

PoppyScotland helping veterans into work

Veterans in Edinburgh and the Lothians can now access a local service that will deliver support to help vulnerable ex-Servicemen and women find work.

Veterans' charity Poppyscotland and mental health charity SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) have created Employ-Able, which provides local support, training and practical advice to assist veterans in their search for jobs.

Employ-Able aims to remove barriers, help develop skills and set goals, taking the form of one-to-one and group work sessions, using the model of SAMH's successful workshop-based *Tools for Living* programme. Ongoing support once veterans are in employment is also available.

Bobby Duffy, Director of Operations at SAMH said:- "Scotland's veterans deserve as much support as we can give them when they settle back into the community. We know it can be hard for some veterans to get back into regular employment and that unemployment and financial difficulties are bad for your mental health, so we're really pleased to be working with Poppyscotland to deliver this service."

There are around 189,000 veterans of working age in Scotland and Poppyscotland research suggests that the unemployment rate for veterans aged 18-49 is twice that of the general UK population, with around 28,000 veterans in Scotland out of

work. The research found a lack of current employability services that specifically target veterans who may be vulnerable or need additional support to get back into work. Employ-Able is intended to address this gap.

Gary Gray, Head of Welfare Services at Poppyscotland, commented: "A small but significant number of veterans face difficulty in adjusting to civilian life with many facing complex and multiple issues. Employment and mental health are areas of great concern as they impact greatly on all aspects of veterans' lives and those of their families. By combining Poppyscotland's knowledge of veterans' issues and SAMH's expertise we believe Employ-Able will tackle some of these key areas of difficulty and improve veterans' prospects."

Army veteran William Burnett (23) served with the Royal Regiment of Scotland for four years and saw service in Afghanistan. After leaving the Armed Forces William struggled to find a secure job but he is now in full-time employment as a warehouse assistant after taking part in Employ-Able. He said: "I was a nervous wreck when it came to interviews and never got the jobs I applied for. Employ-Able really helped me to get my confidence back. It helped me to develop my skills and I received support to prepare for interviews and get my CV up to date.

"I am now in a full-time job, which is going really well, and I am still in contact with my work preparation adviser who is there to offer me ongoing support. I would recommend Employ-Able to anyone who is unsure about how to get back into work after their time in the Forces."

To find out more about Employ-Able call Poppyscotland's Employment Services Co-ordinator Dot Pringle on 0131 550 1568 or email d.pringle@poppyscotland.org.uk

Dr Martens coming to Edinburgh



One of the most influential British footwear and clothing brands of all time is coming to Edinburgh this summer.

Dr. Martens – famed over the globe for its authentic, individual designs – will set up shop in the capital for the first time with a new Princes Street store.

The style stakes will be officially raised on August 14 as the brand takes the wraps off its new collection of boots, brogues, brothel creepers and high heels. Die-hard Dr. Martens lovers and fashion forward style gurus alike will be able to get their hands on the new A/W footwear, clothing and accessories designs as well as a wide selection of Dr. Martens branded clothing.

The striking store has been designed to incorporate exposed wooden floors and brick walls to showcase the influence of its British manufacturing heritage.

Amy Nelson, UK Retail Marketing Manager, said:- “The DM culture is vast in Scotland, especially in Edinburgh, so we’re delighted to meet the demand with the opening of our new

store. We've spotted the variety of trends and styles on Edinburgh's busiest shopping street and we can't wait to put our own stamp on it with some of our best sellers – including our signature 1460 boot.

“Dr. Martens encourages people to express their own individuality, celebrate style and stand up for what they believe in. We'll be asking the people of Edinburgh to share with us what they stand for. We have such an eclectic mix of shoppers from enthusiasts who have bought from every range over the years, to kids who just love the styles and bold designs. We can't wait to open our doors and welcome in each and every customer.”

Edinburgh will become the brand's second Scottish store and follows a string of launches throughout the country this year including Norwich, Brighton, Milton Keynes and Newcastle, complementing the brand's prestigious global presence in 75 countries worldwide.

The new store will be at 76 Princes Street, Edinburgh

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New retail team now complete at Edinburgh Airport

✖ Edinburgh Airport has made the final appointments to its newly restructured retail team, offering passengers an unparalleled retail experience currently not available at any

other Scottish airport.

Richard Townsend has been appointed as the airport's new Head of Retail, with Gail Taylor also coming on board as Commercial Retail Manager.

Both bring a wealth of retail and commercial experience to Edinburgh Airport, with Gail already started in to her new role and Richard officially beginning his in mid-July.

Having begun his career working for Sainsbury's for eight years, Richard moved to Somerfields before making the transition into the airport retail industry at Heathrow Airport. As the Retail Operations Product Manager at Heathrow, Richard developed the retail merchandise strategy for the Terminal 1 extension to incorporate the additional 40,000sqft of commercial space.

Following his time at Heathrow, Richard moved to Gatwick and held a number of roles including Head of Commercial Operations and Customer Experience Leader, as well as Head of Strategic and Operational Readiness for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Richard's role at Gatwick was introduced in order to establish the Retail Performance team, providing him with the perfect platform to lead Edinburgh Airport's Commercial department through the next stage of its growth. As Head of Retail, Richard will be responsible for leading the team of dedicated retail managers, as well as focusing on online sales, media and marketing. His appointment follows an exhaustive search in the market with the help of James Fassnidge from Drax Executives.

Commenting on his appointment, Richard said: "I am looking forward to joining the team at Edinburgh Airport, particularly at this exciting time. Over the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to get to know the team and I'm confident that with my previous experience of airport retail we can provide

our passengers with the best retail choices.”

Before joining Edinburgh Airport’s Commercial team, Gail Taylor previously worked for World Duty Free Group (WDFG) for 13 years.

During her time with WDFG, she held a number of retail management positions, working primarily between Glasgow and Edinburgh airport stores.

With a depth of retail knowledge in both airports of Scotland’s major airports, Gail will be key in identifying passenger trends and profiles – something which will be crucial for a successful airport commercial team.

Gail has also completed several secondment positions in Heathrow, Gatwick and international stores, including Orlando, Malaga and Barcelona, working mainly on key projects to enhance the WDFG offering.

Welcoming these new appointments, John Watson, Chief Commercial Officer at Edinburgh Airport, said, “We’re delighted to welcome both Richard and Gail to Edinburgh Airport. Individuals of their calibre will fit in extremely well and will be able to use their skills and experience to help develop our Commercial team further.

“At Edinburgh Airport we’re dedicated to providing our passengers with the best. We’re looking forward to working with Richard and Gail, whose passion and experience will help align our focus on improving the airport experience for our customers and further enhance our commitment to route development.”

Five things you need to know today



Street Markets in South Queensferry – Afternoon tea on the Re-union canal boat this weekend – Art drop in sessions for children – JK Rowling’s new book an instant hit – Cinefringe 2013

Queensferry Ambition in partnership with Hand Up Media are proud to announce the first of 3 exciting and vibrant street markets in the Fairtrade Royal Burgh of South Queensferry for 2013.

South Queensferry Community Market will feature local, Scottish and global goods and produce. Bringing the local community together, the market will feature a range of arts & crafts, jewellery, fashion, glassware, pottery, ceramics, delicious foods and drinks, and much more.

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South Queensferry

Saturday 20th July £50
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Sunday 25th August £50
Weekend £80

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Weekend £80

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Jupiter Artland is the fabulous and acclaimed space outside Edinburgh which bases itself in the garden of Bonnington House at Kirknewton. They are running drop in classes for children from 19 July 2013. [Their website](#) explains:-"

These drop in sessions are suitable for children ages 5-13, the morning session will run from 10am to 12pm and afternoon

session from 1pm to 3pm.

The cost of these sessions are £6 inclusive of entry for the children only.”

If you haven't yet been to Jupiter Artland then this will give you an idea of the kind of things you might see there....

[Jupiter Artland – Love Bomb Marc Quinn](#) from [Jupiter Artland](#) on [Vimeo](#).



