

Marie Curie grateful for fundraising support

✖ Charity thanks people in Edinburgh for supporting the Great Daffodil Appeal

Marie Curie Nurses offer their thanks to everyone in the area for helping to make the charity's appeal a great success.

Since Marie Curie Cancer Care's month-long Great Daffodil Appeal launched on 1 March, volunteer collectors have been out in force throughout Edinburgh to encourage people to make a donation and wear the charity's daffodil pin to support people with a terminal illness.

All the funds raised from the Great Daffodil Appeal help Marie Curie Nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes and in the Edinburgh Marie Curie hospice.

Paul Thompson, Head of Regional Fundraising for Marie Curie, said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in Edinburgh who has supported Marie Curie and helped to make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal such a big success. The appeal simply wouldn't be possible without our wonderful volunteer collectors who tirelessly encouraged people to wear a daffodil pin, as well as everyone who generously made a donation to support people with a terminal illness. The funds raised will make a very significant difference, helping Marie Curie Nurses provide more care to people with terminal illnesses and their families at the time when they most need support."

Musselburgh Ladies Day partners with Stobo Castle for a beautiful day out



STOBO CASTLE LADIES DAY AT MUSSELBURGH RACECOURSE IS BACK CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

After a decade of glitz, glamour and galloping, Ladies Day at Musselburgh Racecourse is set to sparkle once again as the Capital's most dazzling raceday returns for its tenth anniversary celebrations – with official partners Stobo Castle on board to ensure a more beautiful day than ever before.

Birthday celebrations of course call for a big party! So, this year Ladies Day moves from its traditional Friday footing to a *Super Saturday* slot on 14 June 2014, welcoming the Scottish Sprint Cup – Musselburgh's most valuable race – to the schedule for the very first time.

✕ The premier Edinburgh event will once again welcome a sea of fashionistas sporting divine dresses, luscious locks and a gorgeous glow, ready for the most fabulous of birthdays – the Perfect Ten! With prizes awarded for the most chic attendees, Scotland's style set will be out in force in a bid to be crowned 'Queen of Style' with a £3,000 prize for the best dressed female.

As well as world-class racing, visitors can treat themselves to a spot of pampering at the pop-up 'Stobo Castle Pamper Zone'. This exclusive tented pamper zone will offer guests express appointments throughout the day with treatments

including complimentary make-up touch ups and quick hair fixes to mini massages so guests feel fabulous all day long.

Keeping the party going, the celebrations will go on into the evening on the Fashion in the Field stage with The Queen of Style Finale and After Racing Party, making this one birthday to truly remember!

Tickets for the Stobo Castle Ladies Day start at £35 and provide access to all public areas of the racecourse including bars and food outlets. Exceptional popularity has seen the exclusive Picnic Pavilion, Champers & Hampers and VIP Marquee tickets sell out already, leaving standard entry as the hottest tickets in town!

For further information and to book visit www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk or call 0131 665 2859.

PHOTOS Rob McDougall

Breaking news – Liberton High School pupil dies following collapse of internal wall

✖ A secondary school pupil has died following the collapse of an internal wall at [Liberton High School](#) earlier this morning.

The BBC have a report [here](#).

STV have reported briefly [here](#).

Picture from the scene of fatal accident at Edinburgh school.

Latest details: <http://t.co/lMpyGEM5Ea>
pic.twitter.com/czn5Ynmq0z

– STV News (@STVNews) [April 1, 2014](#)

We're getting reports that a pupil has died following a wall collapse at Edinburgh's Liberton High School. More to follow as we have it.

– Scotsman (@TheScotsman) [April 1, 2014](#)

A spokesperson for The City of Edinburgh Council said: "A pupil at Liberton High School has sadly died following an incident at the school. Senior education staff and Health and Safety officers from the Council are at the school providing support to staff and pupils. An updated statement on behalf of the school will be issued later."

Safety message increases with more tram tests on the way

 **CAREFUL NOW: SAFETY MESSAGING STEPPED UP AS TRAM TESTS GO SEVEN DAYS**

The City of Edinburgh Council and Edinburgh Trams are ramping up their tram safety campaign in preparation for the next phase of testing and training.

With testing set to go seven days a week and increase in frequency from Monday 7 April, a new campaign dubbed #carefulnow has been developed to harness social media to get safety messages across to all road users.

Anecdotal evidence from tram drivers suggests that while the majority of road users are behaving responsibly around trams, there are a number of individuals still taking unnecessary risks when trams are running.



Drivers have reported pedestrians stepping out between two buses to try and cross in front of a tram, or making a dash across the tram lines instead of waiting for the green man.

We certainly saw quite a lot of that when we were on the tram during Operation Salvador recently.

As well as a social media campaign through Twitter and Facebook, the #carefulnow drive will include refreshed signage and updated messages to schools, universities and higher education colleges, businesses and community councils, highlighting the [existing safety advice and videos](#).

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: "Trams have become a much more common sight in the city centre over the last few weeks, which has given us all a chance to get used to sharing the roads with this new mode of transport.

"From next Monday, we'll see many more trams out testing right the way through the week and over the weekend as well. It's a good time to remind everyone how they can keep safe when walking, cycling or driving near trams. If you follow @EdinburghTrams on Twitter, look out for our #carefulnow messages and please spread the word!"

Tom Norris, Edinburgh Trams Director & General Manager, said: "Testing and training have been going really well and it's good to see that most people are interacting sensibly with the trams.

"Our drivers are driving very carefully to cope with the unpredictable behaviour of some road users, however. It's vital that everyone heeds the warning bell and that people don't gamble rather than wait for the green man.

"As we get ready to start testing seven days a week at a much greater frequency, we want to see the #carefulnow messages shared as widely as possible."

The push on safety advice comes as Edinburgh Trams invite seven-year-old budding animator Chapman Whitefield Mathers on a tram trip to congratulate him on winning his school's Tram Safety Competition.

[Chapman's animated tram safety film](#) scooped top prize at Flora Stevenson's Primary School, where he is in Primary 3. You can watch it here:-

Irene Brennan, Head Teacher at Flora Stevenson's Primary School, said: "We're all absolutely delighted to see Chapman's film getting such widespread recognition. His film was the worthy winner of our Tram Safety Competition organised by the school's Junior Road Safety Officer team but praise is also due to all the children who entered. Every one of them had thought carefully about how to stay safe around the trams and came up with lots of bright ideas on how to get the messages across."

Alongside the safety campaign, the Council has issued a renewed warning to drivers that they risk having their vehicle towed if they park irresponsibly and obstruct the trams.

A tow truck is now on standby to respond swiftly to any

incidents and vehicle owners can face a £180 charge to recover their vehicle if it's towed away.

✖ In addition, parking attendant patrols are paying particular attention to 'hotspots' along the on-street tram route, including South St Andrew Street, West Maitland Street and Haymarket Yards.

Already, two vehicles have been towed, one from West Maitland Street and one from York Place.

Cllr Hinds said: "We have to ensure that trams can run smoothly and with testing stepping up a gear soon, this is even more crucial now. Park responsibly and there won't be an issue. Park irresponsibly and you'll risk incurring a £180 charge to get your vehicle back if it's towed away."



EICC promoting Edinburgh in New York



The marketing department behind the Edinburgh International Conference Centre are off to New York for Scotland Week to promote Edinburgh and the EICC as a major venue.

The move comes just six months after the recently expanded venue in Scotland's capital was a first time exhibitor at IMEX America.

Making the trip EICC Head of Sales and Marketing, Louise Andrew said:-“We had a great response to being at IMEX in Las Vegas and it’s a natural follow up to come to New York when there is such a strong focus on all things Scottish. With 50 million people in the world claiming Scottish ancestry and most of them living and working in North America I know we will meet organisers warm to the idea of staging events in Scotland.”

“We have a strong reputation in North America with International Associations and on this trip we are also keen to secure new corporate business attracted by Scotland’s second Year of Homecoming in 2014 that includes two of the world’s greatest sports events, the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup”, added Andrew.

A series of business tourism related meetings and events are scheduled for Scotland Week that centre around the annual Tartan Day Parade on Sixth Avenue and the 10K Scotland Run and festival in Central Park. Both events take place on 5 April 2014.

Less than twelve months ago EICC opened a new £30m (US\$49m) expansion space. It features the world’s first hall-wide moving floor system, giving event organisers a unique set of event space optimisation options that are beyond the reach of conventional halls. Raked auditoria, arenas and tiered banqueting setups for 2,000 to 3,000 delegates can be delivered in record time in EICC’s new Lennox Suite.

You can watch a video about the suite here:-

Seeing the Lennox Suite for herself later this year is Katlyn Keneally from New York based Strategic Meetings & Events. The Strategic Support and Client Concierge specialist will visit Edinburgh for the first time in the summer having won the trip in a delegate competition at IMEX America.

