

# Women's Hockey – SHU Women's District League Hockey



Originally slated to be a four-way tournament to be played at Stirling's Forthbank Stadium, only Erskine-Stewarts-Melville II's, Kinross and MCC Western V's were able to travel.

Played in a round-robin format, it meant that two of the three teams would have to play back-to-back matches. (Unfortunately, The Reporter was unable to remain 'on site' for the third match so the result, whenever the SHU confirm, will be added in the 'Comments' Section below)

## Match 1

That dubious honour fell firstly to ESM II. Kinross were their opponents in the first match of the day and for the first few minutes, Kinross looked the better team and, indeed, only a fine save from the ESM goalie prevented the opener from being scored after just four minutes. However, this seemed to a mere blip as ESM forced Kinross on the defensive and kept their opponents deep in their own half. Winning several penalty corners in the process, it was their turn to come close after 20 minutes when a deflected shot from yet another corner slid agonisingly past the post. Another five minutes of pressure were again nearly rewarded as it was the the Kinross goalie's turn to save the day, parrying a shot from open play. This was followed up seconds later by another scrambled clearance from a corner. ESM didn't have it quite all their own way however, and a rare foray into the 'D' by Kinross nearly ended with a goal, but for a goal-line clearance by a defender. Following yet another near miss from ESM, the half ended all square – somehow – at 0-0.

The second half of the match started, more-or-less, where the first ended with an ESM shot sliding past the post by inches. Kinross were a bit more on the ball this half, but after about 15 minutes play ESM's pressure finally paid off. The goal was scored from a slight deflection, which hit the top of the goalie's pad, before dribbling down the pad edge and trickling over the line. Not the 'Hollywood' goal they'd hoped for, but

a goal's a goal and they all count. 1-0 to ESM and just over 15 minutes to play.

The rest of the second half was a bit more even with Kinross forcing a save from the ESM 'keeper, which kept the Edinburgh side ahead. Both sides continued to have their chances, but on the stroke of full-time it was Kinross' final chance which told. Collecting the ball in the 'D' from a long pass, the Kinross No.6 slipped the ball past two defenders and the outstretched 'keeper, to where one of her team mates was waiting on the far post. All she had to do was deflect the ball into the net to draw the match level. Almost immediately the hooter blew for full time and ESM had had victory stolen from under their noses.

Moral being – It's not over until it's over!



## **Match 2**

With only a 15 minute break, ESM were up again, this time against MCC Western V. This was to prove a much more evenly matched contest, with Western fielding a team with a great spread of experience, including a former GB Olympic medal winner. Not so many penalty corners this time around, but most pressure came from Western in the first few minutes. Both teams had chances on goal, but the defences held out and with neither goalie being troubled to any degree, it was to be 18 minutes in before either team got the breakthrough. That team was ESM. After regaining possession on the 25 metre line, a quick through ball into the area saw ESM's No.26 get in behind the defenders and strike the ball into the far corner of the goal. 1-0 to the Edinburgh side and loads of time left on the clock. However with five minutes left in the half, Western struck back. Building an attack down the left, a short pass into the area was collected and a firm strike of the ball saw it past the defender and 'keeper to hit the backboard and level the scoring. With the game continuing to see-saw back and forth the half drew to a close one goal apiece.

The second half again started fairly close, but for most of the rest of half ESM probably had the majority of the play and territory. In spite of attacking down the left and right and up the middle, there was no way past the Western defence.

Until 20 minutes in, at least. ESM's goal scorer, managed to get around the defence on the left and push the ball past the 'keeper. However, the first match hoodoo raised it's ugly head again and the ball passed in front of the far post by inches to go over the dead ball line. A few minutes later, ESM's 61 broke through, but had the ball picked off the end of her stick in the act of shooting and another chance went begging. Pity they didn't strike home with either as the final 10 minutes of the match belonged more and more to Western as ESM began to tire. With less than a minute to go and another draw on the cards, a long pass was collected deep in the ESM half and with defenders struggling to keep pace, the Western player ran the ball into the 'D'. The goalie came rushing out to block the shot, but the Western player eased the ball past to a fellow attacker who was left with an easy strike past the defender on the line to finish the match off 2-1. This second last minute goal wiped out any chance that ESM II's had of taking the trophy, the winning of which was played out in the final match between Western and Kinross.

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## **Incident in Southhouse Square**

Police have been involved in a stand off in the south of Edinburgh for around five hours today where a male is reported to be holding women hostage in a flat.

Police attended the scene on Southhouse Broadway just after 5:00pm, and the incident is ongoing.

One local who asked not be named said:- "He's an older guy who has just had a breakdown. He has lived here for years and is harmless. He has a big dog and lives with his three daughters."

A Police Scotland spokesperson said:- "Police in Edinburgh responded to an address to in Southhouse Square to a male

whose behaviour in a flat caused concern.

Officers continue to engage with the male to resolve this matter peacefully. There is no risk to any members of the public."

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## **Vicious attack on dog in Leith**

On Friday 17 May around 7.20pm, my Jack Russell cross, Rory, was subjected to a brutal attack outside Tesco on Duke Street in Leith.

He was tied up outside at the back entrance for 10 minutes while I was in the shop.

When I came out Rory was lying on the ground together with a blonde haired woman, shaking and covered in blood. A man who had been driving along Duke Street in a white van had witnessed the attack and stopped his van to help my dog.

The man told me that a drunk had come out of the Duke's Head pub, crossed the road and approached Rory – the drunk started to kick Rory in the chest and stomach, punching him in the head and spitting on the dog.

My understanding is that the drunk was chased away by the man in the van. He then continued across the road into another pub called the Marksman. The kind man and woman comforted my injured dog until I came out. I took Rory home, called the Police and the SSPCA before taking him to the PDSA animal hospital on Hutchison Crossway. Rory was fully examined and thankfully had no serious injuries but was in a lot of pain.

The vet attributed the pain to internal bruising and has prescribed him a strong painkiller to take for 5 days.

