

Police Scotland launches Stay Safe Online campaign for children



Police Scotland today launches a campaign to raise awareness about online safety for children aged between 9 and 16.

The Stay Safe Online campaign is to help children, parents, teachers and carers improve their knowledge and understanding of how to keep children safe while they are online.

Launched today at Pirie Park Primary School, Glasgow, and backed by radio adverts, Stay Safe Online will provide children with the information they need. "Digi Dan's Top Tips" will be available on the website www.digidan.co.uk.

The website includes a quiz for and youngsters can download Digi Dan's ibook to keep his online safety tips.

The campaign targets two age groups, the younger group, from 9-12 years old will receive ten top tips from a cartoon character, Digi Dan, who is an internet explorer and knows everything about staying safe online. Packs for youngsters including leaflets, posters, mousemats and water bottles will be distributed to schools across Scotland promoting Digi Dan and his website.

Older children will also receive advice about keeping safe online including tips on password security, social media posting, sexting, how to deal with inappropriate pictures and who to contact for help.

Detective Chief Inspector William Cravens said: "Police Scotland is committed to building Safer Virtual Communities for everyone. We want to help children to enjoy the benefits

of the Internet by being able to Stay Safe Online.

“All children and young people need to understand they should only share pictures online that they are happy with friends, family and others seeing. They also need to know how to keep their personal information private and to contact an adult if they feel threatened.

“Any child who feels risk or is worried should speak to a parent, guardian or teacher or can phone Police Scotland on 101 or Childline on 0800 1111.”

Further information about our Stay Safe Online campaign will appear on the Police Scotland website www.scotland.police.uk; on Twitter @PoliceScotland and Facebook: www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland.

New bus service for Queensferry starts next week



Stagecoach are holding a family launch event for the new single decker 40/40A Queensferry – Edinburgh route this Saturday 1 March, before it begins service on Monday.

“Come along to Hawes Pier car park this Saturday between 10am and 2pm to see the vehicles we’ll be using on the route, learn more about the journey and our range of fares and tickets, and of course we’ll be answering any questions you may have.

“It’s fun for all the family as there’ll be a bouncy castle and some kids entertainment as well as some free goodies!”

The new 40/40a will run every day from early morning till late evening from South Queensferry to Edinburgh. There will be a bus every 10 minutes at peak commuting times and every 15 or 30 minutes at other times.

Councillor Norman Work who represents the Almond Ward said:-“I welcome the introduction of the new Stagecoach 40 & 40A service between Queensferry & Edinburgh and look forward to using the buses when they are introduced on Monday 3 March. Due to the introduction of this new service First bus have announced they will withdraw their 43 service from 20th April so instead of being an additional service the new service will be the only service between Edinburgh & Queensferry.

“Stagecoach are offering a slightly different service to First and have published timetables and fares. I hope they can live up to their promise of delivering a faster more efficient service as stated.

“Although welcoming Stagecoach I must say that this is a missed opportunity for Lothian Buses who have been asked but refuse to service Queensferry.”

You can get on the service at the Bus Station in Edinburgh, outside The Dome and on Queensferry Street as well as all stops out past Barnton. The buses will have free wifi to allow you to keep reading The Edinburgh Reporter during your journey.

This service should provide a cost effective way of getting into and out of town since the fares will be no more than £2.70 per adult and £1.35 per child, with a group ticket for 2 adults and 2 children costing £7 which offers unlimited travel. There are also special fares in March and April to encourage you to use the new service and find out if it suits you.

[Click here to read more and access the timetable.](#)

Map courtesy of Stagecoach.

Cala's Trinity Park penthouse now on show



CALA OPENS STUNNING PENTHOUSE SHOWHOME AT TRINITY PARK, EDINBURGH

CALA Homes has opened the door to a luxury penthouse showhome at Edinburgh's Trinity Park, which was recently named Best Development at the *What House? Awards*.

Trinity Park is one of the most unique new developments in the country, with traditional Georgian-inspired scale and design combined seamlessly with modern living.

With 2,030 sq ft of space, this light-filled contemporary home uses the finest design and furnishings throughout and is now open daily to exemplify the luxury lifestyle on offer at Trinity Park.

The lift-accessed penthouse opens into an impressive hallway which has been designed as an attractive study area with floor-to-ceiling windows and direct access to a south-facing terrace. To the right, a spacious lounge showcases a feature

fireplace and, again benefits from direct access to the terrace with attractive views across Edinburgh.



The hub of the home is a large open-plan kitchen and dining area, specifically designed with entertaining in mind it features high-specification fixtures and its own separate balcony for al fresco entertaining.

Each of the penthouse's double bedrooms is en-suite, and the home benefits from a separate bathroom with free-standing bathtub. Each bathroom is also equipped with underfloor heating.

Sarah Stanger, Sales & Marketing director, CALA Homes (East), said: "There isn't anything quite like Trinity Park. We know that buyers often face a dilemma between choosing a home with traditional grandeur and design, or modern conveniences and efficiency. At Trinity Park, that dilemma is taken out of the equation as we've combined the very best of traditional home styling and space with every modern convenience today's buyer expects.

"The penthouse at Trinity Park is a breath-taking property which feels instantly comfortable despite its grandeur of space. It's the perfect home for entertaining, with en-suite bedrooms and coveted outdoor terrace space. The showhome is a chance to picture yourself at home at Trinity Park, and we're sure visitors will be captivated by the scale and style of this stunning property."

On completion, Trinity Park will feature a range of Georgian Villas, mews homes and apartments enclosed within a timeless walled garden to create a peaceful environment in the heart of Scotland's bustling capital. With excellent local amenities and some of Edinburgh's premier attractions close by, Trinity Park presents a fantastic opportunity to enjoy enviable space in the perfect city centre location.

The Adam Penthouse is available for £895,000 and open daily from 11am – 5:30pm for viewings. For more information, contact CALA Homes at Trinity Park on 01324 442 505 or visit www.calahomes.co.uk.

Placement scheme offered to encourage women scientists and engineers

Edinburgh Napier University's Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET running a £250,000 scheme to assist women choosing science and engineering as a career.

A new placement scheme has launched to boost the number of women choosing these two fields as a career.

Forty-five new summer placements have been created as part of the [Careerwise initiative](#), which aims to help create a more equal workforce.

Currently, only 13% of the science, engineering and technology

(SET) workforce in Scotland are women.

Applicants have [until 31 March to apply](#) to the Scottish Government-funded scheme, which will be run by Edinburgh Napier University's Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET.

Placement opportunities are on offer to female undergraduates studying science, technology, engineering, and maths courses.

They range from oil and gas engineering posts in Aberdeen and software engineer work in Edinburgh, to ecology and hydrology-related placements in Penicuik.

Linda Somerville, Manager of the Scottish Resource Centre for Women in SET, said: "We are delighted to have the support of over twenty Scottish employers. It is encouraging to see so many organisations offering crucial work experience and career development opportunities to women aspiring to be tomorrow's scientists and engineers."

The Careerwise initiative will also provide female school pupils, and students in college or university, with information on the types of career opportunities in SET and the route into these sectors.

Angela Constance, Youth Employment Minister, said: "We launched CareerWISE to encourage more young women at school to consider jobs in science and engineering, to challenge the outdated thinking that some jobs are only for boys. "We can and must do more to promote the participation of women in science, technology engineering and mathematics.

"By putting a specific focus on encouraging girls and young women to widen their career options into these sectors, this will help us to properly balance our future workforce and ensure the make-up of our employers accurately reflects Scottish society.

"Edinburgh Napier University's Scottish Resource Centre for

Women is helping to redress the balance and I encourage all undergraduates with interests in this area to apply.”

