

# Police appeal to trace suspect and victim following theft in Royal Mile



Police are appealing for information following a theft in the Royal Mile which took place around 12.45pm on Thursday when a woman had her purse stolen outside Hector Russell.

The culprit was pursued down North Gray's Close by a member of the public, who was able to recover the purse.

The victim is described as an Asian woman, possibly of Chinese origin, 5ft 8inches tall, in her thirties, with black hair. She was wearing glasses, a brown top and trousers.

The suspect is described as a white man, in his late teens, 5ft 10inches tall, with a slim build.

He was wearing a dark blue or navy jacket with the hood up, and white stripes on top of the hood. He was wearing grey cotton jogging bottoms and black Nike trainers with luminous yellow rims and white soles.

Detective Sergeant Lynsey Thomson said: "This incident was reported to us by two concerned witnesses, and I want to extend my thanks to them for coming forward.

"At this time, we've yet to trace the victim and would ask her to get in touch as soon as possible.

"Anyone who recognises the description of the suspect or saw a man matching this description in the area at the time is also asked to get in touch."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101, or

contact the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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## **Over 15,000 seek information on child sexual exploitation during awareness campaign**



Minister for Children and Young People Aileen Campbell has announced that more than 15,000 people have sought information on child sexual exploitation (CSE) in the first weeks of a multi media campaign to tackle the issue.

The announcement was made on National CSE Awareness Day during a visit to Barnardo's Scotland, which is receiving funding to expand services for those at risk.

Ms Campbell said: "Child sexual exploitation is a form of child abuse and some young people may not be aware that they are at risk of harm.

"The first step in tackling this abhorrent crime is understanding it can happen to anyone. It can take many forms – online, through social media or on phones, or in person through exploitative and damaging relationships.

"We launched the first TV campaign in the UK to raise awareness of how it can happen, and giving parents and young people access to the information they need to prevent it.

"This Government takes child protection seriously – that's why last month we launched comprehensive review of the child protection system in Scotland, to strengthen the steps taken

when children have experienced, or are at risk from harm.

“Today we have published an update of the range of actions we are taking forward now and in the future with partners including police, local government and the third sector to address this abhorrent form of child abuse. We have made great progress and will continue to strive to protect our young people and keep them safe from harm.”

The campaign, the first of its kind in the UK, highlights how to spot the warning signs of CSE.

It is one of a range of actions the Scottish Government and partners are taking forward including:

- Funding for the Moira Anderson Foundation to increase the support for young people who have experienced child sexual abuse
- Expansion of peer education programmes to equip young people with skills to identify abusive and violent behaviours
- Action to strengthen the response to CSE, including a new framework for Child Protection Committees and guidance on identification and risk assessment
- Funding to Barnardo's Scotland to deliver 150 community events to raise awareness of the issue
- Ensuring consistent information collection across Child Protection Committee areas
- Work to improve understanding of the scale of CSE through a new police intelligence toolkit
- Specialist support to child abuse investigations through Police Scotland's National Child Abuse Investigation Unit – child sexual exploitation accounted for 33 per cent of the Unit's resource hours between April 2015 and February 2016.

Martin Crewe, director, Barnardo's Scotland said: “Today, on National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness day, it is worth

remembering that this type of sexual abuse, especially when it takes place online, can happen to any child or young person, regardless of their upbringing or home environment.

“The funding from the Scottish Government will help us develop our services for young people in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee, as well as our nationwide research and policy development programme. This work is designed to fit into the overall direction of travel set out in the updated National Action Plan on CSE, which will help make sure that there is a concerted national effort to end this form of abuse in Scotland.”

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, Police Scotland’s Public Protection lead, said: “Child sexual exploitation is happening in Scotland and it’s happening now. Recognising the signs of exploitation early, sharing information and taking action will ensure that children are protected. This update of the CSE Action Plan comes at a crucial time as our knowledge and understanding of CSE continues to evolve.

“Young people often don’t recognise that they are being sexually exploited nor do their families or communities. And as they increasingly keep in touch with friends and organise their lives through social media and chatrooms, the online threat cannot be underestimated.

“It is imperative that we educate children, their families and communities about CSE and staying safe online. We must also share information and intelligence that will lead to the early identification of perpetrators and prevent this abuse.

“We have worked closely with Scottish Government to develop the national CSE Action Plan. We are committed to working with partners and across communities to deliver it and to reduce the risk posed by those who sexually exploit children by continually developing tactics that assist the detection and disruption of offending behaviour, in particular the continued

threat posed online, in order to protect children and young people from harm.”

Children in Scotland chief executive Jackie Brock said : “This action plan shows the determination of all agencies to get to the heart of the real scale and nature of child sexual exploitation in Scotland. If the commitments by all partners are all followed through, there will no longer be a question of avoiding the challenge or claiming child sexual exploitation couldn’t happen in any of our communities.

“In addition, the plan shows a welcome commitment to investing in stronger local responses to support children, young people, their families, communities and practitioners. It can do this by preventing the underlying causes of child sexual exploitation, acting quickly when concerns emerge and tackling the behaviour and potential offending of those grooming or colluding to cause harm to children.”

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## **Heritage Lottery Fund to support a new Jim Clark Museum in Duns**



Scottish Borders Council has announced funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support a new Jim Clark Museum in Duns. The news coincides with the start of the new Formula 1 season this weekend.

The project will see the existing Jim Clark Room in Newtown Street, Duns expanded on the current site and enhanced to

allow cars raced by Clark to be displayed, along with a wide range of trophies and other memorabilia

The Development funding award of £53,000 will be followed by a second stage application for £645,000 from the Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Council has already committed £620,000 towards a new £1.6m museum celebrating the life and inspiration of the double Formula One World Champion, to open in 2018.

To support with the announcement a fund raising campaign was launched by the Trust to help raise £300,000 and a request for donations of memorabilia to the charity via their website [www.jimclarktrust.com](http://www.jimclarktrust.com) and [www.justgiving.com/jimclarktrust](http://www.justgiving.com/jimclarktrust).



Commenting on the announcement from Melbourne, Australia, at the start of the new Formula One season Hon President of the Jim Clark Trust, Sir Jackie Stewart said: "This is wonderful news. Jim Clark was a wonderful ambassador for sport and indeed for Scotland; it's only right that there is a facility created in his honour which will justify all of the success and achievements of this great Scot".

The news was welcomed by Patrons of the Trust including David Coulthard, Allan McNish, Dario Franchitti and Clive Chapman (son of Lotus founder Colin Chapman) endorsing plans for the museum which will focus heritage, education and inspiration.

Dario Franchitti commented: "This is really brilliant news for the current Jim Clark Room and is just reward for all the hard work from those involved with The Jim Clark Trust. The expansion and renovation of the Jim Clark Room in to an expanded new museum will allow Jim's story to be told to a wider audience and continue to give him the recognition he so deserves."