Police Scotland are carrying out a full investigation into this brutal, unprovoked attack of a defenceless animal but to no avail. I really do hope that the kind man and woman who helped Rory come forward and give a witness statement which will help catch the individual who did this. I would hate another animal to suffer unnecessarily in this way.

I have attached a picture of Rory making a recovery at home.

Submitted by [Rebecca Gibb](#)



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## Pedal on Parliament – time lapse...



And finally for now...here is our time lapse of the cyclists passing by St Giles on the High Street this afternoon. They were all taking part in Pedal on Parliament and roads had been specially closed for the event.

The two police officers on motorbikes were at the front of each wave as it passed down the High Street...

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# Pedal on Parliament on video...



We hope you like our video of the start of Pedal on Parliament 2 today....do let us know!

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## Police investigate attempted robbery In Newhaven



Police are appealing for witnesses following an attempted robbery within the Capital.

Around 4pm on Friday 17 May 2013 in the Newhaven Road area, a 58-year-old woman was walking west along the Water of Leith walkway when a male attempted to steal her handbag, before running off empty-handed along the walkway towards Coburg Street.

The male is described as white, around 20 years old, average height and wearing a royal blue coloured zip up top.

Detective Constable Rachel Robertson said: "This incident occurred when the footpath had been busy with cyclists and walkers.

“Anyone who was in the area and remembers seeing anything suspicious is asked to contact police immediately.”

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

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## Pedal on Parliament 2 in photos...



Here you are in all your glory if you were at Pedal on Parliament 2.

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Pedal on Parliament takes place each year in Scotland to encourage more spending on cycling infrastructure

If you would like to buy your photo we will happily send it to your email address. You are invited to make a donation to The Edinburgh Reporter in return... Please email us [theedinburghreporter@gmail.com](mailto:theedinburghreporter@gmail.com)

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# Police appeal for help to trace missing man



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for information to help trace a man who went missing in the capital last month.

39 year old Kristian Wilson was last seen in Hutchison Road on Tuesday 23 April 2013, and officers have been conducting local enquiries over the past few weeks to trace him.

Kristian is described as white, around 5ft 8ins tall with a slim build, short and neat light brown hair and blue eyes. There is no description of his clothing at this time.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "Kristian knows the city extremely well and has access to money that could allow him to travel further afield. Since he was reported missing, officers have been following a number of lines of enquiry.

"However, given the time that has now passed without Kristian being seen, we are seeking the assistance of the public to trace him. Anyone who has information relating to Kristian's whereabouts is asked to contact police immediately.

"Similarly, we would ask Kristian to get in touch and let us know he's safe and well."

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

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# Pedal on Parliament 2



We will be out and about along the route of Pedal on Parliament today and all our activity will be displayed here.

[Pedal on Parliament 2](#)

We are also using Tout to bring you live video...

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## Road closures for Pedal on Parliament 19 May



Today the second Pedal on Parliament takes place starting from The Meadows at 3:00pm. The following roads will be closed...

[Road closures for Pedal on Parliament](#) by [Phyllis Stephen](#)

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## Five things you need to know today



**Pedal on Parliament – Stockbridge Market – Edinburgh  
Festival of Cycling – Mark Beaumont at the Queen's Hall –  
Today at The Filmhouse**

Pedal on Parliament takes place later today. We hope the weather is more favourable than yesterday! We will have a team of reporters out on the streets later, and our reports will be filed here in News and under our [TERLive! section.](#)

The event attracted over 3000 cyclists last year and more are certainly expected this year.

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Stockbridge Market is on today and you will find out which traders will be there and how to get there [here on their website.](#)

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How did the idea come about for the Edinburgh Festival of Cycling? Well it was the brainwave of cycling enthusiast and safety ambassador, Kim Harding.

Tom Allan of InnerTube interviewed Kim about the idea for the festival which will take place from 14 -23 June 2013.

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*Mark Beaumont is a Scottish broadcaster, adventurer and author whose series The Man who Cycled the World, The Man who Cycled the Americas and Rowing the Arctic have brought him worldwide acclaim. In 2010 he was presented with the [Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Top Scot](#) award.*

*Talking about these and other expeditions, Mark will share how he has made a career from adventure and documentaries. This event on 19 June 2013 is part of the inaugural Edinburgh Festival of Cycling and is supported by [Alpine Bikes.](#)*

**Websites** [www.edfoc.org.uk](http://www.edfoc.org.uk)  
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[@MrMarkBeaumont](#)*



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The Filmhouse in association with Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) are screening UP this afternoon at 3:30pm and here is why:-

*"CHAS has launched The 100% Project, which aims to start conversations about death, dying and bereavement in a life-affirming way. We all love a good tearjerker for its cathartic and life-affirming qualities, and earlier this year The 100% Project held a vote to select 'Scotland's Favourite Tearjerker'. A shortlist of weepies was revealed on Facebook and Twitter, voting took place and the winning film is Up!"*

This is one of The Reporter's favourite films, and yes it will make you cry!

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## Hearts to learn their fate on Monday



The Scottish Premier League board will meet at 9am on Monday

to determine whether Hearts will face sanctions. This follows the news that majority shareholder Ūkio banko investicinė grupė (UBIG) had been listed on a Lithuanian government website of insolvent firms after reportedly declaring itself unable to meet its liabilities.

The SPL have spent the weekend consulting with lawyers to decide whether UBIG's action breaches Rule A6.12 which states: "...all references to a Club taking, suffering or being subject to an Insolvency Event and/or an Insolvency Process as well as including the owner and operator of a Club taking, suffering or being subject to an Insolvency Event and/or an Insolvency Process shall, if the Board so determines having regard to (i) the need to protect the integrity and continuity of the League; (ii) the reputation of the League; and (iii) the relationship between such owner and operator and the Group Undertaking concerned, also include any Group Undertaking of such an owner and operator taking, suffering or being subject to an Insolvency Event and/or an Insolvency Process."

Lawyers must first decide if UBIG's 79 per cent share equates to the company being designated the 'owner and operator' of Hearts, and then whether UBIG have indeed suffered an insolvency event, and if so, whether it occurred before the deadline for sanctions relating to the current season to be imposed.