JK Rowling has been found out. She wrote a debut crime novel cloaked in the invisibility of the name Robert Galbraith. The book enjoyed mediocre sales. And then the invisibility ran out, and now the book has gone straight to the top of the book charts. Watch this video report from Channel 4 news here:-

Cinefringe is the film side of the Fringe. It aims to put the Fringe onto film and put the film back into the Fringe (if you see what we mean!) A little bit of a reaction to the Film Festival being moved off to June the whole programme is [here](#). And this is the trailer... of course you have to have a trailer. It's a film festival!



Lowland League kicks off with Edinburgh Derby



The Scottish Lowland Football League has announced their first fixture list, casting fixtures until February 2014, and day one will feature an Edinburgh derby.

The league was made up from teams competing in the South of Scotland, East of Scotland and junior leagues, and as from season 2014/5 the winners will go into a play-off competition along with the winners of the Highland League to gain entry into the Scottish Football League Division Three.

Two Edinburgh clubs, Spartans and Edinburgh City will compete in the Lowland League this season, alongside Threave Rovers FC, Preston Athletic FC, Gretna FC (2008), Whitehill Welfare FC, Dalbeattie Star FC, East Kilbride FC, Selkirk FC, Gala Fairydean Rovers FC, University of Stirling FC and Vale of Leithen FC.

The campaign kicks off on Saturday 10 August at 3.00pm, and Edinburgh City will play Spartans at Meadowbank Stadium.

On Tuesday 13 August, Spartans host Vale of Leithen whilst Edinburgh City travel to the Borders to take on Gala Fairydean.

Speaking after the first board meeting, chairperson Andrew Waddell said "We are delighted that we are now in position to publicise the fixtures for the league. We have had to work hard over the past few weeks to get everything in place and I am delighted with the progress made."

“I would like to thank member clubs, board members and secretarial team for all their hard work and support and I look forward to the League starting.”

Scottish FA chief executive, Stewart Regan, said: “This is an exciting opportunity for all 12 clubs, and another step forward for league reconstruction in Scotland.

“It’s important that ambitious clubs are given opportunities to progress. With the Scottish Lowland Football League running in tandem with the Scottish Highland Football League from next season, we are on track to create a pyramid system feeding into the senior leagues.

“The hard work now continues with the creation of the new league board, appointment of office bearers and detailed planning ahead of the start of the new season in August.

“On behalf of the Scottish FA, I wish all 12 clubs the very best of luck for the new season and beyond.”

Emergency Services attend reported gas leak in Shandwick Place



Seven fire appliances along with several ambulances and police vehicles attended a report of a gas leak from storage fridges at the Cooperative building on Shandwick Place.

Around 4pm, approximately 40 staff were evacuated to the rear of the building in Rutland Square, and Rutland Street was

closed to all traffic.

A police spokesman said: "It's a precautionary measure in relation to a commercial refrigerated Unit, within shop premises."

A spokesman for the Fire and Rescue service said no casualties had been reported and that it appeared that the leak may have from the building plant room and added: "A refrigerator engineer was contacted and attended the scene. We then left incident in the hands of the shop owner and the engineer and all was in order."

Couple who ran Edinburgh brothel jailed for five years



A couple convicted of running a brothel at a house in the capital's west end, money laundering and living off the earnings of prostitution were both sentenced to five years imprisonment at Edinburgh High Court.

Over a nine year period, Margaret Paterson (61) and Robert Munro (61) provided prostitutes for clients throughout the country, whilst former bank manager Ian Goalen (59) acted as a driver for the agency.



Goalen had earlier pleaded guilty to living on the earnings of prostitution and was sentenced to 150 hours Community Payback Order.

Detectives raided their house in Grosvenor Street in September 2011, and found sex toys, along with evidence showing that Paterson had spent over £450k in some of Edinburgh's most exclusive shops, including Harvey Nichols, Louis Vuitton and Mulberry.



As well as designer jewellery, officers found around 400 handbags and 100 boxes of shoes.

Officers also recovered over £200k cash and identified a business bank account containing £544,601.



Speaking after sentencing, Lindsey Miller, Head of the Crown's Serious Organised Crime Division, said: "Margaret Paterson and Robert Munro exploited vulnerable women for their own profit, running a large network of prostitutes across Scotland, and laundering the proceeds of their criminal activities.

"This conviction demonstrates our commitment to bringing to justice those who exploit others and seek to benefit from crime. The conviction involves an aggravation under section 29 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010; one of the new provisions to tackle serious organised crime.

"We will continue to use every power available to us to disrupt the activities of those who commit crime and exploit others for their own gain."

Fatal road collision, Winchburgh – cyclist named



Police Scotland has named the cyclist killed in a collision with a lorry in West Lothian last week.

The dead man has been identified as 79-year-old Douglas Brown from the Leith area of Edinburgh. He passed away last night (Sunday, July 14) as a result of injuries sustained in the collision, which happened on the B9080 Linlithgow to Kirkliston Road near Winchburgh Bing, around 10.30am on Thursday (July 11).

Police continue to investigate the cause of the collision, and are appealing for any witnesses to contact Police Scotland on 101.

Britannia opens its wardroom for entertaining



The Royal Yacht *Britannia's* Wardroom is steeped in history and tradition. Here, *Britannia's* top-ranked Officers would gather to dine and relax. Today, from 8 to 18 guests can experience a feast for the senses with a bespoke six-course tasting menu created by *Britannia's* Executive Chef, Mark Alston, prepared in the original Royal Galley.

Her Majesty The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and other Royals

would also have dined in the Officers' Wardroom, giving the room that true Royal seal. A red carpet welcome awaits as guests are piped aboard *Britannia* via the Royal Brow, an entrance previously reserved for Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family.

The exclusive evening also includes a private guided tour which gives an insight into how the Royal Family and crew lived and worked on board.



The Officers' Wardroom is now available for small private parties to experience the same special evening as the top ranking Officers would have enjoyed when *Britannia* was in service. For the ultimate occasion, start the evening off with a drinks reception where guests can choose from the finest Krug Champagne or from Moët Hennessy's collection of Champagnes; Moët and Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Ruinart or Dom Perignon. Our Head Sommelier will help to select perfect wines to complement each course.

Head of Hospitality and Events at The Royal Yacht *Britannia*, Andrew Thomson, is very proud to be offering this truly unique experience and commented:- "We are delighted that Britannia

can give smaller private parties such a special evening aboard the Royal Yacht. The new Officers' Wardroom will be a truly splendid affair for guests".

Police Scotland Vulnerable Road Users Initiative



Over the past week, vulnerable road users, who include pedal cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and motorcyclists, have been the focus of a Police Scotland initiative to Keep Scotland's Roads Safe.

The numbers of vulnerable road users tends to increase during the summer months as they look to take advantage of longer days and improved weather. Recent statistics show that there has been a decrease in pedestrian casualties but an increase in pedal cyclist and motorcyclist casualties. As such we must all work together to make the roads safer for everyone.

During the last week Police Scotland's officer's detected 1171 vehicles speeding, 218 motorists driving whilst using a mobile phone. 113 were reported for Careless or Dangerous driving during this period. Along with this the Scottish Safety Camera partnerships detected 1209 vehicles speeding.

A number of notable incidents occurred during the initiative, including:-

On 7 July 2013 a 66 year old male was found to be driving a car in Dundee over four times the drink drive limit. He was

kept in custody and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 10 July 2013 a 59 year old male crashed his car on a rural road in Ayrshire and was found to be nearly four times the drink drive limit. He was kept in custody and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 11 July 2013 a 79 year old pedal cyclist was seriously injured following a collision with a lorry on the B9080 near Winchburgh, West Lothian. He later died in hospital from his injuries

On 11 July 2013 a pedestrian was struck by a car on the A96 near Keith. The pedestrian sustained serious injuries as a result.

Inspector Tracey Robinson, Divisional Road Policing Unit Edinburgh, said "Our officers have been patrolling Scotland's roads focusing on educating everyone about the vulnerability of certain groups of road users. It is disappointing that a number of motorists are still not heeding our advice. All road users must be aware of their surroundings at all times. This is particularly important when carrying out manoeuvres at junctions, roundabouts and whilst reversing. In particular, be aware of cyclists and motorcyclists who sometimes travel in groups. When one passes be aware that another could be travelling behind.