Doug Niven, cousin of Jim Clark and a Family Trustee said: "I am delighted with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. This is a hugely important milestone for the project which has been under starter's orders since 2013. The award is a great encouragement for all those involved in the project who I would like to personally thank for their support and in particular Scottish Borders Council and the Duns community. Our attention must now turn to the challenge of fund raising and expanding the museum collection and we welcome the support of the general public and motor sport enthusiasts. The plans have received national and international interest, from US, Europe and Australia. We have a rare opportunity now to create something very special in Duns, a museum that features the cars in which he raced, attracting thousands of visitors from far and wide. Even to this day, at the start of a new Formula 1 season, Jim is remembered with great affection around the world as one of the greatest motor racing drivers of all time."

Councillor Vicky Davidson, Executive Member for Culture, Sport, Youth and Communities and a Jim Clark Memorial Room trustee said: "This initial award is fantastic news and allows us to move to the next stage of more detailed planning for what will be a much enhanced museum celebrating the achievements of a uniquely inspirational racing driver."

"I'm also extremely pleased that SBC has again confirmed that it will invest over £600,000 towards the redevelopment of the Jim Clark Room, creating a visitor attraction in Duns town centre befitting the legacy and continuing international interest in the life of Jim Clark."

The aim is for the new museum to open in 2018, the 50th anniversary of Jim Clark's tragic death at Hockenheim in Germany at the age of just 32. He is still considered one of the greatest ever racing drivers, and has a record that has stood the test of time.

Lucy Casot, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland said: "We are delighted that, thanks to players of the National Lottery, we are able to give our initial approval to the development of this fascinating museum.

"A display of historic racing cars associated with one of motor racing's greats is certain to attract new visitors to Duns and the Borders. We look forward to seeing the plans develop."

Councillor Frances Renton, member of the Jim Clark Memorial Trust said: "I am delighted that this project has attracted initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and that the Council and trusts continue to work closely to achieve the aim of opening the improved museum in 2018. This will be a major boost for Duns and Berwickshire."

Jim Clark won the Formula One championship in 1963, becoming the then youngest ever World Champion. He followed it up with victory again in 1965 and in the same year also won the prestigious Indianapolis 500 in America. He remains the only driver to have won both the Formula One and Indy 500 titles in the same year.

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## **Crawford Bridge now ship shape!**



Artists and pupils have brightened up a forgotten Edinburgh railway bridge, thanks to an anti-graffiti project.



The City of Edinburgh Council's Community Safety team is running the ShipShape Albion scheme. The council has spent more than £3,000 each year removing spray paint from the Crawford Bridge, which links Albion Terrace to Bothwell Street.

*Look at the great artwork on Crawford Bridge!*  
[pic.twitter.com/HX0LTi2ZXu](https://pic.twitter.com/HX0LTi2ZXu)

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [March 18, 2016](#)

Now local artists and pupils from Lorne Street Primary School have created more than 90 paintings covered with clear anti-graffiti coating, which have now been fixed to the bridge, deterring taggers and brightening it up.

Local businesses helped by paying for all of the materials.

Councillor Cammy Day, Community Safety Convener, said: "Our Community Safety team came up with the idea following complaints that the bridge was being vandalised by graffiti taggers, and removing it was becoming very costly. So much work has gone into transforming the bridge in what has been a real community effort. Thanks to everyone who was involved, they should be proud of their efforts."

Artist Ritchie Collins said: "As I was painting, people were telling me about the history of the area and family members that used to work in the old factories I was painting!

"I got put right on a few things too! It was a real history lesson for me and amazing to feel the connection between my artwork, the community and a hidden past."

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# Witness appeal following 'crime spree' in Peebles



Police are appealing for witnesses following a number of incidents in Peebles.

Sometime between 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 11.40 a.m. yesterday an office within the Glentress Hotel was broken into and attempt was also made to enter the restaurant area. Local officers are now working with the hotel's management to establish what has been taken during this break-in.

Two attempted housebreakings were also reported at a home in The Bridges and the Esso garage on Innerleithen Road.

Both took place between midnight and 12.30 a.m. on the 17th March, but on both occasions no entry was gained and nothing was stolen.

A member of the public then reported the theft of number plates, which were removed from his car sometime overnight between Wednesday/Thursday while the vehicle was parked outside an address in March Street.

Police are currently investigating whether all of these incidents are linked and anyone with information is asked to come forward.

Constable Andy Loughlin from Galashiels Police Station said: "Given the close proximity of each location and the time period all of the offences occurred, we are looking to establish if the same individuals are responsible.

"I would ask that anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious in any of these areas between 16th and 17th March contacts police immediately.

“In addition, anyone with any further information that can assist with our ongoing inquiries should also get in touch.”

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

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## **Danny Handling's gratitude to team mates and staff for helping him back to fitness**



Hibs' midfielder Danny Handling says that he is happy to be included in the squad for the last two matches and he is extremely grateful for the help and support Alan Stubbs and his team-mates afforded him during his comeback from the serious injury.

On 14 July last year, Handling went down injured in pre-season at Shielfield Park after 20 minutes and sustained a cruciate ligament injury in his knee, ruling him out for a large part of the season.

His inclusion on the substitutes bench was a surprise to the supporters attending the League Cup Final and now he is looking forward to getting back onto the starting XI as the team face an amazing nine games in April.

Speaking to Hibs TV, he said: “I'm very happy. Seven months out of the game is a long time so to be put back into the squad for a League Cup final and Scottish Cup quarter-final was a great feeling.

"I feel ready and confident in my knee. I'm training and doing everything else with the first team, I just need a few games with the youth team to get my confidence up.

"I knew at the time that it was a bad injury but I had no idea what it was until I got down the tunnel. At the time I didn't have any idea how long I'd be out.

"I was gutted to be out of the job you love for seven months was upsetting but I came through it with the help of the staff and players.

"The boys have given me great help, a few of them have done their cruciate before so they gave me an insight into what it was going to be like. Some took longer to come back, whilst others came back quicker than me, but they all had it in common and made it easier for me.

"The gaffer trained with me most days, some days he lacked off! Some days he would come and train with me all day. The gaffer has been brilliant with me, he's helped me and stood by me everyday. It's been a real inspiration for me, not just him, but the players as well.

"To know that your team mates and the staff are behind you is a great feeling and it says a lot about the team and staff we have got here at Hibs. If it wasn't for them I would not have been here today.

"I have a game with the 20s next Wednesday at Spartans but if the manager wanted me to play (for the 1st team) I'd I'd be ready to play but I need some fitness first.

"The side is strong and we have done really well this season so just to get back into the squad is an achievement."

Photo by John Preece

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# Letter from Scotland



Rabbits not for turning

I'm told that Scotland's rabbit population is in sharp decline due to a devastating new virus. The James Hutton Institute reckons we are down to our last million. But on Wednesday the Chancellor George Osborne came to the rescue, drawing a few new rabbits out of his hat. We've spent the rest of the week arguing over whether this is a good rabbit Budget or not.

The Scottish Finance Secretary John Swinney says Mr Osborne's continuing "austerity" will mean £1 billion less government spending in Scotland. The Conservative Scottish secretary David Mundell, on the other hand, says government spending in Scotland will go up by £650m. It all depends how Tweedledum and Tweedledee are counting the figures.

What we do know is that there's to be a new tax on our national drink, Irn Bru, and other high-sugar beverages. This is one of the big rabbits the Chancellor conjured from his hat and very welcome it is too since we are heading for an obesity crisis rather more quickly than the Chancellor is heading for a budget surplus.