The board can take a number of courses of action, but should they decide that this rule has been breached then Hearts would be deducted a third of their total points from last year, rounded up, which totals 18 and would mean instant relegation to the Scottish Football League Division One.

Alternatively, should the board decide that UBIG's liquidation can be deemed 'not confirmed' until after the deadline, then Hearts could begin next season in the SPL, but with a points total that is minus a third of this season's tally, which currently stands at 43. This leaves the players in the

farcical situation of knowing that a victory against Aberdeen at Pittodrie on Saturday could mean that they would start next season with minus 16 points rather than minus 15.

Hearts will argue that some form of court action is required to trigger an insolvency event in Scotland and the so far there do not appear to have been any court proceedings in Lithuania.

Another factor to be considered is the actual relationship between UBIG and Hearts , and the club will argue that they have been self-sufficient since early last year so have not benefited from the funding of an insolvent company this season.

Meanwhile, fans groups hope to make a formal bid to take over Hearts within the next few weeks and insists that events in Lithuania will not hamper their plans.

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## Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2013 – The Confessions of Gordon Brown

✖ The directors of manyrivers productions are proud to announce the world premiere of ***The Confessions of Gordon Brown*** at the 2013 Edinburgh Fringe Festival 31 July – 26 August 2013, The Pleasance Courtyard (13:45)  
In a candid portrait of life inside Downing Street, Gordon Brown hilariously exposes the darkest secrets of being Prime Minister, the stab-in-the-back plottings, the betrayals and most importantly – the hair gel.

Love him or loathe him, Gordon Brown was our greatest failure at being Prime Minister in 200 years. In this searing satire of the hidden arts of modern political leadership Gordon at last reveals what it takes to knife your way to the top and rule a nation, and how his dream of power ran awry.

Starring Ian Grieve as Gordon Brown in a brand new one-man  play by acclaimed Emmy nominated Scots writer and director Kevin Toolis.

#### ABOUT THE PRODUCTION:

Uniquely based on extensive interview research within Gordon Brown's close leadership circle, ***The Confessions of Gordon Brown*** chronicles the motivations, the moods and the psychological flaws of the last great *thrown* King of New Labour.

Even three years after Gordon Brown's fall, the reasons why this superbly capable, moral man failed so badly in the office of Prime Minister are of burning political relevance as both the Scottish independence referendum and the next UK general election loom.

Brown failed to convince the British people that he should be their leader. And ***The Confessions'*** poetic passages explore and reflect on that ancient role and the inevitable divisions between the Leader and Led.

Who we choose to rule over us is a question we cannot ignore. Ultimately, Scottish independence too will also be decided not by conflicting economic arguments but on faith in the leadership of Alex Salmond. Kingship does matter.

***The Confessions of Gordon Brown*** is produced by Many Rivers Productions Ltd., and written and directed by Kevin Toolis. Gordon Brown will be played by Ian Grieve.

***The Confessions of Gordon Brown*** is a work of satire and

fiction.

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# Five things you need to know today



**Candidates for By-election – Balerno Village Trust AGM – Pedal on Parliament – Pirates of Penzance – Edinburgh Festival of Cycling**

The candidates standing in the Liberton/Gilmerton by-election on Thursday 20 June 2013 have been confirmed.

They are:

*Derek Howie – Scottish National Party (SNP)*

*Phil Hunt – Pirate Party Scotland*

*John Christopher Knox – Scottish Liberal Democrats*

*Alys Mumford – Scottish Green Party*

*Stephanie Murray – Scottish Conservative and Unionist*

*Keith John Robson – Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate*

*John Scott – Independent*

*Jonathan Stanley – UKIPScotland*

Voters in this ward have until Wednesday 5 June 2013 to register to vote or apply for a postal vote for the by-election. To register to vote or apply for a postal vote people should contact the [Electoral Registration Office](#) or phone 0131 344 2500.

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm. The location of some polling places has changed so voters should check

their polling cards carefully to find out where to vote.

### **Polling Places:**

- Gilmerton Community Centre
- Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre
- Liberton Kirk Halls
- Liberton Northfield Church
- South Neighbourhood Office and Library
- St Gregory's Church Hall
- TA Centre
- Valley Park Community Centre

The by-election will use the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system where voters can rank candidates in order of preference using numbers rather than a single cross. Voters can give a rank to as many or as few candidates as they like. The result of the by-election will be announced once the votes are counted on Friday 21 June.

The vacancy in the Liberton/Gilmerton ward was created by the death of Councillor Tom Buchanan on Wednesday 3 April.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Balerno Village Trust will be held on Tuesday 28 May 2013, 7.30pm at St Joseph's Hall, Balerno Parish Church, Balerno.

This year the AGM will be followed by an Open Evening at which those attending will be able to find out more about the various projects currently being worked on by the Trust.

Harlaw Hydro will also be present to explain the current Share Offer. Refreshments will be served. The AGM and Open Evening should be finished by 9.15pm. The Edinburgh Reporter went to meet the lovely people at Harlaw Hydro a week or two back to find out about their share offer – which has now raised nearly



£200,000!

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This weekend is all about [PEDAL ON PARLIAMENT](#) which takes place in Edinburgh tomorrow.

If you don't already know about it, then get your bike dusted down and get out to the Meadows tomorrow afternoon to join the ride to Holyrood at 3pm. This is not just any old cycle ride... it is to highlight the need for improved cycling infrastructure and thus more spending from the Scottish Government Transport and local councils' budgets. Our own council in Edinburgh has promised this next year to spend 6% of the transport budget on cycling.

Pedal on Parliament last year attracted over 3,000 cyclists on the streets in what was an orderly and well-managed ride. This year who knows how many people will turn up on bikes of all shapes and sizes?

Watch our video with one of the organisers, Kim Harding, here.



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✘ Pirates of Penzance begins at the Festival Theatre on 28 May and this production is being staged by none other than the lofty Scottish Opera.

