

MP calls on the UK government to support green energy



Following the collapse of Pelamis, a renewable company in his constituency, local MP Mark Lazarowicz has used the opportunity of a speech made earlier today in Westminster to demand that the UK Government takes steps to really support the development of renewable power.

Mark Lazarowicz called for the Government to show consistency and vision to support renewable energy technologies such as offshore wind or marine power, both of which are currently lacking in its approach to the renewables industry.

You can find his main speech in full [here](#).

After the debate Mark commented:

“I am concerned at a lack of consistency and vision from the Government in its approach to green energy: it has the potential to create skilled jobs for the future, not least here in Edinburgh.

“Support for less established technologies like offshore wind and marine energy in the early stages is vital but they are forced to compete for limited funding.

“The Government must show the vision to make their potential a reality otherwise these industries will go elsewhere and jobs with them.”

Pelamis Marine Power based in Edinburgh recently went into administration as funding to develop its technology at commercial scale failed to materialise.

Mark was speaking in a debate on the Government's Contracts

for Difference – the new form of public funding for renewable technologies which is replacing the Renewables Obligation or ROC.

The MP explained that the funding is limited and divided between established technologies like onshore wind and solar and less established ones such as offshore wind and marine power with more of that budget likely to go to offshore wind.

Under Contracts for Difference companies are guaranteed a price – known as the strike price for the energy they generate. If the market price falls below that the Government will top up the difference and if it is higher then the energy companies must pay the difference to the Government.

Hibs sign Ivory Coast striker Franck Dja Djédjé



Hibs today announced the arrival of former Ivory Coast under-23 striker Franck Dja Djédjé, who joins the club after agreeing an 18-month contract; subject to international clearance.

The 28-year-old forward moves to Easter Road following spells with leading clubs in France, the Ukraine, Norway and Belarus where he played for Paris St Germain, Grenoble, Strasbourg, Nice and Dinamo Minsk among others.

Dja Djédjé, who represented the Ivory Coast at the 2008 Olympics, told Hibs TV: “This is a brilliant club and I’m very excited about playing for Hibernian in Scotland.

"I've heard so many good things about Hibernian and everything seems right about this move, so I cannot wait for it all to begin."

Before signing, he sought the advice of his close friend, Sol Bamba, who recorded 80 appearances for Hibernian.

He added: "Sol is a close friend of mine and he told me all about Hibernian, Edinburgh and Scottish football.

"He told me that I should take this opportunity because I would enjoy playing here.

"My objective is to help the club to achieve promotion this year by scoring goals and helping the team."

Dja Djédjé, who will simply have Djédjé on the back of his shirt, will wear squad number 29 and will be available to play in Saturday's home match against Falkirk (10 January, kick off 3pm).

Head Coach Alan Stubbs says he is delighted that Djédjé is now on board and believes the Ivorian will add extra quality to the squad.

Stubbs said: "We're really excited that we've managed to get Franck on board – he will give us another dimension in attack.

"Franck is an intelligent player, who has got good movement, he is quick and he scores goals.

"We're delighted that we've managed to sign him and we welcome him into the squad."

Dja Djédjé's arrival follows the loan signing of Martin Boyle as Head Coach Stubbs aims to strengthen the first team squad for the second half of the Scottish Championship season.

Police appeal to trace missing teenagers



Police in are appealing for information to help trace two 14-year-old girls who have been missing since Hogmanay.

Shanice Henry was last seen in the Moredun area of the city around 10.10am on Wednesday 31st December as she walked to the local shops.

Paris Rankin was seen in the Gracemount area around 12pm on the same day and was heading towards Princes Street.

Neither of these girls has been seen since and it is believed both had intended to attend the Hogmanay Street Party.

Both are known to frequent the city centre as well as the Wester Hailes and Gilmerton areas. Anyone who believes they have seen them since the 31st December is asked to come forward.

Shanice is described as white 5 ft 4ins tall with a slight build, long brown with light blonde hair extensions and is usually tied up, light blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a dark green parka style jacket with leather rim and fur hood, black leggings.

Paris is described as white, 5ft 2ins tall with a thin build, dark blonde hair tied in a bun, and was last seen wearing a black top, black and white leggings, green parka jacket and Nike trainers. She was also carrying a white furry bag.

Inspector Jonny Elliot said: “Both Shanice and Paris are very confident young women who know the Edinburgh area well and are happy to travel independently throughout the city.

“Nevertheless, it has been almost one week since they were last seen and we are eager to establish their whereabouts as soon as possible to ensure they are safe and well.

“We believe the girls may be together and would urge anyone who sees them or who has information that can assist us in locating them to contact police immediately.

“In addition I would ask Shanice and Paris to make contact with family, friends, or with ourselves to let us know they are alright.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101.

#StrongerNorth takes action in West Pilton Park



You may have heard of the #strongernorth initiative in North Edinburgh. It is a joint initiative among all organisations and citizens in the area to the a new approach to crime and community safety.

All information about community or police action to minimise anti-social behaviour is shared on social media using the #strongernorth hashtag.

Now West Pilton Park has been spruced up by a team of unpaid workers as part of the anti-crime campaign.

The campaign involves partners such as Police Scotland, and is a targeted effort to deal with crime and to make the community a safer and more pleasant place to be.

The park has been tidied up by the Community Payback Order team, with overgrown weeds and trees trimmed to make it a more attractive resource for people to use and for them to feel safer while they do so.

Councillor Day said: "I'm really pleased with the work carried out to the park by the Community Payback team – it shows how simple things like clearing overgrown, unkempt areas can make places feel safer and less intimidating.

"This is a continuation of all the good work being carried out as part of #StrongerNorth and follows the recent community clean-ups, which led to several tonnes of rubbish being removed.

"There is a real sense of community amongst the people living in the area and the goal of #StrongerNorth is to capture that feeling and to take actions like these that deal with the problems people have raised with us."

Inspector David Happs said: "#StrongerNorth is a key local priority for Police Scotland. We are fully supportive of the work undertaken by the Community Payback Team and we applaud efforts by Edinburgh Council to improve community safety in the Forth area.

"We are also pleased to see this enhancement to the local environment and believe it to be a key part of the Stronger North initiative. By clearing away this undergrowth, it will make the area significantly safer and it will hinder the disposal of stolen vehicles."

Tuesday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



Common Weal Book Club: come along to the first 2015 meeting of the club! 7.30pm, [Area C Coffee House](#), 239 Leith Walk.

Artists Design for the British Stage: Jane Pritchard, Curator of Dance at the V & A, will look at British artists designing for the theatre. From **David Hockney** and **Howard Hodgkin** through to **Edward Burra** and **Bridget Riley**, fine artists have been fascinated by the opportunities that designing for the theatre can offer – particularly musical theatre, dance and opera, for which they can create inspiring environments. To place in context **Robert Colquhoun** and **Robert MacBryde's** work on the ballet *Donald of the Burthens*, this lecture will take a critical look at designs for sets and costumes by artists as varied as **Claud Lovat Fraser**, **Duncan Grant**, **Barbara Hepworth**, **Anish Kapoor**, **Chris Ofili** and **John Piper**. 12.45-1.30pm Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), the Mound. Free and unticketed.

Cramond Community Choir: the choir is open to all and welcomes everyone who enjoys singing. 7.30-9.30pm tonight and every Tuesday, Kirk Hall, [Cramond Kirk](#), Cramond Glebe Road.

eBook Surgery: get help with downloading free eBooks, audiobooks and emagazines. 2-3.30pm, [Central Library](#), George IV Bridge. Free: no appointment necessary, just drop in.



Bookbug: rhymes and songs for young children and their parents/carers. 10.30-11am, [Morningside Library](#), Morningside Road and [South Queensferry Library](#), 9 Shore Road. Free.

The Sonics LGBT Basketball Group: a friendly and informal group for beginners and regular players alike. 7-8pm tonight and every Tuesday until 31st March 2015, [Leith Community Education Centre](#) Sports Hall, 12a New Kirkgate. Contact Jules and the team for more info: thesonics@hotmail.co.uk.

Little Ducks Club: parent and toddler group with stories, singing, crafting and playing. Free snack for children, everyone very welcome. 9.30-11am today and every Tuesday, Undercroft Cafe (Chapel Space), [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. (Venue is safe, carpeted and has ramp access). For more information please contact Angela Grant, Child, Youth and Family Worker, on 0131 225 3847.