"It is imperative that motorists not only look but also see other road users. At this time of year, with the school holidays in full swing motorists need to be acutely aware of children playing near roads. Their behaviour can be unpredictable, so be prepared to stop. Children can be more interested in what is on the other side of the street rather than looking out for vehicles.

"Keeping Scotland's road safe requires all road users to work together, enjoy the roads but travel safely and adhere to road

traffic legislation.”

Man dies following serious road collision in West Lothian.



A 79-year-old cyclist who was involved in a collision with a lorry in West Lothian last week has died.

The man passed away in hospital last night (Sunday, July 15) as a result of injuries he sustained in the collision, which happened on the B9080 Linlithgow to Kirkliston Road near Winchburgh Bing, around 10.30am on Thursday (July 11).

Police continue to investigate the cause of the collision, and are appealing for any witnesses to contact Police Scotland on 101.

The victim has not been named at this time.

Police appeal for witnesses following serious assault in

Guthrie Street



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following a serious assault that happened in the Cowgate area of the Capital in the early hours of Saturday morning (July 13).

The incident happened in Guthrie Street around 3.20am, near to its junction with the Cowgate. A 30-year-old man was involved in an altercation involving a group of men and women, and sustained a serious head injury.

He was taken by ambulance to the Western General Hospital, where he remains in a stable condition. Police wish to trace a number of suspects in connection with this incident, including two men and a woman, who are all described as being in their early 20s.

The woman is described as white, 5ft 5ins tall, large build, with short brown hair with a short back and sides style, and wearing blue baggy jeans and a dark top with an orange or pink cardigan.

Both men are described as white and 5ft 10ins to 6ft tall; slim to medium build, and wearing t-shirt and shorts.

The area was busy at the time of the incident, and it is believed that a number of people have witnessed the assault.

Police are appealing to anyone with information that can assist their inquiries to contact Police Scotland on 101, or Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

Five things you need to know today



MSP demands local food – Burntisland Games today – At Holyrood Park this weekend – Important artworks to be sold in Edinburgh – Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Research by Alison Johnstone, Green MSP for Lothian, shows none of the chicken being served in schools in the region is Scottish, with much of it coming from Holland and Thailand.

Using FoI (Freedom of Information) requests the Green MSP asked East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian and Edinburgh City about the sourcing of chicken for school meals, after the Scottish Government said it did not keep track of such information.

All the Lothian councils use chicken from elsewhere in the UK, along with a product from Thailand. All of them, except East Lothian, use a product from Holland, and Edinburgh also uses chicken from Brazil and Poland.

None of the UK chicken sourced by these councils is free range; it is all indoor reared.

By contrast councils such as Stirling source 90 per cent of their chicken from Scotland. Stirling is involved in the Soil Association's Food for Life scheme, which sets standards for sourcing food locally.

Green MSPs are looking at opportunities in the forthcoming Procurement Reform Bill to increase the incentives for buying Scottish produce.

Alison Johnstone, Green MSP for Lothian and food spokesperson for the Scottish Greens, said:-

“There shouldn’t be so much of a divide between the pioneer councils and the food laggards when it comes to something as important as our children’s meals. I have longstanding concerns about imported meat and there’s got to be a better way than flying chicken nuggets from Thailand.

“I commend the Food for Life scheme and in light of the horsemeat scandal I feel it is the sort of scheme all public bodies should be adopting with some urgency. We must aim for local, high quality food on our children’s plates as the norm. The Government’s Procurement Bill should be a chance to set some new standards to achieve that aim.

“Councils are under pressure to award contracts on cost rather than make choices that would have positive impacts for the local economy and animal welfare. The Scottish Government’s food policy is too focused on exporting whisky and salmon and needs to do more to get local food used in meals bought with public money.”

Today the Highland Games are taking place in Burntisland. A short trip in the train from Waverley and you will find all manner of strong men and dancing going on.

More information on the [VisitScotland website here.](#)



You are invited to Holyrood Park on 21 July 2013 to take a step back in time by taking part in a fun-filled day of ancient royal sports and outdoor pursuits.

The event is free and takes place from 12 noon until 4:00 pm.

McCabe, Interpretation Ranger at Historic Scotland said: "Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the long heritage of these activities and their links to the rich past of Holyrood Park, together with its importance as a royal hunting ground.

"Come and find out about some fascinating traditional outdoor activities which are less common today, for example you can come along and try your hand at archery, a favoured sport of kings and commoners through the ages.

"Falconry was another great pastime of centuries past and we'll have a variety of magnificent birds of prey here for people to get right up close to. And if ground conditions permit, we will also be hosting a display of artificial lure coursing with whippets. Queen Elizabeth I formalised the rules of this sport which, as a result, is historically known as 'The Sport of Queens'.

"This is the fifth year we've been running this event which is always a popular and entertaining day out. If people haven't come to Holyrood Park before, why not come along on Sunday – it's a great way of being introduced to the Park and try something different."

For more information people should contact the Ranger Service on 0131 652 8150, or by email at hs.rangers@scotland.gsi.gov.uk



An important and comprehensive collection of Scottish Art amassed over 20 years by a private collector in Canada is to be sold in Edinburgh at Bonhams Scottish Sale on 12 September 2013. It is expected to fetch as much as £2 million.

All the major names in modern Scottish painting are represented in the collection which is over 40 pictures strong. The star lot is *Cassis, the White Villa*, by Francis Cadell which is estimated at £150,000- £200,000. 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. Other works with a French connection include, *Bather Cap d'Antibes* by J D Fergusson (est £100,000-150,000) and Samuel Peploe's *Paris Plage* (est £80,000-120,000) and *Luxembourg Gardens* (£70,000-100,000).

The collection reflects the full range and quality of modern Scottish art with fine examples by artists as significant as William McTaggart, George Henry, Arthur Melville, Samuel Peploe, Francis Cadell, Anne Redpath and Joan Eardley whose *Glasgow Boy* is an exceptional example of her work. The Glasgow School is represented by a particularly fine full-length portrait by Henry, in the Whistlerian style, and a sparkling view of a Spanish bullring by Melville which could fetch £80,000.

The collection will be previewed in New York, Paris and London before returning to Scotland to be sold.

Head of Scottish Pictures at Bonhams, Edinburgh, Chris Brickley comments:

"This is one of the most rounded collections I have seen in many years, rich in quality and put together with great love and attention. I'm sure our buyers will jump at the chance to view it when the pictures come home, and fully expect to convert some new enthusiasts to Scottish art along the way. Many of these works have a real universal appeal."

The box office for the Fringe is open on the High Street from today onwards. The opening hours are 10:00am to 6:00pm.

An estimated 24,107 performers will take to the stage in Fringe 2013. There are 713 free shows, 1,585 world premieres and 41 different countries represented.

What are you going to see?

Would you like to write a review for us? Then use our [Submit your Story](#) feature and send us your views on the shows when

they get going from 2 August.



The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup



The Hearts saga continues with a reported three bids for the Gorgie club, but administrators BDO could take up to a month before a preferred bidder is announced. Elsewhere Hibs prepare for their second qualifying round against Malmo in Sweden on Thursday night. Congratulations go to Scotland's Men's' Hockey team for two victories over Czech Republic, and of course the British Open is coming to East Lothian on Thursday.

Football

Hearts

Hearts' administrators BDO announced that three parties have submitted formal offers to take over the club after Friday's 5pm deadline passed.

Fans' group the Foundation of Hearts confirmed on Thursday that they had formalised their offer, however the identity of the other two groups has not been confirmed, although media and fan speculation centres on HMFC Ltd, who are financed by American investors, and Five Stars Football Ltd owned by former Livingston owner Angelo Massone.

Following the deadline, BDO's Bryan Jackson said: "To preserve confidentiality, unless disclosed by the bidder themselves we will not be naming the parties."

“Under the right guidance, the club has the potential to be successful both on and off the pitch and it is encouraging to see that a number of prospective owners have clearly recognised this.

When asked about timescales, Mr Jackson suggested that it “may take some time, but In the meantime, we will continue to run the club and support the manager in his preparations for the forthcoming season.

