

# Letter from Scotland



The Conference of  
the Birds –  
illustration from  
the 12th century  
Persian poem.

We are now into our political conference season which, like the Scottish harvest, comes a few weeks later than the UK conference season. But it's still about gathering in the crops from the last election and planting the seeds for the next.

As I write, the SNP conference is getting under way in Aberdeen. And there is plenty for the party to be pleased about – winning 56 of the 59 Westminster seats in Scotland, quadrupling its membership to over 100,000, scoring over 50 per cent in the opinion polls. In her opening leader's speech Nicola Sturgeon sought to dampen down any excitement over a second referendum on independence. Indeed she appealed to "No" voters to vote the SNP back into power at Holyrood in the Scottish general election in May in the sure knowledge that it won't lead to another referendum. It's simply, she says, a vote in favour of good home-rule government.

Meanwhile, all the other parties are, quite frankly, struggling. They are struggling to find support, to stay in one piece, to produce a leader with any public profile, or to frame a coherent manifesto, let alone an inspiring one.

The Greens met last weekend in Glasgow. Their membership has also quadrupled in the last year to 9,000 but they are still only scoring 6 per cent in the opinion polls. They have not been able to get their economic message across or their decentralisation agenda. They only occasionally surface in the media on recondite issues like fracking and shared parental

leave.

The Scottish Labour Party meets in Perth at the end of the month under their new leader Kezia Dugdale. This week she had to remind her comrades in London that Labour is supposed to be an anti-austerity party. And like the leadership of the UK Labour Party it's not clear where she will end up standing on the totemic issue of the renewal of Trident nuclear weapons. This looks like being a lively debate in Perth. The rest of the conference will be about picking up the pieces from the disaster in May when the party lost all but one of its MPs in Scotland. It will also have to find some pretty exciting policies in the next six months if it's going to row its way out of the doldrums of 20 per cent in the opinion polls.

The Conservatives, meanwhile, have also to break through the 20 per cent barrier. Their plucky young leader Ruth Davidson says she's sure they will increase their presence at Holyrood in May (ie more than 15 MSPs). She is trying to portray the Tories as the only centre party in Scotland, now that Labour has apparently turned sharply left. But I think she'll find that being the only "austerity party" is a little uncomfortable.

The Liberal Democrats will have their day out in Dunfermline next weekend. Their man, Willie Rennie, has been bashing away at the SNP over police centralisation and the shortage of GPs. But the party now only has one MP and 5 MSPs and is still sitting at 5 per cent or below in the opinion polls, still unforgiven for siding with the Tories in the last Westminster government.

That only leaves the 3-per-cent-ers...UKIP and the Socialists. UKIP, of course, will be trying to pre-run the referendum on membership of the European Union. And the Socialist parties have formed yet another left-alliance, this time called RISE, which will contest all eight regional-seat elections.

So there we have it, the Prologue of Pilgrims on their way to Holyrood. And this is taking place while more powers are being devolved to the Scottish Parliament – income tax rates and bands, some welfare benefits, and this week, we learnt, the delicate issue of abortion. So delicate, in fact, that Ms Sturgeon says she does not intend to change the rules in Scotland, ever.

While the politicians are making their way to jobs at Holyrood, another 18,000 Scots have been making their way to the unemployment office. It's largely the result of the slump in the oil industry but manufacturing has not been doing well either and the service sector has stood still. It means Scotland's unemployment rate has gone up to 6.1 per cent, compared to 5.4 per cent in the UK as a whole.

Late on Thursday, news broke of a surprise move in the Lockerbie investigation. Prosecutors in Scotland and the USA have written to the Libyan authorities asking to speak to two new suspects in the case. They have not been named and we wait to see if they have any connection with the Libyan government agent Abdel Baset Al Megrahi who was convicted of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie in 1988. I wonder, after 27 years, whether this mysterious and divisive case is finally beginning to break open.

Poor Pauline Cafferkey, the Scottish nurse who went out to Sierra Leone to help with the Ebola crisis, has been struck down again by the infection. She is critically ill in the isolation unit at the Royal Free Hospital in London. Everyone thought she had recovered completely nine months ago, but apparently the virus can lurk in odd corners of the body and surface again later. Doctors say she's not infectious but they are dealing with an "unprecedented" illness.

The Red Road flats are finally coming down, piece by piece as I write. The six tower blocks in the east end of Glasgow were all supposed to tumble gracefully to the ground last weekend

in a public explosion. Alas, things did not go to plan and only four of the 290ft buildings fell instantly, the other two slumped slightly and stood at a precarious angle which earned them the nickname “the leaning towers of Barmulloch.” It’s just as well these icons of the 1960s were not blown up, as planned, during the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games. There would have been many cruel jokes about Scotland not being able to demolish even the ugliest features of its past.

Finally, the Gaelic music festival, the Mod, seems to have enjoyed a vintage year. Thousands of competitors, from all over the Gaelic world – including Germany ! – have been taking part in the nine day event in Oban. Among them were over 800 young competitors, the result of an outreach programme in non-Gaelic medium schools. The honour of best piper went this year to Jonathan Greenlees who’s won the title for the third time. How appropriate that he should be an accountant, lending credence to the old Gaelic saying – he who pays the piper calls the tune.

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## Concern for missing West Yorkshire man



Police in East Lothian are appealing for information in order to trace a 53-year-old man, who is missing from the local area.

Mark Wallsworth, who comes from the Ossett area of West Yorkshire, was last seen at 8.30am yesterday morning (Friday, October 16) at an address in Doctor McEwan Lane, Prestonpans.

Mark was visiting family at this address when he left the premises. He has not been seen since and officers are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare.

Mark is described as a white man with a slim build. He is around 5ft 9" in height, has thinning dark grey hair and a Yorkshire accent.

At the time Mark went missing he was wearing black tracksuit bottoms, a Celtic FC football top which is all white with a yellow stripe across the chest, a brown leather jacket and dark brogue shoes.

Mark has a variety of medical concerns and is unfamiliar with the local area. Considering these circumstances, officers are keen to trace him as soon as possible.

Inspector Neil Mitchell said: "Mark has been missing now for some time and we are concerned for his welfare.

"We are also aware that Mark is unfamiliar with the East Lothian area. With this in mind we are eager to trace him as soon as possible.

"Anyone who has seen Mark, or recognises his description, is asked to get in touch with police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101.

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# Hibernian 4-2 Dumbarton



Hibs gained revenge for their defeat to Dumbarton in the opening game of the campaign with a comfortable 4-2 victory at Easter Road this afternoon. The score-line actually flattered the 'Sons as Hibs dominated throughout and could have scored several more.

Head Coach Alan Stubbs made three changes to the starting XI that beat Queen of the South 3-0 at Palmerston two weeks ago. Liam Fontaine returned to the centre of defence replacing Paul Hanlon who was rested, whilst Fraser Fyvie and James Keatings took over from Marvin Bartley and Dylan McGeouch who both started on the bench. Also on the bench was Jordon Forster, making his first appearance in the squad since picking up an injury in the first game of the season and on-loan Chelsea midfielder Islam Feruz.

Former Hibs' goalkeeper Mark Brown started for Dumbarton alongside ex Hearts defender Darren Barr.

Before the start, players from both sides held up red cards as part of the national 'Show Racism the Red card' campaign.

Hibs started brightly and had two penalty claims denied in the opening 13 minutes, firstly when Jason Cummings was bundled over inside the box then when a John McGinn volley struck the hand of Frazer Wright, but both appeals were waved away by the referee.

The game then burst into life with three goals in five minutes.

Dominique Malonga opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he fired the ball into the top corner of the net from the edge of the box after playing a one-two with Liam Henderson. As the

fans were celebrating, a lapse in concentration in the Hibs' defence allowed Grant Gallagher room inside the area and the striker blasted the ball past Mark Oxley to level the score.

Moments later, Hibs regained the lead when Fontaine headed home from a McGinn free kick.

The hosts then dominated possession and had a third penalty claim denied when Malonga was hauled to the ground but once again the referee waved play on. Both Henderson then Cummings went close before Hibs added a third just before the break.

A long ball from McGinn appeared to strike Barr's hand before falling into the path of Cummings who was immediately brought down by two Dumbarton defenders. Finally the referee pointed to the spot however it was unclear whether the infringement was for the handball or the foul but the fans didn't mind and Cummings dispatched the spot kick into the bottom left hand corner of the net.

Hibs added a fourth in the 59th minute when Lewis Stevenson played a one-two with Cummings before sliding the ball into the path of Keatings who sent a left foot shot past Brown and into the net.

Stubbs made three substitutions in the space of eight minutes with Keatings, Fyvie and Cummings all leaving the field to standing ovations and being replaced by Marvin Bartley, McGeouch and Feruz.

With 17 minutes remaining, Dumbarton pulled a goal back when Steven Craig headed a Mark Docherty free kick into the net but Hibs easily held on for the victory and could have added a fifth near the end but Brown managed to save a goal-bound effort from Malonga.

Elsewhere Rangers came from behind to grab a late winner against Queen of the South at Ibrox.

Hibs; Oxley, Gray, Stevenson, Fontaine, McGregor, Henderson, Fyvie, McGinn, Keatings, Cummings, Malonga. Subs: Reguero, Bartley, McGeouch, Boyle, Feruz, Carmichael, Forster.

Dumbarton: Brown, Saunders, Buchanan, Gallagher, Fleming, Kirkpatrick, Gibson, Barr, Routledge, Brown, Wright. Subs: Ewings, Docherty, Crawley, Craig, Waters, Ross, Brophy

Referee Bryan Colvin

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# Rugby – Edinburgh v Ulster, Guinness PR012

*Four out of Four for Edinburgh in PR012 League*



Edinburgh overcame their fourth opponent in this year's Guinness PR012 competition at BT Murrayfield on Friday night to cement their place at the head of the table with a 100% winning record. Their opponents were Ulster and the Irish side, like their Scottish counterparts, were short of several 'headline' players away on International duty. However, Alan Solomon's young side are making headlines of their own this season.

It took the home side four minutes to open the scoring with a Greg Tonks penalty following a good start which saw the hosts penetrate deep into the opposition 22.

Edinburgh then edged the territorial battle for the next quarter of an hour and another penalty at the breakdown from Tonks saw the score out to 6-0 on the 18 minute mark.

Ulster then put in a period of play more in keeping with their reputation and nearly broke Edinburgh's defensive line on a couple of occasions.



Reward came in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute from the boot of No. 10, Peter Nelson to take the score to 6-3

Edinburgh came closest to scoring before the break, but lost the ball to a turnover when pressing on the Ulster five metre line, but there were no additions to the score which remained 6-3 at half time.

Ulster were first on the score board in the second half with a try from fine forward play down the right. Edinburgh had started well, but lost the ball and the visitors took full advantage. Andrew Trimble collected his own chip over the defence and immediately put the home side on the back foot. A couple of plays later and flanker, Sean Reidy was propelled through try line ruck for the first try of the match. Nelson then slotted home the conversion to put the visiting side in the lead at 10-3 five minutes into the second half.



