Tim Clancy in fresh injury scare

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Hibs' medical staff will assess the latest injury to right back Tim Clancy who was forced to leave the field after only 33 minutes against Duns in Saturday's East of Scotland League fixture at the club's training ground at East Mains.

The Irishman has been out for five months with a persistent groin problem which required an operation had previously managed 65 minutes in a closed-doors match against Rangers, and Pat Fenlon was keen to see the former Motherwell defender gain some much needed match practice before his return to the first team.

Generally considered to be manager Fenlon's first choice right back, the 28 year old has been troubled by injuries since his arrival last summer, and has only managed 21 games in that time.

It is unclear whether the injury suffered on Saturday is a recurrence of the previous problem or fresh damage, but in any case, the news comes as a blow to the manager, especially since Lewis Stevenson limped off following a bad tackle by former team-mate Patrick Clegg at the weekend whilst Ryan McGivern is also side-lined.

Former Hearts' youngster Fraser Mullen could be brought back into contention for the St Mirren game, although veteran defender Alan Maybury started at Perth and is likely to retain his place in the meantime, with Paul Hanlon taking over the left back slot, leaving James McPake and Michael Nelson in the centre of the defence.

Join in the Beachwatch Big Weekend

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Marine charity urges beach lovers in Scotland to join national coastal clean up

Marine Conservation Society seeks more supporters to sign up to annual beach clean to help keep Scottish beaches litter free

From syringes to ceramics, plasters to panty lines, fishing line to fridges and plastics to pushbikes — it's all been found on Scottish beaches at one time or another and the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), the UK's leading marine charity, says it needs beach lovers in the country to help pick up even more rubbish.

This year's MCS Beachwatch Big Weekend takes place on the **21st – 23rd September**, and will involve thousands of volunteers taking to the beaches all around the UK coast as well as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

During the event, volunteer litter pickers will clean up and record the rubbish they find, as part of the International Coastal Cleanup which takes place in over 100 countries and regions worldwide. The data collected will help MCS shape its beach litter campaigns and keep up pressure on Governments to act to reduce the amount of rubbish that blights our beaches.

Last year fewer volunteer took part in the event in Scotland and the charity is keen to ensure that this year more people get involved across the country both as beach organisers and volunteer cleaners.

In 2012 499 volunteers cleaned 35 Scottish beaches and picked up 20,951bits of litter. Overall, Scotland had more pieces of litter per kilometre cleaned – 2,041 compared to the UK average of 2,007, which was a 20% rise on the previous year.

"As a charity we rely heavily on volunteer support either at events or financially," said MCS Scotland Programme Manager, Calum Duncan. "Beachwatch is a great way for our supporters to get hands on and really make a difference. Last year we saw a drop of almost 100 in our volunteer numbers, so this year we would we like to see more people out on beaches this year and more beaches cleaned. We need people to organise beach cleans as well as volunteers to clean them up – there's loads of support both online and on the day."

To get involved in **Beachwatch Big Weekend 2013** in Scotland and be part of the most influential fight against marine litter in the UK visit the website here www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch or telephone 01989 566017.

If you can't make it to a beach at the end of September, but would still like to help then text Beach5 to 70300 to make a donation to MCS or join the charity at <u>www.mcsuk.org</u> or help with our year round events.

Five things you need to know today

Monday holiday – Government funding for Edinburgh wave companies – Port Edgar to be leased off by the council – Talk about Warhol Exhibition – The House at 42 this week

Lothian Buses are running a Saturday service today, which suggests to us this is a Monday holiday, except that it is not a completely universal holiday...

Please remember, we will be running a Saturday Service tomorrow, Monday 16 September. <u>http://t.co/y3TCtnlNw9</u>

- Lothian Buses (@on_lothianbuses) September 15, 2013

Schools are shut today but council offices are open. Are you working today? Let us know what you're up to — send us a photo by Twitter!

Two Edinburgh companies involved in the development of wave energy devices, Pelamis Wave and Aquamarine Power have received some grant funding from The Scottish Government which is announced today at the Scottish Renewables Marine Conference in Inverness. See our article <u>here</u>.

Reacting to the news of new investment for wave power and planning permission for the world's largest tidal array, Dr Richard Dixon, Director of Friends of the Earth Scotland said:

"This is great news for renewable energy in Scotland. Harnessing the huge energy in the tides of the Pentland Firth is a major engineering challenge but this scheme will prove technologies and techniques which will be important in future tidal energy schemes around the world

"Tidal and wave power are particularly important for Scotland but they will also be a major plank of the fight against climate change around the world. As a global leader Scotland can create green electricity, reduce climate emissions and generate new jobs."

The council is to lease the site at Port Edgar to a new company who will invest in the marina there. It was decided last year that Edinburgh Leisure would slowly back out of the site as the financial implications of running the marina, a sailing school which had dropping attendance numbers and the possibility of large investment needed to maintain the marina's infrastructure such as the pontoons, had all become too great.

The council will lease the premises to Port Edgar Holdings Limited (PHL) for 30 years. Initially this will be at a reduced rent for the first three years, after which the rent will rise to a fixed rent which can then be raised by reference to the Retail Price Index every five years.

This move will reduce the council's liability in relation to the marina, and the council retains ownership of the adjacent land which might be developed for housing at a later date.

This will be ratified at tomorrow's Economy Committee.



Eric Shiner, one of the world's leading experts on Warhol and Director of the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh will be

discussing the artist's career in the Scottish Parliament.

Eric Shiner will be speaking on Tuesday, 15 October 2013 at 4.30pm – 6.00pm. This is one of seven free seminars open to the public as part of a series of events forming 'Andrew Carnegie's International Legacy: – Shaping the Future' taking place at Holyrood from October 2013 to January 2014. The philanthropist made his money in Pittsburgh and the Andy Warhol Museum is just one example of his philanthropic legacy.

The Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, the Rt Hon Tricia Marwick MSP, explained:

"Given the Scottish Parliament is the home of debate in Scotland, 'Andy Warhol: Pop, Power and Politics' will focus on works with a political subject because of their relevance to Holyrood. Both the Carnegie UK Trust, whose generous support has made this exhibition possible, and the Scottish Parliament are organisations that want to contribute towards political debate and thinking.

"I had the pleasure of a private tour of the Warhol Museum with Mr Shiner when I visited Pittsburgh last year to secure the exhibition for the Scottish Parliament. I know we will all be enlightened by Eric's knowledge on Warhol's fascination for depicting people and symbols of power, which will really bring this exhibition to life."

Angus Hogg, chair of the Carnegie UK Trust, said:

"Encouraging debate on key issues lies at the heart of our Trust's mission. Importantly, they are also topics which drove Andrew Carnegie on his quest to improve the wellbeing of society a century ago.

"We are very excited to welcome such an interesting and informed group of speakers. Their presence and the nature of the discussions, ensures that these challenging issues continue to be debated." Tickets, which are free, are available to book for the Eric Shiner seminar by going to: www.scottish.parliament.uk/free-shiner-seminar

The House at 42 appears to be back in business after successfully opposing the council who wanted them to close. This week there are two concerts:- Three Cane Whale on Friday 20 September who are billed as a trio of multiinstrumentalists and on Wednesday of this week, Edwina Hayes who claims to have Michael Parkinson and Nanci Griffith among her fans.

Remember you have to be on the guest list to get in so you have to email Douglas or Jane-Ann ahead of the concerts.

Email: <u>42music42@musician.org</u>



New wave of grant funding from The Scottish Government

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Government announcement today of grant funding for Edinburgh based wave businesses Pelamis and Aquamarine Power, and the first tidal project in Pentland Firth given go ahead.

Development of the largest tidal array in Europe today can now progress after Scottish Ministers awarded consent to build the first tidal energy project in the Pentland Firth.

MeyGen Limited, a competitor in the Scottish Government's Saltire Prize, has been given the go ahead to install the tidal array in stages, beginning with a nine megawatt demonstration project of up to six turbines.

The Energy Minister will also announce at the Scottish Renewables Marine Conference in Inverness today that leading Scottish wave developers Aquamarine Power Limited and Pelamis Wave Power are to share a slice of a £13 million wave first array support programme – part of the Scottish Government's Marine Renewables Commercialisation Fund.

Mr Ewing said:-"The tide is also turning for the wave sector. Both wave and tidal technologies need support if we are to maintain our leading position in marine energy. The Scottish Government's awards to Aquamarine Power Limited and Pelamis Wave Power will enable them to develop their technologies further so they can successfully deploy the first wave arrays.

"We must tackle climate change. We need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through better and more efficient uses of energy. Marine energy – a home grown technology with huge potential – is part of the solution.

"Last week I welcomed the Audit Scotland report that shows strong and strategic leadership from this government within the renewable sector is key to the successes to date. No government since devolution has embarked on such an ambitious programmes of investment to transform our renewable energy sector.

Commenting on the announcement of new wave energy funds by Fergus Ewing MSP, Aquamarine Power Chief Executive Officer Martin McAdam said:-"Aquamarine Power has proved that our wave energy device, Oyster, works and can generate power in our ocean's most powerful storms.

Oyster has now been operating in nine metre waves which few other technology developers have achieved. Our major challenge is to continue to secure the investment required to further improve the reliability of our current Oyster 800 machine and begin the design of our next-generation Oyster 801.

The industry continues to suffer from significant underinvestment and this type of grant support is essential. I hope that this grant funding will encourage major Scottish and UK firms to see the potential of this industry and take an interest in its success through investment and partnership.

"We are very grateful for the continued support and confidence of the Scottish Government in our technology.

"I hope that this award will help us to attract the major investment we require to develop a commercially competitive wave energy technology. "

In our photos you can see the Pelamis wave energy device being towed off site with Aquamarine's Oyster in the foreground.

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The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup

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Firstly a big 'Well Done' to Andy and Judy Murray for helping raise considerable funds for the Prince's Trust at a charity lunch at the Prestonfield Hotel on Friday. Also many happy returns to Hibs legend Pat Stanton who turned 69 on Friday. Pat played 399 times for his boyhood heroes before moving to Celtic in a swap deal with Jackie MacNamara, winning a League and Cup double. He captained Hibs to a famous 2-1 League Cup win against Celtic in 1972, and remains a popular figure around the club. On the field there were mixed fortunes for the capital clubs this weekend, but congratulations go to Spartans for reaching the second round of the Scottish Cup. In bowls, well done to Brunstane for lifting the Triples title in the ABT Machine Tools-sponsored finals at Hillside, and Boroughmuir Basketball team for an impressive start to the season.

Tennis

Andy Murray's Olympic Gold bag and kit, including a signed ball used in the July final, which were donated to The Prince's Trust Scotland by the double grand-slam winner's mother Judy were auctioned at the Prestonfield Hotel's 'Lunch with an old bag' event on Friday. In addition, an opportunity to join Murray at the opening of next year's Wimbledon championships was also auctioned and opening bids began at f15,000 climbed to a final bid of f40,000, although Judy kindly agreed to offer exactly the same prize to a rival bidder if they matched that total, which they did.

Rugby Round-up by John Preece

Round Four of the RBS Premiership saw the first Derby match of

the season as all three Edinburgh teams were involved in close encounters — of the scoring kind… That Derby match was between Currie and Edinburgh Accies, a match in which Accies took the narrow win, 22-20 at Malleny Park. The third Edinburgh side, Heriots, also squeaked a win against last year's Champions, Ayr, beating the West coast side 20-19 at Goldenacre.

This leaves the teams in the same places in the league table as last week, Accies and Heriots third and fourth, with 13 and 12 points respectively, and Currie at the foot of the table with just two bonus points and no win points.

In the RBS National League all three teams were playing away from home. Both Boroughmuir and Watsonians maintained their unbeaten record, 'Muir winning 39-21 at Peebles and 'Sonians 27-26 at Hillhead/Jordanhill. Stewarts-Melville, however, continued their slide to the bottom, going down 45-20 to Selkirk.

