

Pictures from the Fraser Album to go on sale in London



PICTURES FROM A TREASURE TROVE OF INDIAN PICTURES COMMISSIONED BY SCOTTISH BROTHERS IN THE 18TH CENTURY FOR SALE AT BONHAMS IN LONDON

Bonhams will sell three stunning images from The Fraser Album, discovered amongst the papers of this Scottish family in 1979, at its next auction of Indian and Islamic art on 8 April 2014 in London.

The Album consists of more than ninety watercolours of breathtaking quality, which provide an extraordinary portrait of life in and around Delhi in the early 19th Century. This was an area which was relatively unknown to the British at that date, with Mughal control ceded to them only in 1803 and the Emperor nominally in power.

James Baillie Fraser (1783-1856) and his brother William (1784-1835) came from Inverness. William went to India aged 16 as a trainee political officer in the East India Company while James arrived a year later, taking a commercial position in Calcutta. James, a talented artist himself, published collections of views of the Himalayas and of Calcutta.



When James joined William in Delhi in 1815 the two brothers commissioned local artists to depict servants, tradesmen and figures from the irregular military units, some of which were employed by the British, including Gurkha soldiers and the colourfully-attired troopers of bodies such as Skinner's Horse.

More than one artist was employed on the paintings which go to make up the album. The best examples are usually attributed to Ghulam Ali Khan, but it is likely that the rest were produced by other members of his family. The works date between 1815 and 1820.

The two lots in the present sale capture the richness of ceremonial life in Delhi, and are also representative of the British fascination with types of transport and servants which appears in other more typical examples of Company School painting

The first image is of an elephant and driver, probably from the Mughal Emperor's stable, with a hunting howdah equipped with a rifle, bows and a pistol, from Delhi or Northern India, 1815-19. Estimate £20,000-30,000

The second Fraser Album image is of the bullock-drawn carriage of Prince Mirza Babur, Delhi or Northern India, 1815-19. Estimate £20,000-30,000.



The inscriptions read: 'The special chariot of the son of the spiritual preceptor of the horizons (Murshidzada-i afaq), Mirza Babur Bahadur'. The honorific title refers to Mirza Babur's father, the Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah II, in his role as a Sufi spiritual leader.

'Zana, bullock-cart driver, Ahir Jadubansi [of the cowherd caste of the Yadava race, descendants of Shri Krishna], inhabitant of Delhi'.

The third image is that of a cotton-carder at work, attributed to the artist Ghulam 'Ali Khan (fl. 1817-55) Delhi, circa 1820. Estimate £20,000-30,000. This detailed and technically accurate painting shows a captured moment from daily life. The action depicted is in fact strictly referred to as 'bowing', running the taut string of the bow across the pile of fibres

to fluff up the cotton.

Another important painting in this Bonhams sale of Indian and Islamic art is from the Impey Album, by the artist Bhawani Das: a Great Indian Fruit Bat, or Flying Fox (*Pteropus giganteus*) Calcutta, circa 1778-82. The Great Indian Fruit Bat, or Flying Fox, has a wingspan of 1.5 metres, well captured in this painting.

This is a pen and ink, watercolour with gum arabic, heightened with bodycolour, on watermarked paper, inscribed at lower left In the Collection of Lady Impey at Calcutta/Painted by [in Persian in nasta'liq script, Bhawani Das] Native of Patna, Estimate £80,000-120,000.

Sir Elijah Impey was the East India Company's Chief Justice of Bengal from 1774 to 1782. He was a well-known patron of Indian artists, but his wife, Mary, Lady Impey, who joined him in Calcutta in 1777, was particularly interested in the flora and fauna of the surrounding area, creating her own menagerie. She then commissioned studies of animals and plants from various artists from the nearby city of Patna, the most senior of whom were the Muslim Shaykh Zayn-al-Din, and the Hindus Ram Das and Bhawani Das, the painter of the present lot. The precision of these artists' technique, which stemmed from the Mughal tradition, appealed to British patrons, and the technique and the subject-matter have become known as 'Company School'. The series commissioned by Lady Impey (as well as others in a similar style by unknown artists) are particularly striking because of their large size, using sheets of English watermarked paper. There were 326 works in the original series, which were brought back to England with the Impeys in 1783, and were sold at Phillips (now Bonhams) in London in 1810.

Schools Piping Competition attracts record entry



Local Musicians Tune In For Pipe Band Championships Success

Young musicians from Edinburgh hit a high note at this year's Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships held in Edinburgh earlier this month.

A record 600 students from 98 schools descended on Edinburgh's Broughton High School and Fettes College to compete in the musical challenge



And George Heriot's School joined bands from Tobermory, Dunblane, Dundee, Clackmannanshire, Ross and Cromarty and Elgin in taking home awards after impressing judges and organisers with their outstanding level of professionalism and talent displayed during their performances.

David Johnston, Chairman of the committee behind the competition, which has the motto **Every school needs a pipe band**, said: "The championships are basically a celebration of Scottish culture, music and heritage as expressed through pipes and drums so it's fantastic to see the very best of schools sharing this passion through the competition.

"This event has been a great platform for schools to come together. There were students from the independent sector, to the state sector to the far top of the country, right down to the south but they've all shared the same interest in the music of the bagpipe which is just great to see.

“I am delighted with the competition and can’t wait to see what next year’s talented youngsters have to bring to the competition.”



Schools competed in six categories on the day, including a new freestyle section designed to allow players to perform a song of their choice using the traditional influences of piping and drumming. The winners in each category were as follows:

- 1- Quartet- Tobermory High School
- 2- Debut – Ross and Cromarty Schools
- 3- Junior B- Queen Victoria School, Dunblane,
- 4- Junior A- High School of Dundee
- 5- Novice Juvenile-George Heriot’s School, Edinburgh
- 6- Juvenile-Dollar Academy
- 7- Freestyle-Gordonstoun School, Elgin

Winners collected their prizes from The Lord Provost of Edinburgh the Rt Hon Donald Wilson.

The popularity of the competition also attracted two schools from England, Ampleforth College in North Yorkshire and Oundle School in Peterborough, further cementing the competitions’ aim of getting students from across the UK involved in the Scottish tradition.



David Johnston added: “Despite certain schools taking home prizes, every pupil deserves a huge thank you for all the

commitment and dedication they displayed throughout the championships.

“A huge amount of discipline and practice has gone into preparing for the championships and for some it was the first time they had ever performed in public so the experience they have gained is invaluable.

“Hopefully next year even more students will be encouraged to share their passion and help keep the future of pipers and drummers in Scotland alive.”

Entries are already being invited for next year's competition and more details can be found at www.scottishschoolspipebandchampionships.com

LeithLate's Shutter Project – new work will be unveiled in April



LeithLate has announced the latest artwork in The Mural Project to be installed this April on the site of a derelict shopfront on Henderson Street.

Artist Russell Ian Dempster will be installing his homage to the Leith-born Eduardo Paolozzi, one of the founding fathers of the British Pop Art movement. Russell graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone School of Art in Dundee in 2004 and has so far exhibited in five solo shows, numerous group shows across

Scotland, as well as various commissions and a major mural project for Edinburgh Zoo in 2011. Russell's artwork will include a large-scale portrait of Paolozzi, rendered in his distinctive style which distorts the image on show, echoing Paolozzi's own work.

On choosing Paolozzi as the subject of his artwork, Russell says: "I think that most people would be interested in knowing that the grandfather of Pop Art was from Leith. I don't think that his work is celebrated enough, so hopefully this mural will help people take an interest in who he is and what he achieved."

This latest incarnation of The Mural Project was made possible in collaboration with City Centre Posters and in association with The Friends of the Water of Leith Basin.

For more of Russell Ian Dempster's work visit his [website](#).

For more information on LeithLate and our projects, please visit www.leithlate.co.uk or follow us on facebook/Twitter.

Commsworld aim to fill the internet void in central Edinburgh



Capital's Internet Black Hole Tackled to End Web 'Not Spot'

Thousands of businesses in Edinburgh city centre are to be offered a solution to an 'internet black hole' problem that is crippling their efforts to trade successfully in the digital

age, according to a local communications business who stand ready to fix the problem.

The centre of Edinburgh – the hub of much of the capital's key financial services and legal sector – is a notorious problem area dubbed a “Not Spot”.

Many firms face daily difficulties using the web to conduct critical business operations prompting business influencers to describe the existing network as ‘worse than most third world countries’.

Around 2000 firms are served from the historic-but-outdated Rose Street Exchange, but BT has ruled out including the site in its ongoing upgrade plans to roll out super-fast fibre-optic connections.

That means firms have little chance of achieving the 35mb per second internet speeds which the Government has set as the “super fast” target for businesses to flourish – unless they are prepared to shell out tens of thousands of pounds for their own fibre connection.

However, experts from Commsworld, which has its HQ in Edinburgh, have announced they will “unbundle” the local exchange network from BT this month, allowing businesses in the area to access an affordable, business-only internet connection with guaranteed speeds.

A number of firms are already lining up to join the new service, which Commsworld believes will help it ramp up turnover to exceed £10m in 2014.

✖ Charlie Boisseau, Managing Director of Fluency Communications – Commsworld's network division – said the breakthrough will be welcome news to businesses blighted by poor connection and download speeds, which hamper their ability to compete with rivals elsewhere in the country.