Once again, Edinburgh proved their worth and dominated play over the next ten minutes. Attacks down both wings, employing the hyperactive Damien Hoyland and new signing, Will Helu, had the Ulster defence scrambling to cover and, eventually, a break down the left by Helu saw the ball shifted out to No. 8, Nasi Manu, on the wing. He was supported by Hamish Watson, who was then on hand to receive the final pass inside the 22 which put the Edinburgh open side in the clear, with a straight run in for his try. Tonks scored with his kick – interrupted rather unprofessionally by an Ulster medic running on to see to one of his player between Tonks and the posts – and Edinburgh were now back in the lead at 13-10.

Tonks scored another penalty 10 minutes later for 16-10, but the remainder of the match saw Edinburgh mostly defending desperately to keep the Ulster attacking play at bay.

Final relief for the support came in overtime as Ulster ended their five metre line encampment with a turnover to close the match on a winning score for the hosts at 16-10.

*Images from the match will appear [here](#) over the next few days.*

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# Saturday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



**The Wonderful World of Lapin:** a show by **Tania Czajka** and **Alasdair Satchel**. Tania has arrived from Paris for a very special occasion: the World's Tastiest Carrot Competition! In her trunk, she carries her very own garden, from which a whole world of Tania's animal friends is revealed.... Developed by part of the team who created *Cloudman* and with the support of **Creative Scotland**; a fun bilingual show accessible to all non-French speakers with a tasty ending guaranteed! For families with children aged 3-5. 10.30am or 2pm (45 minute shows), [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Tickets cost £6/£4 (family ticket £16) and may be purchased from the Box Office on 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#).



**Room On The Broom Activities and Storytime:** 11am-3pm, [Waterstones Ocean Terminal](#), Ocean Drive. For more information please call 0131 554 7732.

**Storytime with BB and Hardy:** 11am, The Book Bothy, [Far From The Madding Crowd](#), 20 High Street, Linlithgow. Free.



**Meet Mark Millar:** the *Kick Ass* and *Kingsman: The Secret Service* writer will be signing copies of *Chrononauts*, a

collaboration with artist **Sean Gordon**. 12.30pm, [Waterstones West End](#), 128 Princes Street. For more information please call 0131 226 2666.



**Zoo Arts Extra Beach Day:** food, fire, sea, sky, sand and art. Lunch beside a fire, hot chocolate, marshmallows, crafts – such as photography, stop motion animation, drawing, sculptures and designs in the sand, play activities and lots of fun! ZAE will provide snacks & hot drinks, fire, extra waterproofs, gloves etc, plus creative materials & activities. For a full packed lunch a deposit of £2 is required. For all ages; children under 9 must be accompanied by a responsible adult and permission slips must be completed for unaccompanied children. Meet at 12 noon at [North Edinburgh Arts](#), Pennywell Court to walk to the beach, return approximately 4pm. Free but donations very welcome! Booking is required: please drop in to NEA, call 0131 315 2151 or email [zooarts.nea@gmail.com](mailto:zooarts.nea@gmail.com).



**St Bride's Family Cinema:** see your favourite films for free! Juice and choc ices available in the interval for 50p. Today's film is ***The Black Cauldron* (U)**. Please note: all children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Subtitles are available on request. 10.30am-12.30pm, [St Bride's Centre](#), Orwell Terrace, Dalry. Next week's film will be ***Paddington* (PG)**. All welcome.



**In The Sky I Am Walking Tour 2015.** Soprano **Rebecca Hardwick** and tenor **George Chambers** visit Edinburgh as part of their *In The Sky I Am Walking* tour, to perform extraordinary 20th and 21st-century works for two solo voices by **Stockhausen**, **Cardew** and a world premiere by **Daniel-Lewis Fardon**. They are joined by **Simon Smith** who performs Stockhausen's *Piano Piece XII* in



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**Edinburgh Society of Musicians: 'Memories of Childhood'.** Lesley-Ann Hastie (*soprano*) and Colin Dundas (*piano*) perform compositions by **Musgrave, Bernstein, Quilter and Babbitt**. 7.30pm, [Edinburgh Society of Musicians](#), 3 Belford Road. Free. The Edinburgh Society of Musicians has been promoting practical music-making in Edinburgh since 1887; chamber music recitals are given every Saturday evening from early October until the end of June. The Society attracts a variety of performers, from students in search of experience to accomplished amateurs and professionals, well known Scottish or international musicians; if you would like to perform, please contact John Bryden at [jobryd2@aol.com](mailto:jobryd2@aol.com) and include your telephone number.



**Gilchrist – Live:** new tunes and some oldies from the Edinburgh-based seven-piece funk/rock band. Dancing shoes encouraged. For over 18s only. 7-10pm, [The Bongo Club](#), 66 Cowgate. Tickets cost £6 in advance from the club – click [here](#) (transaction fee applies) – or £7 on the door (sta).

**The Domestics:** 9pm, [Dalriada](#), 77 The Promenade, Portobello.  
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# Five things you need to know today



**Princess Royal at Edinburgh Zoo**

**Chief Officer appointed to Edinburgh Health and Social Care**

**At the Queen's Hall tonight**

**Edinburgh Farmers' Market**

**University Open Days**

The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) is pleased to announce that HRH The Princess Royal, the Society's Royal Patron, delivered a talk as part of the *Tribal Elders: Words of Wisdom* series at RZSS Edinburgh Zoo on the evening of Thursday 15 October.

The Tribal Elders talk, entitled "*Committed to conservation: you can make a difference*", was a sell-out event held at the Discovery and Learning Centre at RZSS Edinburgh Zoo. The Princess Royal shared with the audience her experiences in the field of conservation and wildlife through links with a wide variety of organisations and charities, both in the United Kingdom and overseas. As a thank you for her support as Royal Patron, HRH The Princess Royal was presented with a gift of a handmade hair comb adorned with an intricately crafted greater one-horned rhino; created by RZSS Silversmith in Residence Bryony Knox. The gift was presented on a tray, handcrafted especially for The Princess Royal by residents of the local community in Budongo, Uganda.

*RZSS's Tribal Elders: Words of Wisdom* talks are an ongoing series of events featuring some of the world's most inspiring and innovative speakers. The series aims to rekindle the ancient tradition of oral storytelling between older and younger generations and offers a unique platform to distil the wisdom of a lifetime. Previous hosts of the *Tribal Elders* series include renowned primatologist and conservationist, Dr. Jane Goodall DBE (Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a UN Messenger for Peace), Professor Aubrey Manning OBE, who is recognised as one of the country's leading authorities on animal behaviour as well as being a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and Professor Roger Wheeler OBE, Director of the RZSS for some 26 years from 1972 through 1998.

HRH The Princess Royal's visit coincided with RZSS celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its involvement in the Budongo Conservation Field Station (BCFS) in Uganda, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the field station itself. Core funded by RZSS, BCFS combines cutting edge primatology research with community-based conservation initiatives and behaviour change.

Chris West, CEO of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, said: "The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland remains honoured to have the support and patronage of HRH The Princess Royal. The lecture itself highlighted the breadth of her conservation and wildlife knowledge and, as with all talks in the *Tribal Elders* series, we hope that the audience left inspired to think differently about the global issues raised and ready to explore what they can do to take action."

"It was particularly fitting to welcome Her Royal Highness in the year that we celebrate the tenth anniversary of RZSS's involvement with the Budongo Conservation Field Station in Uganda, as well as the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the field station itself. The Princess Royal has always been a keen supporter of BCFS and even helped open the Budongo Trail at RZSS Edinburgh

Zoo in 2008.”



The Integration Joint Board for Health and Social Care confirmed the appointment of **Robert McCulloch-Graham** into the new role of **Chief Officer** to the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership yesterday morning.

This is a key appointment for the Partnership and the Council as we work together towards a fully integrated way of delivering our health and social care services across the City. This will involve the development and delivery of a range of frontline locality-based and city-wide services, working with the NHS and other key stakeholders including the Third Sector.

In my announcement yesterday, I highlighted the strong working links that we will have with the Partnership. As Chief Officer, Rob will report jointly to Tim Davison (NHS) and me. In addition, we will also have a close working relationship through our newly created **Head of Public Protection and Chief Social Work Officer** role, which will be led by **Michelle Miller**.

Rob began his career as a maths and science teacher before moving onto youth and community work, youth justice, social care and public health.

In his most recent position, as Corporate Director for Education, Social Care and Wellbeing at Tower Hamlets Council, he was responsible for nearly £0.5B of revenue expenditure and a workforce in excess of 3,000. Here he majored on bringing together Health and Social Care services and placed Tower Hamlets as an “NHS Vanguard” borough for integration.

Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, City of Edinburgh Council, said: “We continue to work closely with NHS Lothian to bring Edinburgh’s health and social care services together and Rob’s



appointment is an important step forward in this process.

"The role will be wide-ranging and immensely challenging, working with stakeholders across the city to deliver a great service.

"I would like to congratulate Rob on his appointment and look forward to working closely with him and the Partnership to help shape the future Health and Social Care services for Edinburgh. "



Without doubt, this will be the best feel good, rootin' tootin', twangy, barnstorming banjoed night out of the year.

Hilarious comedy hillbilly country rock band Hayseed Dixie are coming to Edinburgh so expect to hear their unique take on rock classics like *You Shook Me All Night Long*, *Black Dog*, *Ace Of Spades* and *Fat Bottomed Girls* alongside classics like *Foggy Mountain Breakdown* and *Duellin' Banjos*.

"The Hayseed's berserk hedonism is indeed refreshing!" (The Guardian)

"Hayseed Dixie highlights the worth of mountain music to all things rock: energy, dirt-punk rhythm, careening harmonies and the fundamental right... to raise hell come Saturday night." (Uncut)

"Superlative musicians with a deep love and understanding of the dynamics of both modern rock and ancient hillbilly music" (The Times)

**Website** [www.hayseed-dixie.com](http://www.hayseed-dixie.com)

**Twitter** [@barleyscotch](https://twitter.com/barleyscotch)



Edinburgh Farmers' Market is on [Castle Terrace](#), every **Saturday** from **9am to 2pm**. – See [who's attending](#) this week.



Edinburgh College will be hosting a series of university open days to give students, school pupils and members of the public the opportunity to find out which routes to university would be best for them.

Representatives from universities across Scotland will be on hand to provide advice on the courses they have to offer. The Scottish Institute of Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland will also be there to talk about the support they provide for students. There will also be a chance to talk to SAAS about funding options.

The university open days will take place at 11am-2pm at Edinburgh College's Granton Campus (20 October), Milton Road Campus (21 October) and Sighthill Campus (22 October).

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## Scotland Women's U17s qualify for Elite Round of European Championship



Scotland Women's Under-17s qualified for the elite round of this season's UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championships

despite a defeat to Austria in Kazakhstan this morning.

