

Edinburgh Zoo welcomes first ever banteng calf



Edinburgh Zoo's hoofstock keepers have welcomed their first ever beautiful banteng calf! Although only four weeks old, the bubbly boy loves to canter around outdoors with his parents.

The calf, who has been named Kala, was born to resident banteng Tino and Leticia and is the first ever banteng calf to be born at Edinburgh Zoo. Dad Tino was born in July 2007 and he arrived at Edinburgh Zoo in 2011 from Wroclaw and mum Leticia was born in 2001 and arrived in 2012 from Munich.

Listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List, banteng are native to South East Asia, with hunting and habitat loss as the two biggest threats to the species. They are very close to becoming locally extinct in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Lorna Hughes, Team Leader of Hoofstock and Primates at Edinburgh Zoo, said: "Kala is doing really well; it is great to see him out and about after such a long wait. He's going from strength to strength and is already proving very popular with our visitors – he certainly has a lot of character! This birth is a positive step in helping towards the conservation of these endangered animals as well as educating visitors about their plight."

Banteng females give birth to a single calf after a pregnancy that lasts 285 days. The banteng baby will stay close to mum Leticia for around 6 to 9 months, then he will start venturing and exploring further.

Banteng, also known as Tembadau, live in herds of between two and 40 individuals. They like to feed mainly on grasses, bamboo, leaves and fruits and are more active at night due to

human encroachment on their natural environment.

Mature males have a dark brown coat, while females are a much lighter brown, with a dark strip down their back, making it very easy to distinguish between the sexes. The baby banteng although born with a light brown coat like all male banteng calves, will turn the more prominent darker colour as he reaches maturity.

James McDonough's delight at players' international recognition



Hibs' Head of Academy Coaching James McDonough is delighted with the international recognition his players have earned this week, even though their absence has given him a selection headache.

Danny Handling and Sam Stanton are on duty with the under-21s who play Hungary tonight at Tannadice, Jason Cummings hopes to start for the under-19s against Switzerland this afternoon at the Energy Asset Arena and Scott Martin is with the under-17s (squad gathering).

McDonough told Hibernian TV: "I think it's brilliant because I don't think since I've been at the club that we've had someone at almost every level of internationals.

"We've got players right down the squads at this present time

with one foot in the door, but it is a testament to the players.

“We were going to be short of a few players, but that would give somebody else a chance and I was looking forward to one or two others getting a chance as they’ve waited patiently.”

The Under 20s game against Inverness yesterday was postponed due to adverse weather conditions in the Highlands.

McDonaugh continued: “I hoped the game would be on because you want the games to be on, there is nothing worse than games of football being off.

I was just hoping the rain and the snow was going to be a passing thing. It’s just one of those things unfortunately; the weather in the Highlands was heavy rain and snow.

“If the pitch was going to be playable it would have been a bit of a farce, so we just need to deal with that.”

Hibs E0S are back in Central Taxis First Division action at Kelso (Woodside Park) on Saturday, kick off 2.30pm.

Hibs under-20s are back in SPFL U20 League action against Celtic at the Energy Asset Arena, Livingston on Tuesday 11 March, kick off 6pm (admission is via donation to a bucket collection around the stadium).

Photo by John Preece

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

Darren Fletcher is back in the Scotland squad



Manchester United's Darren Fletcher has returned to the Scotland squad for the first time since November 2012 after battling back from a chronic bowel condition.

The 30-year-old who was brought up in Dalkeith has finally regained his place at Old Trafford but Scotland assistant manager Mark McGhee said that Fletcher was not a certain starter for Wednesday's friendly in Poland and manager Gordon Strachan had yet to decide whether he would regain the captaincy from Celtic midfielder Scott Brown.

His rival for the centre midfield position Barry Bannan said that he was delighted that Fletcher was back.

Speaking ahead of tonight's friendly against Poland, Bannan said: "I was young when I first broke through and he was one I was kind of in awe of and looked up to. He made it so easy for me. It's good to have him back. He's the captain and the leader."

"There's a lot of good players in this squad and some good players have been left out, so I would say it's the strongest so far. Every game, you're fighting for your place. There's a lot of good players here. It's a strong squad now."

"We have had good results recently. We're riding high on confidence and hopefully we can keep that going."

"It's come around that they're going to be our group, so we'll get a good look at them and I'm sure they'll get a good look at us too, but it could give us that edge if we get one over on them and put a good performance."

The Poles are also in Scotland's group for the forthcoming Euro 2016 qualifiers.

Mikaeel Kular died from internal bleeding



Mikaeel Kular died from "peritonitis and intra-abdominal haemorrhage (pending investigation)" according to the death certificate which was released by the Registrar at Kirkcaldy yesterday.

Peritonitis is inflammation of the peritoneum – the thin lining of the abdomen. The inflammation is most often caused by an infection from elsewhere in the body, but it can also develop directly.

An intra-abdominal haemorrhage is a bleed inside someone's abdomen.

The youngster's death was registered by his step-grandfather, Mr B Krishnaswamy and time on the certificate was recorded as "04:02 on 18 January".

Mikaeel was reported missing from the family home in Ferry Gait Crescent on 16 January and hundreds of local residents joined in the search for him.

His photograph was shown on television throughout the UK before his body was discovered in woodland behind Dunvagen Avenue, Kirkcaldy.

Afterwards hundreds of people in Edinburgh gathered at the

city's Muirhouse St Andrew's Church for a service in his memory. They also released dozens of colourful balloons.

Candlelit vigils for Mikaeel were held on both sides of the Firth of Forth, at Cramond in Edinburgh and Ravenscraig beach in Kirkcaldy.

His mother Rosdeep Kularis is currently being held on remand at Cornton Vale prison near Stirling. She has appeared twice in court in Edinburgh, making no plea or declaration.

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



International Women's Day – Bruncheon! – Concert – Photography Exhibition – Jelly & Gin

Jackie Baillie MSP has lodged a motion at Holyrood to recognise International Women's Day which takes place this weekend, and specifically mentions University of Edinburgh graduate Katherine Grainger in it.

The motion reads:-**"S4M-09084 Jackie Baillie: International Women's Day 2014**—That the Parliament recognises that 8 March 2014 is International Women's Day; understands that this day plays a vital role in promoting women's issues and celebrating their achievements; notes that this year's theme is Inspiring Change and calls for challenging the status quo for women's equality and vigilance inspiring positive change; acknowledges that, since the day's first celebration in 1911, Scotland and the rest of the UK have come a long way in promoting women's

equality and emancipation, but believes that much more needs to be done to address issues such as the gender pay gap, underrepresentation of women in senior positions, female unemployment and the availability of childcare; welcomes the many Scottish events that will take place to mark what it considers this important day, such as the University of Edinburgh International Women's Day Lecture by Olympic gold medallist Katherine Grainger, Falkirk's all female open mic and social session, Dundee's Women's Festival, which aims to celebrate women through film, history, arts, music and drama in a series of workshops and events and the Clamjamfrie organised by Glasgow Parkour Girls, and commends all those who are working diligently to improve women's social, economic and political position."

Go and have a lovely Bruncheon! with Great Female Singers/Songwriters from 11.30am – 3pm, free entry at Out of the Blue Drill Hall, Dalmeny Street on Saturday 8 March which is International Women's Day.

The theme for the March 8th Bruncheon is Great Female Singers/Songwriters.

The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. Thousands of events occur to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day.

"We will be inviting some of Edinburgh's top musicians to perform the songs that mean the most to them of all the great songs that have been sung or written by women. From Bjork to Aretha Franklin, we'll be honouring some of the heroines that have touched our lives with their music.

"There will also be a performance by the [Ladies Guerrilla String Quartet](#), and the cafe will be preparing a special

themed menu for the day.”

Those of you on facebook can follow all the Bruncheon facebook action [here](#).

The Edinburgh Telephone Choir present a concert “A Song for Everyone” in St. Philip’s church on Wednesday March 12th at 7.30. Tickets cost £6 including refreshments and can be obtained from Ian Warwick on 669 4906 or at the door on the night. The concert is organised by the Portobello & District Council of Churches, supporting the Christian Aid Malawi Community Partnership. When the PDCC raise £5,000 a grant from the government makes it £40,000 and all proceeds of the ETC concert go towards this project. Approx £2,500 has been raised already.