Their table has Watsonians at the top with 19 points, the same tally as Boroughmuir, but 'Sonians are ahead on points difference. Stew-Mel drop one place to seventh with six points from their four matches, five of which came in their first match of the season.

Photo at www.photoboxgallery.com

Rugby by Jonny Davis

Edinburgh Rugby got their RaboDirect PR012 campaign at Murrayfield off to a winning start on Friday with the narrowest of victories against Newport Gwent Dragons , thanks to a last minute penalty from young stand-off Harry Leonard.

The capital side stretched to a 13-3 lead shortly after the half time break through a try from returning winger Tim Visser, yet were frustrated at being unable to push on and close out the game from there.

The Dragons soon pegged the home side back to 13-10 through a converted try from ex Gunner Richie Rees, who darted over for a touchdown from the back of a ruck just a yard from the try line.

The final 20 minutes were, for the most part, uncomfortable for Edinburgh fans who watched Dragons' replacement kicker, Kris Brown level the scores at 13-13 with just 5 minutes to go.

Yet as Harry Leonard lined up in front of the posts and slotted the match-winning kick on 80 minutes, those nervy winces turned to relieved smiles as Edinburgh's first home game of the season ended with an all important victory.

Speaking after the game, man of the match David Denton hailed the power of the Edinburgh scrum for its part in the victory. "We do have a really strong pack. We have got a great front row, two heavy second rows, and we showed tonight how they can win you games.

"If we can cut the errors out and improve our exits, I think we are going to be a team to be reckoned with."

SPFL Football

There were mixed fortunes for the Edinburgh clubs this weekend, with a young Hearts' side losing 3-1 to champions Celtic at Tynecastle despite a brave performance, whilst Hibs came from behind to grab the three points against St Johnstone in Perth.

Chris Commons gave Celtic a controversial lead with a well taken penalty after Jamie Hamill was harshly adjudged to have handled the ball in the box.

A deflected shot by Jason Holt gave the Gorgie faithful some home, but they could only hold onto the lead for seven minutes before former Hibs striker Anthony Stokes regained Celtic's advantage. Neil Lennon's men wrapped the game up with a late goal from new signing Teemu Pukki after good work from Stokes.

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Stevie May gave St Johnstone an early lead with a well taken goal, but Hibs fought back and drew level before the break with a Paul Heffernan goal from close range after good work from James Collins and Scott Robertson.

Collins then scored his first goal for Hibs since signing from Swindon Town in the summer, to secure a valuable win.

Hearts remain bottom of the table on minus eight points whilst Hibs move up to sixth with eight points.

Next week, Hibs could do their neighbours some good by beating relegation candidates St Mirren at Easter Road, whilst Hearts make the long trip to face Ross County in Dingwall.

Scottish Cup

Spartans secured their place in the William Hill Scottish Cup 2nd Round draw with a 2-0 win against Edinburgh University at Peffermill on Saturday.

Spartans took the lead in the 35th minute when a Beesley inswinging corner was met by Donal Henretty at the near post and his header flew past Valentine into the back of the net.

Just before the break, Spartans doubled their lead with another for header from Henretty, following a superb MacKinnon cross.

Malt and Hops Man of the Match: Donal Henretty

The draw for the second round will take place on Monday.

East of Scotland League

In the Premier Division, Tynecastle beat Spartans 2-1 at

Ainslie Park whilst Heriot Watt went down 2-1 away to Stirling University.

Civil Service Strollers remain top with seven points from four games with Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale second with six points from two games. Heriot Watt remain bottom with no points from two games.

Lothian Thistle beat Easthouses Lily 2-1 after extra time at Saughton Enclosure and Leith Athletic beat Peebles Rovers 3-1 at Telford College in the Alex Jack Cup.

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Hibs continued their 100% start to the Central Taxis First Division season, beating Duns 6-0 thanks to goals from Max Todd (two), Ryan Baptie (penalty), Jamie Beaton, Scott Martin and an own goal.

First team squad players Tim Clancy, Dean Horribine and Fraser Mullen started the match, but unfortunately Clancy had to leave the field with an injury after 33 minutes.

Afterwards Head of Academy Coaching James McDonaugh told the club website; "I thought we played well today, but, at times, we need to be tidier on the ball.

"I felt we lacked that smoothness today and never really got to our best. It's a huge credit to the boys to be winning 6-0; even though it was maybe only a seven out of ten team performance.

"It's always nice to keep a clean sheet and score a few goals. I have to be happy once again with my players."

Hibernian EOS: Kleton Perntreou, Tim Clancy, Tom Gardiner, Bob Wilson, Ryan Baptie, Fraser Mullen, Dean Horribine, Scott Martin, Max Todd, Jamie Beaton, Gareth McCaffrey. Subs (used): Aaron Dunsmore, Euan Smith, Jason Cummings The mini Edinburgh Derby between Hibs and Hearts under-20s will take place at Newtongrange's New Victoria Park on Tuesday evening (17 September, kick off 7pm). Admission is £3/£1.

Women's Football

Hibs travelled north to the Granite City where they won a hard fought encounter 3-2 thanks to three long range efforts from Lizzie Arnott (2) and Kirsty Smith, whilst Spartans drew 1-1 with Celtic thanks to a second half equaliser from Lana Clelland at Ainslie Park. Elsewhere Hutchison Vale lost 4-2 to Forfar Farmington at Saughton Enclosure.

The results leave Hibs in second place with 38 points from 17 games, 11 points behind Glasgow City. Spartans sit third with 29 points from 17 games. Hutchison Vale lie ninth with 16 points.

Speedway

The Edinburgh Scotwaste Monarchs went down 51-44, just missing a point, at Ipswich on Thursday night despite Craig Cook scoring a maximum 18 points, and race wins for Theo Pijper, Max Fricke and Jozsef Tabaka .

Afterwards John Campbell told the official website "Craig was absolutely magnificent, there was never any doubt he was going to win his heats.

"Jozsef had his best away match for a long time but it was just impossible to come off gate 4 in the last heat. I could have put Craig there but by that stage it would have been very hard even for him.

"Max unfortunately wasn't fit enough when the track was deep early on. As well as his recent injury he's been suffering from 'flu as well.

"I thought we might have got an advantage in heat 14 but it wasn't to be."

On Saturday captain Derek Sneddon received a successful Testimonial at Armadale, a Four team event won by Newcastle (29), from the Rest of the World (28), Glasgow (23) and Edinburgh (23).

The turnout of riders included former Monarchs Les Collins, Frede Schott, Kenny McKinna, Peter Carr and Ryan Fisher.

On Sunday, the Monarchs travelled to Newcastle where they lost 49-41.

Ice Hockey

The Capitals lost 10-3 to Sheffield Steelers at Murrayfield Ice Rink on Saturday night.

The Steelers opened the scoring with a strike from Stephen Myer at 2.59. but within a minute the Capitals were back on level terms with a goal from player/coach Richard Hartmann at 3.42. The visitors regained the advantage through Maxime Lacroix at 6.16, then netted his second of the game at 10.48 to increase the visitors lead to 3-1. The Caps pulled it back 27 seconds later as Curtis Leinweber netted at 11.15 however the visitors struck twice through Jeff Legue at 17.15 and Tim Spencer at 17.42 gave them a three goal lead.

The second period was all one way as Steelers added a further two goals. Lacroix completed his hat trick at 28.41m then Rylan Galiardi gave the Steelers a five goal lead at 31.16.

Steelers' Jason Hewitt netted at 41.46. then two further goals from the visitors from Robert Dowd at 48.11 and League with his second at 49.55 ended the scoring for the visitors. Leinweber then scored his second of the game at 51.57 to give the hosts a late consolation goal.

On Sunday the Caps lost 4-2 at home to Nottingham Panthers. Francis gave the visitors the lead at 3.19 then Lachowicz added a second at 11.30. Tomas Horna pulled one back for the Edinburgh side at 17.06 before Clarke made it three at 29.36 then Boxill scored a fourth at 35.16. Richard Hartmann pulled one back on 38.00, to end a disappointing weekend.

Basketball

Playoff and Scottish Cup Champions Edinburgh Kings beat reigning champions Stirling Knights 83-46 in the opening game of the 2013/14 season in front of a crowd of over three hundred at The Peak, and then Boroughmuir Blaze SM started the season with a 98-72 win over Dunfermline Reign in Fife.

On Saturday, Blaze continued their impressive form by hammering Stirling Knights 121-68.

Polonia Phoenix and Edinburgh University's Claire Paxton, has joined Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, near Denver. CCU is a NCAA division II side and Paxton will play for them as from start next month. The 19 year old is the daughter of Scotland and British Lions star Iain.

Bowls

Edinburgh Bowling League Division 5 Brunstane caused a major upset when their trio of Ron Semray, Bruce Young and Tom Gallagher landed the Triples title in the ABT Machine Toolssponsored finals played at Hillside, beating Division 1 champions Craigentinny represented by top players Craig McCall, George Johnstone and David Brown 17-4.

Boxing

Edinburgh takes on Glasgow at the Usher Hall on Friday, with eight youth and novice fights then eight elite amateur boxing bouts. Tickets £10 Upper Circle, £15 stalls, £20 Grand Circle and £30 Ringside. Info 07525477330

Hockey – National League September Spectacular – Day 1

Scottish Hockey held their first in a series of National League 'Big Weekend' events at Peffermill this weekend, and The Edinburgh Reporter was there to cover Day 1. The schedule had been reduced to three matches from four, but that still guaranteed a day of top class Scottish club hockey.

First match on the field was Inverleith v AAM Gordonians and it was to be Gordonians who opened the scoring through their No. 9, Babicky. Their No 5, Stewart was green carded for a minor offence with less than 10 minutes on the clock. Gordonians were then to loose Stewart to a yellow card - a second green, before Inverleith pulled one back five minutes before the break, but Gordonians Hamilton scored their second just before the break to make it 2-1 at half time. Gordonians went further ahead just after the break with a second goal from Babicky, Inverleith came close as a deflected shot went over the bar, but with scored with a penalty corner from Adam MacKenzie. Just two minutes were to elapse before Gordonians restored their two goal lead with a spectacular diving effort from Coffey. Gordonians had another player green carded for taking too long at a penalty corner, but the delay didn't faze MacKenzie (pictured) who fired his drag flick into the back of the net for Inverleith's third. Another Gordonians player saw yellow, which gave Inverleith the advantage, but a chance when presented with an open goal went a-begging, before MacKenzie drew the sides level with a penalty flick awarded for a goal line infringement by Gordonians. And that was how it finished, 4-4. Gordonians probably had the edge overall and saw several balls flash across the Inverleith goal, but too

many cards gave the Edinburgh side the opportunity to pull the draw out of the bag.

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Second match on, and the first of the two women's matches was CALA Edinburgh v Western Wildcats. Wildcats were fielding Scotland's Kareena Marshall, but even her class couldn't prevent CALA from dominating most of the 70 minutes and going on to take the win. And they were soon on the scoreboard with an early goal from Emma Watson. CALA continued to press the opposition - dodging a bullet with a goal line clearance on the way - before going two up with a short range effort from Eilidh Thomson. Just before the break, Kerri Smyth added a third to take the half time score to 3-0 in favour of a fairly dominant CALA side. Interestingly, it was Marshall who lead the half time team talk, using her experience to coach and advise how to play CALA in the second half. And it seemed to work, as Western had much more of the game in the second half, and had CALA on the back foot on a number of occasions. However, CALA still retained the upper hand and got close early on but Western were saved by their keeper taking the ball off the defender's stick when she was put through with a defence splitting pass, but a sliding attempt from Emma MacGregor (pictured) a few minutes later found the net. With less than 10 minutes o the clock, Wildcats pulled one back through a Marshall penalty corner, but in spite of both teams having chances, and Western's keeper having a couple of tremendous saves, the final score was to remain 4-1 to CALA

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Two down and one to go as Watsonians faced Grange for the final match of the day. This was to prove a much more evenly balanced match with neither team looking like they were going to run away with the game. Grange were first to score through Lee McNamara after 15 minutes of play. Watsonians scored the next two gaols from Nikki Stobie and Kirsty Hill to take the lead over the visitors, but Emily Renshaw drew the sides level with a goal before half time. Grange drew two gaols ahead in the second half with a goal after seven minutes with their third from Beth Dodds, followed quickly by their fourth from Lorna Cruikshank. 4-2 ahead with most of the half remaining, Grange looked like they were gaining the upper hand over their cross-Edinburgh rivals, but Stobie netted her second of the match with 22 minutes still left on the clock. The remainder of the match was fairly even - although the Grange keeper was able to stand spectating on the edge of her area at times - with both side having chances they were not able to convert. It was looking like a win for Grange, when Watsonians broke upfield, and with two seconds to go, Stobie received a cross ball behind the defence and slammed it past the keeper for her third and Watsonians fourth to give the 'home' side a well deserved draw. Obviously disappointed after the match, the Grange team then had to sit through the coaches post-match dissection, which, the ER reporter having heard a few in the past, was reassuringly positive and didn't dwell on loss of that final goal. well done that man....

