cycled with them for a while and have never laughed so much for ages. Their banter was great. Airdrie and Albion Rovers were visited, no problem and I was soon on my way to Cumbernauld, home of Clyde FC.

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"As I was making my way through the maze, that is Cumbernauld, disaster struck!!!! My chain snapped. As I had not packed a spare, schoolboy error, I was stranded. Only 50 miles done and only 2 stadiums visited, I was gutted. After a mile of walking with bike, then short taxi ride to bike shop and bit of haggling with mechanic, I was soon back on road but well behind my schedule. Clyde, quickly followed by Partick Thistle and Celtic were soon ticked off list before my final destination of day 1, Hampden. 83 miles completed.

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"Day 2 saw me leave my hotel, where I was given a free breakfast when they discovered my quest. I headed firstly to Ibrox, then passed Parkhead again before heading to the highlight of my trip, New Douglas Park, home of Hamilton

Accies.

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"There I met the delightful Lisa Kerr, who took the time to give me a guided tour of the stadium and explain about the marvellous charity work they do. On leaving I was given a club badge, the only ones to give me anything at all and told I was welcome to visit anytime in the new season, complimentary tickets.

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"A short trip along the road took in Motherwell, before heading home via Livingston. A nice warm welcome awaited me at Almondvale and a mini tour was given. I joined the A71 and steered my trusty steed towards Edinburgh and Easter Road.

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"Going through Gorgie, I made a quick stop at Tynecastle. A lovely scenic cycle along Princes St and I was soon back at my beloved Easter Road. 69 miles completed.

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"A big thanks to Big G, Stuart, Jackie, Paddy and his son who were there to cheer me back. Photos taken, handshakes all round and I cycled back up to Waverley to catch my train back to Sunderland.

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"Total mileage 152 miles, 12 stadiums visited. total raised to date £1120 for Sarcoma cancer uk. All done in memory of Shaun McKinley.

"I am aiming to continue my quest by cycling to Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, Raith Rovers, East Fife, Alloa, Stirling Albion, Stenhousemuir, Falkirk next. Hopefully in August."