He managed to find other rabbits too. He's raising the threshold for income tax, not just for all earners, but for top earners especially and we're waiting to see what the SNP propose to do about that. He's cutting corporation tax and capital gains tax and the taxes on North Sea oil and gas. And he's handing out money for a city-deal for Edinburgh and Inverness, and a wee £5m for Dundee's new waterfront museum. (Glasgow already has a city deal.)

But there's no getting away from "austerity". Local council budgets are being cut by 5 per cent or 1 per cent, depending whose version of events you prefer. College lecturers are on strike, as I write, over a 1 per cent pay offer – and differences in pay between colleges. Unemployment is up again this month to 6.1 per cent, partly caused by the slump in the oil industry, and partly – in my view – because of government cuts. And poor old Britain as a whole has dropped to 23<sup>rd</sup> place in the UN's world rankings for "happiness."

One shocking aspect of our unhappiness is teenage angst. A report by researchers at St Andrews University found that out of the 42 countries studied, Scottish youngsters had some of the highest levels of poor health, inequality and anxiety. In particular it pointed to a high level of school-related stress among 15 year old girls. And there are lifestyle worries too. Half the girls and a quarter of the boys interviewed were concerned about being overweight and not taking enough exercise. A third of 15 year olds admitted drinking alcohol. It doesn't look like Scotland will be scoring well in the UN's happiness stakes in the foreseeable future.

We've not to worry, though, because the Scottish Parliament is striding towards reform. MSPs agreed the new devolution settlement being brought in by the post-referendum Smith Commission. It means from next year Scotland will have control over the rates and bands of income tax (but not the basic personal allowance) and the parts the welfare system which can be administered by local councils. MSPs also approved the latest round of land reform which gives more protection to tenant farmers and imposes local taxes on sporting estates.

But all this talk of constitutional reform and government spending and taxation all paled into insignificance for me when I read of the tragedy which struck one family from Fife last Saturday. Twin boys, Rhys and Shaun Scott, aged two,

died when they fell into a fish tank while playing at their home in Dalgety Bay. Their distraught parents issued a statement thanking everyone who tried to save “our miracle babies.”

Both boys were “long awaited little soldiers,” they said, “who were full of love, happiness, fun and cheek. They have touched the lives of everyone they met.”

Even at this distance, I feel their loss. We are indeed a less happy country than we were just seven days ago.

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## Grant Stott dedicates East Terrace Stone to grandfather



Hibs’ fan Grant Stott has chosen to have his East Terrace Stone dedicated in memory of his grandfather, who grew up in the shadow of Easter Road on Bothwell Street.

The broadcaster, presenter and pantomime actor is fully supportive of the East Terrace Stones and he believes it is a lovely idea to remember the Hibernian supporters who are sadly no longer with us.

The second phase of the East Terrace Stones have been installed, and the green granite stones are still proving to be popular with our supporters.

Some supporters choose to have their message as a commemoration of a famous victory, to celebrate iconic

players, or in memory of a loved one, to name just a few of the wordings chiselled into the stones that now grace the wall of Easter Road Stadium.

Grant said: "It's lovely. It's so nice to remember, in my case, my grandfather. Although he died many years ago, in 1975, he is still very much with us.

"My dad and I still go to the football, as he did with his dad. To do this almost in view of where he was brought up, this is where the Hibs story began in our family, so it's lovely to do this. It's lovely to have him still in our thoughts."

East Terrace Stones remain on sale and with approximately 300 available supporters who are interested are advised to purchase quickly, and become part of the fabric of Easter Road Stadium – forever.

Supporters can purchase online or by calling Brett McGoldrick on 0131 656 7079. Upon confirmation of booking each customer will receive a confirmation letter and certificate.

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## **Teenager charged with threatening behaviour within the grounds of Bathgate Academy**



Police in West Lothian have charged a 14-year-old boy following threatening behaviour within the grounds of Bathgate



Academy


The incident took place on the afternoon of Tuesday (March 15).

The youth has been charged with possession of an offensive weapon, and a breach of the peace.

A report will be submitted to the Children's Reporter

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## Second edition of Edinburgh Vintage Trail now available

 Models from the G&V Hotel helped Library staff put the finishing touches to a retro display of clothes, books and music in celebration of the city's new Vintage Brochure being released.

Economy Convener Councillor Gavin Barrie launched the brochure with vintage-dressed staff from the Council's library service. Fans of vintage goods will be able to track down their favourite vinyl, 50s dress and retro food and drink using the latest Vintage Trail guide produced by the City of Edinburgh Council.

[The Edinburgh Reporter News](#) from [Phyllis Stephen](#) on [Vimeo](#).

The display of retro clothes, books and music will highlight some of the second-hand gems that can be found in Edinburgh's shops and markets. The printed guide, which will be available to pick up in libraries, aims to promote this unique and

overlooked independent business community.

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# Five things you need to know today



- **Museum of Flight reopening**
- **Art in Granton**
- **South Central Decides**
- **Flash Competition – enter now!**
- **Edinburgh Young Carers Project invite you to their birthday party**

One of the UK's best days out is now even better with **two new hangars** at the [National Museum of Flight](#) that tell the stories of military and civil aviation over the past 100 years, **opening Friday 25 March.**

"We've invested £3.6 million restoring our Second World War hangars with captivating new experiences so you can feel the history and drama of flight as never before.

"From the defenders of our nations and jumping jets to supersonic passenger planes and airborne maternity wards, discover the stories behind one of Europe's best collections of aircraft and find out more about the people who flew and worked with them.

**"Join us on Friday 25 March for our opening day celebrations!"**

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Local and international artists will exhibit their work this

weekend at the 'Art in Granton' exhibition at Madelvic House in Granton, Edinburgh on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March.

The event hosted by Granton:Hub, with support from the EDI Group, North Neighbourhood Partnership and Edinburgh Council Lord Provost's Rapid Action Fund, will showcase a variety of art works, many on the theme of Granton, Edinburgh and The Forth.

The exhibition will feature paintings, photography, installation and crafts with a special appearance from Scottish landscape artist, Kate Downie who will present a major piece at the event.

Granton:Hub have hosted a series of pop up events at Madelvic House, a building which is currently owned by EDI. Their future proposals for the building include a number of artists studios, café and a flexible space which could be used for events such as temporary exhibitions and workshops.

The exhibition comes hot on the heels of the recent National Galleries of Scotland consultation event and their proposal to build an archive, conservation and research centre on land adjacent to Madelvic House.

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At the end of April there is an opportunity for local people in the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership Area to vote for projects that they want to see funded from local money.

Anyone living in the South Central neighbourhood can vote and decide how these pots of money are spent.

Voting will take place at the Methodist Church Hall, 25 Nicolson Square on Sunday 30th April from 11am – 3pm




Enter our Flash Competition now and you could win two tickets to see Big Country and Midge Ure on Sunday evening.


 They are part of the 80s line up appearing there on one night only – and they promise to play all their hits! More information and the entry form is all in our Competition section.

[Enter here](#)

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The Edinburgh Young Carers Project are celebrating 21 years in existence on 2 April 2016. If you have been involved with the charity then they want you to come along!