*Gilbert and Sullivan as it's meant to be – pure, uncomplicated fun, performed to the highest standards. This new co-production with **D'Oyly Carte Opera Company** – returning to the stage for the first time in over 10 years – brings the humour bang up to date with a Python-esque twinkle. A vibrant, stylish and hilarious romp through one of G&S's finest scores, this show has everything you could want from a*

great night out.

*A young man bound by an overactive sense of duty, a soft-hearted pirate king with a hopeless band of rogues at his side, a beautiful young girl, a very modern major-general and an ineffectual bevy of policemen... Add a plot hinging on the technicalities of having a birthday on the 29th of February and we're just about there. What could possibly go wrong?*

*Gilbert's high speed patter is razor sharp and Sullivan's score sees him at the top of his game, with the catchy tunes for which he is so well known. Conducted by G&S expert **John Owen Edwards** and directed by **Martin Lloyd-Evans**, the fantastic ensemble cast includes a horde of young, fresh talent as well as G&S stars **Steven Page** as The Pirate King and **Richard Suart** as the Major-General.*



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## Late Night at the Museum



Since the refurbishment of the National Museum of Scotland, the curators have looked for innovative ways to open the doors to customers of all ages. Tonight it was the over-18s who got the run of the galleries for Dino Night, in the series of RBS Lates.

 This is a taster of what is still to come this summer 

with Jurassic June set to educate us all about prehistoric animals.

There was a big queue to enter the building first of all, but as soon as we did get in there was plenty of room to move around, although other lengthy lines at the very elegant face painting and mask-making did put us off.

Instead we were happy to wander round having peace to look at some of the exhibits, get our photos taken in the spaceman suit without fear of some sniggering teenager creeping up on us, and taking in the sights and sounds. We were also able to be suitably silly in the silent disco, trying to guess what everyone else was listening to.

☒ Tyrone Rex made his appearance along with what appeared to be his tamer...

The Miniature Dinosaurs were making big with the music on the stage, and the disco was otherwise giving it lalady. The light show which accompanied it made the whole place quite magical.

Disappointed with the food offering on the main floor (£5 for 2 chicken nuggets and 16 cold chips is a rip-off in anyone's opinion and certainly in mine), we opted for the Brasserie on

☒ the ground floor to the right of the entrance. The staff there were lovely and the food divine. Suitably aged steak and burgers were on offer, and were delicious. The mini sundae was made to order with a choice of sauce and topping, and was a steal at £2.

All in all our night at the museum rocked! But as you can see from our photo some people were better prepared than others.....

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# Tributes paid to North Edinburgh community activist

Tributes are being paid tonight to Brian Robertson who sadly passed away earlier today. Brian was a long standing community activist in North Edinburgh, and was at the forefront of numerous campaigns in North Edinburgh.

As well as being a community activist, Brian could often be found in the North Edinburgh Arts Centre cafe, helping out wherever he could.

Friends and family have been leaving messages on his Facebook page to pay tribute to him since the news of his untimely death was broken around 6.00pm.

Fellow activist Ann Hutchison's tribute said:- "Eternal rest my favourite Ice Cream man. You will be missed by us all. xxx"  
Other tributes simply said *RIP Brian*.

Local councillor Cammy Day said:- "I am really sad to learn of the passing of Brian earlier today. Brian has been a local activist for many years, campaigning to improve his community in North Edinburgh and was always supportive to new people getting involved. Brian will be sadly missed by us all, and my thoughts go to his family. He always spoke highly of them."

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## Currie Community High School

# win final of energy competition

**SCHOOL's EnergyPROJECT is a winner at the Glasgow City Chambers**

Currie Community High School won the Go4SET national final which was held at the Glasgow City Chambers on May 15 and hosted by Glasgow City Council.

The teams of six second year pupils worked with their teacher and mentors from industry on the challenging 10-week project where they were tasked to research and consider how the school could reduce their energy usage and save money. Glasgow City schools worked on the project – how your school can reduce waste, the impact on the environment and save or make money. All teams provide recommendations, submit a written report and build an appropriate model.

The schools competing for the Go4SET National Award had already won their regional finals in Scotland. The schools were Calderglen High School, Craigie High School, Currie Community High School, Girvan Academy, Glasgow Gaelic Secondary School, Hazlehead Academy, Larbert High School and Lossiemouth High School.

All of the teams competing received a cheque for £100 and Currie Community High School team were presented with the Go4SET Scotland trophy and a cheque for £500 by Martin Grey, Communications Manager at Viridor who sponsored the event and the awards.

Martin Grey, Scottish Communications Manager commented "how we create a sustainable Scotland is rightly the subject of intense debate. As Scotland's leading recycling, renewable energy and sustainable waste partner working with 96% of local authorities that is a debate we are keen to encourage. We are delighted to support the Go4SET programme across Scotland, challenging young people to think about their environment and future. "The standard of entries was again very high and with talented young people like those who took part today, Scotland's future is sure to be bright."

Currie Community High School were supported by Heineken and their mentor Angus Reid commented. "The team showed tremendous organisation and creativity in successful completion of the project. Heineken is proud to support the Go4SET programme".

Gordon Macdonald MSP for Edinburgh Pentlands, whose constituency includes Currie Community high School said:

"This is a wonderful achievement for the six S2 pupils who took part from Currie Community High School especially as they had to compete with 92 other schools from across Scotland to win the competition. Practical problem solving competitions like this are a fantastic way to encourage youngsters to take up studying for the STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects."

Duncan McSporran, Director EDT Scotland commented "Go4SET is an exciting and innovative project which raises awareness in schools about engineering, science and industry, allowing pupils to make informed career choices. The National Final

demonstrated the excellent projects from all over Scotland and this made it difficult for the judges to come to a decision on the winning teams. The Go4SET programme which is part of the EDT continuum provides a live STEM project which we hope will empower young people to make informed decisions about future career opportunities in science, engineering and technology".

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## **Prisoner taken to ERI with serious neck injury**

The Scottish Prison Service have confirmed that a male prisoner from Saughton Prison was injured and admitted to hospital in the early hours of this morning. It is understood the prisoner, a 32 year-old male, suffered an injury to his neck which may have been caused by a razor blade.