He said: "This is the first time businesses in this area will be able to get speeds normally associated with fibre – without the costs of fibre.

"We have already let many of our existing customers know this will be going live soon and they are desperate to get on board. We believe many others will be quick to follow suit, because the productivity gains are potentially enormous."

The Rose Street Exchange utilises the copper wires first laid 100 years ago. Although now empty apart from equipment, the impressive-looking building was once the base for hundreds of telephone switchboard operators, patching in calls to thousands of different homes and businesses.

One of the problems for modern businesses in the area is that internet traffic is still sent up and down those copper cables and the signal gets progressively poorer further away from the exchange.

When Commsworld engineers unbundle the Rose Street Exchange they will install specialist equipment which enables far better use of the copper cable technology, boosting the signal strength to deliver a business grade Ethernet service.

Charlie Boisseau added: "While the copper cable infrastructure is extensive it is also finite in terms of how much data it can carry.

"No-one else really pushes it to its limits – but we will and that is how we will deliver this service that businesses are crying out for."

While some major providers have already installed standard equipment in the exchange it is usually aimed at delivering broadband to domestic customers, meaning businesses using it get a maximum speed of 16mb per second.

The specialist equipment deployed by Commsworld will be aimed

at businesses only and will deliver speeds of 35-40mb per second, surpassing the Government target for super-fast business access.

The unbundling of the Rose Street Exchange will also mean customers can feed into Scotland's only dedicated business-grade telecoms network, which Commsworld set up last year.

Commsworld believes the Fluency Network, serving Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, allows businesses to better compete by providing quicker access to data without being bounced through servers in London or Manchester. More than 400 businesses have signed up to the Fluency Network since its launch in 2013.

Commsworld, founded in 1994, is Scotland's leading unified communications specialists, providing customers with a full range of integrated communications solutions.

The Scottish Independence Referendum this week



A resumé of remarks and comments and pointers to articles about the Scottish Independence Referendum during the last week.

People living in Scotland are invited to vote in the referendum on independence from the United Kingdom on 18 September 2014. The referendum question is "Should Scotland be an independent country?"

Whether you intend voting Yes or No to that question, your

views, and those of others, have a place here. We invite comments and we also invite you to write about what you think by using our Submit your Story feature [here](#).

During the Financial Statement last Wednesday when he announced his Budget for the next year, UK Chancellor George Osborne said:-“One key British export is the North sea’s oil and gas. We will take forward all recommendations of the Wood report, and we will review the whole tax regime to make sure it is fit for the purpose of extracting every drop of oil we can. We will introduce now a new allowance for ultra-high pressure, high temperature fields to support billions of pounds of investment, thousands of jobs and a significant proportion of our country’s energy needs. Even with these measures, the North sea is a mature basin, and the OBR has today revised down the forecast tax receipts by a further £3 billion over the period. The Scottish economy is doing well and jobs are being created, but this is a reminder of how precarious the budget of an independent Scotland would be. These further downgrades in the tax receipts would leave independent Scots with a shortfall of £1,000 per person—Britain is better together.”

Economics professor says Treasury’s rejection of a currency union with iScotland does not make sense:
<http://t.co/70rbRcnvFs> [#indyref](#)

– James Cook (@BBCJamesCook) [March 23, 2014](#)

Dismissing George Osborne’s attack on the economics of an independent Scotland, SNP MSP Kenneth Gibson said:

“Yet again we hear the hypocrisy of the Tories saying oil is a burden for Scotland, so Westminster had better hang on to it –

and the three hundred billion pounds which have flowed from Scottish waters to the London Treasury, with over half of the value still to come.

“The reality is that over the five years to 2012/13, Scotland’s finances have been stronger than the UK’s as a whole by £8.3 billion – or £1,600 per person.

“And an independent Scotland would be 14th in the league table of wealthy nations, compared to the UK’s 18th place.

“People in Scotland aren’t daft – they know that George Osborne wants to keep hold of Scotland because of our resource riches. And they know that Scotland has got what it takes to be a successful independent country – where our wealth works for all the people – which is why more and more people are moving to Yes.”

On Thursday 20 March Yes Scotland welcomed a new poll showing support for a Yes vote at its highest level since last summer and a further significant narrowing of the gap on No.

Excluding ‘don’t knows’, the Panelbase poll revealed that support for Yes had reached 47% with No on 53% – meaning a swing of only some three points is needed to put Yes ahead in September.

Yes Scotland Chief Executive Blair Jenkins said: ‘This is another extremely encouraging poll and confirms that momentum is very much with the Yes campaign. It continues the trend we have seen this year of a steady and significant narrowing of the gap and we are confident that we are on a winning trajectory.

‘The scaremongering of the No campaign is backfiring because people understand that as the 14th wealthiest country in the international league table – compared to the UK’s 18th place – Scotland has got what it takes to be a successful independent country.

‘Scotland can, should and must vote Yes – so that we gain the powers needed to build a fairer society and more prosperous economy, where the wealth of Scotland works for all our citizens.’

Former FM Henry McLeish tells Labour to stop “hating” @AlexSalmond but says he will be voting “No” in #indyref
<http://t.co/5t8vB8HTlg>

– BBC Scotland News (@BBCScotlandNews) [March 23, 2014](#)

Exactly two years ahead of what could be Scotland’s day of independence on March 24th 2016, Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has set out a timetable for delivering Scotland’s interim written constitution.

As part of her Wales Governance Centre Annual Lecture in Cardiff, Ms Sturgeon announced that – as part of the Scottish Government’s ongoing preparations for the transition to independence, should people choose it in the referendum – the draft Scottish Independence Bill will be published before the Scottish Parliament’s summer recess. The Bill will provide for Scotland to become an independent state in March 2016 and set out its interim constitution. The fundamental principle underpinning the Bill will be that, in Scotland, the people are sovereign. This core principle resonates throughout Scotland’s history and will be the foundation stone for Scotland as an independent country. The Bill will also set in place the process by which Scotland, as an independent country, will prepare its permanent written constitution in a fully participative process led by the people.

Following a vote for independence, the Scottish Independence Bill would be introduced to the Scottish Parliament. It would form the interim written constitution for Scotland until the constitutional convention, which would be established by the Scottish Parliament elected in May 2016, prepared a permanent constitution for Scotland. As First Minister Alex Salmond outlined last year, that constitutional convention will involve input from a wide cross-section of civic Scotland, articulating the nation’s values and enshrining them in a permanent written constitution.

Ms Sturgeon said: “Today, the date which will become our independence day following a vote for independence this

September, I want everyone in Scotland to consider who we are as a nation and what we have the potential to become. "Independence is not a historical argument, it is the opposite – a live and vital opportunity to chart our own course, to give us the power to determine our own future and build the kind of country we can all be proud of.

"A written constitution is an important part of a nation's identity – it defines who we are and sets out the values that we hold dear. Currently we are without a written constitution, and the UK is the only country within the European Union or the Commonwealth that does not have a written constitution or a constitution Act – that is a democratic deficit an independent Scotland will not replicate.

"It is a cornerstone of Scottish democracy that sovereignty rests with the people. That is why we want to make the drafting of our permanent written constitution an inclusive process involving all the people of Scotland – it must be a constitution by the people, for the people – articulating Scotland's values, enhancing our liberties and defining our responsibilities. "I believe the process of drafting our constitution will energise and inspire people across the country – woman and men, young and old, rural and urban, people in all the diverse communities that make up modern Scotland. It would be an exciting and unique opportunity to shape our nation, celebrate and protect our values and commit ourselves to building a better country."

Scottish independence would leave poorer families worse off, by £1bn, says Gordon Brown [@GdnScotland #indyref](http://t.co/acwuW7dv9W)

– Severin Carrell (@severincarrell) [March 20, 2014](#)

The Edinburgh Reporter rounds up the variety of views we find across all media as often as we can.

This may be a daily article if there is a lot of chat about

the independence referendum, or less frequently if we have too much else to do. If you would like to write about your views on independence then please feel free to submit your article using the Submit your Story feature [here](#).

The Edinburgh Reporter does not have a stance on the independence question, but hopes to help you make your mind up about the vote on 18 September 2014 by providing as much unbiased coverage as possible.

There are two main websites where you can obtain further information:-

Yes Scotland can be found here <http://www.yesscotland.net>

Better Together has a website here <http://bettertogether.net>

Lothian Buses guarantees places for young engineers



SCHOOL LEAVERS 'GUARANTEED' INTERNSHIPS WITH LOTHIAN BUSES

Lothian Buses new engineering interns Ryan Sanderson, Darren Dinse and Jordan Collins were hanging about outside the City of Edinburgh Council HQ today with Ian Craig, chief executive of Lothian Buses, Bill Devlin, engineering director of Lothian Buses and Sue Bruce, chief executive of City of Edinburgh Council and an Edinburgh Guarantee branded Lothian Bus.



As one of Edinburgh's biggest employers, Lothian Buses has recruited three local school leavers as part of its continued commitment to a council-run youth employment scheme.



Ryan Sanderson (17), Darren Dinse (16) and Jordan Collins (18) will join Lothian Buses through The Edinburgh Guarantee, a City of Edinburgh Council initiative which aims to ensure every young person in the capital leaves school with the opportunity of a job, training or further education.