For more information about applying placement opportunities visit the [Scottish Resource Centre's website](#).

Hibs U20s 1-1 Dundee Utd U20s Kevin Thomson back in action



Hibs' under-20s extended their unbeaten run in the SPFL U20 League to four matches with 1-1 draw against Dundee United under-20s at Airdrie yesterday.

Head of Academy coaching James McDonaugh included first team squad players Kevin Thomson, Abdellah Zoubir, Jason Cummings and Daniel Boateng in his starting XI.

Thomson has been sidelined for several weeks due to injury and was rumoured to be out of favour at Easter Road however he has always insisted that he wants to regain his first team place.

The game was moved to Airdrie from Livingston at the last minute and Dundee United took the lead against the run of play midway through the first half through Connolly

From the kick off, Zoubir dribbled from the halfway line and forced United keeper Phil Anderson into a fine save.

Hibs eventually equalised in the 49th minute when former Spurs youth team player Tom Gardiner connected with Baptie's corner and his header was knocked into the net by Zoubir.

Jason Cummings who has just been called up for the Scotland Under 19s then went close twice before Zoubir and Jamie Beaton both had efforts on goal blocked.

With two minutes remaining Euan Smith was brought down on the edge of the box after a strong run and the referee eventually gave a penalty after consulting with his linesman.

Left back Ryan Baptie took the spot kick but shot high and wide, then with seconds remaining, a Thomson effort was blocked en route to goal by his own team-mate, Cummings.

Afterwards Kevin Thomson told Hibernian TV "I was just happy to play – I love playing football. The only disappointing factor was that we didn't manage to win; I almost scored near the end too.

"We had a lot of pressure in the second half, but we couldn't get that winning goal with Ryan unfortunately missing a penalty right at the end.

"It has been a frustrating time with the injury, but I've been working as hard as I can to get back.

"I want to show the manager that I'm fit and that I want to get back into the squad."

Hibernian under-20s: Dougie Horne, Andrew Black, Daniel Boateng, Tom Gardiner, Ryan Baptie, Euan Smith, Scott Martin, Kevin Thomson, Jamie Beaton (Gareth McCaffrey, 77), Jason Cummings, Abdellah Zoubir.

Unused substitutes: Kleton Perntreou, Aaron Dunsmore, Bob Wilson, Neil Martyniuk, Taylor Hendry, Max Todd.

Hibernian EOS are back in Central Taxis First Division action on Saturday (1 March, kick off 2.30pm) against Burntisland Shipyard at the Training Centre. Admission is via donation to bucket collection around the perimeter of the pitch

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

South by South West trip sponsored by Creative Scotland

Edinburgh will be well-represented at SXSW in Austin, Texas this year with local band Meursault joining Young Fathers, Prides, Withered Hand, Honeyblood, Casual Sex and Holy Esque in receiving support from Creative Scotland to showcase at the prestigious music festival.

Edinburgh based Meursault join Young Fathers, Prides, Withered Hand, Honeyblood, Casual Sex and Holy Esque to perform at South by South West (SXSW) Music Festival, Austin Texas in March, 2014 with support from Creative Scotland.

Running from Tuesday 11 to Sunday 16 March, SXSW Music Festival is recognised as the world's most prestigious international showcase for contemporary music and one of the most important events in the music industry calendar.

Creative Scotland and the Association of Independent Music is presenting Showcasing Scotland at SXSW 2014 on Friday 14 March. Withered Hand, Meursault, Casual Sex, Honeyblood and Young Fathers will be joined by We Were Promised Jetpacks from 8pm on the stage of the British Music Embassy.

Prides' turn in the spotlight at the British Music Embassy comes on Tuesday 11 March at 10pm. While Holy Esque take to the stage of Quantum Lounge at 8pm on Saturday 15 March.

David Weaver, Development Officer at Creative Scotland, leading on SXSW, said:

“The seven acts we are supporting really showcase the diversity in Scottish music right now. All of the bands are fantastic in different ways, both on record and live, and I’m really looking forward to seeing them perform in Austin.

“Each act is set for a great year ahead, and SXSW is an incredible opportunity not only to make contacts and do business, but also to perform at one of the most exciting music events in the world. I’m delighted these bands will be representing Scottish music in 2014 to music fans and industry professionals from all over the globe.”

Other Scottish acts announced in the festival line up include Nina Nesbitt, Saor Patrol and Cairn String Quartet. For band biogs and quotes, please see below.

Two Creative Scotland supported films *God Help the Girl* and *For Those In Peril* will screen as part of The SXSW Film Conference & Festival, running from 7 – 15 March 2014.

Caroline Parkinson, Director of Creative Development, Creative Scotland, commented:

“These SXSW film screenings will promote two of Scotland’s most exciting emerging filmmakers to new international audiences and markets. I’m sure SXSW audiences will enjoy both films and the profile achieved will open up new opportunities.”

Following its recent world premiere at Sundance Film Festival and then at Berlin Film Festival, Stuart Murdoch’s first feature film [God Help the Girl](#) is screening in the 24 BEATS PER SECOND strand at Paramount Theatre on Saturday 15 March.

God Help the Girl is a coming-of-age story that doubles as an indie-pop musical starring Emily Browning, Olly Alexander and

Hannah Murray. The film won the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award for Ensemble Performance at Sundance and has been and was screened earlier this month at the Berlin Film Festival and has been picked up by Amplify for US distribution.

Co-producer Carole Sheridan from Singer Films, said:

“Those behind God Help the Girl are delighted that the film will receive another outing at SXSW, following the wonderful reception the film received at Sundance and Berlin. With its mix of music and film, SXSW feels like an apt place for the film to screen. SXSW is a cool festival and we are hopeful the film will be loved by the music and film fans that attend.”

The 2013 BAFTA award winning feature debut by director, Paul Wright, [For Those in Peril](#) is screening in the SX GLOBAL strand from Saturday 8 – Thursday 13 March.

For Those In Peril tells the tale of Aaron, a young misfit in a remote Scottish community. Aaron is the lone survivor of a strange fishing accident that claimed the lives of five men including his older brother. Spurred on by sea-going folklore and local superstition, the village blames Aaron for this tragedy, making him an outcast amongst his own people. Steadfastly refusing to believe that his brother is dead, and possessed by grief, madness and magic, Aaron sets out to recover him.

On being selected for SXSW Director Paul Wright, said:

“It’s really exciting for us all to be part of this year’s SXSW festival. We could not have picked a better place for the film to have its North American premiere than at a festival known for showcasing exciting new talent from around the world and it’s a real honour to be part of this.”

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Edinburgh Parkour group – Lothians MSP concerned about lawyers – Film extras required – Book List – Lego Swap Shop at Cameron Toll

There is an Edinburgh Parkour group specifically for women. They hold training sessions on Wednesdays and they will meet tonight at Bristo Square at 6.30pm. Dress in loose clothing....!

[You can find out more on Facebook.](#)

Kezia Dugdale MSP has lodged a motion in Holyrood which shows her concern for those entering the legal profession. It has long been recognised that there are too many law graduates for all of them to become solicitors in Scotland, although many use a law degree as a stepping stone to a different career.

Ms Dugdale told The Edinburgh Reporter:-“It’s incredibly important that the legal profession is open to all based on merit. It is particularly important to have a representative legal profession given the role of that profession in shaping our society. The current arrangements, where students are faced with large interest-bearing career development loans to cover the postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice, places pressure on students.

“This is exacerbated by the fact that internships and traineeships are notoriously hard to gain access to which

means that many from less affluent backgrounds are put off the risk of undertaking the Diploma in Legal Practice without a concrete job at the end of it.”

