

Lord Provost Backs Hibs for the Cup



The Lord Provost Donald Wilson today backed Hibernian to bring The Scottish Cup back to Edinburgh for a second successive season.

“On behalf of the city – or one half of it, at least – I would like wish Hibernian the very best of luck in the Scottish Cup Final on Sunday, he said.

“Pat Fenlon’s side have ended their league campaign in a rich vein of form, winning their final three games in some style. Let’s hope they can make it four in a row against Celtic at Hampden, lifting the Scottish Cup and ending their fans’ long wait for success in this historic competition.

✖ “I’m sure the many thousands of Hibs fans heading west will do their team and their city proud on what will hopefully be another momentous day for the Capital. And, if the team do bring the trophy back to Leith, we can look forward to a second successive Scottish Cup victory parade through the streets of Edinburgh.

“Interestingly, Hibs’ last victory in the competition came a year after Hearts lifted the trophy. And, in another echo of the past, their opponents that day were Celtic. Here’s hoping that history repeats itself.”

If Hibs are victorious, the Lord Provost will welcome the team and backroom staff into the City Chambers on Monday evening for a celebratory reception.

The victory parade will follow, with the open-top bus departing from the High Street at 7.00pm, travelling down to

Easter Road Stadium via North Bridge, Waterloo Place, Regent Road, Easter Road and Albion Road. It is expected to last around 45 minutes.

With a large turnout expected on Monday, drivers should plan their journeys and take account of any road closures in operation during the parade. Traffic management arrangements can be found on the council website.

The club are also planning a celebratory event at the stadium immediately following the parade. Gates will be open from 6.00–7.00pm so fans must choose between the two. Further details available from www.hibernianfc.co.uk

The Lord Provost added: “We are asking fans to plan ahead and to behave responsibly both on match day and during the celebrations that follow. Our officers have been working closely with the club and police to ensure that both run smoothly and safely and can be enjoyed by all.”

With the Edinburgh Marathon also taking place on Sunday, fans driving to Glasgow are reminded to leave the city via Ferry Road. Again, visit the council website for information on road closures.

Two Men Plead Guilty to George Street Jewellery Store Robbery



Two men have admitted responsibility for an armed robbery at a

George Street jewellery store earlier this year.

At the High Court in Glasgow, 25-year-old Elliot Jorgensen and 26-year-old Anthony Boyd pled guilty to being involved in an incident at the Rox store on George Street on Tuesday 15 January 2013.

Around £1million worth of jewellery was taken from the premises before those responsible made off on a motorbike.

A major police investigation was launched to identify those responsible and both men were later arrested in the Greater Manchester area.

A third man, who was also charged in connection with the robbery pled not guilty to being involved and has been released from police custody.

Detective Inspector Bobby Deas, who led the investigation said: "This was a terrifying ordeal for the staff at Rox to endure and resulted in a large quantity of valuable jewellery being stolen from the store.

"Officers launched a robust investigation to trace the men involved and with the assistance and co-operation of our colleagues at Greater Manchester Police, we were able to ensure that both men were brought to justice.

"A significant case was built against both Jorgensen and Boyd and this has been vindicated by their decision to plead guilty today.

"Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe and tackling crimes of violence and offences where weapons are used.

"Anyone found to be responsible for crimes of this nature can expect to be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law."

Hibs' First Cup Win and the Deacon Brodie Factor



On Sunday, over 22,000 Hibs fans will head to Hampden Park, hoping to finally see their club win the Scottish Cup for only the third time in their 138 year existence.

In April, The Reporter looked back to 1902, the last time the club lifted the famous trophy, and today we go even further back to the first time the cup arrived in the capital; the 12th February 1887.

By the start of that decade, Hibs had established themselves as the top team in the east, and had built up a considerable support from Irish communities throughout the country.

Hibs started the 1886/7 Scottish Cup campaign in confident mood, having reached the semi-final stage for the previous three years. A 5-1 win over Durhamtown Rangers in the first round was followed by a 3-0 victory over Mossend Swifts in a replay after a 1-1 draw, which set up a third round tie against city rivals Heart of Midlothian.

No fewer than 7,000 fans crowded into Easter Road for the game, and a mistake by Hearts goalkeeper Gibson gave Hibs a flying start after he dropped a cross at the feet of centre forward Phil Clark. McLaren struck a second then McGinn added a third before Hearts pulled one back.