The three teenagers beat off 38 other applicants to get the coveted one-year engineering internship, which will provide them with an insight into the day-to-day workings of the company.

Football Aid launches in Italy



Football Aid, the Edinburgh events management company that uniquely distributes all profits to charitable causes, has moved into Europe. This season, fans of U.C. Sampdoria and Genoa C.F.C. will 'live the dream' as their UK counterparts do. This move also creates a unique opportunity for Scottish businesses of all sizes to grow their own market and support a worthy cause.

Devised and launched in 2001 by Scottish businessman Craig

Paterson as a completely different way to generate much needed funds for a wide variety of charitable causes, Football Aid has distributed in excess of £2m and has helped more than 14,000 supporters experience the thrill of a match day. The organisation has also, importantly, supported in excess of 200 worthy causes. Having successfully bid or purchased online for their position, supporters pull on their favourite shirt, walk down the tunnel to the sound of the crowd and play an adrenaline fuelled 90 minutes on the hallowed turf of the Club they support. Football Aid subsequently redistributes the profits to those charity/community project nominated by partner clubs.

David Dale, Chief Executive of the Edinburgh-based organisation, said: 'We have, in fact, some experience of working with our European colleagues. In partnership with FC Barcelona, we held a showcase event at the Nou Camp Stadium. The response was extraordinary however due to our limited resources, we had to focus on our UK partners at that time and we were unable to capitalise fully on developing a presence in the European market.

Chairman and Founder Craig Paterson added 'Our long-term vision has always been to grow Football Aid around Europe. This move into Italy is a significant step in helping us achieve that goal. I believe that we are now well placed to offer a truly unique opportunity to organisations with an interest in developing and enhancing their European presence. We have ambitious plans to grow our own presence across Europe and we are well positioned for growth in the years ahead.'

This next step also creates a unique opportunity for Scottish businesses hoping to build awareness and grow in the Italian market. A view which is endorsed by Leandro Franchi, Solicitor and Honorary Consul of Italy in Scotland. 'I work closely with the Italian community in Scotland and have strong links with Italy. I am very supportive of Football Aid's aims to expand into Italy and it's wonderful to see a charitable

Scottish organisation promote itself in Italy – a nation that loves football and has such a passion for the sport. I am sure that this initiative shall be enthusiastically received and will grow quickly and create new friendships. This will, in turn bring about commercial opportunities for businesses large and small seeking creative ways to access their markets and grow their brands in both countries.'

Many Italian football fans support clubs in the UK. One such supporter Michele Cammerere has played in Football Aid games at West Ham Utd, Derby County, and Heart of Midlothian. He had such an amazing experience and was so convinced of the aims of Football Aid that he together with a colleague (Davide Pizzocro) helped to facilitate a similar event in Italy in June 2013. Following the success of that match in Genova and coupled with incredible support from U.C. Sampdoria, Genoa C.F.C., Commune di Genova, Region Liguria, the decision was made to fully explore the expansion of Football Aid into Italy, starting in Genova.

David Dale continued: 'We are thrilled that we are now looking forward to our first season in Italy in 2014. We believe that this will be the start of a long relationship and see us widening our reach even further in the years ahead.

'We believe we are able to offer a unique opportunity for businesses wishing to establish their brand or presence in the Italian market. By working together we will be able to create a great partnership opportunity in this high profile market.

'As a relatively small, Scottish organisation with an unrivalled reach across the football sector our priority will always be to work alongside those businesses that share our values and vision for helping the communities in which they operate.'

For further details on how to become involved with Football

Aid in Italy, visit www.footballaid.com, e-mail: david.dale@footballaid.com, or call 0131 220 5999

Edinburgh student wins 'Outstanding Academic Achievement Award'



A student from Edinburgh enjoyed a royal date when she attended a glittering ceremony in London to celebrate the brightest nursing and midwifery students of today.

Myra Ariyaratnam met Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, who was guest of honour at the event, held at Fishmongers Hall, London Bridge, which marked the culmination of the prestigious 2013/14 Cavell Nurses' Trust Scholarship Awards.

Myra, aged 28, who is in the second year of a mental health nursing degree at Edinburgh Napier University, won the coveted Outstanding Academic Achievement Award which comes with a travel scholarship worth £1,500. She received her award from Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer for England.

At the event The Princess Royal addressed the invited audience, saying: "It is a pleasure to join you tonight, a really nice occasion for us all to be able to celebrate and congratulate our winners and to thank, particularly the Cavell Nurses' Trust for supporting the next generation of nursing leaders in Britain at such an important point in their careers."

"The Trust feels this is an appropriate time to allow us to

invest even more in the future of our young nurses and midwives. It is an entirely worthwhile aim of this kind of event which raises the profile of these young people.”

“If the Trust has the ability to support more of them, they can attract more people to the opportunity and support their ambitions and dreams for the future.”



The Princess Royal also spoke about the “ethos” that Edith Cavell had, “the real role she had in caring and the real difference that made. Edith Cavell had so little to work with but what a difference she made in the name of humanity. And that is something we really can afford to celebrate in the next few years.

“It is a story that touched people’s lives across the world, not just here in Britain. And the Trust has a lot to celebrate and a lot to go for.”

Picture captions: Academic Achievement winner Myra Ariyaratnam (pictured left) meets Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal with Lindsay Skyrme, award runner-up and Sarah Broadhead-Crofts, who was highly commended in the category.

Myra receives her award from Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer for England.

Red Arrows Headline Scotland’s National Airshow



The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team the Red Arrows will headline the summer spectacle, taking place on Saturday 26 July at the National Museum of Flight at East Fortune in East Lothian. Synonymous with precision flying, dramatic formations and loops and rolls, the Red Arrows will celebrate their 50th flying season at this summer's Airshow.

Airshow goers will also be wowed by the RAF's supersonic Typhoon, an incredibly powerful combat aircraft that can fly at twice the speed of sound, and the quick turbo-prop Tucano that is used to train fast-jet pilots for military flying.

Iconic heritage aircraft, the Spitfire, the Lancaster and the Hawker Hurricane, will take to the skies above the historic military airfield at East Fortune. Perhaps the most famous aircraft of all time, the Spitfire is considered to be the most successful fighter plane ever made, while airworthy Hurricanes are very rare, with only six surviving in the UK.

Steve McLean, General Manager at the National Museum of Flight, commented: "The Airshow is famed for its adrenalin-fuelled aerial displays and we are delighted to announce such thrilling aircraft will perform at this summer's Airshow. Exhilarating entertainment in the sky, coupled with a packed programme of activities for spectators on the ground, makes this one of the best family days out in Scotland."

Located at East Fortune, a military airfield dating back to the First World War, the National Museum of Flight's hangars will be open for visitors to explore. Highlights include Scotland's supersonic Concorde, Fortunes of War, which tells the stories of those that served at East Fortune, and Fantastic Flight, full of interactive exhibits and family fun. On the ground, there will be a range of family entertainment and activities, and food and drink.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 24 March and can be purchased online or by calling 0300 123 6789, and at the gate on the

day. Discounts are available for advance booking. Further details can be found on the [website](#).

National Museum of Flight, East Fortune, East Lothian

Early bird tickets available until 11 July only

Adult £17, concession £15.50, child £8.50 (under 5s free), family (two adults, two children) £42.50

National Museums Scotland Members tickets available until 11 July only

Adult £14.25, concession £12.75, child £7.50 (under 5s free), family (two adults, two children) £35

Full price (from 11 July and on the day)

Adult £20, concession £18, child £10 (under 5s free), family (two adults, two children) £50

Parking £4, Programme £4.50

Event programme correct on date of issue. Programme subject to change.



Eyemouth United 1-4 Hibernian EOS



Hibs' EOS held onto top spot in the First Division with a 4-1

away victory over Eyemouth thanks to goals from Taylor Hendry, Lewis Allan and Jamie Beaton (two penalties.)

Head of Academy Coaching James McDonaugh was delighted with the performance of his youngsters and told Hibernian TV: "We started brilliantly; Taylor Hendry scored a technically brilliant drive into the top corner from outside the box after two minutes, but then conceded before half time to go in level.

"The message at the interval was just to tidy up on the ball, play a bit more and relax. I honestly felt we played very well in the second half.

"We moved the ball around the pitch well and controlled the whole second half. Beaton showed great composure to score two penalties and Allan again came up with another goal, that's six in four games for him.

"I was delighted for the boys to get this win, we've gone behind Easthouses for one week and in the space of the last fortnight we now have a lead at the top of the table of points.

"Easthouses have a game in hand they now must win – it sets us up well with two league games left."

Hibernian EOS: Kleton Perntreou, Jamie Beaton, Andrew Black, Aaron Dunsmore, Callum Crane, Bob Wilson, Neil Martyniuk, Dean Horribine, Taylor Hendry, Lewis Allan, Gareth McCaffrey. Subs: Jordan Sinclair for Black, Max Todd for Hendry, Scott Martin for McCaffrey

Hibernian under-20s are back in SPFL U20 League action against fellow title contenders Rangers at the Training Centre on Tuesday afternoon (25 March, kick off 2pm).

Admission for this eagerly awaited fixture is via donation to a bucket collection around the pitch, so supporters are

encouraged to come and support the young Hibeers in their quest to close the two-point gap on top-two Rangers and Celtic.