Katlyn's itinerary includes: return flights to Edinburgh courtesy of Marketing Edinburgh, two night stays with The Balmoral Edinburgh by Rocco Forte, Apex Hotels and Radisson Blu, dinner at The Dome, a gin tasting and dinner at the Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa and afternoon tea and a Guerlain Spa treatment at The Caledonian, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

PHOTO Malcolm Cochrane

NHS reminds you to be ready for Easter holidays



Easter holidays are coming up and the NHS want to remind you to be ready for the holidays ahead by stocking up on any medicines only available from pharmacies.

The NHSScotland Be Ready for Easter campaign, which was launched today is advising people to take a few simple steps to look after their health.

By making sure they have a supply of over the counter medicines, knowing when their GP surgery is open and checking their repeat prescriptions, they can ensure they make the most of the Easter holiday weekend.

This year many GP surgeries across Scotland will close for four days from Good Friday (April 18th) to Easter Monday (April 21st), before re-opening on Tuesday 22nd April.

NHS 24 Medical Director Professor George Crooks said: "After

winter, Easter is the busiest time of year for Scotland's health services. The Be Ready for Easter campaign wants to remind people of the small steps they can take to ensure illness doesn't ruin their Easter.

"Being prepared by having enough repeat medication to cover you and having some simple home remedies available can make all the difference if illness strikes. It is also important to plan ahead for any required repeat prescriptions over the Easter break, so please order and collect in good time. We would also remind people of the wide range of health information available at NHS inform."

Professor Alison McCallum, Director of Public Health and Health Policy, NHS Lothian, said:-"We'd encourage anyone who relies on prescription medicines to ensure they get their request for a repeat prescription to their GP or pharmacist well before Easter preferably by April 10th.

"It's important you have the medicines you need to see you through this holiday period. Coughs and colds are still doing the rounds. Staying at home, regular hot drinks and taking plenty of rest is the best medicine for a cold. This also helps our specialists focus their efforts on those who are seriously unwell. To help manage troublesome symptoms e.g. colds, your local pharmacist can advise on what you need for a well stocked medicine cabinet."

Although many GP surgeries will be closed at Easter, hundreds of GPs will be working throughout this period supporting out of hours services across Scotland.

The four key steps that Be Ready for Easter recommends this Spring are:

Restock your medicine cabinet if needed

Common ailments such as colds can often be effectively treated at home with readily available medicine such as pain

relief, cough mixture and cold remedies. Parents are reminded to restock their medicine cabinet with child-friendly remedies.

Use your local pharmacy

Your pharmacist can offer advice or help if you need over-the-counter remedies or have run out of any prescribed medication. You can also pick up plasters and antiseptic creams to prepare for any minor accidents.

Make sure you have enough repeat prescription.

If you or someone you care for requires medicines regularly, make sure you order and collect repeat prescriptions in good time to ensure you have enough medicine to last over the holiday period.

Know when your GP surgery will be open

Your local doctor's surgery may be closed for four days during the Easter weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday (April 18th – April 21st).

General advice and information on how to stay healthy this Easter can be found at www.nhsinform.co.uk or contact NHS inform on 0800 22 44 88.

Kirkliston blaze now under control



Fire crews from Sighthill, Crewe Toll and South Queensferry were called to piles of rubbish on fire in a field near Hallyards Farm House in Kirkliston early this morning.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Operations Control Edinburgh received the call at just after midnight and quickly mobilised crews to the incident. On arrival firefighters discovered around 200 tonnes of waste materials well alight in open ground.

Firefighters immediately used two main jets to fight the fire which has been burning throughout the early hours of this morning.

One of the piles of rubbish contained cement roof tiles which they suspected contained asbestos. A Technical Adviser from Edinburgh's Scientific Services was called to take samples to confirm the presence of asbestos. As a precaution, all kit used by the firefighters involved were decontaminated.

Crews are still on the scene dampening down the affected area.

Zoo helps to build nests for flamingo flock



It is not only the pandas who need help at Edinburgh Zoo. The zoo's bird keepers are getting stuck in the mud as they help their flamingo flock build their nests in readiness for their flamingo babies.

Breeding season for the Zoo's 34 Chilean flamingos is just around the corner and the keepers are building the "mud pie" nests to help stimulate courtship behaviour, such as head flagging, wing saluting, vocalising and aggression between competing males. Around 25 nests will be built by the keepers, each ranging in shape and size.



Sean Meechan, Birds Keeper at Edinburgh Zoo, said:

"To be a zoo keeper you really can't be afraid to get a little dirty sometimes and when it comes to messy jobs this is one of the more entertaining ones. We make each nest a little different – some will be tall and thin while others will be short and squat – so that the female birds can then select the nest that suits her preference. Once the keepers have made a start on the nests, the flamingos will then add to it themselves, scraping extra mud up the sides or adding to the nest's height. We use a clay-based soil and keep the area wet to make it easier for the birds to move the mud.

"Flamingo nest-building is an annual tradition, and this year we have increased the size of the nest site, providing more space between each mud pile. We have a well-established flock of Chilean flamingos at Edinburgh Zoo – three 53-year-old males are actually the oldest residents at the Zoo."

In the wild, these flamboyant birds will build their nests on the banks of estuaries, lagoons and mud flats, using their

beaks to create large columns out of the muddy ground.

Although the wild population currently sits around 300,000 the species is increasingly under threat from habitat loss, egg-harvesting, hunting and tourism-related disturbance.

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Council rent arrears – Edinburgh International Science Festival – Edinburgh Zoo nights – Virgin Money Fireworks Concert – Edinburgh Secret Society is back

It is clear that Edinburgh Council, in common with other local authorities across Scotland is bearing the brunt of some of the UK welfare reforms. [The Health Social Care and Housing Committee](#) will hear this morning that the rent arrears in the city have more than doubled in a year. The council believes that around 25% of this is due to under-occupation and a large part is also due to Housing benefit payments being delayed.

The council has a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) fund which it can draw on in certain situations and says it is trying to use this as much as possible.

It is noted in the reports for the meeting that the rent arrears figure has decreased in the last month by £406,077 and figures are showing a downward trend since November 2013, some of which has been improved by use of the DHP monies.



Wondering what the outdoor exhibition is at the foot of the Mound? Wonder no more – it is the exhibition of around 60 images from NASA to National Geographic and Harvard University introducing you to the world of bioluminescence.

[More details here](#)

There are several Edinburgh Zoo Nights arranged this year for adults only. If you are brave enough to go to the zoo after dark then you can get your face painted, enjoy a drink and eat some street food. One of the activities might mean that you want to have a drink afterwards but not before! The high ropes course will challenge the very daring. Tickets cost £20 or £17 for RZSS members.

[More details here.](#)



The spectacular conclusion to the Festival The Virgin Money Festival Fireworks will have a particularly rousing programme of orchestral works this year including Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture performed live by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra to a display launching more than 400,000 fireworks above Edinburgh's stunning castle.

You can buy tickets now [here](#).

The Edinburgh Secret Society are holding a seance on 26 April 2014. In common with other events that they organise tickets go on sale and are snapped up very quickly. So this is a heads up that the tickets go on sale at 10am on 9 April 2014. [More](#)

[information here.](#)

Museum report theft of dinosaur bones

Dinosaur Bone Theft from National Museum of Scotland

A rare dinosaur bone has gone missing from the National Museum of Scotland.

The dinosaur thigh bone went missing from the Museum yesterday.

The Museum's CCTV footage shows an unusually bristly animal removing the bone from its stand before making off with it. Photo-fits of the animal are being circulated.

The bone, housed at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh for the last 75 years, is believed to have been a significant scientific find. Research done on the bone prior to its disappearance, shows that the bone contains the DNA of the Abyssinian Wire Haired Tripe Hound.

The loss has coincided with the disappearance of one of The Beano's most popular and well-known characters, Gnasher, during a visit by Dennis the Menace and his family yesterday. According to a Museum spokesman, it seems likely that Dennis's dog, Gnasher, could be the culprit.

The Beano Editor-in-Chief Mike Stirling said, "I'd like to issue a plea for people around the country to help find Gnasher. It's true, the photo-fit does bear a striking resemblance to him, however, I'm sure he wouldn't have taken the bone without good reason.

“There have been a number of sightings of Gnasher, he appears to be photo-bombing his way around the UK, and Dennis has been hunting high and low for him. If you spot Gnasher please email us at findgnasher@beano.com or let us know on Twitter @beanocomic or #gnashtag. It’s a complete mystery as to why Gnasher would take the Museum’s bone. We’re worried that, this time, he’s bitten off more than he can chew.”

Dr Nick Fraser, Keeper of Natural Science at National Museums Scotland added, “One of our rarest dinosaur bones has gone missing. We have our suspicions that it was Gnasher who took it but we can’t understand how he managed to steal it or why. We’re appealing to Gnasher to return our dinosaur bone soon. Please keep a look out everyone.”



