

Djoum Shines as Hearts Defeat Dundee



Heart of Midlothian 2 Dundee 0

Ladbrokes Premiership – Saturday 15th October 2016, Tynecastle

October is something of a curiosity for Hearts. After the break for the somewhat depressing World Cup qualifiers, Hearts were back in action for the first time in over a fortnight when Dundee visited Gorgie on Saturday afternoon. However, with Hearts next Ladbrokes Premiership game not due for another ten days – next weekend's opponents Rangers will be in League Cup semi-final action – this month has something of a stop-start feel to it for the Maroons.

Head Coach Robbie Neilson took charge of his 100th game for Hearts and he was up against a familiar face in the opposition dug-out. Dundee manager Paul Hartley was a team-mate of Robbie's a decade ago and both played in Hearts 2006 Scottish Cup final triumph over Gretna.

Neilson was forced to do without the services of winger Sam Nicholson who has been ruled out of action until January following knee surgery. He was forced into one other change from the team that won 3-1 at Motherwell 15 days ago as defender Faycal Rherras, who was taken ill when on international duty for Morocco during the week, missed out and was replaced by Alim Ozturk.

The game began in ominous fashion for the hosts when Callum Paterson gave the ball away in the opening seconds allowing El Bakhtaoui – who Robbie Neilson admitted during the week could have been a Hearts player – to run through on goal.

Thankfully, John Souttar was on hand to deny the Dundee man with a superb tackle.

Five minutes later and it was Dundee's turn to gift a chance when Gomis was woefully short with a back pass to his keeper Bain. Hearts much-maligned striker Conor Sammon was quick to pounce but his effort was saved by the Dundee keeper.

Callum Paterson, keen to atone for his first minute howler, raced into the Dundee penalty area and his left foot shot was only just wide.

Ten minutes in and Don Cowie delivered a more than tempting cross but Tony Watt – who didn't have the happiest of afternoons – headed over. The former Celtic striker had an even better chance three minutes later when a cross from Sammon from the right landed at the feet of Hearts number 32 – but his effort on goal caused more trouble to the visiting Dundee fans in the Roseburn Stand than the Dundee keeper.

Hearts were far from having things their own way. Hateley's free kick in the 20th minute grazed Jack Hamilton's crossbar and the visitors were causing Hearts more than a problem or two on the counter-attack.

After Callum Paterson fired an effort wide from 25 yards, there was another chance for the unfortunate Tony Watt who connected with a cross from Sammon only to see Jamie Walker get in the way of his attempt on goal.

Hearts continued to create but fail to take their chances. Paterson delivered another dangerous cross from the right which skimmed along the six-yard box but eluded both Don Cowie and Conor Sammon.

The impressive Arnaud Djoum was next to try his luck with an effort from 20 yards but Dees keeper Bain produced a fine save to push the ball out for a corner.

As the first half drew to a close, the game was beginning to resemble Hearts last home game when they failed to break through a stubborn Ross County defence. Hearts fans were hoping there would be a different outcome on this drier October afternoon.

Half-time Hearts 0 Dundee 0

Paul Hartley appeared to have told his Dundee players at half-time that Hearts were there for the taking as the visitors came out after the interval with all guns blazing. Hartley's effort from 20 yards spun off Igor Rossi and hit the post with Hearts keeper Jack Hamilton beaten.

The Hearts number one then produced a superb save from El Bakhtaoui before the crossbar saved Hearts when Gadzhalov's header from a corner bounced off the bar. The Dundee fans scented blood and increased their noise volume but it was Hearts who responded when Jamie Walker collected a fine pass from Djoum but the winger's shot on goal was straight at keeper Bain.

Dundee's Teijssse then became the latest white-shirted player to be denied as his effort from the edge of the Hearts penalty box came back off the post.

The visitors were left to rue their misfortune when Hearts took the lead in the 68th minute. Substitute Robbie Muirhead – on for the ineffective Tony Watt – delivered a fine free-kick from the left which found the head of Callum Paterson who headed into the corner of the net. The Scotland defender stood to take the acclaim of a relieved home support.

Igor Rossi had the chance to double Hearts lead when he had a free header from Cowie's corner – but headed into the Gorgie Stand. Then Arnaud Djoum had another effort on goal which was straight at Dundee keeper Bain. It was Bain who kept his team in the game with a brilliant save to deny Hearts substitute

Bjorn Johnsen – but the American wasn't to be denied for long.

After Dundee's Teijisse headed wide when it seemed easier to score, Hearts stormed to the other end of the field. Great pace from Jamie Walker saw the winger deliver a teasing cross into the Dundee penalty box which was met by Johnsen who duly scored his first goal in a maroon shirt – and clinched all three points for Hearts.

It wasn't a game for the purists and Dundee can perhaps feel aggrieved at not taking a point from the game, given the guilt-edged chances they missed. For Hearts, however, it was another welcome three points which lifts them into third place in the Ladbrokes Premiership table.

Robbie Neilson was naturally pleased with a win that was, to resort to cliché mode, 'hard-fought'. He told the official Hearts website:

"The first-half felt a bit like Groundhog Day. We're still creating chances, but just not taking them early enough. We played against an inspired Scott Bain as well today.

"Our goals are coming towards the end of games now. Teams sit in against us, and they're hard to break down. Players like Cowie, Djoum and Sammon do a lot of work tiring out teams.

"That makes it easier for our substitutes to come on and steal the glory like Muirhead and Johnsen did for us today"

Hearts: Hamilton, Paterson, Ozturk, Souttar, Rossi, Cowie (Buaben, 86'), Djoum, Kitchen, Walker, Sammon (Johnsen, 72'), Watt (Muirhead, 56').

Dundee: Bain, Holt, Vincent (Duffy, 75'), Hateley (Kerr, 75'), Williams, O'Hara, McGowan, Teijisse, El Bakhtaoui, Gadzhalov (Loy, 85'), Gomis.

Referee: Kevin Clancy

Att: 16,512

Top man: Arnaud Djoum. On an afternoon when the midfield area was by-passed all too frequently, the Cameroon internationalist showed his undoubted class.

FREE Training session for the Edinburgh Marathon



If you have already signed up for the Edinburgh Marathon Festival on 27/28 May 2017 then we hope you have already begun training!

But if you are needing some encouragement then there is a free workshop for runners to get professional advice on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at Nuffield Health on New Mart Road.

There will be a a talk from some experts at Nuffield Health and Run4It and also an optional guided run. You will need a head torch and running gear.

[Register here.](#)

Acorn Stairlifts make living at home possible for two Marie Curie Hospice patients



L-R. Martyn Bijak, Charge Nurse, Joe Stevenson, Installation Engineer, Acorn, Emer Haddigan, registered nurse.