Then on Thursday afternoon Hibernian under-20s travel north to face Inverness Caledonian Thistle at the Highland Football Academy, Dingwall in a rearranged fixture, kick off 2pm.

Photo by John Preece

<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jlp-photography>

Edinburgh Castle to highlight climate change



Edinburgh Castle is to join landmarks from around the world in switching off its lights later this month to help raise awareness of the impact of climate change.

The castle is one of a number of global landmarks – including the Eiffel Tower, Empire State Building and Sydney Opera House – to take part in Earth Hour, a WWF event which sees individuals, communities, cities and landmarks around the world switch off their lights simultaneously to show their support for action on climate change.

Edinburgh Castle is one of a number of Historic Scotland attractions that will be turning off their lights for one hour on 29 March 2014 at 8:30pm. Other participating Historic Scotland sites are Linlithgow Palace, Urquhart Castle, Stirling Castle, Castle Campbell, Dundonald Castle, Ruthven Barracks and Arbroath Abbey.

Launched in Australia in 2007, Earth Hour has grown to be a global phenomenon with hundreds of millions of people around the world participating. This year, 154 countries are expected to take part, with activities on social media being monitored using the hashtag #BeBrilliant.

Susan Loch, Head of Visitor Operations for Historic Scotland said: "A grassroots movement which has grown into a global phenomenon in just a few years, Earth Hour does a wonderful job of highlighting the problem of climate change. I am delighted that we will once again be supporting this worthwhile cause by joining landmarks around the world to switch off the floodlights at a number of our properties.

"As Scotland's biggest operator of visitor attractions, reducing energy use in our properties is very important to us and as an agency, we are committed to reducing our carbon emissions, as outlined in our Climate Change Action Plan which was launched in 2012."

Lang Banks, Director of WWF Scotland said: "It's fantastic news that Historic Scotland is supporting WWF's Earth Hour yet again in 2014. This year looks set to be another amazing event with people, organisations and communities up and down the country joining together in a dramatic hour of action on climate change.

"WWF's Earth Hour is a simple way to show support for protecting our brilliant planet by tackling climate change. Historic Scotland's decision to become an Earth Hour star demonstrates their commitment to this issue. Earth Hour is our planet's time to shine – we hope everyone will feel inspired to join us in a dazzling display of support by signing up today."

For information on WWF's Earth Hour go to <http://wwfscotland.org.uk/earthhour>

VIDEO – Edinburgh Council launches School Run and Tryathon



Children from Royal Mile Primary School and senior students from George Watson's College were joined by a line-up of Edinburgh born and based professional athletes at Holyrood Palace this morning to launch The City of Edinburgh Council's upcoming 'School Run and Tryathon' event on 14 June 2014.

Miss Scotland Jaimey Bowers was also at the photocall this morning, although we are sure she will not be taking part in the run wearing the high heels that she wore today!

The athletes in our photos include:-

- **The 'Edinburgh Accies'**, Scotland's longest running rugby team
- **Willy Wood**, professional lawn bowler and double Commonwealth Games gold medallist
- **Frania Gillen Buchert**, leading ladies squash player
- **Evan Oliphant**, professional cyclist and Commonwealth Games 2006 representative
- **Martin Campbell**, professional badminton player in training for Glasgow 2014

- **Nicki Cochrane**, Scotland and Edinburgh University Hockey Player
- **Craig McEwen**, Professional Middleweight Boxer
- **Amy Regan**, professional gymnast in training for Glasgow 2014



ABOUT THE SCHOOL RUN AND 'TRYATHON'

- The first ever School Run will begin on Saturday 14 June 2014 at 12:30PM and the Meadowbank Tryathon will be open from 10:30AM until 5:00PM
- Participating Tryathon sports include: Rugby 7's, hockey, athletics, gymnastics, judo, wrestling, lawn bowls, shooting, cycling, badminton, weightlifting, netball, table tennis, boxing, squash
- Entertainment at the event will include food stalls from Taste of Scotland and Scotmid, dance performances, and commentary and music from the Forth One Roadshow
- Food, refreshments and entertainment will also be available at Meadowbank Stadium for runners and spectators to enjoy
- For further information on the event and to register to take part visit www.theschoolrun2014.com



Canal College landscaping at

The Calders



The Canal College celebrated the start of a major new project last week out on the Union Canal near Wester Hailes.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Rt Hon Donald Wilson, and Edinburgh Canal Champion, Councillor Gordon Munro, joined young people at their new landscaped 'gateway' onto the canal at The Calders.

The Lord Provost and Councillor Munro signalled the start of the project as the young canal college participants, aged between 16 – 25 years, began work with public realm improvement specialists, Land Engineering, who have generously donated manpower and equipment for the project.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the European Union Interreg IVB North West Europe project 'Green & Blue Futures', Scottish Natural Heritage and Scottish Canals, canal college has been created by the Scottish Waterways Trust to help tackle youth unemployment in Edinburgh and Falkirk.

Through the pioneering initiative, young people between 16 and 25 years of age, who have not been able to secure a job or place in further education or training, have the opportunity to gain heritage and environment skills through a wide range of practical projects outdoors on the Forth & Clyde and Union canals.

This is the 'signature' project for canal college in Edinburgh, and it is hoped it will create an improved entrance to the 32 mile long Union Canal off Calders Crescent,

Designed by landscape architects Harrison Stevens, the new gateway at Calders reflects the heritage of the two hundred year old waterway and centres on a striking arc of timber sleepers. The new waterside space, which will be clearly visible from the A71, will also feature native woodland planting, timber walling and reclaimed granite paving.

Marking the start of the work, Lord Provost Donald Wilson said:

“The canal college project is fantastic news for the local community around Calders. It will not only embrace local young workers and provide them with lifelong skills but provide residents and passersby with a vastly improved landscape. Investing in our communities through our young people and environment is invaluable and this project should be celebrated.”

Councillor Gordon Munro, Canal Champion for Edinburgh, added:

“This is a win-win deal. It’s a win for the young people gaining valuable skills to help in their search for work. It’s also a win for the canal and for the community around Calders who will see this part of the canal looking even more attractive for residents and visitors alike. Canals connect and this connection between young people, work skills and environmental improvements show what creative partnerships can achieve.”

Land Engineering’s Managing Director, Stuart Dillett, said:-

“Land Engineering is delighted to support the canal college in this new feature gateway at Calders, by providing accredited resources to support the activities being carried out by the students. By overcoming the technical challenges facing them, the students’ efforts will see improved local access and the wider canal community will gain a new gateway to be proud of. As well as the physical improvements, the most important facets are the heritage and employability skills each student will take away from this phase and from future training courses planned after this. Land Engineering appreciates the learning to be gained from such an initiative and is committed to supporting the training delivered to the young students.”

Danielle Moore, Project Co-ordinator for canal college concluded:-“Canal College is a unique outdoors heritage and

environment skills training programme which gets participants involved in practical projects from start to finish so that they understand and appreciate everything that is involved. The creation of the new gateway will be an amazing experience for participants from now until the project completes next year as they learn about design and drawing through to construction and horticulture.

“We are hugely grateful to the Lord Provost and Councillor Munro for showing their support today and to Land Engineering for giving their help in preparing the area for this exciting project. It is fantastic that they will also help teach the young people that working on a major project like this beside the canal isn't simply a case of just turning up with a spade. It takes a lot of planning, preparation and hard work but the rewards can be huge.”

The young people will roll up their sleeves and work with Land Engineering learning how to scan the ground for any nearby underground service lines then strip the top soil and prepare the ground for fencing.

Following the preparatory works, canal college participants and their volunteer mentors will begin the initial woodland planting and timber fencing to the west of the entrance. Subsequent canal college groups over the next year will be responsible for continuing the project, planting woodland, creating hedges, building fences and creating the central timber gateway feature.

Each canal college programme runs for two days a week for 14 weeks. During this time, the volunteer participants and their mentors carry out a wide range of practical projects and work towards a number of awards and certificates.

Projects include landscaping, tree planting and vegetation management, wildlife conservation, trail creation, canal engineering, maintenance, management and customer service.

Awards and certificates include the Saltire Volunteer Award, John Muir Award (Discovery Level), Youth Achievement Award and canal college Award.

Towards the end of the programme, participants are also given help with job seeking and CV writing.

Waverley to have a new market



Remember when Waverley Market housed the Ideal Home Exhibition? How many things did your Mum take home and put in a cupboard never to be used again?

Now Edinburgh's Waverley station is set to host a market under its famous glass canopy for the first time in over 40 years, with local social enterprises and passengers set to become the primary beneficiaries.

The new venture, run by LocalMotive Markets, will operate every Friday from 2 May. The market, which will operate from 11am to 7pm, will include a range of arts and crafts and food stalls.

Juliet Donnachie, Network Rail Station Manager for Waverley said:-“We're thrilled to be able to announce this innovative new venture in partnership with LocalMotive Markets. Recent improvements within the station have left us with a fantastic vacant space to the east side of the station which we're pleased to be able to use for this purpose.

“The market will feature unique crafts from local designers, ethically-sourced gifts, Scottish produce and hot food, as well as a rotating programme of fairs including a monthly

social enterprise day, art fair and vintage clothing events”.