Hector's House: 'the capital's soundest midweek shindig'. Main room: house-disco-techno; back room: hip hop-soul-funk. 11pm-3am, [Cabaret Voltaire](#), 36 Blair Street. £4.



Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Tonight at The Stand

Botanic Cottage

The Edinburgh Reporter

Ten Pin Bowling with Edinburgh Capitals

Community Council meeting tonight

You may still be able to get tickets for a free event tonight at The Stand on York Place.

Join Richard Melvin as he introduces [Phill Jupitus](#), [John Moloney](#) and [Julia Sutherland](#) – all recording sections for upcoming radio shows. Phill will be performing a couple of his poems for the new series of 4 Extra Stands Up, John Moloney will be recording some segments for his upcoming series on Radio 4 called GOSPEL and Julia Sutherland will be giving us an extract of Fat Chance, also for BBC Radio 4. Free but ticketed.

[Ticket details here](#)

The Botanic Cottage is being rebuilt in the Botanic Gardens. It has been moved from Leith Walk along to Inverleith and this video will show you how they are getting on with the project.

You can follow the progress at Botanic Cottage on [Twitter](#) where they post regular updates.



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[Post](#) by [West Pilton & West Granton Community Council](#).

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Cyclocross – Dig in at the Dock 2015 Bo'ness

Another sell-out field makes for superb race.



The 2015 edition of the 'Dig in at the Dock' cyclocross race sold out in, the now traditional, couple of hours to supply a full field of over 120 – many from Edinburgh based clubs and riders – and almost 100 reserves. A few riders failed to make it on the day (where were you Sean Gordon?) but that didn't stop another highly successful event from John McComisky,

David Hamill and their team of helpers. Along with the volunteers, a large number of those within the cycle trade provided sponsorship and were also on hand with trade stands to add to the atmosphere as well as providing a huge array of prizes for the competitors and raffle winners.

Results Overall –

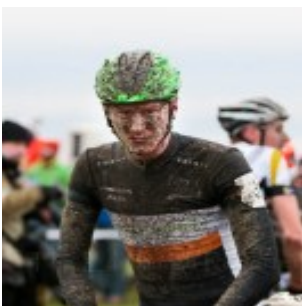
1. Ian Patton
2. Robert Wardell
3. Mark McGuire

Women –

1. Isla Short.
2. Anne Ewing
3. Maddy Robinson









Images from the race will appear [here](#) over the next few days

A bit late for the [promo video](#), but worth watching

Three convicted of serious

organised crimes



Three men pled guilty to drugs and counterfeit cash offences when they appeared at the High Court in Edinburgh earlier today.

A Police Scotland operation to tackle serious organised crime in Edinburgh uncovered crimes committed by Jason Forbes, Edmond Reid and Darren Handren who admitted being concerned in the supply of Class A and B drugs as well as counterfeit money.

Between October 2012 and May 2013 officers from the Organised Crime Counter Terrorism Unit carried out surveillance activity within the Inch and Niddrie areas of the city as part of Operation Harvester.

As a result, almost £10,000 in forged notes was seized from an address in Niddrie Marischal Crescent in January before one kilo of cannabis and 576 grams of diamorphine were recovered during a search of a property in Cumnor Crescent in May.

Reid and Handren were detained during the raid at Cumnor Crescent and were subsequently charged, while Forbes was arrested in September during follow up enquiries under Operation Harvester.

All three will be sentenced on 30th January 2015.

Detective Chief Inspector Colin Boyle said: "All of these men were responsible for the distribution of harmful drugs and counterfeit money into our communities and as part of Operation Harvester the OCCTU conducted a detailed investigation into their activities and movements over several months.

"The operation culminated in the recovery of large quantities

of drugs and cash and the subsequent arrest of these men who now face lengthy prison sentences for offences associated with organised crime.

“Forbes, Reid and Handren believed that the Inch and Niddrie areas were safe places for them to continue their illegal activity without reprise. However, thanks to vital information from the public, we have once again been able to demonstrate that there is no safe hiding place for criminals within Edinburgh.

“Whenever we receive intelligence from our communities relating to ongoing criminal activity we will investigate thoroughly and anyone found to be involved will be brought to justice.

“If you wish to report a crime in your area then please contact us on 101, speak with your local policing team or make an anonymous report through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Police ask for help in tracing stolen dog



A plea from Edinburgh Police about the dog which has been stolen from outside a shop in Leith at the weekend.

Do you have any information?

[Post](#) by [Edinburgh Police Division](#).

New student housing planned on Leith Walk



Planning approval has been given for a proposal to deliver new student accommodation on a derelict site at Haddington Place in Edinburgh's New Town.

The £23m scheme, to be built by developer S Harrison, will provide 226 new student flats and 11,500 sq ft of retail and leisure space on the 0.5acre site at 34b – 40 Haddington Place on Leith Walk.

The developer claims that the project will create around 100 construction and associated jobs over the next 18 months and up to 35 permanent jobs when completed.

The disused site was acquired by the Yorkshire-based developer early in 2014. It was formerly part of Edinburgh's original Botanic Gardens and until recently housed the Botanic Cottage which is currently being reconstructed at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

S Harrison's mixed use scheme is designed to fit in with the existing architecture and will see 226 new student units constructed across five storeys above ground floor space which has been approved for retail, café and restaurant use. The design is stepped down towards the neighbouring Category B listed McDonald Road library building.



Harrison has been advised by Edinburgh-based Turley planning consultants during the planning process and has worked with East Kilbride architects ICA on the design.

Edinburgh solicitors Brodies have provided legal advice.

With archaeological investigations already well advanced, S Harrison expects to appoint a main contractor later this month. Groundwork will start on site in March 2015 and the scheme will be completed by September 2016.

During 2014 S Harrison used its strong financial position and cash reserves to acquire a number of new sites including the Haddington Place site and several in Yorkshire. The award-winning developer, which has previously partnered with Edinburgh based Buccleuch Property on a major £35m civic scheme in York, is currently seeking other opportunities to invest in Scotland.

Commenting on the Haddington Place project, S Harrison Developments Ltd director David Clancy said:

“We have strengthened our delivery team in 2014 and are exploring a range of opportunities in Scotland covering a variety of sectors – hotels, leisure, student accommodation, retail and residential.

“This mixed use scheme in Edinburgh, on a challenging site within a sensitive area, is the kind of opportunity which plays to our strengths in design, planning and public engagement and which sees us deliver returns on sites which others may overlook.”

Picture shows: a computer generated image of how the new Haddington Place development by S Harrison Developments Ltd will look.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People need fundraising volunteers



Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, is seeking new volunteers throughout Scotland as part of a 'new year, new you' campaign.

There are more than 80 deaf people with hearing dogs living in Scotland and the first hearing dog puppy arrived in Scotland at the end of last year.

The Charity is looking for kind-hearted volunteers to kick start 2015 by volunteering to help raise much needed funds at events and collections nationwide. Lyndsay Campbell, Hearing Dogs Community Fundraising Manager for Scotland says,

"Now that we have established a new puppy training area in Edinburgh – we are appealing to people throughout Scotland to help at events and collections so we can raise funds to train more hearing dog puppies in the country."

The Charity is also seeking more volunteers to train puppies in the Edinburgh region. Puppy training volunteers will be required to care for and train a puppy with the help of a Hearing Dogs trainer for a 16 month period. Once the puppy's training is complete, they will be partnered with someone who is severely or profoundly deaf. Lyndsay says,


"Volunteering is extremely rewarding and is also a great way to meet new people and learn new skills. Whether you have a few spare hours a month to help out at an event, or you can give a puppy a home for the first 16 months of their life, we'd love to hear from you!"

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is supported by over 1,700 dedicated volunteers and currently have over 850 working

partnerships between deaf people and hearing dogs across the UK. Each dog alerts a deaf person to sounds such as the alarm clock, doorbell and smoke alarm – and they also offer greater independence, confidence and companionship.

For more information visit
www.hearingdogs.org.uk/scotlandpuppy or email
volunteer@hearingdogs.org.uk

Business profile – Robi Lambie of Cairngorm Coffee Co

 Robi Lambie is the owner of Cairngorm Coffee Co in Frederick Street where they serve the most divine coffee and 'world famous' cheese sandwiches....

Who are you, and where did you come from?