The Reporter understands that this may be the same person who was arrested earlier this week after an incident in a Royal Mile chemist shop when several people were held hostage.

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesperson said:- "We received a call to Saughton Prison at 4.17am, and a male was taken from the prison to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment."

A Police Scotland spokesperson said:- "We have not been called by the Prison Service to investigate any incident."

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# Print can help your business shine!



Andrew Dinnes of leading Edinburgh print company, Murrayfield Projects Ltd, who operate Minuteman Press at Broomhouse Road, explains why top quality print can help businesses stand out from the crowd.

*There have never been more ways to communicate with your customers than there are today.*

*Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn are just some of the more recent examples – and they can be extremely effective. However, the traditional methods still have their place and continue to stand the test of time.*

*Quite simply: many customers still want to see a printed brochure or leaflet about your business.*

*And the quality of the printed material you provide can influence any decisions they take. So, it is worthwhile to ensure it is well designed and printed to the highest standards. This helps you stand out from the competition, too.*

*The same goes for stationery. Professionally designed and printed business cards and letterheads present your company as one to be remembered – for all the right reasons.*

*Branded promotional products also provide a valuable opportunity for reminding your customers about your business. Pens, mouse mats, USBs, notepads and umbrellas are just a few to consider, that can reinforce brand awareness and won't break the budget.*

*If it is time for you to review how you promote your*



*business, why not seek specialist advice? It could make all the difference.*

*For a free print consultation and quote, contact Andrew on [0131 444 0800](tel:01314440800). Murrayfield Projects ltd (Minuteman Press) are based at Unit 6, New Lairdship Yards, Broomhouse Road and [www.murrayfieldprojects.com](http://www.murrayfieldprojects.com)*

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# The woman who is bringing McEnroe to Edinburgh



John McEnroe is coming to Edinburgh this summer, and yes, he will be playing tennis. This will be the first time in almost a quarter of a century that the former Wimbledon star has played in the Capital, and he was the first of several former champions to confirm his appearance at the Brodies Champions of Tennis at Raeburn Place between 20-23 June 2013.

So who is behind it all? The Tournament Director is Viki Mendelssohn, who established Big Blue PR in 1999. She is the person responsible for making it all happen in the first place, and for everything that goes on over the weekend. The Edinburgh Reporter went to meet Viki at Raeburn Place where all the tennis action takes place this summer.

More information about how to get tickets for Brodies Champions of Tennis [here on the website.](#)

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# New Series of Case Histories returns on Sunday



Private Detective Jackson Brodie will return to our small screens on Sunday night in a new series of acclaimed BBC One drama Case Histories which is set in the Edinburgh.

Jason Isaacs reprises his role of Brodie, a complex and compulsive private investigator who attempts to unravel disparate case histories in modern-day Edinburgh.

Victoria Wood joins the Case Histories cast for the first of three 90-minute stories, adapted from Kate Atkinson's novel 'Started Early, Took My Dog'. The comedian is delighted to be part of the cast saying: "I am a huge fan of Kate Atkinson and couldn't resist the chance to be involved in Case Histories."

Jason Isaacs added:- "I can't wait to put on the crumpled, witty, self-destructive, noble and naughty skin of Jackson Brodie again and dive into the unique flavour of Kate Atkinson's worlds. Nobody connects the past with the present and the absurd with the heart-wrenching like she does and we all feel excited and lucky to bring another bunch of stories of damage and delight to the screen."

Case Histories is the latest edition to BBC Scotland's thriving drama department which is home to Waterloo Road (BBC One), Shetland (BBC One), Field Of Blood (BBC One Scotland) and River City (BBC One Scotland). This Sunday's episode featured Brodie who is back in the capital after a child-snatching job in Munich, and struggles with guilt about whether he returned the child to the right parent or if he was

duped.

A new case comes calling when Hope McMaster, a woman searching for her birth parents, approaches Jackson for help. His search takes him into the dark heart of 1979 police corruption and murder – and a secret that has remained buried for nearly 35 years. The investigation crosses paths with Tracy Waterhouse, a retired police officer turned store detective. When Tracy witnesses a little girl being physically abused by her mother, she takes a surprising course of action which stirs the past for her and former police partner Barry, and presents a moral dilemma for Jackson. He must decide whether he is brave enough to risk another mistake by doing what he feels is right, or walk away.

Motivated by his desire to help those in need and a need to atone for his recent mistake, Jackson's investigation sees the past and the present collide dramatically with the old retired cops, Len Lomax and Ray Strickland, refusing to go down without the fight of their lives.

Meanwhile, Jackson continues to avoid speaking to a newly engaged Louise after admitting his true feelings for her. And when his daughter, Marlee, makes a shock announcement, non-committal Jackson is taken aback.

Case Histories is on BBC1 at 8.30pm on Sunday 19 May 2013.

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# **Solicitor jailed for trying to smuggle contraband into**

# city prison



A solicitor who attempted to smuggle contraband into HMP Edinburgh has been jailed.

David Blair Wilson was sentenced to four years in prison at the High Court in Edinburgh today, following a joint intelligence operation by police and the Scottish Prison Service.

Officers acted on information from colleagues within the prison that Wilson intended to distribute drugs, mobile phones and other accessories to inmates and detained him during a visit to the facility on Thursday 6th October 2011. During a search of the 55-year-old's car, various drugs and electronic equipment were found inside and he was subsequently charged with a number of offences before being found guilty in court last month.

Police Scotland and the Scottish Prison Service welcomed today's sentence and warned of similar fates for others involved in smuggling contraband into Scotland's jails.

✖ Chief Inspector Richard Thomas said:- "Blair Wilson tried to exploit his client visits to smuggle drugs and other items of contraband into HMP Edinburgh. However, thanks to the excellent partnership working between police and the Scottish Prison Service, his efforts were thwarted and all of the items intended for distribution within the prison were seized.

"Officers in the Capital regularly engage with their colleagues at the prison to ensure the safety of staff and prisoners and deter criminal activity arising in or around the facility. Our joint-agency Prison Watch scheme allows the organisations to share information and gather intelligence on criminals, both inside and out-with the prison.