A spokesperson for the Project said: “We would love it if young carers who used to attend the project could come along. Everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate with us. If anyone has any stories, photos to share from the last 21 years they welcome to bring these along on the day.” 

 If you are reading this article in print and would like to visit The Edinburgh Reporter website then simply scan the QR code here with a smartphone or tablet.

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# Firefighters across Scotland

# to mark Earth Hour 2016 this weekend



Firefighters across Scotland will mark Earth Hour 2016 this weekend.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) crews across the country will join millions of people around the world in reducing energy use by switching off non-essential lights for 60 minutes on Saturday 19 March. The switch-off, which begins at 8:30pm, will not affect the service's response to incidents or other operations. Sarah O'Donnell is the SFRS director of finance and contractual services and chair of its environmental forum

She said: "We're committed to reducing our carbon footprint and we'll be joining millions of people and many other organisations in marking this year's Earth Hour. "Little changes in behaviour can make a big difference. Turning out non-essential lights is a small step but well worth doing. "While it's obviously the case that a fire and rescue service needs to use significant resources to protect communities and respond to emergencies, we're committed to operating in an environmentally sustainable manner and reducing our impact on the environment."

This is the second time that SFRS has taken part in the global event.

As people across Scotland turn off their lights to create awareness about climate change, SFRS recommends using torches or flameless candles for light, instead of candles during Earth Hour.

If you are using candles try not to expose yourself to any

unnecessary risk of fire. Keep candles on hard flat surfaces and away from any flammable materials such as curtains and upholstery and never leave candles burning if you leave the room, house or go to bed.

SFRS is also encouraging householders to sign up for a free home fire safety visit.

As part of our commitment to building a safer Scotland we offer everyone in Scotland a free home fire safety visit. We can also fit smoke alarms free of charge if your home requires them.

It's so easy to arrange. To register for a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit call the SFRS freephone number: 0800 0731 999, or text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.

A host of fire safety advice is also available on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)

Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 172 countries and territories worldwide.

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## Update On Hearts Stadium Plans



Hearts today announced that they hope to commence work on their new

stand this autumn with the aim of having it completed early in season 2017/18. Chief Executive Ann Budge also announced plans to further develop the Wheatfield Stand as well as constructing a 3G pitch for community use in the area at the rear of the Wheatfield Stand.

Mrs Budge outlined the club's ambitious plans in an open letter to Hearts supporters on the official club website:

*Dear supporters*

*As promised, I am delighted to be able to provide you with an update on our plans to redevelop Tynecastle Stadium. As you know, this exciting project involves far more than just building a new stand...it is about revitalising the entire stadium and indeed regenerating the wider Gorgie/Dalry area. The centre piece will be a visually-dramatic new main stand that will replace our 101 year-old Archibald Leitch-designed stand and help create a totally new look to McLeod Street, which will blend in with the new Tynecastle High School.*

*Our wide-ranging plans also include developing the under-croft in the Wheatfield Stand and, in conjunction with NB Distillers, evaluating the construction of a new 3G pitch for community use behind the Wheatfield Stand. At the heart of it all will be a magnificent new main stand with a capacity of over 7000 seats, all of which will have a superb view of the pitch. The new stand will, of course, also incorporate new hospitality suites, office space, clubstore and ticket office...with space for much more. The result will be a modern stadium boasting a ground capacity in excess of 20,000.*

*As many of you will be aware, the land required for this re-development is currently owned by the City of Edinburgh Council. We are, therefore, working closely with the Council to help us deliver this exciting project. By working closely with the Council, we will completely change the face of the Tynecastle area, bringing benefits both to Hearts, the Council and the wider community.*

*Designs for the new Main Stand are close to completion and will be shared with you as soon as they are finalised. We will soon be submitting a "Pre Application Notice" to the Council's planning*

department. This formality is followed with a public consultation process and the eventual submission of a fully detailed planning application some 8 weeks later. All going well, preparatory work should start in Autumn of this year, with a view to having the new stand available for early in the 2017/18 season. Meanwhile, a separate planning application has already been submitted for the development of the under-croft in the Wheatfield Stand and work on this will hopefully start very soon. In the short term, this space will be developed to rehouse the shop, the ticket office and the admin offices, thereby enabling demolition works to take place. On completion of the new stand, this space will be given over to fans' facilities. We will also be developing changing facilities in the under-croft, which during the development of the main stand, will be utilised by the teams on a match day, but would ultimately be for the benefit of community use of the 3G pitch. This would incorporate a viewing terrace for watching the action on the community pitch.

This is an exciting time for all of us so please be patient while we move ahead with the plans. We will, of course, keep you regularly updated on progress and will do our best to minimise any inconvenience to supporters.

This is a very tight timescale but I am hopeful that with lots of hard work and co-operation this can be achieved.

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## **Firefighters urge public to pay close attention to wildfire danger**



The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is appealing to



everyone in the countryside to pay close attention to wildfire danger warnings as weather forecasters predict dry and windy conditions in the coming days.

A high pressure system is dominating the UK's weather and this has historically been linked to elevated wildfire behaviour at this time of year.

Whilst no specific wildfire warnings are in place forecasters have advised that the situation, which has the potential to bring dry continental air to Scotland, is likely to persist for the coming week.

SFRS Deputy Assistant Chief Officer Andy Coueslant, the chair of the Scottish Wildfire Forum, said raising awareness is key to reducing the risk.

He explained: "Wildfire conditions have the potential to change markedly from day-to-day depending on the wind direction and it's all-the-more important people are vigilant and act responsibly while this period of high pressure affects the country.

"Many rural and remote communities are hugely impacted by wildfires, which can cause significant environmental and economic damage.

"Livestock, farmland, wildlife, protected woodland and sites of special scientific interest can all be devastated by these fires, as can the lives of people living and working in rural communities.

"Human behaviour can significantly lower the chance of a wildfire starting and also help us to bring those that do happen under control, so it's crucial people act safely and responsibly in rural environments and follow the countryside code."

The public can help prevent wildfires by making sure they

dispose of litter and smoking materials carefully while in rural areas.

There are a number of things land managers can do to help prevent wildfires, including strict adherence to the Muirburn Code, which applies to the controlled burning of heather within the permitted season.

Further advice is available on the Your Safety section of the SFRS website, [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk), where links can be found to both the Muirburn Code and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Many wildfires are started deliberately or are due to careless, reckless or irresponsible behaviour.

Anyone who sees someone acting suspiciously, recklessly or irresponsibly in the countryside should contact Police Scotland on 101 or pass information anonymously to Scotland Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## **FLASH COMPETITION – Win tickets for the 80s Invasion Tour!**



Enter now before 3 pm on Friday 18 March 2016 and you could find yourself bopping along to Midge Ure, Curiosity Killed the Cat, Nick Heyward and Big Country on Sunday evening at The Edinburgh Playhouse.

The show will bring together four important parts of the music

tapestry from the 1980s in one show called The 80s Invasion Tour. The acts will perform their biggest hits and with record sales of over 20 million among them this is the retro show not to be missed.

They also have 200 gold, platinum and silver discs and numerous other awards.

Big Country will play their signature song A Big Country which was a massive hit selling over 2 million copies and winning 3 US Grammy awards.