I'm Robi, and I have laid my hat in a fairly scattered variety of places over the past few years, but come from the Highlands.

What is the business book you recommend that everyone should read?

Several of the books I've read are fairly specific to the area of business that Cairngorm Coffee Co. is related to. One in particular 'Wake Up & Smell The Profits' was an interesting read, however there are so many aspects of it that are painstakingly obvious and I was always advised when starting this project just to get stuck in and start learning. I feel that to a certain extent there is a lot of benefit of doing this and certain things can't be taught with words.

I did enjoy the ruthless, natural entrepreneurship in Duncan Bannatyne's 'Anyone Can Do It', and I'm currently reading 'The Virgin Way: How to Listen, Learn, Laugh and Lead' by Richard Branson which I'm hoping will give me some balance on having fun at work.

How do you spend your spare time?

I'm a big fan of going to the cinema, and enjoy attending concerts. Whenever I get time to take a break and go away I find myself led towards coffee shops to pick up ideas and try other great coffees.

What is your special area of Edinburgh, or special place in Edinburgh and why?

I love Stockbridge having lived in and around there a couple of times in the past. It's just a brilliant small community, and in some aspects probably reminds me of some of the High Streets of several small Highland towns I've grown up in. I love the self sufficiency of it also; that is has a great butcher, fishmonger, post office, greengrocer, etc.

There's something quite romantic about the fact that you could live there and almost avoid any chains if you really wanted to. In addition our coffee is roasted on Dean Park St by the tremendous Mr Eion, so that's more reason why it's a special place for me.

What would you consider the pinnacle of your career?

Having only been doing this for a very short time, I like to think that the pinnacle of my career is yet to come. However, actually getting the place open after months of renovation, and finally serving that first coffee was a fairly monumental milestone!

☐ **If you have a mentor then could you tell us who that is and about your relationship.**

My mentor really is my Dad. He owns a Cafe on the A9 by Newtonmore and so growing up I did shifts there, which clearly had a big effect on me.

What benefits does that relationship bring to you and your business?

The biggest benefit is that he has done the exact journey that I'm on now, and so I know that any advice he lends has a track record in the exact industry that I've found myself in and isn't just an opinion. It's invaluable really to have that on the end of the phone daily so I count myself incredibly lucky!

What are your business goals for the next year?

I really want to just continue with a focus on trying to make the best coffee we can and claim a stake in the fantastic existing and developing coffee scene in Edinburgh among so many great shops. I think that any development may come from the success of our Grilled Cheese sandwich, and I think there could be scope for us to experiment with this.

Best job advice you ever received?

Again, advice I received from my Dad which is always weighing on my mind is 'Keep It Simple', and since opening in March last year it's been a bit of a motto I've tried to live by.

Your plan of attack for the next 12 months?

My plan of attack is to continue with a focus on trying to make the best coffee we can and claim a stake in the fantastic existing and developing coffee scene in Edinburgh among so many great shops.



Free school meals – but what's on the menu at Edinburgh primary schools?



All P1 to P3 pupils attending Scottish schools will today become entitled to free school meals. The full details are [here](#).

The move will offer a meal to around 135,000 school pupils and the Scottish Government reckon that it will save families around £330 per year.

Are you a parent whose child will benefit from this? Then would you like to know what they will be fed tomorrow when they go back to school? We have all the menus below, and you will find more information on the Edinburgh council [website](#).

There are three providers of school meals in Edinburgh schools, Amey, Mitie and Edinburgh Catering.

Amey provide school meals to

- Broomhouse
- Castlevue
- Craigour Park
- Craigroyston
- Forthview
- Oxbgangs
- Pirniehall
- St David's RC
- St Joseph's RC
- St Peter's RC

Mitie provide meals for Bonaly and Juniper Green and all other primary schools get their meals from Edinburgh Catering.

These are the menus for the whole term. So now you will know what's on the menu for your little darlings!



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Lord Provost launches 2015 Fair Trade Awards



Edinburgh's Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, has launched the Fair Trade Awards 2015.

Now in their ninth year, the awards recognise the difference that residents, businesses and schools make in promoting fair trade in Edinburgh.

The Lord Provost will invite nominations (or in the case of schools, applications) in four categories –

Achievement Award;

Newcomer Award;

Faith Community Award;

Fair Trade Schools Award

The closing date is 13 February 2015.

The awards will be presented during Edinburgh's Fairtrade Fortnight, which runs from 23 February to 8 March 2015. Our photo shows the 2014 winners in all categories at last year's presentation ceremony.

Lord Provost, Donald Wilson, said: "I am very proud of Edinburgh's long-standing commitment to fair trade and these awards provide us with an excellent opportunity to praise the

generous contribution individuals and businesses are making to fair trade throughout the city.

“I would encourage people to have a think about where they shop or where they eat and whether that business or organisation promotes fair trade – and, if so, get nominating!”

In 2014, the capital ‘s fair trade status was renewed for the tenth year in a row. The Edinburgh Lord Provost awards were launched in 2006 to promote and publicise Fair Trade across the city.

Visit the council [webpage](#) for further information and to make an online nomination.

Volunteers required for Edinburgh College’s home learning scheme



Edinburgh College is looking for volunteers to teach English in people’s homes, as part of a scheme to support people who cannot get to a classroom.

Edinburgh College’s Home Learning Scheme opens up public life for refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers by giving them a better grasp of the English language and UK culture. Volunteers give weekly lessons over a period of nine months to students who cannot get to community-based classes for reasons such as health, childcare or working hours.

The Home Learning Scheme is run by the college's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) department, which provides English lessons at all levels within the college and out in the community.

One of the longest-serving volunteers at the college is Ruth Macnamara, who has been working as a home tutor since 1979. In that time she has tutored 30 people from around the world, from Pakistan, Turkey, Thailand, Hong Kong, Bosnia, Portugal, Vietnam and Israel.

Ruth's current student is a young mother from Pakistan, Naima, who had some English skills when she came to Scotland but was unprepared for dealing with the Scottish accent. They have worked together for three years and Naima has subsequently passed her driving theory test and the English language test necessary to apply for citizenship. Lessons have included a baking session and a field trip to Waverly Station, John Lewis and Jenners.

Ruth said: "Over the years the tutor scheme has given me a great deal of pleasure and I can think of few other opportunities to help people in such a direct fashion. The scheme benefits the students, the tutors and the whole community in a wide range of ways. I have met many lovely people, learned a lot about places I have never visited and eaten a fantastic selection of dishes. I would urge anyone with a little time to spare to give it a go – it is often the most rewarding thing I do in a day.

"I recently bumped into a former student, a Thai lady, who was excited to tell me that she now has her own business. When she arrived in Scotland, she had almost no English and she was full of praise for the ESOL scheme and the opportunities it gave her."

Naima said how much she is enjoying her lessons: "I feel much more confident talking to my children's teachers and going to

the doctor. I can explain what the problems are. I am very happy that I can now apply for UK citizenship. There are no English classes in my area so home lessons with Ruth are very important to me.”

Jean Howat, the Home Learning coordinator and ESOL lecturer at the college, said: “Learning English with the Home Learning Scheme not only helps our students become more involved in the community and reduces their possible isolation but may also help them to move on to ESOL classes, to employment or to vocational courses.

“The volunteer ESOL tutor role would suit those who have an interest in language and good communication skills. Teaching experience is not essential but can be useful, and it is certainly a good way of gaining teaching experience.”

Volunteers are fully trained by the college’s ESOL staff. They receive initial training and follow-up training days, and ongoing support throughout the scheme from a qualified lecturer. Training includes practical teaching tips, advice on intercultural communication and awareness of cultural sensitivities and the feelings of an adult student. Volunteers also gain ESOL teaching experience and will be given references after six months of successful tutoring. This initial training can be completed in 20 hours followed by weekly lessons for around nine months, or 33 lessons.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer tutor and to book a place at the next information session on 16 or 30 January, please contact Caroline Battes on 0131 535 4630 or email caroline.battes@edinburghcollege.ac.uk. These information sessions will be held at Edinburgh College’s Sighthill Campus.

Edinburgh Bus Tours keeps its five stars

✖ VisitScotland have awarded Edinburgh Bus Tours the five star grading that they have had in previous years, which is all the more important in this 25th year of business.

The city tours, which are the third most popular paid attraction in Scotland, have maintained the top rating thanks to its 'exceptional standard' of service, which it first achieved in 2011.