LocalMotive Markets is run by Vicky MacDonald of Edinburgh Markets and Tania Pramschufer of Hand Up Media and aims to provide a hub for social enterprises and other local and ethical businesses to sell their products to both visitors to the city and local people who live and work in the area.

Ms MacDonald said:-“We want the market to showcase the amazing products and services that local businesses with a conscience have to offer. Over 22 million people use Waverley train station every year and we want to give them an alternative shopping experience that brings all the variety, passion and creativity of the local entrepreneurial spirit under one roof”.

LocalMotive is continuing to recruit new traders and exhibitors for the market.

Ms Pramschufer said:- “We are still looking for interested stall holders to come forward. We’re particularly interested in hearing from traders offering quality food or arts and crafts. There’s even room for a massage therapist and we’re open to interesting ideas.

“Preference will be given to social enterprises but we are open to all businesses with an ethical or local product. Our rates make it accessible for everyone as we have different prices ranging from £30 to £60 a day depending on size of pitch so a stall could be a small table, a medium gazebo or a large gazebo.”

To contact LocalMotive Markets,
visit www.localmotivemarkets.co.uk

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Richard Demarco to be awarded the Edinburgh Medal – Twitter Q & A with Councillor Child – EdinburghReportage – South Queensferry High Street closed today – Our Dynamic Earth

Renowned art advocate and co-founder of Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre Richard Demarco is to receive the seventh annual [Edinburgh Award](#).

The artist and art entrepreneur, who was awarded European Citizen of the Year in August, is represented in more than 2500 art collections and has been recognised on many occasions for promoting cultural links throughout Europe.

Professor Demarco will be presented with the engraved Loving Cup, which has previously been awarded to Professor Peter Higgs and cyclist Chris Hoy, at a ceremony this evening at the City Chambers.

He will also have a mould of his hands taken and engraved into a permanent flagstone in the City Chambers quadrangle.

Lord Provost Donald Wilson said: "I am delighted to be able present this year's [award](#) to Richard Demarco, whose tireless work to promote and present art from around the globe has doubtlessly enriched the Scottish art scene.

"The Edinburgh Award is a chance to honour an outstanding individual who has made an impact on the city and Professor Demarco is a most deserving recipient."

Born in 1930 to an Italian-Irish family in Edinburgh, Professor Demarco went on to co-found The Richard Demarco Gallery in 1966 before establishing the Demarco European Art

Foundation.

Appointed Commander of The British Empire (CBE) in 2007 the 83-year old, who has organised hundreds of exhibitions, plays, conferences and performances involving artists and academics from nations around the world, has been praised for his internationalism, and counts the Romanian and German Orders of Merit and the Gold 'Gloria Artis' Medal of Poland amongst his previous accolades.

Over the last 50 years Professor Demarco has built up an extensive collection of modern art featuring work by some of the most important figures in 20th century art and more than one million photographs.

He has also enjoyed a long relationship with Edinburgh's festivals, having attended every Edinburgh Festival since its inception in 1947, and was appointed Director of Edinburgh Festival Contemporary Art exhibition programme in 1967.

In 2010 The Royal Scottish Academy celebrated his 80th birthday with a one-man exhibition entitled 'A Life in Pictures' which was presented at The Royal Scottish Academy along with the major exhibition 'Ten Dialogues: Richard Demarco – Scotland and the European Avant-garde'.

Professor Demarco said: "I regard this award as an honouring of all the artists and art patrons who collaborated with me to develop a cultural dialogue between Scotland and the international art world.

"I feel deeply honoured but I am conscious of the countless numbers of all those who have helped me and who share my belief that Edinburgh is a nodal point on the cultural map of the world."

The decision to award Professor Demarco, who was nominated for the award by Edinburgh citizens, was taken by a judging panel chaired by the Lord Provost Donald Wilson, with

representatives from all political groups on the City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council and Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce.

First launched in 2007, the Award is a way for Edinburgh citizens to pay a lasting tribute to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the city through their achievements.

Previous winners of the award are: Dame Elizabeth Blackadder, Ian Rankin, JK Rowling, Sir Chris Hoy, George Kerr CBE and Professor Peter Higgs.

Tomorrow lunchtime there will be a Twitter Q and A and you can join in by sending questions ahead of the event.

The Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) twitter account, [@Edin_NPs](#), was launched on Monday 13 January 2014. Since the first tweet, they have amassed over 150 followers. Recently, the account has been used to live tweet from both the [Community Council induction event](#), and [feith Decides](#).

To continue to engage online Councillor Child and @Edin_NPs are hosting a live question and answer session on Tuesday 25 March 2014, 12noon – 1pm. The session is your opportunity to ask your questions about NPs, give your thoughts and suggestions and find out how you can get involved in your neighbourhood transformation.

You can send your questions in advance by emailing neighbourhood.partnerships@edinburgh.gov.uk or tweet them to @Edin_NPs with #askNPs



Come on all you allotment holders, you must be doing some

tidying up on your patch by now.... Share your photos with us over [here](#).

The High Street in South Queensferry will be closed to through traffic from 8am today until 4pm on Wednesday. This is to allow road surface repairs along a 30 metre stretch east of the museum. A diversion will be signed via the low bridge on Station Rd. Access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be maintained. Towed cars can be recovered by calling 101.

Other roadworks in and around Edinburgh are listed [here](#).

Our Dynamic Earth is undergoing a bit of a facelift at the moment.

THIS EASTER, DYNAMIC EARTH IS UNDERGOING A £1MILLION REDEVELOPMENT TO THE BEGINNING OF THE EXPERIENCE.

There are currently exciting works going on at Dynamic Earth throughout the tour which are due to be unveiled in April 2014. During this time some disruption to the tour will occur and you will be unable to visit the first three areas which includes the time machine

To make up for this we are offering you the opportunity to see an extra Dome Film for free.

We are currently showing 3 films We are Aliens, Natural Selection and on Saturday and Sunday at 10.30am only, Dinosaurs at Dusk.

To ensure you have time to make the most of this opportunity and to have a choice of films it is recommended that you

arrive before 3.30pm.

[More details on the ODE website.](#)

Paul Hanlon voted Hibs' fans Player of the Year



Paul Hanlon was voted the Hibernian Supporter's Player of the Year last night at a dinner at the Hibs' Club in Sunnyside.

The 24 year old has been in impressive form for the club he supported as a youngster although he missed Saturday's defeat due to a knee injury.

He made his debut as a 17 year old in a 3-0 win over Inverness Caledonian Thistle at Easter Road and since then has made another 193 appearances scoring nine times.

Recently Hibs manager Terry Butcher told the media that he believes that it is only a matter of time before Hanlon who has been capped an impressive 33 times at Under-19 and Under-20 level by Scotland, many of them as captain, gains full international recognition.



Alex Harris won the Young Player of the Year award after

breaking through into the first team under Pat Fenlon last year and helping the club to the Scottish Cup Final with a fantastic performance against Falkirk in the semi-final.

Unfortunately Harris suffered a serious injury against Motherwell in the opening game of the season and has only recently returned to first team action.

Lewis Stevenson won a 'special recognition' award.

Photos by John Preece

<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jlp-photography>

The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup



Rugby by John Preece

Edinburgh lost their latest match in the RaboDirect PRO12 League to Ulster on Friday night. The match kicked off in torrential rain, but Edinburgh were quickly on the attack. However, they had to settle for a penalty after a quarter of an hour of hammering away at Ulster's defence. Ulster then came back with two penalties of their own before the break. The second half scoring was confined to a single penalty from Ulster, and, although Edinburgh finished much the stronger, the match went to Ulster 9-3.

(Full match report in the Sport section)

In the RBS Premiership all three Edinburgh teams were in

action on what was, effectively, the final round of matches in the 2013-14 season. Unfortunately all three lost their matches. Heriots went down 31-21 to Hawick, Edinburgh Academy were beaten by Stirling County 23-17 and newly crowned Champions, Melrose, brought Currie's fine run of wins to a halt by beating them 26-10.

Heriots finish the season in fourth place, with the final coveted British and Irish Cup place in the bag, on 58 points. Currie clawed their way off the bottom of the table and find themselves in sixth place with 34 points. And finally, Edinburgh Accies fall from grace continued and they have ended the season in ninth place and will play Watsonians in a play-off to try and avoid relegation.

In the RBS National League, Boroughmuir consolidated their run-away table topping position with a comprehensive demolishing of GHA to the tune of 76-5. The other two teams, Watsonians and Stewarts-Melville, played out a tense, but nonetheless exciting, match at Myreside which Watsonians won 19-15 (Full match report in the Sport section). Unfortunately, as Stew-Mel had gained an all-important losing bonus point – Alan Whittingham (pictured) scoring their three tries – it is they, and not Watsonians, who go forward to play Accies in the relegation/promotion play-off match.

The table finished with 'Muir on top with 78 points, winning 16 of their 18 games on the way. Stew-Mel finished second with 63 points, rounding off the season with a 14 match winning run and Watsonians finished in third with 62 points, just failing to sustain the very good start to their season.

Football

Another dismal weekend for the Capital sides with both Hearts and Hibs losing ahead of next week's derby.

Friday night football arrived at Tynecastle when Dundee United visited the city and took a two goal lead through Brian Graham

and Nadir Ciftci before Danny Wilson pulled one back with a late header.