Wildlife Photographer of the Year at National Museum of Scotland

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.

Now for a bit of forward planning...

"Jelly&Gin are creating an immersive experience that will evoke the sights, sounds and scents encountered in the whisky making process from grain to glass. We are taking over a former milk factory in Leith and aim to transform it into a multi-sensory adventure in just two days. Guests will experience four different whiskies with all the senses through the use of lighting, projection, sound and scent. Small bites of locally sourced, artisan produced food will complement each of the four drams which have been selected from [Jura Whisky Single Malts](#)."

Dates: 14 – 20 May 2014

Times: Lunchtime sessions at 1pm – 2.30pm daily, Evening sessions 7pm – 8.30pm

Ticket Price:

Weekday Sessions: Early Bird £15/ £20 Standard

Evenings and weekends: Early Bird £20/ £25 Standard

The event is part of Whisky Month, a month-long, country-wide celebration of Scotland's national drink during May 2014 and is supported by [Scotland Food and Drink](#). There are tickets on sale now. Cli

National Museum most visited attraction outside London



Figures released today (Wednesday 5 March) from the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA) reveal that the National Museum of Scotland was the most visited attraction in the UK outside London in 2013.

Announcing its members' visitor figures, ALVA confirmed that the National Museum of Scotland received 1,768,090 visitors last year.

Dr Gordon Rintoul, Director of National Museums Scotland, commented: "2013 has been a terrific year for National Museums Scotland and we are pleased and proud of these results.

"Being confirmed as the most visited attraction outside London for the third year running demonstrates that we continue to capture the imagination of visitors with compelling exhibitions, imaginative public programmes and internationally important collections.

"We have welcomed over five million visitors to the National Museum of Scotland since its reopening in summer 2011, a remarkable achievement for a country of only five million people."

Highlights from 2013 at the National Museum of Scotland included Vikings! a major exhibition of Scandinavian treasures brought to Scotland for the first time and Mary Queen of Scots, a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition developed by National Museums Scotland, offering a unique, definitive and

fascinating insight into one of the most charismatic monarchs of all time.

Gang sought after sectarian singing on train



British Transport Police are looking for a gang of around six men who were involved in singing sectarian songs and acting in a “threatening and abusive” manner on a train travelling between Edinburgh and Glasgow on Saturday.

The men boarded the Edinburgh Waverley to Glasgow Queen Street service at Linlithgow station around 6.35pm on Saturday evening and are reported to have acted in a threatening and abusive manner.

They were also reportedly singing songs of a sectarian nature until they got off the train at Falkirk High around 15 minutes later.

The only description of the men available is that they were all aged less than 40 years.

CCTV footage from on the train and at both stations is currently being reviewed in an attempt to identify those involved.

Constable Christopher Sutherland is asking anyone with information to get in touch with him.

He said: “There is no excuse for this sort of behaviour on public transport. This was a busy service and I am appealing

for anyone who was on the train or at either station and witnessed this unwelcome behaviour to come forward.”

British Transport Police can be contacted on 0800 40 50 40.

Hibs’ stars support Citadel Youth Centre’s careers event



Hibs stars Owain Tudur Jones and Scott Robertson joined City of Edinburgh Chief Executive Sue Bruce last week to support the Citadel Youth Centre’s careers event – providers of support for young people leaving school.

Hibernian Community Foundation and Edinburgh College were also there to showcase the Hibernian Learning Centre, situated in the South Stand at Easter Road Stadium.

Working with people of all ages, Hibernian Learning Centre offers flexible learning opportunities for IT core skills and European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) qualifications.

✖ In addition, the Learning Centre offers courses that provide an introduction to mobile apps, website design, social media, 3D design and digital photography. People of all ages, abilities and experience have the opportunity to learn at their own pace, gain and practice new skills, and earn valuable qualifications.

The Learning Centre also plays host to learning opportunities specifically designed to support people into employment through courses and independent learning. Qualified tutors and learning assistants can help people of all ages enter or re-

enter the work force through skill acquisition, an independent job search and physical fitness activities.

The long term aim of the partnership between Hibernian Community Foundation and Edinburgh College is to provide learning opportunities in the community and engage with people who want to learn something new but might not see themselves as college students or be able to access full time courses. The courses are designed to provide enjoyable learning opportunities in the exciting environment of Hibernian football, and we aim to ensure local people have more access to skills, education and employment.

Edinburgh Castle most-visited paid-for UK attraction outside of London



Edinburgh Castle has welcomed over 1.4 million visitors for the first time in its history.

The figures were released today by the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA) which comprises over 200 of the UK's top attractions – including The Victoria and Albert Museum and the Tower of London – whose members release their visitor figures annually.

The castle, which is run by Historic Scotland, saw 1,420,027 visitors go through its doors in 2013, a 15% increase on the previous year.

The castle was the number one paid-for visitor attraction in

Scotland last year and the most visited paid-for UK attraction outside London.

The figures come on the back of a successful year for the castle which was named 'Best UK Heritage Attraction' at the British Travel Awards for the third year in a row and saw record-breaking summer visitor figures.

An increase in visitor numbers was also recorded at Historic Scotland's other top-three properties, Stirling Castle (up 2% to 411,726) and Urquhart Castle (up 5% to 310,446).

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs said: "Edinburgh Castle continues to captivate visitors from around the world and I am delighted that it has welcomed more than 1.4m visitors for the first time, which is a significant milestone.

"Scotland's heritage sector continues to play an important role, supporting 60,000 jobs, contributing over £2bn to our economy and continuing to enthrall visitors from home and abroad."

Stephen Duncan, Director of Commercial and Tourism for Historic Scotland, which runs the castle and 77 other heritage attractions across the country said: "2013 was a fantastic year for our sites – with record-breaking figures, membership at an all-time high and Edinburgh Castle breaking the 1.4 million visitor mark for the first time.

"In terms of trends, we had anticipated an increase in travel trade numbers this year after a flattening-out of numbers in 2012; however the increase has exceeded all expectations. We are also benefitting from an increase in visitors from China and the emerging markets.

"Alongside this, we have seen the benefits of investment in our e-commerce offering, with tickets for 66 of our sites now available to purchase online, providing greater flexibility

for visitors.

“Meanwhile our award winning events programme, which commences next month, continues to bring history to life and will form a key part of this year’s Homecoming activity.”

Sam Stanton keen to impress for Under 21s



Hibs’ midfielder Sam Stanton is hoping to continue with his impressive run of form when Scotland Under-21s take on Hungary at Tannadice Park on Wednesday night.

The 19-year-old made his first appearance of the season against to Celtic in January and has maintained his place in the first-team since, notching his first senior goal against Raith Rovers in the William Hill Scottish Cup in February. He also scored in Hibs’ 2-1 league win over Ross County last month.

His form caught the attention of Scotland Under-21 coach Billy Stark, who has included him in his squad for tomorrow night’s friendly.

Stanton said: “I’ve loved every minute of first-team football at my club and just want to keep going now.

“My target now is to keep my place in the first team and to play as much football as I can, be that for Hibs or the national team.

“I had no idea I was in line for a call up to the squad but

it's obviously great to be involved.

"Not so long ago I was playing for the under-20s team at Hibs.

"We had a few injuries and a suspension and the gaffer told me he was impressed with how I had been playing for the under-20s and with how I was doing in training and gave me a start against Celtic.

"Since then, I've maintained my place in the team and also been called up to the under-21s so it has been a good few months for me and I'm enjoying my football."

After making his first-team debut in 2012 in a league match against Rangers, Stanton was sent on loan to Cowdenbeath to gain more first-team experience, but a knee injury put his development on hold for six months after just two appearances at the Blue Brazil.

He said: "I made a few appearances from the bench for Hibs two years ago and was then sent out on loan to Cowdenbeath but I picked up injury in training which put my out for a few months.

"It was really bad injury at the time but thankfully everything is OK now and I'm involved in the Hibs team again."

Scotland's friendly with Hungary will be their last match before their UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualifier with the Netherlands in May.

With just three qualifying matches remaining, Scotland will require a victory over the Dutch to give them a realistic shot at reaching the play-offs later this year.

Although Stanton has yet to earn his first under-21 appearance, he is hopeful of featuring for Scotland later in the year.