“We all want the club to exit administration as quickly as possible but it’s important not to get carried away: we’re still much closer to the start of the process of concluding a sale rather than the end. We ask fans, players and staff for their continued support and patience.

“Further discussions will now take place with the bidders and also with the legal representatives of the administrators of AB Utkio Bankas, and we would then hope to be in a position to name a preferred bidder in due course. At this stage we cannot say how long that process will be.

“As we have said already the delivery of a CVA solution will need the support of the other major creditor and shareholders and there may be a delay in securing that support while administrators are appointed to those entities.

“Therefore the sale process may take some time before a deal can be concluded and the club exits administration.”

On the field, Hearts beat Dunfermline 2-1 thanks to first half goals from Brad McKay and Jamie Hamill to lift the Supporters Direct Scotland Fans’ Cup at East End Park.

Former Heart’s favourite Gary Naysmith was listed as a trialist.

The game was played in front of 4538 fans, 2591 of whom were in the away end.

Fans' favourite John Robertson has returned to Tynecastle after his offer to coach the players was accepted by Gary Locke.

Hibs

On Thursday night, Malmo beat Drogheda United 2-0 in Sweden for the right to take on Hibs in the second qualifying round of the Europa League.

Hibs completed their pre-season fixtures at Starks Park in Kirkcaldy on Friday night where they were held to a 0-0 draw. Scouts from Malmo were amongst the crowd.

On Saturday, the club announced the signing of former St Johnstone striker Rowan Vive and the re-signing of Kevin Thomson, both on one year deals.

This brings Pat Fenlon's total signings to six, including Ryan McGivern, Liam Craig, Owain Tudur Jones and Fraser Mullen.

The squad travel to Sweden this week to face Malmo, with the return leg on Thursday 25 July.

The Under 20s continued their fine form with a comprehensive 3-1 win over Lothian Thistle at the East Mains Training Centre. Irish 16 year old Cody Mulhall gave the youngsters a half time lead with a well struck left foot shot from the edge of the box, then his corner just after the break was headed in by Neil Matryniuk at the back post.



Mulhall then embarked on a sensational run, beating three defenders before being brought down in the box, but the normally prolific Jay Doyle's penalty was saved by the Thistle keeper. Jamie Beaton added a third, and Doyle and Sinclair both struck the bar before Thistle pulled one back in the last minute, in an exciting game played in the East Lothian sunshine.

Ramsden Cup

Spartans beat Threave Rovers 4-2 in first leg of the Ramsdens Cup qualifier at Ainslie Park on Saturday, in front of a crowd of 321.

Following a goalless first half, Spartans took the lead three minutes after the break when a Jack Beesley cross found Robbie Ross who slotted the ball home from six yards.

Ross grabbed his second a few minutes later when he headed the ball past Parker in the Threave goal then the home team had a string penalty appeal when a Rover's defender appeared to clear a goal-bound header from MacKinnon off the line, but the referee waved play on.

Rovers pulled one back with a Milligan tap in from a yard out, the equalised with 13 minutes remaining thanks to a Wilby penalty.

With 5 minutes to go, Gary Cennerazzo was brought down in the box and this time the referee pointed to the spot. Kevin Motion took the resultant penalty and slotted it neatly into the bottom left hand corner. 3-2.

Chris Anderson added a fourth in time added on to ensure the Edinburgh side travel to Castle Douglas with a two goal advantage.

Malt and Hops Man Of the Match: Kevin Sivewright.

Men's Hockey by John Preece

Kenny Bain was the hat-trick hero as his three goals, together with a Wei Adams' penalty corner, gave Scotland a 4-3 win over the Czech Republic in the first of a three match series in Prague.

The Scots went 1-0 up when Bain's penalty corner attempt was deflected into the goal off a home defender. However, the

Czech Republic struck back twice in three minutes to take a 2-1 lead shortly afterwards.

Excellent build-up play from Gavin Byers led to Bain finding a Scottish equaliser and his second goal of the match to put the Scots back on parity at 2-2.

Bain secured his hat-trick shortly before half-time to give his side a 3-2 lead going into the interval.

The Scots extended their lead to 4-2 mid-way through the second half when Wei Adams' strike from another deflected penalty corner.

The Czechs managed to pull a goal back late in the second half, but it was Scotland who closed out the match comfortably to register a 4-3 win at full-time.

Scotland's Senior Men made it seven wins in a row on Saturday with another victory over the Czech Republic in Prague. Kenny Bain and Chris Grassick were the goal scorers for Derek Forsyth's side.

Scottish marksman Kenny Bain scored his fourth goal in two games when his reverse stick shot opened the scoring for the visitors in the 13th minute.

The Scots took the narrow 1-0 advantage into the half-time interval, but it was the Czechs who struck back after the break, netting a rebound just in front of goal to make the score line 1-1 in the 42nd minute.

However, Scotland didn't have to wait long to retake the lead when Chris Grassick finished off a penalty corner set-play in the 52nd minute to give the Scot's side a 2-1 win.

(Photo – Kenny Bain in action against Wales at Peffermill)
<http://www.photoboxgallery.com/jlp-photography>.

Golf – The Open in the Square

The Open Championship's famous Claret Jug visited the centre of Edinburgh at a special event celebrating the return of golf's oldest Major Championship to the region.

The Open in the Square took place in St Andrew Square from Thursday 11 – Saturday 13 July, the week before the Championship is held at Muirfield in East Lothian.



Members of the public had the opportunity to try golf, to receive some tips from PGA golf professionals, to play some of the great Open courses on EA Sports games consoles and to get their picture taken with the Claret Jug.

The event also featured a golf simulator, a large screen showing some of the great moments from The Open Championship and artificial practice putting greens.

Speedway

The Edinburgh Scotwaste Monarchs scored their biggest win of the season on Friday night when they hammered Glasgow Tigers 62-30, and moved into second place in the Premier League, three points behind Workington with three matches in hand.

Jozsef Tabaka gave his best display of the season in scoring the full maximum 15 points.

The following night, the high flying Monarchs travelled to face Rye House Rockets and ended up drawing 45-45 in a hard fought encounter.

Meanwhile the Monarchs will install an air fence at Armadale in time for the 2014 speedway season. This follows a recent directive by the Speedway Control Bureau that all tracks in the UK must have an additional protective device fitted to their safety fence. Any club which does not comply will not be able to run.

BUPA Great Edinburgh Run

Around five thousand took part in Sunday's Bupa Great Edinburgh Run which featured a 10k, 5k, junior and mini run.

Fifer Andrew Lemoncello won the 10k with a time of 30.18.

A number of celebrities took part, including Shauna MacDonald, star of Ripper Street, Spooks and The Descent, Cal MacAninch, best known for his roles in Downtown Abbey and Mr Selfridge, soap stars Nicola Wheeler (Emmerdale's Nicola King) and Vicky Binns (Emmerdale's Ollie Reynolds and Coronation Street's Molly Dobbs), who were joined by Mr Selfridge actor Trystan Gravelle (Victor) and Ashes to Ashes and Life on Mars star Dean Andrews. Des Clarke, comedian and Capital FM presenter.

Cricket

Barclays Grange duly completed a comprehensive 57-run victory at Grange Loan, scoring 201-4 against Heriot's who eventually reached 144-7 at stumps.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – David Copperfield



Venue St Ninian's Hall, Dates 5-17 August Times vary, check website. Duration 2 hours 40 minutes

Following a triumphant year with Macbeth in Scots which culminated in a performance at the Courtyard Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Theatre Arts presents another literary classic: David Copperfield. Charles Dickens's semi-

autobiographical novel is brought vividly to life in Matthew Francis's colourful and fast-moving adaptation. Full of energy and vitality, the play chronicles young David's journey from happy infancy through brutality, adversity, friendships won and lost to mature love and contentment. Along the way we encounter a gallery of brilliantly drawn characters. Enjoy Dickens in the unique atmosphere of St Ninian's Hall.