Goals from Bachler (15 & 65) and Wienroither( 62) secured the victory for Austria.

The result means that Pauline Hamill's team finished second in their group behind Austria, who they will join in the next phase of qualification in early 2016.

A draw against Latvia in their opening match followed by a thumping 4-0 victory over the hosts Kazakhstan left Scotland on four points in the group, two more than Latvia in third.

Scotland: Cumings(GK), Cunningham, Cameron, Doran-Barr, Kerr(C), Dalgliesh, Notely, Napier, Gordon (Gollan 38'), Mcdonald, B. Hay.

Subs not used: Clachers(GK), Mcalpine, Nagle, Mcgregor, Farquhar, Rice.

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## **Gordon Strachan to lead Scotland into World Cup qualifiers**



Gordon Strachan will lead Scotland into the FIFA World Cup qualifiers after signing a two-year extension as national coach and agreeing to remain in charge following the unwavering support demonstrated by the Scotland fans throughout the European Qualifying campaign.

He will now lead the country through an exciting FIFA World Cup 2018 qualifying group, that includes the resumption of rivalries with England. Strachan will again be assisted by the newly appointed Motherwell manager, Mark McGhee, and the former Rangers manager, Stuart McCall, both of whom were equally keen to be part of the quest to reach the finals in Russia.

Edinburgh born Strachan said: "It is an honour and a privilege to manage my country and, in a way, that has made the disappointment of not qualifying for Euro 2016 all the more profound. None the less, the reaction from the supporters throughout the campaign, and in particular from those who travelled to Faro in their thousands, is an experience that will live with me for the rest of my life. It was a recognition that the players' efforts had been appreciated.

"That appreciation and goodwill has also been apparent in the messages of support I have received this week, from emails and letters to chats in the street.

"I want the best for our country and for those players and I believe we can make Scotland proud in the upcoming qualifiers. For that reason, I am delighted to have been asked to continue in my role and I look forward to working with my backroom staff and the players to improve on the previous campaign and look forward to the World Cup qualifiers with optimism."

Stewart Regan, Scottish FA Chief Executive: "The Board of the Scottish FA has been consistent in our belief that Gordon should continue the good work that has been apparent in many performances and results throughout the previous campaign. Similarly, the supporters and the players have been overwhelming in their view that Gordon is the national coach to lead us into the World Cup qualifying campaign. The mutual respect and stability that exists is essential to our future success and we all look forward to planning for Russia 2018."

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# Man charged with unauthorised use of a drone over the centre of Edinburgh



A 42-year-old man has been charged in connection with the unauthorised use of a drone over the centre of Edinburgh, prompting Police Scotland to remind the public of their responsibilities when piloting similar devices.

Local officers were alerted at around 10:30am on Wednesday, October 14, after the remote controlled device was seen flying over Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street Gardens.

Officers quickly traced and charged the man under Sections 60 and 61 of The Air Navigation Order (2009) and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

There is existing legislation governing the authorised use of unmanned aircraft systems within UK airspace.

Local Officers are now keen to highlight this legislation and the potential risks posed by drones if they are flown in and around crowded or built-up areas

Chief Inspector Bob Paris of Police Scotland said: "Police in Edinburgh were called at around 10.30am on Wednesday following a report of a drone flying over Edinburgh Castle and Princes Street Gardens.

"The operator of the drone has been traced and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

“The use of drones in public spaces is becoming more popular for people filming and photographing scenery or places of interest. However, I would advise that operators familiarise themselves with all the appropriate legislation so as to ensure they adhere to existing aviation laws and regulations, and be aware of the areas in our community where drone activity may pose a particular sensitivity.”

For more information on this legislation visit the Civil Aviation Authority’s website at [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk)

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## **Alan Stubbs previews Dumbarton game**



Hibs’ Head Coach Alan Stubbs is confident that his players are capable of taking all three points against Dumbarton at Easter Road tomorrow, although he is taking nothing for granted particularly as the ‘Sons won the corresponding fixture on the first day of the season.

Since then however, apart from a narrow defeat to Rangers and a 1-1 draw with St Mirren, Hibs have been in fine form and now sit in third place in the Championship.

Speaking ahead of the game, Stubbs told Hibernian TV: “We are looking forward to the Dumbarton game. Dumbarton have players that can hurt us on their day but it’s about how we approach the game and how we deal with it. The players were as me at the result of our last encounter. I don’t want to keep going on about it but there were contributing factors at that game. You can see from the performances and results that we have

moved on.

"On Saturday we are hoping to be a very different outfit and we are ready for what Dumbarton bring. They started the season well then they had a little bit of a dip in terms of results that they have had a few positive results. Their performance against Rangers is one that they will be happy with although not the result.

"We know they have threats but we have threats as well. If we perform to our capabilities we have a good chance of getting the three points."

Hibs' last game was a 3-0 win away from home against Queen of the South so you would expect that Stubbs would have been disappointed that the international break could upset the players' rhythm however the opposite is true: He continued: "We've had a little bit of a break with the internationals and in terms of bringing bodies back into the fold it's been good.

"It's been a welcomed one because before the break till now, we've welcomed back 'Keats' (James Keating) 'Faz' (Frazer Fyvie) 'Izzy' (Islam Feruz) and Jordan (Forster) and Farid (El Alagui) and Jamie (Insall) have had a game and they have been with the first team also so from that point of view it's been very good for us."

After Dumbarton, Hibs travel to Falkirk in midweek before facing on form Raith Rovers at Starks Park, then Rangers at Easter Road on the first of November. After that Stubbs' men will face Dundee United in the quarter finals of the League Cup and the Hibs' boss is looking forward to the challenge. He continued: "When you are winning games of football you welcome games thick and fast so yes, it's going to be a testing period of games coming up but one that is going to be a good experience for us and one that we are all looking forward to.

"The good this about it is that the squad is in a much healthier position going into these games and it gives us

options.”

Fans attending the game tomorrow will have the chance to see the new frontage at the West Stand.

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## Liam Henderson looks ahead to Dumbarton game



Hibs' on-loan midfielder Liam Henderson is looking forward to returning to competitive action after an extended training period due to the international break.

The two weeks off has also allowed injured team mates to regain their fitness so the competition for places will be stiff but the teenager is hoping that his performances so far will persuade Alan Stubbs of his worth to the team.

Henderson has quickly become a fans' favourite since his move from Celtic due to his 'eye for a goal,' scoring three times already.

He told Hibernian TV: “It's been good to get the break. we've been training and and looking forward to getting back on the pitch on Saturday.

“I know two of the Dumbarton players who are on loan from Celtic who are very good players although I don't know much about the rest of the team. It will be a tough game but the



manager will have a plan and the boys are raring to get back out and play.

“We’ve been working with the ball and looking to break fast and penetrate and get a lot of goals. First and foremost we need to work hard and put in a shift because that’s what they are going to do.

“I’ve loved being at Hibs so far. All the boys have been brilliant with me since I came in and that’s me settled in now so it will be a long season but one that I am looking forward to and keep building on my performances and keep giving the manager stuff back after he has put his faith in me.

“I’m looking to play as many games as I can and goals are something I have been looking to add to my game and the manager has given e the freedom to go and get in the box and try and get goals and that is something I am hoping to build on this season.

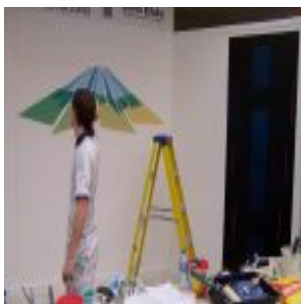
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## Friday in Edinburgh – What’s On Today



**Freeze Frame Film Club: *The Wizard of Oz* (PG).** The enchanting, exciting classic film; reacquaint yourself with some of the best loved characters in cinema history – the **Tin Man**, the **Cowardly Lion** and of course, **Dorothy**. The Drill Hall Cafe will also be celebrating this technicolour marvel with fantastical food inspired by the film, so jump in your balloon, grab a flying monkey or just hop, skip and jump down the yellow brick road to the Drill Hall! 7pm (screening will begin around


8.30pm), [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 36 Dalmeny Street. £3 for the film only, £15 for a pre-show 3-course meal prepared by special guest chef Anna Hamilton of **Alright Treacle**. Meals must be booked in advance; please call the Drill Hall Cafe on 0131 555 7100 to reserve a table.



**Scottish Association of Painting Craft Teachers 60th Anniversary.** The only surviving founder member of the SAPCT, **Ken Gummerson**, will perform the opening ceremony at this celebratory event; Ken is a retired lecturer who taught in the college, (formerly Telford College), and he and other senior members will be demonstrating some of the finer skills of painting and decorating, along with **Mark Nevin**, a former

Edinburgh College student and winner of a Gold Medal in the **World Skills Competition**. A range of activities will be held over the two days, with demonstrations of a wide variety of decorating skills such as **Graining, Marbling, Signwork, Gilding and Stencilling**, by Painting Craft Teachers from as far north as Inverurie to as far south as Bolton. All painters, decorators and members of the public, are welcome to come along. There will be a exhibition of members' work, providing an excellent display for those with a keen interest in high class decoration, and everyone is encouraged to see the exhibition, view the live demonstrations **and** also to try their hand at some of the skills on the *HAVAGO* stands, which will be set up and manned by members in the **Edinburgh College Hub**. The culmination of this two day event will be a celebratory dinner in the **Village Urban Resort Hotel**; after the meal, members past and present will be able to sit and have a 'dram and a chat' over times gone by. Non-Members will be most welcome to come along (booking details may be obtained from [geobro246@gmail.com](mailto:geobro246@gmail.com)). The full timetable of events can be downloaded [here](#). 8.45am-4.30pm, [Edinburgh College, Granton Campus](#), 350 West Granton Road. Also 9am-2pm on Saturday 17th October 2015. For more information please contact **George Brown** on 07543 556 646 or email [brown@dundeeandangus.ac.uk](mailto:brown@dundeeandangus.ac.uk). All daytime events are free, but donations are invited.



**Printing Nature with Lauren Wayland:** use leaves, pine cones, twigs and other natural objects to make some stunning prints inspired by autumn. You'll have the chance to mount your favourite print, so you can either hang it on your wall or give it as a gift. 2.30-4pm, [Museum of Edinburgh](#), Huntly House, 142 Canongate. Tickets cost £4 and must be booked in advance via the [Usher Hall Box Office](#), Lothian Road, in person, by calling 0131 228 1155 or online [here](#). Please  note that these sessions are intended for families working together: at least one paying adult must accompany your child,

and no child should be booked into a session alone.

**Thomas The Tank Engine and Friends Activity Day:** a day of fun with Thomas and friends. Colouring, stickers, balloons, with story time at 11am and 3pm. 10am-4pm, [Waterstones West End](#), 128 Princes Street. For more information please call 0131 226 2666.