Acorn Stairlifts have installed two free stairlifts for patients supported by Marie Curie Hospice Edinburgh. This donation has been welcomed by the charity which supports people living with a terminal illness by giving them the choice of being cared for at home.

The Munro family, based in Edinburgh, benefited from one of the donations which enabled Mr Munro to return to the family home.

Son Scott Munro said: "The stairlift has been absolutely fantastic. My dad had been spending full days either upstairs or downstairs. With the help of Acorn's stairlift, he now has the freedom of choosing where he wants to be – whether it's watching TV with the family or going back upstairs to bed. The stairlift simply makes life easier at a difficult time and importantly, means dad can be cared for at home. It's just been brilliant."

Acorn Stairlifts, with a factory based in nearby Haddington, has been manufacturing and installing stairlifts for more than 20 years and employs over 800 people in the UK. It has recently been named International Business of the Year at the UK Private Business Awards.



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Acorn Company Secretary Dave Belmont said: "We are delighted to work with Marie Curie as a charity partner and are delighted we can make a difference in Edinburgh by giving people the freedom and flexibility to return home. Every eight minutes, someone in the world benefits from installing an Acorn Stairlift and with such vital, life enhancing work already undertaken by this incredible charity, we are looking forward to supporting them and families they support even further through the free installation of our stairlifts."

Nicky Read, Head of Corporate Partnerships, Marie Curie said: "We are delighted that Acorn Stairlifts has chosen to support Marie Curie by providing free stairlifts to families supported by our Edinburgh hospice. This unique initiative will make all the difference to the people we support who are living with a terminal illness and their families."

At the Usher Hall 17 October 2016 – Astronauts Tim Peake and Tim Kopra



Edinburgh International Science Festival, in partnership with European Space Agency and UK Space Agency, presents *Experiments in Space*, an evening with astronauts Tim Peake and Tim Kopra at Edinburgh's Usher Hall on 17 October at

6pm. Tickets for this once in a lifetime event are on sale on the Science Festival and Usher Hall websites.

Edinburgh International Science Festival's mission is to inspire people of all ages to discover more about the world and beyond and aims to achieve it through producing not only one of the world's biggest science festivals but also quality educational and accessible events throughout the year.

Simon Gage, the Director of the Edinburgh International Science Festival said: "I am thrilled to be welcoming Tim Peake and his NASA colleague Tim Kopra to Edinburgh and excited that the Edinburgh International Science Festival will be presenting their event in partnership with the European Space Agency and UK Space Agency at The Usher Hall. Our aim across all the work we do is to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds with the wonders of science and technology. We are delighted to support the UK Space Agency's education and outreach programme that has made the Principia mission so captivating and so accessible to the British public."

Experiments in Space is part of a UK-wide tour which sees Tim Peake visiting all four UK national capitals along with Leicester, Manchester and Glasgow with his crewmate Tim Kopra joining Tim for the visits to Edinburgh, Belfast and London.

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko is unable to join the tour due to recent delay to the upcoming Soyuz launch and his role as crew trainer for the Russian cosmonauts.

Tim Peake is the first British European Space Agency astronaut, he spent over 6 months on board the International Space Station as part of the Principia mission after launching from Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 15 December 2015 – an event watched by over 15,000 people in the UK.



The UK public followed the Principia mission with a lot of

interest visible on not only on the mission's website but also on social media – Tim now has over 1M followers on Twitter, making him the most followed ESA astronaut! As part of the Principia mission, the UK Space Agency invested over £3M in the biggest education and outreach initiative ever undertaken for an ESA astronaut with over a million young people having already taken part.

Tickets for *Experiments in Space*, £15/£12, available to buy from www.sciencefestival.co.uk or www.usherhall.co.uk from 10am on Monday, 3 October.

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Photo of Tim Peake and Tim Kopra on International Space Station credit ESA and NASA

Sally Magnusson to deliver Donald Gorrie lecture

Broadcaster and writer Sally Magnusson will give the Donald Gorrie Lecture this Tuesday 18 October 2016 at St Andrew's and St George's West Church on George Street. The lecture will focus on dementia and the power of music and entry is free and open to all. The evening will begin at 7.30pm.

Ms Magnusson's late mother Mamie Baird Magnusson was affected by dementia and Sally was so affected by the power of meaningful music on her mother that she founded a charity in 2013, [Playlist for Life](#).

This video explains the charity's work

She also wrote a book *Where Memories Go* which calls for human rights and dignity for the frailest of our citizens, and demands that music is used during their care. The charity advises on making up a list of music that means something to their own family members with dementia and promotes the use of personal music throughout care services while continuing to research its effects.

Sally Magnusson is a journalist, TV and radio broadcaster and writer. She cared with her two sisters for her mother during her long struggle with dementia, until her death in 2012. Sally has said,

“Dementia is one of the greatest social, medical, economic, scientific, philosophical and moral challenges of our times. I am a reporter. It became the biggest story of my life.”

Ian Gilmour, the minister of St Andrew's and St George's West, said

“Churches now engage with the challenge of including and supporting people with dementia – for example through the multi-faith project *Faith in Older People*. We are delighted to welcome Sally Magnusson to talk about a particular path she has taken, and to support a hopeful and positive attitude to the often frightening disease of dementia. There will be an opportunity to buy Sally's book and to contribute to her charity.”

Ten man Hibs return to the top of the Championship



Hibs returned to the top of the Championship this afternoon despite being unable to beat Raith Rovers at Starks Park.

The Easter Road side dominated throughout even though they played the majority of the game with 10-men after Marvin Bartley was sent off in the first half.

Elsewhere Queen of the South lost heavily to Morton at home and Hibs have overtaken them on goal difference.

Head Coach Neil Lennon made five changes to the starting XI that lost to St Mirren last weekend with Kirkcaldy born Lewis Stevenson, Marvin Bartley, John McGinn, Jason Cummings and Grant Holt returning to the team in place of Jordon Forster, Dylan McGeouch, Martin Boyle, Andrew Shinnie and Alex Harris.

Old foe Rudi Skacel started for Gary Locke's team alongside former Hearts' defender Kevin McHattie.

Hibs started brightly and Holt almost opened the scoring with a powerful strike which was deflected wide of the post then Paul Hanlon's header from the resultant James Keatings' corner struck the crossbar.

Midway through the first half Holt was shown a yellow card after a challenge on Ian Davidson then Fraser Fyvie went close with a strike from the edge of the penalty area.

Declan McManus was fortunate to escape a booking for scything down Bartley, much to the annoyance of the large travelling support from the capital however five minutes later he was shown a yellow card after a bad challenge on Stevenson.