He continued: "I would love to get a run out against Hungary

tomorrow night and earn my first under-21 cap but I want to stay involved and show what I can do here.

“There are a lot of other players in the squad that are in the same situation as me so it’s important I do as well as I can.

“Billy Stark has already spoken to me about my game, what he likes about me and where he thinks I can improve.

“I’m focussed on the Hungary match and we’ll see what happens after that.”

Entry to Scotland’s friendly with Hungary is by cash gate and priced at £5 for adults and £2 for kids.

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

New delivery model enhances local policing resource



Police Scotland today published local information about the number of police officers in the 14 divisions across the country.

These figures, which will be published quarterly, will appear on the Police Scotland website.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/212598/>

The Scottish Government today has published statistics on the

number of police officers serving in Police Scotland.

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Police-Officer-QUARTERLY-Strength-statistics-Scotland-31-December-2013-9f9.aspx>

Both sets of data refer to the actual number of police officers on 31 December 2013.

Deputy Chief Constable Rose Fitzpatrick said: "Local policing is at the heart of Police Scotland. The creation of single service has allowed us better flexibility in allocating police officers to the right place at the right time to help keep people safe.

"Police Scotland can now provide improved access to specialist services in support of local policing right across the country, with every division now benefiting from being able to draw in this resource when needed.

"Every division now has access to every kind of specialist support without geographical boundaries. This allows Police Scotland to protect and enhance local policing for our communities.

"Police Scotland continues to maintain police officer numbers at a minimum of 17,234 to meet the Scottish Government's commitment and we have a rolling recruitment programme."

Firefighters tackling Dalkeith farm fire



Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were called to a fire at

Langside Farm in Dalkeith at 12.39pm today.

Operations Control Edinburgh mobilised crews from Dalkeith, Musselburgh, Marionville, Liberton, Tranent, McDonald Road and Crewe Toll fire stations to the incident.

On arrival firefighters discovered 100 tonnes of baled straw alight in a barn which also contained animals.

Crews worked with the farmer to move the animals to a safe area and secure adequate water supplies to attack the fire.

Firefighters had to deal with the additional hazards of the adjacent to shed containing fertiliser and the high voltage power lines in close proximity.

Scottish Power isolated the high voltage power lines and crews managed to mitigate the risk of the fertiliser being involved in the incident.

Firefighters are currently working with two lines of hose and a water bowser to tackle the fire.

Crews are expected to be on scene for some considerable time.

Scottish horses in the running at Cheltenham

2014 Cheltenham Festival- The Scottish Connection 

With only a matter of days to go until the 2014 Cheltenham Festival gets underway, fans everywhere will be looking forward to a week of top class national hunt racing.

The festival begins on Tuesday March 11th and, after expanding to four days racing in 2005, will run until Friday 14 March. During this time, 27 races of the highest quality will excite race goers, with millions in prize money on offer.

Fans who wish to follow all of the latest news in the build up to the festival can follow news stories [with posts tagged "Cheltenham odds"](#) at Coral. Being on top of all the news can be the key to finding a winner at the festival.

The 2014 event will feature some of the most well-known names in the racing industry, with superstar horses such as Hurricane Fly, Bobs Worth, and Big Buck's , as well as top jockeys such as A.P. McCoy and Ruby Walsh likely to go close for the top jockey award.

As well as these, several horses, trainers and jockeys with links to Scotland will be appearing at the 2014 Cheltenham Festival, hoping to take some of the biggest races of the season.

Ryan Mania: Last year's Grand National winning jockey on board Aurora's Encore, Mania hails from Galashiels. He will be hoping to have a few winners at the festival to continue to enhance his growing reputation in the sport.

Lucinda Russell: As Scotland's leading national hunt trainer, Russell is enjoying an excellent season so far, and her best bet of Cheltenham victory may be Tap Night, who is a 16/1 shot with Coral for the Byrne Group Plate on day three.

Musselburgh Trials Day: Scotland's leading national hunt racecourse played host to a day of Cheltenham trial races [on February 2nd](#), with home-grown jockey Ryan Mania winning two races. Several of the entrants will go on to race in some of the biggest events at the 2014 Cheltenham Festival, with their outings at Musselburgh possibly giving them a key bit of form going in to the festival.

In other news leading up to Cheltenham, fans will be disappointed to see that superstar chaser Sprinter Sacre has been pulled out of defending his Queen Mother Champion Chase crown due to a heart defect. Sire De Grugy is a 7/4 favourite with Coral now to take victory in Sprinter Sacre's absence.

Featured Article

Hearts & Minds Charity Vintage Fashion Show



Locally based Edinburgh charity, Hearts & Minds host their very first Vintage Fashion Show, aiming to create awareness and understanding of dementia as well as raising funds for their Elderflowers programme which brings joy, hope and interaction to ladies and gentlemen suffering from dementia throughout Scotland.-

Hearts & Minds is a Scottish arts-in-health charity who aims to improve the experience of people in hospital, hospice, residential and respite care by using performing arts to encourage communication, interaction and laughter. We achieve our aim through two specialist creative programmes; The Clowndoctors, who work specifically with children, and The Elderflowers, who work with elderly people with dementia.

The immersive Elderflowers programme provides a valuable outlet for the participants' own personality and humour,

offering creative, physical and mental stimulation. The Elderflowers are trained to pick up on the interests and mood of each individual elderly person and respond accordingly, this can mean playful banter or very gentle, non-verbal communication.

Elderflowers adopt a European-style theatre clowning and wear the smallest mask in the world – a red nose – to connect with patients' vulnerability. They visit 10 healthcare units regularly and always aim to connect with the essence of the person.

Magdalena Schamberger, Founder and Artistic Director of Hearts and Minds stated that: "Although many people no longer recognise their family members, they do have an innate understanding of what family means and the Elderflowers become their family for the day. The Elderflowers work to a scenario of always needing advice such as what songs to play, how to behave at a wedding or what colour to paint a wall. Patients really appreciate being asked for their opinion rather than simply taking a passive role."

Hearts & Minds are hosting an event full of fun, fashion, music and more on March 26th 2014 at their Charity Vintage Fashion Show.

Guests will be invited to settle down at one of the candle-lit tables and will be prepared for the show with a glass of prosecco, tea or coffee and a fantastic array of cakes and sandwiches which are all included in our Afternoon Tea package from the Scottish Gallery & Café.

During the runway show Hearts & Minds will be proud to present 'Miss Dixiebelle Vintage Hair and Beauty Parlour' who will be creating appropriate glamorous looks for our Elderflower models as they strut their stuff wearing a selection of unique vintage fashion pieces from the independently owned, Edinburgh based boutique 'Those Were The Days'. Throughout the event, there will be a selection of retro music hall sounds provided by the Gramophone DJ "Lord Holyrude". Not only will all of

this fabulous food and entertainment be included in the ticket price, but ticket-holders will also be automatically enrolled into our prize draw, with the chance to win some exclusive raffle prizes including: tickets to see Robbie Williams at Glasgow's SSE, a behind the scenes tour of River City, a musical trip back to OZ with "Wicked" tickets and much, much more! –

Those Were The Days – is a independently owned, unique vintage fashion boutique situated in Stockbridge, Edinburgh. Providing a hand picked collection of vintage fashions, bridal wear, jewellery and accessories sourced from around the world.

Miss Dixiebelle Vintage Hair and Beauty – is a vintage hair & beauty parlour and retro clothing boutique based in Edinburgh with a mobile styling service in Glasgow. Aiming to perfect the entire Rockabilly, Retro, Pin up or any vintage era from the 20's to the 60's look.

Lord Holyrude – Gramophone DJ spinning everything from Glenn Miller and Ella Fitzgerald to Artie Shaw to help create the perfect vintage atmosphere.-

The Hearts & Minds Charity Vintage Fashion Show is the first major event of its kind for Hearts & Minds with all proceeds going to the Hearts & Minds Elderflowers Programme which helps bring joy, hope and much needed interaction to elderly ladies and gentlemen across Scotland who suffer from dementia.

One of the key aims of our event is to help raise the awareness and understanding of dementia within the UK. According to a recent study, the current figure notes that there are 800,00 people in the UK with some form of dementia and that this is only set to increase within the next 25 years.