In August 1998 they were invited to open for the Rolling Stones on their "Bridges To Babylon" tour of Europe prompting Mick Jagger to say that Big Country were *"one of the best opening bands we ever had"*.

Midge Ure hardly needs any introduction to music lovers of a certain age, as part of Ultravox, an integral part of Band Aid but also surprisingly one a member of Thin Lizzy his powerful songs like Vienna and If I Was will all feature on the bill on Sunday.

Nick Heyward formed Haircut 100 and had four UK Top 10 singles ensuring that he became a pin up for teenage girls everywhere.

Ben Volpeliere-Pierrot was a member of Curiosity Killed the Cat which formed in 1986. Their most successful song was Down to Earth which got to number 2 and sold 1.5 million copies.

Tony Denton Promotions are bringing this three week tour to a spectacular close on Sunday 20th March 2016 at the [Edinburgh Playhouse](#) Tel 0844 871 3014

## So what are you waiting for?

**Enter our flash competition now  
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## **Alan Stubbs' delight for two goal Anthony Stokes**



Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs was delighted for Anthony Stokes as the Irishman scored both goals in the club's 2-1 victory away to Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the William Hill Scottish Cup Quarter Final Replay in the Highlands last night.

Stokes was a surprise loan signing from Celtic in the January transfer window and quickly got off the mark by scoring in his first two games. Since then the goals and points have dried up and because the Hibs' fans know what a good player he is, the striker has received some criticism from a section of the supporters, although not from Stubbs.

Hibs now face Dundee United in the semi-final at Hampden Park on Saturday 16th April with the winners playing either Celtic or Rangers in the final.

Should Celtic emerge as winners in the other semi-final however neither Stokes nor fellow loanee Liam Henderson will be able to play in the final.

Stubbs also paid tribute to Stokes' fellow strikers Jason Cummings and James Keatings who both played their part in last

night's victory over the cup holders and also dedicated the win to the large travelling support.

Speaking after the game to Hibs TV, he said: "I'm delighted for him (Stokes) tonight, I'm delighted for Jason because he looked much sharper tonight, and Keatsy as well – we looked a real threat. We should have won by more goals when the game opened up in the dying stages, but we go back to Hampden.

"Anthony (Stokes) has not been getting any criticism from me. I believe in all my players. Whatever other people want to do, they can do that, but give me quality any day of the week over anything else and the quality will always come through. I think we have answered a few people tonight as well.

"I think we had to deal with a lot of aerial balls and they put us under a lot of pressure at set pieces or throw ins and they were quite direct tonight but the lads stood up to it. They got themselves in a really good position and it gives us another opportunity to get back to Hampden. I'm delighted for the players.

"The fans gave us a fantastic support as usual. It's a long way to come here and on behalf of myself and all the players I'd like to tell them 'That performance was for you tonight, spending your hard earned money and time to come this far during the week, they will be getting back in the early hours of the morning, so thank you.'

"We desperately want to bring success to this football club and we are on the right lines. as the season goes on we will get stronger and get Dylan (McGeouch) Fraser (Fyvie) and Paul Hanlon back. Danny Handling is also coming back.

"We've had a bit of a blip for a week and we have taken stock of what people have said and we are ready for the run in."

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# White BMW 320d M Sport stolen after Dalkeith break in



Police are appealing for information following a housebreaking and theft which took place between 11pm on Tuesday and 10.30am on Wednesday morning at a house on Mitchell Street Dalkeith.

A wallet and car keys were stolen from within and the keys were then used to take a white BMW 320d M Sport, registration J444 GLS, from the property.

PC Scott Clark of Musselburgh's Community Investigation Unit said: "Housebreaking and car theft are deeply personal crimes and we're utilising various resources in an effort to trace those responsible.

"Anyone who may have seen any suspicious behaviour in the area around this time, or has information which can help us establish the whereabouts of the car and return it to its rightful owner, is urged to get in touch.

"For advice on how to safeguard your property please contact 101, speak to a local officer, or visit our website at [www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property)"

Anyone with information is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or make an anonymous report through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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# Scottish SPCA appeal after dog abandoned in Midlothian



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a dog suffering from a neck wound was abandoned in Midlothian.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted on Friday 11 March when the female terrier crossbreed was discovered tied up with a piece of rope near the A6106 at Shawfair.

The dog, who has been named Poppy, is currently under veterinary care at the Scottish SPCA.

Senior Inspector Jenny Scott said, "Poppy is a little black and white terrier cross type who is aged between six months and a year old. She has a nasty wound where it is thought the rope has cut into neck, which she is currently receiving vet treatment for. Poppy is in good condition other than this and is a very friendly girl.

"We are asking anyone who recognises Poppy to contact us to help with our investigation."

Abandoning and causing an animal unnecessary suffering are offences under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006. Anyone found guilty of doing so can expect to be banned from keeping animals for a fixed period or life.

Anyone with information is being urged to contact the Scottish SPCA Animal Helpline on 03000 999 999.

Photo by Scottish SPCA

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# Police and Fire Service appeal to prevent fires and anti-social behaviour



The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland are appealing to the public to do what they can to prevent fire and crimes of anti-social behaviour.

This time of year sees an increase in the number of deliberate fires across the country. These incidents range from rubbish and refuse fires to vehicles being set alight.

Deliberately set fires are dangerous; they waste time and money, and keep SFRS crews away from real emergencies.

Fire setting can also result in injury, property damage and environmental pollution.

Glenrothes Station Manager Graham Arnott, said: "We want everyone to enjoy a safe and pleasant Easter break. "Whilst we have seen a decrease in the total number of deliberate fires in Scotland over the past four years, there were still 2,428 deliberate fires recorded last spring. These incidents are a waste of SFRS resources and can take firefighters away from more serious fires.

"During spring our personnel will be working around the clock. Not just fighting fires, but visiting schools and youth groups to engage with young people.

"We would urge parents to ensure that their children know about and understand the potentially tragic consequences deliberate fires can have, as well as the impact for responding emergency services. Fire setting is an offence – don't accept it, report it."

SFRS work together with partner agencies Police Scotland and Crimestoppers



Scotland to prevent fires and support Police Scotland in highlighting the need to report fire offending.

Station Manager Arnott said: "We shall continue to work with our Police Scotland colleagues to ensure any deliberate fire is fully investigated.

"We ask local residents and businesses to ensure that rubbish does not accumulate outside their property and that wheelie bins are stored in a safe and secure area until collection. Bin and rubbish fires can quickly take hold and spread to buildings and vehicles, posing a major risk to life and property."

Glenrothes Community Sergeant Kenny Greig said: "Recently we have seen an increase in disorder within the town centre area of Glenrothes including crimes of assault, vandalism and deliberate fire setting. Community officers and plain clothes officers, working with assistance from Special Constables and Fife Council Community Wardens, will take part in increased patrols in attempts to address this issue and prevent future crimes.

"I'm appealing to all local parents/guardians to become more involved in their own community by knowing where your child is and asking, who are they meeting and are they in a safe environment.

"A common theme when youngsters are taken home to their parents or are put into custody is firstly shock that their child is involved and secondly, they didn't actually know where their child was going.