It reads:- “***S4M-09111 Kezia Dugdale: Access to Legal Profession**—That the Parliament is concerned that there is a lack of fair access to the legal profession; considers that there are a multitude of barriers to accessing the profession, including access to the undergraduate LLB degree for people from all backgrounds; is concerned at the barrier presented by the wholesale removal of bursaries for students’ Diploma in Legal Practice fees; praises the Law Society of Scotland for recognising students and the Parliament’s concerns in this area and responding with a detailed action plan; notes the work done by the Law Society of Scotland in pursuit of fairer access, which includes encouraging legal firms and universities to do more to support widening participation efforts; commends the cooperation between the Law Society and Adopt an Intern to stimulate the number of internships for diploma graduates and remains worried about the difficulties that LLB graduates from disadvantaged backgrounds face in progressing their careers, and impresses on the Scottish Government how imperative it considers it is that students are able to become a solicitor based on ability and not background.”

Cristina Lucas is looking for you to take part in a race in Holyrood Park which is part of the lead up to the Commonwealth Games. This is from the 001to100 Facebook Page.

We are looking for families and individuals of all ages to take part in an exciting new film by Cristina Lucas.

100 people aged 1 to 100 will take part in a 100-metre race, on a purpose-made track in Holyrood Park.

In the lead up to the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, this is

a race with a difference – a race open to all, in which each participant will just be representing their age, and be in competition only with themselves. We want you, your friends and family to take part in this unique celebration of personal and physical achievement.

SIGN UP AT <http://001to100.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Cristina Lucas is a Spanish artist who brings groups of people together to make work that uses the poetic nature of film to explore social and political stereotypes.

We are planning to start filming on Friday 21 March but you also will need to be available on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 March, as it will be weather-dependent. Full instructions and a timetable will be issued to all participants.

Further information:

We expect little ones to take part with a parent or guardian and that some other participants will also be accompanied. If you have any queries or concerns please do contact us.

We are asking more than one person to sign up for their particular age and will confirm your attendance with you the week before the event. If you are no longer able to join us, then we will go to the next person on the list.

In partnership with Edinburgh Leisure.

Part of the Glasgow 2014 Cultural Programme.

Supported by The National Lottery through Creative Scotland.

TED have produced a list of books related to the speakers who will appear at their next event which takes place in Vancouver.

One of the books on the list is written by Commander Chris Hadfield who was in Edinburgh at the end of last year.

[Here is the list.](#) How many have you read?

Lego Swap Shop – Wyld style, Master Builder

[The LEGO Movie Ultimate Sticker Collection](#)

WATERSTONE'S EDINBURGH CAMERON TOLL Sunday, 2 March 2014,
3:00PM

“Everything IS awesome, including our third Lego swap shop. Come by and convince others to take your doubles, take part in building competitions and invent your own minifigure. It will be epic!”

Further details:0131 6661866

Police investigate attempted robbery in Cowgate



Police are appealing for witnesses following an attempted robbery in the city-centre on Monday evening around 20.45.

A 36-year-old man was walking alone and passed a group of four male youths as he walked down the steps leading from Chambers Street to the Cowgate.

At this time the group attempted to snatch the man's

headphones. However, he refused to surrender them and a struggle ensued.

This struggle continued onto the Cowgate before the suspect's gave up their attempt and made off.

Police were then contacted and officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The group were described as being in their late teens or early twenties. Two of the suspects were black, while the other two were white.

One of the black males is described as being 5ft 6ins tall with a medium build, wearing a blue hooded top with the hood up.

One of the white males is described as 5ft 4ins tall with a medium build and wearing a grey hooded top with the hood up. He spoke with a Scottish accent.

It is believed the youths may also have previously been loitering in the Meadows and Buccleuch Place areas earlier that evening.

Detective Constable Richard Johnston said: "Fortunately the victim was not injured during this incident, nor did he lose his headphones during the struggle.

"Nevertheless we are treating this matter seriously and are eager to speak with anyone who can help us trace the youths responsible.

"The Cowgate is frequently busy and so anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious on Monday evening is asked to contact police immediately.

"Similarly, anyone with any further information relevant to our enquiry is also asked to get in touch."

Aaron's 'hair razing fundraiser' for charity



15 year-old school pupil Aaron Gilfillan shaved his head on Saturday to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Aaron, a pupil at Craigmount High School, was inspired to support Macmillan when his Papa, John Thomson, was diagnosed with terminal liver and lung cancer in January.

John is being treated at the Western General and the family has been supported, emotionally and financially, at the Macmillan information centre based at the hospital.

Aaron has raised over £1700 for Macmillan so far.

Aaron said:- "I chose to support Macmillan as my Papa will be supported by Macmillan nurses and I wanted to give something back to the charity for their help.

"People are used to seeing my hair styled, so I knew it would be a shock for people to see me with no hair at all."

Fundraising Manager for Edinburgh, Jayne Forbes, said:- "We are very grateful to Aaron and everyone who supported him. He has raised a fantastic amount of money which will help us make a real difference to the lives of people affected by cancer. We help people in many ways, from specialist nurses and doctors, to help and advice for people who have financial worries as a result of their cancer diagnosis.

In Edinburgh there are 53 specialist Macmillan nurses and health care professionals, helping people living with cancer

and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support. Our team of experts and volunteers at the Macmillan Western General Hospital and Wester Hailes Information and Support Centres provide people with the opportunity to talk about their concerns, access booklets, leaflets, self-help and support groups or complementary therapies.

“The local Welfare Benefits team ensure people can access benefits and other kinds of financial support they are entitled to. In 2013 Macmillan gave grants totalling £52,000 to people in Edinburgh to meet costs that can arise from having cancer.

“None of this would be possible without supporters like Aaron. 98% of our funding comes from donations and quite simply, we couldn’t provide our services without support from people in Edinburgh.”

No one should have to face cancer on their own and with the help of people in Edinburgh, no one will. To find out more about fundraising for Macmillan contact the Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200 or to support Aaron’s efforts visit his fundraising page www.justgiving.com/Aaron-Gilfillan



Witness appeal following attempted robbery in Leith

Links



Police are appealing for witnesses following an assault and attempted robbery on Leith Links around 6.35pm last night.

The 27 year old victim got off the number 25 bus at Leith Links and walked on the footpath across the park where he was approached by two males who demanded he hand over his possessions. He refused and was then assaulted by the suspects before they made off in the direction of Hermitage Place.

The first man is described as white, local accent, 18 to 22 years old, 5ft 7in, thin build, wearing grey joggers, light coloured trainers and a turquoise Primark hooded top.

The second man is described as white, 18 to 22 years old, 5ft 5in, stocky build, wearing a burgundy Primark hooded top.

Detective Constable Alison Wyllie said: "This attempted robbery has left the victim with bruising to his ribs and he is understandably shaken by it.

"Inquiries are continuing and we are determined to find those responsible for this attack. If anyone was in the area at the time, they are urged to contact police immediately."

Anyone with information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or make an anonymous report through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Volunteers needed for tram exercise

✖ Edinburgh Trams is seeking volunteers to help evaluate crowd management procedures at the Murrayfield Stadium tram stop next month.

Before entering full passenger service, Edinburgh Trams needs to undertake a number of realistic exercises to test operational and safety procedures.

The event on Thursday 13 March, named Exercise Salvador, will involve up to 1,000 members of the public.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: "As well as driver training and system testing, this vital pre-launch period gives us an opportunity to test out various scenarios in a controlled manner so that we are as prepared as possible before we embark on tram passenger services in May.