Due to this steady increase, Hearts & Minds believe that it is vitally important that these elderly ladies and gentlemen still have the opportunity to be stimulated, participate in

the arts and are encouraged to interact and laugh.

Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 – 6.30pm till 8.30pm

The Scottish Café & Restaurant, The Scottish National Gallery,
The Mound, EH22EL

Submitted by [James McLaren](#)

Major collection of Russell Flint paintings to be auctioned in Edinburgh



Major Private Collection of Scottish Born Russell Flint Paintings to be Auctioned


Lyon & Turnbull will sell a major private collection of paintings by Edinburgh born artist Sir William Russell Flint at auction of British & European Paintings on 30th April 2014 at 33 Broughton Place, EH1 3RR.

The collection is worth £200,000 with estimates ranging between £5,000 and £50,000.

By his death in 1969 Sir William Russell Flint was a world famous artist: a long term Royal Academician and President of the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolour. A familiar face in London society where virtually the entirety of his career was conducted. Nick Curnow Paintings Specialist and Managing Director of Lyon & Turnbull said “His appreciators are often

unaware that he was a born and bred Scotsman. Growing up in Portobello on the coast to the east of Edinburgh, he learnt his extraordinary skill as a watercolourist at his father's knee: a ticket maker and illuminator of text, who practised art in his spare moments."

Paintings include 'The Dance of 1000 Flounces' estimate £30,000-£50,000, is the celebrity of the collection, previously known as 'Ladies of Almeria'. It is one of the most famous painting by Flint and it is also one of the most reproduced. The artist signed a limited edition reproduction that has sold for as much as a thousand pounds. Painted on one of Flint's visit to Spain, it represents the artist at his best showing his extraordinary skills as a watercolour artist and his ability to capture the very spirit of the country through the sensuous poses of the female dancers.

 'Cecilia', estimate £20,000-30,000 and 'Dalitha' also £20,000-30,000, show his fascination with the feminine beauty and with that of Cecilia Green in particular. Cecilia has been Flint's model, inspiration, assistant and friend for over 15 years and has been portrayed in painting after painting in a different role all the time.

'Sisters at Dinard', £6,000-8,000 is a lovely small work that captures the vivacious spirit of the epoch – of the relaxed, jaunty, playful atmosphere of a 1930s sunny French beach.

'Gypsies on the Beach' £10,000-15,000 shows how much the Mediterranean countries and their exotic flair have inspired the artist, and the always-present fascination with the sensuousness of the female body.



Lothian MSP sings praises of Edinburgh based music school



Alison Johnstone, Green MSP for Lothian has been singing the praises of Drake Music Scotland after the Niddrie-based charity won a top award.

Ms Johnstone, education spokesperson for the Scottish Greens, lodged a motion in the Scottish Parliament congratulating the organisation's users, volunteers and staff on winning Best Special Educational Needs Resource at the Music Teacher Awards for Excellence.

She said: "Drake Music provides great opportunities for people with disabilities, and I'm delighted to see their specialist teaching methods being recognised. Participation in music is an important part of child development and wellbeing.

"Music tuition for pupils with additional support needs can be patchy, so I hope this award highlights the good work being done and encourages local authorities and government agencies to build a stronger network of music education services."

Huge success of Recruitment & Skills Centre at Fort Kinnaird



Almost 1000 people have benefited from the Recruitment & Skills Centre (RSC) at Fort Kinnaird Shopping Park in six months.

The Centre, which opened in September 2013, has welcomed jobseekers for pre-employment training courses and employers using it for induction programmes and staff training. It also hosted a festive recruitment campaign which saw over 350 people secure temporary Christmas work

A third of those hired for temporary Christmas positions went on to secure permanent employment at Fort Kinnaird.

Liam Smith, Centre Manager at Fort Kinnaird, said: "RSC has had a phenomenally successful first six months and we are sure it is going to continue to grow in popularity throughout 2014 and beyond."

The Centre is housed at Fort Kinnaird, Edinburgh's largest shopping park. It launched the RSC to support its shops, restaurants and support facilities with recruitment and workforce development training needs. It was also established to help jobseekers in the area find and retain employment.



It helps employers find the right candidates by advertising vacancies, providing interview facilities, workforce development and pre-recruitment training. It also offers business growth advice to SMEs. Prospective employees are supported through an offering of a number of services including training, job searches, as well as CV and interview workshops and employment referrals.

Liam added: "As far as we are aware, this is a unique partnership service being offered and supported by a shopping centre. We are delighted to play a role in this important service provision which benefits not only our tenants, but those looking for work in the area.

“There has been a great demand for the services the Centre offers and the team continues to work hard to develop further opportunities to bring employers and jobseekers together.”

Ninety per cent of employers who undertook Christmas recruitment did so through the RSC and two thirds of these kept some or all staff on in permanent roles. These stores include well-known brands such as Mothercare, The Range, JD Sports, Toys R Us and the Body Shop.

Already twelve stores have used the Centre for staff recruitment, induction or training purposes involving almost 400 people. There have also been nine pre-employment courses delivered involving around 200 people with more courses planned in the coming months.

RSC is joint venture between Fort Kinnaird and ‘Joined Up for Business’, Edinburgh’s Business Support Service, which seeks to grow employment opportunities by making it easier to do business in Edinburgh. It is a partnership of key agencies which include the City of Edinburgh Council, Business Gateway, Capital City Partnership, JobCentre Plus, Skills Development Scotland, Edinburgh College, NHS Lothian and Edinburgh’s ‘Joined Up for Jobs’ organisations including The Cyrenians who take a leading role in the initiative.

Royal Society of Edinburgh presents In Memoriam

 **Life affirming day about death at Royal Society of Edinburgh**

The Royal Society of Edinburgh, in partnership with the

University of Dundee, is preparing to host a special day of free events and workshops aimed at encouraging people to prepare for their death. 'In Memoriam' takes place on Saturday 8 March 2014 and promises a life-affirming experience, which will explore through art, writing and discussion, the realities of dying and bereavement.

A range of pop-in events will be on offer throughout the day, including creative writing, storytelling and sculpture workshops. Talks will take place on the history of the Scottish funeral, art and mortality, and science and the body. There will also be a number of art installations to visit, as well as readings from Dundee University's MLitt students. An evening discussion will follow with Professor Sue Black OBE FRSE, Professor Kirsty Gunn and the Right Reverend Richard Holloway FRSE, Former Bishop of Edinburgh & Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

As a topic, death is often considered taboo, yet a growing number of charities and organisations recognise that talking about dying is the first step in ensuring good end of life care. Only 4% of people have a written end-of-life plan and just 11% have a funeral plan, according to a National Centre for Social Research study.

Created and led by staff from the University of Dundee, In Memoriam won the *Stephen Fry Award for Excellence in Public Engagement with Research* in 2013. Professor Sue Black, Head of the Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification at the University said:- "In our modern world, death is marginalised and shunned from our daily lives. No longer the impartial friend and the great leveller, it has become the disowned and unacknowledged inevitability. In Memoriam celebrates good living, good death and good grief – a truly enlightening and uplifting experience."

This events at the Royal Society of Edinburgh are free but registration is required in advance.

Hamster abandoned in Wester Hailes



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a hamster was found abandoned on an Edinburgh street inside a plastic play tube.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted on Saturday (1 March) after a resident of Dumbeg Park, Wester Hailes, found the tiny creature on a pavement.

The brown and white adult male Syrian hamster is now in the care of the Scottish SPCA's Edinburgh and Lothians Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre, where he has been named Fievel.



Animal Rescue Officer Stephanie Grant said, "Fievel was found at around 4pm on Saturday afternoon inside a blue and transparent plastic tube, which looks like an attachment to a hamster cage.

"The tube was open at one end so he could easily have escaped and come to harm from nearby traffic or predators.

"I also noticed there was no food available for Fievel to eat so it's very lucky he was found alive and well.

"He's a friendly little guy who doesn't mind being handled and he's in good condition so he's clearly been someone's pet.

"However, this doesn't excuse the fact that he's been dumped on the street like a piece of rubbish.

“We’ll continue to care for Fievel until we can find him a good home with a loving new owner.”

Abandoning an animal is an offence under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and anyone found guilty of doing so can expect to be banned from keeping animals for a fixed period or life.