Five things you need to know today



MP raises nuisance calls at Westminster – Bupa Great Edinburgh Run – New chaplain for the Queen – East Lothian Airshow – Live music tonight

Edinburgh's Liberal Democrat MP, Mike Crockart and Alun Cairns MP, Conservative Vale of Glamorgan, recently launched the All Party Parliamentary Group on Nuisance Calls and they immediately announced the group's intention to hold an inquiry into how best to deal with the worst excesses of the unsolicited marketing industry.

The APPG, which is made up of MPs from across the UK and the political spectrum and has been set up to help the many thousands of constituents plagued by nuisance calls by investigating existing unscrupulous practices and identifying deficiencies in the current legislation.

The group also launched a call for evidence into nuisance calls with the aim of finding a solution to the menace affecting everyone in the UK.

Commenting on the formation of the group, **Mr Crockart** said:-“I am delighted that the new group has such wide support and is wasting no time in and is getting down to work straight away. I have been running a ‘No 2 Nuisance Calls’ campaign for over a year and have been contacted by many thousands of people who are sick of nuisance calls and texts.


“Whilst my Private Member's Bill will go some way to reforming and improving the industry, it is not the full solution. This inquiry will take evidence from regulators, telecoms providers, consumer groups and hopefully Ministers in the search for proposals to be fed into the current Communications Review being undertaken by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The problem has reached epidemic proportions and it is time for a proportionate and permanent solution.

"It's time for real and meaningful legislative change to remove this menace from people's lives."

Alun Cairns added:

"This is a significant issue, particularly for those who are at home during the day, many of whom are pensioners. It is not unusual for some to receive a dozen or more calls a day.

"The current process to complain is complicated and the laws are confusing. Most call centres withhold their telephone number. If they are calling without permission, it is then almost impossible to report the offence. I have a 10 minute Rule Bill in November to force all non-domestic callers to display their number. This will help empower people to decide whether to answer the phone or not and to complain about them if necessary."

 The runners will be out in Holyrood Park this morning completing the 5k and 10K circuits. The organisers are expecting over 6,000 people to take part, and there will be live music to help the runners on their way.



The Evening News reports that a new chaplain has been appointed for the Queen. Rev John Chalmers was minister at Palmerston Place Church. [Read more here...](#)

One for your diaries. In two weeks' time the airshow takes place at the National Museum of Flight in East Lothian. More information and tickets [here.](#)


Live music tonight at the Old Chain Pier. The intriguingly named Cerala Impala and the Jellyman's Daughter will be livening up the waterside venue. [More information here.](#)

Anyone going? Maybe you could tell us what they were like?

Reviews are always welcome here! We are also interested in hearing from you if you would like to review any shows for us in the Fringe...?



Edinburgh Hairdressers prove their talent

 The finalists for HJ's 2013 British Hairdressing Business Awards have been announced and Edinburgh's Hair by JFK has been shortlisted for Marketing. After an intense judging process, key business associates and industry names that are respected for their vision and success, confirmed Hair by JFK as a leader within their field. Along with five other finalists, Hair by JFK will now face a two-month wait until winners are announced by a celebrity host at the black tie ceremony on Monday 9 September 2013.

"To achieve finalist status in these awards is great recognition and a huge honour and Hair by JFK should be proud

of their achievement. We received many entries this year and the standard has been truly impressive and it is testament to Hair by JFK's commitment to their clients and team that they have secured a place in the final," commented Publishing Director, Jayne Lewis-Orr.

Ruffians of Edinburgh are also celebrating after finalising for Salon Team of the Year and Salon Design Award. As well as the above categories, HJ's British Hairdressing Business Awards reward and recognise the disciplines required to run a successful hairdressing business from Training and Website/Innovation through to the skills of the Business Director, Franchisee, Manager, Salon Stylist, Junior and Salon Team. Recognition is also given to those offering exceptional standards in Customer Care and Front of House service.

Finalists from each of the sixteen British Hairdressing Business Awards categories, along with leading industry names and esteemed guests will celebrate the very best of British talent at the ceremony held in the luxurious Lancaster London Hotel.

Hibs sign former St Johnstone striker Rowan Vine



Hibs have signed former St Johnstone striker Rowan Vine in a one year deal.

The 6ft 1in Englishman started his career with Portsmouth

before moving to Luton Town where his impressive performances earned him a big money move to Birmingham City in a deal reported to be in the region of £3m.

After helping the blues to promotion, Vine moved to Queens Park Rangers however a training ground injury blighted his chances and after a number of loan spells in England he moved to St Johnstone last summer helping the Perth side to a third place finish.

A delighted Vine told Hibernian TV: "Vine said: "I'm delighted to sign for Hibs – I've spent the past few days training at the club and I've enjoyed every single minute of it.

"As soon as the opportunity came up, I wanted to take it because it's clear to me this is a club heading in the right direction and I want to be part of it.

"I enjoyed playing in Scotland last season and when my time at St Johnstone came to an end I was keen to stay in the league.

"So when the chance came to sign for a club like Hibs with its fan-base, stadium and set-up then I was really keen to get the deal done."

On his last visit to Easter Road Stadium in February, Vine scored twice in a 3-1 win for the Saints and he says the prospect of playing in front of the Hibernian supporters was a big factor in his decision to join.

He added: "I've always enjoyed playing at Easter Road – it's a stadium with a great atmosphere and the supporters are brilliant. Obviously I scored two when I last played there for St Johnstone which was a good night for me.

"Now I'm looking forward to playing at Easter Road while wearing the green and white of Hibs. Hopefully I can bring some extra experience and goals to the side up front – I can't wait to start."

The club also announced that Kevin Thomson who re-joined in March and played for no wages after leaving Middlesbrough has also signed a one year deal.

The 28-year-old, who has been capped three times by Scotland turned down opportunities in England in order to continue playing for Hibs told Hibernian TV: "I'm really pleased to have agreed a deal – I always wanted to stay here.

"There were other offers on the table from clubs down south, but I knocked them back because I had my mind set on staying with Hibs.

"I'm aiming to get back to my best and to play consistently well for Hibs. I've really enjoyed pre-season so far and playing in the friendly in Gibraltar.

"We've got a good group of boys here and I want to play my part in helping to drive the club forward."

Manager Pat Fenlon welcomed the news ahead of the forthcoming Europa League second qualifying round tie against Sweden's Malmo FF.

Fenlon said: "Throughout the summer, we have worked hard to identify and recruit the right players for Hibs, so we could strengthen the squad and move forward.

"Both Kevin and Rowan are exactly what we need – quality players with plenty of experience. Overall, we've got a young group of players and, with their combined experience, Kevin and Rowan will play a big part in the continued development of our squad.

"It's great that we managed to finalise both deals before the UEFA deadline and the two players will be available for selection for the first match against Malmo on Thursday."

Raith Rovers 0 Hibernian 0 – All Square at Stark's Park



Hibs warmed up for next week's European campaign with a hard fought 0-0 draw against Raith Rovers at Stark's Park last night.

Two Scouts from opponents Malmo were amongst the crowd as Pat Fenlon's men created several opportunities in front of a large travelling support.

Another interested spectator was former Celtic and Middlesbrough defender Stephen McManus who has been training with the club, and is believed to be considering offers from a number of teams since his release in the summer.

Pat Fenlon fielded an experienced team with Lewis Stevenson at right back replacing Tim Clancy who is still recovering from injury. James McPake, Paul Hanlon and Ryan McGivern made up the back four whilst summer signings Owain Tudur Jones and Liam Craig started the game in midfield with teenage strikers Danny Handling and Ross Caldwell up front.

Hibs almost grabbed an early lead when Alex Harris raced in behind former team-mate Callum Booth on the right before finding Handling with a low cross. The youngster's first time shot was on target, but defender Jason Thomson managed to block his effort.

The same pair were in action moments later with a nice one-

two, but Handling's effort was easily saved by Raith keeper David McGurn.

In the 9th minute Handling went close with a long range effort as Hibs piled on the pressure, but the Fife side fought back and former Hearts forward Callum Elliot should have done better after finding himself clean through on goal with only Ben Williams to beat, but the Hibs keeper stood firm and easily held his week effort.

Williams looked to have been fouled at a Joe Cardle corner; bit his protests were ignored by the referee and the big keeper had Crag to thank for keeping his goal in tact with a fine clearance.