With Day 2 looking, unfortunately, like a 'no-show' for the Edinburgh Reporter, it will be reported in next weeks Sports Round-up.

So, does it look as if Scottish Hockey's 'September Spectacular' National League Big Weekend will go on to spawn a major upsurge in the interest in hockey as a sport?

Probably not, given the obsession this country has with football.

However, with top club sides playing at a single venue over a single weekend, with similar off-field back-up as the International side got in the summer, hopefully the SHU can attract some new blood – be that players, officials, admin staff or sponsors – that this tremendous sport deserves to enable it to grow and increase our current position in World

Hockey. Besides, how many other sports are going to deliver three matches of non-stop action and 21 goals in an afternoon?

(Can anyone else guess who the erstwhile hockey player is here folks? Ed.)

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

Learn to drive with Compass ProDrive – two hours for free on offer!

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To recognise our fabulous August visitor numbers we asked some of our contacts to offer our readers something as an Edinburgh Reporter Reward.

Our unique users in August were over 100,000 which is an amazing number of people — and two and a half times the number of people reading our site in January 2013!

Today the Edinburgh Reporter Reward we have on offer is two hours free tuition from driving School <u>Compass ProDrive</u> – for two winners not just one!

What you have to do is send us an email to <u>theedinburghreporter@gmail.com</u> with Edinburgh Reporter Rewards in the subject line giving us the answer Compass ProDrive.

This will tell us that you have read this article and you would like to win today's reward. The winner will be drawn

from the entries received by Saturday 21 September 2013 at 5:00pm.

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At Compass ProDrive they like to do things a little differently and now they have a new car to do it in. Steve Jackson of Compass told us about the sparkly new car:-

"It's a 1.2 litre Vauxhall Corsa and we chose it as it's basically an easy car to drive and an ideal first time car for new drivers. It"s cheap, safe, economical, easy to insure and from a functional perspective very straight forward to get to grips with. Its also spacious for both parties to fit comfortably, and as a result when it comes to technical aspects of driving the visibility is a big plus point.

"I will be driving this particular car, but a second car will be liveried up soon and it will be exactly the same. From a business perspective we both can drive the cars as a fail safe in case one car is out of commission and a test is looming then we will always be able to fulfil our commitments to our pupils.

"The special thing about this car is that it is easy to drive and from a teaching perspective its visibility and space inside was a huge plus factor plus Vauxhall gave us the best deal!

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Five things you need to know today

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Horrid History at Roseburn Park today – Rush to the Cameo today – Last chance to see Jupiter Artland this year – Tea and chocolate tasting at Eteaket – Arthunter App

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On a weekend when there is no Formula 1 to entertain you enthusiasts the only answer is to go and see Rush at the Cameo. A biopic about the rivalry between Lauda and Hunt, directed by Ron Howard, it has all the makings of a great Sunday afternoon!

Booking details for all four showings at the Cameo here.

Jupiter Artland is an award-winning contemporary sculpture
garden, just outside Edinburgh. Home to very special works by
many leading artists and sculptors.
Jupiter is open from mid May until mid September - and that
means it will be closing its gates today until 2014. Last
chance to go and see some of the lovely sculpture there.
www.jupiterartland.org

TEA & CHOCOLATE TASTING EVENING

Due to the success of their previous Tea & Chocolate Tasting Evening we will be hosting another on 19 September 2013.

Enjoy tea chat from eteaket tea addict Sarah discussing the history and tasting notes for these eteaket teas before sampling their chocolate counterparts with a chocolate chat from the award winning chocolatier (and creator) Sebastian

Kobelt. We will also have a couple of top secret choccies that never quite made the final selection for you to taste and some rather special twists on chocolate-tea.

If you can't make it don't panic! You can get hold of their <u>tea infused chocolates</u> or even a cheeky little <u>Chocolate</u> <u>Lover gift set</u> in their <u>online shop</u>.

Thursday 19th September 6-7PM

At eteaket, 41 Frederick St Edinburgh £10 per person

Spaces need to be booked with payment on the night. To book your space please contact the lovely people at eteaket by email <u>hello@eteaket.co.uk</u> or 0131 226 1292

The weather today may mean that you need to find something to do indoors. Any of the museums or art galleries in Edinburgh are wonderful (and free!) spaces to pass away a rainy afternoon no matter what your age.

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Football – Heart of Midlothian 1 Celtic 3

SPFL Saturday 14 September 2013 - Tynecastle Stadium

Hearts had won both their previous SPFL fixtures at Tynecastle this season but the acid test of this young Maroons team was always going to be when League Champions Celtic came to Gorgie. So it proved when Neil Lennon's side were too good for an enthusiastic and hard-working Hearts side who nevertheless gave as good as they got in an eventful afternoon at Tynecastle. Celtic manager Neil Lennon recognised how tough this fixture has traditionally been for his side, and, despite the Hoops opening Champions League fixture in Milan next Tuesday, sent out a strong starting eleven. As expected, it was Celtic who had the bulk of the possession in the early stages of the game and Kris Commons had the first real chance but volleyed over from 12 yards when he really should have opened the scoring.

This is not to say Hearts were sitting back and Gary Locke's side looked dangerous on the counter-attack. The impressive Kevin McHattie, restored to the Hearts team following his suspension from the team that lost in Inverness before the international break, almost caught out Celtic keeper Forster with a close range effort. However, the opening goal came at the other end and in somewhat controversial circumstances.

Hearts Jamie Hamill must have felt an overpowering sense of déjà vu when, for the second game running, he was deemed guilty of handball in the penalty area thereby conceding a penalty kick. In Inverness a fortnight ago, Hamill seemed powerless to prevent the ball cannoning off his head — which not only resulted in a penalty kick for Caledonian Thistle but also a red card — ultimately rescinded — for the Hearts man. This time round Stokes' effort cannoned off the unfortunate Hamill's arm. Penalty decreed referee Willie Collum although thankfully common sense prevailed and Hamill remained on the pitch. Commons despatched the penalty and the jeers and catcalls that whistled around Tynecastle from a disbelieving home support told its own story. Afterwards, Celtic manager Neil Lennon remarked he had been as surprised as anyone by the decision to award a penalty kick.

Hearts were seen more as an attacking force in the second half and equalised just before the hour mark when Jason Holt struck a low shot from the edge of the penalty area which evaded Forster to level the score. Tynecastle erupted and having defeated both Hibernian and Aberdeen with huge encouragement from a vociferous home support, one sensed Gary Locke's youngsters could perhaps do it again. However, parity lasted just six minutes when Stokes raced through the Hearts defence to restore the visitors' lead.

Hearts had appeals for a penalty turned down by referee Collum moments later in an incident that didn't look dissimilar to the one which gave Celtic their first half lead. The home side's frustration turned to despair when Celtic wrapped up the three points with four minutes left when new signing Pukki headed home their third goal.

Thus, Hearts unbeaten home record ended but there were many plus points for Gary Locke. The Maroons gave as good as they got for much of the game and although there can be no denying Celtic deserved to win the game, Hearts youngsters can take much encouragement despite having to chase the game after that controversial opening goal.

Hearts: Macdonald; McHattie; Wilson; McGowan; McKay; Hamill; Robinson; Walker; Holt; Paterson; B. King.

Celtic: Forster; Izaguirre; Ambrose; van Dijk; Lustwig; Matthews; Brown; Boerrigter; Ledley; Stokes; Commons.

Referee: Willie Collum

Att: 15,928

Top man: The impressive Kevin McHattie is a player who seems to be much improved this season.

St Johnstone 1-2 Hibernian

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Goals from new striking partners Paul Heffernan and James Collins secured the three points for Hibs against St Johnstone in Perth yesterday, but for the second away game in succession, Pat Fenlon's men had to come from behind for the victory.

Hibs made four changes to the side that drew 0-0 with Ross County last week, with Kevin Thomson returning from suspension, and Paul Heffernan making his first start. Player coach Alan Maybury took the right back spot from Lewis Stevenson who moved to his natural position on the left, replacing the injured Ryan McGivern.

Danny Handling and Owain Tudur Jones were also missing whilst new recruit Abdellah Zoubir was listed amongst the substitutes alongside former St Johnstone striker Rowan Vine.

Former Hibs midfielders David Wotherspoon and Patrick Cregg started for the Saints.

Wotherspoon created an early chance but his left-foot effort went just over the bar from 20 yards then Michael Nelson received a yellow card after pulling back the on-form Saints youngster Stevie May.

Seven minutes later, May displayed the skills which have brought him to the attention of clubs south of the border when he picked the ball up 25 yards out with his back to goal but spun his marker before sending a sensational strike into the bottom corner past Ben Williams.

Hibs responded immediately and keeper Alan Mannus produced am acrobatic save to deny former team-mate Liam Craig, after his free-kick rebounded off thewall.

Ten minutes before the break, Heffernan grabbed his first goal for his new club after Collins' shot was blocked then Scott Robertson struck the rebound off the post before the Irishman tapped in from close range. Robertson almost gave Hibs the lead in time added on at the end of the first half, but he just missed Craig's free kick at the back post.

The Saints started the second half brightly and Murray Davidson fired over after a dangerous cross from Wotherspoon, then another dangerous run by May who showed superb strength to hold off Paul Hanlon before finding Cregg but his firsttime effort was blocked by Nelson on the six-yard line.

A few minutes later, the Easter Road side took a deserved when Craig lifted the ball over the home defence for Collins, who volleyed into the net from a tight angle for his first goal for the club since arriving from Swindon in the transfer window, to the delight of the 1200 travelling supporters behind the goal.

Hibs continued to dominate and Heffernan forced another good save from Mannus, before Fenlon was forced to reshuffle his defence after Stevenson limped off following a bad tackle from Cregg who received a yellow card.

Paul Hanlon was moved to left-back to allow substitute James McPake to partner Michael Nelson in the centre of the defence.

New signing Abdellah Zoubir replaced Collins for the final ten minutes and impressed the Hibs faithful with his trickery, and twice in quick succession caused the Saints defence problems. His cut-back to Craig almost brought about a third goal but the midfielders strike was blocked, but in any case, Hibs held on to take all three points which moved them up the table to sixth.

Afterwards Pat Fenlon said: "I'm delighted. It was a big tree points for us. The second hald performance os the best we have played this season, and we probably deserved to win the game. The first half, there wasn't a lot in it, but the second half I thought we played tremendously well. I'm delighted for the players but we have to keep it going next week with a home win. It wasn't James' (Collins) best game but he worked tremendously hard and he's got a break with the goal and Heffernan's a natural finisher, he's calm in front of goal."

Hibs take on St Mirren at Easter Road next Saturday.

St Johnstone: Mannus, Mackay, Scobbie, Cregg, Wright (Miller 55′), Anderson, MacLean (Fallon 66′), Wotherspoon, Hasselbaink (Edwards 66′), May, Davidson. Substitutes not used: Banks, Millar, McDonald, Easton.