Ross Callachan then escaped punishment for a terrible tackle on Fyvie which brought Lennon to his feet in protest.

Just before the break Hibs were reduced to 10 men after Bartley was sent off following a challenge on Bobby Barr, his second red card in his last two games although the previous one against Ayr United was rescinded.

It was unclear why Bartley was sent off although Finnie indicated that the midfielder had kicked out at Barr.

In time added on Thompson was booked for kicking the ball away right in front of the referee.

The referee left the field at half time to a chorus of boos from the Hibs' fans and their mood didn't improve when just after the break, he ignored a penalty claim after Holt was clearly bundled over by Kyle Benedictus inside the box.

Matthews was then booked for chopping down McGinn and from Keatings' free kick McHattie bundled Holt to the ground and Cummings was pushed in the back but once again the referee ignored the Hibs' players pleas.

The furious Hibs supporters behind the goal chanted 'Cheat Cheat Cheat' at Finnie but he redeemed himself when he denied Raith Rovers a penalty and booked Callachan for diving.

Benedictus was then booked for persistent fouling as Hibs continued to dominate possession despite being down to 10-men.

Midway through the second half Keatings dispossessed Davidson before firing a low cross into the area but Holt was just unable to connect with the ball.

Hibs were denied a third penalty claim when Keatings was bundled over then Neil Lennon was spoken to by the referee for his protests.

Great skill by Keatings set up Cummings but the striker was

unable to get the ball under control then Cummings outpaced McHattie and found Stevenson but his cross was cleared for a corner.

With eight minutes remaining Boyle and Brian Graham replaced Keatings and Holt then in the 89th minute David Gray went close with a header but then game ended all square.

Hibs travel back across the Forth Road Bridge next weekend to face Dunfermline.

Raith Rovers: Cuthbert, Davidson, Mvoto, Benedictus, McHattie Matthews, Thompson, Callachan, Barr, Skacel, McManus. Subs Brennan, Johnston, Stewart, Vaughan, Coustrain, Roberts.

Hibs: Marciano, Gray, Hanlon, McGregor, Stevenson, Bartley, Fyvie, McGinn, Keatings, Holt, Cummings. subs: Laidlaw, Boyle, Shinnie, Forster, Eardley, Graham, Harris

Referee Steven Finnie

Attendance 3753

Spate of business housebreakings in the Penicuik area



Police are investigating following a spate of business housebreakings in the Penicuik area.

The first incident was reported to police on Wednesday 12th October at Kentigern Mall, when a business premises was

broken into. Police believe the break in happened overnight and nothing was taken.

A further incident also happened on Wednesday 12th October at around 3am where a business premises was broken into in John Street and several beauty products were taken as a result.

Three further incidents were reported on Thursday 13th October. The first was reported around 8.30am where an attempt was made to break into at a café in West Street.

There was also a break-in and an attempted break-in to two properties on Penicuik High Street, which were also reported to police on Thursday 13th October.

Police are now investigating these incidents and are appealing for information.

Police Sergeant Michele Lindsay of Penicuik Police Station said: "Our enquiries into all incidents are ongoing and we are pursuing various lines of inquiry. However, given the nature of these offences and proximity of all the properties we cannot rule out the possibility that they are linked.

"There are several steps that businesses can take to protect their properties. Make sure all windows and doors are secure; remove your float and advertise on the door of the premises advising potential thieves that no cash is held on site out of hours; consider the installation of CCTV and ensure that all moveable electrical items are out of sight.

"More information on physical crime prevention measures can be found on the Police Scotland website."

Anyone with information about these housebreakings should call Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Styling the Nation at the museum



Ten new galleries opened on 8 July 2016 at a cost of £14.1 million

Earlier this year The National Museum of Scotland opened ten new galleries following continued investment on Chambers Street.

In November the museum will host a sensationally stylish weekend inspired by the Museum's new Art and Design galleries.

Styling the Nation will celebrate design and creativity on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November 2016.

From workshops and maker demonstrations, to performance art and curator talks, *Styling the Nation* offers a packed programme of free events and activities exploring style in every sense.



Fashion is included in the new galleries

Recent Edinburgh College of Art graduate and rising fashion talent Rhys McKenna, will lead a fashion illustration workshop. Now working with iconic British brand Burberry, Rhys will share expert tips on creating a distinct look and expressive style.

Two contemporary makers, jeweller Ruth Laird and textile artist Cally Booker, will set-up workbenches in the Grand Gallery, sharing their inspirations, practise and techniques with the public. This *Meet Your Maker* event is organised in

partnership with Craft Scotland.

Inspired by the Museum's fashion collections, sisters and artists Katie, Anna and Sophie Orton, collectively known as Ortonandon, will explore the politics and fashion behind the t-shirt slogan. The artists will invite visitors to create their own slogan t-shirts, before weaving these ideas into a public performance.

The weekend will also feature Voga sessions, a combination of Yoga and voguing, an opportunity to don retro style in the vintage photo booth and a fascinating programme of talks.

Styling the Nation is supported by EventScotland and is part of the 2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs said: "Scotland has a wealth of incredibly creative individuals across the fashion, textiles and craft sectors that continually produce world-class, stylish designs. Taking place within Scotland's Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, this event is a wonderful celebration of Scottish talent and I hope it will encourage the next generation of aspiring designers."

Stephen Allen, Head of Learning and Programmes at National Museums Scotland, said: "We are delighted to present this new event as part of the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design. Celebrating the National Museum of Scotland's new Art and Design galleries, this weekend will give our visitors an opportunity to engage with and enjoy the collections in exciting new ways."

Carer Conversation Cafés

Anyone who cares for someone else in the capital is invited to join the conversation at weekly **Carer Conversation Cafés** hosted by local carer organisation VOCAL (Voice of Carers Across Lothian).

✖ Unpaid carers, people providing vital help and support to a partner, family member or friend, can become isolated and feel left out of the wider conversation and VOCAL want you to know that they are there to help.

Edinburgh Carer Conversation Cafés is a pilot project aiming to provide a space for carers to take time for themselves, meet like-minded people and share thoughts and ideas on the issues that matter to them.

VOCAL carer support worker Wendy Brooks, herself a carer for her teenage son, is the Café host and brings both a professional and personal understanding of the pressures and issues affecting carers in their daily lives.

“Carers often lose themselves within the caring role, lacking the time, energy or space for themselves.

“The aim of the Carer Conversation Cafés is to provide that time and space for carers to take care of themselves and to inspire and support each other.

“Carers can begin a conversation that involves what matters to them and acknowledges the vital role that they play.”