Kenny Campbell, Tour Operations Manager at Edinburgh Bus Tours, said: "In the last year over 520,000 visitors hopped on the tour buses, and we expect even more to take advantage of the five available routes next year. The fact that we have been able to retain our five star rating once again shows that we are still delivering an excellent service through our diverse range of tours which offer something for everyone."

Manuela Calchini, Regional Director at VisitScotland, said: "My congratulations go to Edinburgh Bus Tours on retaining its 5 star status for a fourth consecutive year for the superb standard of services it provides visitors to Scotland's capital. This highest grading in our Quality Assurance scheme is only awarded to tourism businesses and attractions which offer exceptional levels of customer care and facilities so winning and maintaining it is a significant achievement."

Edinburgh Bus Tours has also marked its milestone anniversary by commissioning Kinloch Anderson to design and produce an exclusive tartan scarf. Based on the City of Edinburgh tartan design, the scarf is now available from the Waverley Bridge Travelshop and online for £24.95.

[The Edinburgh Bus Tours app](#) which is available on Android and Apple, has enjoyed success with over 50,000 downloads since

launch in 2012.

The photograph shows the launch of the new tartan scarf designed by Kinloch Anderson to mark the 25th anniversary.

Colinton Community Council nominations open now



If you live or work in Colinton and are interested in becoming a community councillor then the time is right. The council has opened nominations for places on the newest community council in the city.

The city's community councils are involved in each of its 12 [Neighbourhood Partnerships](#) and work with the Council and other organisations to represent the views of local people. They will continue to have a role even if the council reorganisation goes ahead as planned.

Anyone aged 16 or over and on the electoral role for the Colinton Community Council area can put themselves forward by filling out a nomination form by 26th January. [Visit the Council website](#) or call 0131 529 3402 for more details of how to apply.

Councillor Maureen Child, Convener of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee, said: "Community Councils are a great way for people to make a real difference in their local area by working with the Council and other organisations to promote the needs of the community.

"I would encourage anyone interested in helping to start

Colinton Community Council to get involved for the opportunity to meet a range of local people and share ideas for improving the neighbourhood.”

Find out more about the Colinton Community Council Election on the Council website.

Monday in Edinburgh – What’s On Today



Timmy Time Programme 15: *Timmy Finds Aliens, and other stories*. Join Timmy and his friends in three fun adventures in this collection of classic *Timmy Time* episodes. Timmy discovers that everything is more fun with friends! 11-11.30am. [Cameo](#), Home Street, Tollcross.

GENERATION: Sam Ainsley and David Harding in conversation. The artists and Glasgow School of Art colleagues discuss Glasgow’s place as a leading centre for contemporary art in relation to the GENERATION exhibitions. 12.45-1.15pm Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), the Mound. Free and unticketed.

LGBT Police Surgery (within weekly **Drop-In**): seek advice, raise concerns around safety issues, report incidents or discuss policing in your area with an officer from Police Scotland. 6.30-7.30pm (drop-in 5.30-8pm), [LGBT Health & Wellbeing](#), 9 Howe Street. No appointment necessary. For more information, or to arrange to meet with Police Scotland outwith these times, call George on 0131 652 3281 or email him at george@lgbthealth.org.uk.

The Monday Cafe @ Cramond Kirk: for people with dementia and their carers. Support, information, the chance for a good blether – plus a light lunch, tea and coffee. 1-3pm today and every first Monday of the month, Kirk Hall, [Cramond Kirk](#), Cramond Glebe Road.



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Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



More teachers promised

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Edinburgh's historic win in the 1872 cup

The Scottish Government has promised £2m of funding to make available an extra 250 places for people to start teacher training next year has been announced.

The planned increase of 150 primary and 100 secondary teaching places will bring the total teaching university intake to around 3,230 for 2015/16, a rise for the fourth year in a row.

This breaks down as:

- 1,170 post-graduate primary places, up 150 since last year
- 710 undergraduate primary places
- 1,165 secondary places, up 100 since last year
- 185 undergraduate secondary places

It follows a further increase, of almost 8,000, in primary school pupils this year and the lowest teacher claimant count rate in the UK.

Education Secretary Angela Constance said:

“This Government has been successful at addressing teacher unemployment and stabilising teacher numbers over the last few years.

“As we look to the future, we are providing extra funds for a further planned increase in available places in initial teacher training for the fourth year in a row. The additional £2 million investment to support a further 250 teacher training places next year comes against a backdrop of a 10 per cent fall in our budget since the current UK Government took office.

“We want our schools to have the right number of teachers with the right skills to ensure our young people continue to benefit from Scotland’s world-class education system.

“Our priority is to maintain teacher numbers in line with pupil intake. In the coming year we will also work with universities to address issues attracting student teachers for hard to recruit and priority subjects such as maths, physics and languages.”

You can recycle real Christmas trees through the council’s garden waste service. Place your tree at the kerbside, next to your brown bin by 6am on your garden waste pick up day. Bases should be removed and trees over 6ft tall should be cut it in half.

You can also take Christmas trees to any of the [Community Recycling Centres](#). The sites will be closed 25, 26 December and 1, 2 January.

If you live in a communal bin area, just leave your tree beside the nearest shared bin on one of the dates below. They will be turned into compost and used in parks and gardens.

City Centre and Leith – Monday 5, 12, 19 January

North – Tuesday 6, 11, 20 January

East – Wednesday 7, 14, 21 January

South- Thursday 8, 15, 22 January

South West- Friday 9, 16, 23 January

West – Saturday 10, 17, 24 January

Faith Liddell, Director of Festivals Edinburgh, was revealed as the recipient of an OBE on the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

In response to the news, the city's Festivals and Events Champion Councillor Steve Cardownie says the award was well deserved.

He comments: "For seven years now, Faith has steered the way for Edinburgh's 12 major festivals. Over that time, the festivals have continued to get bigger, audience numbers keep going up, and we're welcoming more acts than ever before. The numbers under Faith's watch are impressive and the festivals generate £261m of economic impact for Scotland and employ well over 5,000 full time jobs. Faith is a tireless advocate for the festivals and this recognition is rightly deserved for the work she does to sustain Edinburgh's pre-eminence as the world's leading festival city."



Hula Juice Bar in the Grassmarket are holding an opening event for the first of their 2015 art exhibitions on Thursday of this week and everyone is invited.

To begin the series of exhibitions for 2015 at Hula they will show the artwork of Daniel Tysen.

Daniel is an Edinburgh based artist and Illustrator whose work incorporates many forms of printmaking from Linocuts to Screenprints.

This exhibition will include an exciting series of new prints by the artist and Hula are looking forward to having them on their gallery walls.

“We will be holding a wee party on Thursday 8th of January to officially open the exhibition and we would love to see you there for yummy Hula cocktails and canapés.”

John Preece was busy with rugby this weekend, firstly at the Edinburgh Rugby v Glasgow Warriors game at Murrayfield on Friday night and then with the postponed Watsonians match. You can read these and our football coverage from the weekend on our [Sports section.](#)

If you are a sports team who could do with more coverage then get in touch and we will work out how to do just that!



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Rugby – Watsonians v Marr, BT National League, Div. 1

Watsonians crush Marr's hopes in postponed match



Despite fielding a side which bore virtually no relationship to that in the programme – or their website – Watsonians put in a towering performance against Marr at the weekend, running in seven tries to Marr's two to take an emphatic win in the BT National League's first division, the match – starting in daylight and finishing under floods – having been postponed from before Christmas due to a frozen pitch.

Hopes from the 'Sonians side of things were decidedly downbeat when the team, with more than a few first team regulars missing in action, was announced and the first 15 minutes of play tended to support the gloom.

Marr were well in control and had two early penalty awards – one of which was missed – to take a 3-0 lead. Just before the 15 minute mark, however, Watsonians gained possession in their own half and together with some neat handling and offloading, built an overlap which allowed winger, Ben Robbins to outflank the defence and score under the posts. With the kick seen over from No. 10, Chad Northcott, the home side were 7-3 ahead.


Unfortunately, as is the way, Marr struck back almost immediately with another penalty from Rory McGee to bring them to within a point at 7-6.



But within a couple of minutes, Watsonians had extended their lead again with a fine try. Gaining possession of the ball deep in his own half, centre, Andrew Chalmers sprinted, dummied and side-stepped his way through the Marr defence to touch down on the left of the posts. Northcott missed the kick so the score was now 12-6.