**SMHAFF: Dancing Sunwise.** Explore how to walk 'sunwise' around the wellspring of your own creativity in this participatory workshop. **Lea Taylor** and **Mairi Campbell** bring an ancient tradition observed at Beltane into a modern context with storytelling, creative movement and traditional music. 7pm, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Tickets cost £8/£6 and may be purchased from the Box Office on 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#). Part of **Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival 2015.**



**Charity Concert** in aid of **Bethany Christian Trust**. The award-winning **London International Gospel Choir** (formerly the **London Youth Gospel Choir**) will perform a programme of secular and non-secular music in a gospel style, a repertoire ranging from gospel classics to jazz, pop, spirituals and the roots of it all: African Song. 7.30pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free: donations welcome.



**University of Edinburgh Concert Series:** organist **John Kitchen** plays Roberday *Fugue and Caprice in F*, Michel Corrette *Magnificat en a mila 3#*, Durufle *Méditation* and Widor *Three movements from Symphony No. 4*. 1.10pm, [Greyfriars Kirk](#), Greyfriars Place. Free.



**Stories on the Way:** an evening of stories from apprentice storytellers on the theme of ***Stories without Borders***, ahead of the **Scottish International Storytelling Festival**. Scotland has a vibrant group of new storytellers, honing their skills, developing their craft and forging new storytelling paths; come show your support and join the apprentices for a spellbinding evening, with host **Janis Mackay**. 7.30pm, Netherbow Theatre, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Tickets cost £6/£4 and may be purchased from the Box Office on 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#).



**Vampirology: An Evening With Teeth.** A quest for immortality in a thematic extravaganza of music, dance and palatal discoveries, inspired by the famous nocturnal Transylvanian entertainment. Fake teeth and flaunting capes welcomed. Featuring DJs brought to you by **Balkanarama Kolektiv**, plus samples of Romanian food and wine. Come dance the night away dressed in your best vampire outfit! For over 18s only. 8pm-1am, Dissection Room, [Summerhall](#), 1 Summerhall. Tickets cost £5 and may be purchased by calling the Box Office on 0131 560 1580 or online [here](#). Part of **Romanian Cultural Days in Edinburgh**, a week-long foray into some of the most spectacular facets of contemporary Romanian culture through a programme of classical & electronic music, film, theatre, literature, traditional culture, food & wine. The project is organised by the **Romanian Cultural Institute in London**.

**Jazz Live At Canalside: Lorna Reid Quintet.** Since launching her debut album to a packed house at **Pizza Express Jazz Club London** in 2008, Lorna Reid has become one of Scotland's most sought after jazz artists. Twice nominated 'Best Jazz Vocalist' **Scottish Jazz Awards** (2011 and 2013) she has been a radio presenter on **BBC Radio Scotland** and featured as an opening act for the **Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival**. 7.30pm (music starts 8.15pm), [Canalside Cafe-Bar](#),

Boroughmuir Rugby & Community Sports Club, Meggetland Wynd. Tickets cost £10 and may be purchased from the Canalside Cafe-Bar in person, by calling 07557 680 995 or online [here](#).



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# Five things you need to know today



**John Lewis Master Shopper**

**Looking for swim teachers**

**Chronicle Online**

**New Edinburgh business**

**Cindy's 50!**

The third annual John Lewis Retail Report confirms a new age of shopping which is inhabited by the confident, flexible “Master Shopper”. As well as charting the evolution in consumer habits, the report reflects how shops like John Lewis Edinburgh are leading the way in their response to the changing retail climate and becoming more accessible than ever before.

Over the past twelve months, John Lewis has invested in a number of services at the Edinburgh branch, illustrating a commitment to staying ahead of consumer trends and adapting to the needs of the “Master Shopper.”

Empowered by technology, today’s “Master Shopper” utilises

omnichannel shopping – a range of different on and offline channels to source the right products and the right price. The “Master Shopper” uses up to eight different touchpoints when making a purchase, depending on what they’re buying – from researching on [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com) to speaking to a Partner in the shop. Evidence of this new phenomenon can also be seen in the growth of John Lewis’s mobile revenue, up 68% over the past twelve months.

Two thirds of John Lewis customers use both physical shops and online channels and the number who bought from both channels increased by 9% over the past 12 months. The time poor “Master Shopper” regards a trip to the shops as a multi-purpose leisure experience, an opportunity to maximise their free time and enjoy a range different activities, from beauty treatments to lunch with friends.

John Lewis Edinburgh is evolving to accommodate this new attitude by investing in its services and diversifying its product offering. In the last twelve months, John Lewis Edinburgh has introduced a Bureau-de-change where customers can check an essential item off their holiday shopping list whilst in the branch. The branch has also recently introduced a range of beauty treatments available at four luxury treatment rooms such as Clarins and Murad.

Barry Blamire, head of branch, John Lewis Edinburgh, said: “At John Lewis Edinburgh, we’re confident that we understand and anticipate the modern shopper’s needs. The John Lewis Retail Report gives us valuable insight into the way people in Edinburgh and across the UK shop and lets us know that we are leading the way by expanding our product range and services.

“We know that shoppers in Edinburgh still value the John Lewis product offering and our Partners’ expertise in shops, particularly when it comes to utilising in-branch services and facilities. The addition of our Bureau-de-change, and beauty brands and treatments shows that we are committed to bringing

new and inspiring offerings to the people of Edinburgh.”

Andy Street, managing director, John Lewis, said: “2015 will become known as the year the “Master Shopper” came of age. Shoppers are now more enabled and more in control than ever. It’s an exciting time in retail history with John Lewis well-positioned to lead the revolution in providing the services the “Master Shopper” needs.”

For more information please visit [www.johnlewis.com](http://www.johnlewis.com)



Have a passion for swimming? Looking for a new career and want to impart your love for swimming to others?

The Aquatics and Learn to Swim teams at Edinburgh Leisure are holding a free Swim Teacher Open Evening at Portobello Swim Centre on Thursday, 5 November from 5.30pm to 8.00pm for those who would like to find out more about the courses on offer and the opportunities working for Scottish Swimming’s Service Provider of the Year 2014.

Jen Murray, Manager at Edinburgh Leisure’s Portobello Swim Centre said: “There’s something magical about a good swim teacher. A person who can take ordinary men, women, children and people with special needs . . . and transform them into swimmers. At Edinburgh Leisure, we’re always on the lookout for more of these very important people; swim teachers who are passionate about their cause and who view swimming as an essential life skill.”

To book a place, contact reception at Portobello Swim Centre on 0131 669 6888. [www.edinburghleisure.co.uk](http://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk)



 Have you read the new online news website for East



Edinburgh?

It is over here and there is still time for you to get involved in the free workshops which are running at The White House on Niddrie Mains Road. (there are two on today from 10am – come along you will be very welcome)

[Read more here!](#)



The young Edinburgh-based company, Snow Paw, launched its flagship Harris Tweed Collection of footwear and accessories last night at the Virgin Money Lounge in St Andrew Square.

Proud to be bringing the product range – part sheepskin and part Harris Tweed – to market, company co-owner, Pei Ferguson said: “We are very excited about our new creation. Not only is it hardwearing, it is also very stylish and truly individual. The contrasting textiles of Harris Tweed and sheepskin work perfectly on both our boots and slippers.

“And I am delighted to be working with Harris Tweed Hebrides and the Carloway Mill on this project. Our quest for the right textile to marry with our sheepskin footwear took us to the beautiful Outer Hebrides. I was truly inspired. I felt that the beauty of the islands, the rich culture and heritage was woven directly into this magnificent textile. And – from a more practical perspective – it is 100% wool, hardwearing and warm; perfect for our range.

“The entire collection is hand cut by professional tailors and finished with precision to ensure that we do justice to the fabric, and provide our customers with an exceptional product that is practical, warm, and very stylish.

“Although the range has been kept largely under wraps until the formal launch tonight, we are encouraged by the enthusiasm

that customers have already expressed in sourcing the footwear for retail.

“While immediate sales will be via our own website, a list of stockists will be available very soon.”



Chimpanzee Cindy celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Budongo Trail yesterday. The event comes just a few weeks after RZSS celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its involvement in the Budongo Conservation Field Station (BCFS) in Uganda.

To mark the special occasion, keepers gave Cindy fun birthday treats of tasty coconuts and stuffed pillowcases for her to play with. They decorated the chimpanzee enclosure with a large birthday banner, made especially in her honour. Born on 15 October 1965, Cindy is the oldest chimpanzee within the group of 18 housed at the Budongo Trail at RZZS Edinburgh Zoo.

Donald Gow, Budongo Team Leader at RZSS Edinburgh Zoo, said: “As Cindy is now the oldest chimp in our collection, it is very exciting to be celebrating this major birthday with her. She is a slight, very clever chimpanzee and is recognisable due to her very spikey hair!’

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# Woman robbed of laptop and handbag in Richmond Place



Police are appealing for information following an assault and robbery which took place around 10.40pm yesterday in Richmond Place when a 42 year old woman was punched to the face and her laptop and handbag stolen by two men.

The suspects are described as Mediterranean or French Algerian in appearance and French speakers.

The first suspect is described as being in his 20's, around 5ft 9 in tall and of slim build with a tanned complexion and short dark hair shaved at the sides and slightly longer on top. He had designer-type stubble and a goatee beard. He was wearing a black jacket, dark trousers, possibly jeans and dark shoes.

The second suspect is around 5ft 7 or 8 in tall of a heavy build and with a tanned complexion and stubble. He was in his 20's or 30's with black hair also shaved at the sides and slightly longer on top. He was wearing a red t-shirt with a dark-coloured or navy jacket over it. The jacket had a badge on the front left side and two small diagonal red stripes on the back hem. He had navy tracksuit bottoms on with 3 stripes down the side of the legs and was wearing training shoes.

Both men left the scene in the direction of Lidl's car park or the Kenneth McKenzie Building.

Officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their inquiries to come forward.

Detective Constable John McShane said: "This was an abhorrent attack on a visitor to Edinburgh.

“Thankfully she was not seriously injured but she was left shaken and shocked.

“We would urge anyone who saw these men or who have information that can assist us with our inquiries to contact us so we can bring them to justice.”

Anyone with information can contact us on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## **Hibs’ Development Squad face Dundee in the Little Big Shot Youth Cup.**



The Hibernian Development Squad travel to Dens Park on Sunday where they will face Dundee in the Little Big Shot Youth Cup.

The game is scheduled for an 11am kick-off and admission is free with all supporters housed in the Main Stand.

Joe McBride’s team reached the semi-final of the Little Big Shot Youth Cup last season, losing out to eventual winners Celtic at Cappielow. The team defeated Aberdeen, Kilmarnock and Queen’s Park in the run to the semis.

Another fixture update is the game against Rangers, which has now been moved from the original date of Tuesday 20 October, to Wednesday 21 October, with a 2pm kick-off.

The match is due to take place at Murray Park, with the Development Squad looking to continue building on recent

encouraging performances in the SPFL Development League.