Another effort from Handling, just before the break produced a great save from the McGurn to keep the scores level.

Hibs started the second half brightly and skipper James McPake went close with a powerful header from Craig's well struck corner kick, and Liam Fox headed inches wide from Cardle's cross as play flowed from end to end.

On 62 minutes Ross Caldwell had a great chance but his well struck shot flew inches past the post.

Caldwell then turned supplier and created a chance for substitute Dean Horribine but the youngster's angled a strike low towards the far post was well held by McGurn.

Both teams created late chances, but the game ended goalless.

Hibs will play Malmo in Sweden next Thursday.

Raith Rovers: McGurn, Thomson, Booth, Donaldson, Hill, Fox (Moon 72'), Anderson, Callachan, Smith (Trialist 79'), Elliot (Spence 64'), Cardle. Substitutes not used: Vaughan, Ellis, Murray, Matthews, McCroary, Laidlaw.

Hibs: Williams, Stevenson, McGivern, Hanlon, Tudor Jones,

McPake (Forster 64'), Harris (Cairney 46'), Taiwo (Horribine 68.), Caldwell (Stanton 74'), Handling, Craig. Substitutes not used: Gold, Donaldson, Mullen.

Five things you need to know today



Brunch at Out of the Blue – Today at the Modern Art Gallery – Festival and Kings Theatre Autumn programme – Film premiere at the Botanics – Emergency Services Open Day

Today you can accompany your brunch with some music... [Tomlin Leckie Music](#) will be showcasing his new album and the Eclectic 7 will be serving up jazz, latin, funk and ska. Plus kippers, waffles, cakes and strong coffee. 11.30am – 3pm, free entry.



At Modern One (Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art) today Highlight Tours of *From Death to Death and Other Small Tales*

- Saturday, 13 July 2013, 2-2.45pm & 3-3.45pm
- Free

Tours of the Gallery of Modern Art's new exhibition, *From Death to Death and Other Small Tales* which features works from the permanent collection and the private holdings of modern and contemporary art from the D.Daskalopoulos Collection.

No booking required: free, unticketed.

The Festival and King's Theatres have just announced their Autumn/Winter 2012/13 season along with future programming that includes cult drag ballet company **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo**, Royal Ballet star **Carlos Acosta** and the **National Theatre's** smash-hit play, **War Horse**.

Critically-acclaimed as the "theatrical event of the decade" (*The Times*), **War Horse** will have its Scottish dates at the Festival Theatre in early 2014, as part of the National Theatre's nine-month tour of the UK starting in September 2013. The international smash-hit play based on **Michael Morpurgo's** novel will attract audiences from all over Scotland to see the moving drama that brings breathing, galloping, full-scale horses to life on the stage.

"*War Horse* is a life affirming story about friendship, courage and family, which appeals to all ages. This is a production that brings the family together, we get people coming back again and again, and they always have the same reaction. It awakens something in you,"

Chris Harper, Producer, National Theatre.

In February 2013, the cult drag ballet company **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo** return to the Festival Theatre following their success in 2010 as the best-selling dance show of that year. In April, Cuban ballet star **Carlos Acosta** will stage his only dates in Scotland, with two exclusive performances of *On Before*, danced by **Acosta** and featuring new and

existing choreography by some of the world's leading dance makers including **Russell Maliphant**, **Kim Brandstrup**, **Edwaard Liang** and **Miguel Altunaga**. Tickets for both dance shows are on sale now, with the on-sale date for *War Horse* to be confirmed shortly.

On these new show announcements, **Duncan Hendry, Chief Executive**, says:

“We are absolutely delighted to be bringing these three world class productions to Edinburgh. This will be an exclusive opportunity to see these companies in Scotland and hopefully these visits demonstrate the ambition we have for the programming of international work at our venues”.

War Horse, **Carlos Acosta** and **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo** follow an exciting Autumn/Winter 2012/13 season at the Festival and King's Theatres that includes the Susan Boyle musical, **I Dreamed A Dream**, Aberdeen Performing Arts' adaptation of Robin Jenkins' classic Scottish novel, **The Cone Gatherers**, smash-hit comedy **The Ladykillers**, direct from the West End, **Scottish Opera's** new production of **The Magic Flute**, **Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty** and the King's panto for 2012/13: **Mother Goose**.

The Edinburgh Reporter's John Hislop went along to a press day about War Horse and shot this tiny little video:-



The Botanics will screen the UK Premiere of the ground-breaking documentary Apaporis. The event, on Saturday, August 3 will be attended by the film's director, Antonio Dorado, who will participate in question and answer sessions.

Selling more tickets in Colombian cinemas than any other documentary in the country's history, Apaporis is a travelogue through an Amazon jungle unknown even to the vast majority of Colombians. Following in the footsteps of ethnobotanist Richard Evans Schultes, it traces the journey from Mitu to Apaporis, documenting indigenous knowledge and revealing

ancient myths and secrets.

The film pays homage to the botanical knowledge of indigenous peoples and highlights the conflicts that are threatening their unique culture and language. The film was inspired by the book *One River* written by Wade Davis, a student of Schultes. It has been described by Variety Magazine, USA, as “an overwhelming wave of information and images”.

Further information about the film, to be screened in the RBGE Lecture Theatre, on Inverleith Row, can be found on the website apaporis.com. Tickets are available from the John Hope Gateway shop and [RBGE shop online](#) at a price of £7.

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the annual emergency services open day today from 11am – 3pm at McDonald Road fire station.

Hosted by the newly formed Scottish Fire and Rescue Service this free day welcomes locals to enjoy a selection of displays, demonstrations and fun activities run by the stations firefighters and other partners.

Firefighter Neil Bertram from McDonald Road fire station, has organised this event for the last 4 years, said:

“The emergency services open day is always a great day out and it’s FREE!

Last year we had almost 800 people through our doors at McDonald Road Fire Station. Located off Leith Walk, Edinburgh.

“The Police, Scottish Ambulance Service and Coastguard will all be represented on the day. It’s a great opportunity to come along, see an operational station and find out more about the emergency services and the role they play in keeping our

communities safe.

“From our side we will have fire appliances on display. The height appliance will be working throughout the event, our community safety vehicle (CSV) will also be used and staff from our Community Safety team will be on hand to give advice and answer questions on Fire Safety in the Home and offer free visits. The training centre will be carrying out fire extinguisher and fire blanket demonstrations. The public will also have the opportunity to wear a Breathing Apparatus set and enter our breathing apparatus training pod, allowing people to get a taste of navigating in zero visibility to rescue a casualty.

The feedback was great from the public last year, so NEW this year will be displays from crews demonstrating their working at heights skills and one of the `Phoenix crews` who are our young firefighters and they will be demonstrating ladder and pump drills.

“We also hope to raise money to help both our chosen charities again this year who are, `The Fire Fighters Charity` and `Hillview Children’s Unit` who offer intensive support and respite to children and young people persons with disabilities.

“Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again this year and we would urge people to pop along for what promises to be an educational, enjoyable and most importantly, family fun day out.”



Edinburgh Festival Fringe – The Assembly Rooms Fringe Music Programme,



Exclusive Performances and Album Launches

After the success of 2012's music programme and a host of high profile Scottish and International musical performances under the beautiful chandeliers of The Assembly Rooms, AR Fringe George Street have upped the ante for 2013 with an even bigger and more diverse program full of exclusive performances, record launches and commemorative milestones.

Capercaillie celebrates 30 years in the business with their first Edinburgh date of 2013 on August 05. Needing little introduction, Capercaillie are one of Scotland's most treasured musical acts with the voice of Karen Matheson at the helm. The band have played all over the world and have a new album in the pipeline which will surely be previewed at this special Edinburgh Festival date.

Another Scottish luminary but in an altogether different musical vein is Horse McDonald. She has released eight albums in her career and her festival show on August 04 celebrates the launch of her ninth long player entitled 'Home' to be released on her own Randan Records. Horse has toured with the likes of Tina Turner, BB King and Bryan Ferry and has fans as diverse as Graham Norton and the late Iain Banks.