Jane Greenacre, Assistant Director (Carer Support) at VOCAL, believes that this project will be successful in reducing isolation and helping carers to maintain contact with their local community:

“For over 21 years, VOCAL has been providing much needed free

practical and emotional support to carers in Edinburgh from our carer centre.

“What makes the Carer Conversations Cafés so exciting is that they are using public spaces to enable carers to stay engaged with the wider community, and helping the wider community stay engaged with carers.”

The next Carer Conversation Café is on Monday 17th October from 10am-12pm at the Lifecare centre, Cheyne Street in Stockbridge where the theme for discussion is: ***Do you feel carers are sufficiently valued in society?***

This will be followed by regular weekly sessions at four city-wide cafés on a rotating basis, initially until March 2017. Refreshments are provided and sessions are structured so that everyone who wishes to is given the opportunity to contribute.

For further details about the Carers Conversation Cafés visit the VOCAL website (<https://www.vocal.org.uk/conversation>) or contact the VOCAL carer centre on 0131 622 6666.

Letter from Scotland



Can Scotland's Joan of Arc save us from Brexit ?

Will Nicola Sturgeon turn the tide on Brexit ? She's certainly trying hard. She's using this weekend's SNP conference in Glasgow to call for a grand coalition of all

opposition parties and pro-Europe Tories to keep Britain in the Single Market...the so-called “soft Brexit” option.

And she’s got several powerful arguments at her disposal. She points out that all parties in the UK parliament fought the last election with a manifesto pledge to remain in the EU and reform it. She reminds Westminster that Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain in the EU and much of the legislation and regulation that comes from Europe applies to devolved matters like agriculture and the environment.

She supports the legal challenge being mounted in the English courts to ensure that only an act of parliament can trigger the Brexit negotiations. The SNP will be voting against the great repeal bill on European legislation and is urging other parties and the Tory rebels to do the same. Meanwhile she’s insisting on Scotland having a powerful voice during any Brexit negotiations. And if all this fails, she’s threatening to take Scotland out of the UK with a second independence referendum. She drew cheers from the conference with the announcement that the draft legislation will be published for consultation next week.

Nicola Sturgeon has already established herself as a star of the UK political stage with her performances during the 2015 general election and the EU referendum. Now she is on the way to becoming a Joan of Arc/Oliver Cromwell figure, fighting the cause of her country’s freedom and parliamentary democracy, against the royal prerogative of the May government.

This week the SNP’s international affairs spokesman Stephen Gethins described the UN government’s slow slide towards the European exit door as “a dog’s Brexit.”

[@StephenGethins](https://t.co/JgttE0b2jy): Tories heading for a dog’s Brexit.
<https://t.co/JgttE0b2jy> [pic.twitter.com/JD5cXwSSsw](https://t.co/JD5cXwSSsw)

– Editor_SI1926 (@editor_sil926) [October 9, 2016](#)

And the financial markets took much the same view, the pound falling below the value of the Euro for the first time. That devaluation is pushing through into higher prices in the shops and worries about inflation and economic growth.

I suppose it's the desperate pursuit of growth that has persuaded the Scottish Government to back the plan for a third runway at Heathrow Airport. It makes the astonishing claim that it would mean 16,000 new jobs in Scotland, and construction projects worth £200m, over the next decade. Why the same benefits wouldn't accrue from the rival plan at Gatwick has not been explained. And, anyway, how does airport expansion square with our "ambitious" targets on climate change. Our main airports at Edinburgh and Glasgow are already seeing a worrying growth in passenger numbers, both reporting record highs for the month of September.

I'm happy to report that fewer people are being murdered in Scotland. The number of cases of murder and culpable homicide last year dropped to 57, the lowest for 40 years. But half of those involved the use of a knife, despite a police campaign against knife crime. We had a shocking example this week when a shopkeeper from Clydebank, John Leathem, was jailed for 27 years for the murder of a teenage girl, Paige Doherty, who had gone into his shop to ask for a job. The court heard that he stabbed her 61 times.

Also this week, Aberdeen council's report into the death of Bailey Gwynne was published. He was stabbed to death by a fellow pupil at Cults Academy in a row over a biscuit. The report said other pupils knew the killer regularly carried a knife into school but failed to report it to the staff. The government is considering giving teachers the power to search pupils for weapons, as is the case in England.

Scotland has had another bad day on the football field. We lost to Slovakia 3-0 which puts us out of the next World Cup, unless there is a mathematical miracle in the rest of the

group games. The hotheads who live in the intoxicated world of social media are calling for the manager Gordon Strachan to be sacked. But, actually, we all know that our players are simply not good enough to compete at the top international level because we've neglected the junior levels of the sport.

Golf too is having a tough time. Both Turnberry in Ayrshire and the Menie golf course in Aberdeenshire have reported heavy losses. But then they are owned by a Mr Donald Trump, a man who can write off millions against tax and then have the effrontery to run for President.

Finally, a man who has some real skill. Danny MacAskill, the stunt cyclist from Skye, has made another film. "Wee Day Out" takes us on a cycle journey across Scotland. I say "across" advisedly because Danny cycles across the roof of a cottage, across a steam train, across a rolling bale of straw and much else as he makes his way from tea shop to tea shop from the Pentlands to Speyside. I was one of the 45 million people who saw his last film, cycling across the Cullins of Skye, and I'm still steadying my nerve to watch the "Wee Day Out".

Just in case you have the nerve here it is (hang on to your seats!)

Nicholson Injury Blow for Hearts

Hearts were dealt a blow today with the news that winger Sam Nicholson will be out for at least three months following knee surgery.

The 21-year-old took the opportunity to have an operation during last

week's break for international games. However, it transpired the problem was worse than first feared and the operation was bigger than anticipated.

Nicholson, who has scored four goals for Hearts this season, hopes to return to first team duty towards the end of January.

Edinburgh's Museum of Fire returns to original home



Edinburgh's Museum of Fire will retain its place in the heart of the Capital – returning to a new purpose-built facility in its original home.

It will form the centrepiece of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) ambitions for a new community hub to be developed at McDonald Road Fire Station.

Subject to planning and budgetary approvals, the new Museum of Fire is anticipated to open alongside the re-developed fire station in 2018. During the intervening period, SFRS is funding the restoration and curation of the artefacts in preparation for the move to their new location.

The new attraction will be designed to appeal to all ages and interests, combining historical artefacts dating back over 400 years with modern and innovative interactive displays.

Located just yards from the tourist thoroughfares of Leith Walk and the New Town, visitors will uncover the story of the UK's oldest municipal fire brigade, The Edinburgh Fire Establishment which was formed by James Braidwood in 1824.

The planned facility will also act as a 'community hub' giving local children the opportunity to learn about the fire service's past, present and future role as well as gaining important safety advice.