“Anyone who attempts to smuggle contraband, or who is involved in any other offences detected by police or prison staff will be robustly dealt with.”

A Scottish Prison Service spokeswoman said: “The presence of drugs and other contraband in our prisons is something we take very seriously. It is therefore gratifying that joint partnership working of this kind has achieved such positive results.

“We are confident that our ongoing work with Police Scotland will yield further similar successes in the future.”

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## Review: The Machine Room – Sweden



Edinburgh’s The Machine Room return with their first single since last year’s well-received *Love From A Distance* EP.

Since then the five-piece have played a string of notable gigs around the country, sharpening their teeth as both songwriters and a live act.

And ‘Sweden’ is the fruit of these labours. With synths so sweet they could be being played by angels, the song kicks off with a dream-like zest. Lead singer John Bryden’s vocals sound as good here as they ever have on record, fading in with a ghost-like delicacy that is as elusive as it is engaging.

But this is no introverted ballad. Adie Emanuel’s driving drums propel ‘Sweden’ throughout, adding metronomic menace to raise the song to even higher ethereal excesses. Layer upon

shimmering layer build towards the song's towering chorus, which Bryden finally unleashes from atop of Ryan Marinello's transcendent rifts.

Dripping in elemental ecstasy, 'Sweden' is as fine a slice of indie-electro to come out of Edinburgh for many a year. Producing music that sounds like TOY on Prozac, the Machine Room are more hypnotic than the Pied Piper. With single's of this quality it won't be long before the entire city is dancing to their tune.



*'Sweden' is available form iTunes NOW –  
<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/sweden-single/id633129971>*

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## 89 new houses for rent in North Edinburgh



Housing Minister, Margaret Burgess and Miller Homes welcomed new tenants to the first completed phase of its development at Varsity North in Edinburgh yesterday morning.

In total, 89 new apartments, consisting of one, two and three bedrooms, will be available at mid-market rental rates at the development. In 2011, Miller Homes, the City of Edinburgh Council and Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) created a limited liability partnership (LLP) as part of the National Housing Trust's initiative (NHT), aimed at fast-tracking the delivery of new homes for mid-market rental throughout Scotland.

✖ The LLP is working with managing agent, Places for ✖  
People, to manage the completed properties, identify potential tenants and manage the rentals over the contract term. Rent First@Varcity North will be available for rent to selected tenants, (employed on a minimum salary of £10k per annum, but struggling to find an affordable home to rent). Under the NHT initiative's rules, homes must be available to rent for a five year period, following which, tenants will have the choice to purchase their house at the market value or move on. Should tenants select not to buy, Miller Homes will sell the property on the open market.

Housing Minister, Margaret Burgess said:-“It is fantastic to see house developers like Miller Homes embrace the opportunities offered by the Scottish Government's pioneering National Housing Trust initiative. These new homes at Varcity North will go some way towards providing much needed affordable rented accommodation for Edinburgh residents.

“The initiative has been hugely successful, with deals secured with 13 developers to deliver over 1000 high quality homes for families throughout Scotland at very little cost to the taxpayer. A vibrant, expanding housing sector stimulates growth and protects and creates jobs in the construction sector and wider economy.”

David Knight, Managing Director, Miller Homes Scotland said:-“We are delighted to bring the mid-market rental homes to market slightly ahead of schedule. Securing affordable housing in Edinburgh remains difficult and the challenging lending environment also means that buying is still out of reach for some households. The 89 apartments will go some way to helping those in employment secure an affordable rental tenancy. The apartments are developed to Miller Homes' high standards of the quality of the build, fixtures and fittings and will form part of vibrant, modern development, which is quickly establishing its own sense of community. Rent First@Varcity North provides much needed homes at affordable

rents for key workers and has also created vital local employment opportunities within the house building industry.”

Rents per month are set at £457.20 for a one bedroom, £594.39 for a two bedroom en-suite apartment and a limited number of three bedroom apartments available. Further details are available from Miller Homes.



Vice-Convener of  
Health, Social  
Care & Housing –  
Cammy Day

Councillor Cammy Day, Housing Leader for the City of Edinburgh Council, said:-“The affordable homes available at Varsity North are a welcome addition to the market in Edinburgh. We continue to tackle the shortage in affordable homes and look for opportunities like the LLP with Miller Homes and Scottish Futures Trust to bring these very welcome homes to fruition.

“With around one half of the national uptake of NHT being in Edinburgh that gives us a sizable amount of homes available for rent. Not only will it enhance the local community, it will also offer a significant boost for those who are in work, who can’t afford to rent at full market rent. It is a great model to increase availability of the number of homes for rent in the city and gives people a real opportunity to become tenants and secure a home of their own and save for the future.”

Christa Reekie, commercial director at Scottish Futures Trust said:-“I am delighted that the first phase of homes is now complete, providing hundreds of people in the capital with high-quality homes at affordable rents. We are pleased with the high standards of the Varsity North development which has already attracted a great deal of interest.”



Miller Homes purchased the Varcity North site as part of a larger transaction from Telford College, which comprised three campuses (Telford South, Telford West and Telford North). The development of Telford West campus for Home Scotland Housing Association (40 affordable dwellings) was completed in 2010 on time and on budget.

Telford South, now known as Varcity South, has now become one of the city's, and Miller Homes' flagship development and the last campus, now known as Varcity North, comprises 327 apartments within five new build blocks and a possible converted building. The apartments under the NHT initiative are within the Dundas Campus and the Dean Campus.



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## Temporary tennis court to be created in Stockbridge for McEnroe



*FIRST EVER TEMPORARY COVERED TENNIS COURT CREATED FOR BRODIES CHAMPIONS OF TENNIS*

In any event manager manual, the first rule is plan for the worst weather and hope for the best – we do live in Scotland after all. So when the Tournament Director's first challenging question on suggesting bringing the ATP Champions Tour to Scotland for the first time was 'How do we keep the players dry?' the wheels were set in motion for a six month struggle to find an outdoor venue that could still be used for top class tennis....whatever the weather.