"One of the basic rules I would ask parents or guardians to do is speak with your child and find out where they are going to be.

"This could stop you getting an unexpected visit by the police, a call to attend a custody area or worse, a hospital. The safety of your children in the community is paramount but the first step lies with you."

## **SIX WAYS YOU CAN JOIN SCOTLAND'S FIGHT AGAINST FIRE AND ASB**

1. Being aware of strangers loitering in your street – if they do so for some time, inform Police Scotland on the non-emergency number 101.
2. Contacting Police Scotland via the non-emergency number 101 to share

information on anyone who deliberately sets fires. Alternatively, give the information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

3. Reporting any build-up of rubbish to your local authority or community fire station. This will help ensure it can be removed and prevent fires.

4. Ensuring you are aware of where the children or young people you look after are – and what they're doing.

5. Making sure that children and young people are aware of the risks of playing with fire and the consequences of deliberately setting a fire.

6. Reporting any fly-tipping directly to your local authority or to the National Dumb Dumpers Stop line on 0845 230 40 90.

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## **Tourism body finds that women believe men 'get on faster'**

✖ The tourism body Women in Tourism, designed to motivate women working in tourism, has found that most people working in the industry are women, but only a fraction of those reach senior positions.

The group was set up earlier this year to identify the opportunities and challenges for women in the tourism industry.

About a third of those who responded to the 2016 Women in Tourism survey said that having a family or being a carer had impacted on their career. But 57% said that they are simply passionate about the job, although just under half recognise

that men progress faster in the industry.

[The group is meeting this morning](#) to hold a seminar along with Tourism Society Scotland to hear more about these results at their conference at the EICC.

Susan Russell, chair of Women In Tourism, said: “The results from the survey provide sector-wide evidence for the first time that we have an ambitious female workforce working across all parts of the tourism industry. While barriers or challenges have been identified, respondents were clear that they have the right skills and attributes to reach roles of leadership, but would welcome support through networks and mentoring to enable them to achieve their full potential.

“The support for Women In Tourism has been fantastic and we’re delighted to be hosting our first event during Scottish Tourism Week in partnership with Tourism Society Scotland. It was during this week last year when we became aware of the gender imbalance within senior roles across the sector and we’re thrilled to be part of the Signature Programme at the Scottish Tourism Alliance conference. This will be the next step in the evolution of our project and we look forward to working with both female and male colleagues across Scotland as Women In Tourism continues to develop.”

Women in Tourism is a not-for-profit organisation set up by a group of women, some of whom completed Edinburgh Napier University’s Destination Leaders Programme.

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## **Mark Oxley to miss Scottish**

# Cup semi-final after yellow card



Hibs' goalkeeper Mark Oxley will miss the William Hill Scottish Cup semi-final against Dundee United at Hampden Park on April 16th after being booked in controversial circumstances at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium last night during the 2-1 Scottish Cup replay win over Inverness.

Oxley received his second yellow card of the tournament for time wasting whilst he was looking for a lost contact lens.

The 25-year-old who has been an ever present this season was subsequently taken off to be replaced by Finnish debutant Otso Virtanen.

After the game, Head Coach Alan Stubbs told BBC Scotland. "He lost his contact lens and asked the ref to try to find it but he will probably hide behind the fact that Ox didn't say that, but it was obvious to everyone in the stands that he had a problem with his eye, and there was a problem with communication."

Stubbs was clearly stung by criticism of his players following Sunday's League Cup final defeat to Ross County but he insisted that he has never doubted them and praised their character in bouncing back to secure a return visit to the national stadium.

He added: "I couldn't care less what people say about our team. The most important thing is what we say in the dressing room.

"When you do well, there are always people ready to criticise, but that is part of the game.

“I will never doubt my players. I believed in them even on the back of this horrendous run we have had, and the lads showed great character tonight.

“We have got to a final, and now another semi-final, and we still have a chance of promotion. Sometimes people write you off after one result, but they can keep going as far as I’m concerned. All it does is make us stronger.

“The strikers deserve a special mention. They looked back in form, considering they were out of form. Stokesy scored two and Jason could have scored again. We have come to a Premiership team and had a lot of chances. The lads at the back have had to stand up to a real onslaught of balls into the box too.”

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## Five things you need to know today



- Mayor of London visits Edinburgh
- Imagine Festival tickets on sale now
- Auld Reekie Roller Girls
- Sports Relief Mile
- Get your knitting needles out!

The Merchant Company of Edinburgh hosted a lunch in honour of Alderman The Lord Mountevans, The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London, at the Merchants’ Hall, Edinburgh.

It was the third annual visit by the Lord Mayor to The Company of Merchants reviving a tradition of reinforcing the connection and cooperation between The City of London’s Square

Mile and Edinburgh's financial centre. Thirty six guests attended the lunch.



The Merchant Company, founded in 1681 to protect trading rights in Edinburgh, has been enriching the life of Scotland's capital for more than 300 years. It has over 500 members representing 43 professions.

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Tickets for the Edinburgh's International Children's Festival, which runs from 28 May to 5 June 2016, are now on sale to the public with popular shows expected to sell out quickly.

Imagine celebrates the innovative and wonderful world of children's theatre and dance, and showcases 14 shows from 9 countries. The Festival Director has travelled the world to select the best shows for young people and bring them to Edinburgh for a 9 day extravaganza that will delight the young and young at heart.

[Ticket details here](#)

**Auld Reekie Roller Girls take on Newcastle and Dundee in Epic Double Header**

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March Edinburgh's premiere flat-track roller derby league, the Auld Reekie Roller Girls (ARRG) continue their 2016 season with an action packed double header.

Battle lines will be drawn at Meadowbank Stadium as ARRG's All Stars and All Star Reserves take on the Newcastle Roller Girls and Dundee Roller Girls in what promises to be two fiercely fought, hard-hitting games of elite roller derby.

Lianne Parry (Crazylegs) ARRG All Stars Co-Captain said;

*"We're so excited about this first All Star game of the season; we love the opportunity to play to a home crowd, especially in a double header. It's a lot of pressure but both teams have been training incredibly hard in preparation. We've spent the last couple of months really bedding in our new team members and re-evaluating positions and player strengths, as well as spending a lot of time on our technical skate skills to give us that edge for agility. Through this intensive training we've seen huge leaps and bounds in performance and we are 100% confident. On Saturday, Dundee and Newcastle will be met with the full force of Auld Reekie."*

The doors open at 12 noon.

Tickets £5 (+ booking fee) online in advance, and are free for under 14s. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2492972>

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[The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile](#) takes place in Edinburgh on Sunday 20 March 2016. Many local people have already signed up to run one, three, or six miles, but there's still time to bag a place, don your deeley-boppers, get creative with your fancy dress and do yourself proud!

Councillor Richard Lewis, Convener of Culture and Sport at City of Edinburgh Council said: "We are delighted that so many people have already signed up but we want even more participants, of every age and ability, to take part and make it the best Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile yet. So let's show the rest of the country what we can do and raise as much money as we possibly can for this incredible cause!"

This year's Mile will take place at West Princes St Gardens with everyone meeting at the Ross Theatre, ready for the first wave of runners at 10:00. The entire route is within the Gardens and is completely traffic-free. With a backdrop of the Castle, West Princes Street Gardens are a little bit of

paradise in the centre of the City.