Two further goals from Billy Fagan saw the game finish 5-1 to Hibs, who were then given a bye into the fifth round where they disposed of Queen of the South 7-3.

The quarter final was played on Christmas Day at Cathkin Park in Glasgow, where despite dreadful weather conditions, the game went ahead and Hibs won 2-1.

Hibs went into the semi-final draw along with Dumbarton, Vale of Leven and Queens Park as rank outsiders, but at least they emerged with a home draw. The game against Vale of Leven was postponed for a week due to the state of the Easter Road pitch, and the Hibs board doubled the stand process to two shillings for the match, raising a record sum of £170.

Vale of Leven took an early lead, teenage sensation, 'Darling' Willie Groves equalised and Hibs scored a further two goals to become the first east of Scotland team to reach the cup final.

Vale of Leven didn't take their defeat lying down however and lodged a formal complaint with the SFA claiming that one Hibs player had received an illegal payment.

The SFA met two days before the final to consider the case, but decided that as there was insufficient evidence, they would reconvene after the game.

On the morning of the game, it emerged that Willie Groves was the man in the middle of the protest row as someone in his factory had reported that he was receiving £1.00 from Hibs every week, which in fact was true, but was compensation for loss of work.



The Hibs player travelled to Glasgow by train, arriving at Queen Street Station at 2.12pm where they were met by local catholic leaders and they made their way to Hampden Park for the 3.30pm kick off. Official records show that just over 8000 fans paid an entrance fee although estimates at the time suggest over double that number were present.

Hibs travelling support was estimated to be around one thousand and were distinguished by small green cards in their hats which read 'Hurry Up Hibs.' Every conceivable means of transport had been utilised by the Hibs fans. A first class return on the train cost 9s.6d (forty seven and a half pence), second class 7s (thirty five pence) and a third class 4s (twenty pence).

Legend has it that one fan, a burly character called Dan Fyfe who drank in the Halfway House walked to and from Hampden arriving back on the following Wednesday looking 'extremely tired but satisfied.'

Dumbartonshire was one of the hotbeds of Scottish football with three strong sides including Vale of Leven and Renton, and the 'Sons' had already won the Cup and appeared in two other finals.

The pitch was slippery after a recent thaw and Hibs started brightly applying early pressure forcing Dumbarton defender Millar to head clear from under his crossbar. Dumbarton, clad in blue and white strips then had the best of the game for a while, and actually claimed a goal, but the ruling was that the ball had gone outside the post. (There were no nets in those days.) Fagan then headed the ball off the Hibs goal-lone, whilst Hutcheson did the same for Dumbarton as play raged from end to end in a 'welter of excitement.'

Toward the interval, Hibs gained the upper hand with several useful attempts at goal, but had to settle for being level when the half time whistle blew.

The second half started in much the same way, with McGhee making a fine clearance for Hibs then Smith and Clark missed chances at the other end. Tobin saved well from Robertson, but when the ball was sent back into the goalmouth, Aitken put Dumbarton ahead with a blistering drive.

Hibs retaliated and Macaulay was charged through his goal just

a fraction of a second after parting with the ball. Play died down a little as Dumbarton settled on their lead, but their keeper made a mess of a Clark shot from near the corner of the pitch and Hibs had their equaliser.

In the last minute, Groves set off on yet another prancing, weaving runs before passing the ball to Lafferty who sent it past Macaulay into the goal while the Dumbarton defenders claimed offside.

The goal was given, but a the wry smile on the face of Hibs captain McGhee suggested that Hibs may have had the rub of the green for once.

After the game, the victorious party were entertained to speeches, songs and an excellent supper in St Mary's School in East Rose Street in the east end of Glasgow before returning to the capital by train.

Back in Edinburgh, those who had stayed at home milled around Register House seeking information, and when news of the triumph filtered through, paperboys were knocked over in the rush to read of the team's success.

Two thousand well-wishers greeted the players at 10pm when the train arrived at Waverley Station, along with two bands, plus a brake and horses bearing a large banner which read 'Hurrah for the Green Jerseys' which lead the celebrations to the Tron Kirk then finally to St Mary's Street.

As the rejoicing went on, no-one gave a thought to the complaint by Vale of Leven, but the following Tuesday, a meeting was held where the 'informer' could provide no proof of his claim. Despite the lack of evidence however, it took a casting vote of the Chairman Mr R. Brown to pass the 'not proven' verdict.