Living Lights exhibition part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival



Living Lights was opened to the public at The Mound Precinct by Science Festival Director Dr Simon Gage and Lord Provost the Rt Hon Donald Wilson earlier today. The outdoor exhibition celebrates the beauty, wonder – and oddity – of bioluminescence and fluorescence in nature.

The large-scale photography exhibition is an annual highlight of the Science Festival, this year moving from its previous location in St Andrew Square, to a new home at The Mound Precinct, where it will be situated until before transferring to Our Dynamic Earth for an extended run until October.

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The exhibition features 60 amazing images, from organisations including NASA, the Ocean Research and Conservation Association, National Geographic and Harvard University. The photographs reveal how the emission of light by living organisms is used. This including fireflies who use periodic flashing to attract mates; marine plankton that make the sea sparkle at night; anglerfish whose bioluminescent lures attract prey and squid that expel luminescent clouds to repel predators.

The exhibition also illustrates how scientific research on bioluminescence and fluorescence is being put to good use in cancer research, tracking disease progression, detecting infection, searching for new life, tracking movements, improving aeronautical designs and developing innovative lighting technologies.

Edinburgh International Science Festival Director Dr Simon Gage said: 'I'm delighted that once again we're able to stage a wonderful outdoor exhibition right in the heart of Edinburgh's city centre for all to enjoy. Living Lights offers a fascinating insight into the weird and wonderful world of bioluminescence, unlocking its mysterious properties within nature, and also showing how scientific research is using this phenomenon to make amazing technological and medical advancements'.

Lord Provost Donald Wilson said: 'I am very pleased to welcome this fascinating exhibition of light emitted by living organisms to the Mound for the very first time. The Edinburgh

International Science Festival is a key highlight on the city's Spring calendar and the *Living Lights* photography exhibition is a free event for all to enjoy. I am sure the brilliant and eye-catching images will draw visitors to the city centre from far and wide'.

Living Lights is open daily from Monday 31 March to Sunday 20 April 2014 and subsequently at Our Dynamic Earth from Thursday 24 April to Friday 31 October 2014. Entry is un-ticketed and free of charge.

The Edinburgh International Science Festival runs from Saturday 5 to Sunday 20 April 2014. Full details of the 2014 programme can be found at www.sciencefestival.co.uk. Tickets for all events can be booked online via the website or through the Box Office on 0844 557 2686.

Edinburgh's baton bearers announced

The Queen's Baton Relay arrives in Edinburgh on 14 June and the baton bearers will carry it around the city on its journey towards the opening ceremony in Glasgow on 23 July.

Today, nominees from across Edinburgh and the Lothians found out that they have been chosen to be a baton bearer.

Up to 4,000 batonbearers from all 32 local authorities in Scotland have been notified by email this morning that they will join the relay in more than 400 Scottish communities for 40 days.

Community batonbearers have been selected by independent

panels, who have considered people's achievements against the odds, their mentoring of younger people, contributions to community and youth sport, and those who make a difference through volunteering and community support.

For the first time in the history of any Queen's Baton Relay, all 545 secondary schools in Scotland were invited to nominate a pupil to participate as a batonbearer.

✖ Councillor Steve Cardownie, Edinburgh's Festivals & Events Champion, said: "We are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming the baton to Edinburgh – and to Scotland – on 14 June. We have over 100 batonbearers, including a pupil from every secondary school, each of whom will play an important part in the celebrations taking place throughout the day. We've worked very hard with the organisers to send the baton to as many parts of the city as possible and to allow batonbearers to run through their own communities, cheered on by their friends and family. I was fortunate enough to be on the selection committee for Edinburgh and was hugely impressed with the standard of nominations. I have no doubt our batonbearers will do themselves and their city proud."

✖ Chosen for her inspirational work volunteering and raising money for children affected by cancer, Lynne McNicoll, founder of the Edinburgh charity It's Good 2 Give, commented: "I'm really delighted to be chosen to be a batonbearer. Welcoming the Baton to Scotland will be an amazing opportunity and I just can't wait. I'm currently in training for a 5K race which will hopefully help me get fit in time for the Queen's Baton Relay!"

Kerry Renwick, selected batonbearer for Wester Hailes Education Centre, commented on being selected for her school: "I am thrilled to have this amazing opportunity to be a baton bearer. It is an inspiring challenge and one I never thought I'd get to be part of. Now I am experiencing it and that is unbelievable. I have watched the baton travel through other

countries and it's exciting to think that will be me! I feel honoured to be a part of the Commonwealth Games and leave an encouraging legacy for all those pupils in my school to strive for the best."

Information on all of the chosen batonbearers for Edinburgh and the Lothians will be released nearer the time of the relay. But here is information on some of the selected candidates notified today:-

Lynne McNicoll

Lynne has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for children affected by cancer in the Edinburgh area with her charity, It's Good 2 Give. Her dedication for raising money for others is 24/7, 365 days a year. She volunteers every minute, takes no pay and is a pillar of the Edinburgh community.

Kerry Renwick

16 year old Kerry has been nominated to represent her school, Wester Hailes Education Centre. She encourages others to be part of sport as well as leading in sport herself, as a member of a number of sports clubs including hockey, basketball and dance. Staff at the school credit Kerry for leading dance lessons with local primary school pupils, helping young pupils get involved in physical activity in a way that is fun and accessible, giving young people confidence in their own abilities no matter what level they are at.

Frances Smith

Frances undertakes an enormous amount of voluntary work for Warrender Baths Club as its Swimming Convenor. She gives her time to encouraging swimmers into the sport, running development squads, expert coaching, and organising competitions for young swimmers. She is regarded as a mentor and role model for swimmers past and present right across the city and has been actively involved in the swimming careers of children from their introduction to the Club right through to International and World level.

Dean Reilly

Dean was diagnosed with MS in October 2012, after losing the sight in one eye. Since then, he has raised awareness of MS and championed the services offered at the MS Therapy Centre which supports Edinburgh and the Lothians. He has taken up boxing, completed 4 10k runs, the Mighty Deer Stalker and the Edinburgh marathon, raising over £5,000 for the centre. He also writes a blog, raising awareness of MS, and has remained incredibly positive and pro-active since being diagnosed.

Karen Eastwood

Karen has given her life to teaching and enabling children with specific needs, through her profession and on a voluntary basis. As a teenager she spent every summer volunteering at camps for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. As a teacher she arranged for and took a group of deaf pupils and young leaders to visit schools in South Africa. In 2011 Karen was diagnosed with breast cancer and 6 months later, she ran her first Edinburgh marathon.

Follow the build up to the Edinburgh leg of the Queen's Baton Relay on social media using the hashtag #EdinBatonRelay.

PREVIEW: Boogie Nights The Musical



**PREVIEW: Boogie Nights, 1-5 April 2014, Church Hill Theatre
7:30pm, Tue: £10, Wed-Sat: £14 (£12 concessions), Sat 2:30pm
matinee: £12 (£10 concessions)**

Edinburgh Music Theatre ([EMT](#)), the company that brought you

Footloose, RENT, Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street and How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, change direction and ask you to dust off your flares and try to remember where you were the night Elvis died in this hilarious and heart-warming production. Dubbed 'the original jukebox pop musical' with a playlist including Celebration, Don't Go Breaking My Heart, Happy Days, Blame It On The Boogie and many more 70s hits, the musical tells the story of wannabe rock star Roddy O'Neil, his friends and their lives and loves as they experience adolescence in the D.I.S.C.O. decade.

The Edinburgh Reporter attended one of the final rehearsals of the production, with familiar faces from last year's show spotted, as well as some new additions to the team. A confident, humorous opening sequence will get you in the mood for a night of well-choreographed, vibrant medleys with an emotional plot woven into the song and dance sequences to create an uplifting, memorable jaunt. Friday 4th April will be a special sing-a-long performance, with the team inviting you to boogie on down! This is set to be another brilliant run for EMT, the members of which always immerse themselves into each production, with Boogie Nights being no different.



Boogie Nights is being staged at the Church Hill Theatre from Tuesday 1 to Saturday 5 April at 7:30pm daily, including a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm. Tickets – Tue £10; Wed – Sat £14 (£12 concessions); Sat matinee £12 (£10 concessions) – are available from the [Usher Hall](#) or you can email edinburghmusictheatre@live.com.

Police seek help to trace missing Tranent man



Police Scotland is appealing for information to help trace a man reported missing in Edinburgh.

Grant Redpath from Ormiston Road in Tranent, East Lothian, was last seen around 10am today leaving the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

However, the 37-year-old has failed to make contact with anyone since then and concern is now growing for his wellbeing.

Anyone who can assist in locating Grant is asked to come forward.

He is described as white, 6ft 2ins tall with a stocky build and short shaved brown hair. He was last seen wearing jeans, a beige jumper, black puffer jacket and Timberland boots.