McDonald Road station – the original home of the museum for 25 years before its move to Lauriston Place – will continue to serve as an important operational base for the area and the refurbishment will not affect emergency response.

SFRS Assistant Chief Officer, Lewis Ramsay said the move would provide a unique and fitting surrounding for the museum's assets and give Edinburgh an attraction to be proud of.

Lewis, who is also Chairman of the SFRS Heritage Committee, said: "Edinburgh's Museum of Fire is coming home. We understand that our heritage is important not only to the people who have served in the fire service but also to the people of Edinburgh. We promised to protect that heritage and that is exactly what we are doing – because it is important to us also.

"This new location will enable us to celebrate the proud firefighting heritage of Edinburgh and allow even more visitors to discover the story of James Braidwood and the famous Edinburgh Fire Establishment.

"I'm absolutely certain that the local community will be quick to see the benefits of this new facility, not least as it will provide an important hub for youth engagement and safety advice."

MSP for Edinburgh Northern and Leith Ben MacPherson echoed Lewis' comments and believes the new look building will

provide a fantastic asset for the Capital and the local community.

Ben said: “McDonald Road Fire Station has proudly served the city of Edinburgh for over 50 years and it is good news for the local community that it will again host the museum’s fascinating collection of artefacts.”

Police launch ‘Keep Safe’ initiative



Chief Constable Phil Gormley has joined the Solicitor General Alison Di Rollo QC and charity ‘I Am Me’ to raise awareness of joint work to tackle Disability Hate Crime today at Police Scotland College, Tulliallan.

The ongoing partnership work between Police Scotland and the ‘I Am Me’ charity and other stakeholders highlights the issues and effects that Disability Hate Crime can have on individuals.

Today sees the launch of the ‘I Am Me Cinebus’, which is a coach that has been transformed into a mobile cinema. The ‘Cinebus’ will be used to visit schools and communities across the country, to raise awareness and educate groups of all ages, on disability hate crime.

In addition, the ‘Keep Safe’ initiative, which works with local businesses to create ‘Keep Safe’ places for disabled, vulnerable and elderly people when out in the community, has now been rolled out nationally.

People can access the 'Keep Safe' premises to seek assistance and help if they feel lost, confused, scared, in danger or have been a victim of crime.

A 'Keep Safe App' has also been launched which allows users to find their nearest 'Keep Safe' place, map a journey identifying any 'Keep Safe places' that can be used on route, contact police or make an online hate crime report via a link to the Police Scotland website and find community information via local authority links.

Chief Constable Phil Gormley said, "Disability Hate Crime can have a devastating effect on individuals, their families and wider communities and we will do everything we can to tackle it. We are delighted to support the work of 'I Am Me' with the launch today of the 'Cinebus' and the national roll-out of the 'Keep Safe' initiative and mobile app.

The I Am Me Cinebus

"We have identified officers throughout the force area who will work closely with partners and communities to support the local delivery of this initiative. Police Scotland recognises that Disability Hate Crime can often go unreported and this may be due to a number of reasons.

"I would however like to reassure our communities that we take all forms of Hate Crime seriously and would urge anyone who has been the victim or witness to any Hate Crime to come forward and report it with confidence.

The Solicitor General Alison Di Rollo QC said: "I am proud that COPFS is playing a key role in this initiative. Those who have become targets for hatred and harassment should have somewhere they can go for safe haven.

"Everyone has the right to feel safe in their community, free from the fear of abuse or intimidation. We will not tolerate the actions of those who seek to target vulnerable members of

Scotland's communities.

"The Keep Safe Initiative, mobile app and the new 'Cinebus' are inspiring additions for the 'I Am Me' initiative in the efforts to tackle Hate Crime"

Carol Burt, 'I Am Me' Project Manager, said, "Disability Hate Crime is recognised as being one of the most under reported crimes in the UK. 'I Am Me' Scotland works in partnership with Police Scotland to help raise awareness of Disability Hate Crime and the effects that incidents can have on individuals and communities.

"The charity works closely with disabled people, young people and the wider community to highlight the importance of reporting and the various ways that people can make reports.

Both Police Scotland and COPFS have supported the work of the charity and are committed to working alongside us to tackle Disability Hate Crime and help ensure disabled people can enjoy community life free from the fear of harassment and abuse".

Woman arrested in connection with the attempted murder of two on duty police officers.



A 46-year-old woman has been arrested and charged in connection with the attempted murder of two on duty police officers.

The incident took place shortly after 4pm on Thursday 13th October on Hopefield Drive, Blackburn, as two officers were responding to a report of concern for a person.

The officer was struck by a black Mini Cooper, sustaining minor injuries, and was taken to St John's Hospital as a precaution.

The 46-year-old is expected to appear at Livingston Sheriff Court on Friday 14th October. Officers are not looking for anyone else in connection with the incident.

Chief Inspector Barry Blair, Area Commander for West Lothian, said, "This is an extremely serious incident and we are eager to establish full circumstances surrounding it.

"Anyone who was in the Hopefield Drive area on the evening of Thursday 13th October and witnessed the incident, is asked to come forward immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The dry cleaners with a Royal Warrant have closed their doors



Kleen Kleaners at 10 St Mary's Street appear to have gone to the wall.

When one of our readers was picking up his dry cleaning

earlier this week he discovered that none of the staff were working there any longer. He believed that company administrators were running the business meantime, although it now appears however that the story is a little more complicated than that.

The doors of the shop are now firmly closed and the lights are off. There is a notice in the window which shows that Wylie & Bissett have been appointed to the sequestration of The Partnership of Kleen Cleaners on 29 September 2016. Mrs Yasmina Ferrigan or Ely was sequestered at the beginning of September after a process which has been ongoing since the beginning of this year. It appears that HMRC brought the action against her, suggesting that tax may be owed.

The limited company of Kleen Care Limited was bought in 2007 by Yusuf Ely who told The Edinburgh Reporter he had resigned from the business in 2014 after a divorce from his wife Yasmina. Now according to official records the company is in default as it has not lodged accounts since those made up to 30 April 2013. Mr & Mrs Ely remain company directors according to Companies House, although these records also show that the company has been compulsorily wound up and will be formally dissolved in December 2016.

A separate company called Kleen Kleaners Ltd was only incorporated earlier this year and has not yet had to lodge accounts. This company's records show that Mr Ely is the sole director, but it is not clear that this company has begun trading.



The independent cleaning company has been in existence since 1947, making it the oldest of its kind in the capital. They are well known for taking excellent care of the most fragile and precious of garments, and also operated a pick up and delivery service to your home or office.