Damon Farrell from Airsculpt Ltd said:- 'When we were asked to provide a temporary demountable and reusable roof structure to cover an entire open air tennis court in Edinburgh, one of the UK's famously windy cities, we knew we had to come up with an innovative engineering concept,'

'The task became more challenging when we were told the structure had to comply with ATP international tennis tournament minimum height guidelines. Additionally it had to be a clear open span construction, be easy to deploy, architecturally pleasing and at the same time compliant with a myriad of cross over construction codes and safety standards.'

✘ Viki Mendelssohn, Tournament Director, researched the options over a six month period before concluding that Airsculpt was the only company who could deliver such a temporary structure. She said:- 'When I first spoke with Damon at Airsculpt I had a clear vision of what we needed in Edinburgh, and I knew it was going to present some challenges. I'm absolutely delighted that we've been able to create our own unique court that will deliver that vision, and give weather protection to the players whilst on court. This is the first time a stadium of this nature has been built in Scotland so it is another first for the event. '

The stadium will have its first showcase on Thursday 20th June. Brodies Champions of Tennis takes place 20-23 June 2013 at Edinburgh Accies, Portgower Place, Stockbridge.

For details on players, match schedule and tickets, visit [www.championsoftennis.com](http://www.championsoftennis.com)



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## Five things you need to know today



**Pedal on Parliament – Tonight at the Museum – Celter Schmelter – Chinese Tea Tasting – Festival by the Sea**

Cyclists who are planning to join in the Pedal on Parliament cycle ride on Sunday will no doubt be greasing and checking their bikes beforehand. The organisers have been excited to announce that Paul Wheelhouse MSP, the Minister for Environment and Climate Change will be joining the ride. This in addition to the families of Andrew Nicoll and Audrey Fyfe, two cyclists who died as a result of cycling collisions in Edinburgh, radio presenter Grant Stott, MSPs Jim Eadie, Sarah Boyack, Alison Johnstone and Kezia Dugdale.

The organisers are also encouraging you to come along and support the cause even if you don't have a bike. There are posters on the website that you can print off and use.

Join [our liveblog](#) of the event, where we shall have several journalists and photographers out on the route to bring you a flavour of what goes on there.

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You are probably too late to get tickets for tonight's entertainment at The Museum – unless you get someone else to give you theirs as they sold like hot cakes. This is Dino-Night and the programme will be led by Vic Galloway:-

## Grand Gallery

**Main stage** – [Vic Galloway](#) introduces

**19:00** – Fresh Air DJs

**20:20 & 21.40** – [Auntie Flo](#) live

**21:00** – [Miniature Dinosaurs](#) live

**22.15** – Finale performance

**22:25** – Millennium Clock chimes goodnight

So look out for the next event [on the Museum website.](#)

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On Sunday an intriguingly named group Celter Schmelter will be playing @42. Here is a taster:-

The House at 42 has had its difficulties with the council and so you have to be on the list to get in. If you would like to be there then email the organisers [42music42@musician.org](mailto:42music42@musician.org)

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On 23 May the nice people at Eteaket on Frederick Street are putting on a Chinese Tea Tasting evening.

*Join us for a fabulous evening with eteaket founder Erica Moore, as she takes us on a tea tasting journey with a selection of teas from her recent adventure to China.*

***Thursday 23rd May in eteaket, 41 Frederick St 6-7PM £5 per person***

*Spaces need to be booked with payment on the night. To book*

your space:

[hello@eteaket.co.uk](mailto:hello@eteaket.co.uk) or give us a call 0131 226 1292 | 0131 226 2982



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From 5 -11 August the Fringe By the Sea takes place down at North Berwick. This is what the organisers say about their line-up [on their website](#):-

*“Once again we have the two Speigeltents coming across from Belgium, and the Harbour area will be transformed into the Festival Village. The pace will be fast, furious and non-stop – with a full programme of gigs in both right through the day.*

*Ever heard of the [NEW ROPE STRING BAND](#)? They won a Fringe First last year and will be kicking off our festival on the 5th. Later that night, [THE BLUES BAND](#) are back. Paul Jones now loves North Berwick so much that he couldn’t bear to be away for even a year. When they visited in 2011, many diehard music buffs reckoned it was the best gig they’d ever been to!*

*Through the week, you will have the chance to see [DOUGIE MacLEAN](#), [ELAINE C SMITH](#), [BOMBSKARE](#) and [PHIL CUNNINGHAM & ALY BAIN](#). If you were in Edinburgh last year, you’ll know that [THE BOY WITH TAPE ON HIS FACE](#) was the hottest ticket around – we hope he’ll be down as part of a great comedy offering including [LUCY PORTER](#) and [JENNY ECLAIR](#). And the USA is represented again this year with the incredible [and beautiful] [LARKIN POE](#) coming for the first time.”*

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# Hibs Fit Fans charity marathons



The Hibernian Community Foundation have been running the 'Fit Fans in Training' (FFiT) programme designed for overweight men between the ages of 35 and 65. Over the course of the 12-week programme, they provide information and activities to help men lose weight, get fitter and be healthier, and on Saturday, ahead of the club's last League game of the season against Dundee at Easter Road, several of these fans intend to complete at least three marathons running around the famous pitch to help raise money for future Fitness Activity programmes over the next two years.

Brian Ruxton will run a full marathon, which involves 104 laps of the field, whilst Glenn Milne and Riki Byers will do half marathons of 52 laps. Other Fit Fan graduates will run various distances with a minimum of eight laps required and organisers are confident that they will at least complete three but possibly even four marathons.

One of the fans, Glenn Milne weighed just under 24 stone back in 2002, and by 2009 he was at just over 19 stone, but struggling to lose any more. At the time the Foundation were doing the Fit Fans in Training programme as part of their Men's Health initiative and he joined the second group to participate, starting in February 2011 weighing 119.3kg (18 stone 11). After the initial 12 weeks, he was down to 105kgs, and his waist had reduced from 135cm to 104cm.

After the Fit or Change Programme his waist was down to 93cm and his weight was 91.2kgs, just over the healthy range.