Inspector Alan Hogarth said: "Grant left the hospital on Monday morning but gave no indication as to where he was going and has not been in touch with any family or friends.

"As such, we are keen to trace him as soon as possible and establish he is safe and well.

"Anyone who believes they have seen Grant since 10am on Monday, or who has information that can assist in locating him is asked to contact police immediately."

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101.

Forth Ports gets the industry's Cruise Award



Edinburgh awarded "Best Destination Experience"

Forth Ports are this week celebrating after Edinburgh picked up a coveted cruise industry award at Seatrade Miami, one of the cruise industry's biggest and most widely recognised events in the calendar. Edinburgh took home the award for "Best Destination Experience", in the port and destination awards with particular focus on organised tours in Edinburgh. Edinburgh is a key destination for Forth Ports, with many of Scotland's most high-profile tourist attractions in the capital city.

Forth Ports was part of Seatrade Miami, which ran for three days in Miami, Florida, to showcase their cruise destinations at Leith, Rosyth, Dundee and London to cruise liner owners and operators from across the world.

The Cruise industry in the UK saw a fantastic season throughout 2013 and Edinburgh was the only UK destination to win an award. As the only port operator in the United Kingdom that can offer direct access to two capital cities, Forth Ports also had an extremely successful season, welcoming 130 cruise liners in 2013 and bringing over 130,000 visitors to the UK.

Commenting on the win, Nik Scott-Gray, Business Development Manager at Forth Ports, said: *"We are absolutely thrilled to*

win this award from Cruise Insight Magazine. We do everything we can to make sure that all of our cruise operators and their passengers are well looked-after during their call at our ports and our programme of continued investment will ensure an even better cruise experience in the future at Leith and all our other cruise destinations including Rosyth, Dundee and London."

Forth Ports' 2014 cruise season got underway on the 27th March with the MV Discovery calling at the Port of Rosyth.

The business is investing significantly in the cruise operations with a multimillion pound renovation project underway at the historic London cruise terminal to upgrade the facilities and increase the capacity to accommodate larger vessels. In Scotland, a programme of alternative deep water anchorage options and landing stages is being developed to bring larger liners closer to Edinburgh.

Queen Margaret University to teach council staff



This week, a Scottish university is joining forces with three local authorities to develop the next generation of public service leaders.

Public management experts from Queen Margaret University,

Edinburgh (QMU) have worked with the councils to develop a high impact masters programme that will improve the delivery of public services across the country.

Working in partnership with the University, City of Edinburgh Council, Dundee City Council and Orkney Islands Council have combined academic and practical skills to develop the new MSc Public Services Leadership. The unique programme, which has been co-designed by public sector academics and staff from the three councils, combines the latest research into leadership with a working knowledge of the practical challenges of public service delivery.

Dr Elliott, Lecturer in Business at Queen Margaret University, said: "This programme will equip staff to deliver successful outcomes in the communities they serve at a time of significant change."

Over 50 council staff are enrolled on the leadership programme which they will study on a part-time basis. They will each dedicate a minimum of two and a half years to the masters degree. One of the key philosophies behind the programme is the concept of coaching as a fundamental component of leadership.

Dr Elliott concluded: "We commend Edinburgh City Council, Dundee City Council and Orkney Islands Council for taking a pro-active approach to developing the skills of their staff to ensure success in challenging times. The philosophy behind the joint initiative also confirms QMU mission to provide socially relevant courses and research that respond to the most pressing needs of society and ultimately improve quality of life."

This course builds on the work that Queen Margaret University recently carried out with the Welsh Government when it delivered a postgraduate certificate in public service governance to 21 public service workers across Wales.

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



George Street plans up for comment – Airport plans – Council's Legal Team win award – Wildlife Photographer of the Year – 13 artists at Union Gallery

The council agreed last year to trial a new layout on George Street including a cycle path and more space for pedestrians. Now that the plans have been drawn up you can have your say.

The proposal is intended to make one of Edinburgh's premier shopping streets more welcoming to pedestrians and cyclists and now the plans are [accessible online](#).

[The bid](#), was approved as part of a wider city centre vision at [October's Transport and Environment Committee](#) and follows the success of a similar trial held in the street during the Festival in 2013.

Members of the public can comment on a series of proposed changes, including:

- The introduction of a dedicated two-way cycle path travelling the length of George Street.
- An increase in pedestrian space on each of the street's four blocks, allowing for outdoor dining facilities, exhibitions and public art, supporting an emerging café culture. Specific uses for the pedestrianised area would be subject to separate planning and licensing permissions.

- Minimal changes to parking for residents and visitors, with spaces in the centre of the street, separated from new cycle lanes by rubber kerbs and decorative planters, and residents' parking maintained in the design.
- A one-way system for general traffic and buses, which would allow eastbound traffic between Frederick Street and St Andrew Square on the north side of the street and westbound traffic between Frederick Street and Charlotte Square. The opposite sides of the street will be closed to traffic.

Final designs for the George Street trial were drawn up after a six-week consultation held with stakeholders and the public. Results demonstrated support for change and a strong desire for Edinburgh to develop a long term strategic vision for the success of the city and its centre.

You have the opportunity to comment on, raise issue with or object to plans for the 12-month trial, scheduled to begin shortly before this year's festival in July, during the three-week consultation ending on April 11.

Edinburgh Airport are in the process of extending the terminal building to the east and that extension will accommodate the new security hall which [we visited on Friday.](#)

It seems that the airport are also planning a large advertising area above the entrance door. They have made an application for installation of vinyl on the inside of the glass above the door.

You can see the way it will look [here on the planning website.](#)

Edinburgh Council's Legal Team, won 'In House Legal Team of the Year' at the annual Scott & Co Scottish Legal Awards recently.

At a sell-out event at the Edinburgh Assembly Rooms,

the [awards](#) were hosted by Catriona Shearer of BBC Scotland and Grant Stott of Forth One. After dinner entertainment was provided by Ivo Graham, one of the UK's hottest young comedians and former sell out performer at the Edinburgh festival.

Welcoming the the team's success, Cllr Alastair Rankin, Finance & Resources Convener, said: "In recent years, the Council's in-house team has undergone a transformation to become a leading-edge legal function with a commercial approach and a focus on good governance.

"We have recruited lawyers from across the private sector, from newly-qualified to partner level, bringing a new perspective and range of skills to complement the existing public sector expertise of the team. We have engaged with the private sector to establish a panel of external legal advisers, supplementing our capability and capacity.

"The team's astute, proactive and solutions-focused approach has been welcomed by clients, providing an excellent customer experience and increasing their profile and influence."

17 March – 1 June 2014

Exhibition Gallery 2, Level 3

Free

Through the lens of wildlife photography this exhibition captures the intrigue and beauty of our planet. These awe-inspiring images, selected from 43,000 entries by amateur and professional photographers in 96 countries, give us a glimpse of the natural world as it has never been seen before. From charismatic animal portraits to dramatic landscapes and provocative photojournalism, this year's breathtaking exhibition raises the bar of wildlife photography once more,

exciting loyal fans and new audiences alike. The 100 award-winning images from the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013 competition are beautifully displayed on back-lit installations, with each image accompanied by its photographer's story and technical details.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year is co-owned by the Natural History Museum and BBC Worldwide.

TS Eliot – Personal Perspectives: a collaboration by the **Group 13** collective of artists. 4 to 30 April 2014

Group 13 is one of the influential groups of artists working in Scotland, formed originally to contribute to 2010's highly acclaimed Kelvingrove Art Gallery exhibition, 'The River Runs Through It'. This was followed by 'Glasgow Haiku' at the Glasgow Art Club and they are now being shown at Union Gallery. For this, their third, collaboration, Group 13 has chosen one of the most important writers of the 20th Century as their focal point. 'TS Eliot – Personal Perspectives' promises to be an innovative and thought-provoking exhibition of new works: a showcase for the many and varied styles of some of Scotland's most celebrated artists and, as such, is a must-see exhibition.

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The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup



Rugby by John Preece

Scotland's Seven-a-Side team won the Bowl final in the Hong Kong round of the HSBC World Sevens Series by beating France 31-5 in the final. On their way to the final, they beat Kenya 26-12 and Argentina 24-12 in the preceding knockout rounds. (Library image from Murrayfield 7s)

At the next round, in Glasgow, Scotland play Australia, USA and Spain on the opening, round-robin day.

Edinburgh were beaten by Treviso in the latest round of the RaboDirect PRO12 League in Italy on Friday night. Leading 9-3 at half time, the Edinburgh side were barely able to get out of their own territory for much of the second half, conceding two tries in quick succession. It looked like a no points game for the visitors until Cornell Du Preez – who had blown a three-on-two overlap in the first half by choosing to take on 'the two' – galloped in from half way to secure a losing bonus point in the 20-16 defeat.