"This exercise on 13 March will help us to see how the system copes with crowd numbers getting on and off the trams at Murrayfield Stadium, which will obviously be invaluable preparation for future match days."

Tom Norris, Edinburgh Trams Director & General Manager, said: "All major public transport systems undergo thorough scenario testing before they go live and Edinburgh Trams has already carried out a wide range of these types of exercises.

"At Murrayfield Stadium on match or event days, we're looking to ensure we have the best possible procedures in place to manage crowd numbers on to the system."

Anyone keen to take part in the Murrayfield Stadium exercise is invited to register by sending an email with the name(s) of those interested

to Document.Control@edinburghtrams.com by Monday 10 March 2014.

Places are strictly first come, first served and volunteers will need a copy of their confirmation email to gain access to the test.

As well as the crowd management exercise itself, volunteers will also get the chance to ride on the tram.

Concern for missing Edinburgh man



Police in Edinburgh are becoming increasingly concerned for the welfare of a 25-year-old vulnerable man who has gone missing in the city.

Christopher Cooper has not been seen since leaving his home in Bingham Place, Edinburgh, yesterday afternoon (Monday, February 24, 2013). Officers are now urging anyone who believes they may have seen him to contact them.

He is described as six foot feet tall, with a slim, fair complexion and short brown straight hair. He was wearing a red hooded jumper with a 'newtown décor' logo on the chest, grey cotton jogging bottoms and white trainers.

Inspector Graeme Dignan, who is leading the search, said: "We are very concerned for his well-being, and would urge Christopher to get in touch with family, friends or police to

let us know he is safe and well.

“Similarly, we would ask anyone who believes they may have seen him since yesterday afternoon to contact Police Scotland on 101, or the charity Crimestoppers in confidence and complete anonymity on 0800 555 111.”

Hibs' U20s fixture switched to Airdrie



Hibs' under-20s' SPFL U20 League match against Dundee United will now take place at the Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie this afternoon.

Kick-off is at 2pm and admission is via donation to bucket collections around the ground.

The club has apologised for the short notice, but the fixture had to be switched from the Energy Asset Arena, Livingston.

The under-20s head into the match in fine form – unbeaten in three games and in third position in the SPFL U20 League table.

The SPFL U20 League's leading marksman is Jason Cummings with 17 goals for the season so far; the teenager has also been called up for the Scotland under-19 squad.

After two successive postponements, Hibernian E0S are scheduled to be back in action on Saturday against Burntisland Shipyard in the Central Taxis First Division at the Training Centre, kick off 2.30pm.

Photo by John Preece

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

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Museum Lates – Training to be a face painter – Real Nappies – Yes Scotland at Broughton High School – Cute cats

If you are lucky enough to have a ticket for the Museum Lates on Friday you might like to watch this video to learn some moves you may need to know.

Fancy your hand at face painting? Metamorface are running this course at The Space, 183 Dalry Road on 16 March 2014.

Entry Level Face-paint training, £70.00 includes starter kit, certificate , workbook and 10% discount on any Grimas face-paint products purchased from our pop up shop on the day Read on for the detail! This is a one day Entry Level course – brilliant if you fancy dabbling in face painting and becoming the coolest parent in town, or if you want to learn the basics to use as a fundraiser at cubs, playgroup PTA etc, or as a starter if you think you might like to become a face painter. The day costs £70. 00. Included in the price are June and Susan who will both be tutoring to make sure

everyone gets lots of attention. All materials used, (lots of colours and brushes to try out). Tea, coffee and biscuits, (bring a packed lunch) and a basic Grimas face paint kit to take home and keep practicing. There will also be a selection of Grimas face paints for sale. It's a great £70 worth and a great way to get started.

[More details on Facebook.](#)

Want to learn about real nappies? Then try this...

Nappuccino: A real nappy event

Duncan Place Nappuccinos

*Your 'one stop' event to meet all your real nappy needs. Get **free** advice and information from parents with lots of experience of using real nappies, see different types of nappies and if you'd like, apply for a trial pack or lending kit. You would also be able to buy great value second hand nappies.. A proportion of sales generated from all items will create income for the Real Nappy Project to help to continue with the services provided.*

Drop in and see us on Thursday 27th February, between 10am-11.30am at the Duncan Place Resource Centre, Duncan Place (just off Duke St, Leith), Edinburgh, EH6 8HW. [Directions](#).

[More details on the Changeworks site.](#)

Yes Scotland are organising an event at Broughton High School on 6 March 2014 which will feature the Deputy First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, local councillor Nigel Bagshaw and Gordon McIntyre-Kemp of Business for Scotland.

[Details here.](#)



We have 17 of your cute cats over here on [EdinburghReportage](#). We love the different kinds of cats you have living with you, and the way you obviously love them all.

This is your last chance to add a photo or video of your beloved pets to our storyboard here. The story closes later this week.....

Woman in hospital after hazardous substance found in flat



A woman was taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary yesterday

following the discovery of a “hazardous substance” spilling inside a flat in Leith.

Emergency services were called to the fourth floor flat in Pattison Street, Leith, around 3.30pm and the road was closed to traffic.

Firefighters wearing what appeared to be hazard protection suits were seen entering the building.

A spokesman said: “A member of the public had alerted the ambulance service concerned that they may have come into contact with a hazardous substance.

“Police, fire and ambulance implemented a response taking standard precautions until the nature of the substance could be established.

“There are no health concerns for any other individuals who were within the address.”

Edinburgh College help youngsters to make a film



On Friday night there was a film premiere in Edinburgh at Edinburgh College where a BAFTA award-winning director has created a film with a group of young and unemployed Edinburgh ‘scheme kids’ to turn their life experiences into something creative.

Garry Fraser, who won the Scottish Newcomer BAFTA in

filmmaking in 2013 and has had his own film, Everybody's Child, broadcast on the BBC, set up a course for young people from poverty-stricken areas in Edinburgh. Garry is the college's filmmaker in residence and ran the course as part of his role to try to engage the young people in positive activity.

Originally from the Muirhouse estate in Edinburgh, Garry was once involved in a life of crime and drug abuse. He managed to find his path out of addiction after realising his creative talents on the HND film course at Edinburgh College in 2006. Now, Garry is an internationally respected director, who is renowned for his gritty, real-life, urban documentaries set in Edinburgh.

The award-winning director has returned to Edinburgh College to share his experiences, expertise and passion for film with a group of young and unemployed people. The 24-week course began last summer to engage the group of 16 students at a time when they could slip into potentially dangerous activities.



The short drama, Journeys, is based on the real-life experiences of the teenagers, who were given full creative control to write, edit and act in the story. The film delves into dark themes of domestic abuse, gang culture, knife crime and drug abuse, allowing them to express their own personal stories through newly learned skills in filmmaking.

Garry said: "Education saved my life. That's one of the reasons why I set up this course, to try to catch young people who are from a similar background to my own, before they find themselves involved in self-destructive lifestyles of gangs and drug abuse – to give them the option of a new route and a better future.

"The film has given the group a creative outlet to take their stories and turn these into something positive. It's been

amazing to watch them all change from having little to no self-confidence, to being able to act on camera, take control of creative shots behind the scenes and even record the film's soundtrack. I'm proud of all of them for the enthusiasm, dedication and passion they have shown to the project and, most importantly, the steps they have now taken to continue on their path to a better future."

The project has been hailed as a success as six of the budding young creatives have now signed up for a Digital Media course at Edinburgh College, with four other students discovering an interest in the Brickwork course and one already enrolled on the Beauty Therapy course at the college. The filmmaking course helped the students to feel at home in the college, as many had never stepped foot in an educational environment prior to the course.