Anyone with information is being urged to call the Scottish SPCA animal helpline on 03000 999 999.

Forth Ports back at the Cruise Shipping Miami Conference



Following a successful 2013 cruise season, Forth Ports Limited, with cruise terminals serving the UK Capitals of London and Edinburgh will be back at the Cruise Shipping Miami Conference in March, to showcase their cruise destinations to the industry.

As the only port operator in the United Kingdom that can offer direct access to two capital cities, Forth Ports welcomed 130 cruise liners in 2013 bringing over 130,000 visitors to the UK. 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, we are developing a programme of alternative deep water anchorage options and landing stages to

bring larger liners closer to Edinburgh.

This year in Miami, the Forth Ports team will be focussing on their core destinations in London and Edinburgh but will also highlight the cruise offering in Dundee. Dundee is undergoing many changes, with a £1 billion renovation of the city's waterfront and the £45 million V&A design museum development. Dundee's modern surroundings will make it a cruise destination for the 21st century offering a unique combination of excellent facilities and fast transport links to attractions such as Glamis Castle, St Andrews and the ancient City of Perth.

For both London and Edinburgh, the 2014 cruise season is on track for another successful year, with a number of ships booked for the season and schedules for 2015 and 2016 well advanced.

Nik Scott-Gray, Business Development Manager at Forth Ports, commented: "We are excited to be exhibiting at Seatrade again this year. This is a great opportunity to show the industry the offering we have in Scotland and London. We are continually improving the experience for visitors with investment in our cruise terminal facilities and we have launched a new on-board magazine this season for visitors. We pride ourselves on offering an exceptional level of service for cruise lines, providing passengers with their passport to two of the UK's capital cities and surrounding areas. Our 2014 season is looking very healthy and we are delighted to have some advance bookings for 2015 and 2016."

Captain Richard Exley, Marine and Cruise Manager at the Port of Tilbury in London, said: "Forth Ports' cruise terminals had an excellent 2013 season and we're looking forward to a busy 2014. Our Cruise Terminals in London and Edinburgh, the 'quays to the capitals' are currently undergoing significant investment and improvements, and offer an excellent passenger experience with the utmost attention to detail. We offer a

first rate service for both passengers and crew and enjoy telling our story on an international stage.”

Forth Ports’ stand will be part of the Cruise Britain pavilion at Seatrade in Miami from 10th – 13th March.

As part of their ongoing development Forth Ports Group are now members of the CLIA Europe (Cruise Lines International Association), as well as being members of Cruise Britain, Cruise Scotland and Cruise Europe.

Award for East Lothian Hospitality and Tourism Academy



A pioneering project that gives school students the chance to experience college, university and the hospitality industry has been honoured with a prestigious UK-wide Times Educational Supplement Further Education Award.

Edinburgh College won the University HE Access Widening Participation category for its part in the East Lothian Hospitality and Tourism Academy – a partnership between the college, Queen Margaret University (QMU) and East Lothian Council. The college was one of only two Scottish winners at the awards, with Forth Valley College’s Richard Reid winning Most Innovative Teacher of the Year.

The academy, which was launched in 2012, impressed the judges for the way it smooths the transition between school, college and university, addressing a target of the Scottish

Government. The project for 16-18-year-olds aims to open up opportunities for those who might not have considered themselves suited for further or higher education.

In its first year, the academy recruited 34 S5 and S6 pupils from East Lothian schools and gave them the chance to take part in a two-year programme of practical work experience and theory at Edinburgh College and QMU, leading to industry-recognised qualifications. Following this initial two-year programme, students can move on to a related course at the college or university, or to a job in the sector. Thirty of the first group of students completed HNC and employability modules, with 18 going on to study the full HNC in 2013-14 while still at school, four progressing to Edinburgh College to study the SVQ2 Professional Cookery, and eight moving into employment.

Employers supporting the academy include Marriott, Novotel, Macdonald Hotels and Resorts, Jurys Inn, Mercure, Prestonfield, Best Western and Fraser Suites Edinburgh.

Awards judges said: "This is a solid project based on strong partnerships with the higher education sector and major businesses." They said they were impressed by the range of powerful testimonials from the college's industry partners.

Ray McCowan, Edinburgh College vice principal, said: "We are thrilled to have received recognition for our academy. The Times Educational Supplement FE award reinforces the reasons why we set up the academy in the first place, to meet the needs of young people and inspire them to learn and study in a way that suits them and that will ultimately benefit industry. The award is testament to the great work the college, QMU, East Lothian Council and our employer partners have been doing. The contributions from employers since the beginning have been invaluable in providing insight into the industry, making the project truly distinctive."

Sixteen-year-old Musselburgh Grammar pupil Lauren Cain is just one of the academy's success stories. Over the last year, she has addressed 100 guests at the academy's reception in the Scottish Parliament; spent time working at Novotel; competed in the national ScotHot hospitality championships; and taken classes at both Edinburgh College and QMU.

Lauren said: "The academy is definitely giving me ideas about what I might choose to do in the future. I know that because of my time at the academy I've got options that I wouldn't have had had I not taken part."

The success of the project has led to a £4.6million award from the Scottish Funding Council to develop academies in other subjects. Three new academies launched in August 2013, giving pupils from more schools in the Lothians and Borders the opportunity to learn about careers in the creative industries; food science and nutrition; and health and social care.

Photography caption: L-R Comedian Jo Brand, Ray McCowan, Edinburgh College vice principal and Andy Westwood, chief executive of GuildHE.

CIS Cup winner David Murphy forced to retire



Former Hibs' star David Murphy has announced his retirement from the game due to a reoccurring knee problem, just two days after his 30th birthday.

The popular left back was signed by Tony Mowbray on a free

transfer from Middlesbrough and played 134 times for Hibs including the CIS Cup Final win over Kilmarnock in 2007 and scored a match winning goal at Ibrox to put Hibs top of the SPL for the first time in seven years.

In January 2008 he moved to Birmingham City for £1m where he made 132 appearances however injury limited him to only 20 games during the last two seasons. He did win a Carling Cup medal with the Blues as an unused substitute against Arsenal in 2011.

Explaining the decision, Murphy told the City website: "All of my rehabilitation went as well as it could have done and I managed to return to playing for a brief spell.

"However, I wasn't able to sustain the heights of my previous form and as a result I have no option but to retire.

"Having sought advice from the surgeon and medical staff at the football club, I had to make sure in my own mind that I was ready to retire. I have reached that decision and will look forward to the next chapter in my life."

Blues' manager Lee Clark said that Murphy was the most talented left-back the Championship had seen in recent years.

"From a personal point of view, it's always sad when a player has to end his career through injury," the Blues boss admitted to bcfc.com. "It's a career that had no much potential. He's done a lot during his time in the game but he could have done even more because of his ability. He's still a young age really, and should be coming into his best years. It's a sad day.

"When I joined the club I was looking forward to working with the two best full-backs in the division in my team. But unfortunately Stephen Carr had to make the same decision and didn't play many games under me. David has been the same and we've basically lost the two best full-backs outside of the

Premier League because of circumstances beyond my control, which has been a big blow.”

Clark added: “I don’t know where Murph’s future lies and whether he plans to go into coaching but the club and myself would be prepared to help him on that side of things. I know he’s got other interests outside the game and we wish him well, whatever he decides to do.”

Hundreds of messages of support from both Hibs and Birmingham fans appeared on social network sites.

Former teammate Chris Hogg tweeted: “Sorry to hear David Murphy has retired. Top pro and a pleasure to play with. I’m sure he will be a success whatever he does next.”

The Edinburgh Reporter wishes David well in his future career.

Police investigate Corstorphine bank robbery



Police are appealing for witnesses following a robbery at a bank in the west of the city which incident happened around 9.30am yesterday at the Royal Bank of Scotland on St John’s Road.

A male entered the building and walked up to the counter before threatening a member of staff and demanding money.

He then made off with a four-figure sum of cash in an orange TESCO carrier bag and entered a black cab, which headed west.

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

The suspect is described as white, late twenties to early thirties, 6ft 4ins tall and wearing a black beanie hat, dark-coloured waist-length jacket and brown trousers.