Heriots beat Aberdeen Grammar to qualify for the RBS Cup Final, which will take place at Cumbernauld's Broadwood Stadium on the 19th April. Leading 13-10 at half time, a try in the second half gave them enough of a gap to take the win 20-10.

The women's Sarah Beannie Cup Final will be contested on the same day between Murrayfield Wanderers and Melrose.

In the Under-18 Brewin Dolphin Girls' Cup final, Murrayfield Wanderers were triumphant 70-29 against Ayr.

There were three outstanding individual performances in this game. Wandies' Scotland under-20 cap, full-back Rhona Lloyd (pictured above), the capital side's captain scored five tries; her colleague in the centre, Lisa Thomson, from Hawick, a try hat-trick; and Ayr's stand-off Emily Irving, already a full Scotland cap, had a try brace. Lloyd, a 17-year-old pupil at Tynecastle High School in Edinburgh who is a keen sprinter with Corstorphine Athletic Club, has been playing rugby since first year at secondary school.

She has her sights set on international honours. "Scotland are an up and coming team in women's rugby. The points margins will get smaller and very soon we'll be competing with the big guns. I want to be there when they do," she asserted.

Murrayfield Wanderers' other tries came from Coreen Grant and a penalty try. Thomson kicked two conversions and Lucy Park – who had a spell in the sin-bin – landed the other eight.

Ayr's additional tries came from No 8 Lisa Croniken (2) and her fellow back-rower Phoebe McDowall. Irving added two conversions. (report courtesy of Scottish Rugby)

Football

SPFL

Hearts staved off the threat of relegation for three days at least with a 2-0 win over rivals Hibs at Tynecastle on Sunday.

Dale Carrick opened the scoring in the 5th minute after latching onto a Ryan Stevenson knock down from a Calum Patterson cross.

Hibs should have had an equaliser eight minutes from the end when Jordon Forster headed the ball past Jamie MacDonald only

to be wrongly ruled offside.

Alan Maybury was sent off in the 89th minute before Billy King secured the points with a well taken goal.

Hearts face Aberdeen on Wednesday knowing that defeat will spell relegation and Hibs face the same opposition next Monday.

Scottish Sun Lowland League

Spartans secured a fine 4-0 win against Gretna to secure another vital three points in the race for the Lowland League title.

Goals from Jack Beesley and Motion in a three minute spell gave the Ainslie Park outfit a half time lead.

Beesley made it 3-0 in the 65th minute and completed his hat-trick five minutes later.

After the game he told the club website: "I think it's probably my first hat-trick in about 6 years! I've had a few chances with free-kicks recently, all pretty much from the same spot on the park so it's given me plenty of practice and I've just managed to get it over the wall and into the net to pretty much seal the game for us with 20 minutes to go."

"You could say that with the way today's results have gone and the way we are playing but the games that we have got left, Whitehill, Dalbeattie and Stirling, are all tough ones and to use an old cliché, we're definitely not taking anything for granted. We'll just go out every Saturday and look to pick up 3 points if we can."

Elsewhere

Gala Fairydean Rovers 4-0 Threave Rovers

Selkirk 2-4 Dalbeattie Star

University of Stirling 0-2 Whitehill Welfare

Vale of Leithen 2-0 Preston Athletic

Central Taxis East of Scotland League, Premier Division

Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale P-P Spartans EOS

Stirling University EOS 1-4 Leith Athletic FT

Tynecastle 6-3 Civil Service Strollers FT

Coldstream 0-2 Craigroyston FT

Heriot-Watt University 0-0 Edinburgh University

Central Taxis East of Scotland League, First Division

Burntisland Shipyard 3-1 Eyemouth United

Duns 2-1 Hawick Royal Albert

Easthouses Lily 3-0 Peebles Rovers

Kelso United 0-1 Ormiston

Women's Football

A headed goal by Caroline Heron was enough to secure the three points against Aberdeen on Sunday. Elsewhere..

Rangers 2-1 Celtic

Hutchie Vale 2-1 Buchan

Farmington 1-7 Hamilton

Inverness 3-0 Queens Park

Spartans 1-3 City

Speedway

The Scotwaste Monarchs beat Glasgow by 52-38 to win the Air

Fence Challenge 1st leg at Armadale on Friday night.

Star man was Craig Cook on a paid maximum 14.

With a big crowd in the stadium and a good atmosphere, it was a pleasing start to the new campaign Monarchs head for Ashfield at 3pm on Sunday for the second leg.

Volleyball

Men's Scottish Plate

Edinburgh Jets III 0 3 University of Edinburgh

Women's Scottish Plate

Perth 3 0 Edinburgh Jets III

North Grampian 3 1 University of Edinburgh

Men's Thistle Bowl

Bellshill Cardinals 1 3 South Ayrshire

Dundee 3 0 Su Ragazzi II

Women's Thistle Bowl

University of Dundee 3 0 NUVOC

Boxing

Amateur Boxing Association Scotland presents Edinburgh V Manchester

Friday 4 April | Doors 6.30pm

An evening of sporting entertainment sponsored by McEwan Fraser Legal

6.30pm Doors Open

7.00pm Boxing Undercard – 6 amateur boxing contests

8.00pm Main Event Video presentation and Ring Walks

8.20pm 10 Elite Amateur Boxing Contests

£22 | £16.50 | £11 | Includes 10% booking fee

£1 transaction fee when booking online / phone

Hockey

Men

Grange 1-0 Western Wildcats

Edinburgh University 2-1 Grove Menzieshill .

Pool A, AAM Gordonians 4-2 over Watsonians

Pool B PSL Team Sport Clydesdale 7-3 Dundee Wanderers 7-3

Inverleith 4-0 win Uddingston.

On Sunday, Glynhill Kelburne won the Aberdeen Asset Management National League Division 1 title for a tenth year running after a 2-1 victory over Grange in the Grand Final at the Glasgow National Hockey Centre

Women

Milne Craig Clydesdale Western 3-0 Edinburgh University

Pool A Glynhill Kelburne 3-2 GHK Ladies.

Western Wildcats' 5-3 AAM Merlins Gordonians

In Pool B, CALA 2-0 Grange EL

Glynhill Kelburne 3-2 GHK Ladies.

On Sunday Milne Craig Clydesdale Western were crowned champions of Aberdeen Asset Management Women's National League Division 1 after a dramatic 4-3 win over Grove Menzieshill in the Grand Final at the Glasgow National Hockey Centre.

Photograph by John Preece

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

F1 – Hamilton cruises to victory in Malaysia

Lewis Hamilton today made up for his disappointment in Melbourne with a dominant performance in the Malaysian Grand Prix, cruising to victory to mark his 100th points finish in Formula 1.

The 29-year-old British driver ended his 9-race run without a podium in a drive that saw him pick up his first win of the 2014 season, finishing 17 seconds ahead of his nearest challenger and team-mate, Nico Rosberg. It was a composed and assured performance from Hamilton, who only lost the lead once on lap 16, when Nico Hulkenberg stretched his first stint to pit after Hamilton. Hamilton managed to catch the German before completing the lap, however, meaning that he achieved his first Grand Chelem – collecting pole position, fastest lap, and leading every lap of the race.

Rosberg, in the other Mercedes, didn't appear to have the same pace as Hamilton and was put under pressure at several points during the race by the Red Bull of Sebastian Vettel, who managed to overcome his own problems from Australia to finish 3rd and get his first podium of the season.

Vettel's team-mate Daniel Ricciardo didn't fare as well, suffering more wretched luck at the beginning of his Red Bull career. After being disqualified from the Australian Grand Prix because of a fuel flow infringement, Ricciardo managed to

make a good start in the race, jumping Vettel at the beginning to take 3rd place. As the race went on, he dropped back to 5th but looked to be on for a solid points finish before a botched pit stop saw him stopped in the pit lane as a wheel was not attached properly.

The time lost effectively ruined his race, and things went from bad to worse as he suffered a front wing failure two laps later, forcing him to return to the pits to have it replaced. The Australian driver was then hit with a 10 second stop/go penalty for the pit stop, and eventually took the decision to retire from the race. Unfortunately, the 24-year-old's misfortune will continue in Bahrain next week after being hit with a ten-place grid penalty for the unsafe release by the pit stop crew.

Hulkenberg fought hard with Fernando Alonso for 4th place, with the Ferrari driver having the advantage of fresher tyres but still having to work hard to get the move done on the determined Hulkenberg.

Elsewhere in the field, there were controversial team orders at Williams, reminiscent of the infamous "multi 21" order in the same race last year. Felipe Massa was told to move over to allow Valtteri Bottas through in order to try to catch Jenson Button, but Massa was not compliant, believing that he had the right to fight for position.