Marr then got back on the horse and took the game to Watsonians. They pushed the Myreside men back and pinned them inside their 22. They did cross the line, but the referee deemed the ball held up, so awarded a scrum. The next couple of minutes saw the Marr scrum on top, with the home side losing a man to the bin. Eventually the ref tired of the collapsing scrums and awarded the visitors a penalty try under the posts. McGee knocked the kick over and Marr were back in the lead 13-12.

And then it all fell to pieces for the men from Troon. A few minutes from half time, Marr were turned over from a ruck and Watsonians quickly moved

into the offensive. Again the ball was shifted along line, with Northcott taking the ball well into the Marr half. Then that man Chalmers – Man-of-the-Match – popped up on the outside for the final pass down the right to score his second. Northcott was successful with the boot this time and the teams went into the break at 19-13. 

The second half saw the floodgates open as scores rained in on Marr from all angles. The first was after less than a minute of play when full back, Montgomery fought off a couple of tackles to score his contribution. Next score was a penalty from Chalmers (27-13), then a try from No. 20 Barry (plus Chalmer's kick, 34-13), another Chalmers penalty (37-13), No. 2, Jake Kerr – very nice dummy and side-step from a front row – (42-13) and yet another Chalmers kick – how did he get man of the match....? – (45-13). Then there was a slight blip in proceedings as Marr got their act together for a few minutes and scored a nice try on the right through No. 14, Scott Bickerstaff (45-18).



Watsonians final try was down the right from Mr. Barry – The Watsonians website was no more help with the team – with his second for that impressive 50-18 final score.

Marr, in the second half were not the team they were in the first and were turned over on many occasions and lost the ball on others, but this shouldn't take anything away from, what was suggested to be, a second string Watsonians' side who performed very well.

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

What's On In Edinburgh this week



Back to 'normal' this week, with not a shred of tinsel in sight (hoorah!) and plenty of events on offer; films, books, art, and music from a very special violin...we may not have spring flowers quite yet, but it's only a matter of time...

MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2015



Timmy Time Programme 15: *Timmy Finds Aliens, and other stories*. Join Timmy and his friends in three fun adventures in this collection of classic *Timmy Time* episodes. Timmy discovers that everything is more fun with friends! 11-11.30am. [Cameo](#), Home Street, Tollcross.

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Common Weal Book Club: come along to the first 2015 meeting of the club! 7.30pm, [Area C Coffee House](#), 239 Leith Walk.

Artists Design for the British Stage: Jane Pritchard, Curator of Dance at the V & A, will look at British artists designing for the theatre. From **David Hockney** and **Howard Hodgkin** through to **Edward Burra** and **Bridget Riley**, fine artists have been fascinated by the opportunities that designing for the theatre can offer – particularly musical theatre, dance and opera, for which they can create inspiring environments. To place in context **Robert Colquhoun** and **Robert MacBryde's** work on the ballet *Donald of the Burthens*, this lecture will take a critical look at designs for sets and costumes by artists as varied as **Claud Lovat Fraser**, **Duncan Grant**, **Barbara Hepworth**, **Anish Kapoor**, **Chris Ofili** and **John Piper**. 12.45-1.30pm Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, [Scottish National Gallery](#), the Mound. Free and unticketed.

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The Sonics LGBT Basketball Group: a friendly and informal

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Hector's House: 'the capital's soundest midweek shindig'. Main room: house-disco-techno; back room: hip hop-soul-funk. 11pm-3am, [Cabaret Voltaire](#), 36 Blair Street. £4.



WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2015



Magic Carpet: take a trip on the Magic Carpet to explore the fantastic things in the National Museum of Scotland. 25 minutes of stories, songs and activities for children aged 2-4 years and their parents and carers (for younger children, see Magic Carpet Minis on Thursdays). 10.30-10.55am or 11.30-11.55am today and every Wednesday until 11th February 2015, meet at the Lighthouse Lens, Grand Gallery, Level 1, [National Museum of Scotland](#), Chambers Street. No advance booking required: sign up on the day at the Information Desk in the Entrance Hall. Free.



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Lounge Act: performances from **Katrina Turner**, **Christopher Tracey** and **Lucas Kristoffersson**. 7pm, [Sofi's Bar](#), 65 Henderson Street. Free.

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Morningside Justice and Peace Group: *Possible Political Configurations Post-May 2015*. Dr **Alan Convery**, Lecturer in Politics at the School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, will talk on this subject. 10.30-11.30am, [The Open Door](#), 420 Morningside Road. All welcome: a contribution of £1.50 is requested to cover costs. Morningside Justice and Peace Group exists to promote informed opinion on matters of concern to the community at large.

The Scottish Gallery – January Exhibitions: three new shows open today. *Fire* by highly regarded British studio potter **Lisa Hammond**, *Centenary Exhibition* – a major retrospective to mark the centenary year of painter **William Crosbie**, and *Fourteen Glasgow Artists*, celebrating the work of artists active in Glasgow from 1930 to 2000, including **Robert Colquhoun**, **Peter**

Howson and Joan Eardley. 10am-6pm Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm Saturdays, until 31st January 2015, [The Scottish Gallery](#), 16 Dundas Street.



William Crosbie, Happy
Days: 1993.

THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2015



Portrait Gallery Curator's talk: *Ponte City*. A chance to chat to Portrait Gallery curators about current exhibitions: this month **Anne Lyden**, International Photography Curator, will talk about *Ponte City*. 5.30-6pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free and unticketed.

The Drawing Room: an informal, artist-led, drawing session, developed by a contemporary artist and reflecting concerns in that artist's work. All materials supplied: no experience necessary. 5.30-6.45pm, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art ONE](#), Belford Road. Free, but booking is required: contact the Education Department on 0131 624 6410 or email education@nationalgalleries.org.



A Sycamore Sings: Danny Miller and Ancuta Nite-Doyle. Danny Miller (violin), accompanied by Ancuta Nite-Doyle on piano, plays music evocative of the First World War and the Edwardian period on the **Wilfred Owen Violin**, which was made in Edinburgh in 2014 as a tribute to Owen and his generation and an envoy for peace and reconciliation. The violin's wood came from a limb of a sycamore tree growing in the grounds of Craiglockhart, where Owen and other officers came to convalesce and recover from shell-shock. With readings from

Owen's poetry by the violin's maker, **Steve Burnett**, including *Written in a Wood, September 1910*, the words of which are glued to the inside of the instrument. 6-6.45pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free and unticketed.

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Scotland-Russia Forum: sparkling Russian/English conversation over tea and cakes. Open to all, no need to book – you will be warmly welcomed by the group. 11am, Summerhall Cafe, [Summerhall](#). No charge apart from the cost of any food or drinks you may wish to purchase. For more information contact info@scotlandrussiaforum.org or tel: 0131 560 1486.

Barnton & Cramond Community Club: Mr Bill Simpson – *The Battle of the River Forth*. 2pm, Kirk Hall, [Cramond Kirk](#), Cramond Glebe Road.

Simply Singing: a group singing songs from all around the world in 3 or 4-part harmony, purely for the joy of singing. No need to be able to read music or understand musical terminology, songs are taught by ear in the traditional way. 7-9pm, tonight and every Thursday, Lounge, Ground Floor, [St Margaret's House](#), 151 London Road. £4 per session.

Ecumenical Friends at St Cuthberts: Isobel Reid speaks on *Mamie Martin: A Glowing Brand*. 12.30-2pm, [St Cuthbert's Church Hall](#), 5 Lothian Road. Bring your own packed lunch, tea and

coffee provided. All very welcome: £1.50 per person. Organised by Edinburgh City Centre Churches TOGETHER.



FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2015



Exhibition Launch: Alasdair MacDonald. Ally is a self-taught artist painting mainly in oils on canvas or board. 7.30pm, [Sofi's Bar](#), 65 Henderson Street. Free bubbles and nibbles!

Bookbug: rhymes and songs for young children and their parents/carers. 10.30-11am, [Oxgangs Library](#), 343 Oxgangs Road North. Free.