As a footnote; should Hibs win the cup on Sunday, a victory parade will be held the following night, where the team will

board an open topped bus at the City Chambers at 7pm before heading to Easter Road.

Any Hibs fan in the High Street might want to pop into a pub which bears the name of a man indirectly responsible for the first cup win, 'Deacon Brodie.'

No-one in the Hibs team that day captured the affection of the supporters as much as 'Darling' Willie Groves. In his book, 'Hibernian; The Complete Story.' author John R Mackay describes Groves as follows: "No more fascinating player ever appeared in a football arena. Tall, sinewy and graceful on the ball his work was beautifully close, artful and deceptive. He was a picturesque figure, a sort of Romeo in the sport with his raven locks and classic cut features. His speed and swerve made him often seem unstoppable and it was one of his thrilling solo runs which set up Hibs' winner in the 1887 Scottish Cup Final."

So what is the connection between Groves and Deacon Brodie?

One hundred years before, a Metropolitan Police Sergeant was seconded to Edinburgh to help with the investigation into a series of crimes which culminated in the arrest of Brodie. The officer decided to stay in Scotland and in August 1868, his great grandson Patrick 'Willie' Groves was born in Glasgow.

Police Warn Public After Card Skimming Devices Recovered



Police in Edinburgh are urging the public to remain vigilant

after several card skimming devices were recovered from cash machines in the South of the city.

Between 2nd April and 19th May, officers received numerous reports of suspicious equipment attached to ATMs in the Newtown, Bruntsfield, Marchmont and Morningside areas.

As a result, police seized devices from dispensers in Clerk Street, Marchmont Road, Comiston Road, Bruntsfield Place and Morningside Road.

Five people, who recently used these machines, then reported having three-figure sums of cash removed from their bank accounts and police are continuing to investigate whether others have been affected.

Officers are now urging those who use ATMs to look out for suspicious devices or activity around the machine and report any concerns to police.

PC Carol Menzies said: "Thanks to the vigilance of members of our community, these devices have since been recovered and our enquiries are on-going to determine where they came from and who fitted them to the ATMs.

"Unfortunately, a few people have fallen victim to card skimming, resulting in sums of cash being taken from their accounts.

"The public are urged to be on their guard for unusual looking equipment attached to cash machines, or anyone acting suspiciously in the nearby area.

"If you have concerns about a cash machine, do not use it and contact police immediately."

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

Aquamarine Power gets approval for Western Isles wave farm



Edinburgh-based wave energy company Aquamarine Power has today received consent for a 40MW wave farm in the Western Isles. This will be the world's largest fully-permitted ocean energy site.

Here is an animation produced to show you what will be happening out on the west coast of Lewis:-

The announcement was made by Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing, at the All-Energy Conference taking place this week in Aberdeen, and shows further support for the wave energy business in Scotland.

The green light from the government and its regulator Marine Scotland, along with onshore planning which was approved last September, means the Edinburgh firm, through its wholly owned subsidiary Lewis Wave Power Limited, will be able to begin installing their near-shore Oyster wave energy machines at the site in the next few years – once the necessary grid infrastructure has been put in place.

This will ultimately see the deployment of between 40 and 50 Oyster devices along the coast at Lag na Greine, near to Fivepenny Bove, in one of the best wave energy locations in Europe. Once complete, the farm will have the capacity to power nearly 30,000 homes.

Last year the local council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council), approved planning for the onshore hydroelectric power plant which will be connected to the Oyster wave energy farm.

Aquamarine Power are currently testing their second full scale wave machine, known as the Oyster 800, at the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in Orkney, and are now producing electrical power to the grid.

“This is a significant milestone for our company,” says Aquamarine Power Chief Executive Officer Martin McAdam. “The goal of our industry is to become commercial, and to do this we need two things – reliable technologies and a route to market. Our engineers are currently working hard on getting the technology right and we now have a site where we can install our first small farm, with a larger-scale commercial build out in the years ahead.

“We have worked in close consultation with the people and businesses of Lewis in the development of our proposals and would like to express our gratitude for their ongoing support. We were delighted with the turnout at the series of public exhibitions we held on Lewis last March, and we also commend government regulator Marine Scotland and the Western Isles Council for their positive approach.

“We believe wave energy presents an important opportunity for the Isle of Lewis. Our development could provide significant economic benefit to the local community. In Orkney, for example, we have spent over £5 million in the local economy during the installation of the first two Oyster devices and have worked with over 40 local companies as part of our commitment to sourcing much of the services and expertise we require locally.”