We met one customer outside the shop on St Mary's Street who was shocked that she was not able to pick up the cleaning she had dropped in on Monday of this week. She told us that her daughter had her wedding dress cleaned here which was one of their specialities.



The dry cleaning firm is one of two in the UK which holds a royal warrant awarded by HM The Queen – Master of the Household, presumably for keeping the royal garments and Holyrood curtains in good order.



In 2014, Kleen Cleaners received the Service Provider of the Year in the Scottish Independent Retail Awards for the second time.

Concern for missing teenager Ingrid Daniels or Makuwaza



Police are appealing for information to help trace a 17-year-old reported missing.

Ingrid Daniels or Makuwaza travelled to Edinburgh from England in early October.

She had been staying in the Newhaven area, where she was last seen around 7.15pm on Thursday 13 October.

Ingrid, who is originally from Zimbabwe, is believed to have been in the York Place area around 10pm.

She is described as black, 5ft 2ins tall, with a slim build and shoulder-length straight black hair.

She was last seen wearing khaki leggings, a khaki top, a teal fleece jacket with a hood, and white boots.

Ingrid is believed to have been in possession of a medium-sized dark-coloured hard shell suitcase, and a light brown coloured handbag.

Inspector Jonny Elliott of Drylaw Police Station said: "We are concerned for Ingrid's welfare and are eager to establish that she is safe and well.

"We believe she may have been intending to travel outwith Edinburgh and are conducting enquiries with colleagues in the transport network.

"Anyone who may have seen Ingrid since Thursday evening, or who can help with our investigation, is urged to get in touch."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 as soon as possible.

Auld Reekie Roller Girls take on Granite City on 5 November



Remember, remember the Fifth of November!

The Auld Reekie Roller Girls (ARRG) are preparing to take on Aberdeen in what promises to be an explosive game of roller derby on 5 November 2016.

ARRG are set to do battle with the Granite City at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium and sparks are sure to fly this Bonfire Night as Auld Reekie's All Star Reserves prepare to fight hard for a win on their home track.

Roller derby is gaining a huge amount of popularity in Scotland and whatever the outcome, when Auld Reekie face Granite City's Northern Fights on the 5th November both seasoned derby fans and those who are new to the sport are guaranteed a fantastic game of day out with a difference.

You are promised more than roller derby as there are plenty of activities to keep the entire family entertained including local craft stalls, top roller derby merchandise, a stocked bar, tasty cake stalls, half-time entertainment and a kids' area with crafts and face painting.

Tickets: £5 online, £8 (£6 concessions) on the door, free entry for under 14's

Doors open at 13:20 at Meadowbank Stadium

For further info and tickets visit: arrg.co.uk

Kerry's cake knocks them out!



Best reader's recipe award winner Kerry Teakle, for her whisky, orange and almond cake recipe.

The Observer Food Monthly awards 2016, held at Freemasons Hall in central London, 13 October 2016

Our fabulous friend and [Edinburgh Foody](#) blogger Kerry Teakle won a huge award in London last night in the category

- Best reader's recipe – Whisky orange and almond cake

We have tasted this cake made with Glengoyne whisky and it is just gorgeous!



Best reader's recipe award winner Kerry Teakle, for her whisky, orange and almond cake recipe is presented with her award by Sue Perkins and Jay Rayner.

The Observer Food Monthly awards 2016, held at Freemasons Hall in central London, 13 October 2016

Kerry said : "I felt like a million dollars in my Scarlett and Jo dress, and I got the best goody bag in town, but I am not sure how I will get this award back to Scotland! It's a lethal weapon!"

And the winner is . . . drum-roll. . . ME . . . Best Reader's Recipe [#OFMAwards2016@EdinburghFoody](#) [@fionarichmond8](#)
[@EdinReporter](#) [@CCameron_](#) [pic.twitter.com/ZK25nZJB1a](#)

– Edin Culture Vulture (@KerryTeakle) [October 13, 2016](#)

It certainly looks as though Ms T had a great time at the 2016 Observer Food Monthly Awards where she was hobnobbing with Sue Perkins and Jay Rayner! The awards are sponsored by [A0.com](#)

Another Edinburgh worthy [Social Bite](#) which employs and supports homeless people was recognised in the outstanding

achievement category.

Observer Food Monthly editor Allan Jenkins said: "This year's OFM Awards reflect the fast-changing face of British food. Tonight's awards have showcased the nation's best bars, markets, cookbooks, cafes and restaurants, with winners from Belfast to Padstow and Edinburgh. It's great to see our readers voting in tens of thousands in support of these local heroes."

The Observer Food Monthly Awards issue is available on Sunday 16 October, free with The Observer.



The Observer Food Monthly awards 2016, held at Freemasons Hall in central London, 13 October 2016

The Edinburgh Reporter Podcast – Interview with Cllr Paul Godzik about Boroughmuir High School



A further delay to the opening date for the new Boroughmuir High School was announced yesterday. We spoke to the Education Convener this morning to find out more.

Scottish Land Fund award will enable community purchase of former council buildings in Eyemouth



The community in Eyemouth is about to bring the old Burgh Chambers and Town Hall into community ownership with a Scottish Land Fund award.

The Eyemouth and District Community Trust (EDCT) will now be able to proceed to purchase and redevelop the vacant properties as a Social Eco Innovation Centre providing a learning and training space, a social enterprise training kitchen, IT resource centre, office space for new businesses and space for the local community to use.

Sina Anderson of EDCT said: “We are delighted to receive this generous award from Scottish Land Fund. This funding will enable us to proceed with the proposed Eyemouth Social Innovation Centre, a project set right in the centre of Eyemouth, supporting the regeneration of the town and bringing a much loved building back into community use. Whilst the community has always been keen to retain the old Burgh Chambers and Town Hall, as a community space, now with the conversion to a multi use space, it will give added benefit to the town.

“Eyemouth until recent times was one of the largest fishing ports in the whole of Scotland but now needs to look to other opportunities to sustain the town. This project will address

the need for a variety of training, office space and business support, in an effort to encourage young people to stay in the town, offer retraining, as well as attracting new businesses and start ups, to provide employment.”



Announcing the award, **John Watt, Scottish Land Fund Committee Chair**, said: “This is an important Scottish Land Fund award that will help the people of Eyemouth embark on an exciting journey of community ownership. This project will bring tremendous benefits by helping to increase skills, opportunities and training for local people, as well as encouraging innovation and helping new and emerging businesses to flourish.”

Cabinet Secretary Land Reform, Roseanna Cunningham, said: “I am delighted Eyemouth & District Community Trust have received an award from the Scottish Land Fund to progress the purchase of the Burgh Cambers and adjoining Town Hall. The community ownership of these iconic buildings in Eyemouth will allow the community to make more decisions about the use of these historical buildings. The plans for training areas, community activities and spaces for new businesses are all key to community empowerment and it is pleasing to see Eyemouth & District Community Trust’s innovation here.”