Hibernian: Williams, Hanlon, Nelson, Robertson, Craig (Stanton 90′), Collins (Zoubir 79′), Stevenson (McPake 68′), Taiwo, Maybury, Heffernan, Thomson. Substitutes not used: Murdoch, Vine, Forster, Caldwell.

Referee: Bobby Madden.

Colour tips from Harmony Ridge Designs

☑ We all know about the importance of first impressions, but have you considered that the colours you wear can influence how people perceive you?

As we don't always know what colours suit us best, or what they may be communicating about us, this can affect the success of relationships, both at work and in our personal lives.

Colour also influences buying decisions. A company's choice of marketing and branding colours can either attract you or send you somewhere else.

The same goes for those of us who have a business. The colours we choose to sell our products and services can also make all the difference to the bottom line.

It is vital to choose the right colours for your home, too, to maximise comfort, style, property value or any other interiors objectives.

Most of us are aware of the basics of colour theory: for instance, that blues and greens generally communicate peace and calm and red tends to announce energy and vitality.



But for the most effective outcomes, all colours must be adjusted to the tone and shade that best suits the needs of each individual person, business and home.

To sum up, the right colours can draw people to you, enhancing work and personal relationships. They can also create positive perceptions about your business, which could introduce more new customers. And they can of course enhance your interiors, too, enabling you to create a home that is more comfortable, covetable, or valuable.

Jane Chrumka, interior designer and colour consultant, is director of Harmony Ridge Designs. Further information about

Harmony Ridge Designs is at www.harmonyridgedesigns.co.uk, on Twitter @harmonyridge1 and on Facebook.com/Harmony Ridge Designs

Contact Jane on 0131 556 7171 to book a consultation or a place on her autumn workshops.



New whistleblowing procedure to be trialled by council

The City of Edinburgh Council may agree next week to carry out a pilot of a new whistleblowing hotline to provide staff with a confidential route to raise concerns about wrong-doing, malpractice or any other serious risk to the Council. The council is keen to protect its staff from victimisation and is also keen to ensure that all matters of council business are fully transparent and accountable.

The new arrangements, which are intended to strengthen the Council current governance measures, will allow calls to be handled by an external company, and all concerns logged and reported to the Council's Governance committee.

▼ Vice-Convener of Finance – Bill Cook

Councillor Bill Cook, who leads on HR issues for the Finance committee, said: "This revised policy sets out to help staff play their full role in identifying risk and malpractice. It's critical that staff have the right to raise concerns in the knowledge that they will be taken seriously, that these will be investigated appropriately, and confidentiality will be maintained".

"The members of the Governance committee, which is chaired by an opposition councillor, will play a vital role in this, working with the hotline provider to ensure there is proper scrutiny of the issues brought to its attention."

The hotline provider will decide if a concern is a 'minor/operational' or 'major/significant' whistleblowing' disclosure.

In the case of major or significant concerns, the provider will always be responsible for the investigation and reporting that to the Governance committee. In the case of minor or operational concerns, the provider has the discretion to ask a Council manager investigate and report back to them. Staff will still have the option of reporting concerns to a manager in the Council, who will then be obliged to report that to the hotline provider.

The provider will prepare quarterly and annual summary reports of issues raised and prepare independent investigative and outcome reports on staff disclosures. A full record will be maintained and provided to the Governance committee. Other monitoring reports will be produced for other Council committees and senior managers.

The estimated cost of the scheme per year is £78,000. It is hoped to have the scheme running by early 2014 following a procurement process. The pilot is planned to run for one year with a review after six months. Full details of the proposed scheme are contained in a report to the Council's Finance and Budget committee.

Rugby – Edinburgh Rugby v Newport-Gwent Dragons

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Edinburgh's first home match of the season was against one of last season's fellow strugglers, Newport-Gwent Dragons. In spite of a heavy defeat in the first round, the home side were hopeful of getting their first win under their belts. The first half started well for the Dragons, who were awarded a penalty just two minutes into the match. Duly slotted home by Jason Tovey, the visitors were 3-0 ahead. Ahead for all of three minutes as Edinburgh struck back with one of their own from Harry Leonard to bring the scores level at 3-3.

With the Dragons No. 7, Nic Cudd, being substituted for Toby Faletau, the hosts seemed to gain the upper hand and put the Dragons defence under a bit of pressure. But it was the Dragons who had the next chance to score, but Tovey struck the ball wide, followed a couple of minutes later by Leonard having a shot at goal for Edinburgh, but his attempt fell just short. From the restart Edinburgh got the ball back up into the Dragons half and from a lineout deep in the 22, almost drove the resultant maul over. However, the visitors were deemed to have illegally entered the maul, which lead to the referee issuing a warning to the Dragons. Leonard scored with the resultant kick and 20 minutes in, Edinburgh were 6-3 ahead.

It was around now that the home side began to dominate the scrum, folding the Dragons pack up on numerous occasions, forcing the ref to penalise them for illegal scrummaging.

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With a few minutes of the half remaining, Greg Tonks received the ball out wide on the left and made ground, before being brought down. Edinburgh swung the ball out to the other side from the ruck of the pitch to attack down the left, where Tonks appeared again and, with Nikki Walker, created a bit of space for the forwards to hammer up the middle. Again the maul was pulled up short, and again illegally, which saw the Dragons Lewis Evans off with a yellow for 10 minutes. With a forward off the field and confident of their superiority, Edinburgh choose to take the scrum option, but it all went a bit awry and the Dragons won the penalty. The half ended a minute or so later, still 6-3 to the hosts.

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The break was enlivened by the Edinburgh ground staff charging about the pitch, replacing large swathes of, what had been, pristine, new grass dug up by the feet of the forwards at scrum time. At least it will have another couple of weeks to bed in before the next match.

Edinburgh started the second half where they had left off, pressurising the visitors defence, with young scrum half, Sean Kennedy making a particular nuisance of himself. After being stopped metres short, first on the left wing, then on the right, Tim Visser popped up on the left, and battered his way through a gaggle of defenders to notch up the first try of the match, and his first of the season. Leonard scored the conversion and the home side were a healthy 13 points to 3 ahead.

The Dragons came back strongly, however and it took them less than five minutes to score an answering try on the 58 minute mark from former Edinburgh scrum half, Richie Rees. Tovey added the two points and the Dragons were now just three behind, 13-10. With the game finely balanced, neither side could gain much of an upper hand, and play see-sawed back and forth until, with five minutes to go, the Dragons were awarded another penalty. Tovey stepped up and with an easy swing, drew the sides level. Now it was a case of who would blink first. After a wild drop goal attempt by Leonard with seconds left, all the visitors needed to do was bounce their 22 drop out into touch to end the game. However, the ball was kicked straight into touch, without a bounce and the ref awarded Edinburgh an eightieth minute scrum. Again the Edinburgh scrum went into overdrive and completely destroyed the Dragons, giving the referee no option but to award the penalty. Leonard stepped up and slotted home the kick to give the home side a well deserved, but fortunate victory, 16-13.

A win for Edinburgh with a bit of fortune, but a win all the same. The scrum was the stand-out play for the home side, and it was just the pitch cutting up that stopped them pushing the Dragons all over the place at will. The next home match is on the 27th September against another Welsh side, Llanelli Scarlets.

Scrum to the fore again?

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

Friends of Roseburn Park spending a penny on the loos!

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The council is set to lease the disused toilet block in Roseburn Park to the Friends of Roseburn Park (FoRP) for £1 a year for 25 years.

The plan is that the organisation will then raise £30,000 in grants which will enable them to do up the derelict and unused building to form a community shelter. The Friends will also take over all maintenance liability for the building.

One of the features is to be a new clock on the building which you can see an artist's impression of by clicking <u>here</u>.

A feasibility study was carried out last year for FoRP by Craig Proudfoot of <u>One Foot Square Architecture & Design</u> which you can read in full below. Craig also provided us with the photos today

Feasibility Report a EMAIL VERSION

The community shelter will have disabled toilet facilities for use by the organisation and other local community groups using the park such as scouts or schools.

The council's Economy Committee already approved this idea but it needs the ratification of the Finance Committee to go forward. The Finance Committee meets on Thursday 19 September 2013.

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Heff's first challenge is getting into Hibs' team

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It would have been understandable if Hibs' new signing Paul Heffernan assumed that he would be guaranteed a starting place in a team that has only scored three times in six competitive games this season, however his first few training sessions at the club have convinced him that he will have to fight for his place.

Speaking at the weekly press conference ahead of today's clash with St Johnstone, the former Kilmarnock striker said that he wasn't put off by the Malmo result and believes that the quality of players in the squad should at the very least ensure a top six finish.

He said: "This is a good squad, it should be very competitive in this league, and we should be looking for at least a top six finish. There are no excuses. We have got the players here - now we have to go out and prove it on a Saturday.

"We have four good strikers here now and all of us are capable of scoring goals. Whoever is in the team will have to do enough to make sure the manager can't leave them out. It's all good healthy competition. Even if you are only getting on for the last half an hour, you have got to impress the manager and make sure it's hard to leave you out."

"My first challenge will be to get into the team. Once I do that I'll bring a bit of experience and hopefully get a few goals.

"The team hasn't been scoring a lot of goals recently, but from what I've seen in training we've got good strikers. So I'm sure once we start getting a few good results and our confidence gets up we'll be fine.

"I saw the Malmo result but it wasn't something that put me off coming here. It was very early in the season – it was preseason really. It's hard to judge a team on that because Malmo were a good side who are halfway through their season. It was just one of those nights were everything went for them. That can happen in football, but we can definitely get back to challenging for Europe. We have a squad here that is good enough to be in the top six, but there's no use saying that. You need to prove it on a Saturday."

"This is the time to start judging us now. The window is shut, the players are in. It's time for the talking to stop and for us to start performing on a Saturday. Especially at home, the home form has to improve."

"There is the potential to be a very big club. The training facilities are definitely a step up."

The 31 year old Dubliner admitted that the move to Easter Road was unexpected to say the least, so much so that he didn't even get the chance to say goodbye to his former team-mates.

"It did come out of the blue. I didn't expect it at all. I had the rest of the season left at Kilmarnock and I hadn't thought about leaving. I hadn't spoken to the manager about leaving. I didn't know anything about it until I spoke to my agent and he said that he had spoken to the chairman and he had said they were willing to let me go for free. That's when he started making phone calls to Hibs and other clubs. That's how it happened, but it's worked out well for me. I've signed a twoyear deal at a bigger club and I'm delighted.

"It was a strange way to end. I had two great years there. But that's what happens sometimes when a new manager comes in. Maybe he wanted to use my wages to get some other players in, I don't know. "I didn't even have time to say goodbye to people. I literally went home from training on the Thursday thinking I would be back in the next day.

"Then I was told to be at Hibs on the Friday for a medical if I was interested – and of course I was. I've enjoyed the training, the lads have been great and I'm looking forward to some games now."

Pat Fenlon will have to juggle his team once again, with influential captain James McPake and right back Tim Clancy doubtful, whilst Ryan McGivern, Danny Handling and Paul Cairney definitely out. Kevin Thomson will also miss the game through suspension.

Five things you need to know today

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Doors Open Day – Spa Discount at The Scotsman – Books are my Bag – Alternatives to the housing bubble – Samaritan's Purse

There is more to Doors Open Day on 28 & 29 September than just the possibility of visiting some otherwise private buildings around the city. There is a whole selection of talks and walks taking place during the week 23-27 September 2013 too. Full details here:-

DOD 2013 Edinburgh Programme

The Scotsman Hotel and Spa are offering 35% discount off all

treatments and products until 31^{st} October giving you the perfect opportunity to treat yourself to a fantastic day of 5-star pampering.

The Scotsman Spa & Health Club offers over 30 luxuriant treatments for both men and women. These range from massage therapy and manicures... to facials, hydrotherapy and invigorating scrubs.

Subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with any other packages or offers.

To book, please call our Spa reception on 0131 622 3800 or email <u>spa-reception@thescotsmanhotel.co.uk</u>.

Please see here for a full list of the treatments at The Scotsman Hotel Spa – <u>http://scotsmanspa.com/spa-treatments</u>

The Edinburgh Bookshop wants you to go and join them this Saturday when, like bookshops all across the UK, they will be throwing a Big Bookshop Party to celbrate the launch of Books Are My Bag – a nationwide campaign that will celebrate books and high street bookshops. They explained:-

BOOKS ARE MY BAG is a collaboration between publishers, bookshops and authors and is the biggest ever promotion of books and high street booksellers . We know how much you love to come into the shop, browse the shelves, talk to the staff and find hidden treasures. This weekend is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate this unique experience, come together and share their love of books.

As a special thank you — we will be giving **free**, iconic **BOOKS ARE MY BAG bags** away with every purchase this weekend.



There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 18 September, 7.30pm at Summerhall.

Edinburgh Greens are hosting a talk by Tim Jenkins of the new economics foundation, looking at sustainable alternatives to the austerity/house price bubble approach of the current government.

Further details
here: http://www.edinburghgreens.org.uk/site/events/what-sort
-of-economy-for-our-future/

After delivering their 100 millionth shoebox last year, Samaritan's Purse is calling for help from churches, schools, businesses and individuals across Edinburgh and Mid Lothian to bring joy to another one million children this Christmas.

After 23 years, the global efforts of Operation Christmas Child have enabled Samaritan's Purse to surpass their goal of reaching 100 million needy children in 156 countries. Now the charity is hoping to send another 100 million shoeboxes within the next ten years.

Last year, in the depths of an on-going economic crisis, supporters of OCC in the UK contributed nearly one million shoeboxes for needy children around the globe. Now, with 'green shoots of recovery' emerging, Samaritan's Purse Area Coordinator for Edinburgh and Mid Lothian June Vasey is asking for help to continue this great work:

"We're so thankful that despite such challenging times people from a wide range of communities throughout Edinburgh and Mid Lothian generously contributed gift-filled shoeboxes and helped us deliver our 100 millionth shoebox last year. As international aid continues to be impacted by the global economic crisis, now more than ever the most vulnerable children around the world desperately need to know someone cares for them."

There are many ways people across Edinburgh and Mid Lothian can get involved this year:

Individuals and organisations, such as churches, schools and workplaces, can wrap and pack shoeboxes with gifts. Organisations can open their doors to the public and be 'drop off points' for people to take their gift-filled shoeboxes to

People able to drive can volunteer as drivers to collect shoeboxes from 'drop off points' and take to local processing centres. Other people can volunteer to check and seal shoeboxes in processing centres and pack cartons

To make it easier to get hold of shoeboxes, Operation Christmas Child can now provide decorative 'GO' boxes, available flat-packed in cases of 100. These boxes can not only be used by individuals finding it difficult to find shoeboxes, but they can also be shared with their friends, families and work colleagues — anyone who has a heart for children!

Samaritan's Purse UK Executive Director Simon Barrington concluded: "Reaching 100 million is a wonderful outpouring of generosity up and down the country. Times are hard in the UK, many people are finding things tough, but there are children who live in the poorest of situations, in refugee camps, and in orphanages, who have nobody to care for them, who've never received a gift in their whole life. So we're asking people to be generous once more."

Find out how you can be part of this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign go to:

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk for instructions on how to complete a gift-filled shoebox in time for the November 18th deadline.



NHS Lothian investigate four cases of Legionella longbeachae linked to compost

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NHS Lothian say that the risk to the wider public from Legionella longbeachae is low as four cases linked to gardening compost are currently being investigated. Two patients are currently being treated in intensive care in hospital, while two others have been discharged from hospital. The age range of the victims is between 62-84.

Legionella longbeachae can be found in potting mixes, compost heaps and composted animal manures. The bacteria can remain on hands contaminated by handling potting mix for periods of up to one hour , but can be readily removed from the hands by washing. The risk of Legionella infection is not limited to gardeners, but the use of potting mixes, composts and other soils puts them at greater risk.

Symptoms of Legionella longbeachae include headaches, diarrhoea or a dry cough followed by pneumonia. Most people recover after treatment with antibiotics however those with underlying medical problems are more vulnerable.

The exact way in which Legionella longbeachae infection is passed from compost to people, is not currently known but is assumed to be through breathing in very small dust particles or very small drops of contaminated water. It is not transmitted from person to person.

Dr Richard Othieno, Consultant in Public Health and Chair of the Incident Management Team, NHS Lothian said: "This type of Legionella is quite rare in that unlike other strains it has never been identified in man-made water systems, like cooling towers.

"We are working with experts to trace the source of the infection and samples of the compost have been sent for testing.

"We know that each of the four cases are keen gardeners and had purchased different products containing compost prior to acquiring the infection.

"Gardening is a healthy hobby but there are risks and it is important that people take some simple precautions when working in their garden or with gardening products.

"I would like to add further reassurance that the risk to the wider public is low."

There is no link between the current cases and the outbreak of Legionella pneumophila in south west Edinburgh in 2012.

Below is some helpful information for anyone handling garden mixes (bagged or unbagged) such as potting mix, mulches, composts and garden soils:

Read and follow any manufacturers' instructions on the bag, open any compost or potting mix bags carefully, if possible using a blade, wear gloves when handling compost, keep the door open in greenhouses or sheds when potting-up plants or filling hanging baskets, wear a mask if the air is dusty, particularly indoors, wash hands immediately after use of compost, if you are going to smoke while gardening, please wash your hands before doing so.

Rot-Weiss Essen 0-4 Hibernian 14 September 1955

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On this day in 1955, Hibs made history by becoming the first

British football team to play in Europe.

The European Champion Club's Cup was the brainchild of Gabriel Hanot, editor of L'Équipe, and eighteen teams who were considered to be able to generate interest across the continent, as well as having the floodlights necessary to play midweek games were invited to participate.

Hibs were well known throughout Europe due to regular summer tours, and although they only finished in fifth position the previous season, the club were Scotland's chosen representatives. English champions Chelsea were also invited, but declined following 'advice' from the Football League secretary Alan Hardaker.

In addition to Hibs, Milan (Italy), AGF Aarhus (Denmark), Anderlecht (Belgium), Djurgården (Sweden), Gwardia Warszawa (Poland), Partizan (Yugoslavia), PSV (Netherlands), Rapid Wien (Austria), Real Madrid (Spain), Rot-Weiss Essen (West Germany), Saarbrücken (Saar), Servette (Switzerland), Sporting CP (Portugal), Stade de Reims (France), and Vörös Lobogó (Hungary) all agreed to participate.

The Easter Road side were drawn against German champions Rot-Weiss Essen, with the first leg to be played in Germany, and Hibs' legend Eddie Turnbull was the hero, scoring two and making another in the historic 4-0 victory.

The game was played in heavy rain which turned the pitch into a quagmire, but the conditions didn't worry the Hibs players who piled on the pressure from the kick off, although it took until the 35th minute before the breakthrough occurred, when Turnbull, renowned for his powerful shot, hammered the ball past German international goalkeeper, 'The Black Panthar' Fritz Herkenrath, to the delight of over 1000 Scottish soldiers who were stationed in the country, amongst the crowd.

Just before the goal, Herkenrath had demonstrated his ability

by tipping a well struck Willie Ormond effort just over the bar.

Rot-Weiss had a chance to equalise a few minutes later, but outside right Roehrig shot wide, before Turnbull added his second just before half-time with a fine solo effort, beating several defenders then slotting the ball into the net.

Eleven minutes after the break, Hibs made it three after a fine Turnbull pass found Lawrie Reilly who scored one of his best ever goals, running through the Essen defence from the half way line before calmly dispatching the ball past Herkenrath from close range.

The Germans had the chance to pull one back during a rare attack but Arbotmelt shot wide of the post from a good position.

Ormond sealed the win with eight minutes remaining.

Following the game, one of the German national newspapers said: "Last night the Hibernian team from Scotland gave the greatest display by a British team since the war."

The result takes on an even greater significance as Germany had only recently won the World Cup and Essen right winger Helmut Rahn had scored two goals in the final.

The second leg took place on October 12 and Hibs had to play without three of their best players, Gordon Smith, Lawrie Reilly and goalkeeper Tommy Younger were stranded at fog bound London Airport after returning from Copenhagen where the trio had starred in the Scottish League's 4-0 win over the Danish League, a game which remarkably took place two days before the return fixture. In fact they had played seven games in 16 days, so the rest probably did them no harm, although Smith tried to charter a plane from London, but was put off by the cost and the fact that Hibs' Chairman Harry Swan would be unlikely to stump up the money. As it turned out, the team managed fine without them, and over 30,000 took their place on the Easter Road terracings to watch the game, with Smith's replacement John Buchanan scoring Hibs' goal in a 1-1 draw, although according to the Daily Record the following day, the score-line flattered the Germans. The match report read: "Don't let the score give you any wrong ideas. Hibs should have wiped the floor with this German team, but the powder puff Germans had about as much punch as ginger pop."

Buchanan's goal was a fantastic effort which was even applauded by the opposition players. Turnbull played a neat one-two with Mulkerrin, took the return pass and slipped the ball to Ormond who sent in an inch perfect cross which Buchanan met perfectly from four yards.

Abromsil grabbed a late equaliser, but Hibs progressed to the next round with a 5-1 aggregate win.

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Lawrie Reilly recalled the first game in his book ' The Life and Times of Last Minute Reilly.' He wrote: "There was no lack of motivation in our ranks as it was only ten years since the end of World War II. We were quite happy to accept that the war was over and we had to make a new beginning. Eddie Turnbull had served in the navy and my own uncle Laurence, whom I was named after had been killed in World War I. So we may not have been bearing old grudges, but we were harbouring poignant memories and were, shall we say, very keen to win and win well.

"As the game progressed, we began to realise that we were a far superior side to Essen. Players like Gordon Smith, Eddie Turnbull, Willie Ormond and myself began to look at each other and say "We are better than this tea, why are we holding back? Let's go for it. We threw caution to the wind, took control of the game and won convincingly 4-0." Hibs beat Djurgården in the next round, and also created history by playing the first European game in Glasgow, as the Swedes were forced to play their 'home tie' at Firhill due to adverse weather conditions in Sweden.

Despite a plucky performance, Hibs lost to Stade de Reims in the semi-final, although many football supporters who saw the Famous Five at their peak believe that had the tournament been launched a few years earlier, the first name on the famous trophy would have been Hibernian.

Colourist paintings sold in Edinburgh this week

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Paintings by leading members of the Scottish Colourists performed strongly at the Scottish Pictures sale in Edinburgh this week.

Cassis, the White Villa, by Francis Cadell was sold for £163,250 and another scene of the same French town Street in Cassis by Samuel Peploe achieved the same price. Cadell and his fellow Colourists spent many years in France and provide the most direct link between British art and the revolutionary artistic developments on the Continent in the early 1900s.

Works by Peploe were particularly popular with collectors. *Still Life with Crock* was bought for £142,250; *Les Jardins du Luxembourg* for £91,250 and *Haystack* for £46,850. Another picture by Cadell, *The Sound of Iona*, sold for £94,850.

All these paintings were part of an important and comprehensive collection of Scottish Art amassed over 20 years by a private collector in Canada.

Elsewhere in the sale a beautiful canvass from the 1940s by Anne Redpath, *Mixed Flowers in a Spotted Jug*, sold for £82,850 far exceeding its estimate of £40,000- 60,000. ▼

The Fabulous Baker Boys – The Greatest Strikers Scotland Never Had

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The eagerly anticipated book, 'The Fabulous Baker Boys — The Greatest Strikers Scotland Never Had 'by Tom Maxwell , highlighting the lives of two brothers Joe and Gerry Baker who lit up the terraces at Easter Road over 50 years ago will be available from Monday.