Another battle being fought towards the end of the race was between ex-team-mates Kimi Raikkonen and Romain Grosjean. Grosjean, who has been struggling in the Lotus, showed signs of improvement as he managed to hold off Raikkonen. The Finn, now at Ferrari, was trying to make up places after being hit by Kevin Magnussen on the opening lap, causing a puncture and forcing him into an early pit stop.

In the end it was a comfortably victory for Hamilton, and the double podium for Mercedes – their first one-two since 1955 –

means that the team now leads the constructors championship going into next week's race in Bahrain.

Full Race Results

- 1 HAMILTON
- 2 ROSBERG
- 3 VETTEL
- 4 ALONSO
- 5 HULKENBERG
- 6 BUTTON
- 7 MASSA
- 8 BOTTAS
- 9 MAGNUSSEN
- 10 KVIAT
- 11 GROSJEAN
- 12 RAIKKONEN
- 13 KOBAYASHI
- 14 ERICSSON
- 15 CHILTON

RICCIARDO (DNF)
GUTIERREZ (DNF)
SUTIL (DNF)
VERGNE (DNF)
BIANCHI (DNF)
MALDONADO (DNF)
PEREZ*

*Did not start the race because of an engine problem

Heart of Midlothian 2

Hibernian 0



The fourth Edinburgh derby of the season had been billed, particularly from those from the east of the city, as the game which would finally seal Hearts fate and consign the Gorgie boys to their fate of Championship football next season. A rare win for Hibernian at Tynecastle would mean Hearts would be unable to catch 11th placed St. Mirren and would face the prospect of slugging it out for promotion back to the top flight of Scottish football with the likes of Rangers when the new season starts in August.

However, Gary Locke's young side didn't read the script and recorded their third win over Hibernian this season, two wins being in the league, the other at Easter Road in the League Cup. Hibernian had sold out their allocation of tickets for the game but for those bedecked in green and white who arrived in Gorgie wearing party hats and streamers, the occasion was as akin to turning up at a New Year Party – in the middle of January. Indeed, given Terry Butcher's side's freefall in recent weeks, there may well be another 'relegation party' between these two teams in a few weeks at Easter Road – one can't rule out the possibility the Hibeas may be accompanying their great rivals in the Championship next season if they slip further down the league and are involved in the dreaded play-offs.

Both sides may have had hugely disappointing seasons and the kick-off may have been the hardly traditional Sunday lunch time but the atmosphere at Tynecastle was as frenetic as ever on Edinburgh derby day. This was fuelled early on by a wreckless challenge from Hibs Lewis Stevenson which caught the chest of Hearts striker Callum Paterson. The young forward was uninjured, though, and after just seven minutes, he crossed from the right towards Ryan Stevenson. The former Ayr United

and Ipswich Town player headed the ball into the path of Dale Carrick who did well to control the ball before firing past Hibs keeper Williams. 1-0 to the home side to the obvious delight of the home support who once again turned up in numbers.

Hibs looked momentarily stunned by this turn of events but eventually began to claw their way back into the game. Danny Handling was given too much space on the edge of the Hearts penalty box but his effort on goal sailed over the crossbar. Soon afterwards, Hibs were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the Hearts penalty box but Sam Stanton's effort was well wide of goal. The best chance for the visitors, though, fell to £200,000 striker James Collins who was set up by Watmore. However, from 12 yards out, Collins fired his shot high into the stand, much to the frustration of the visiting support for whom the party was turning decidedly miserable.

Hearts also had chances to double their lead and Sam Nicholson's fierce shot was saved well by Williams. Hearts almost began the second half the way they began the first and fine play from Dale Carrick set up David Smith whose effort whistle past the post of Williams.

Hibs then claimed loudly for handball when Hearts Australian defender Dylan McGowan blocked Collins' shot on the edge of the penalty box but to no avail before Ryan McGivern's two attempts on goal were more in hope than expectation. Towards the end of the game, it appeared Hibernian had snatched the equaliser. Stevenson's cross was headed by Forster past Hearts keeper Jamie MacDonald into the net but the visiting support's raptures were soon doused by the appearance of the assistant referee raising his flag for offside. Television replays showed this to be an incorrect decision by some distance as the Hibs man was clearly onside. The fury felt by the Hibs fans was shared by manager Terry Butcher and some of the Hibs players, particularly Alan Maybury who took his frustration out on Hearts substitute

Billy King by tripping the Hearts youngster. A second yellow card was shown to the former Hearts favourite meaning the visitors were reduced to ten men.

Given Hearts surrendered a 2-1 lead to nine men in the League Cup semi-final defeat to Inverness Caledonian Thistle a few weeks ago, few of the Hearts support were taking anything for granted. However, in stoppage time with Hibs pressing for the equaliser, Hearts broke away. The experienced Ryan Stevenson timed his pass to Billy King to perfection and the youngster kept his cool before rounding Hibs keeper Williams to end the scoring at 2-0 to Hearts.

Afterwards, jubilant Hearts manager Gary Locke said "It's probably too little, too late but the players have shown they're improving and hopefully we've got a strong future. Our wide men and Dale Carrick up front caused them quite a lot of problems. The whole team played very, very well. It was a great game and Hibs added to that by having a right go in the second half. It was end to end and I was obviously delighted to see young Billy King score at the end."

For Hibernian, it was yet another disappointing outcome to an Edinburgh derby. Manager Terry Butcher could not contain his anger at the assistant referee's decision to rule out Jordon Forster's headed goal.

"It's scandalous, it really is," said the former England captain. "It's a horrendous call from the linesman. He can see right along the line of grass. He can spot the player who was playing Jordon Forster on. The players worked very hard, the system was good and they applied themselves but we've lost the game and it's hard to take. We've left the players in no uncertain terms that we need to get going now. We have six games left and we have to get points and I am confident that we can do that. Every club in the bottom half is in a dog fight. We need to pull our fingers out and work harder."

Hearts relegation fate may well be confirmed when high-flying Aberdeen visit Gorgie on Wednesday but Sunday's victory was at least a last hurrah for their beleaguered but magnificently loyal supporters who are making no secret of the fact they hope their city rivals will still be with them next season.

For Hibernian, the loss of form at a crucial time of the season is a worry. They are six points clear of a play-off place in the league and the lack of games left suggests they should be okay. But their failure to defeat Hearts yet again means one can't really be confident Terry Butcher's side will beat anyone else this season. The Easter Road fans will be hoping St. Mirren and Partick Thistle don't suddenly discover form as the nerve-jangling prospect of a play-off is hardly one to look forward to.

Hearts: MacDonald; Paterson, McGowan, Wilson, McHattie; Hamill, Holt, R. Stevenson; Smith, Carrick, Nicholson.


Hibs: Williams, McGivern, Nelson, Collins, L. Stevenson, Maybury, Handling, Taiwo, Watmore, Forster, Stanton.

Referee: Steven McLean

Att: 16,873

Top man: Danny Wilson – immense in the Hearts defence.

Concern for missing teenager

 **UPDATE – Police Scotland have advised that the missing teenager was found safe and well near the city centre.**

Police Scotland is currently carrying out a missing person enquiry in relation to a 14 year old boy from the Glendevon

Park area of Edinburgh.

14 year old Jordan McNaughton was last seen in Glendevon Park around 5.15pm yesterday evening.

He is described as 5ft 8 inches in height, with medium length brown hair and blue eyes. He is believed to have been wearing blue/grey Adidas trainers, a blue sports jacket and blue jeans. It is believed his intention may have been to travel into the city centre to meet friends.

Inspector Chris Scobbie of Police Scotland said: "We are carrying out extensive enquires to trace Jordan, or anyone who may know his whereabouts. With the passage of time we are becoming increasingly concerned for his welfare. I would urge anyone who knows the whereabouts of Jordan, or who may have any information which could assist in us finding him to contact Police Scotland or Crimestoppers".

Police Scotland can be contacted on 101, or alternatively please contact the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Man named in fatal collision, A71



Police Scotland has officially named the victim of the fatal collision on Thursday 27th March around 9pm on the A71.

41 year old John Higgins died as a result of the crash, and his family have released the following words.

"John Higgins was a devoted father, loving son, brother,

nephew and wonderful uncle. He will be dearly missed by all his family and the rest of the West Calder and Polbeth community”.

Enquiries are still ongoing and again we would like to appeal for witnesses who may have seen the Silver Vauxhall Vectra in the Polbeth area prior to the incident.

The Taking of Zena Charbonne at the Roxy



The Occasional Cabaret presents Retour 2014 – for a captive audience – The Taking of Zena Charbonne
Who calls the shots?

Sometimes stuff happens.

*We prepare for it, try to avoid it, visualise how to cope. .
. But, ultimately, the ‘unknown’ really is the unknown.*

For Zena, the wife of Environment Minister, Sir Michael Charbonne, the routine of her life is fragmented one wet February afternoon. Bundled into the boot of a car and then held hostage, she begins to question past certainties. ‘Normal’ slips towards becoming an alien concept as lost dreams re-surface. And leave her wondering what normal really is.