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## 87-year-old woman fights off armed mugger in Silverknowes



Police are appealing for witnesses after a man attempted to rob an 87-year-old woman on a footpath in the Silverknowes area between 4:30 – 4:45pm on Wednesday as she made her way home.

As she walked on a public footpath linking Silverknowes Hill with Silverknowes Road an unknown male approached her from behind.

He said something, which the woman could not make out however she turned and noticed he was carrying a knife.

He demanded that she hand over her purse but she refused and then deterred the attacker by waving her mobility stick at him.

The man walked away empty handed heading back towards Silverknowes Hill before being lost from sight.

The woman, thereafter, made her way home and raised the alarm with the police.

An extensive inquiry is now underway in an effort to trace the man and anyone who can help identify him is asked to come forward.

He is described as white, around 6ft tall, has a thin face and

wore a dark hooded top with the hood up.

Detective Inspector John Kavanagh of Police Scotland said: “I am very keen to hear from anyone who has any information which might help with our ongoing investigation.

“Thankfully, the woman was unhurt but it goes without saying that we take a zero tolerance approach towards such despicable crimes.

“The incident was carried out during daylight hours and I would hope that someone may have seen the suspect in the area and can provide us with important information. Likewise, I would ask anyone who was using public transport in Silverknowes around the time of this crime to come forward if they remember seeing the man.

“We are keen to ensure that he is arrested as quickly as possible and those with relevant information can call police on 101 or, alternatively information can be passed anonymously through the registered charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

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## **Police launch Gaelic language plans consultation period**



Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) have today launched a joint public consultation seeking views on their respective draft Gaelic Language Plans.

The draft plans were unveiled at the Royal National Mòd in Oban, with the support of Bòrd Na Gàidhlig, alongside officers wearing uniforms bearing English and Gaelic forms of Police

Scotland and a vehicle with the Gaelic version of the Police Scotland logo.

Gaelic Language Plans are a statutory requirement for all public bodies in Scotland. The Plans detail how the police service and the police authority will contribute to creating a sustainable future for Gaelic in Scotland. The commitments contained in each plan aim to raise the status and profile of Gaelic, and create practical opportunities for learning and use of the language.

Some of the potential developments contained in both Police Scotland and the SPA plans include:

- Dual branding of the Police Scotland/ Poileas Alba logo to feature on police uniforms, signage and police vehicles on a replacement cost neutral basis,
- Enhanced opportunities for the public to communicate with Police Scotland and the SPA in Gaelic,
- Increased number of corporate publications made available in Gaelic,
- The introduction of training opportunities for police officers and police staff to learn Gaelic
- Dedicated Gaelic pages on Police Scotland and the SPA's website

Police Scotland and the SPA are now inviting members of the public and members of staff to read their draft plans and provide feedback on them. The separate plans are available electronically, from Police Scotland and SPA websites, and upon request, in hard copy.

Chief Superintendent Julian Innes, Local Policing Commander for Highland and Islands Division, and project lead, said: "As a public body Police Scotland has a legal obligation to develop a Gaelic Language Plan and we will do that in consultation with the communities we serve and the organisations who work with us.

“The consultation is open and accessible to anyone and I’d encourage those who would like a chance to contribute to do so by making contact with their views.

“Gaelic-speaking communities exist throughout Scotland, although obviously the majority of those who use Gaelic live across the Highlands and Islands region.”

Ian Ross, SPA Board Member, added:

“As one of Scotland’s national languages, Gaelic has played a central part in Scotland’s culture and heritage. Our first Gaelic Language Plan sets out how the SPA will improve understanding and use of Gaelic within our organisation, which in turn will improve how we engage with Scotland’s communities.”

“I would encourage the public and police officers and police staff to read both the SPA and Police Scotland Gaelic Language Plans and give us their feedback on the commitments we are considering.”

Dr Alasdair Allan MSP, Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland’s Languages, said: “As Minister with responsibility for Gaelic, I am delighted to support the launch of this consultation. The Scottish Government is firmly committed to supporting all our indigenous languages, including Gaelic. It is welcome to see Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority demonstrating such firm commitment to supporting Gaelic and I encourage anyone with an interest to have their say on these important publications.”

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Interim CEO, Joe Moore said: “Gaelic Language Plans have proven to be successful in supporting Gaelic by mainstreaming the language in to the everyday operations of Public Bodies while offering those with Gaelic the opportunities to use the language. We are pleased to see Police Scotland and the SPA launch their draft plans for public consultation and look forward to working with them



throughout this process.”

It is anticipated that following the consultation an assessment will be made of the ways in which Gaelic can be most appropriately brought into use by the organisation and the police authority.

Any re-branding work will be on a rolling replacement and maintenance basis in order to reduce any costs associated with the plan.

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## **Marketing Edinburgh – selling Edinburgh to the world in Vegas**

✖ When we heard that CEO of Marketing Edinburgh, John Donnelly was off to Las Vegas this week we could not let the opportunity pass without an interview!

We contacted him in the US gambling resort by Skype to find out what the trip was all about, and no he was not standing by the swimming pool or in the casino – he was working the exhibition hall! Given that the Democrats were also in town holding a debate this is a city which knows how to host lots of events at one time.



Donnelly was appointed as CEO in summer 2013 following a stint as Commercial Director with the Commonwealth Games. He helped launch T in the Park and has worked with big names in the past such as Coca Cola, Unilever and Peugeot.

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## Extensive police operation to trace missing man Duncan ‘Andy’ Anderson



Duncan Anderson

Police are seeking the assistance of the public in an effort to trace a missing man from Edinburgh.

Duncan Anderson (56), who goes by his middle name of Andy, was last seen at around 6:45am on Wednesday, October 14, leaving an address in Buckstone Loan East.

Since then, he has not been in touch with friends or family and police are growing increasingly concerned for his welfare.

Anyone who has seen Andy or has relevant information on his whereabouts is asked to come forward immediately.

Andy is described as around 5ft 10ins tall, has a large build with short grey hair. He has a mark over his right eye and may be wearing tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeved top.

Police have deployed a number of specialist resources in the south of the city as part of the ongoing search effort including the air support unit and dog handlers.

Inspector David Robertson who is leading the investigation, said: "An extensive operation is now underway in an effort to trace Andy.

"His disappearance is out of character and with temperatures set to drop dramatically this evening, I would urge anyone who has seen him to contact police.

"The information we have at this stage suggests that he may be in the Mortonhall area of the city and anyone with information should contact police on 101 or speak to an officer.

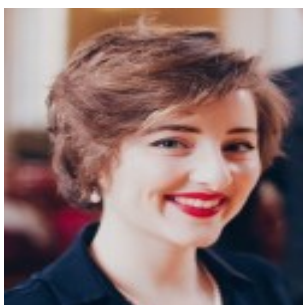
"I also appeal to Andy to please contact police or your family to let us know that you are safe."

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# Thursday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



**Mac's Munchkins:** hands-on sessions for preschoolers with **Ali** of **Lighter Parenting**. A mixture of stories, craft, animal encounters and other farm treats! For ages 2+. 10-11am today and every Thursday, [Gorgie City Farm](#) (meet at the Red Tractor), 51 Gorgie Road. Suggested donation £2 per child.



**Autumn Music and Reflection: George Gershwin.** Music and Reflection returns for four weeks this autumn, with the theme of **Composers' Lives and Music**. Enjoy music performed by

talented Edinburgh music graduates and learn a little of the composer's life in a short talk. Today **Rachael Liddell** (*mezzo soprano*) will perform songs by Gershwin, accompanied by **Chris Harding** (*piano*). Speaker: **Ian Gilmour**. 1-1.30pm, Sanctuary, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. Free.



**Cameo Big Scream:** screenings exclusively for parents/carers and their babies under the age of one year. Today: **Monty Python and The Holy Grail (re: 2015) (12A)**: the 40th anniversary of this hilarious romp, starring **Terry Jones, Terry Gilliam, Michael Palin, Eric Idle** and **John Cleese**. 10.30am, [Cameo](#), Home Street. Tickets may be purchased from the Box Office in person, by calling 0871 902 5723 or online [here](#).



**Mayfield-Salisbury Thursday Club:** **Chris Short** talks about **Scottish Women's Hospitals in World War One**. 2pm, Upper Hall, [Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church](#), 18 West Mayfield. The club meets weekly from October to May, with an attractive programme of music, slides, talks and demonstrations. New members warmly welcomed; annual membership costs £4 and there is a 50p charge for tea at each meeting. For more information please contact **Florence Smith** on 0131 663 1234.

**Lunchtime Concert:** students from the **Reid School of Music**, University of Edinburgh. 12-12.45pm, [Greyfriars Kirk](#), Greyfriars Place. Free.



**Holiday Activities with the Water of Leith Conservation Trust: Rotten!** Delve in to the decomposing worlds of fungus, compost and poo. A 'rotten' event which promises to leave you mucky. 2pm, [Water of Leith Visitor Centre](#), 24 Lanark Road. £4 per child (accompanying adult free); booking is essential and may be made by calling 0131 455 7367 or emailing

[admin@waterofleith.org.uk](mailto:admin@waterofleith.org.uk).



**Art On A Plate** with **Lauren Wayland**: take inspiration from the Museum's ceramic collection and design and decorate your own piece of ceramic art (plate provided). 2.30-4pm, [Museum of Edinburgh](#), Huntly House, 142 Canongate. Tickets cost £4 and must be booked in advance via the [Usher Hall Box Office](#), Lothian Road, in person, by calling 0131 228 1155 or online [here](#). Please note that these sessions are intended for families working together: at least one paying adult must accompany your child, and no child should be booked into a session alone.



**SMHAFF: Cafe Voices**. Storytellers **Kate Craik** and **Michael Williams** lead an evening of stories in the relaxed surroundings of the Storytelling Court. They are joined by **Playback Edinburgh**, who invite participants and audiences to share moments and stories from their lives. 7pm, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43-45 High Street. Tickets cost £5 and may be purchased from the Box Office on 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#). Part of **Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival 2015**.



**Romanian Film Season:** acclaimed director and author **Mark Cousins** curates a series of Romanian film, revisiting 100 years of cinematic haunting eeriness, delicious sarcasm and groundbreaking miserabilism, which have amassed some of the highest distinctions of the seventh art. Tonight's film is a cult classic of Romanian cinema, ***Stone Wedding/Nunta de piatra (U)***, comprised of two separate stories of different tone set in the same small town in the Apuseni mountains, both with a wedding as a central story point and the timeless quality of old folktales. The screening will be followed by a Q & A session via skype with one of the films directors, **Dan Pita**. 7pm, Red Lecture Theatre, [Summerhall](#), 1 Summerhall. Tickets cost £5/£4 and may be purchased by calling the Box Office on 0131 560 1580 or online [here](#). The season will continue throughout November and December. Part of **Romanian Cultural Days in Edinburgh**, a week-long foray into some of the most spectacular facets of contemporary Romanian culture through a programme of classical & electronic music, film, theatre, literature, traditional culture, food & wine. The project is organised by the Romanian Cultural Institute in London.