The pair scored over 200 goals in the green and white jersey, and but for outdated eligibility rules at the time, could have changed the course of football history had they been allowed to play in the dark blue of Scotland.

The mere mention of Joe Baker's name evokes countless fantastic memories amongst those fortunate enough to have seen him play, and few would argue that he was one of the finest footballers ever to grace the Scottish game. Four goals against Hearts at Tynecastle as a 17 year old, goals against European giants Barcelona and Roma and nine against Peebles Rovers in the Scottish Cup immediately spring to mind, but those too young to have witnessed the great man at his peak need only look at the record books: 141 goals in 160 games and five England caps as a teenager whilst playing for Hibs demonstrates his talent.

His performances caught the attention of Italian sides, and

coincidentally, after leaving Easter Road for Torino for a record transfer fee, Joe's position was taken by his older brother Gerry who also knew the route to goal, scoring an impressive 43 goals in 83 games, and whilst he probably never received the adulation of his sibling, there was no jealousy, only mutual pride in each other's achievements.

Gerry started his career with Chelsea before returning to Scotland and joined hometown club Motherwell then St Mirren where he gained immortality by scoring in the 1959 Scottish Cup win over Aberdeen, which amazingly is the only senior trophy won by either brother.

There is much more to this story than their goal-scoring exploits however. Although both were brought up in Lanarkshire, neither was able to represent their beloved Scotland.

Liverpool-born Joe became the first man to make his England debut having never played in the English league and only narrowly missed being part of Alf Ramsey's squad for the 1966 World Cup.

Many observers speculate that had been eligible to play for Scotland at that time then the dark blues may well have qualified for the tournament where they would have been a match for anyone.

US-born brother Gerry was the first top-flight European footballer to turn out for the USA, although his goals failed to secure a place in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico.

The Fabulous Baker Boys is a unique tale of Scotland's most celebrated sporting siblings and contains exclusive interviews with the likes of Denis Law, Lawrie Reilly, John Robertson (Nottingham Forest), Alex Young, Pat Stanton, Bob Wilson, Ron Flowers and George Eastham.

Today, the Edinburgh Reporter talks to Tom about what inspired

him to embark on this project and the memories he has taken from it.

He said: "I first came across the name Joe Baker while working as a sub editor at the Evening News. Hibs were playing Barcelona in a friendly at Murrayfield and the newspaper did a piece on Joe. I asked a journalist, David Hardie, about him, and he told me that Joe had scored 100 goals for Hibs before he was 21, had played for England as a teenager. Not only that, but he had a brother, Gerry who played for America.

"I thought that this was an incredible story and that set me on my way. I discovered that Gerry was still alive and managed to get in touch with him through the Motherwell former players association and I managed to get in touch with Joe's son Colin through Wishaw Golf Club and we all met up, along with Joe's daughter Nadia. I started the interviews about two years ago and finished in January this year, so the whole process took about 18 months.

"What was very important to me was that I spoke to at least one player from each of the clubs the brothers played for and from their international teams as well. Some of the bigger names included Lawrie Reilly, Pat Stanton, Tommy Preston, John Fraser and Jimmy O'Rourke from Hibs, Denis Law who played with Gerry at Manchester City and then with Joe at Torino, Hearts players Gordon Marshall and Alex Young, Doug Moran from Ipswich, George Eastham and Bob Wilson from Arsenal, Ian Storey-Moore and John Robertson from Nottingham Forest and Dennis Tuart and Jim Montgomery from Sunderland. There are also contributions from England legends such as Sir Bobby Charlton and Ron Flowers.

"From the USA, I spoke to Gordon Jago who was the assistant manager and Willy Roy who was a German-born striker who played alongside Gerry, and Bob Gansler, a Hungarian-born defender who subsequently managed the USA when they eventually did qualify for the World Cup in 1990." Given the fact that Joe was a world-class footballer and although Gerry had a fine career on both sides of the border, he never reached the heights of his younger brother, so it would be understandable if there was some envy, however Tom insists that was not the case.

He continued: "Gerry was a fantastic person, and any time I spoke to him he seemed to be laughing. That's the most apt description I can give of him. He always seemed to have a smile on his face and was a very genuine happy-go-lucky person.

"Any time Gerry spoke about Joe, it was always in glowing terms. He was Joe's biggest fan, and Colin said that the feeling was mutual. There was no rivalry between them at all. Ironically, although Joe was considered to be the better player, it was Gerry who enjoyed Scottish Cup success, and amazingly Joe never won a trophy, and must be one of the greatest players never to do so.

"Gerry started his career with Chelsea although he only played one first team game, but he said that he spent most of his time in the youth team passing the ball to Jimmy Greaves to score then, when he moved to Motherwell, he spent most of his time passing to Ian St John.

"It was only when he moved to St Mirren that his career took off, scoring in the Scottish Cup final win against Aberdeen then scoring 10 in a cup tie against Glasgow University.

"Amazingly, a year later Joe scored nine in the same competition against Peebles Rovers, and Tommy Preston told me that the crowd were getting on his back because he wasn't shooting, but instead kept trying to feed Joe and get him up to ten goals to match his brother. It didn't quite happen in the end — much to Gerry's delight!

"Gerry told me that he and Joe had the greatest affection for Hibs and had both been big fans of the Famous Five. He knew that he had done a really good job at Easter Road. Although he hadn't reached a Cup final like Joe did, he did score the goals which saved the club from relegation."

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Whilst Tom was able to glean much information from Gerry and his family, much of Joe's career was covered anecdotally, although detailed research ensured that his life is covered in full.

Tom explained: "Because I had access to vast amounts of newspaper cuttings, I was able to take quotes from Joe from throughout his career and although he passed away in October 2003, his voice is very much heard throughout the book.

"Apart from being a prolific goal-scorer, the main thing that makes Joe stand out was the fact that he played for England while at Hibs, and for England to give him that chance was amazing. He should really have had more caps. He made his debut against Northern Ireland, replacing Brian Clough in the line-up. He scored the first goal and made the second in a 2-1 win.

"Gerry was at the game and told me he was sitting next to a couple of English guys who were saying 'Why have they picked a bloody Scotsman for England instead of Brian Clough?' A few minutes later, Joe cracked the ball into the net from 20 yards and Gerry, who had been biting his tongue, said to them: 'That's why they picked a Scotsman for England!'

"Joe then played in the next four games but didn't score and lost his place. But he was in Alf Ramsey's very first squad in 1963, although he didn't play until 1965 when he again scored against Northern Ireland in a 2-1 victory, playing insideright as Jimmy Greaves was injured. His next game was against Spain. Ramsey played his famous 'Wingless Wonder' 4-3-3 formation. Joe scored the first goal in a 2-0 win but England tore them apart. It was after this game that Ramsey said he truly believed England could win the World Cup, which goes to show that Joe was very much part of the manager's plans even at that stage.

"Eventually when the 66 World Cup squad was announced, Joe wasn't picked but he was very close."

Although Joe was clearly proud to have represented England, he considered himself to be a Scot having been brought up in Motherwell, and fans can only speculate about the difference his presence in the Scotland team of the mid-Sixties would have made.

Tom continued: "Joe said that he would have loved to play for Scotland, not least because he would have played a lot more games. Denis Law told me that Scotland wouldn't have been a good team with Joe Baker in it...they would have been a great team. That says it all.

"Joe had actually played twice for Scotland Schoolboys, scoring in a 5-2 win over Wales then scoring both goals in a 2-2 draw with England that was played in front of 40,000 people at Goodison Park. At that stage, he was under the impression that he could play for Scotland and it was one of his teachers who told him that he could not do so. He described that experience as having the rug pulled from under his feet.

"These days you can qualify for international teams through birth, marriage, grandparents and education, but none of this was open to Gerry or Joe, yet when Gerry made his debut for the USA against Canada in 1968, he was only one of only three players who had actually been born in the country as it was only the Home Nations which had this strict rule about a player's birthplace."

Returning to a former club is never easy, and over the years, a few reputations have suffered, however this was not the case when Joe returned to Hibs in January 1971. He made an immediate impact, scoring an impressive eight times in 15 games before the end of the season, and he remained a fans' favourite long after he retired. Tom explained: "Joe was a bit concerned about returning to Easter Road because, after a successful career at Arsenal and Nottingham Forest, the goals had started to dry up a bit, especially during his unhappy spell at Sunderland, but when he went back to Hibs it seemed to give him a new lease of life. His first game back was against Eddie Turnbull's Aberdeen who had not lost a goal in the previous 12 games, but Joe scored in a famous 2-1 win in front of 23,000 fans."

Injury hampered his second spell at Easter Road, and Joe's last game for his beloved Hibs was in a 1-1 draw with Rangers at Hampden in the Scottish Cup semi-final. He subsequently spent two seasons at Raith Rovers before hanging up his boots.

Joe's involvement with Hibs did not end there, however, and he was a popular match-day host for several years, but many younger fans remember his involvement at the 'Hands off Hibs' rally at Easter Road following the abortive takeover by Hearts' Chairman Wallace Mercer.

Tom concluded: "If there was one moment that defined what it meant to Hibs fans not to lose their club, it was when Joe kissed the turf at Easter Road and I think that really captured the feeling.

"Writing this book has been a fantastic experience, I have really loved it. Unfortunately Gerry passed away a few weeks before it was due to be published, but he had read the manuscript and really enjoyed it. I hope this book serves as a fitting tribute to him and to Joe."

Author Tom Maxwell was born in Edinburgh, was brought up in Berwick-upon-Tweed and became a lifelong fan of Berwick Rangers, the subject of his first book: The Lone Rangers – An English Club's Century in Scottish Football (2011). A freelance journalist based in East Lothian, Tom's work has been widely published, particularly in The Times, The Scotsman and The Edinburgh Evening News. The Lone Rangers was critically acclaimed in the media and by sports fans – Phil Shaw, writing in Backpass, described it as 'A strong contender for best football book of the year'.

The Fabulous Baker Boys, published by Birlinn, is available from all good bookshops and online from September 19.

Edinburgh hairdressers get an award for their salon design

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"Edinburgh's Ruffians is the Best in Business"

Last night, the very best of British hairdressing business talent gathered at the Lancaster London Hotel to celebrate those who continually push the industry forward and Edinburgh's Ruffians was named a winner at HJ's British Hairdressing Business Awards. Collecting the award for Salon Design they were delighted to have been selected by a panel of respected business associates and industry leaders as the winner in their chosen discipline.

The black tie ceremony, which kick starts the hairdressing industry's award season was hosted by HJ's Publishing Director, Jayne Lewis-Orr and celebrity host Dave Berry. Jayne commented:-"The standard of entries this year was truly impressive and I know the judges had a tough job deciding the winners, but I am confident that through our strict and confidential process, the right salon rose to the top. Ruffians should be incredibly proud of their achievement."

A Champagne reception and formal dinner preceded the awards ceremony and when announced as the 2013 British Hairdressing Business Awards Salon Design, Ruffians were invited to the stage to say a few words and collect their exclusive, British Hairdressing Business Awards trophy inlaid with 18ct gold.

Andrew Cannon of Ruffians said:- "We're delighted and honoured to win such a prestigious national award, gaining recognition from the industry-leading judges is fantastic! Ruffians has been created for the men, by men, we have designed a barbershop that uses the heritage of barbering, with a modern and innovative industrial-style interior and first class service. We focus on the customer, their style, individually and personality to give them the haircuts, shaves, products and service they want and deserve. To do this we believed that we needed to create a space that was unique to our Ruffians personality and style – we feel we have created that exact environment and are proud that it has now won national praise at the British Hairdressing Business Awards."

Seatbelt Day of Action nets 378 offences throughout Scotland

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During Police Scotland's 24 hour Seatbelt Day of Action initiative on Wednesday/Thursday, officers throughout the country focused on ensuring that vehicle occupants were wearing their seatbelts. 378 offences were detected and those caught were issued with a fixed penalty ticket, which attracts a £100 fine.