Ray McCowan, vice principal educational leadership at Edinburgh College, said: "Garry is a champion of further education and how it can turn people's lives around. The young people who have worked with Garry see him as a role model and he's been an inspiration to them all. The course has engaged the youngsters in education and already six of them have signed up for creative and practical courses.

"This is just one of the brilliant examples of the work the college is doing to engage with young and unemployed people on its doorstep. Colleges play a crucial role in reducing inequality and are a key route to allowing people from all backgrounds to a better life. We're delighted that so many of the young people on the filmmaking course have now decided to start their journey with us on to many positive destinations."



M8 to be finished with European funding

The European Investment Bank, Europe's long-term lending institution, has agreed to provide a funding contribution of £175m towards the completion of the motorway link between Glasgow and Edinburgh. The investment programme will include both completion of the M8 motorway between Scotland's two largest cities and major improvements to the M73 and M74.

Drivers will benefit from reduced congestion as well as safer and quicker journeys as a result of the new M8/M73/M74 Motorway Improvements Project. The scheme will create hundreds of jobs during construction and, once complete, will significantly reduce congestion on one of Scotland's busiest road networks. Long-term employment opportunities will also be created throughout the 30 year operation and maintenance of the new roads. Advanced works are currently underway and the road link will be designed, built, operated and maintained for 30 years following award of a concession agreement by the Scottish Government.

"The European Investment Bank is committed to supporting crucial investment in essential infrastructure across Europe and we recognise the importance of the M8 scheme to upgrade Scotland's core motorway links. This project will not only provide economic benefits during construction, but will also improve safety and reduce costs for business in the years ahead through improved travel times. We are committed to providing significant long-term financial support for the scheme." said Jonathan Taylor, European Investment Bank Vice-President responsible for the UK and Ireland.

Transport Minister, Keith Brown, said: "This marks a significant milestone in the timeline of what is a major transport infrastructure project for Scotland. Not only will these works vastly improve connectivity across Scotland's Central Belt, the project will deliver far reaching benefits to the wider Scottish economy.

"We'll see the creation of hundreds of new jobs which will leave a lasting legacy of a highly-skilled workforce, bolstering Scotland's construction industry. In addition, the project will act as a catalyst to attract significant inward investment and stimulate continued growth of our business communities."

Debt financing for the project is equally split between a direct loan from the European Investment Bank and a bond placement with international investors. The new Scottish scheme represents the first UK road project involving bond finance since the global financial crisis in 2008, and is the largest project to be financed through the Scottish Government's Non-Profit Distributing model.

The European Investment Bank is committed to supporting crucial investment that stimulates economic growth and improves lives in Scotland. This has included recent support for investment such as the new City of Glasgow College and there is a strong pipeline of future projects currently under consideration by the EIB including new hospitals, transport infrastructure and other flagship investment across Scotland.

Over the last five years the European Investment Bank has provided more than GBP 4 billion for transport investment across the UK. Last year represented a record for overall EIB engagement in the UK, £4.85bn in 2013, up 59% from 2012.

Welcoming the announcement, SNP MEP Alyn Smith said:-"This funding will see major infrastructure projects across Scotland get underway and will provide an immediate boost to the

economy through the hundreds of jobs being created.

“The projects will also have a lasting economic benefit to the wider Scottish economy through inward investment and continued business growth that will accompany the delivery. There will also be decreased congestion and journey times between our two main cities, whilst also making the route a safer one to drive.

“The projects also serve as a real example of the positive outcomes that can be achieved when working collaboratively with the EU, instead of the combative approach adopted by the Westminster government. With a Yes vote this September we will be able to not only take control of our finances but also take our own seat at the EU negotiation table and work together to deliver more for Scotland.”

VIDEO – Daylight tram testing on Princes Street



The Edinburgh Reporter was out on Princes Street today to watch the tram being put through its paces in amongst the traffic and pedestrians.

Our photographer Thomas Haywood was along at Haymarket and Shandwick Place to get some lovely shots and then scooted along to the Walter Scott Monument to get some very different aerial views.



The tram is both smooth and almost silent apart from its warning bell, so Edinburgh pedestrians would be well advised to observe the green man.

Not many do in Edinburgh, but then in our experience not all pedestrian crossings are responsive very quickly. If a pedestrian knew that the crossing would operate in their favour within a short time then they might be encouraged to wait.

Edinburgh Trams have some tips for other road users [on their website.](#)

What do you think? Oh – and have a look at our video!



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Ice Hockey (SNL) Edinburgh v Elgin



Elgin Typhoons came to play Edinburgh Capitals on Sunday evening with a poor win record over the Scottish National League side leaders.

Some had expected the large whitewash icing that Elgin would receive. The final score was 14 – nil to the home team. They

were outplayed, outclassed and their offensive players had no support from other players due to the rest of the team playing so defensively.

Additionally, Elgin only had 2 strings of players in comparison to Edinburgh's 3 which meant that Elgin players had to work all the harder.

In the first period of play there were 4 goals scored by the Capitals and this was a pattern that was to be followed through the next 2 periods with goals being shared equally amongst 10 players..

Tempers did at time flare to the point that with 1 minute 41secs left on the clock there was a brawl on the ice. This was settled down by the referees.











In the second period, business resumed as per usual for the Edinburgh side as far as scoring goals was concerned. However there were no less than three power plays in the period. (2 for Elgin and 1 for Edinburgh) following foul play.

Elgin tried a few times to score goals but their accuracy was very poor, and they simply found that Edinburgh would steal the puck off them and retain it in the Elgin half for much of the game.

In the third Period, Elgin had a goal attempt denied, which was their only real attempt to prevent the shut-out. However it was not to be. Edinburgh retained their stranglehold on the game to finish 14-0 at the close.

REVIEW – Jake Bugg at Edinburgh Corn Exchange



There is no doubt that Jake Bugg can be easily compared to the likes of legendary rock/folk solo artists, Bob Dylan and Neil Young. His work ethic is already admirable having made two albums in the space of just over a year. Now the 19-year-old is looking more confident, brighter and sonically tight, which an age-varying Edinburgh crowd went nuts about.

The music that blared out of the PA half an hour prior to Jake Bugg coming on stage undoubtedly pumped the audience up with a selection of Bugg's influences, Neil Young's 'Old Man' and The Stone Roses' 'Waterfall' to name a couple – the latter of which got the greatest response. A crowd couldn't be any more impatient with 'Jakey-Jakey Bugg' chants appearing sporadically before the show, and even during the show. As soon as the gifted teenager arrived on stage, everybody sensed they were in for a special evening.

Bugg began with two E-A-B chord songs, 'There's a Beast And We All Feed It' and 'Trouble Town' to the delight of his ecstatic fans.

'Seen It All' allowed Jake Bugg to perform at his most confident and charismatic, with the 3000-strong crowd singing for him while he moved away from the mic for the infamous chorus.

Jake Bugg's new album, *Shangri La*, witnessed a changed man. He isn't just a one-trick pony who plays the same melodies, he isn't just a man who constantly holds an acoustic guitar. It

was a more upbeat album with variations in themes and melodies throughout. Now with back-to-back albums in the space of a year, he has a lot more material to play around with in his sets, and they were very well received.

His second single, 'Slumville Sunrise' got the best reception with its quirky rocky riff while people in the crowd imitated his hilarious music video which goes with the song. More notably, his music was incredibly tight from that album. Not one song was mellowly received – with the audience always being heard above his vocals. The song which was in danger of being rejected by the crowd 'What Doesn't Kill You' – a song which was loathed by his fans upon its release for its heavy punk tone – was fortunately very well received.