A delightfully eyecatching banquet with a difference is set to take pride of place at The Knitting & Stitching Show Edinburgh on 28 April-1 May.

The show's Knitted Feast competition invites crafters to showcase their knitting and crochet skills by creating a life-size smorgasbord of treats. From chicken legs to cupcakes, fresh fruit and veg to ice cream, the competition banquet table is set to be spectacular. Knitted covers for drinks, crockery and table settings might even be on the menu.

It's not too late to enter The Knitted Feast competition – there's still a month to go until entries close (15<sup>th</sup> April). If you need a little help or inspiration for your competition entry, renowned crafter and author Susie Johns and specialist art and craft book publishers Search Press have joined with The Knitting & Stitching Show Edinburgh to share four knitting patterns from Susie's book, *'Knitted Fruit and Vegetables'*. Keep things simple by downloading patterns for an apple, apple core, pear and carrot from the show website, or get the creative juices flowing and create your own deliciously elaborate designs. There is no limit on the number of items eligible for entry – just remember entries must be made to scale to ensure they look as realistic as possible.

For full details of how to enter and submit items for The Knitted Feast competition, visit <http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/Edinburgh/> before 15 April.

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# Edinburgh to Shannon and beyond



The good thing about Aer Lingus recommencing their service to Shannon is that not only can you fly to Shannon, but you can also use the US immigration facilities to do pre-boarding clearance in Ireland before flying on to the US. Aer Lingus flies from there to New York and Boston.

Aer Lingus Regional, operated by Stobart Air, will today, St Patrick's Day, launch its new route from Edinburgh to Shannon.

The new route will operate six times weekly with fares from £29.99 one-way including taxes and charges.

Shannon Airport offers U.S. bound passengers' immigration and customs preclearance services, meaning that no border checks upon arrival in the United States, and avoiding potentially long queues.

To mark St Patrick's Day and to celebrate this new route Edinburgh Airport will turn the control tower green in the evening.

Commenting today, Martin Saxton, Chief Commercial Officer at Stobart Air said: "We are delighted to return services between Edinburgh and Shannon. Shannon Airport is ideally suited for holidaymakers looking to explore the rugged beauty of the West of Ireland, including the Wild Atlantic Way, one of Europe's most spectacular driving routes, and Galway City and Limerick City, two highly popular weekend destinations amongst Scottish tourists."

“We are also particularly excited to be able to offer our passengers based in Edinburgh an easy, convenient and great value means to connect to Aer Lingus’s transatlantic services to the US via Shannon. Customers can save hours of travel time and queuing in US airports by availing of US customs and border pre-clearance facilities in Shannon Airport prior to boarding.”

Jonathan Rayner, Edinburgh Airport’s Head of Aero Business Development, said: “This fabulous new route between the heart of Scotland and the West of Ireland adds to our growing list of destinations and further enhances passenger choice and connectivity from Scotland.”

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## Chamber of Commerce boss steps down

✖ The CEO of Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, David Birrell will quit his position in June this year and the Commercial and Marketing Director, Liz MacAreavey, will take up the reins on an interim basis.

President of Edinburgh Chamber, Scott Black thanked David for his important contribution and wished him well with his future plans: “David’s passion and leadership has underlined the Chamber’s central role in positioning Scotland’s capital city as a world-class business centre. Core to that drive has always been supporting all of our members’ growth ambitions.”

David said: “I am extremely proud of what the Chamber has achieved over the past five years. As the Chamber reaches its

230 anniversary it is clear we are as relevant to the city's vibrant business community today as we have ever been. It has been an exciting five years and it is now time for me to pursue the next stage in my career."

MacAreavey was Interim Chief Executive at Essential Edinburgh in 2011 and worked at Ernst & Young for a couple of years as Director of Business Development.

She also ran various catering outlets and a restaurant at one time. As Scottish Businesswoman of the Year in 1998, she is perhaps now a contender for the top job at Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce.

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## **Review: A Story of Tom Jones. The Musical \*\*\***



In the late 1960s and early 1970s, my mother sought an escape from the travails of bringing up her young son on her own by switching on the Dansette record player and putting on the long-playing records (ask your parents, young 'uns) of artists such as Engelbert Humperdink and Tom Jones. I grew up with the hit songs of these two crooners so when I heard that Tom Jones – The Musical was coming to Edinburgh's Festival Theatre then I jumped at the chance to go and see it.

Now, to be clear, the show doesn't actually feature Tom Jones himself but it does feature some of the great man's early songs as the story of one the greatest singers Wales has produced is told. Starting out as Tommy Scott with his band The Senators, the lads wowed the dance halls and working men's

clubs in South Wales. They then had a fall-out with their London based producer Joe Meek before another London impresario, Gordon Mills, took them under his wing.

Eventually, a record deal with Decca was signed and...well, you know the rest. The show was decent entertainment although I felt the first half was rather overly-focused on Tom's relationship with his childhood sweetheart Linda Trenchard (splendidly played by Elin Phillips) and the fact they were expectant parents at just 16 years of age. At times it seemed easy to forget this was a musical.

After a short break, the second half featured more music with early numbers such as *Ghost Riders in the Sky*, *Spanish Harlem* and *Lucille*. Tom and the lads pitch up in a dingy London flat courtesy of Gordon Mills and the story is then of the struggle to make it big.

Tom Jones – The Musical is enjoyable enough although the quandary was obvious to this observer. By its definition, the show clearly attracts devotees of the great man. As such, they will already be well-versed in his early career and his struggle to make it to the big time. What fans may have wished for was more of the big songs which made his name. The story ended with *Delilah* although the excellent Kit Orton, who did a fabulous job performing as Jones, treated the fans to a few post *Delilah* songs for which the Welsh wonder is renowned.

A decent evening's entertainment although if you're expecting a compilation of Tom Jones' greatest hits you may be disappointed.

Tom Jones The Musical is at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre until Saturday 19 March. Ticket information here

<http://www.edtheatres.com/tom>

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# At the Scottish Seabird Centre – Captain Flap



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Captain Flap is on at the Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick from 25th March to 10th April with family-friendly interactive activities.





From 25 March to 10 April (Fridays to Sundays), Flap will need the help of Seabird visitors as he has crash landed his plane, Puffin One. He needs to learn the principles of flight so that he can repair his plane and re-programme his computer.

Andrew Grieveson, Education Officer at the Scottish Seabird

Centre, said: “This Easter we will be getting out into the great outdoors as much as possible. With such a stunning setting and so many amazing natural resources, our aim is to encourage visitors young and old to engage with the nature in a fun and sustainable way.

“Come rain or shine, it will be a fun-filled few weeks and we are looking forward to exploring the wonders of flight with Captain Flap and the Seaside Science team.”

Captain Flap Flies Forth is on from 25 March to 10 April, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 14:00.

Seaside Science Flying Fun is on from 28 March to 7 April, Mondays to Thursdays at 14:00.

Tickets are included with admission and will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis. Please request tickets on arrival at the Centre.

**Part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival ([www.sciencefestival.co.uk](http://www.sciencefestival.co.uk)).**

Pictured are Ruaraidh Purves and Freija Bevan , both from North Berwick.