Written by Stewart Ennis, produced and performed by The Occasional Cabaret, The Taking of Zena Charbonne is a beautifully written, often darkly humorous piece which asks the audience to confront what they perceive to be ‘the norm’ and socially acceptable. Through a blistering mix of performance, video and live music, this visceral production explores boundaries – who sets them – and asks what, really,

is real?

This is a re-tour of the The Occasional Cabarets autumn tour last year. Funded by Creative Scotland, it follows the hugely successful Scottish & US tours of Apocalypse! (in collaboration with Clancy Productions, New York).

Performed by Catherine Gillard, directed by Peter Clerke and written by Stewart Ennis. All three are founding members of the original, ground-breaking, theatre collective benchtours. With a live cello score by Robin Mason, design by Ali MacLaurin and video by Tim Brinkhurst. Lighting Design Kate Bonney; Production management by Camilla O'Neill; Graphic design by humbucker.co.uk; Photography by marc marnie

Sat 26 April @ 8pm

Assembly Roxy, Edinburgh

Tickets: £12 (£8)

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Edinburgh event – No More Page 3



On Wednesday 2 April 2014, the Edinburgh branch of the *No More Page 3 campaign* is holding a free evening discussion of media objectification and its consequences.

Actress and writer Lucy-Anne Holmes, the founder of the national No More Page 3 campaign, is travelling to Edinburgh to speak about her experiences of media sexism and of campaigning for change. She will be joined by University of Edinburgh lecturer Dr Tom Webster and a representative from Hollaback, a movement to end street harassment.

Lucy-Anne set up the No More Page 3 campaign in 2012, prompted

by her realisation that during the Olympics the largest image of a woman in The Sun newspaper was not of one of Team Great Britain's incredible medal winners, but of a young woman clad only in her pants, pouting seductively from the paper's page 3. It started as a petition on change.org, politely asking the editor of The Sun to "drop the bare boobs".

She could hardly have imagined the momentum the campaign would gain. Now, it has more than 51K followers on social media while the petition has gained over 186,000 signatures. The No More Page 3 cause has received high profile support from a vast number of organisations as well as many celebrities including Jennifer Saunders, Caitlin Moran and Russell Brand. This week, campaigners received a letter from the Scottish government saying it is 'supportive of the "no more page three" campaign, and we will continue to prioritise our work to tackle gender inequality and violence against women.'

Wednesday's event provides an excellent opportunity to learn about media sexism and possible ways of making change, as well as being a chance to discuss thoughts and ideas.

'Boobs aren't news: media, power and page 3' will be held on 2 April 2014, 6.30-8pm in Lecture Theatre 3, Appleton Tower, 11 Crichton St, Edinburgh EH8 9LE

Reserve your tickets here: <http://bit.ly/lg3vIRs>

Booking is recommended as seats are limited.

For more information or images contact Ceris Aston, coordinator of the Edinburgh No More Page 3 campaign, at ceris_nmp3@outlook.com

Follow the No More Page 3 campaign @nomorepage3

Submitted by [Ceris Aston](#)



World's Biggest Sit Down Lunch to be held in South Queensferry



The Forth Bridges Festival's attempt to stage the 'World's Biggest Sit Down Lunch' has been given a massive boost as the organisers Queensferry Ambition have confirmed they will receive £25,000 from the Homecoming Scotland 2014 Food and Drink Fund.

The Festival was one of a number of Homecoming events awarded money from the special £250,000 fund dedicated to promoting Scottish food and drink in 2014 announced by Rural Affairs Secretary, Richard Lochhead.

The world record attempt will take place on Saturday 13 September 2014 as part of a ten day celebration of Scotland's iconic bridges to celebrate the 50th birthday of the Forth Road Bridge.

The 'Scotland Welcomes the World' lunch will provide a feast of entertainment for participants across two locations in North and South Queensferry. Attendees will enjoy a traditionally Scottish Homecoming-themed lunch while dressed in 1960's outfits to honour the Road Bridge which was opened in 1964.

Richard Lochhead, Rural Affairs Secretary said:- "The Forth Road Bridge is one of this country's most iconic landmarks and what better way to celebrate its 50th birthday than with another icon of Scotland – our fabulous array of food and

drink. Our magnificent natural larder continues to attract huge interest abroad and helps to market Scotland to the world as a Land of Food and Drink – an important ingredient as we encourage people to celebrate their Scottish heritage during Homecoming. Our local communities play an integral part in the food and drink industry and it's great to be able to support them by bringing events to their areas."

James Withers, Scotland Food & Drink Chief Executive said:

—"Scotland's food and drink community is hugely excited about 2014. Homecoming events, alongside the Commonwealth Games & Ryder Cup, provide the opportunity of a lifetime to showcase Scotland as a 'Land of Food and Drink'.

With surging interest at home and overseas in Scottish produce, next year's events will be a real culinary celebration, shining a light on our talented producers. We're ambitious and we want to set a new benchmark for quality catering at big events. And there is no better place to do that than at the 'World's biggest sit-down lunch', which should be a feast of world class, local produce."

Malcolm Brown, Chair of Queensferry Ambition said:

—"Queensferry Ambition is grateful for the funding received from the Homecoming Food and Drink fund. This will ensure that this superb one off event is a real success and uniquely showcases Scottish Food and Drink. The world might only be with us for a few hours but we will leave a lasting impression of true Scottish hospitality and a real flavour of these great and historic towns."



Supporters warned about behaviour at Edinburgh derby



With emotions running high, Hearts and Hibs have both warned supporters that robust action will be taken by Police Scotland against anyone partaking in unacceptable conduct during Sunday's match against Hibs at Tynecastle.

Unacceptable behaviour comes in such forms as foul and abusive language, threatening behaviour, comments about a person's race, religion, creed, nationality or sexual orientation, damage within the stadium and general anti-social behaviour.

Home and away fans attending the game are also urged not to take flares or any other pyrotechnics into the ground.

Smoke set off in a football stadium is not safe and may adversely affect persons who suffer from breathing disorders. In recent events flares have also inadvertently caused seats to burn and may obviously have serious consequences if flags are ignited.

Police are treating this issue very seriously and any persons caught with flares in the ground or attempting to bring them into the stadium will be arrested.

Both clubs view the introduction of smoke to any ground as unsafe, a very serious health and safety matter and any persons identified as responsible may be subject to club sanctions.

Hibs have also reminded their fans that the club will be held responsible for any damage (breakages, graffiti, stickers)

caused inside Tynecastle.

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Mother's Day – ECA Fashion Show – Big Sing – Cityjet introduce Edinburgh – Cardiff route – Russell Crowe

We hope you have remembered that the clocks have gone forward today. So whatever time it is, it's not! It's actually an hour ahead.....got it?

And today is the one day in the year that you can show your mum how much you love her and appreciate her. It's Mother's Day, but don't worry fathers your turn comes in June. Father's Day this year will be celebrated on 15 June.

Need an idea of somewhere to go with your mum?

Well our [brunch ideas are here....](#) and our [list of the best chippies is here....](#) Now we just have to make a list of the best cakes in town.... Suggestions please?

Name(required)

Email(required)

Best Cakes in Edinburgh(required)

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We have had some great photo opportunities this week and especially this one which John Preece attended.

You can see all his lovely photos of the creations that the Edinburgh College of Art students have come up with [here](#) – but here is a taster!

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The Big Sing

Sunday 30th March

7pm

Stockbridge Parish Church

7b Saxe Coburg Street, Edinburgh, EH3 5BN

An evening of participative singing with new songs for the season of Lent and Easter

with Graham Maule, Jo Love, Phil White and Hilary Black, of the Wild Goose Resource Group of the Iona Community.

Suggested donation £5 including refreshments. Pay at the door.

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✖ The first CityJet flight from Edinburgh to the Welsh capital will take off today.

The new route between Edinburgh and Cardiff will operate with three daily flights from £64 one way and £99 return, including a 23kg check-in bag and drinks and snacks on-board.

CityJet has opened a number of new routes to Cardiff Airport this year, including flights from Glasgow which operate up to twice daily.

Christine Ourmières, CityJet's Chief Executive Officer, said:- "This is an exciting time for CityJet and our expanding Scottish network.

"We hope that our new route from Edinburgh to Cardiff will provide vital connections for both business and leisure passengers in Scotland. We are keen to invest in Edinburgh and we hope people will take advantage of the new daily flights – with three ideally times flights to choose from – to the city of Cardiff."

Pity that film actor and star of Noah, Russell Crowe, did not wait till today then to travel to Cardiff for the next fans premiere on his whistlestop tour of Great Britain. In case you missed it [click here](#) for our photos from the red carpet yesterday at The Filmhouse.

Anyone like to send us a review of Noah? Did you see it yesterday?