**Harvest Concert with the Castle Chorus:** an evening of autumnal music from Scotland and around the world, plus brand new

original songs performed with local songwriters, and featuring sets from **Dog On A Swing** and **Matt Norris and The Moon**. **Castle Chorus** is a new Edinburgh mixed-voice unaccompanied choir, led by **Caro Overy** and singing a range of beautiful traditional and contemporary music. 7.30pm, [Victoria Bar](#), 265 Leith Walk. Entry by donation.



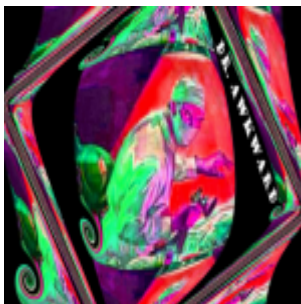
**Blackwell's Edinburgh Presents Margaret Skea: A House Divided.** The award-winning author launches the sequel to her debut novel *Turn of the Tide*. *A House Divided* is a sweeping tale of compassion and cruelty, treachery and sacrifice, set against the backdrop of feuding clans, the **French Wars of Religion**, and the **Great Scottish Witch Hunt of 1597**. This event will be chaired by **Professor Ian Campbell** (University of Edinburgh). 6.30pm, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. Free tickets may be obtained from the shop's front desk, by calling 0131 622 8229, emailing [events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk](mailto:events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk) or via eventbrite [here](#).



**Play Poland Film Festival:** the largest mobile film event in the UK, presenting and promoting contemporary Polish cinema: today's film is *A Grain of Truth/Ziarno Prawdy* (in Polish with English subtitles), the highly anticipated thriller adapted



from the bestselling Polish novel by **Zygmunt Miłoszewski**. A crime is committed in the picturesque town of Sandomierz. The body of a woman is found naked in a public place. Local law enforcement officers, under the command of a newly arrived metropolitan prosecutor (**Robert Wieckiewicz**), will have to solve a crime that has all the hallmarks of a ritual killing. This screening will be followed by a Q and A session with director **Borys Lankosz**. 5.45pm, Filmhouse, Lothian Road. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office on 0131 228 2688 or online [here](#); prices vary.



**Miracle Glass Company:** the psychedelic indie rock trio return with a headline show in their home city, blending their soaring three-part harmonies with 'foot-stomping rock'n'roll, beautifully crafted songs and the odd psychedelic freak-out!' This date will feature guest DJ **Dr. Awkward**, 'curing all your ills with his psychedelic thrills'. For over 18s only. 7pm, [The Voodoo Rooms](#), West Register Street. Tickets cost £6 and may be purchased via eventbrite [here](#).

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# Five things you need to know today



**Tickets now on sale for St Andrew's Day celebrations**

**Elderly woman injured in Blackhall care home**

**Stop Climate Chaos call for election promises**

**Book Week Scotland 2015**

**Easy jet want more women pilots**

Free Tickets are now available for a host of fun and family friendly events as part of the 2015 St Andrew's Day Celebrations in St Andrew Square.

Visit [www.edinburghschristmas.com](http://www.edinburghschristmas.com) to reserve your FREE tickets.

Underbelly announce that tickets for their packed St Andrew's Day programme of FREE events can be reserved from today online at [www.edinburghschristmas.com](http://www.edinburghschristmas.com). There will be no finer place to celebrate Scotland's national day than St Andrew Square in the very heart of the city, where all the events take place.

The Edinburgh's Christmas St Andrew's Day celebrations are free to all, including performances within the Speigletent, which are ticketed.

Please pre-book to avoid disappointment via [www.edinburghschristmas.com](http://www.edinburghschristmas.com).



Police in Edinburgh are investigating after a 98-year-old woman living in a care home was found with a serious leg injury.

Paramedics were called to Strachan House in Blackhall on Sunday night.

[Read more here.](#)



Scotland's political parties are today being urged to adopt seven transformative climate policy proposals in their 2016 election manifestos.

The largest civil society coalition in Scotland says the seven ideas outlined today will help politicians set robust, credible plans for a thriving, fairer, low carbon economy.

Stop Climate Chaos Scotland is taking its new climate manifesto round the parties' autumn conferences, calling for the policies to be included in their 2016 manifestos.

The challenging policy asks cover climate justice, energy efficiency, a Warm Homes Act, low carbon infrastructure, an ambitious action plan on Land Use Strategy, a shift from private cars to public transport and active travel, and using new Air Passenger Duty powers to cut emissions.

Gail Wilson, SCCS Campaigns Manager, said: "Securing a low carbon Scotland for 2020 and beyond is essential. There are challenges, but we are hopeful our politicians will rise to them.

"First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said recently that moving to a low carbon future isn't just a moral imperative, but also a massive economic opportunity. We are encouraged that she and the other four main party leaders in Scotland committed in August to manifestos that will deliver the ambitions of our world leading climate legislation.

"Our message to them all today is that there are so many positive benefits from our seven policy asks that they are a win, win all round, delivering high quality job opportunities,

improved health and wellbeing and a more pleasant environment for everyone.

“Scotland should be sending a strong message to the United Nations climate talks in Paris in December, demanding a binding global deal on climate action, and saying that our politicians are all committed to ensuring we play our fair part here.”

SCCS will be running a public campaign early in the new year so that politicians will hear the ongoing strong public call for action on climate change.

On the last weekend of November, Scots will be among hundreds of thousands of people around the world marching for action on climate change.

Scotland's Climate March is expected to attract thousands of people onto the streets in Edinburgh on Saturday 28 November, demanding an agreement in Paris that cuts greenhouse gas emissions and helps the poorest countries adapt to the challenges they face caused by climate change.



The Director of the Edinburgh International Book Festival, Nick Barley will join the Pentlands Book Festival to bring it to a close and talk about how literary festivals are making a difference to the way we make sense of a changing world.

Having just completed his sixth and most globally ambitious programme yet, Nick Barley gives a behind-the-scenes insight into the delivery of the Edinburgh International Book Festival which welcomes over 800 writers, poets, politicians, journalists, illustrators, photographers and thinkers from 55 countries around the world.

From last year's festival which encouraged vibrant debate

around the referendum, to this year's launch of Shifting Sands, a collection of writing from fifteen authors inspired by Book Festival discussions about the Middle East, Barley describes the big ideas which sit alongside the inspiring, entertaining and often downright hilarious events that make the Book Festival so popular.

In addition, he will share more about Booked! the Book Festival's year-round programme of literature events, projects and celebrations outside Charlotte Square Gardens.

This event will take place at Juniper Green Parish Church Hall on 28 November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Read more about this and other Book Week Scotland events [here](#).



easyJet has launched a new initiative to increase recruitment of female pilots.

Initial contenteasyJet, Europe's leading airline, has launched a new initiative to increase the proportion of new entrant easyJet pilots who are female.

This is part of a new strategy to encourage the development of female pilots at all ranks and positions and will widen the pipeline of women who enter their pilot community.

Just over 5% of easyJet's 2,500 pilots are female – in line with the industry as a whole. Currently women make up 6% of easyJet's new pilot intake. The airline plans to double the proportion of female new entrants to 12% over two years. This is the first phase of its long term strategy to increase the proportion of female pilots at the airline.

As part of the programme easyJet will promote the career of a pilot to young women in a number of ways including:

- Highlight the opportunities of pilot careers to female

audiences such as school groups and other youth organisations – building on the work easyJet already does in mentoring young women.

- Work in partnership with organisations which promote female take-up of STEM (science, engineering, technology and maths) subjects.
- Work with easyJet's pilot training providers to attract more women to apply for the easyJet cadet programme.
- Offer ten places for women each year on the easyJet pilot training programme with the around £100,000 training loan underwritten by easyJet

easyJet has also committed to provide additional support to develop and retain female pilots, so that more of them can go on to achieve captaincy and pilot management roles.

To achieve this easyJet will run a series of activities including:

- Introduce enhanced mentoring for female pilots (in addition to current mentoring for all pilots).
- Introduce training loan underwriting for A320 type ratings for female pilots entering from other airlines.
- Develop female captains to help them take on leadership roles such as training and base management roles.

**Brian Tyrrell, head of flight operations at easyJet commented:**

“At easyJet we value diversity and we believe that having a workforce which better reflects our customers will help support our future success.

“We have made sustained progress in our senior management and M&A (management and administration) communities in recent years but we recognise that the proportion of our pilots who

are female is too low, as it is across the industry as a whole.

“A career as a pilot is interesting and rewarding and we want more women to bring their skills to the role.

“Our initial focus will be to increase the pipeline of female pilots, including by talking to young women who may not have considered it as a career.

“This is a long term strategy, which we hope will eventually lead to easyJet recruiting, retaining and developing many more female pilots.”

**Pauline Vahey, chair of the British Women Pilots Association commented:**

“The British Women Pilots’ Association (BWPA) is delighted to partner with easyJet in this ground-breaking initiative. It aligns perfectly with the first aim of the BWPA to actively promote and encourage women into flying careers in the aviation industry.

“This initiative demonstrates that easyJet is a pioneer in the industry, not unlike the early women pioneers in aviation who founded the BWPA sixty years ago this year.

“We believe it will not only benefit easyJet and the women who participate but also the industry in general.”

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# Digital skills academy formally launched in Edinburgh



Scotland's first digital skills academy has welcomed its initial intake of 15 students, who are due to graduate in January 2016.

Industry-led CodeClan has been created to help meet the immediate and short term need for skilled software developers in Scotland.

The Scottish Government's support has been drawn from the £6.6 million made available to Skills Development Scotland to drive forward the implementation of the ICT and Digital Technologies Skills Investment Plan (SIP).

Speaking at the launch, Deputy First Minister John Swinney said:

"I'm delighted to be here at CodeClan today and to meet the first intake of students. They are already learning the skills that will help them embrace the wide-ranging and vibrant career opportunities the digital sector has to offer.

"The digital and ICT sector is very important to Scotland. It contributes over £4 billion GVA to the economy. Estimates show there are over 84,000 people working in digital or IT jobs across the economy as a whole and this number is rising fast. Scotland needs an estimated 11,000 new digital / ICT workers each year to meet current and future demand in the sector and we need to take urgent action to close this gap.


"We know this challenge will not disappear overnight, but CodeClan is a strong step in the right direction. By providing



a pool of job-ready talent, CodeClan will not only help businesses to achieve their full potential, but also help Scotland build its reputation as a global player in the digital economy.

“As the flagship action of the Skills Investment Plan, and with business driving its design and offering, we welcome CodeClan’s potential to help meet the immediate need for software developers across Scotland, support for young people in becoming work ready and to play a part in the growth of both the digital / IT sector and the wider economy.”