Feely Friday: drop in every Friday afternoon in term time to explore real and replica objects from the Museum's fascinating handling collection. From Vikings to Victorians, mammoths to meteorites and more – what will you get to grips with? **NB:** children must be accompanied by an adult. 1.30-4.30pm (drop-in) today and every Friday until 13th February 2015, [National Museum of Scotland](#), (check Museum's information screens on the day for exact location), Chambers Street. Free, no booking required.



Four Corners: good time soul music for dancing and the perfect start to your weekend, 'a rapturous blend of soulful

dancefloor music, new and old, from right across the map, with DJs **Simon Hodge**, **Astrojazz** and **Johnny Cashback**. 11pm-3am, [Bongo Club](#), 66 Cowgate. £3 before midnight, £5 after. The Bongo Club is an independent night club, gig venue and artistic hub owned by local arts charity **Out of the Blue**. It encourages the community to get involved and 'use our space to do their own thing'.

The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh: Steve Owens (*Dark Sky Diary*) will speak on ***In Defence of Night: dark sky protection and astronomy tourism***. Steve is an award-winning freelance science communicator, writer, astronomer and sceptic, author of *Stargazing for Dummies*. He ran the Glasgow Science Centre for five years, and helped to establish the UK's first International Dark Sky Park in Galloway. He hosts a range of stargazing events. 8pm, Church Centre, [Augustine United Church](#), 41-43 George IV Bridge. Entry is free for members and non-members.

NEON21 – Beyond The Ivory Towers: Careers Outside Academia. An event for PhD/MSc students and postdoctoral researchers, from all universities and institutes, who are interested in finding out more about careers outside academia. NEON21 is a careers conference designed specifically for research students and staff, with a range of speakers who have PhD and postdoctoral experience but are now pursuing careers outside academia. There will be opportunities to network and to engage with the speakers. For more information about the speakers, and to book a free place, see [eventbrite](#). 10.30am-4.30pm, Epworth Hall, [City of Edinburgh Methodist Church](#), Nicolson Square.

Balerno Village Screen: *The Imposter* (15) 'a gripping thriller that walks the razor's edge between true-crime documentary and stylish noir mystery'. 7.30-9pm, Ogston Hall, Deanpark Brae, Balerno. Free tickets can be booked via [eventbrite](#) or obtained from Balerno Post Office and The Mill Cafe. **Balerno Village Screen** is a community cinema initiative funded entirely by donations.



SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY 2015



Happy Birthday Elvis! Elvis Presley would have been 80 this month, so Sofi's is hosting a weekend of themed events in his honour; tonight, a toast to the king and an Elvis sing-song! 7pm, [Sofi's Bar](#), 65 Henderson Street.

GENERATION tours at Modern One: free, discussion-led tours of the exhibition, focusing on key themes and artists. 11-11.45am or 1-1.45pm, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art ONE](#), Belford Road. Free and unticketed.



Bruncheon, featuring The Sound of Muesli: brunch and live music event at the Drill Hall Arts Cafe. Local musical talent and DJs create a chilled-out atmosphere; delicious home-made food available from the cafe – kippers, morning rolls and sweet treats aplenty! 11.30am-3pm, [Out of the Blue Drill Hall](#), 36 Dalmeny Street, Leith. Free entry.



Balerno Village Screen: *How to Train Your Dragon 2* (PG) 'when Hiccup and Toothless discover an ice-cave that is home to hundreds of new wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider, the two friends find themselves at the centre of a battle to protect the peace'. 2.30-4.15pm, Ogston Hall, Deanpark Brae, Balerno. Free tickets can be booked via [eventbrite](#) or obtained from Balerno Post Office and The Mill Cafe. **Balerno Village Screen** is a community cinema initiative funded entirely by

donations.

Big N Bashy: 'a feast of musical delights spread over three rooms and two floors' with grime, dubstep, reggae and jungle. 11pm-3am, [Bongo Club](#), 66 Cowgate. £4 before midnight, £6 after. **The Bongo Club** is an independent night club, gig venue and artistic hub owned by local arts charity **Out of the Blue**. It encourages the community to get involved and 'use our space to do their own thing'.



Edinburgh Living History and World War One: against the backdrop of the gallery's iconic World War One paintings, meet some Edinburgh locals from 1916 as they discuss the progress of the war, its effect on their personal lives and on Edinburgh as a city. Come and eavesdrop on their conversations! The members of the Living History team are award-winning performers. 11am, 2pm or 3pm, [City Art Centre](#), Market Street. Suitable for all ages: free.

Winter Walks: join a garden guide for a leisurely afternoon walk around the Garden. Discover stunning seasonal highlights and learn about the history of the garden and its plants. For ages 14+. 2pm, John Hope Gateway Reception, [Royal Botanic Garden](#), Inverleith Row. £5 per person, no advance booking necessary. Also at same time on Sunday 11th January 2015.

Cramond Kirk Corner Cafe: a weekly drop in tuck shop and cafe for children of all ages and adults too, with games and crafts, snacks and hot drinks. All welcome. 2-4pm, Kirk Hall, [Cramond Kirk](#), Cramond Glebe Road.

Balerno Village Screen: *The Railway Man* (15) 'a former British army officer who was tormented as a POW at a Japanese labour camp discovers that the man responsible for much of his treatment is still alive, and sets out to confront him'. 7.30-9.30pm, Ogston Hall, Deanpark Brae, Balerno. Free tickets

can be booked via [eventbrite](#) or obtained from Balerno Post Office and The Mill Cafe. **Balerno Village Screen** is a community cinema initiative funded entirely by donations.



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Portrait Detectives! Collect your kit, follow clues and solve a mystery from history! For ages 4-12. 2-4pm, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free and unticketed. Supported by the Friends of the National Galleries of Scotland.

Elvis Weekend Open Mic with Arno Block: a night of acoustic/unplugged open mic for songwriters, cover artists. poetry/spoken word or anything else you'd like to perform for an audience – this week with an Elvis twist encouraged! 8pm, [Sofi's Bar](#), 65 Henderson Street.



Blackwell's Edinburgh Teenage Book Group: join the group to read and talk about the latest teenage fiction – anything from classics to contemporary, dystopian to historical. Currently reading **Marcus Sedgewick's** *Foreshadowing*. 2-3pm, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. To join (it's free) just email your details to schools.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk.

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St Giles' At Six: Organ Recital by **Kevin Duggan**. John McLeod: *The King's Toccata* and *The Seven Sacraments of Poussin*, Kenneth Leighton *Prelude, Scherzo* and *Passacaglia*. 6pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), High Street. Free: retiring collection.



Fire closes Thistle Street this afternoon



Part of Thistle Street between Hanover Street and Frederick Street was closed for most of this afternoon following discovery of a fire in a restaurant there.

Earlier today firefighters were called to the restaurant El Cartel in Thistle Street which had just opened again recently after renovation where a fire was reported.

Group Commander of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Tom McGrath told The Edinburgh Reporter: "The kitchen is on the ground floor of the property and crews carried out a really quick job of bringing the fire under control under extreme conditions. It was very hot and smoky. They managed by their quick actions to prevent the fire from spreading to other adjacent properties."





The fire was already extinguished when The Edinburgh Reporter arrived on the scene. Fire Investigation had arrived and they were just about to have a look for the likely cause of the fire. There is nothing to suggest at this time that this is a suspicious fire so the fire investigation officers are examining the interior for the cause of an accidental fire. Fire crews had already brought some debris out on to the street.

There were no casualties involved in the fire and all persons in the building have been accounted for.

Group Commander Tom McGrath confirmed that they are now in conversation with the occupier of the shop as well as the owner of the building.

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Alan Stubbs proud of team's

performance in Edinburgh derby



Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs was proud of his players' performance in yesterday's Edinburgh derby at Tynecastle.

The Easter Road side took the lead midway through the first half when Jason Cummings (pictured) latched onto a superb pass from Scott Allan but Hearts fought back and equalised just before the break with a stunning strike from Jamie Walker.

Hibs almost grabbed a winner near the end when Callum Booth, who replaced the injured David Gray at half time, picked out new on-loan signing Martin Boyle at the near post but his effort was blocked by the Hearts defence.

With Queen of the South beating Livingston, Hibs remain in third position on goal difference, three points in front of next week's opponents Falkirk.

Hearts now look certain to win the league, sitting 13 points ahead of second place Rangers who beat Dumbarton 3-1 at Ibrox.

After the game, Stubbs told Hibs' TV: "I thought the players were great – I was proud of the performance.