A few more 12-week courses, with more advanced exercises resulted in Glenn getting down to a healthy weight of 78.9 kgs with an 87cm waist on his 52nd birthday in April 2012.

He can fit into 32" waist jeans for the first time since he turned 15, and since then, I've been continuing with the keep fit, watching what I'm eating and drinking,

He's off high blood pressure medication, his cholesterol levels are down to the low side of normal and he was able to run for 2 miles for the first time since 1979. He still play 5-a-side football, but can play out of goals now, and he's even managed a couple of 11-a-side matches; captaining the Hibernian Fit Fans team.

Glenn told the Edinburgh Reporter: "The Hibernian Community Foundation helped me to lose 7 stone and I'm running a half-marathon to raise funds so they can help people like me in the future. Before I started with the Fit Fans in Training, I couldn't have run the length of pitch, never mind going round it 52 times! The Foundation has made a real difference to my life and I'm delighted to be able to give something back."

The Foundation is involved in many activities, including Health, Fitness and Wellbeing.

The Fit for Change (FfC): programme was uniquely developed by the Foundation as a follow-on for graduates of the FFiT programme, and the 12-week programmes aim to help men maintain their success or continue to progress toward their personal fitness or weight-loss goals.

The Still Game programme is sponsored by the SPL Trust, and is a 10-week programme for those aged over 60 and offers weekly workshops on topics including healthy eating, personal safety, the social history of Hibernian FC, first aid, music performance and production, internet use and light physical activity.

In addition, the Foundations promotes many other initiatives including

Green Shoots: Coaching sessions focusing on fitness and technical progression and skill acquisition through weekly or school holiday training sessions.

Coach Education via an SFA tutor with all certificate courses at the Hibernian Training Centre.

Football coaching in schools wearing the Hibernian badge which aims to increase children's physical activity and improve physical literacy.

Disability Football and Lothian Hibernian: Unique partnership with W / Lothian Special Olympics providing regular coaching for players with learning disabilities with the assistance of Hibernian FCs under-19 squad players.

Community Education and Learning in partnership with Edinburgh College, at the Hibernian Learning Centre and Computing Classes, specialising in literacy, numeracy, employability skills and IT including technology skills, core IT skills, European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) and advanced ECDL.

The Kicks for Kids programme where generous individual and corporate sponsors purchase season tickets for use by local community and voluntary organisations who allocate them to their members and service-users.

Courses for 12 – 18 year olds on music related topics including drums, guitar, keyboard skills, singing and lyrical composition

Charity Ticket Allocations programme where local charities and organisations receive a block of tickets for their stakeholders, service users and staff to enjoy a match at Category B fixtures at Easter Road, and Charitable Donations of new 'old stock' kit to charities and voluntary



organisations.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fantastic cause can do so at <http://www.justgiving.com/Glenn-Milne> or just text HIBS99 £2 to 70070

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# Edinburgh man convicted on murder charge



A man who killed his neighbour has been convicted of murder at Edinburgh High Court

Harvey Frost today pled guilty to stabbing 25-year-old Craig Stewart during an attack within a flat in Magdalene Drive on Sunday 10th February.

Mr Stewart suffered a serious injury to his chest and was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh where, despite the best efforts of hospital staff, he later passed away.

Detectives in Edinburgh launched a major investigation following this incident and Frost was quickly detained and subsequently charged.

The 47-year-old will be sentenced next month.

Detective Inspector Stuart Houston from the Police Scotland Major Investigation Team said: "Harvey Frost and Craig Stewart, who were unknown to each other previously, had been

socialising together within a flat in Magdalene Drive when Frost launched a violent and unprovoked attack. Craig was a much loved brother, son and friend. His loss has had a significant impact on all who knew him and I hope the outcome today will go some way in allowing the family to take a step forward in what has been the most dreadful and tragic circumstances.”

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## **Police Appeal for Witnesses after Woman injured in Accident**



Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses to a serious road collision where an elderly woman was trapped under a taxi.

The incident occurred in the Morningside area around 12.55pm on Tuesday of this week.

A black seven-seater Peugeot taxi was involved in a collision with the 76-year-old woman as it turned from Morningside Road into the drop-off area outside the Marks and Spencer store.

The woman sustained multiple injuries and was freed by the Fire Service, before being taken by ambulance to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, where she is recovering.

Anyone in the area at that time who may have witnessed the incident is encouraged to contact Police Scotland on 101.

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# Edinburgh West MP seeks meeting with RBS over job losses

*Comments from both the MP and MSP for Edinburgh West today.*

Mark Lazarowicz MP reacted strongly to the news today that the largely Government-owned RBS is to cut 1,400 jobs from its retail arm with the bulk of the redundancies at the head office at Gogarburn

Mark said:-“This is a body blow to staff at RBS at what is a difficult time for anyone looking for work. I have been in touch with union officials in support of the staff and I will be seeking a meeting with senior management to discuss the redundancies. At the meeting I will be asking for a clear indication of future employment plans for the bank’s Edinburgh operations and assurances that these job losses are not part of a policy of outsourcing.

“The Chairman and Chief Executive of RBS claimed recently that the financial restructuring of the bank was largely over and that the Government could start preparing to return RBS to the private sector. That should not be at the expense of hard working employees, many of whose colleagues have already paid the price of the failure of management at the bank in the years prior to the financial crisis through losing their jobs.”

Commenting on the announcements surrounding the RBS job cuts, Colin Keir, MSP for Edinburgh Western, said:-“This is devastating news and I understand that the bank have spoken to the Scottish Government who are acting as quickly is as

possible to ensure that appropriate support can be brought in to minimise the impact and soften the blow for the people concerned.

“The staff facing this terrible news are not the ones who caused the crisis at RBS but members of staff with mortgages and everyday budgets and expenses – and many of them are my constituents. I met RBS this afternoon and have discussed how they will support staff through this difficult time.

“Whilst this news is deeply disappointing the long term investment being announced for Gogarburn, highlights the strength of business locating in Scotland, and I hope this will increase long term security for RBS employees. My thoughts are with the people who are experiencing losses today.”