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## #SP16 – Northfield hustings

✖ Kezia Dugdale (Scottish Labour), Andy Wightman (Scottish Green Party), Nick Cook (Scottish Conservatives), a Scottish Liberal Democrat representative and Ash Regan-Denham (Scottish National Party) will be on hand to answer voters' questions on Thursday, 7th April at 6.45pm.

The Hustings will take place in Northfield/Willowbrae

Community Centre, Northfield Road.

Candidates will put forward their views on issues of concern such as social care, education, the NHS, housing, local services etc. to help them decide how to vote on 5th May.

The evening will take the form of a question and answer session. Everyone is welcome at this free event and refreshments will be available.

*The hustings has been organised by Northfield/Willowbrae Community Centre Management Committee and Edinburgh East Save our Services.*

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# The Mini Challenge for Sports Relief

✖ Mini Challenge will mean 'maxi squeeze'

The 24 red Mini Coopers operated by the residential estate agency, DJ Alexander Legal, are a familiar sight on the streets of Edinburgh.

However this Friday, one of the fleet will be taken off normal duties as staff prepare to break the world record for fitting adults into a Mini Cooper.

With the current record having been set by a group of 28 all-female gymnasts, DJ Alexander Legal is not making any promises but believes a serious challenge is worth a try as the event is intended to raise money for Sports Relief.

Clients and members of the public are being invited to sponsor the event either physically at its showroom or online [here](#).



DJ Alexander Legal will match pound for pound all the sponsorship money received.

Submitted by [Stephanie Finlay](#)

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# Hibs heading back to Hampden thanks to Anthony Stokes' double



Hibs are heading back to Hampden Park next month for a Scottish Cup semi-final against Dundee United thanks to two first half goals from on-loan striker Anthony Stokes against the cup holders Inverness Caledonian Thistle at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium tonight.

Iain Vigurs pulled one back for Inverness in the 77th minute before a face injury to Hibs' goalkeeper Mark Oxley meant seven additional minutes were added on, but the visitors survived an anxious period to secure a famous victory.

Head Coach Alan Stubbs made one change to the starting XI that lost to Ross County in the League Cup Final on Sunday with James Keatings who scored in the 1-1 draw between the clubs at Easter Road replacing Kevin Thomson in midfield.

Hibs started brightly and Jason Cummings went close with a long range effort after good work from John McGinn then David Gray had a shot from the edge of the area blocked by Carl Tremarco.

Inverness also looked dangerous and Darren McGregor did well

to block a Nat Wedderburn effort whilst Lewis Stevenson did well to clear a long Tremarco throw in.

Wedderburn was spoken to by referee Steven Finnie after a 'tactical' foul on McGinn as both sides looked to gain the advantage.

Hibs eventually took the lead in the 35th minute when Cummings set up Stevenson on the left wing and the full back's cross struck a defender before dropping into the path of Anthony Stokes who fired the ball into the net from 10 yards, much to the delight of the large travelling support.

Five minutes later whilst the fans were still celebrating, Hibs doubled their lead when Liam Henderson drove into the box and passed to Cummings. The youngster's shot was well saved by Fon Williams but he was unable to hold the ball and Stokes was on hand to tap in the rebound from close range.

As expected, Thistle came out for the second half determined to get back into the game and forced an early corner which came to nothing then Tremarco went close with a back post header.

Mark Oxley then did well to hold a Lewis Horner effort as Caley pressed forward and moments later John Hughes' side won a free kick on the edge of the area when Liam Fontaine fouled Horner. Horner took the free kick and Oxley produced a great save, punching the ball clear.

Hibs immediately broke away and Wedderburn was booked for bringing down Henderson.

In the 66th minute Owain Fon Williams produced a good save to prevent Stokes from completing his hat trick and moments later the keeper did well to save from McGinn.

Josh Meekings had the chance to pull one back but his powerful volley went well wide of the post.

Inverness threw everything into attack and Gary Warren went close with a header from Ian Vigurs corner.

With 13 minutes remaining Thistle pulled one back when Vigurs got on the end of a long ball into the area and slammed the ball into the net from six yards.

They almost equalised seconds later when Danny Devine sent a dangerous ball into the area. Oxley and Fontaine appeared to crash into each other as Liam Hughes spooned the ball over the bar from close range.

Stubbs replaced Keatings with Niklas Gunnarsson to shore up the defence and Danny Williams headed over from a Vigurs free kick.

Oxley required treatment for a face injury sustained in his clash with Fontaine and it looked as though he would have to leave the field however he elected to remain on despite apparently having blurred vision.

Oxley was then booked for time wasting and after a clash with Williams he was replaced by Otso Virtanen in goal.

Stevenson conceded another free kick in a dangerous position in the last minute but Vigurs strike flew just over the bar.

The fourth official then indicated seven minutes of added time which was greeted with cheers from the home supporters and a burst of singing from the Hibs' fans.

It was Hibs however who had the better chances during that period. Firstly Henderson fired a powerful strike toward the top corner but Fon Williams managed to tip the ball for a corner.

Cummings then broke away and found Stokes but his effort was easily saved. stokes had another chance but his shot struck the side netting and in the dying seconds Cummings went close with a long range effort as Hibs held on to secure the

victory.

Inverness Caledonian Thistle: Fon Williams, Tremarco, Warren, Meekings, Draper, Foran, Devine, Wedderburn, Horner, Hughes, Vigurs Subs: Esson, Williams, Roberts D Williams, Polworth, Storey

Hibs: Oxley, Gray, McGregor, Fontaine, Stevenson, Bartley, McGinn, Henderson, Keatings, Cummings, Stokes. Subs: Virtanen, Thomson, Dagnall, Gunnarsson, Handling, Boyle, El Alagui

Referee Steven Finnie

Attendance 3207

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## David Bowie painting sold in Edinburgh

A self-portrait by the late David Bowie was sold today by Lyon & Turnbull for £22,500, which was seven times the original estimate.

The new owner is in films but wished to remain anonymous. He seemed happy with his purchase however and said: "I am a lifelong fan and am more than delighted to now own a piece of original art by David Bowie. The first album I ever bought was Aladdin Sane, released in 1973. He was, in my opinion, the greatest artist who ever lived, he will be greatly missed."



Bids came in over the phone from Canada and Monaco following publicity in the run up to today's auction.

Charlotte Riordan, Picture Specialist at Lyon & Turnbull, said: "This is a great result, it is always hard to put an estimate on a work of art of this nature and we had tremendous interest in the painting from around the world, with bidders on the telephone, online and in the saleroom."

The art work was philanthropically donated by Bowie to a large fund-raising exhibition called 'ARTAID '98', held at the City Art Centre in Edinburgh in that year.

Here his work was hung alongside artists including Craigie Aitchison, Howard Hodgkin, Gilbert and George and Ken Currie.

Bowie, perhaps aware that his legacy as a musical genius was likely to forever overshadow his output as a visual artist (or for that matter, as an actor), he seldom exhibited his artwork and his last solo show was in the 1990s.

Examples of his Berlin-era portraiture were featured in the 2013 blockbuster exhibition 'David Bowie Is' at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, where they received critical acclaim in their own right.