"You only have to look at the ovation the players received from our fans; we came to Tynecastle – which is an intimidating place – and played confidently throughout.

"Hopefully we are giving the fans a team they can be proud of.

"I said before the game to the players that I would hate to see us come to Tynecastle and just try to nick a point.

"We wanted to come here and have a good go at them. The

confidence is sky high at this moment in time.

“I thought we completely bossed it in the first half, but then their player scores a great goal to bring them back into the game.

“Even in the second half, they came into the game a touch, but I still felt we were the better team.

“We were a real threat when we attacked and we were inches away from adding a second.”

Photo by John Preece

Sunday in Edinburgh – What's On Today



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Art Maker: January. If you are aged 4-12, join the Art Maker Club and make your own masterpieces with artists **Tessa Asquith-Lamb** and **Louise Fraser**. 2-4pm, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art](#), Belford Road. Free: no booking required. Supported by the Friends of the National Galleries of Scotland.

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performers. 2pm or 3pm, [City Art Centre](#), 2 Market Street. Free: no booking required.



The Thrive Archive – Live Art Project: *Away Being*. A premier musical performance of *Coming Home* (composer **Mike Vass**) by **Edinburgh Youth Gathering Band**, with projections by **Mettje Hunneman** and contributed artworks, as part of curator and artist **Jan Bee Brown's Thrive Archive**. Come along, get involved and contribute your own ideas about home, family and community, and in particular 'what makes Scotland feel so homely', to this heart-warming project. 2-4pm, [St Margaret's House](#), 151 London Road. Free: all welcome.

Fellowship Lunch for Malawi: food and friendship to raise money for a good cause – this month, the church's partners in Malawi. 12 noon-1.30pm, Undercroft Cafe, [St Andrew's and St George's West Church](#), 13 George Street. £3 minimum suggested donation. All welcome.

Whisky Galore! (U) The classic 1949 film, based on **Compton McKenzie's** story of a ship that runs aground carrying 50,000 cases of whisky, and of the fictional Todday islanders' attempts to salvage and hang on to the cargo. 1pm, [Filmhouse](#), Lothian Road. Book [online](#) or call the box office on 0131 228 2688. Part of the Filmhouse's **Scotland Galore!** season.



St Giles' At Six: Danny Miller and Alison Miller – violin music for two violins and piano by Telemann, Stamitz, Bach and Bartok. 6pm, [St Giles' Cathedral](#), Royal Mile. Free admission: retiring collection.



Five things you need to know today



Development at Springside

Today at Edinburgh's Christmas

2014 at Holyrood in numbers

New Year resolutions for Bield

Happy New Year from Scottish politicians

The next part of the redevelopment of Fountainbridge is now on the drawing board and there will be a public event on 12 February 2015 at Bainfield Union, Bainfield Student Residences, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh EH11 1AR.

This will be the first Public Consultation Event when the developer will show what they plan to do with the next tranche of land there.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 12 February 2015 from 2pm – 7.30pm.

Today at Edinburgh's Christmas there are free tickets available for those of you arriving with your pipes or drums

to have a go on the Star Flyer or the Helter Skelter.

You have to play either before or on the ride itself to get your free ticket.

And then sadly Edinburgh's Christmas is all over after today. The Christmas Wheel will be taken down and St Andrew Square will be emptied of all Spiegel tents and Christmas Markets will move out of Princes Street Gardens. What did you think of the activities on offer this year?



Last year at Holyrood they served up nearly 25,000 cups of tea in the cafe and welcomed nearly 15,000 school pupils to the Parliament to learn how it works.

The numbers have been crunched and make interesting reading [here](#).

One of the leading Scottish care providers has announced its New Year resolution. [Read more here](#).

There is a New Year message from Scottish Conservative Leader Ruth Davidson MSP [here](#).

And below are the video messages from the First Minister and Scottish Labour Leader Jim Murphy.



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Rugby – Visser says more is needed in attack despite 1872 Cup triumph



By Stephen Brunsdon

Edinburgh secured the 1872 Cup for the first time in six years with a 20-8 victory over Glasgow Warriors at BT Murrayfield on Friday.

Finn Russell opened the scoring for Glasgow before Sam Hildalgo-Clyne put Edinburgh in front with two kicks from the tee. Two tries from winger Tim Visser helped the hosts move further ahead and Edinburgh led comfortably at the break, 20-3. Glasgow fought back in the second period through an opportunistic try from Niko Matawalu, but Edinburgh held on in the dying minutes to secure a famous win.

Despite scoring a brace of tries in first half, Visser emphasised the need for a stronger Edinburgh attack, in order to create more scoring opportunities, something the Scottish internationalist believes has been lacking for some time.

“I think this is obviously a derby that has been hugely emotional over the years, one that I’ve never been able to win. In my six years here, it’s the first time I’ve been able to win, so that’s memorable”, said Visser. “A lot of my tries [in the past] have simply been finishing off what other people have created, and I don’t think we’re creating enough. That’s something we need to improve on as a team.”

"We've been hugely defensively focused, something we've been very poor at in the past. Now we're very good at defending but we need to develop our attacking game I think", he added.

Team-mate Matt Scott (pictured above) echoed Visser's sentiments post-match, and while bemoaning the lack of attacking threat from both sides, the centre was happy to test his own game through a new partnership with Kiwi Phil Burleigh.

"He's the type of player I'd like to play with, he's a good distributor and he's a smart player as well so I look forward to getting a string of games together with him. I defend at 13 so it's good for the development of my game as it's a tougher position to defend; you've got more decisions to make with decoy runners and speedy guys. I'm learning a lot and could seamlessly go back to 12."

With the morale-boosting victory, Edinburgh have moved up one spot to joint seventh in the Guinness PRO12. Both Visser and Scott as well as head coach Alan Solomons know that to achieve automatic qualification for next season's European Champions Cup, a top six finishing position is essential.

"We have a tough job ahead of us, we've always said our aim is to try and make the top six. We've got a massive game next weekend, Connacht are playing really well, unbeaten at the Sportsground", said Solomons.

Visser concurred with his coach, stating that Connacht are now a force to be reckoned with.

"They are not the team they used to be anymore so there are no easy games anymore in this League. It's going to be a tough game but we can take this momentum forward to that I think."

For Scott, the message was simple enough: "In the context of our season, getting into the top six, it's a game we must win."

Edinburgh face Galway side Connacht next Friday at the Sportsground, kick-off 19:35 GMT.

Image by John Preece

New Year resolutions for Bield



Scotland's leading care and housing provider, Bield, has announced its New Year's resolution to staff, tenants and customers.

In this year's Christmas message, Chief Executive, Brian Logan, talks of the numerous visits made by himself, the Senior Management Team and Board Members to various developments in Ayr and Glasgow throughout last year and the plan to make even more of them in 2015.

The visits were a huge success allowing staff, tenants, service users, and management to work more collaboratively with lots of important feedback being given and many new initiatives being put in place as a result

Brian and his team are now looking to kick start 2015 with more trips to developments based in the 23 local authority areas in which Bield operates.

Visiting various developments has allowed Brian and his team to listen first-hand to any feedback on how well Bield is doing and what staff, tenants and service users feel should be in Bield's next five year plan.

Brian said: "One of the best parts of my job is getting out and about and meeting staff and those who use our services, whether they be day care service users, residents in one of our care homes or tenants in one of our developments.

"Visiting developments in Ayr and Glasgow in 2014 was a great success and has allowed us to use the feedback we received from the most valuable people within our organisation and implement this feedback in a positive way within Bield.

"As a result, I am keen that we increase the number of these visits in 2015 to ensure that we are listening as much as possible to those who matter most.

"At Bield, we are always looking to enrich the lives of those who use our services and I believe if we continue to listen and learn from the feedback we receive from our staff, tenants and service users, we will continue to evolve, improve and become a better organisation."

Heart of Midlothian 1-1 Hibernian



Hibs managed to end Hearts' 100% home league record this afternoon but had to settle for a share of the points in a hard fought Edinburgh derby at Tynecastle.

Jason Cummings had opened the scoring for Hibs midway through the first half but Jamie Walker produced a stunning strike to equalise just before the break.

Both team had chances in the second half but the game finished all square.

Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs kept faith with the same starting XI that hammered Rangers 4-0 last Saturday, with new on-loan signing Martin Boyle on the bench alongside Dylan McGeouch who returned to the squad following a period on the sidelines due to injury.