Detective Inspector Rory Hamilton said: "At no time was any weapon used or seen by staff or customers within the bank. However, the suspect was still able to make off with thousands of pounds and we are keen to hear from anyone who can help us in tracing this individual.

"Anyone who was on St John's Road at around 9.30am on Monday morning and remembers seeing anything suspicious is asked to contact police immediately.

"We believe the male may have arrived and departed from the scene in the same black cab and we are in the process of speaking to the city's taxi companies as part of our investigation. Any drivers who believe they may have taken this man to and from the bank is also asked to get in touch."

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

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



EdinburghReportage – Edinburgh Ceilidh Club – Craigmillar Community High School – Travelling Gallery – A tram journey

EdinburghReportage has a storyboard asking for photos or indeed text about clocks around the city. Where is your favourite?

Add your contribution [to the clocks theme here.](#)

The Edinburgh Ceilidh Club meets at Summerhall tonight. Tickets are £6.

More details [on their Facebook page.](#)

Their school [was threatened with closure last year](#), but from the looks of things the pupils at Castlebrae Community High School appear to be having a good time. Have a look at them out at Bridge 8 Hub with Sean Barry. They were canoeing on the canal. [Bridge 8 Facebook Page](#) has the photographic evidence!

☐ The Travelling Gallery needs you if you have time to help them with [Rachel McLean's I Heart Scotland](#) exhibition.

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schools and communities!

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Edinburgh Trams are now a more common sight on the city centre streets. But if you would like to take the whole 22 minute journey from Edinburgh Airport to York Place you can now do that. Here is the Edinburgh Trams video of the entire journey...(just a pity they didn't set it to music!)

Belhaven Hill School takes learning outside the classroom

 Belhaven Hill School Takes Learning Outside the Classroom

With its safe parkland campus and proximity to the beach in Dunbar, outdoor education has always been part of Belhaven Hill's rich all-round ethos. Building on existing activities, such as Design and Technology, its Conservation Club and Gardening Club, it is a natural progression for Outdoor Education to become a more integral part of the school

curriculum while still focusing on providing an excellent academic education with plenty of sport and extra-curricular activities.

“Outdoor Education for many people conjures up visions of outward bounds, lighting fires and bush craft. While these are part of teaching at Belhaven, our vision of Outdoor Education is more about promoting a rounded approach to teaching with learning outside the classroom playing a key role,” says Innes MacAskill, Belhaven’s headmaster.

“Last September we started taking younger day pupils from age 7 (Form 6) and, as studies have shown that learning levels improve through hands-on experience, we decided to introduce more Outdoor Education into the curriculum for our seven and eight year olds.”

Innes MacAskill continues: “The 3 Rs and other stalwarts of a classical education remain our fundamental building blocks, and academic excellence is key. However, we aim to promote a practical application of these skills, encouraging children to see their value in everyday life – for example using numerical and measuring skills to measure out the school grounds, and then translating these into a scale model of the school in Design and Technology.”

Belhaven is running an Inside Out Fun Morning on Saturday 15 March (10.15 am – 12.30 pm) for young boys and girls and their parents. Visitors will have lots of fun experiencing learning inside and outside the classroom, alongside Belhaven Hill pupils. To book, please call 01368 862785 or email secretary@belhavenhill.com <http://www.belhavenhill.com>

Peter Bailey, Belhaven’s recently appointed teacher for Outdoor Education, adds: “Taking a group of eight year olds outside to dig soil with their hands led to discussion about the types of soil available, and produced a rich array of adjectives to turn into poetry and prose for classroom work.

In History, we've looked at the school buildings and related them to events in the school's past, or simply asked 'What have those trees seen in their life?'

"Given Belhaven's beautiful grounds, nearby beaches, and ever changing climate, building an enquiring appreciation of the environment is a natural evolution for the school's curriculum. Adding these elements into Belhaven's strong educational foundations is an exciting journey.

"We're planning a phenology project to record the changing seasons with observations and photographs of the same trees and plants taken every week to track the changes through time," says Peter Bailey.

"Combined with a weather station, this will provide a powerful resource for Belhaven students to observe and record changing seasons in a 'school life diary'."

Peter Bailey concludes: "The Scottish Government is a leading light in all of this, as outdoor learning has a prominent position in their Curriculum for Excellence. Because of its independent status, Belhaven Hill has the experience, flexibility and confidence to take the best from both the National Curriculum and Curriculum for Excellence by supporting the four core themes of helping each pupil become a 'successful learner, a confident individual, a responsible citizen and an effective contributor'."

The John Muir Trust in neighbouring Dunbar also encourages Outdoor Education and states: "We support the term 'learning for sustainability' to integrate thinking on sustainable development education, global citizenship and outdoor learning..."

Peter Bailey has a post graduate qualification in Outdoor Education, combined with a diverse career in the UK and abroad, both inside and out, ranging from farming, lecturing and mineral exploration, to natural resource development in

international aid. Peter joined Belhaven last September and wants to draw on his experience and imagination to bring the environment to life, and apply it to classroom learning.

Submitted by [Christopher Lamotte](#)



Ice Hockey – Edinburgh Capitals v Braehead Clan



Capitals beat Clan in double-header return match at Murrayfield.



Coming off the back of a narrow 2-1 defeat to fifth placed Braehead Clan on the Saturday, Edinburgh Capitals were confident of going one better at home the following night. And in a fine display throughout the match, they overcame the Clan's dominance in the third to score a short-handed goal for the match.

The first period was fairly even with the Capitals, perhaps, just having the edge. Both teams had chances, but some fine saves, coupled with a bit of inaccuracy from the shooters kept the scores level until the 11th minute. A rebound from a Richard Hartmann shot on goal was pounced on by the Capitals attackers and No 11, Curtis Leinweber, was first to the puck and stabbed it under the pads of the Clan's Kyle Jones in goal for the opener (assists – 36, 17). For the rest of the period, both sides had a few attempts at goal, with the Capitals pulling a couple of saves out of

Jones. At the other end, any attacks from the Clan were easily mopped up by the home defence, so, apart from the one goal-mouth scramble, they were reduced to shooting from distance. The period ended with the Capitals retaining their one goal lead, and, remarkably, there were no sin-binnings from either team in what was to be a very low – four in all – penalty count match.



The second period proved to be a goalless one, with the Clan coming as close as possible to scoring by appearing to have the puck across the line. However, the officials ruled on foul play so the goal was disallowed. Again, both sides had their chances, but with no further scores it was still 1-0 to Edinburgh. This period also ended with the highest penalty count of the match with one player from each side cooling their heels for two minutes.

The third and final period was to prove decisive for the Capitals as they were to score their second goal of the match. Weathering an early scrum in the goal area, they found themselves with a player in the bin for hooking. Nothing daunted, however, and in the sixth minute of the period – second of the penalty – Leinweber broke clear of the pack and charged up the ice to fire a fierce shot past Jones and into the back of the Clan's net for his and the Capitals' second goal (top). 2-0 to the Capitals and the Clan were looking like a beaten side. However, they picked themselves up and spent the next ten minutes trying to break down the Capitals' defence.



A few minutes before the final hooter, Marcus Zembergs broke up the ice and was chased down by a Clan defender who poked and prodded at him and eventually brought him down just short of the goal crease. The referee awarded the Capitals a penalty shot, but didn't seem to find it necessary to bin the offending player. Zembergs was awarded the opportunity but Jones in the Clan goal was more than equal to the task and saved the final shot. And that should have been that, but the 'final minute time bomb' that has existed in a few matches this year, blew up on the

Capitals and, with 46 seconds left on the clock, the Clan were awarded a penalty shot of their own. This time it was Tomas Hladovsky's turn in the Capitals net to save the day and he easily stopped the shot from No 19, Neil Trimm. A time-out with 26 seconds to go saw the Clan keeper pulled from the ice, but to no avail as the match ended on the hooter with the Capitals the 2-0 winners

A fine win – and their first shut-out since January 2008 – for the Edinburgh Capitals against strong opposition from the fifth place Clan. It doesn't do anything for the Capitals league position and may affect the Clan's Conference title hopes for this season, but must do something for the overall confidence of the club.

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

The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup



Rugby by John Preece

In spite of leading 22-11 at half time, Edinburgh allowed Ospreys to get within a single score during the second half, but fine kicking from Carl Bezuidenhout kept them in the lead and they won the match 31-25. Full report is available elsewhere in the 'Sports' pages.