The songs from his seminal eponymous debut album such as 'Two Fingers', 'Taste It' and 'Lightning Bolt' were obviously going to be most acknowledged by his fans, with the latter of the songs highlighting some of Bugg's increasingly talented guitar playing.

With Bugg only playing a cover version of Neil Young's 'My My, Hey Hey (Out of the Blue)' on selected occasions, it was a worry to everybody in the audience that he wouldn't play it. However, throughout the show there had been a crowd so emphatic that he had to add in an extra song to please the fans.

It's surprising to see a solo artist coping so well with extraordinary fame. If Jake Bugg releases an album often like Bob Dylan did in the 60's, right at the beginning of his career, then he will be playing arenas by his third or fourth album. Right now, he is on top of his game and it looks difficult for him to get any better.

He's just *too* good.

South Queensferry deaths – Police update



Police Scotland have confirmed that officers are not looking for anyone in connection with the deaths of two people in Echline Gardens, South Queensferry, yesterday evening.

Detective Chief Inspector Gary Cunningham, who is in charge of the investigation, said: “This is a tragic event and our thoughts are with the immediate family and friends of the victims.

“We still have some investigations to carry out, and police are likely to be in the area for the next few days, however I can confirm that we are not looking for anyone in connection with these deaths.”

Eight men charged with drugs offences



Eight men have been charged under the Misuse of Drugs Act as part of a Police Scotland operation to target serious and organised crime.

All of the men were detained between Thursday 13th February

and Thursday 24th February during two weeks of enforcement across Scotland.

Detectives had previously seized £950,000 worth of diamorphine between August and January. The drugs were intended for distribution across Scotland and enquiries had been continuing to identify those believed to be involved.

The men are all scheduled to appear at court at a later date.

Detective Chief Inspector Colin Boyle said: "As a result of the investigation, almost £1 million worth of diamorphine was seized before it could cause untold harm on our communities.

"Our enquiries have resulted in four men subsequently being charged with drug offences and these arrests should send a clear message that Police Scotland will continue to act on information from the public to tackle serious and organised crime whenever it arises.

"If and when we receive intelligence, it will be thoroughly assessed and acted on appropriately. Anyone wishing to report criminal activity in their area can contact us on 101 or make an alternative report via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Four Edinburgh players called up for Scotland Under 21s



Four Edinburgh based youngsters have been called up for the Scotland under-21 squad for the friendly match against Hungary at Tannadice on Wednesday 5 March, kick off 7.30pm.

Hibs' on form midfielder Sammy Stanton and striker Danny Handling (pictured) who was an unused substitute for Scotland under-21s last time around join Hearts teenage defender Jordan McGhee and striker Callum Paterson in Billy Stark's squad.

Scotland Under-21 squad

Goalkeepers

Jordan Archer (Tottenham Hotspur)

Jonathan Henly (Reading) *

Christopher Kettings (Blackpool)

Defenders

Joseph Chalmers (Celtic) **

Stuart Findlay (Celtic) ***

Marcus Fraser (Celtic)

Jack Grimmer (Fulham) ****

Sean Kelly (St Mirren)

Jordan McGhee (Heart of Midlothian)

John Souttar (Dundee United)

Midfielders

Stuart Armstrong (Dundee United)

Ryan Gauld (Dundee United)

John McGinn (St Mirren)

Callum McGregor (Celtic) *****

Kenny McLean (St Mirren)

Craig Slater (Kilmarnock)

Sam Stanton (Hibernian)

Forwards

Ryan Fraser (Bournemouth)

Daniel Handling (Hibernian)

Stevie May (St Johnstone)

Callum Paterson (Heart of Midlothian)

* on loan to Oxford United

** on loan to Falkirk

*** on loan to Greenock Morton

**** on loan to Port Vale

***** on loan to Notts County

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Police investigate death of couple from South Queensferry



Detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding the deaths of a couple who were found within their house at Echline Gardens at around 5pm yesterday.

The enquiry, which is being conducted by officers from the Major Investigation Team, is at an early stage and the deaths are being treated as unexplained.

Door-to-door inquiries in the area are ongoing and uniformed officers are still at the scene.

Detective Chief Inspector Gary Cunningham who is leading the investigation said: "An investigation team has been formed and we are currently at a very early stage, with officers carrying out door-to-door inquiries with neighbours and talking to the immediate family.

"At this time the deaths of the two people are being treated as unexplained and more information will be released as soon as it is available.

SPFL announce fixture changes



The SPFL have announced a number of changes to the times and dates of Hibs and Hearts' matches.

Hibs will now play Motherwell in the Scottish Premiership at Easter Road on Saturday 8 March, kick off 3pm.

The Motherwell home game was originally scheduled to take place on Wednesday 26 March, but has moved to an earlier date after both clubs were left with a free weekend in the fixture calendar.

The Edinburgh derby, pencilled in for Saturday 29th March, has been put back 24 hours to Sunday 30th March, kick-off 12.45pm. BT Sport will also broadcast this match live.

Hibs' rearranged away match at Inverness (originally scheduled for 1 February) will now take place on Wednesday 12 March, kick off 7.45pm.

The club's final home match before the split – against Aberdeen – will now take place on Monday 07 April, kick off 7.45pm.

Hearts' trip to Rugby Park, originally scheduled for Wednesday 26th March, has been brought forward to Saturday 8th March with a 3pm kick-off.

The Jambos' home game against Dundee United on Saturday 22nd March has been brought forward to Friday 21st March, kick-off 7.45pm. This match will be broadcast live on BT Sport.

Finally, the visit of Aberdeen on Tuesday 1st April has been pushed back 24 hours as well to Wednesday 2nd April. Kick-off will be 7.45pm

Terry Butcher's plea to Hibs' supporters



Hibs' manager Terry Butcher has made an impassioned plea to the fans to turn up on numbers and buy a season ticket for the next campaign to help him bring the glory days back to the club.

Two cup finals in the last two years have helped keep the season ticket numbers at a respectable level however average attendances have been falling particularly during the Colin Calderwood era. Unfortunately Hibs like many other clubs in

the SPFL have discovered that once the fans stop going to games it's a difficult task to entice them back.

Changing kick off times for televised games make buying a season ticket a less attractive proposition as often fans are unable to attend games that they have paid for and ironically the new East Stand which increased the capacity to over 20,000 means that supporters are unlikely to be able to get a ticket at the last minute.

In a statement on the club's website, Butcher said: "Even before I joined this fantastic Football Club, I often thought that Hibernian needed someone, or something, to make it great again. Now, as your Manager, I can see that everything is in place with a sensational Stadium and Training Centre that is a match for anything.

"In the past 15 – 20 years, this Club has spent around £25million on creating a solid and hugely impressive infrastructure whilst balancing that expenditure with the need to stay competitive. Other Clubs have yet to take their first steps down that road, but we have done it. Now, it is time for us to really kick on. We ask for three things;

1. Time – building a strong, solid structure is a patient process.
2. Determination – there will be many obstacles and hurdles along the way, but we should continue to draw inspiration from the Leith motto, Persevere.
3. Support – with your passionate backing, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

"The Edinburgh Derby on 2 January was the perfect example of how you, and the Club, came together to form a force that was unstoppable. If we can harness that power and emotion on a regular basis, the energy generated for each match will take everyone onto another level.

“I sense a wind of change blowing through this Football Club, but some of the old principles still remain true;

- Playing a fast, dynamic style of football that entertains, but also wins games.

- Bringing through talented and skilful youngsters from our superb Academy and Training Centre.

- Making Easter Road Stadium a fortress that other sides hate visiting.