A bad mistake by Hearts' defender Alim Ozturk, who scored a 35 yard screamer in the last Edinburgh Derby allowed Cummings a clean shot on goal but Neil Alexander did well to save his effort.

Hibs dominated possession in the early stages without causing too many problems as the over fussy referee seemed to penalise every challenge.

Hibs eventually took a deserved lead midway through the first half when Scott Allan's inch perfect cross was met by Cummings who calmly slotted the ball home despite the attention of Ozturk.

The youngster was then booked for his celebration in front of the Gorgie Road end.

The teenager who had been on Hearts' books as a youngster almost added a second with a header from a Lewis Stevenson cross but his effort flew inches past the post with Alexander helpless.

Hearts equalised shortly before the break when Walker cut in from the left before sending a powerful drive past Mark Oxley into the corner of the net.

Callum Booth replaced David Gray at half time and Hearts started the second half strongly.

Callum Paterson and Sam Ncholson both went close from headers but it was Hibs who ended the game looking the team more

likely to score,

With five minutes remaining Booth's low cross was met by Boyle but a superb last ditch tackle from Ozturk prevented the striker from writing his name in the history books and the ball was cleared.

The result leaves Hibs 19 points behind Hearts in the title race.

Heart of Midlothian: Alexander, Paterson, Wilson, Ozturk, Gomis, Walker (King 73'), Nicholson, Pallardo, Buaben (Robinson 89'), Keatings (Oliver 92'), Eckersley. Substitutes not used: Gallagher, Holt, McKay, McGhee.

Hibernian: Oxley, Gray (Booth 46'), Hanlon, Fontaine, Stevenson, Robertson, Craig, Handling (McGeouch 67'), Allan, Malonga, Cummings (Boyle 84'). Substitutes not used: Perntreou, Heffernan, Kennedy.

Referee: Steven McLean.

Attendance: 17,279


Rugby – Edinburgh v Glasgow, Guinness PR012 and 1872 Cup

12 point margin secures narrow 1872 Cup win for Edinburgh



Trailing by 10 points going into Friday night's second leg of the 1872 Cup series, Edinburgh looked to be facing an uphill struggle against the current Guinness PR012 second placed side, Glasgow Warriors.

A fairly scrappy first leg in Glasgow resulted in a 16-6 victory for the home side, the match only really coming to life with a try for the Warriors from Josh Strauss. Initiated by Sean Lamont steamrolling over Tom Brown on the wing, Strauss was on hand to receive the final pass which put the lock over for the only try of the match. Two penalties from Edinburgh and three penalties and the conversion for Glasgow completed the scoreline, which would carry over – for the purposes of the Cup match-up alone – to BT Murrayfield.

Edinburgh flew out of the blocks from the start and were close to the opening score when Dougie Fife broke through the defence only to be pulled up a couple of metres out. A few minutes later, Fife was  lucky to escape a yellow from referee, Nigel Owens. Chasing a clearing kick from Greg Tonks – who, incidentally, had a nightmare of a match by his standards – he ‘omitted’ to take off to challenge Alex Dunbar and ran straight through the centre while he was in the air. Somehow, Owens decided it was a fair challenge and he stayed on the pitch.


However, a short time after that incident, Finn Russell opened the scoring for Glasgow with a penalty following an Edinburgh scrum infringement. 3-0 to the visitors. On the 14 minute mark, Edinburgh gathered the ball from their own penalty lineout and set up a maul. The forwards rolled and rumbled up to within a metre or so of the line but Glasgow turned them over and cleared the ball upfield. Returning the ball into the Glasgow half, the home side then won a penalty of their own, which Sam Hidalgo-Clyne scored to draw the sides level at 3-3. He then followed this up around 10 minutes later to take the lead for Edinburgh, 6-3.

With Glasgow definitely on the back foot and playing well below par, another Edinburgh foray ended with Tim Visser scoring the first of his two tries on the night. Edinburgh secured the ball from a fairly poor clearance kick from scrum- half, Niko Matawalu, and attacked down the left side. With the defence pulled over, a couple of quick passes found Visser off his wing, in the centre, and he had a clear run in to touch down on the right. Hidalgo-Clyne slotted home the conversion and Edinburgh found themselves 10 points clear and level on aggregate with

the 13-3 scoreline. 

Following the restart, Glasgow managed to establish themselves just outside the Edinburgh 22, but couldn't find a way through the defence and were going from side to side trying to establish a gap. Unfortunately, for them, a wide pass from Finn Russell was intercepted by Visser and with nobody in front of him, the Dutch flyer galloped the length of the pitch to dive in under the posts. Hidalgo-Clyne followed this up with the conversion and it was 20-3 to the home side with six minutes of the half remaining.

Two minutes into the second half and it looked like the 'real' Glasgow had turned up. Forcing the play into Edinburgh's 22, a line out won the ball for the visitors and the unpredictable – at all points of the scale – Matawalu kicked the ball through the pile of forwards and chased after it. Seeing the ball late, Edinburgh's Jack Cuthbert lost his footing and Matawalu beat the full back to the ball for the try. Russell missed the conversion so the score now stood at 20-8.

 And, with more than 35 minutes still to play, that was the final score. Both sides had chances – Glasgow in the try department and Edinburgh with a couple of missed penalties – but overall the second half was a bit of a damp squib. The home side probably had the better of it, but with a few seconds to go they nearly threw the Cup away. Choosing to play safe with a short penalty kick to touch in their own half – and the lineout had been on fire all game, so what could possibly go wrong?! – Edinburgh then lost the ball to Glasgow who saw a chance to pull a few points back. However, it wasn't to be and the hosts saw the ball off the field to win both the match and the 1872 Cup, 20-8 and 26-24 respectively.

Edinburgh remain in eighth in the Guinness PR012, level on 24 points with Scarlets, but the loss meant that Glasgow failed to top the table and remain in second to the Ospreys with 39 points to their 40.

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

The Scottish Parliament : a year in numbers



The Scottish Parliament has now been in existence for 15 years. To mark the end of its fifteenth year Holyrood has announced the significant numbers of shortbread and scones served up to visitors to its cafe over the last twelve months:

These are the statistics that made up the Parliament over the past twelve months:

- This year included the introduction of 14 Bills, with 19 receiving Royal Assent, including the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act, Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act, Disabled Persons' Parking Badges (Scotland) Act and Historic Environment Scotland Act.
- The Great Tapestry of Scotland proved a huge draw, with visitor numbers showing a 10,000 increase in the months of June, July and August, compared to 2013. In total more than 85,000 visitors flocked to see the Tapestry in the summer of 2014.
- The Great Tapestry of Scotland was also a hit at the Parliament's shop with 2,280 Great Tapestry books and 2,940 postcards flying off the shelves.



This unique piece of art was devised by Scottish author Alexander McCall Smith along with historian Alistair Moffat and artist Andrew Crummy. Pic – Andrew Cowan/Scottish Parliament







- The Scottish Parliament hosted 18 major events, including The Queen's Baton Relay (the main photo shows the Presiding Officer welcoming Lynne McNicoll of Edinburgh charity It's Good 2 Give along with Gavin Hastings into the main chamber), The Festival of Politics 2014 and the St Andrew's Day Debate. The year was rounded off in traditional style with the Parliament's annual Christmas Carol Service.

- The Parliament welcomed 449 school sessions to Holyrood, with 14,552 pupils taking part in a wide range of activities, including learning more about how the Parliament works and meeting MSPs.

- Parliament education staff travelled the length and breadth

of Scotland, delivering 518 sessions in schools to 12,814 pupils.

- Parliament Days were held in February, November and December this year, with Dumbarton, Fort William and Levenmouth taking centre stage. Parliamentary Committees invited the public to attend held external meetings, scrutinising the work of Government and the Presiding Officer discovered more about the towns, visiting a range of inspiring local groups, people and projects.

- The Parliament's switchboard took nearly 41,331 telephone calls, our Public Information and Publications team answered more than 5,625 enquiries and produced 136,785 leaflets requested or picked up at Holyrood.

- And finally, in the Scottish Parliament's public café, visitors enjoyed more than 23,837 cups of coffee and 15,143 cups of tea. More than 8,500 sandwiches were sold, 3,405 bowls of soup – and of course more than 4,166 scones and 8,209 pieces of shortbread.

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