The £18 million Marine Renewables Commercialisation Fund (MRCF), launched at All-Energy last year, will now be used to

provide a dedicated support mechanism for the wave sector to enable wave projects get to the first array stage and development.

The Scottish Government has explained that this tailored approach for wave energy will be complemented by an innovation support programme for the enabling technologies that are crucial to the success of the earliest wave and tidal arrays.

The government hope that the new proposal will ensure Scotland remains at the forefront of marine energy and is aimed at accelerating wave technologies towards commercial readiness, alongside their tidal counterparts.

Announcing the launch of the new scheme in Aberdeen today, Energy Minister Fergus Ewing said:-“Scotland has a world-leading resource and is a hot-bed of innovation and talent, making marine energy an exciting green growth sector. The fact that three leading tidal projects in Scottish waters have recently secured funding from other sources – the European Commission’s NER300 fund and the UK Government’s Marine Energy Array Demonstrator scheme – offers the prospect do something different with the MRCF. We now have the chance to provide much-needed support for other marine renewables activities, while still fulfilling the goal of the MRCF – which is to help commercialise the marine energy industry in Scotland.

“Scotland needs both wave and tidal stream technologies to help decarbonise our electricity system, increase energy security, and reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels.

“The need for differentiated funding for wave and tidal technologies has been debated for a while now within industry circles. The marine renewables industry has spoken and we have listened. All previous marine energy funding schemes have been open to both wave and tidal projects. We are proposing something very different here in Scotland, making us the first in the UK.”

Dr Stephen Wyatt, Director of Innovation at the Carbon Trust said:-“The Carbon Trust are delighted to be working with the Scottish Government to deliver this dedicated support mechanism of financial and technical support for the wave sector to enable wave projects to get to the first array stage. This tailored approach for wave energy, complemented by a Marine Energy Accelerator for enabling technologies, will help keep Scotland, and the rest of the UK, in pole position to capitalise on the tremendous opportunity we have in marine energy.”

Youth to decide in Inverleith

The next Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 14 June 2013, 1.30pm at Broughton High School will focus on the young people of Inverleith.

Anyone living in Inverleith aged under 18 is invited to send their thoughts on small projects that might improve the neighbourhood for young people, and those present will vote on favourites.

The Neighbourhood Partnership will then look at ways of finding the resources or funding to make it happen!

Send your ideas and go along on the day to cast your vote.

The day will also include entertainment from pupils and information stalls

For more information and to download the form please visit: <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/inverleith/>

Five things you need to know today

 **Stockbridge Library this evening – Alba Innovation Centre – Airport Mural – Blue Moon Café closes – Council Leader aka “Marathon Man”**


Andrew Kerr, local historian and author invites you to Explore Stockbridge this evening at 7:00pm through favourite images, photographs and maps of this historic and visually stunning area. Followed by a Walking Tour Saturday 25th May, 11.00am (meet at the library -numbers limited). To book a place for either event call 0131 529 5665



Alba Innovation Centre is in Livingston and next week on Thursday 30 May 2013 it opens its doors to clients and virtual clients for the first time to Scotland's Business and Technology Community.

“Come along and meet Scotland's leading technology entrepreneurs and find out about their new innovations and see their technologies. Open Doors will consist of morning presentations where we will look at trends and developments within the technology sector, a full-day exhibition where you will have the opportunity to meet clients of Alba Innovation Centre and the Alba Incubation Service and an afternoon of demonstrations where you can see first-hand how these new innovations and new technologies work.”

Tickets are free and available [here.](#)

 Our photo today shows artist, Damian Callan, working on his mural called The Marathon which was installed yesterday in the departure lounge at Edinburgh Airport. He is being closely watched by Rory who happened to be travelling with his family. It is just by Gate 7, and Damian will be adding faces to the installation over the coming weekend when marathon runners are expected to pass through the airport to take part in the Edinburgh Marathon Festival. If you are using the airport he will happily add you to his magnum opus!

We also interviewed him about the work:-

[listen to 'Damian Callan at the airport with his mural !' on Audioboo](#)




It is with great regret that we note the Blue Moon Cafe on the corner of Broughton Street and Barony Street has closed its doors. The word on the street is that the premises will be split in two and may become a chippy and a Thai restaurant. The Edinburgh Reporter has fond memories of the chilli served at the Blue Moon, and we are sad to witness the demise of another Edinburgh institution.