“Season Ticket Memberships will be announced soon and you will have the opportunity to be a part of a new future at Hibernian FC. So, choose to be that someone that can make a difference to our Football Club.

Many thanks and best wishes; Terry Butcher

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Five things you need to know today



The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Round up – Forth Bridges Festival 2014 – South Central Neighbourhood Partnership – Whisky tasting – Hidden Door Festival

Every week our dedicated team of sports journalists write a

combined article about all of the various sports they can find around the city.

You'll find the weekly article [and all our other sports news here](#). If you have a sport which we have not covered then let us know!

The Forth Bridges Festival 2014 which takes place later this year is organising an information evening.

For those of you not able to attend the drop-in event during working hours the Festival Team are now hosting an evening event on Wednesday 26 February 2014 at the Local Chamber Office in South Queensferry.

The Forth Bridges Festival 2014 will celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Forth Road Bridge later this year giving the communities around the Bridge a unique opportunity to participate in an exciting programme of events. To ensure that you can learn more about these events the event will run from 5pm – 7pm and members of the Festival Team will be offering 10 minute appointments where members of the public and local community groups can book a time slot to come down and chat to the team and have their questions answered.

This is the event for you if you want to:

- * Find out how you can be involved in the programme of events
- * Find out how your community group can be involved in the programme of events
- * Tell us what you would like to see as part of your Festival
- * Hear more about the benefits of volunteering at the Festival and how to apply for one of the voluntary roles
- * Have any of your Festival questions answered
- * Take home your copy of the most up-to-date event programme

If you are a member of the public or run a local community

group and would like to book 10 minute appointments to chat to the Festival team and have your questions answered contact vicky@indigops.com or call 0131 331 3511 and ask for Vicky.

More information on the Festival's [Facebook](#) page.

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership would like locals to offer their views on the proposed priorities for 2014-17's Local Community Plan.

The proposed priorities and the residents' survey [can be found at this link](#) and the deadline for comments is Friday 28th February 2014.

Tonight if you are at a loose end you might like to head over to the Whiski Room for a premium whisky tasting.

Looking for tastings further into the future? Have a look at their [Eventbrite](#) page.



The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup



Rugby by John Preece

Italy U20 v Scotland U20

The young Scots were beaten, once again, by an impressive performance from their U20 opponents – this time Italy – to go down 32-13. On the scoreboard first with a Ben Chalmers' penalty, Scotland had no answer to Italy's three, converted first half tries. Supplemented by a single penalty, the Italians lead 24-3 at half time. The Scots did have some good passages of play, but couldn't take great advantage of any possession. Near the end of the half, things got a little fighty, so the referee had to call the captains in for a quiet word once things had calmed down.

The second half went better for Scotland, with a try after a few minutes to take the score up to 24-8. In spite of losing a player to the bin, Scotland held the score and went over for another, unconverted try, when back to 15. However, they gave the opposition another penalty chance with less than ten minutes to go, which was scored and they then followed this up, with four minutes of play left, with their fourth try to bring the final tally up to 32-13

Italy v Scotland

Rome's Stadio Olimpico was the venue for Scotland's third match in this year's RBS 6 Nations and they were going there on the back of two inglorious defeats so far. The first half was dominated by the referee continually penalising Moray Low at the scrum and he was eventually replaced just before the break. An early penalty exchange saw the sides level at 3-3, before Tommy Allan took the lead for Italy in the 30th minute. With the clock running down to half time, Italy won turnover ball in the Scots' 22, and Allan managed to find a gap to cross the line near the posts. Converting his own try, the half time score was 13-3 to Italy.

Scotland followed up an early second half penalty with a fine

try from Alex Dunbar, following a passing phase which left Dunbar with a 30 metre sprint to the line, running over Allan in the process. Greig Laidlaw missed the kick, so the score was 13-11 to Italy.

With Laidlaw replaced by Chris Cusiter, the 63rd minute had Scotland on the scoreboard again with another Dunbar try, this time from much further out than 30 metres. Duncan Weir converted to give Scotland at 18-13 lead. Italy however, came back inside 10 minutes with a try from Josh Furno, the huge lock brushing Hogg aside on his way through. With Urquera's conversion, the home side lead 20-18 with just minutes left. The match wasn't over, though, and the Scots fought and hammered their way into Italian territory and in the 80th minute, a fine Cusiter pass found Weir in the pocket for the Glasgow man to send over a superbly struck drop kick to snatch victory in the dying seconds, 21-20 to Scotland.

Italy Women v Scotland Women

At the time of 'going to press' the match report was not yet available, but a bit of Twitter reporting noted that Italy scored 45 unanswered points before Scotland came up with a try of their own to finish off the match 45-5.

Llanelli Scarlets v Edinburgh Rugby

With 12 minutes on the clock, Edinburgh had opened up a 10-0 lead on the home side courtesy of a Nick De Luca try and a conversion and penalty from Carl Bezuidenhout. The Scarlets then came back with two penalties from Aled Thomas and a try from Jordan Williams to draw level, before another try from Williams gave the home side an 18-13 lead at half time. Tom Brown scored an early try for Edinburgh to draw them level, but a third Llanelli try just before halfway, saw them into a 25-18 lead. Unfortunately, in spite of a much improved performance of late, Edinburgh had to settle for the bonus point via a penalty on 70 minutes from Jack Cuthbert which

took the final score to 25-21 to Scarlets.

RBS Cup.

As reported elsewhere, Edinburgh Accies were defeated 13-8 by a superb performance from Aberdeen Grammar at the very windy Murrayfield 3G pitch, Raeburn place being deemed 'possibly' unplayable. Should they have risked it? If the match hadn't been played, then a draw of the cards – yes, really! – would have determined the result!

Football

Gordon Strachan's Scotland will face Germany, The Republic of Ireland, Poland Georgia and Gibraltar in their bid to qualify for the 2016 European Championships.

Strachan was present at the draw which was made in Euro 2016 host nation France on Sunday.

This will be Gibraltar's first foray into international football, in fact last summer they lost 3-1 in a friendly against Hibs.

Scotland will be aiming to qualify for a major tournament for the first time since the 1998 World Cup, which was also held in France.

SPFL

In the SPFL, Hearts lost 2-0 to Celtic despite a brave performance from the youngsters. After a goalless first half, the hoops took the lead when former Hibs' striker Leigh Griffiths latched onto an Anthony Stokes pass before beating Danny Wilson on the edge of the box and firing in an unstoppable shot past Jamie MacDonald.

With Hearts' pressing for an equaliser, Celtic added a second in the dying minute following a mistake by Jamie Hamill on the touchline when he was dispossessed by Amido Balde who then

calmly passed to the unmarked Teemu Pukki who slotted the ball home.

With results elsewhere going against the Tynecastle side, Hearts are now 18 points behind St Mirren at the foot of the table.

Hibs travelled to Rugby Park and Terry Butcher retained the same starting XI who triumphed over Ross County last week, leaving captain Liam Craig on the bench.

Kilmarnock opened the scoring against the run of play in the 18th minute when Kris Boyd found Rory McKenzie with a 50 yard pass and the midfielder angled drive beat Ben Williams.

Hibs fought back and grabbed a deserved equaliser 10 minutes after the break when Sam Stanton's inch perfect cross was headed home by on loan striker Danny Haynes.

Hibs had the better of the second half, but were unable to capitalise on their dominance.

Hibs are now level on points with sixth place St Johnstone on 32 points with the Perth side ahead on goal difference.

After the game Terry Butcher said: "I'm disappointed that we didn't win the game, particularly after the way we dominated the second half. Unfortunately, there was a lack of real goalscoring opportunities due to our final ball so there will be plenty of crossing and shooting for the boys next week.