The following day Hibs travelled to Perth knowing that a defeat would end their hopes of a top six finish, and goals by Steven McLean and Ryan McGivern (og) secured a deserved victory for the Saints. Hibs' misery was compounded when Danny Haynes was sent off for a reckless challenge on former Hibs' star David Wotherspoon.

Hibs and Hearts face each other at Tynecastle next Sunday in a game dubbed the relegation derby as a defeat for Hearts would see them relegated although they could already be down by the time the game kicks off.

Finally congratulations to Paul Hanlon who was voted the Hibernian Supporters' Player of the Year, Alex Harris who won the Young Player of the Year award and Lewis Stevenson who won a Special Recognition Award.



Image Printer's Cup Final

Whitehill Welfare beat 9 man Spartans in a dramatic sudden-death penalty shoot-out in front of a crowd of circa 400 at Craigroyston FC's St. Mark's Park to win the Image Printer's Cup on Saturday.

Welfare took a 20th minute lead from the head of Noon before Spartans drew level on the stroke of half-time thanks to Whatley.

Five minutes after the restart top scorer Keith McLeod was shown red for an off-the-ball incident in the Welfare box and Spartans and the 90 minutes ended all square.

The Ainslie Park outfit took the lead when Sean Muhshin

drilled the ball low and hard under the keeper to give 10 man Spartans an unlikely lead however after the celebrations subsided, the referee pulled across Brown before brandishing a second yellow card, ending his involvement in the game.

With seconds left, Welfare made use of their numerical advantage and Gareth Thom was free to bundle the ball over the line to send the match into penalty kicks.

McIntosh hit the bar before Anderson's kick was saved. Noon, Whatley, Bruce, Mushin, Grant, Kidd, Henretty and Sproule were all successful with their spot-kicks sending the shoot-out into sudden death. Cennerazzo stepped up but his attempt was saved by Young.

Penalty Kicks: Spartans 4-5 Whitehill Welfare.

Scottish Sun Lowland League

Threave Rovers 1-4 University of Stirling

Scottish Sun Lowland League Cup, Groupstage, Section A

Preston Athletic 2-2 Selkirk

Vale of Leithen 1-4 Gala Fairydean Rovers

Scottish Sun Lowland League Cup, Groupstage, Section C

Dalbeattie Star 4-3 Gretna 2008

The King Cup, Second Round

Edinburgh City 1-3 Berwick Rangers EOS

Central Taxis Premier Division

Stirling University EOS 2-1 Craigroyston

Coldstream 2-0 Spartans EOS

Leith Athletic 1-0 Heriot-Watt University

Central Taxis First Division

Duns 0-2 Burntisland Shipyard

Eyemouth United 1-4 Hibernian EOS

Hawick Royal Albert P-P Peebles Rovers

Qualifying League Section A

Civil Service Strollers 1-1 Tynecastle

Kelso United 1-3 Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale

Women's Football

Another big win for Hibs who beat Inverness City 7-1 at Albion Park Broxburn thanks to goals from Lucy Graham (2), Ellis Jenkins (2), Caroline Heron (2) and long serving captain Frankie Brown who is leaving the club to pursue a new career at Bristol Academy.

Spartans drew 0-0 away to Rangers whilst Hutchison Vale lost 2-0 to Celtic at Barrowfield.

Speedway courtesy of the Scotwaste Monarchs'

Not the team though, but two Monarchs' riders were in action on Friday evening as the season begins to step up a gear with more and more teams opening their season.

Craig Cook made the long trip down to Poole to race in the, well deserved, Gary Havelock Farewell meeting. Craig lined up for Ricko's Raiders, a team managed by ex-World Champion, Tony Rickardsson.

He had some fairly powerful support in his team as he is joined by Chris Harris, Chris Holder, Freddie Lindgren, Scott Nicholls, Ty Proctor and Richie Worrall. They were up against Loram's Legends, managed by ex-World Champion, Mark Loram. That team boasted a powerful line up also with Greg Hancock,

Maciej Janowski, Antonio Lindback, Vaclav Milik, Bjarne Pedersen, Darcy Ward and Davey Watt.

A bit further north found Stevie Worrall in action for his National League team, Cradley Heathens in the Travel Plus Trophy match against Coventry Storm. These two teams are seen as likely contenders for the National League championship.

Both riders then faced a long journey north, particularly in Craig's case, to be at the Monarchs' Press Day on Saturday afternoon.



Ice Hockey by John Preece

Dundee Stars 3 Edinburgh Capitals 1

A goal in each period from the home side was enough for them to see off Edinburgh. With the win it guarantees the Gardiner Conference winners finishing third in the league.

Only the one goal separated the teams after the opening period and it came the way of the home side as Nico Sacchetti found the net at 12.47.

The home side doubled their advantage as Sacchetti scored his second of the game at 30.15. Edinburgh pulled one back with a powerplay goal at 32.10 from Martin Cingel.

The game was ended as a contest as Stars captain Brock McPherson was on target at 49.13 with the only goal of the third period.

(Match report courtesy of EIHL's R&J Stats)

In the return match at Murrayfield on Sunday, the Capitals avenged their defeat with a 4-1 win over the Dundee Stars.

Three powerplay goals in the second period for the home side, scored by Leinweber, Cesky and Zembergs, and one for Dundee,

from Sacchetti, gave the Capitals a 3-1 lead going into the third. Another goal from Zembergs four minutes from time sealed the victory in Edinburgh's final league match of the season.

Basketball

C : C Quarter-Final Troon Tornadoes SM 49-65 City of Edinburgh Kings SM

C : C Quarter-Final Glasgow Rocks SM 97-91 St Mirren West College Scotland SM

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C : C Quarter-Final Clark Eriksson Fury SM 100-57 Glasgow Storm

C : C Quarter-Final Glasgow University SM 73-73 Boroughmuir Blaze SM

Polonia Phoenix SW 60-62 St Mirren West College Scotland SW

Volleyball

Division One Men

South Ayrshire 0 3 City of Glasgow Ragazzi

Edinburgh Jets 3 2 City of Edinburgh

Beacon Fire 3 0 Dundee

Bon Accord 2 3 Glasgow Mets

Division One Women

Edinburgh Jets 3 0 North Lanarkshire

Aberdonia 0 3 Su Ragazzi

QTS Kyle TA 3 0 Edinburgh Jets II

QTS Troon Team Ayrshire 3 1 City of Edinburgh

Division Two East Men

Su Ragazzi II 3 2 City of Edinburgh II

Beacon Flame 2 3 Edinburgh Jets II

NUVOC 3 0 Bellshill Cardinals

Judo

Edinburgh judoka Sarah Clark won the Under-63kg title at the Pan American Cup in Montevideo, Uruguay beating Brazil's Katherine Campos in the final.

In the Under-73kg event, Edinburgh's Patrick Dawson, lost his first match to Russian Khabib Murtuzov.

Hockey

Grange will meet Western Wildcats next Saturday for a place in the Aberdeen Asset Management National League Grand Final after a 2-1 win over Hillhead at Peffermill on Sunday.

Rob Barr scored from two penalty corner attempts with Andrew Hilton scoring for Hillhead.

In Pool A, Grove Menzieshill beat Watsonians 6-0 at Peffermill. Ben Cosgrove gave the Taysiders a 1-0 half-time lead, before two goals from Adam Fallis, another Cosgrove strike, plus goals from Oliver James and Paul Martin secured the win.

AAM Gordonians beat Edinburgh University 2-1.

In Pool B, Inverleith are safe after a 5-2 win over Dundee Wanderers. Adam MacKenzie rifled home four penalty corners in addition to a Phil Hall goal from open play.

Hillhead Ladies took a large step towards promotion with a hard fought 2-2 draw against CALA Edinburgh in Glasgow. Both CALA goals came from Millie Brown.

Grange EL are destined for the relegation play-off after an 8-0 defeat at the hands of capital rivals Watsonians. Hat-tricks for Cathryn Pollock and Lucy Ramsey, added to strikes from Nicki Black and Kirsty Hill ensured Watsonians have an excellent chance of survival going into next weekend.

Photos by John Preece

<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jlp-photography>

Decapitated Tea and the Threat of Andrex

My usual Saturday morning routine was spent having a cup of tea with my mother in a café in Leith. I was recovering from a splendid Friday evening in the Port o' Leith bar – if you want good old fashioned pub entertainment, it's the place to be for a cracking atmosphere – and my senses, therefore, weren't as sharp as they might have been. But I had to double-check Ma's assertion that, on a recent appointment at Edinburgh's Royal Infirmary, she opined 'there were a lot of obscene people and, as such, NHS workers really should know better'.

I pondered this statement for a moment. Obscene people working for the NHS? Things are worse than I had imagined. I was thinking of alerting the editor of The Edinburgh Reporter to a major news story when I thought I had better seek clarification. 'What do you mean by obscene, mother?

'Well,' she explained, 'so many of them were overweight. And they are trying to tell us we should eat healthily.'

I believe the word she meant was 'obese' although there could have been something she wasn't telling me. My dear old mum is 77 and while she is still relatively active and her mind is still quite sharp – she picks far more winners on the horses than I do – she does tend to get her words and meanings mixed up. There have been numerous examples over the years much to the amusement of other family members who really ought to know better.