In the RBS Premiership Heriots and Edinburgh Academy both lost – Heriots 38-31 away to Glasgow Hawks and Accies 22-11 away at Ayr. Currie on the other hand, belied their poor start to the season with a 45-17 at home against Hawick.

Heriots are still third with 54 points, but Accies are now

seventh with 30. Currie, however, continue their meteoric rise of the last few fixtures and have climbed out of the 'relegation zone' to lie in sixth place, also with 30 points, but one fewer loss than Accies.

In the National League, Stewarts/Melville almost 'did an Edinburgh' but they also held on for their 27-22 win against Kelso at home (Full report is available elsewhere in the 'Sports' pages).

Boroughmuir continued their amble through the fixture list with a 22-8 win at Biggar and Watsonians – vying for a play-off place with Stew-Mel – beat GHA 45-15. With both teams winning with bonus points, it's all down to the final round at Myreside in a couple of weeks.

The table is unchanged with Boroughmuir – now Champions – Stew-Mel and Watsonians filling the top three places with 73, 62 and 58 points respectively.

SPFL Football

Friday night football came to the capital for the first time when Dundee United visited Easter Road and secured a comfortable 3-1 win despite missing two penalties.

Nadir Ciftci opened the scoring in the 43rd minute but Hibs fought back immediately through Jordon Forster. Gavin Gunning put the Tayside club 2-1 up eleven minutes after the break and substitute Farid El Alagui wrapped things up near the end.

Tom Taiwo was sent off after receiving two yellow cards.

On Saturday Hearts travelled to Motherwell and lost 4-1 leaving the youngsters stranded at the bottom of the table.

Goals from Iain Vigurs, Lionel Ainsworth and John Sutton gave 'Well a 3-0 lead before Callum Paterson pulled one back. James McFadden added a fourth near the end,

Hibs remain in 7th place three points behind St Johnstone whilst Hearts are now 20 points behind Ross County and look certainties to be relegated.

Elsewhere congratulations to former Hibs' star Leigh Griffiths who scored his first hat-trick for Celtic and commiserations to ex Hibs' striker Steven Fletcher whose Sunderland team were beaten 3-1 in the League Cup final at Wembley by Manchester City.

Scottish Sun Lowland League

Spartans extended their lead at the top of the Scottish Sun Lowland League with a 4-0 win over Threave Rovers.

The north Edinburgh side took the lead in the 31st minute through Chris Anderson who then doubled their lead four minutes after the break

With fifteen minutes to go, Spartans further extended their lead thanks to Jack Beesley who lifted the ball over the Rovers' keeper in the net to make it 3-0.

With 10 minutes remaining the prolific Keith McLeod blasted home his 26th in 26 appearances this season to make the score 4-0.

After the game Anderson told the club website: "It was a good team performance. The first half was a bit flat from us, however we stepped up a gear in the second half and we had plenty chances to score more goals. It's obviously a good result for Welfare and not one the Uni side were after however we just need to concentrate on ourselves and keep winning. We are playing well at the moment and we'll continue to work hard to maintain our momentum as the season builds up to the business end of proceedings."

Elsewhere

East Kilbride 2-3 Gala Fairydean Rovers

Edinburgh City 4-1 Preston Athletic

Whitehill Welfare 1-0 University of Stirling

Scottish Sun Lowland League Cup, Groupstage, Section A

Selkirk 1-3 Vale of Leithen

Scottish Sun Lowland League Cup, Groupstage, Section C

Gretna 2008 4-0 Dalbeattie Star

Central Taxis East of Scotland League Premier Division

Coldstream 0-1 Heriot-Watt University

Craigroyston 2-1 Leith Athletic

Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale 2-1 Tynecastle

Spartans 0-2 Civil Service Strollers

Central Taxis First Division

Berwick Rangers Reserves 2-0 Peebles Rovers

Eyemouth United 0-1 Kelso United

Hibernian 8-0 Burntisland Shipyard

Ormiston 0-5 Easthouses Lily

East of Scotland Qualifying League, Section B

Hawick Royal Albert 2-1 Duns

Stirling University P-P Edinburgh University

Women's Football

Hibs' Ladies started the season with an emphatic 12-0 win over

Hutchison Vale at Albyn Park to progress to the 2nd round of the League Cup

Ice Hockey by John Preece

Clan timeously ended a 4-game losing run by edging Capitals by the odd goal in three to remain very much in the hunt in the race to finish runner s up to Belfast in the final league standings.

A second period strike by Matt Towe was enough to secure the points as the home side survived a nervous finish with Capitals always liable to sneak a goal in their forays around the Clan net. The home side dominated possession throughout but only took a single advantage after the opening period with skipper Ash Goldie on target at 12.02.



Capitals shocked the large home crowd by tying the game inside the opening minute of period two with Curtis Leinweber being credited with the final touch only 29 seconds in but Clan hit the front again at 26.23 thanks to Towe's strike and with neither side able to add to their tally it was Ryan Finnerty's side who claimed the points and a 2-1 confidence boost going into the rematch between the sides in Edinburgh on Sunday. (Report courtesy of the EIHL's R&J Stats)

In the aforementioned rematch, Braehead Clan looked decidedly the lesser of the two teams at Murrayfield. Edinburgh scored their first goal in the first period and maintained their lead through the goal-less second. Another in the third period gave the home side a 2-0 lead which they held until the end, in spite of both sides being awarded, and missing, a penalty.

(Full report is available elsewhere in the 'Sports' pages).

Boxing

South Queensferry's Paul Appleby lost narrowly to Scot Cardle after being stopped in the final round on the Ricky Burns' card at the SSEC in Glasgow on Saturday evening.

Both fighters put in a brave performance and with the scores level, Cardle caught Appleby with a strong punch midway through the round, knocking him down. Appleby sprung to his feet and was visibly angry when the referee stopped the bout.

Afterwards he said: "I thought I could have continued. It was the last round. It was a heavy knockdown but I'm OK. I am fit and sprung back up. If I wasn't fit I wouldn't have been able to get up from a shot like that."

Speedway courtesy of the Edinburgh Scotwaste Monarchs website

Despite two other major sporting events taking place in Edinburgh on Friday evening there was a fine turn out for the away video show at the Thomas Morton Hall.

It is when you see a show like this that you realise what great racing the Scotwaste Monarchs produced last season. Craig Cook was involved in much of it but all the team had their moments and those moments were all very special.

Max Fricke was in attendance, looking bronzed from his trip home during the winter and, he thought, two inches taller also. He can't wait to get started and although he has been offered opportunities in Denmark and Poland he confirmed that the Scotwaste Monarchs would be his priority.

It was confirmed that supporters are invited to Armadale Stadium on Saturday 22nd March from 5.00pm to 7.00pm to see the team in pre-season practice.

The next event in the calendar is the air fence fund raiser, "A brief History of speedway racing in Edinburgh" and that is less than two weeks away at Meggetland on 14th March. A few tickets are still available.

Basketball

Dunfermline Reign SM 93-76 Stirling Knights SM

Glasgow Rocks SM 79-72 Boroughmuir Blaze SM

St Mirren West College Scotland SM 106-57 Glasgow Storm

Clark Eriksson Fury SM 61-54 City of Edinburgh Kings SM

Polonia Phoenix SW 55-33 Clark Eriksson Fury SW

Polonia Phoenix SW 32-71 City of Edinburgh Kool Kats SW

St Mirren West College Scotland SW 53-60 Lady Rocks SW

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Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Crime Panel Evening – Drama in Wester Hailes – SCO at The Queen's Hall – World Book Day Tour at NLS – Union Gallery

Craig Robertson, Malcolm MacKay, Michael Malone

[The Sudden Arrival of Violence: The Glasgow Trilogy Book 3 – The Glasgow Trilogy 3](#)

WATERSTONE'S LIVINGSTON

Thursday, 6 March 2014, 6:30PM – 8:00PM tickets are free from the shop.

We have three of Scotlands best young writers coming to talk about their work. All three are very different to the usual crime author and this will be a fun and energetic evening of exchanges between the three. Tickets are free and our coffee shop will be open for refreshments.