This initiative is part of Police Scotland's commitment to reducing road casualties and is also part of a wider European initiative to highlight the absolute need to wear a seatbelt whilst travelling in a vehicle.

A female driver was stopped in Arbroath when it was observed she was not wearing her seatbelt and it was found that her children were also unrestrained. Officers then discovered she was a provisional licence holder and did not have L-plates displayed or a qualified accompanying driver.

Also in Fife, a lorry driver was stopped for not wearing his seatbelt and officers discovered that the vehicle was being driven without a valid policy of insurance.

Inspector Grant Edward from Police Scotland said: "Wearing seatbelts saves lives. If you are involved in a collision wearing one will reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury by 50%. In addition many of the other life saving features in a vehicle such as Airbags are designed around the occupants wearing their seatbelts. So it is vitally important that everyone who is travelling in a vehicle wears their seatbelts otherwise the effectiveness of these life-saving devices is severely reduced.

"It is very disappointing to see so many motorists caught not wearing their seatbelt during the initiative and I'm sure they will be feeling the impact of the £100 fine.

"More importantly they have placed themselves at greater risk of injury and I would urge everyone to consider the implications of not wearing a seatbelt. Officers across Scotland will continue to ensure that everyone is adhering to legislation and wearing their seatbelts as part of our ongoing commitment to keeping people safe on Scotland's roads."

New John Muir Way to bring jobs to West Lothian

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A new study estimates that over 207,000 users of the John Muir Way will create or secure over 170 jobs and pump £3.9 million into the West Lothian economy over five years.

The new long distance route will open on 21st April 2014 – which marks both the Scots-born naturalist's birthday and the centenary of his death. It's anticipated that more than 9,000 walkers, cyclists and horse riders will complete the 134-mile route from Helensburgh to Muir's birthplace in Dunbar in the first year.

Over 2,700 of the many businesses along the route already provide trail-related services and are set to benefit such as cafes, pubs, bed and breakfasts, and hotels. But the route is also creating a host of new business opportunities for new services from baggage transfer, trail taxis and horse transfers, through to maps and guides.

A John Muir Way economic impact study has estimated that 130 jobs will be created or safeguarded in the first 12 months rising to over 1,000 jobs over five years with £42 million of economic benefit for local businesses.

Visit West Lothian Chair Person, James Bailey said: -"The John Muir Way should lead to an increase in visitors staying in the local area which will be a welcome addition for businesses. "Along the route walkers will be able to spot some of West Lothian's magnificent historic properties including Hopetoun House and House of the Binns. The Way will take them into historic Linlithgow which offers a fantastic range of good quality accommodation, restaurants and bars making it an ideal stop off point or overnight stay. We are really looking forward to seeing the economic benefits this route will bring."

The John Muir Way is a flagship project of the Central Scotland Green Network which is being developed by Scottish Natural Heritage. It is anticipated that there will be £3 million of direct expenditure in the first year, with this set to rise to over £25 million over five years.

Ron McCraw of SNH, explained:- "One of terrific things about the John Muir Way is that it runs through so many communities with attractions and services. So walkers, cyclists and horse riders can stop off for a cup of tea, have lunch or stay overnight quite easily throughout West Lothian and along other parts of the route. This is a great benefit to both those using the Way and businesses along the route."

Keith Geddes, Chair of the Central Scotland Green Network Partnership Board, commented: -"Supporting the local economy was a key part of the plans to create the John Muir Way and we are focused on supporting both existing enterprises as well as attracting inward investment and new businesses to the area.

"We are confident that the route will have a positive impact on the local economy and will increase tourism and support rural communities."

For further information about the John Muir Way please contact johnmuirway@snh.gov.uk

Submitted by Scottish Natural Heritage

Newbattle Abbey College students honoured at annual Awards Ceremony

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Newbattle Abbey College held its 2013 annual Awards Ceremony on 7 September 2013. The event, which was held in the college's Drawing Room, honoured the many students who have successfully completed the Arts and Humanities Access Course and those who have gained a National Certificate in Rural Skills.

Ann Southwood, Principal of Newbattle Abbey College, said:-"The Awards Ceremony held at Newbattle on Saturday was a huge success. Each of our students has taken a decision to return to education and improve their situation or fulfil a long held ambition, often facing challenges along the way. We really enjoyed celebrating their significant achievements with them."

The one-year Arts and Humanities Access course is run in conjunction with the Scottish Wider Access Programme, which aims to support adults in progressing onto higher education. The residential course allows students to study a wide variety of different subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Politics, History, Philosophy, Creative Writing and Core Skills to prepare them for entry into further education. Over 75% of students who complete the course go on to progress to higher education programmes each year. Several former students who have since gone on to graduate from university were invited to the Awards Ceremony to serve as an inspiration to current students. Annie Hendry, who recently obtained a 2:1 honours degree in Sociology from the University of Edinburgh after leaving Newbattle Abbey College in 2008, attended the event. The graduate, who is already in employment, said: -"It was really lovely to have been invited back to this year's Awards Ceremony. I really enjoyed my time there and found it really prepared me for going on to study at university. After leaving school at 16, I honestly didn't think I'd be able to go to university so was really pleased when I found out about Newbattle and the fantastic access courses they offer."

As 'Scotland's Adult Education Residential College', Newbattle Abbey College aims to give people aged 19 and older, especially those with few or no formal qualifications, a second chance at education.

Submitted by <u>Writer</u>

Creative Scotland funding makes craft workshop and gallery a reality

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The UK's first multi-disciplinary craft workshop, gallery and shop will launch in Edinburgh next month thanks to five figure funding from Creative Scotland.

Edinburgh Contemporary Crafts (ECC) provides access to high quality workshop facilities for new and established makers plus gallery space and a range of exciting craft courses available to the public. The Creative Scotland funding of up to £14,917, made available through its Small Capital Programme to assist in the improvement of facilities across Scotland, will enable ECC to provide permanent workshop space with tools and equipment for designer makers; create the gallery space, and expand the public craft course programme.

The new ECC gallery – named 'Cabinet' – will exhibit and sell the best of Scottish contemporary craft, including a selection from around the UK, as well as enabling makers to showcase their work to those interested in buying and collecting contemporary craft.

Cabinet officially opens at the Winter Show launch being held from 6.30-9pm on Thursday 17 October 2013.

Louise Smith, who established ECC in 2011, said:- "The Creative Scotland funding is obviously fantastic news as it enables us to finish off the workshops and provide much needed craft facilities for new and established designer makers. It also means we can complete our new gallery Cabinet which will sell high quality contemporary crafts unique to the makers and hold exhibitions throughout the year."

Thanks to over 1000 volunteer hours, the ECC premises on Blair Street, in Edinburgh's Old Town, have been restored to their former glory. The workshop space now provides courses in screen printing, illustration, crafted textiles, book binding, dressmaking, jewellery and upholstery – which opened to the public in June – with the second round of courses kicking off later this month.

Louise added:- "This has all been possible thanks to the Creative Scotland funding and a group of really hard-working volunteers who've been able to turn their hands to many things. It's been exhausting but a lot of fun and already you can feel the creative energy as everyone begins to move in and the workshops fill up." Leonie Bell, Acting Director of Creative Development at Creative Scotland, said:- "Edinburgh Contemporary Crafts is a vibrant, developing centre for creating and learning about craft. It's great that with this support they are enhancing the facilities and opportunities they offer to both makers and members of the public."

All those involved in running Edinburgh Contemporary Crafts are practicing makers who are passionate about their craft, enjoy teaching, and believe that craft can be a catalyst for social and personal change. The move to Blair Street has helped to support new and established makers and aims to encourage public appreciation and enjoyment of quality Scottish craft.

Before and after pictures of the renovation are available to view here: http://www.edinburghcontemporarycrafts.co.uk/renovations.html

Edinburgh Contemporary Crafts

• ECC provides a multi-disciplinary workshop which supports new and established makers and encourages collaboration and innovation while developing a thriving craft community

• ECC engages all areas of the community through courses, projects and membership while promoting public appreciation of craft through a permanent gallery and shop and a changing exhibition programme

 For further information on courses visit: <u>http://www.edinburghcontemporarycrafts.co.uk/coursebooking.htm</u>
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Draft budget laid out by Capital Coalition today

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The Capital Coalition's draft budget will be considered at the Finance and Budget Committee next Thursday, 19 September 2013.

The fundamental principle behind the budget for 2014/15 is to ensure that the books are balanced but that no frontline services are cut. Councillor Alasdair Rankin who is the Finance Convenor said that he is keen for people in Edinburgh to have their say on the draft budget in the consultation which will run from the date of the meeting next week till 20 December 2013. Councillor Rankin also pointed out that this is yet another one year budget in a four year framework, and has to be seen in context of all the savings which need to be made, but he also pointed out that the consultation last year did mean that the council made some changes to the way they spent money. In the current year the council has doubled the amount of money spent on roads and has also spent money on schools and a care home. He admitted that this budget is one based on political priorities but said:-"We want to communicate the council's financial position so that people have a better understanding of what we are trying to do. "

Councillor Alasdair Rankin, continued: - "All local authorities

are facing considerable pressure on their budgets due to reduced central government funding, changing demographics such as a rising birth rate and people living longer, and the pressures of the UK economy. We also need to consider the emerging impacts of welfare reform.

"Despite these challenges Edinburgh's Capital Coalition has clearly set out where it wants to focus its spending next year and it will prioritise spend and investment in the core areas set out in the Coalition pledges We are committed to protecting frontline services and maintaining investment in areas which will provide more support for our most vulnerable residents.

"This includes more support for older people as well as improving schools, nurseries and facilities and services for children like foster carers.

"Helping people into employment, particularly the young, through initiatives such as the Edinburgh Guarantee and supporting the third sector are our other key priorities.

"We have delivered our coalition pledge to demonstrate sound financial management and we are working more efficiently and smarter than ever before. Savings have been made in areas such as procurement, property rationalisation and improved partnership working to ensure that we can maintain investment in frontline services."

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Councillor Bill Cook, said:- "Last year we published the Council's draft budget in November ahead of setting it in February. This was a new approach to ensure we can listen to what is important to the public when it comes to allocating money.

"This year we are leading the way for other local authorities by publishing the draft budget even earlier to give us more time to listen to the views of residents, local and other interest groups in the coming months. Given the financial challenges all local authorities are facing over the next few years, we want to invest in the areas that are essential to Edinburgh and so it is important that the public continue to tell us what is important to them.

"Several budget decisions which we made in February of this year for the 2013/14 budget — such as doubling funding in roads and increasing our investment in education were influenced by feedback we received from the public."

You can read all the papers relating to the Finance Committee meeting <u>here on the council website</u> which is one of the areas where spending will increase to ensure that the public have access to as much automated payment as possible, as well as information on everything the council is doing.

Irvine Welsh to Promote 'Filth' at Easter Road

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Acclaimed Edinburgh author and lifelong Hibs' fan Irvine Welsh will be holding a question and answer session in The Gallery Bar/Restaurant in Easter Road's West Stand ahead of next week's clash with St Mirren. Welsh, who shot to fame following the success of his novel 'Trainspotting' will also be signing copies of his book 'Filth' and delivering a short reading ahead of the film's release on September 27.

The eagerly anticipated film, directed by Jon S Baird, stars Glasgow born actor James McAvoy as troubled Detective Sergeant Bruce Robertson from Edinburgh's "Lothian Constabulary".

Openly racist, sectarian and misogynist Robertson spends his time indulging in cocaine, alcohol, violence, junk food, pornography, and pining for his ex-wife whilst investigating the murder of Efan Wurie.

Not surprisingly his mental health suffers and he is forced to take sick leave resulting in the revelation that he was responsible for a racially motivated murder which was covered up by his colleagues.