Sandra Holmes, HIE’s sector lead for community assets, said: “Eyemouth & District Community Trust have worked really hard to make their community ambition a reality and I’m glad they were able to secure funding from The Scottish Land Fund to achieve this. It will be great to see the benefits the proposed centre will have on the wider community.”

The Scottish Land Fund was relaunched in March 2016. As part of this refresh, the programme was expanded to apply to both urban and rural projects. The programme is delivered in partnership with the [Big Lottery Fund](#).

Forth Bridge is Scotland's greatest man-made wonder



The Forth Bridge in South Queensferry at sunset

Research carried out by VisitScotland has decided that the 126 year old Forth Bridge is Scotland's wonder in the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016.

The bridge which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site beat our other wonders such as Edinburgh Castle, the Glenfinnan Viaduct, Stirling Castle, the Falkirk Wheel, the Caledonian Canal and the Scott Monument.

Almost two thirds of people in Britain have made a journey to see an architectural wonder or famous building. This figure does not just relate to older people, it also includes those in the 16-24 year old age bracket. The most popular building which people go to visit is Edinburgh Castle.

VisitScotland have been promoting the Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design since January with events at St Peter's Seminary and Ignite Dundee among those in the packed schedule.

Next year from 1 January 2017 the theme will be a Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive of VisitScotland said:

"It is no surprise that our awe-inspiring Forth Bridge has taken the top spot in this research and it is wonderful to see that new man-made wonders like The Kelpies are already proving

a hit with visitors. 2016 has shone a significant spotlight on Scotland's achievements in innovation, architecture and design through a wide-range of activity designed to boost tourism in Scotland. I hope many people continue to make architectural pilgrimages to Scotland throughout the rest of this year and beyond to discover some of our truly remarkable sights."

The full list of Scotland's greatest man-made wonders, as voted for by the British public:

1.	Forth Bridge (30%)
2.	Edinburgh Castle (13%)
3.	The Kelpies (8%)
4.	Glenfinnan Viaduct (7%)
5.	Stirling Castle (5%)
6.	Falkirk Wheel (5%)
7.	Caledonian Canal (5%)
8.	Scott Monument (4%)
9.	Bell Rock Lighthouse (4%)
10.	Melrose Abbey (3%)

Cyclist injured in collision with car on Morningside Road



An enquiry is underway after a cyclist was injured after a collision with a car on Morningside Road around 3.15pm this afternoon.

The road was closed between Canaan Lane and Cluny Avenue.

A police spokeswoman said: "Police are currently in attendance following a road traffic collision in Morningside Road.

"The incident happened at 3.15pm on Thursday when a female cyclist was involved in a collision with a motor vehicle.

"The woman sustained an arm injury, but this does appear to be life threatening.

"Enquiries are ongoing."

Public urged to be vigilant after thefts in Mayfield and Easthouses



Police are advising Ford van owners to remain vigilant after recent thefts in the areas of Mayfield and Easthouses.

Between 3am and 6am on Thursday, October 6th, a total of three Ford Transit and Ford Connect vans were entered and a number of high value tools stolen.

Enquiries into these incidents are ongoing however there are a number of crime prevention measures motorists can take in order to reduce their chances of falling victim.

Inspector Michelle Ritchie based at Dalkeith said: "In light of the recent thefts, I ask all owners, particularly of Ford vans, to review their security and make sure they have taken adequate steps to protect their vehicles and contents.

"This includes parking your van in a well lit spot preferably overlooked by other houses and, when possible, parking tight against a garage, hedge or wall making it as difficult as possible for any would be thief to access.

"After locking your vehicle, double check all the doors are secure and only keep the tools you actually need in the van. If possible leave the tools you don't regularly use at work or in a locked garage.

"I also recommend that tools are marked so they can be identified should they be stolen.

"These are relatively straight forward steps but can greatly reduce your chances of falling victim to criminals.

"Thieves will always take the easier option and our message is simple, don't give them the opportunity."

Anyone with information in relation to the recent thefts is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, information can be passed anonymously through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Lyceum's David Greig honours the late Dario Fo.



Following the sad passing of Nobel-winning playwright and actor Dario Fo, aged 90, The Edinburgh Lyceum released a short statement from Artistic Director, David Greig.

Mr. Fo was recently due to make a personal appearance at The Lyceum, as part of the [Dancing With Colours, Whipping With Words](#) festival, but had to unfortunately withdraw due to ill health.

“Dario Fo was a great theatre maker. He forged a link between theatre, carnival and protest. Scottish theatre owes him a great debt. His methods and ideas fuel much of our work today. That’s why we wanted to honour him with a festival and to welcome him onto our stage to speak.

“We’re very sad he could not come, but proud that we at The Lyceum, and Scottish Theatre more generally, were able to demonstrate our affection and respect for The Maestro in his final days by planning and staging this festival. Our thoughts and wishes are with his family and colleagues.”

Castlebrae’s pizza oven wins Initiative Prize



Castlebrae Community High School has scooped a prestigious prize for their pizza oven designed and built from recycled

materials.

Five S4 students from the school won the tenth annual Merchant Company Initiative Prize which was presented to them by Pat Denzler, Master of The Merchant Company.

Paul Morris, Peter Wood, Robert Souter, Callum Jordan and Ryan Johnstone, aged 14-15 years, designed and built a wood-fired pizza oven at their school working with teacher, James Donald.

The pizza oven was made completely from recycled materials.

Money will be raised by donation from those who have enjoyed pizza and will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support and The Maggie's Centre at the Western General Hospital in commemoration of a much loved teacher at the school who recently died of cancer.

The final three entrants presented their project on 5 October when the judges made their final decision for this year's winners.



Pat Denzler said: "The Merchant Company's Initiative Prize is a challenge to young people to think creatively. We are keen to see enterprising ideas in business or philanthropy as this is at the core of what the Merchant Company is all about and our membership reflects forty-three professions in Edinburgh.

"We hope that the Initiative Prize will encourage young people to play an active role in their city of Edinburgh and beyond to develop their skills and confidence in their own future."


Richard Barron, Chairman of the Initiative Prize at The

Merchant Company, commented: “The standard of entries to this year’s competition was excellent and the judges’ decision was not easy. However, the team from Castlebrae Community High School really impressed us with their idea, the motivation behind it, the work they carried out and the standard of the presentation they made to us. We congratulate them and wish them all the very best for the future. Thank you also to our other finalists, shortlisted entrants and to everyone who showed an interest in this year’s prize. We encourage everyone to participate again in 2017.”