A magical and musical theatre production, celebrating the wonder of worms by Glasgow based Children's Theatre Company **Eco Drama**, is winding its way to WHALE Arts in Edinburgh on Friday March 21 after a sell-out tour.

The performance on Friday 21 March 2014 at WHALE Arts, will mark the end of a 47 date tour of schools and venues in the Central Belt, including sold out performances at the Eastwood Theatre and Paisley Arts Centre. In fact, over 1500 children will have seen the show by the end of this tour, with more anticipated in the summer when the production will visit various festivals along with more schools and venues.

This hugely popular production is an immersive, musical tale celebrating the wonder of life beneath our feet. It has bundles of humour, music and interaction and is a perfectly intimate show for 3-7 year olds, their parents and carers.

Wilma and William, two nature lovers, find themselves on a journey underground as they seek a glimpse of the wonderful wriggly creature they have always dreamed of seeing. To their delight, they encounter a family of friendly, musical worms, who invite them into their tiny underground home, complete with miniature couch, toilet and other surprising delights. Making friends with Wee Wilma, the youngest member of the family, they help her find the courage to explore the grassy world above and she too discovers a new, wonderful world, which comes with its own colourful reward!

With laugh out loud songs, including one about the significance of worm poo, and colourful knitted bobble hats,

children will marvel at the wonder of worms and their importance in our natural world. They'll even get the opportunity to meet some real-life wriggly worms through a specially designed glass Wormery after the performance. **'The Worm'** is devised and directed by Emily Reid, and devised and performed by Caroline Mathison and Alistair Edwards. The colourful and surprising set is designed by Claire Halleran. It also features a range of instruments including cello, ukulele and loop pedal.

Eco Drama is a touring children's theatre company based in Glasgow, who use theatre to engage and inspire children, young people and the wider community to look after the natural world. Previous productions have included the widely acclaimed **'Isle of Egg'** and **'The Forgotten Orchard'**. In 2013, **Eco Drama** was awarded the Scottish Government's Greener Together Award as well as the best Community Initiative at the Scottish Green Awards.

For more information about **'The Worm – An Underground Adventure'** or **Eco Drama** please visit www.ecodrama.co.uk

To book tickets to see the Worm at Whale Arts phone: Tel: 0131 458 3267

At The Queen's Hall on 6 March 2014 the Scottish Chamber Orchestra are playing Mozart's Jupiter. With a pre concert talk at 6.30pm with SCO brass players provide insight into performing with natural horns and trumpets.

Schubert: Symphony No 2

Haydn: Piano Concerto in D

Mozart: Symphony No 41 'Jupiter'

Richard Egarr: conductor/piano

[Booking details here.](#)

☒ World Book Day is on Thursday 6 March 2014. On the day you can go for a National Library tour

As part of World Book Day, learn about the National Library's collections, services, exhibitions and events. Enjoy a tour of the public areas and behind the scenes. The tour will last around 45 minutes. Please let them know if you have special access requirements.

6 March

Tours start at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00 and 16.00
Free. [Book online](#) or phone 0131 623 3734.

[Union Gallery](#) have a new exhibition opening on 6 March 2014.

Keith Epps: Dark Arcadias runs till 1 April 2014

"This is a fascinating exhibition of beautiful, highly representational landscapes which, upon closer inspection, show us a far deeper, more subversive world. Keith Epps' inspiration comes from the concept of Et in Arcadia Ego – where the dark and painful exist within the light and beautiful. And so there amongst the perfectly created trees, hills and farm animals, darker forces are at work: dead bodies hiding under a bush; a lonely figure wading into a lake; the burnt out carcass of a military vehicle leaving a brutal scar on its beautiful home.

"These works have a beauty and a depth to them that will fascinate those who view them and the exhibition firmly places Keith Epps amongst those artists we should all be watching."

Stew-Mel hold on to take the win at Inverleith



In a bit of a *deja-vu* match (from the previous evening) at Inverleith, the home side almost threw away a substantial lead to hold on and take a narrow victory against Kelso in the penultimate round of the RBS National League.

On the offensive from the off, Stew-Mel scored their first try after less than four minutes of play. Breaking through the Kelso lines, they were quickly into the opponents 22 and with the defence struggling to get back a simple pass put No 15, Mike Hanning over for a touch down under the posts. Nick McCashin missed the easy conversion as he blasted the ball low into one of the Kelso players. Kelso soon struck back with a penalty from their No 10, Matthew Douglas to take the score to 5-3 with just under 10 minutes on the clock.

Stew-Mel almost struck back immediately but Douglas was having an off-day and missed the penalty. It didn't take long for their next score, however, as lineout ball was quickly passed along the backs line and No 12, Neil Bowie, galloped over the line only to be grabbed by Kelso's No 7, Gordon Harkins with a tackle straight out of a 'Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner' cartoon! The flanker stretched out a despairing arm and caught Bowie under the chin, effectively, stopping his head while the rest of his body carried on in the great tradition of the cartoon series. Seriously though, the tackle could have resulted in a significant injury to the player and the referee had no option but to bin Harkins and award a penalty try, which McClashin knocked over to take the lead out to 12-3. Another penalty for Stew-Mel then saw the score up to 15-3 with less than 20 minutes played.

Kelso then went on an offensive of their own and less than five minutes later, their attacking line out flanked the home defence and No 12 Frankie Robson, evaded the diving Matt Morrell and ran in for Kelso's

first try. Douglas missed the kick from wide out, so the score now stood at 15-8 to Stew-Mel. The next few minutes of play were largely dominated by the home side and they received their just reward when another fine piece of interplay put Morrell through for a try under the posts. Again, McClashin, scored the conversion and Stew-Mel had a, fairly comfortable, 22-8 lead. A penalty awarded in front of the posts to Kelso, earned Stew-Mel a yellow, and Kelso three points, which they augmented a few minutes before the break to leave the half time score 22-14 to Stew-Mel.



The second half started as had the first, with the home side on the attack and, 10 minutes in, Morrell evaded the Kelso defence out wide and scored his second try of the match, to bring the score up to 27-14. Due to a bit of foul play later in the half, Stew-Mel found themselves down to 13 as two yellows were 'earned' within minutes of each other and Kelso tried to take full advantage. They had to settle, however for a three points from another Douglas penalty to make the score 27-17. Once the hosts were back up to full strength, Stew-Mel did manage a break out through Morrell, and another attack up the right which was defended well by Kelso. The visitors then turned up the heat a bit and hammered away at the home defence, playing some of their best rugby of the game. And they were to be rewarded as they spread the defence out on the left, then 'bad boy' of the first half, Harkins handed the ball out of a tackle to No 19, Dom Buckley, who crashed over for the try. Douglas missed the kick, but Kelso were now within five points at 27-22. The last few minutes of the match were spent mostly in the Stew-Mel half, but Kelso couldn't get the final break they needed to score so the match ended with Stew-Mel the, possibly fortunate, winners 27-22.

So another Edinburgh side secures a decent lead then almost throws it away with a not so clever second half performance. Again, too many penalties, gave the visitors the chance to keep in touch and, ultimately, get within a single score of taking the match.

The final round of the National League is played out on 22nd March with Watsonians playing host to Stew-Mel. With Boroughmuir already crowned

champions, a bonus point win for 'Sonians will see them secure second place and a play-off slot for promotion. Anything else should see Stew-Mel over the finishing line. It's 'all to play for...' as they say....

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

Concern for missing Edinburgh man



Police are appealing for information to help trace a man reported missing in the Capital.

Jonathan Davidson was last seen in Smith's Place at around 5.15pm yesterday (Saturday).

Since then, however, the 23-year-old is has not been seen or heard from and concern is now growing for his well-being.

Anyone who can assist officers with their enquiries to locate Jonathan is asked to contact police immediately.

He is described as white, 5ft 11ins tall with a slim build, medium length and brown hair. He was last seen wearing a dark parka-style jacket and a yellow/brown checked shirt.

Inspector Allan Symington said: "Since last being seen on Saturday evening Jonathan has not made any contact with family or friends and we are eager to establish his whereabouts as soon as possible to ensure he is safe and well.

"Anyone who believes they have seen him since his last sighting on Smith's Place is asked to come forward.

“Similarly, anyone with any further information relating to Jonathan’s location is also asked to get in touch.”

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