Harvey Wheaton, CodeClan CEO said: “We are at the start of an exciting journey and we are under no illusions about how tough the challenge is that we face. But everyone on the team here today – instructors, academy and students – are fully committed to delivering on our pledge. To create and feed the talent pool that will help grow Scotland’s digital sector and drive the economy.”

 John F McClelland CBE, Chair of Skills Development Scotland, said: “The launch of CodeClan is an exciting one for Scotland’s vibrant digital sector and for the very first group of students to begin their training. Through the academy, they will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and learn the skills required to work in a growing digital sector.

“This launch also follows the announcement of the Digital World campaign that aims to showcase the range of careers available in the sector. As someone who has worked in the IT industry for a number of years, I am aware of the many exciting and rewarding jobs and it is important that we get that message across to a wider audience.

“The CodeClan graduates will become part of that dynamic industry and will also help to meet pressing skills shortages within the sector and help safeguard future growth.”

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# At the City Art Centre – Forgotten artist



The story of a great British painter who slipped into obscurity will be remembered at a major retrospective exhibition arriving at the City Art Centre on 24 October.

Featuring around 120 works spanning his colourful career and coinciding with the centenary of his birth, ***William Gear 1915-1997: The painter that Britain forgot*** seeks to re-position William Gear in his rightful place as one of the most advanced British abstract painters of his generation.

Following a successful first run at the Towner Art Gallery this summer, the partnership exhibition between Eastbourne and Edinburgh will run alongside ***Jagged Generation: William Gear's Contemporaries and Influences***, an exhibition drawn from the City Art Centre's collection which explores the artist's links to Scotland.

Raised in Methil, a Fife mining community, Gear studied at Edinburgh College of Art during the 1930s where he was taught by influential figures such as S.J. Peploe, John Maxwell and William Gillies. He went on to train in Paris under the Cubist artist Fernand Léger before travelling widely during the Second World War, even becoming one of the 'Monuments Men' whose job it was to help save parts of Europe's culture during and after the conflict.



William Gear, Tree, 1947, The Estate of William Gear. Photographer Antonia Reeve.jpg

After returning to Paris in 1947, Gear met the avant-garde artists of the CoBrA group and exhibited with them in Amsterdam and Paris in 1949. In the same year his work was shown in New York alongside paintings by Jackson Pollock. He eventually returned to live in the UK in 1950, and continued to exhibit both at home and internationally until his death in 1997.

Councillor Richard Lewis, Culture Convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: "How and why William Gear fell into obscurity is quite remarkable. Gear was an artist who was born in Fife 100 years ago, trained in Edinburgh and then went on to create some of the most radical compositions of the 1950s. He was one of the greats of British abstract art and his career and his works tell a fascinating story. These exhibitions cement his place as a pioneer and he is finally getting the recognition he deserves."

[\*\*William Gear 1915-1997: The painter that Britain forgot\*\*](#) has been created in partnership with the Towner Art Gallery where Gear was curator from 1958 – 1964. It traces his prolific career, from his early pen and ink drawings and experiments in colour during the 1930s and 1940s, to his radical monochrome and block paintings of the 1950s and mature works created during the 1960s and beyond.

As one of the first British artists to present screenprints as works of fine art, the exhibition also presents Gear as a printmaker. This exhibition includes loans from The Estate of William Gear, the Royal Academy of Arts, London and The Redfern Gallery amongst many other lenders.

[\*\*Jagged Generation: William Gear's Contemporaries and Influences\*\*](#) presents a selection of artworks from the City Art Centre's own collection. This exhibition focuses on the vibrant circle of Scottish artists associated with Gear – his tutors, friends and contemporaries. It was at Edinburgh College of Art that Gear met like-minded fellow students

including Wilhelmina Barns-Graham, Margaret Mellis and Alan Davie, who also made innovative contributions to the post-war art scene.

Gear spent most of his career outside Scotland, yet he retained many Scottish ties and friendships. *Jagged Generation* showcases Gear's work within this wider Scottish context, shedding light on his personal and professional relationships, as well as his artistic development.

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## Hardies surveyors support students and graduates on their career paths



Having kept student and graduate training schemes in operation right through the recession and beyond, Hardies Property & Construction Consultants revealed the latest two young people to benefit from its student support scheme.

Kirsten O'Connor and Laura Falconer, both from Dalkeith, are being supported by Hardies whilst they study at Napier University to become a Building and Quantity Surveyor respectively. Both could now gain vital work experience working on Hardies latest schools projects in Midlothian which will see new Primary Schools built at Gorebridge North and Bilston.

Says Hardies Managing Partner, Derek Ferrier: "We usually only take one student a year in our sponsorship and employment scheme but we couldn't decide between Laura and Kirsten, as

they are both excellent candidates, and so we decided to take them both on.”

“They are both local girls– both ex pupils of Newbattle High School – and it would be fantastic for them to get involved in the work to bring more new schools to this area. We have already helped to build new schools at Woodburn and Burnbrae,” he said.

Mr Ferrier outlined that the girls will get £1000 a year to help them with their studies, plus they will be paid a ‘living wage’ rate to work with Hardies in its Dalkeith office when they are not at university, during the Christmas and summer holidays for example.

When they graduate, Hardies will also guarantee each of them a full time post for two years.

Hardies, which has fourteen offices throughout Scotland and is the country’s largest multi discipline surveying firm, has always put the support of young people in the industry at its heart. It also operates an approved RICS APC (Assessment of Professional Competence) programme which employs recent graduates and allocates them a supervisor, mentor and counsellor who supports them throughout their two year APC training period. Many graduates who originally came to Hardies through this scheme are still with the firm.

Derek Ferrier added: “Our support of student and graduates brings enormous benefit to the firm as a whole and we are quite clearly investing in the future of Hardies.”

Laura Falconer said: “We are very grateful to Hardies. This scheme will give us a fantastic step up in the industry, making the years of study more than worthwhile.”

Kirsten O’Connor spoke of her excitement of potentially working on the new school projects: “We can’t wait to get started. Hardies are very active in this area and it will be

the very best experience for us both.”

*Edinburgh based Hardies, which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, serves clients in both the private and public sectors with a complete operation in property and construction development, including property valuation, building and quantity surveying and project management. The firm also handles the leasing and sale of commercial and industrial buildings; H&S Principal Designer, Dispute Resolution and the provision of Energy Performance Certificates. Altogether, Hardies employ over 100 members of staff, professionally qualified in various disciplines.*

Further details at [www.hardies.co.uk](http://www.hardies.co.uk).



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## **Mixu Paatelainen appointed Head Coach of Dundee United**



Dundee United today confirmed former Hibs’ striker and manager Mixu Paatelainen as the Club’s new Head Coach. He signs until June 2018.

Mixu, who played for United 173 times, returns to Scottish football after four years as Finland national Head Coach.

The Finn is expected to attend a charity dinner at the Corn Exchange on Sunday to commemorate Hibs’ famous 6-2 win over Hearts in October 2000, a game in which he scored a hat trick.

Former Hibs’ captain John Hughes who won the Scottish Cup with

Inverness Caledonian Thistle had been linked with the job however he was refused permission to talk to the board.

Dundee United Chairman Stephen Thompson said: "I am delighted to welcome Mixu back to the Club as our new Head Coach. He served United with distinction as a player and will do the same as a manager. His desire to come back to the Club was clear from the first minute we spoke. He was the first person we spoke to and also the last.

"His experience combined with his vision and enthusiasm for the Club made him the standout candidate and we are thrilled to announce his appointment."

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## **Witness appeal following city centre assault**



Police are appealing for witnesses after a 51-year-old man was assaulted around 3am on Sunday directly outside the Jamhouse in Queen Street.

The victim was waiting outside the premises for his partner when he was subject to an unprovoked assault by another male who had been inside. The victim was headbutted and sustained an injury to his face before the suspect left the area.

Officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their inquiries to come forward.

The suspect is described as white, in his 50s, around 6ft tall with a stocky build and shaved head. He was wearing a dark striped shirt and dark trousers.

Detective Constable Carole Sneddon said: "The victim was assaulted without any warning and sustained a serious facial injury. We are now conducting various lines of inquiry to trace the male responsible.

"Anyone who witnessed the assault or who has information relevant to this investigation is asked to contact police immediately."

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

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## **Hibernian Development Squad 4-2 Aberdeen Development Squad**



Hibernian Development Squad beat league leaders Aberdeen 4-2 at Ainslie Park yesterday with Farid El Alagui (2), Jamie Insall and Ryan Porteous on the score sheet.

Insall opened the scoring before El Aalgui doubled Hibs' advantage..

David Dangana pulled one back for the Dons in the 20th minute then El Alagui grabbed his second. Ryan Porteous made it 4-1 just before the break

Michael Rose made it 4-2 in the 56th minute.

After the game Joe McBride, Hibs U20 Development Coach, told the club website: "The teams today were both very young sides



with a couple of more experienced players on each side, it was great that there were so many young players on display.

“I thought in the first half we played incredibly well and created a lot of chances and in the second half Aberdeen came into it and had more possession, but we still created chances and when we got the ball we just didn’t keep it as well as I’d have liked.

“I was disappointed to lose a goal at a set-play, but we got two from them. It was a good game and a lot of young talent on show.”

Hibernian Development Squad: Brennan, Dunsmore, Stirling (Donaldson, 83), Waugh, Porteous, Scott, Murray (Breen, 66), Duthie, El Alagui, Shaw (Watson, 72), Insall. Unused substitutes: Goodfellow, Smith.

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## Wednesday in Edinburgh – What’s On Today



**National Library of Scotland *Lifting The Lid* Exhibition Tour:** Manuscripts Curator **Olive Geddes** leads an hour-long tour of *Lifting the lid: 400 years of food and drink in Scotland*, in which Scotland’s changing relationship with food and drink is explored using the Library’s rich collections, and the diversity of Scotland’s larder is contrasted against some of the myths and traditions of the Scots diet. 11am-12 noon, [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Free but booking is required and may be made by calling 0131 623 3734 or online [here](#). Also at same times on Wednesdays 21st and 28th

October 2015.

✖ **Morningside Justice and Peace: Occupy and Democracy** – a talk by **Richard Gunn**, recently retired lecturer in Political Theory (University of Edinburgh). 10.30-11.30am, [The Open Door](#), 420 Morningside Road. A contribution of £1 per meeting is requested. The **Morningside Justice and Peace Group** exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large; meetings are open to all and provide a view on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion. For more information please contact the co-ordinator at [b.darcy20@gmail.com](mailto:b.darcy20@gmail.com).



**My Life in Poetry:** Edinburgh's Makar, **Christine de Luca**, shares the story of her life through the lens of her favourite poems, in conversation with Scottish Poetry Library director **Robyn Marsack**. [National Library of Scotland](#), George IV Bridge. Tickets cost £3/£2 and may be purchased by calling 0131 623 3734 or via eventbrite [here](#).