Norma Prentice, Headteacher at Castlebrae Community High School, said: “We are delighted to have won this prestigious award. The staff and parents are so proud of the pupils involved and are looking forward to many homemade pizzas in the coming months!

“The boys have decided to make a donation from the prize money to Macmillan Cancer in memory of Stewart Allen, a much respected and inspirational teacher.”

Scotch Whisky Experience is Unique Venue of the Year

 The Scottish Event Awards have lauded The Scotch Whisky Experience on The Royal Mile which has been named Unique Venue of the Year.

The five star whisky visitor attraction beat off stiff competition from across Scotland to claim the title, which was announced at a ceremony at Glasgow’s Radisson Hotel.

A 27% increase in revenue in the venue's corporate and event spaces, and the number of delegates up by 55% all stand for something!

The growth follows a major refurbishment in the spring of 2015, which gave each of the two spaces their own whisky inspired identity, and top of the range audio visual equipment.

Wendy Neave, head of events and hospitality at The Scotch Whisky Experience, comments on the results: "It is an honour to accept this title from the Scottish Event Awards. We pride ourselves on providing a unique experience for all our guests, whether it's a whisky tasting or blending session in our Castehill Room, or an intimate private dining experience on our whisky collection.

"After last year's renovation, we have hosted more events than ever, with the number of delegates up 55% on the previous year. As delegates are increasingly seeking unique spaces to hold events, we are confident these numbers will grow even further."

Located on Edinburgh's Royal Mile, The Scotch Whisky Experience is Edinburgh's whisky home. The five-star attraction has been educating visitors about Scotland's national drink for more than a quarter of a century, with more than 300,000 people passing through its doors each year.

For more details, log-on to www.scotchwhiskyexperience.co.uk or call 0131 220 0441.

The attraction can also be found on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Children's playgroup minibus stolen in Livingston



Police are appealing for witnesses after a minibus belonging to a children's playgroup was stolen in Livingston.

The white Ford Transit, which has the registration SL62 FJU, was stolen sometime between noon on Friday 7th October and 9am on Tuesday 11th October in Kirkton North Road within the Livingston Village.

The vehicle is quite distinct with 'First Steps' written on the sides along with multicoloured footprints. Anyone who has seen this van or has information on its whereabouts is asked to come forward.

Constable Julias Nyamakanga of the Community Investigation Unit based in Bathgate said, "I encourage anyone who has seen this vehicle or who noticed any suspicious behaviour in the area of the Livingston Village between midday on Friday, October 7th, and 9am on Tuesday, October 11th, to contact police as soon as possible.

"This crime has had a devastating impact on the nursery and its owners and we are keen to trace the vehicle as well as arrest those who were responsible for its theft."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Brakes put on Boroughmuir till next summer



The new Boroughmuir High School which [we visited recently](#) will not be ready until August 2017 the council have announced today. The Chief Executive Andrew Kerr and senior officials have had discussions with the contractor O'Hare McGovern and have decided on a second delay.

The further delay (the school was expected to be ready after the October half term until recently) is to allow for the exam period to pass without pupils having to move. The school building is due to be ready in April 2017, but pupils and teachers will not move until after the summer.



Councillor Paul Godzik, Education Convener, said: "This is understandably disappointing news for the whole school community and we certainly share their frustration at this fresh delay. We have made clear our displeasure at the way the project has progressed to date and will be seeking compensation in line with the terms of the contract.

"By postponing the opening until the start of the next school year, we can ensure pupils can sit their exams without the upheaval of moving into a new building.

"When staff and pupils return for the new academic year next August, they'll be embarking on an exciting new chapter in Boroughmuir's history, with a fantastic new teaching and learning environment to continue the school's first-class academic track record."

Local Green councillor Melanie Main has said she is astonished at the latest delay. She said: "The first priority for any new school building has to be that it is safe and fit for

purpose on day one. And I don't doubt that officers have come to the right conclusion to delay the opening – now for the fourth time.

“However, I am astonished at how this has been handled. The contractor appointed is building a school in Scotland for the first time and, it appears, has really struggled with ground conditions and weather – things that could and should have been anticipated.

“There has been an increasing sense of excitement in the school community about the move so it is really disappointing to see yet more delay.

“After the dust has settled, lessons need to be learned.”

The Council say they will be seeking compensation from the contractors in line with the terms of the contract.

A spokesman for O'Hare & McGovern said: “The unfortunate delay was caused by a number of unforeseen circumstances, but we are confident Edinburgh will take delivery of a magnificent new educational facility in April next year.”

Police target anti-social behaviour in East Lothian



Police have been conducting Operation Wolfcastle activity throughout Prestonpans and Musselburgh.

Between Friday October 7th and Monday October 10th, officers from the East Lothian Community Action Team and Community

Wardens from East Lothian Council actively targeted specific areas where increased anti social behaviour and youth crime had been reported.

During this time a number of calls regarding youths behaving in an anti-social manner were attended, and a quantity of alcohol seized with two further youths reported for disorder offences. A number of follow up letters are to be sent to the parents of young people found to be part of groups behaving in such a manner.

Operation Wolfcastle is set to continue throughout East Lothian and communities are asked to come forward with information that can help identify anyone else involved in antisocial behaviour-related offences.

Chief Inspector Matt Paden, Local Area Commander for East Lothian said, "We recognise the profound impact these crimes can have on our communities and we have been working hard to investigate all of the incidents reported to us and bring those responsible to justice.

"We are committed to keeping East Lothian a safe place to live, work and visit and will carry out further enforcement activity as part of Operation Wolfcastle wherever and whenever it is required.

"If you would like to report ongoing antisocial behaviour or other criminal activity in your area please contact us on 101 or Alternatively East Lothian Council Anti Social Behaviour Hotline on 0845 601 8518."

Witness appeal following suspicious fires in Prestonpans



Police are appealing for witnesses following two suspicious fires in Prestonpans which took place during the late evening of Tuesday 11th October.

Officers first received a report of a bus shelter on fire at the West End of the High Street at around 9.40pm before also being contacted at 11pm in relation to rubbish set alight on a grassy area next to the garages in Summerlee.

No one was injured during either fire and officers are now investigating whether these are linked to recent wheelie bin fires in the area. Anyone with information is asked to come forward.

Sergeant Derek MacDonald from Prestonpans Police Station said, "These reckless acts of stupidity have resulted in significant damage to a bus shelter and to the grass at Summerlee, but the consequences could have been far worse had the fires taken hold and spread to nearby buildings or vehicles.

"I would ask anyone who remembers seeing any suspicious activity in these areas, or who can help us identify those responsible, to contact police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.