Scottish Youth Cup

Hearts made it through to the semi-final of the tournament with a 3-0 win over Queens Park at Tynecastle on Sunday with the goals coming from Dale Carrick, Gary Oliver and Nathan Flannigan.

Image Printers Cup

Spartans beat Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale 2-1 at Ainslie Park to secure a place in the final of the Image Printers Cup.

Spartans took the lead in the 13th minute when Jack Beesley wrong foot Lothian keeper Kevin Swain, before placing his shot into the bottom corner.

Lothian equalised six minutes later when Alan Brown was judged to fouled Lloyd Dignan inside the area and referee Lorraine Clark pointed to the spot. John Williams dispatched the ball into the bottom right corner, just beyond the reach of Scott Bennett.

Spartans regained the lead in the 36th minute with a fine goal from Willie Bremner after some good work by Beesley.

Both teams had chances in the second half but the north Edinburgh side held on to take the honours.

Manager Dougie Samuel told the club website after the game: "It's great to reach another final. Today's game was stop start and a scrappy affair at times. Lothian were positive ad committed players forward throughout. Both of our goals were fantastic, especially the 2nd. A great pass by Beezer to create it and a fine finish from Willie."

In the other semi-final Leith Athletic went down 3-4 to Whitehill Welfare

Elsewhere

Threave Rovers P Abbey Vale

University of Stirling P Selkirk

Vale of Leithen P Gala Fairydean Rovers

The South Challenge Cup, Third Round North-&-East Zone

Preston Athletic 5-1 Heriot-Watt University

Southern Counties Cup, First Round

Dalbeattie Star 7-0 St Cuthbert Wanderers

Central Taxis First Division

Berwick Rangers Reserves 4-2 Hawick Royal Albert

Ormiston P-P Hibernian EOS

King Cup, First Round

Burntisland Shipyard 1-2 Coldstream

Easthouses Lily MW 6-0 Eyemouth United

Edinburgh City (LL) 3-0 Civil Service Strollers

Gretna 2008 (LL) 2-2 Tynecastle (Gretna won 4-2 on Penalties)

Kelso United 0-5 Edinburgh University



Ice Hockey by John Preece

Again as reported elsewhere, Edinburgh Capitals came back from a two-goal deficit, on Saturday, to draw level with Fife Flyers, before the Flyers scored a third goal in the 14th minute of the third period to take the win 3-2.

Edinburgh's Sunday night game was away at Coventry Blaze, who lie in seventh place in the league, three places above the Capitals. And it was to prove a truly miserable trip, with the Blaze putting eight goals past Edinburgh's 'keeper, with only a loss of two, Hartmann and Leinweber scoring for the Capitals.

Speedway

Edinburgh Scotwaste Monarchs are now entering a critical period as they make the final push to raise the necessary

funds to have their airfence in position for the start of the new season now just five weeks away.

The Monarchs are very hopeful that the Brief History of Speedway Racing in Edinburgh at Meggetland on 14th March will add significantly to the fund and although tickets have been selling very well for this event they still have a number available for what promises to be an evening full of interest and nostalgia.

One or two other ideas are still in the pipeline and the Monarchs hope to bring details of these within the next seven days.

One of their early fundraisers was the Scotwaste Monarchs 2014 calendar. With just 16% of the year gone the price of the calendar has been reduced by a massive 50%. The remaining calendars can be purchased through the Club Shop for £3 plus postage.

The Air Fence Fund has continued to increase since the beginning of this month and now stands at £14,097.90.

Basketball

Dunfermline Reign SM 60-94 City of Edinburgh Kings SM

Troon Tornadoes SM 62-71 Clark Eriksson Fury SM

Boroughmuir Blaze SM 92-93 St Mirren West College Scotland SM

Glasgow Storm 57-75 Glasgow University SM

City of Edinburgh Kool Kats SW 87-55 Tayside Musketeers SW

St Mirren West College Scotland SW 41-50 Polonia Phoenix SW

Hockey

Scotland Senior Women finished their warm weather training camp and international series with a 4-1 loss to South Africa in Pretoria on Wednesday, losing the series 5-0. Scotland's goal came from Edinburgh University forward Sam Judge.

Afterwards Scotland Senior Women Head Coach Gordon Shepherd said, "We were much improved today and the standard of performance was much better. We competed against South Africa, a side who are right at their peak after their summer programme.

"We did make mistakes at crucial times [during the series] and we were heavily punished by a pacey, clinical and well drilled team now on way to Argentina for a Test Series. However, the experience has been a great start to a Commonwealth Games year and the players have benefitted massively from being here as a squad

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Under 20s Football – Heart of Midlothian 3 Queens Park 0



Another indication that the long-term future is bright for Hearts came at Tynecastle this afternoon as the Hearts Under 20s team defeated Queens Park to reach the semi-final of the Scottish Youth Cup.

It's a reflection of the current situation in Gorgie that half of Robbie Neilson's team have first team experience and one of the goalscorers. Dale Carrick, came on as a substitute against Celtic in the SPFL Premiership just 24 hours earlier.

Hearts other scorers were Gary Oliver and Nathan Flanagan to send home happy the 300 fans who lent their support to the youngsters.

Rangers won the day's other quarter final while the two other quarter finals – Kilmarnock v Morton and St. Johnstone v St. Mirren – take place next weekend.

Hearts: Hamilton; Smith, Gordon, McGhee, Ford; Flanagan, Scott, Beith, King; Carrick, Oliver.

Queen's Park: Lochhead, Gebbie, Biggart, Grier, Murray, Mitchell, Davison, McVey, Collins, Wilson, Ramsay.

Referee: Duncan Smith

Att: 300

Top man: Gary Oliver

Borders Railway Fund open for applications

LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM BORDERS RAILWAY FUND

- **Third round of applications now open!**

Local charities and community organisations in Edinburgh can now apply for a share of a £2,500 community fund being offered

once again by the Borders Railway project and the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN).

This is the third time that the grants have been made available to organisations located in communities alongside the new railway line; 22 local projects benefited from the fund last year.

Those applying can benefit from up to £250 for projects which encourage railway, site or road safety, discourage theft and vandalism or engage with the local community.

Previous beneficiaries include Stow Primary School, which plans to build a temporary educational building in the form of a traditional yurt and the Y2K Bike Project in Midlothian which has delivered bike safety workshops. Funds have also contributed towards the Scottish Border Council's Inspire Awards which acknowledge the achievements and successes of young people aged 12-25 years living in the region.

Craig Bowman, Senior Communications Manager for the Borders Railway project, said:- "The Borders Railway will have positive benefits for many communities along the route but we're also aware that there will be some people about potential safety risks. By funding these projects, we're going some way towards spreading railway safety messages and leaving a positive legacy from project construction.

"We have been really impressed by the diversity of the projects which have benefited previously and we are looking forward to helping support even more local projects throughout this year."

The aim of the grant scheme is to engage with communities which are located near the new railway and to increase awareness of rail safety.

Mrs Marshall, head teacher of Newtongrange Primary School, which benefited from the community fund last year, said: "The

community fund helped supplement existing funding to allow us to improve road and cycle safety around the school. We are all looking forward to using the railway once completed and the fund has been a great way to teach our pupils about railway safety. We encourage others to apply!"

Jacqui Doig, Scottish Community Safety Network Manager, said: "It has been very enjoyable to witness the progress of last year's projects. They have provided lots of opportunities for the community to come together and learn more about the Borders Railway. We wish applicants the very best of luck."

Projects can apply for up to £250.00. Applications must be submitted before Friday 14th March 2014. For more information on the grant please contact info@scsn.org.uk