Although she now lives in Edinburgh, she is an Aberdonian and was thrilled by Aberdeen's League Cup win the other week. A few years ago she accompanied me to a Hearts v Aberdeen game at Tynecastle. While I headed to my usual seat in the Wheatfield Stand, she made for the Aberdeen end. Prior to the game we had discussed recent terrorist attacks and what terrorists may do next. She told me she was particularly concerned by the threat of 'Andrex'. I wondered briefly if we were likely to experience incessant bombing raids of toilet paper before surmising that what she meant was the threat of 'anthrax'. That said, when the Aberdeen team ran on to the Tynecastle pitch that afternoon, their supporters threw dozens of toilet rolls on to the field so perhaps she had a point...

Then there was a shopping trip where she fancied one of those 'George Formby' grills. I had to admit I hadn't realised there was such a thing and the prospect of having your eggs turn out nice again did have its merits. In the end, she settled for a George Foreman grill and I felt a twang of disappointment she didn't get her original choice...

Towards the end of last year, Ma fell and broke her wrist. This meant her dutiful son was charged with the task of getting her weekly shop. 'Don't forget to get my decapitated teabags' she would say on several occasions. As I scanned the shelves for decaffeinated tea bags, I wondered if she still

had concerns over the threat of terrorism (or Andrex...)

As I departed her company on Saturday, I spoke about heading to see her after the Hearts v Hibernian game this coming Sunday – Mother’s Day. She agreed this would be a good idea so long as I was in the right frame of mind, given that Hearts might be ‘regulated’ if they lost.

Perhaps if Hearts had been regulated during the Romanov era, relegation might not be a prospect now...

(Editor’s comment....Having spent more time in NHS hospitals than I really wanted to over recent months, your mother has a point about the obscene (sorry obese!) members of staff. But going back a decade or two medical staff were often heavy smokers, so perhaps this is the new smoking....?)

Concern for missing local man



Police are becoming increasingly concerned for the welfare of a local man, who has not been seen since Wednesday (March 19, 2014)

Blair Davidson is 21 years old, 6’tall, slim build, short dark brown hair, and usually has facial stubble.

He was last seen wearing a dark grey tracksuit, carrying a black ‘Trespass’ rucksack, and also had a maroon tracksuit with him.

Inspector Graeme Dignan, who is leading the search for Blair, said: “He left Easter Drylaw Place, Edinburgh, where he

normally lives, sometime after 8.30 am on Wednesday to attend an appointment in the Tollcross area of Edinburgh and has not returned, prompting concern for his welfare.

“I am asking anyone who has seen him, or has information about his whereabouts, to contact Police Scotland on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Witness appeal following vicious assault in Tranent



Police officers in East Lothian are appealing for witnesses to a vicious assault on a 26-year-old man by two men, believed to be in their 20s, who also encouraged their dog to bite their victim on the head.

The incident took place yesterday (Saturday, March 22, 2014) around 11am on the footpath from Haddington Road to Northfield in Tranent.

Detective Constable Andrew Hope, who is leading the investigation, said: “The victim was attacked with such severity by both men, who also encouraged their brown coloured Bull Mastiff dog to bite him on the head, that he will need plastic surgery.

“We do not have any description of the men who carried out this assault, but believe they had been seen earlier in a white Vauxhall Corsa, which may have had a black roof.

“Anyone who saw this assault take place, or can help us identify the two men involved, is asked to contact Police

Scotland on 101 or provide the information anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

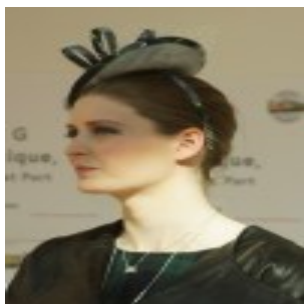
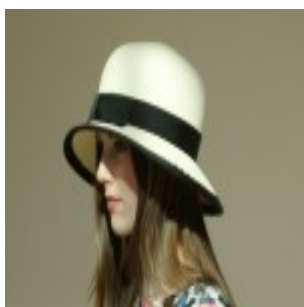
Grassmarket – the place for fashion



Earlier today there was an exclusive intimate catwalk show & meet the boutiques show to which The Edinburgh Reporter was invited at Dancebase, Grassmarket.



Although we could not stay for the whole event, catwalk themes included festival and summer fun, lunch and cocktails with the girls, wedding guest, lazy Sunday, and stylish work wear.



We took a few photos to show you some of the styles!



Designers included Just G Boutique, Lady JoJo's Godiva, Fabhatatrix, Big Ideas, Swish and more, all Grassmarket traders. Hats were by Fabhatatrix.

So now you know where to go for your next shopping trip!



Edinburgh runs the Sport Relief Mile



Up to 1000 local people turned out in force today at the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in Edinburgh. Milers of all ages were sponsored to do 1, 3 or 6 miles around West Princes Street Gardens.

The day was a huge success with friends, families and work mates all joining together to go the extra mile for Sport Relief 2014.

Photos by Sally Cuthbert



And here is a late entry:- the Aquamarine Power team – most of whom seem to have a medal!



Are Leith Walk improvements moving at last?



The council decided on Thursday to bring forward the date for appointing a contractor to carry out improvement works on Leith Walk by around six weeks. They had put out an invitation to tender for the works some time ago but the closing date had to be extended to 20 March (the date of the Finance Committee meeting) to allow for 'maximum competition' in the bid process.

This meant that the award of the contract would have to await the next Finance Committee meeting which is not for another six weeks, so the council have agreed to delegate the decision to the Director of Services for Communities, Mark Turley, along with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee. These three will now appoint the contractor to carry out Phase 2 of the Leith Programme.

The council has recognised in the reports produced for the Finance Committee meeting that the local community wishes the works carried out as soon as possible, although many locals will tell you that the council has already been delaying this work for some time. In Spring 2013 the council invited local organisations to comment on the consultation dealing with the design of the improvements.

Leith Walk has been described as an important street in the past, as the most dangerous street for cyclists, and a mess by

those viewing it after the tram works there were completed.

Phase 2 of the Leith Programme involves around £9 million worth of road, footway and cycle improvements along the whole length of Constitution Street and Leith Walk, which the council hope will transform the character of these streets. The council is particularly keen to improve the street layout in the northern section of Leith Walk 'for the benefit of all road users'.



The Programme is being delivered in a number of phases in the next three financial years and Phase 1 which involved works in Constitution Street was completed in November 2013.

Phase 2 covers the section of Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and Duke Street and the contract is to be awarded and then reported back to the Finance Committee at the beginning of May 2014.

Councillor Adam McVey who is the newly appointed Vice Convener of Transport and Environment supports the work to be carried out in Leith:-“The Council has taken action to speed up the awarding of the Leith Walk improvement contract. This will allow users of the street to enjoy the new public realm between Duke Street and Pilrig Street to do their Christmas shopping.

“The Council took action at the Finance committee to bring forward the awarding of the contract by 6 weeks. This means work will be able to start in May and crucially be complete by the end of November.”

Meanwhile our chums at [Greener Leith](#) believe that this all means that trams will roll down Leith Walk sooner than had been thought. We think they are probably right, but there are also other areas in Edinburgh where it is clearly marked on the Local Development Plan that roads, streets and pieces of land are reserved for future tram development. It is certainly the case that other cities which have introduced trams have

all extended the lines within a short time. However, given the history of disruption and the effect that this had on Leith Walk businesses, perhaps there is no more deserving extension to the tram line than Leith Walk.



Three injured in Dalry Road motorbike accident



Police are appealing for witnesses to a road traffic collision in the city's Dalry Road on Saturday afternoon, when a motorcyclist, his pillion passenger and a pedestrian were injured.

It is believed that the motorcyclist collided with a bus shelter, injuring himself and his pillion passenger and a pedestrian waiting at the bus stop.

All three were taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, where the motorcyclist and passenger remain in a serious condition. The pedestrian was only slightly injured.

Sergeant Alan Stewart from the Road Policing Unit, who is investigating the incident, said: "Dalry Road was quite busy at the time of the incident, and I would appeal for anyone who saw what happened, or the motorcycle just before it crashed, to contact Police Scotland on 101 or through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Edwin G Lucas at Bourne Fine Art



Following his recent rediscovery by the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, Bourne Fine Art presents an exhibition of work by an idiosyncratic artist Edwin G. Lucas, an artist who painted against fashion and was forgotten by history. In the late 1930s, he associated with innovative and, later, influential students at Edinburgh College of Art, including Wilhelmina Barns-Graham from whom Lucas rented a studio in 1939. His involvement with Surrealism dates from this year and his pictures stand apart from anything his contemporaries were producing. Initially inspired by major figures such as Magritte, he soon found his own seam of Surrealism. This independence of thought and drive for innovation led him to spend the next twelve years producing a body of work from which ten examples have been selected for this show.

Though he showed artistic promise from early childhood Lucas was discouraged from pursuing a career in the arts as his uncle had struggled to make a living from his art, despite being a respected painter. Although he had a career in the civil service, Lucas regarded himself as a painter who had a day job to fund his art. As contemporary painter John Byrne exclaimed:- 'It's shameful, but thank God at long last we have discovered him – he is a great, great enormous talent.'