[Submit your story here.](#)

F1 – Hamilton takes pole in wet Malaysian qualifying

Lewis Hamilton took his second pole position of the 2014 Formula 1 season in a rain-soaked qualifying session at the Malaysian Grand Prix to see him equal Jim Clark's record of 33 for a British driver.

A heavy downpour and stormy conditions meant that qualifying was delayed for 50 minutes, and the conditions on track made it difficult for the drivers. At the end of the session, it was almost impossible for the drivers to improve upon their previously-set times, and that meant that Hamilton's lap was just enough to see him start on pole position, edging Sebastian Vettel by 5/100ths of a second.

Hamilton's Mercedes team mate Nico Rosberg completed the top three, while the Ferraris of Fernando Alonso and Kimi Raikkonen were split by Daniel Ricciardo.

Most cars began Q1 on the intermediate tyres after the track began to lose the large stretches of standing water. The session passed without any major upsets or incidents until the closing minute, when rookie Marcus Ericsson spun and crashed, trailing debris across the track and causing the session to be red-flagged with half a minute to go.

There were more red-flags in Q2, when another rookie Daniil Kvyat struggled under braking in the slippery conditions and hit Alonso, breaking the Ferrari's front suspension and damaging his own front wing in the process.

As the time came for the top ten to challenge for pole position, McLaren decided to take a gamble with Jenson Button

on the intermediate tyres, while the worsening conditions prompted everybody else to opt for wets. The decision didn't pay off, and Button struggled for grip and pace as he ended up off the pace in 10th. Team mate Kevin Magnussen once again took advantage and managed to qualify in 8th, showing that his strong performance in Australia was not beginner's luck.

At the front of the grid it was Hamilton who managed to harness the wet conditions the best out of the challengers, and his early flying lap was enough to secure pole position ahead of Vettel. Rosberg struggled more than his team mate on the full wets, but still managed to take third on the grid ahead of Alonso.

Speaking after qualifying, Hamilton said:- "I'm all over the place at the moment. I'm really happy with how well we've done over the weekend, but today was incredible – how heavy was the rain?

"It was tricky out there for everyone because at the end it was almost impossible to see. I couldn't see where the track went, where the corners were, where to brake. I had to bail out of my final fast lap, so it was very close."

After a disappointing race in Australia, where he also grabbed pole only to be forced to retire early in the race because of an engine problem, Hamilton is looking to put some points on the board in tomorrow's race.

"For myself and for the team, the priority is to bag as many points as possible," he said.

"We've got great a great opportunity, a great car and a team that is performing fantastically right now. Fingers crossed we can see ourselves through to the finish line."

Full Qualifying Results

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3 ROSBERG (+0.619)
4 ALONSO (+0.744)
5 RICCIARDO (+1.110)
6 RAIKKONEN (+1.787)
7 HULKENBERG (+2.281)
8 MAGNUSSEN (+2.782)
9 VERGNE (+3.647)
10 BUTTON (+4.622)

11 KVYAT (Q2)
12 GUTIERREZ (Q2)
13 MASSA (Q2)
14 PEREZ (Q2)
15 BOTTAS (Q2)
16 GROSJEAN (Q2)

17 MALDONADO (Q3)
18 SUTIL (Q3)
19 BIANCHI (Q3)
20 KOBAYASHI (Q3)
21 CHILTON (Q3)
22 ERICSSON (Q3)

Russell Crowe dashes into Edinburgh for the fan premiere of Noah



Russell Crowe stars in a new Paramount Pictures film called Noah. The tale is a well-known one based on The Bible, and we

can only presume will involve a lot of water and an Ark.

We did not see the film but we were on the red carpet when Russell Crowe arrived at The Filmhouse to attend the Fan Premiere of his latest epic billed as a story of courage, sacrifice and hope. He was having a busy day having started off in Dublin and has yet to stop off in Cardiff, but was charming to his fans, if a little less long-suffering with the press.

We got a little interview with him inside the cinema

[listen to 'The Edinburgh Reporter interviews Russell Crowe' on Audioboo](#)

Douglas Booth the 21 year-old actor who plays Crowe's son in the movie had arrived at the cinema just ahead of the star.

Olympic medallist Katherine Grainger CBE was also attending the premiere along with her mother Liz.

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The film is expected to gross \$41m on this its opening weekend in the US.

Some religious groups have criticised the film before they have even seen it according to the star who told [The Guardian](#) of his meeting with Pope Francis which took place in spite of controversy spilling out around the movie.

Almost 600,000 people like the film's Facebook page, which may or may not be a testament to its popularity, and this is one of several biblical films coming to the big screen this year.



Cyclists asked to slow down on the canal towpath!



Cyclists on the towpaths of the Union Canal in Edinburgh are being encouraged to 'Share the Space and Drop their Pace' with the launch of a new considerate cycling campaign.

The Scottish Canals-led drive, launched today at Harrison Park in Edinburgh, aims to encourage the increasing numbers of cyclists that use the towpaths in the capital for commuting and recreation to be considerate of other users and match their speed to the surroundings. The campaign follows the success of the Towpath Code of Conduct, which was launched last year and offered a range of guidelines and safety tips to canal users.

The towpaths of the Union Canal, many of which were upgraded last year to a new all-weather surface as part of a £1 million revitalisation scheme, are more popular than ever and form a key part of the Sustrans UK-wide National Cycle Network. The routes, which have seen a 300% increase in use in the past eight years, play host to everyone from cyclists and joggers to dog walkers.



Supported by Edinburgh City Council, sustainable transport charity Sustrans, Spokes and Police Scotland, the campaign aims to encourage cyclists to be considerate on the paths by, amongst other things, managing their speed, being aware and respectful of other users and staying alert of both their surroundings and conditions on the route itself. Children from the canalside Craiglockhart Primary School took to the

towpaths on their bikes to help launch the campaign alongside representatives from each of the partner organisations.

Alasdair Smart, Scottish Canals' Lowlands Canals Waterways Manager, said: "The towpaths of the Union Canal are busier than ever and more and more cyclists are recognising the many appeals of the routes, which combine safe inner-city travel with the fantastic environments of the waterway.

"Of course, the towpaths are used by a wide variety of users and, while it's fantastic that so many people are enjoying the routes, everyone – whether they navigate the towpaths by boot or bike – has a responsibility to ensure they do so in a safe and considerate way.

"The vast majority of cyclists are mindful of the needs of other users and follow safety guidelines but we just want to remind everyone that the towpaths are a shared space. As pet owners and families with young children also use the paths, they're not the place for cyclists to try and set speed records. Likewise, some sections of the canal – such as aqueducts – are very narrow and it's safer for everyone if cyclists dismount before crossing.

"Whether you're travelling to work or just pedalling for pleasure, the towpaths offer a fantastic environment for cyclists. A little consideration and common sense allows everyone to enjoy them."

Councillor Adam McVey, City of Edinburgh Council's Transport Vice Convener, said: "The canal is a fantastic space for both pedestrians and cyclists, and is a valuable route for the city, but it's important that all users respect one another.

"The vast majority of people in Edinburgh are considerate when using public footways and paths and slow down for other users, but we would encourage pedestrians and cyclists to make sure they travel on mixed use routes safely by staying aware of others."

The campaign follows the launch of the Towpath Code of Conduct last year – a document that sets out guidelines and safety tips for everyone from boaters and anglers to cyclists and walkers. Created by Scottish Canals in partnership with Edinburgh City Council and supported by Sustrans, Spokes and Living Streets Scotland, the Code also offers general hints and tips for using the canals, including what to do if members of the public see an animal in distress or would like to try their hand at volunteering. To date, more than 10,000 copies of the Code have been distributed. A digital version is also available for download from Scottish Canals' [website](#).

John Lauder, National Director of Sustrans Scotland, said: "The canal towpaths are a great facility for cyclists to use, whether for the daily commute or for leisure purposes. However, it is important to be mindful that we share these spaces with a variety of other users. Therefore, Sustrans is fully supportive of this campaign to 'Share the Space, Drop your Pace' and we encourage cyclists to be considerate when using the towpaths."

Posters and banners asking cyclists to 'Share the Space, Drop your Pace' have been installed along the length of the Edinburgh stretch of the Union Canal. It's hoped that the campaign will be rolled out on the towpaths of Glasgow's equally-popular Forth & Clyde Canal later in the year.

Local Fountainbridge-Craiglockhart councillor and keen cyclist Gavin Corbett was very much involved in the development of the Towpath Code of Conduct and was largely responsible for starting the campaign.

He said:

"As someone who cycles on the canal towpath every day, I know how much its popularity has grown. But we have to ensure everyone, no matter how he or she uses the towpath, is able to

enjoy the routes to their full extent. A minority of cyclists are going too fast or cycling too aggressively for such a narrow path and my plea to my fellow cyclists to slow down, be respectful of other users and enjoy one of the best routes in Edinburgh!"