Roddy Hart & The Lonesome Fire celebrate the release of their eponymous and self-titled new album with an exclusive acoustic performance on August 11. The album has been produced by Coldplay producer Danton Supple and follows on from 3 EP releases. Hart has spent the last few years building his six

piece band and this special stripped back performance will no doubt highlight the broody and atmospheric Celtic sound they are renowned for.

A world away from jangling guitars and Celtic harmonies, AR Fringe are very excited about the debut performance of OMEGA by Russian theatre company blackSKYwhite. Avant-garde noise-maker and composer Michael Begg will be launching his new album on July 31 to be released on CD & digital entitled 'Omega: OST' and released on Begg's own Omnempathy label. His album is the soundscape backdrop to OMEGA, a mixture of physical theatre and music against a backdrop of mythical freaks, ageless hucksters and mind-twisting curiosities. This rampage of a show is set to cause quite a stir and has a full run at this year's festival.

Motown queen, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas will be coming to the capital for their debut Fringe performance – a double whammy on August 06 and 07. Portico Quartet launch their vinyl album 'Live/Remix' and two EPs on the first date of their performance, August 05. Merrymouth, the new band of Simon Fowler from Ocean Colour Scene will be making their first ever trip to Scotland on August 12 and Northern Irish singer songwriter Damien Dempsey visits our shores for the first time in 2013 playing on August 14.

Mogwai, currently on Sunday night television with the soundtrack of Channel 4's The Returned, headline the Doogie Paul Memorial Concert on August 08. Joining them will be King Creosote, James Yorkston and Sheena Wellington with guest MC Ian Rankin. All proceeds go towards charities Macmillan, Marie Curie, TCCL and Sick Kids.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Wind in the Willows



Gilded Balloon Date: 31 July – 18 August.

Cambridge Touring Theatre brings their musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows* to the Gilded Balloon.

This lively and funny performance is brought to life for families through singing, dancing and a host of pranks that appeal to both children and adults alike. Toad is boastful, proud and obsessed with motorcars. Poop, poop! Ratty, Mole and Badger try their best to keep him under control. Along the way they learn important lessons about what it is to have friends and to be a friend.

Cambridge Touring Theatre has been touring professionally around the UK since 2000. The actors bring the story to life with audience participation and lose no opportunity to delight and entertain all ages.

Actor and journalist Piers Wehner has written this adaptation of 'Wind in the Willows' for Cambridge Touring Theatre. Barry Evans directs and the music is composed by Simon Humphreys.

"With a cast so full of energy, verve, vigour and enthusiasm ... the players frolick ... utilising a simple set of boxes and turning them into caravans, motorcars and court. The myriad of costumes ensures all the colours of a paint box are brought to the fore ... in short, the whole performance is a laughter-felled treat from start to finish."

The company offers a 30 minute drama workshop before each performance for children aged 5-10. Here children can be introduced to the characters from the story and work on themed

drama activities, songs and games.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Waves



The Attic @The Counting House, 38 West Nicholson Street (Fringe Venue 170) DATES: Preview Aug 2-4 Shows: Aug 6-11, 13-18, 20-23 TIME: 11.30am (45 minutes)

‘Must See’ Australian theatre maker swims into Fringe with a brand new tale

Long before David Attenborough showed us The Blue Planet, we went in search of Nemo’s home or sang along to Disney’s Little Mermaid about ‘life under da’ sea’... a real life Ariel was swimming around a remote Australian island.

From Alice Mary Cooper, the creator of the 2012 ‘Must See’ (The Stage) sell-out show When Alice (Cooper) met (Prince) Harry, comes Waves; a brand new solo performance at this year’s Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This new fictional work, written and performed by Ms Cooper, is both fairy tale and super hero journey. It explores the occasional advantage of being an outsider, where having no one to follow you must create your own path. Combining new writing, highly expressive storytelling together with delicate movement and humour, the work promises to delight audiences young and old.

Set on a small Australian island in the 1930’s, the story recounts the journey of young girl, Liz, who, after seeing her brother drown teaches herself to swim in the sea. However with

no one else to teach her, she employs sea creatures as her guides and in so doing, develops a new stroke- 'the Dolphin'. Her innovative and unorthodox style makes her quickly the fastest swimmer in Australia. However 'The Dolphin' is deemed 'un-lady-like' and meets strong opposition from the authorities. However some former Olympians in the form of Fanny Durack and Annette Kellerman come to her rescue allowing her to go on and win gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

At the heart of the piece is the theme of innovation and creating an alternative history to things we take for granted- in this case, the butterfly stroke. It is a story about the courage of having an idea and the drive and desire to follow through with it.

'The play started as a short story for a French magazine JeanMarie' Alice explains. 'The theme for the edition of the magazine was 'Islands' and so I began researching, finally choosing Gabo Island as my setting. The play grew from there. While the character is fictional, the story is influenced by my own love of swimming and perhaps moreover, by doing laps in a pool called the Fanny Durack in my hometown of Sydney.'

Follow the show's journey to Edinburgh on Twitter @alicemarycooper, @freefringefest, atalicemarycooper.com and at the 'Waves at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival' event page on Facebook. You can read the original short story here: <http://tinyurl.com/qzra7uq> Alice Mary Cooper's previous Edinburgh Fringe work When Alice (Cooper) met (Prince) Harry was given Five stars by Broadway Baby and a 'Must See' by The Stage.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Bulletproof Jest



**Venue: theSpace@Surgeons Hall Theatre 1 (Venue 53) Aug 5-17
(not Sun 11) Time 19:20 (50 minutes)**

The Dead Secrets present Bulletproof Jest – because the world needs to know about Space Geese. And then run away.

The Dead Secrets remind us of the power of the sketch show: woven stories, intelligent scripting and the unravelling absurdity of the human mind. This troupe is one to watch TVBomb.co.uk

Who are The Dead Secrets and what do they want?

The Dead Secrets are a six-strong sketch comedy troupe who formed in 2012 after several years performing together in improvised comedy shows in Oxford; the world premiere of Bulletproof Jest is their first show at the Edinburgh Fringe as a group. They write, perform, direct and film their own material, and to date have only broken one camera. Bulletproof Jest features:

- * The shocking truth about Space Geese, the greatest threat mankind has ever known
- * Jeremy, the incredibly inebriated inventor of Shoehats, the Cakespoon and the Razortoothbrush
- * A behind-the-scenes look at Hollywood's latest blockbuster-in-development: the discovery of the Higgs Boson

And other such important issues. Some people like to think that comedy is not rocket science. The Dead Secrets believe comedy is as complex as, if not more complex than rocket

science, which is why they have a rocket scientist in the group. To put it perhaps a shade crudely, The Dead Secrets prefer not to dumb down their comedy, but smarten it up.

Co-writer and performer Jen Sugden says: We do a lot of what I'd call "narrative sketch comedy" – fully realised characters with developed story lines. Whilst we intersperse this with short silly sketches, to change the pace and tone, one of our strengths as a group is the creation of short stories populated by characters that you'd, hopefully, want to watch again (and again).

Praise for Bulletproof Jest in early performances: Contending with mediums like YouTube which have made it possible for us to create our own compilations, The Dead Secrets remind us of the power of the sketch show: woven stories, intelligent scripting and the unravelling absurdity of the human mind. This troupe is one to watch and definitely more rewarding than watching kittens falling downstairs. **** TVBomb.co.uk March 2013.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Hot Box



Venue: Just The Tonic at The Caves; 1-25 August (Not 13)
Times: 22:40 Prices: £5 – £9

Unlock the lock to your Hot Box.

We all wear clothing, even if we don't want to. Some of us wear makeup, Karin definitely doesn't want too.

HOT BOX tackles the everyday struggles of a shabby tracksuit girl in a nip-tucked Kardashian world.

Melbourne cabaret sensation Karin Danger has been delighting crowds with her wicked tunes for eight years. Hailed by The Scotsman as “genuinely delightful and deliciously dark”, Karin returns to Edinburgh to sing about beauty, makeup and everything that’s “so hot right now” in her new show HOT BOX.