Patrick Elliott, senior curator Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, explained their inclusion in the national

collection: "They are impressive because they are inexplicable, I've not seen anything quite like them before in my 20 years at the Gallery of Modern Art: there's a bit of Picasso, but overall he's got nothing in common with anyone painting in Scotland at the time – or in fact anywhere else."

The paintings have been kept in storage since Lucas's last major solo exhibition in 1951. His son, Alan Lucas, said "My father pretty much stopped painting when he got married and started a family. It was wonderful growing up surrounded by the paintings in the family home, but the recent interest since his work entered the national collection, hung along with the likes of Picasso and Paolozzi, has really blown us away! I'm sure he would have been overjoyed by the recognition he's now getting."



In October last year the National Galleries announced their acquisition of works by Lucas:-

"A remarkable group of paintings, which have lain unseen in a self-store lock-up on the outskirts of Edinburgh for 60 years, have been acquired by the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art. The five paintings are by Edwin Lucas, a talented amateur painter whose hitherto-unknown work was brought to the attention of curators at the Gallery following a recent exhibition of Surrealism. Lucas worked for the Civil Service his entire life, encouraged away from a life as a painter.

Painted between 1939 and 1949, the works demonstrate the artist's highly individual take on Surrealism and are unprecedented in Scottish art of the period. They are now on show at the Edinburgh gallery, as part of the Gallery's New Acquisitions exhibition.

Lucas was born in Leith in 1911 and educated at George Heriot's school, later going on to work for the Civil Service in Edinburgh. He showed promise in drawing and painting at an

early age, but his family discouraged him from considering art as a career. He attended life drawing evening classes at Edinburgh College of Art but was otherwise entirely self-taught. Towards the end of the 1930s, he discovered Surrealism, probably via one of a handful of Surrealism shows staged in Edinburgh at that time. He exhibited regularly in Edinburgh from 1933 onwards and held solo shows at the New Gallery in Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, in 1950 and 1951. Following his marriage in 1952, he virtually stopped painting. His work remained almost unknown and he died in 1990."

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Terry Butcher admits that Hibs are not safe from relegation



Hibs' boss Terry Butcher has admitted that his side are not safe from relegation after yesterday's defeat to St Johnstone

in Perth.

Before the game, all talk was of putting pressure on the Saints in an effort to reach the top six, but with that now impossible, the fans are looking over their shoulders at the teams below them hoping to avoid the dreaded play-off spot.

Thankfully for the Easter Road faithful, all the teams in the bottom half of the table lost, so Hibs remain seven points clear of St Mirren and five clear of both Partick Thistle and Ross County having played a game more.

After the game Butcher told BBC Scotland: "We certainly need more points, that's for sure, to make sure we do stay up.

"I never thought we'd say that when we first came here."

"We're in a position now where we've got to roll our sleeves up and work hard to get out of it and that starts on Sunday with Hearts"

"We certainly want to go there and enjoy the occasion because it will be a rip-roaring atmosphere and we've got to match Hearts and be better than them.

"I am confident they can do that as they've done it in the past.

"We've got a big match next week that we've got to pick ourselves up for."

Hibs started yesterday's game brightly and dominated possession in the first half, but fell behind to a soft goal from a corner although Butcher was quick to praise stand in goalkeeper Sean Murdoch who deputised for Ben Williams who attended the birth of his child.

He continued: "We did really well in the first half in as much as St Johnstone changed their shape round to match ours, but, once again, it's powder puff up front. We do ever so well to

get up to the edge of the box and then we don't create anything and the final ball's poor and we don't test Alan Mannus in goal."

"Sean Murdoch had a fantastic match in goal. We got the text call in the morning from Ben Williams to say he was in hospital and they are going to break his wife's waters.

"There's only one place he should be and that's with his wife, so Sean came in and did very well."

Hibs go into next week's derby with a number of injury problems as well as a suspension for on loan striker Danny Haynes who was sent off for an apparent stamp on former Hibs' midfielder David Wotherspoon.

Butcher said: "Paul Hanlon's got a knee problem, which could be cause for concern, and Duncan Watmore had a knock in training that forced three changes.

"We changed another three to change the system and I think the system worked initially."

Photo by John Preece

<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jlp-photography>

Police investigate serious assault in Nicolson Street



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault on a security guard in Nicolson Street, Edinburgh yesterday

afternoon.

The incident happened around 12.10pm when a man attempted to shoplift from the Lidl supermarket in the city's Nicolson Street.

He is described as being White, 5ft 7inches tall, slim build and 20-30yrs of age with dirty bushy hair. He was wearing a sandy coloured, long sleeve top, dark blue jeans, white trainers and had a distinctive blue body warmer with camouflaged pockets.

Detective Sergeant Andrew MacRae, who is leading the investigation, said: "On being challenged, the man began to struggle violently with a security guard, and this continued outside the store. During this incident the security guard was stabbed a number of times by what we believe was a used syringe. He then ran away north towards Edinburgh city centre.

"Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has any information about the identity of the man is asked to contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Witness appeal following sexual assault in West Lothian



Police in West Lothian are appealing for witnesses following a sexual assault that took place during the early hours of yesterday morning.

The assault took place on the roadside by the A70 near to the Kirknewton junction. The female victim was later found walking in the Balerno area.

Detective Inspector Jim Morrison, who is in charge of the investigation, said: "I am appealing for any witnesses who saw a distressed woman in the area between 11.45pm and 12.30am to contact Police Scotland on 101.

"Alternatively, they can supply information anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Africa in Motion Film Festival to have a sporting theme

African sports films on tour for Commonwealth Games

Africa in Motion (AiM) Film Festival has announced their upcoming festival, 'Sports Stories from around the African Commonwealth' which is set to take place during the lead up to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Africa in Motion (AiM) is an annual African film festival taking place in Scotland. Since its inauguration in 2006, the festival has screened over 350 African films to audiences of around 20,000 people. This year in partnership with Glasgow 2014 and Creative Scotland, AiM is holding a touring programme of African sports films which will travel right across

Scotland from 3 June – 25 July 2014.

Festival Project Manager, Justine Atkinson said: ‘‘Sports Stories from around the African Commonwealth will explore African sports and culture through film, we believe our programme will increase the diversity of content brought to the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, and will help to contribute to a progressive inter-cultural dialogue through African films on sports. The tour will involve a wide variety of people from across Scotland, the UK and the wider African diaspora and will strive to open up new audiences to the Games’’.

The programme will include over 20 films from across the African Commonwealth, allowing Scotland Commonwealth spectators to watch boxing in Ghana, cycling in Rwanda, long-distance running in Kenya, surfing in South Africa, football in Nigeria and much more. The festival will use sport to highlight some of the main aims of the Commonwealth including HIV/AIDS awareness, democracy, refugee and asylum seekers and the history of slavery. Viewers will be taken on a visual journey through the African Commonwealth highlighting triumphs and key challenges through sports.


Screenings are set to take place in cinema venues across Scotland, and also outside of traditional screening venues through a pop-up cinema initiative, the AiM Shebeen Screen. In South Africa the word shebeen was used to describe an informal drinking place in a township during apartheid, and interestingly, in Scotland it also refers to an unlicensed bar or pub. These cultural links will inspire the design of the AiM Shebeen Screen, which will replicate the way Africans watch films with a mobile projector, screen, African murals,

posters and fabric. This pop-up cinema will travel across Scotland allowing audiences to fully immerse themselves in African culture.

There will be a bike-powered screening at the Transport Museum in Glasgow, a Food and Film Marathon, a Film and Freedom Triathlon, children's workshops and storytelling, discussions about African sport with experts and athletes, and more.

The full programme will be launched on the 27th of April (the anniversary of 20 years of democracy in South Africa).

Spring clean for Barnardo's Scotland with John Lewis

 The children's charity Barnardo's Scotland is urging you to spring clean and recycle your old clothes.

This spring, they have teamed up with John Lewis are encouraging everyone in Edinburgh and the Lothian to take part in a mass spring clean and recycling campaign, to rid their wardrobes of unused, unworn and unloved items and recycle them through John Lewis stores – 'it's a win, win situation'.

Between 21 March and 6 April 2014, pre-loved clothes can be donated to John Lewis in Edinburgh. All profits from the

donations received will fund Barnardo's Scotland's work in local communities transforming the lives of children, young people and their families.

It is estimated that a third (around 350,000 tonnes) of all clothes bought in the UK end up in landfill, but the charity believes that if they were donated for reuse or recycling they could generate £140 million in revenue, a staggering amount of money and which the charity could put to very good use.

Extending the life of clothes by just three months of active use per item, would lead to a 5-10% reduction in each of the carbon, water and waste footprints, something we all need to take notice of.

Deriel Loftus, Area Business Manager, said: "We're really pleased to be partnering with John Lewis in this recycling initiative. It makes perfect sense to recycle unwanted clothes rather than throw them out. The clothes that are donated will be transferred to our stores across Scotland where they will be sold or recycled to raise funds to support our local services. And the figures speak for themselves in terms of the positive impact recycling has on the environment.

"Of course that also means donors can then replenish their wardrobe with all the great new stock in John Lewis – it's a win, win situation."

Barnardo's Scotland would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donates and shops in our stores. Money

raised in our shops helps fund services which support children and young people in the local community.