**Edinburgh Quartet Rush Hour Concert:** a creative collaboration with **Ron Butlin**, prize-winning novelist and Edinburgh Makar/Poet Laureate 2008-14. The concert will feature **Janáček's *String Quartet No 2 Intimate Letters*** and readings of extracts from the composer's correspondence with **Kamila Stosslova**, who inspired the piece. It is part of the Edinburgh Quartet's performance project ***Intimate Voices***; many of the greatest composers chose to write for the string quartet because of the medium's capability for intimate expression, and as a backbone of the new season the Edinburgh Quartet has chosen to focus on works which have intimate expression at their very core. 5.30-6.30pm, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. Tickets cost £10 (£9 for Friends of Edinburgh Quartet; students and children

admitted free) and are available from Ticket Source [here](#).



**Romanian Film Season:** acclaimed director and author **Mark Cousins** curates a series of Romanian film, revisiting 100 years of cinematic haunting eeriness, delicious sarcasm and groundbreaking miserabilism, which have amassed some of the highest distinctions of the seventh art. Tonight's film is ***Aferim!*** (in Romanian, Turkish and Romany with English subtitles) a Silver Bear winner for Best Director at Berlinale 2015; in the dawn of 19th Century Wallachia a state tax collector, accompanied by his son, searches for a fugitive gypsy slave. The screening will be followed by a Skype Q and A session with the director, **Radu Jude**. 8.30pm, Filmhouse, Lothian Road. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Box Office on 0131 228 2688 or online [here](#); prices vary. The season will continue throughout November and December. Part of **Romanian Cultural Days in Edinburgh**, a week-long foray into some of the most spectacular facets of contemporary Romanian culture through a programme of classical & electronic music, film, theatre, literature, traditional culture, food & wine. The project is organised by the **Romanian Cultural Institute in London**.



**Blackwell's Edinburgh Presents Peter V Brett: *The Demon Cycle*.** The international bestselling author of ***The Painted Man*** and ***The Desert Spear*** talks about ***The Skull Throne***, the latest instalment in the ***Demon Cycle*** series. 'In the grand tradition of George R R Martin and Robert Jordan'. 6.30pm, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. Free tickets may be obtained from the shop's front desk, by calling 0131 622 8229, emailing [events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk](mailto:events.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk) or via eventbrite [here](#).

**Boda Quiz:** with topical questions, hilarious true or false rounds and the promise of a not so fantastic prize! For teams

of 4 people. 8pm, [Boda Bar](#), 229 Leith Walk. Please book at the bar, by calling 0131 553 5900 or by emailing [boda@bodabar.com](mailto:boda@bodabar.com).



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# Five things you need to know today



**Upcycling**

**Coffee tasting**

**Take it right outside**

**Billy's big win with Forth 1**

**Poddingtons Coffee House celebrates 1st birthday – with cake!**

A major eight-week social media campaign launches today to encourage Scots to try upcycling – and discover the joys of re-use.

'Design Doctor' – #DesignDoc – is run by Zero Waste Scotland to encourage and inspire everyone to try upcycling and discover the joys of re-use, with expert guidance from designers – both online and in person. The campaign will culminate in a range of interactive events at the end of November.

Each week, three Scottish designers – [Emily Rose Vintage](#) and [Treemendus](#) from Glasgow and [Very Vintage](#) from Edinburgh – will completely transform one of seven items of furniture and post the details on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). The

pieces destined for upcycling will be sourced from a range of second-hand stores accredited by 'Revolve' – a re-use quality standard for shops who sell second hand goods in Scotland. The Revolve brand is only awarded to retailers who demonstrate a high level of excellence, both in service and product – making it safe, easy and inviting for everyone to buy second-hand items.

The Design Doctor designers will demonstrate a range of techniques and tricks to give people the creative inspiration to upcycle their own pieces of furniture, thus increasing the value of their item while lowering their carbon footprint.

Follow all the #DesignDoc action on [www.facebook.com/RecycleForScotland](http://www.facebook.com/RecycleForScotland) and [www.twitter.com/ZeroWasteScot](http://www.twitter.com/ZeroWasteScot).



A special coffee tasting and talk is to take place on Monday 19 October at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh, as part of its regular series of Scottish Speaker Lunches.

The event, *All About Coffee*, will be hosted by Scottish Barista of the Year Catherine O'shea and after the usual delicious two course lunch, guests will be treated to a tasting of four different coffees along with an explanatory talk.

Cat is a coffee expert and professional coffee roaster and taster who has been working in the coffee industry for some years. She is currently manager of the Broughton Street branch of Artisan Roast, award winning gourmet coffee roasters that supply coffee to top cafes and restaurants throughout Scotland.

'The Club's Scottish Speaker Lunches have proved very popular,' says chairman John Lloyd, 'and last month the diners welcomed Michael Martin, project director for the new Forth

crossing, who gave a fascinating lecture on the highs and lows of his position. Coffee, it seems has its place in his life, keeping his team going, so this month's talk will resonate, I suspect!'



The hidden dangers of second-hand smoke will be brought to life in a bid to urge parents to take smoking right outside, as a national tour hits Edinburgh on Thursday 15 October 2015.

Visitors to Gambado Edinburgh will be invited into a living room which looks completely smoke-free, but then fills with computer-generated chemicals when viewed through a tablet.

Through the screen, they will also be able to see the harmful effects these chemicals can have on a child's lung health as the second-hand smoke lingers.

The 29-date tour is part of the Take it Right Outside campaign which aims to reduce the number of children who are exposed to second-hand smoke in the home, and drive home that the only way to ensure children are protected is to never smoke in the home or the car.

Advisers will be on hand to speak to parents and grandparents, highlighting that smoking at the back door or an open window isn't enough, as the harmful chemicals drift back into the home and move from room to room for up to five hours after the cigarette has been put out.

Statistics show that 11 per cent of children in Scotland are still being exposed to second-hand smoke in the home<sup>1</sup>. In 2014, the Scottish Government announced a new target of reducing the proportion of children exposed from 12 per cent to six per cent by 2020, which would have the potential to protect up to 50,000 children.

The campaign is targeting those who think they are doing

enough to protect their children by highlighting the steps they can take to make their car and home smoke-free.

Minister for Public Health Maureen Watt said: “We want every child in Scotland to breathe clean air when they’re in the home or the car.

“This tour is an innovative way to bring to life the realities of the harm caused by second-hand smoke and the serious consequences it can have on a child’s health, particularly as many parents are unaware that it can linger and move around the home for up to five hours.

“We understand everyone’s situation is different, but there are small changes people can make to their smoking behaviour which will pay dividends in terms of protecting their children.”

It’s estimated that second-hand smoke exposure in UK children each year causes over 20,000 cases of lower respiratory tract infection, 120,000 cases of middle ear disease, at least 22,000 new cases of wheeze and asthma, 600 cases of bacterial meningitis, and 40 sudden infant deaths – one in five of all cot deaths<sup>2</sup>.

Irene Johnstone, Head of British Lung Foundation Scotland, said: “Everybody knows that cigarette smoke is harmful. What we don’t all know is that more than 85 per cent of smoke is invisible and has no smell. Parents want to do the right thing to protect their children, but not enough people know just how dangerous second-hand smoke is, or that it can hang around a room invisibly for up to five hours.

“We have to change that so we can protect the next generation from the harmful effects.”

For help and advice on how to take smoking right outside, visit [www.rightoutside.org](http://www.rightoutside.org)



East Lothian joiner Billy Paxton scooped the £10,000 top prize in Forth 1's "Cash Call Extra" competition last week.

Billy, from Tranent, received the unexpected call from Boogie In The Morning breakfast show presenter Arlene Stuart to let him know he was the lucky winner of Forth 1's £10,000 jackpot.

The good times kept rolling when Arlene and drive time presenter Mark Martin met Billy at sponsor Eastern Western's showroom in Newbridge to hand over the prize. The cheque presentation took place in the company of some of Eastern Western's flashiest cars, perhaps providing some inspiration for Billy on how to spend his winnings.

Billy said: "I'm over the moon – I can't believe I won £10,000! I'm still in shock to be honest. I nearly didn't answer my phone as the call came when I was getting ready for work. All I can say is I'm really glad I did! When I heard Arlene's voice on the other end of the line I was gobsmacked. I've never won anything before so I've been jumping for joy.

"It was brilliant meeting Arlene and Mark, I'm a huge Forth 1 fan and I've been listening to the show for years. I tune into Boogie In The Morning every morning on my commute to work, the mixture of banter and top tunes sets me up for the day ahead."

Family man Billy has already decided his wife will get half of his winnings while much of the rest of his windfall will no doubt be spent on his five kids.

Arlene said: "I was delighted to make that special Cash Call to Billy who seemed genuinely stunned by his great win. Every Cash Call winner came from Edinburgh, the Lothians or Fife and that is what makes our big promotions so special to be involved in."



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Poddingtons Coffee House at Straiton is celebrating its first year in business with a birthday party for its customers today.

The busy Straiton café, which is owned and run by Gavin Dove since October 2014, has already been recognised in two major Food and Drink Awards during its first twelve months of trading. In June, Poddingtons was a runner up for 'Best place for a coffee' in the Midlothian Food & Drink Awards, and then in September the coffee house again claimed the runner up spot in the Edinburgh Evening News Café of the Year award.

Today, Poddingtons will feature birthday cake, free samples of a selection of their tray bakes and new donut range, as well as offering customers a chance to win a free coffee every day for a month.

Gavin said, "We wanted to hold a special celebration to thank our customers for their support during our first year."

A dream nine years in the making, Gavin opened Poddingtons with the aim of championing the finest produce from in and around Edinburgh. Partnering with award-winning suppliers, Poddingtons features a specially developed exclusive blend of coffee from Mr Eion Coffee Roaster in Stockbridge and tea from the Wee Tea Company in Dunfermline, as well as hot chocolate made with milk, dark or white chocolate buttons from the Chocolate Tree. Savoury bites include Union of Genius soup and stromboli from the Breadwinner Bakery, while sweet treats are made by Pasticceria Margiotta and Grace and Co.

Gavin said, "This first year has been about shaping

Poddingtons into a café that really feels like a home from home for all our customers. Our purpose is to deliver a great coffee experience, delicious handmade food and a warm welcome for all.”

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## Ross Leaves Hearts

Hearts have announced the departure of under-20s player development manager, Jack Ross. The former Clyde, Falkirk and St Mirren defender was not at Tynecastle last week and speculation mounted about his future.

The 39-year-old arrived in Gorgie in July 2014, working under head coach Robbie Neilson.

Hearts have given no reason for the departure of Ross. Director of football Craig Levein told the official Hearts website: “After discussions with Jack yesterday, it was confirmed that he would leave. We would like to put on record our appreciation for all of the excellent work carried out by Jack during his time with us and for the dedication and commitment he has shown in helping us towards achieving our long-term goals.”

Former Hearts defender and manager Stephen Frail has been linked with a return to Tynecastle.