Followers of Welsh's work will recognise several characters from past books, including Francis 'Franco' Begbie who is mentioned several times, along with Alex 'Lexo' Stetterington, Simon 'Sick Boy' Williamson, 'Juice' Terry Lawson, Danny "Spud" Murphy and 'Post' Alec Connolly.

Award winning actor Jim Broadbent also appears in the film, along with Jamie Bell, Gary Lewis, Eddie Marsan, Imogen Poots and Martin Compston.

Danny Handling latest victim of Hibs' injury jinx

Danny Handling is the latest Hibs' player to fall foul of the right midfield jinx after manager Pat Fenlon confirmed that the teenager will be missing from the squad to face St Johnstone in Perth on Saturday, whilst previously, winger Alex Harris suffered an injury against Motherwell in the opening game of the season, and Paul Cairney's leg has been in plaster since a training ground accident in pre-season.

Speaking at the weekly press conference, Fenlon said: "That right-sided position seems to be jinxed at the moment, as we had Paul Cairney, Alex Harris and Danny Handling in there and they've all been injured."

He revealed that new signing Abdellah Zoubir will definitely be in the squad although he did concede to be taken aback by the expectations of the fans who have yet to see him play, following his double against Rangers in a closed door game at the club training ground.

"It's amazing how football works these days, as the fans haven't seen the player yet, but they know all about him. He'll be a great addition, and he's a different type of player to what we have at the club. He's a good player, and when the Hibs supporters do see him they'll get excited by him. Zoubir has got great balance and two great feet, and his ball control and awareness and positional sense are very good. He's also direct, and he likes to take people on and have a go and he's really different to any of the ones that play in that position.

"When you're looking for wide players it's good to have someone like that, and he can play on both sides and we knew he could score goals as well. He's chipped in with a few goals and he's a calm finisher, not a slasher of the ball. He has good feet, and the goals he got against Rangers were both cool finishes. Zoubir can help create goals for the strikers and he'll provide plenty of ammunition for the players that we have up front." "We had ten new players at our team photo, and it takes time for everything to gel. But that's the same for a lot of clubs: there seems to be a fair bit of turnover, just by the way things are.

"It's a strong squad, but everything can look great on paper: we've got to do it on the park. We have great competition and if we can get everyone fit it will give me a real headache. It's healthy competition, with a good balance between younger ones, middle-aged players and real experience. I'm pleased with the make-up."

"We're on a half-decent unbeaten run. Winning games will breed confidence and help players settle in that bit quicker. We have a really good squad here, although we seem to be getting people back then lose one or two, but I am very pleased with the squad we have. We now have to kick on and make sure that, with the quality of player we have, we get ourselves into a good position in the league.

Tomorrow's game will mean a return to Perth for Rowan Vine and Liam Craig whilst David Wotherspoon made the reverse trip to join his boyhood heroes, and Fenlon revealed that the club tried to keep him at Easter Road.

"I'm wary about St Johnstone as a whole, but David is a good player and we know lots and lots about him," he continued.. He's a player we tried to keep, and he decided to move on. I'm delighted he has had a good start to his career with St Johnstone because he is a fabulous professional and always worked tremendously hard. There's a fair bit of movement in football and you often get players going back to their old clubs and playing against them. You would have to ask David why he moved on: it's his hometown club, so maybe that is something he factored in.

"As a manager, you pick the team based on who you think will win the game. Very, very few players stay at one club for their whole career and most players know what playing against their former club is about, whether you leave on good or bad terms."

Although skipper James McPake played the full 90 minutes against Motherwell in the Under 20s 2-1 win this week, neither he, nor Tim Clancy are likely to feature in Perth, whilst Handling Cairney and Northern Ireland internationalist Ryan McGivern will definitely miss the game through injury.

Five things you need to know today

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Council announce their draft budget this morning – Lazarowicz solving the broadband problem in Edinburgh – Casio Music Masterclass with Natalia Posnova – Enter the Race for Life – Edinburgh Ceilidh Club

The Capital Coalition will announce their plans for their draft budget later this morning. This will then be discussed at next week's Finance Committee meeting and there will be a period of consultation when they want you to have a look and make some suggestions on how to spend their flbn budget across the city. Finance Convenor Alasdair Rankin is adamant that there will not be cuts, but that savings have to be made by improving procurement across all departments of the council, and also selling off some surplus property to plug the f35m gap. After Mark Lazarowicz MP raised the problems that constituents in central Edinburgh are having in getting access to superfast broadband, a Minister has promise to work with him to try and find a solution.

Mark took the issue up after being contacted by a number of constituents who complained of very low broadband speeds and commercial providers had no plans for their area to be connected to super-fast broadband.

Mark said:-"Super-fast broadband access is vital for businesses and especially SMEs that are key to economic recovery and we have to ensure that the basic infrastructure is there for them to succeed as well as for anyone else who wants to email, tweet or watch programmes.

"Yet parts of my constituency cannot get access to it because on the one hand commercial providers have no plans at present to connect them whilst on the other it is unclear whether EU state aid rules would allow public subsidy to be used to do so as it prohibits that where areas that can be developed commercially. The Council has led the way in spite of that, using welcome funding from the Government to increase public wi-fi access and most recently a new voucher scheme to help businesses cover the costs of connecting to super-fast broadband.

"The Scottish Government has announced new funding but like the bulk of UK Government funding it is targeted at rural and remote areas. That has left 'not-spots' in the centre of Edinburgh and I will be writing to the Minister to find out exactly what he now intends to do."

Edinburgh was awarded funding of £10 million back in autumn 2011 to increase access to super-fast broadband under the UK Government's super-connected cities programme. In July this year the Council announced new plans to use the funding to increase broadband access in Edinburgh including £2.7m for

public wi-fi public access, £3m for vouchers for small businesses; £4m to support start-ups and £1m for an online festival archive.

It originally planned to roll-out super-fast broadband to 90% of the capital's homes and businesses but this had to be abandoned because it seemed likely to fall foul of EU state aid rules which do not allow government support in areas where super-fast broadband could be developed commercially.



Calling all music lovers! This coming Thursday, 19 September 2013, acclaimed pianist Natalia Posnova will be performing a special classical cross-over set of Queen songs live at Rae Macintosh Musicroom in association with Casio.

This FREE evening event is ideal for music lovers, teachers, parents and students with a live recital, demonstrations and the opportunity to get involved in a Q&A with Natalia and the Casio team on offer. The Casio team will also give attendees the chance to sample the latest Casio digital pianos and product and one lucky person will WIN a Casio Digital Piano! Every participating piano teacher will receive a FREE gift of a Casio Watch for attending the event which is set to be an evening not to be missed.

Register with the details below to come along and hear for yourself why Queen's Brian May described Natalia as a "marvel"

and claims to have "never seen or heard anything like this".

The event is part of a six tour around the UK so be sure to sign up below to get involved in what is set to be a great evening in Edinburgh!

Event details: Thursday 19th September Rae Macintosh Musicroom, 41 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh EH2 4RG

For more information and to register your attendance visit: www.casio.co.uk/musicmasterclass ***

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An Edinburgh cancer survivor is urging local women to reach for the stars and hit cancer where it hurts by signing up for Cancer Research UK's new evening event, Race for Life Twilight.

Julie Rattray, 30, posed in a deep pink, star patterned 'onesie' and brightly coloured walking boots to convey the fun but feisty spirit of the event and encourage more women to take part.

Race for Life Twilight is Cancer Research UK's new 5k womenonly evening fundraising event which will take place in Edinburgh for the first time on Saturday 26 October at Holyrood Park. It will also take place in Aberdeen for the first time on Saturday 19 October.

Julie, who is taking part in the Edinburgh event, said: "I want to invite the women of Scotland to join together as a formidable army this October and stomp all over cancer at the new Race for Life Twilight."

When Julie Rattray first discovered a lump on her neck, her initial reaction was to make an appointment to see her GP. However, as the appointment approached, the then 26-yearold decided she didn't want to waste her doctor's time and she cancelled it.

Six months went by and the lump grew bigger and eventually, during a family Christmas celebration, Julie's sister, who is also a doctor, noticed it and insisted she should go to her doctor.

It was to be an appointment that saved her life as tests eventually revealed that Julie was suffering from Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system.

Julie, a student, of Edinburgh, who has been in remission since November 2010, said: "When I first discovered the lump, I thought it couldn't be cancer because I was too young. I was also reluctant to go to the doctor because I really didn't want to waste their time. I just thought it was something that would go away by itself.

"Luckily my sister spotted it and, being a doctor herself, she persuaded me to go and get it checked out. By this time, the lump was much bigger and more noticeable and so I was inclined to agree that something needed to be done."

Unfortunately, and because Julie had left it so late before seeking help, she required eight months' of chemotherapy, treatment that made her particularly unwell.

Julie added: "I was told that had the cancer been caught early, it's likely that I would have only needed two months' of chemotherapy.

"As it was, by the time I was diagnosed, the cancer had progressed to stage three and I needed eight months of chemotherapy. Now that I've recovered, I am absolutely determined to get my own back on cancer. That's why I feel so passionately about recruiting more women to join me for Twilight on the night. Research saves lives and I want everyone to know it." But with help from the people of Scotland, Cancer Research UK intends to make sure the sun sets on cancer for good.

Just like its traditional sister event, Race for Life Twilight is open to all women regardless of age, shape or fitness level. Most women are able to walk 5k in an hour while chatting and having fun. Or they can choose to jog, run or even dance around the course if they prefer.

Susan Johnstone, Cancer Research UK's Scotland Events Manager, said:

"Race for Life Twilight is an amazing way to celebrate life but also remember those who have been lost to the disease. Like Julie, participants may be decked out in pink onesies, they may plan to prance around the route in their pyjamas or to layer on the Lycra – but what's inescapable is the power and strength that comes from thousands of women joining together to confront cancer.

She continued: "Thanks to research, hundreds of thousands of lives have been saved. But there are over 200 cancers and we won't give up until we find cures for them all. So ladies in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, please join us now. Show cancer who's boss by signing up to Race for Life Twilight today."

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, Cancer Research UK was able to spend over £33 million last year in Scotland on some of the UK's leading scientific and clinical research.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its ground-breaking research. So funds raised through Race for Life Twilight is crucial to the work of doctors, nurses and scientists who work day and night to fight cancer on all fronts.

To enter Race for Life Twilight today go to www.raceforlife.org/twilight or call 0845 600 6050.

(Photo Gareth Easton)

The Edinburgh Ceilidh Club have been in touch about their ceilidh tonight:-"We are keeping the fun going this Friday, with the ceilidh club @ The Picture House on Lothian Road.

Teannaich will be providing the music with everything kicking of from 7pm. If you don't already have yours, you can get your tickets online from <u>www.edinburghceilidhs.com</u> or in person from the Picture House box office, Tickets Scotland (Rose Street) or Ripping Records.

Following that we are back at Summerhall on Tuesday where we have Heeliegoleerie. Tickets are £6 on the door or in advance from <u>www.edinburghceilidhclub.com/tickets</u> opening with everything kicking off at 8pm. Although the advanced tickets have already sold out for this ceilidh, the remaining tickets will go on sale at 10am on Tuesday.



Stockbridge Photography Club

Photo Of The Week

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This week's photo comes from Kathleen McGovern, who visited the Edinburgh Mela and captured some of the performers. Kathleen is a social worker for Edinburgh City Council and enjoys photography and hill walking.

The Stockbridge Photography Club is a non-profit photography club that aims to operate in a different way from the traditional photography club mould. They have informal monthly meetings where they discuss their photos over a cup of coffee and learn about the month's theme — this month they are meeting in LifeCare, Stockbridge.

Outside of this, they arrange photowalks and trips to various locations and landmarks in and around Edinburgh, providing their members with something interesting to photograph, whilst always having someone on hand to answer any questions.

Currently they are preparing for their upcoming exhibition as part of <u>Stockfest</u>, which will be taking place in Rosie McKenzie Art on St Stephen's Street. Everybody is welcome! More info about the club, and their upcoming exhibiton, is on their <u>website</u>

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