Using a full banquet of performance styles including storytelling, stand up, dance, character, sketch and mime HOT BOX is a one-woman musical extravaganza featuring Karin Danger’s award-winning song writing skills. The ten new songs written for HOT BOX include a jazz lament of the perils of dating outside your age bracket, the destructive aftermath of a night out on the town, and a wheezing hip hop anthem for anyone who has attempted a Pump class.

HOT BOX premiered in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, had a stand-alone season, and is now jet setting off to the Edinburgh Fringe. Last year, Karin Danger was shortlisted for the People’s Choice award in Edinburgh Fringe as well as winning the Victorian division of the National Cabaret Showcase.

Directed by Scott Gooding, who doesn’t own a box, but has heard they can be quite useful.

Interior design tips from Harmony Ridge Designs

INTERIOR DESIGN TIPS FROM JANE CHRUMKA, OF HARMONY RIDGE DESIGNS

There is always something you can do to make your home and interiors look better, or feel more comfortable. But it can seem like a daunting task. So, where do you start? Achieving the results you want begins with making a plan. Prepare by making a list of the areas you would like to change and how you would like to improve them, room by room.



Create a budget for your interiors project – and stick to it. Alternatively, you might like to add 20% to the total, if possible, in case a ‘must-have’ item turns out to be a little pricier than you had anticipated.

Even if you decide to only make changes to one area, or room, always take the rest of the house into consideration, to ensure your décor is consistent.

And if you have always decorated with natural colours such as creams, beige, browns and taupe, why not consider introducing accent colours, soft or bright, into your home? It can make all the difference, adding a “wow” factor, that you will love.

Also, remember that accessories are perfect for completing the overall look. Take lighting into consideration, too, to ensure your updated interiors look their best.

By all means, set yourself a timescale for completion. It can be worth building in a little extra time, though, in case you decide on any changes along the way.

As a final tip, if you are short of time, or could benefit from the advice of an expert, why not enlist an experienced

interior designer and colour consultant to help?

Further information about Jane and her company's services is available at www.harmonyridgedesigns.co.uk (0131 556 7171)

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Edinburgh Festival Fringe – The Adventure



Venue: Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33) Dates: 2 – 25 Aug 2013 (not 5, 12, 19) Time: 11.00, 14.00, 17.00 (60 mins) (no 17.00 show 2 Aug) Tickets: £12 adult/£9 children, Family £40 (2 adults & 2 children) (previews 2 Aug £6)

Bad Physics/Mercury Theatre Colchester/Richard Jordan Productions/Escalator East to Edinburgh present: The Adventure, and Interactive site specific mystery for children

When a famous scientist is abducted, it takes his two children, their best friend, an incompetent storyteller, and the audience to rescue him. In a dark and exciting disused building you must work together to discover clues, solve puzzles, face your worst fears and find your deepest courage.

Join an intrepid gang of young detectives in a secret location on a journey through an explorable building and help them to solve a fiendishly puzzling mystery. Decipher interactive puzzles, offer suggestions, and help decide how the story unfolds. The Famous Five meets Scooby Doo meets The Crystal Maze in a unique hour of funny and inventive interactive theatre. You won't be sat in the dark watching a play...you'll be at the heart of THE ADVENTURE!

Written by Fringe First winner Oliver Birch and created by award-winning interactive theatre specialists Bad Physics and directed by Artistic Director Dan Bird, THE ADVENTURE is a unique experience for 7-13 year olds and their families. Presented in a mystery location (meet at Pleasance Courtyard) groups of only 35 audience members will find themselves at the very heart of a thrilling interactive mystery. Will our gang of detectives prevail and save their Dad? Only with YOUR help!

Bad Physics make theatre that put the audience at the heart of the story. Developing a style that is playful and knowing, and that includes the audience rather than shutting them out, they create interactive stories driven by a strong narrative. They produced SUNDAY MORNING AT THE CENTRE OF THE WORLD and TOAD for Southwark Playhouse and have created immersive and interactive commissions for Latitude Festival, Old Vic Tunnels, BAC, the Royal Horticultural Society, Clerkenwell Design Week and London Fields Lido.

The Adventure has been selected for Escalator East To Edinburgh. Each year Escalator, East to Edinburgh helps artists and arts organisations to raise their profile and perform to new audiences as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Currie Armed Robbery – 38 year old man arrested



Police Scotland have confirmed that a man has been arrested and charged in connection with an alleged armed robbery at a convenience store in Currie on Wednesday 10th July.

The incident took place around 9.30pm on Wednesday at the Scotmid shop in Corslet Place, Currie.

Two men aged 43 and 18 were working inside at the time and a three-figure sum was allegedly taken.

The 38-year-old is scheduled to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Boris & Sergey II: Perilous Escapade



Venue: Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33) Dates: 31 July – 26 Aug (not 16, 21) Time: 23.05 (ends 00.05) Tickets: £11 – £7 (previews 31 Jul, 1, 2 Aug £6)

Flabbergast Theatre /Escalator East to Edinburgh present:
Boris & Sergey II: Perilous Escapade

Improvised crossover cabaret featuring tabletop puppetry and character comedy for discerningly twisted adult audiences.

War Horse, Blind Summit and Handspring puppeteer Henry Maynard presents his follow up to EdFringe 2012 sold out, five star smash hit 'Boris & Sergey's Vaudevillian Adventure'

Puppetry's Balkan bad-boys Boris & Sergey – simply the greatest vaudevillian double act ever conceived for the small stage, are back in the sequel to end all sequels! Following their 'Vaudevillian Adventure' the brothers embark on a quest

to right the wrongs perpetrated on them and reclaim their souls for good!

Become enthralled as these two tatterdemalion rogues recount their trials and tribulations in the underworld. Marvel at their daring and gasp as they enumerate, burlesque and improvise their way through this epic tale of companionship and separation. Weep as they struggle with their inner daemons and celebrate as they overcome adversity. One hour continuous flow of amusement with a dark and twisted heart. Once again expect riotous exploits, malarkey, molestation and mirth of a magnitude hitherto unseen in the neck of any woods anywhere.

An altogether more ambitious outing than their last show, Perilous Escapade has already elicited attention from The National Theatre Studio, Suspense Festival, House, The Southbank Festival, Latitude Festival and the Soho Theatre amongst others.

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Fraser Mullen insists that fans' banter won't bother him



Hibs new boy Fraser Mullen believes that his Glasgow background made it easier to cross the great divide of Edinburgh football and claims that he expects some 'banter'

should me make the Hibs' team for the first derby of the season at Tynecastle.

The teenage full back who started his Hibs career with a sensational 30 yard free kick against Gibraltar insists that he was delighted to move to Easter Road and vows that he won't be bothered with by any taunts from the supporters of the side who released him at the termination of his contract.

Speaking at the weekly press conference, Mullen said: "There was a bit of a wait because when I was told, I was still injured. I didn't know what to think at the time and then a few weeks later my agent told me about Hibs.

"At first I never really expected any of it and then it became apparent that I could sign for them and I was delighted I would get the chance to come to a club like this. It was a brilliant chance for me so I couldn't say no to it".

"I was shocked at the time, but when I first heard I was taken aback because I would never have expected that. I couldn't turn the chance down. I didn't have a clue they would come in for me. I had a think about the offers I had and Hibs were the best one.

"I'm not from Edinburgh, so I'm not a Hibs or a Hearts supporter. That made things a bit easier for me. I just thought about it as a football player and a job. It was the best offer I had so I signed."

Mullen's last game for Hearts was at Easter Road where he suffered a serious injury following a tackle on Matt Done, and he received little sympathy from the Hibs fans in the East Stand and he limped his way around the pitch.

"I got a bit of abuse that day walking around the park," he recalled. "That's football. You've got to expect that.

If I do get the chance to play (at Tynecastle) I'll try to

look on it as just another game and not let it get to me. I'm sure I'll be a fine. As a full-back you're right up against the fans, especially at Tynecastle where the fans are close to the pitch.

"You expect a wee bit of banter about crossing the city. I'm not really too bothered about it.

"The Hearts boys are having a wee bit of banter but they're all wishing me the best of luck. They're a good bunch of boys and I've known them since I was young."

Hibs travel to Kirkcaldy tonight to take on Raith Rovers in a friendly as they prepare for next week's European trip to Malmo in Sweden.