Council Leader Andrew Burns has decided to take up a bet he and his father made some time ago, and he will be entering for the Edinburgh Marathon next year. He will be raising money for Venture Scotland and has promised to keep [a blipfoto diary](#) for the whole year when he is training from May 2013 through to late May 2014, where he will record his running and fundraising ... you can [see that here](#).

Councillor Burns said:-“I now promise to keep all-things fundraising on the [blipfoto diary](#), and via [twitter](#), and the blog will promptly return to much more important matters, such as the shocking progress with my Allotment-crops this year ;-)” And of course, being a man of many talents, he will also lead the Capital Coalition as it heads towards 2014 when the trams will be on the streets.

Wave energy company celebrates milestone

 Leith firm Pelamis is celebrating a significant milestone as the ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) owned Pelamis P2 wave energy converter has this week completed its first year of a robust testing programme at the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in Orkney.

The combined P2 test programme has now accumulated 7500 grid connected operating hours, and exported 160MWh of electricity to the national grid. The company says these are encouraging figures for this stage of the testing programme, and expects that generated powers will continue to rise as the programme develops.

Following its first installation in May 2012 alongside the E.ON owned Pelamis P2 machine at the Billia Croo test site, the machine has been undergoing a progressive work-up testing programme, being exposed to increasingly large wave conditions for longer deployment periods. An accelerated form of the

work-up programme was made possible thanks to the wealth of learning accumulated since the beginning of the E.ON Pelamis P2 demonstration programme in October 2010, and the resulting confidence of both the customer and Pelamis operation teams in this testing approach.

As a result of this accelerated testing strategy, the SPR owned Pelamis P2 wave energy converter was able to generate twice the amount of electricity in half the elapsed calendar time, during its initial test parameters of small to medium seas. In deployments since then, the SPR Pelamis machine has experienced larger seas with significant wave heights of up to 5mHs, including individual waves of over 9m. Electricity generation has increased as anticipated in these larger, more energetic seas.

The proven average output capability of the device, over the annual spectrum of wave conditions at the EMEC site, is now close to 100kW. Demonstrations of further improvements are anticipated through control optimisation which could double that number as targeted for the next stage of the project.

The video shows the E.ON owned Pelamis machine in action.

Missing Edinburgh Man Traced



Police Scotland have confirmed that a missing Edinburgh man has been found safe and well.

Kristian Wilson was last seen in the Hutchison area on 23 April 2013, but had failed to make contact with friends or family since.

Enquiries revealed yesterday that the 39-year-old was in the North Berwick area and he returned to the Capital on Tuesday evening.

Call for Edinburgh women to get on their bikes at Leith Festival

Edinburgh Bike Club project “Belles on Bikes” is calling the city’s women to haul their bikes out of the shed, dust them down and pedal along to the Leith Festival Gala Day on 8 June.

The project is funded by Cycling Scotland and is delivered in partnership by Youth Scotland and CTC Scotland – the national cycling charity. It aims to get more women interested in cycling and will be at the Gala Day on Leith Links from 11am to 4pm.

Cycling activities will be available for everyone to try – “belle” or boy – and will include cycle rides led by qualified cycle leaders, maintenance workshops run by female bike mechanics, and Dr Bike, who is on hand to fix punctures and minor bike ailments.

The Bike Club Skills Trail will also be free for cyclists to test out their skills, and the Leith Cycle Company will have bikes and children’s tagalongs to try out, so “baby belles” can go out for a spin too. Adventure trails will be available for children and young people and are always popular.

Kirsteen Torrance, Bike Club Development Officer, said:-“We want to encourage more women to get on their bike and enjoy

all the benefits of cycling. Edinburgh is a wonderful place to get started on a bike because of its extensive cycle network and supportive cycling community, and the “Belles on Bikes” project is a great way to introduce more women to the idea of getting around the city on two wheels.

The Leith Gala Day event will be great fun and the range of cycling activities on offer will appeal to all kinds of people. So even if you’re not a girl, come along and get pedalling with us!”

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Both Suzanne and Kirsteen can be reached on 0131 554 2561.

Submitted by [Claire Connachan](#)



Turkish Airlines launch new schedule from Edinburgh

 Turkish Airlines celebrated the launch of its new schedule from Edinburgh Airport today. It is increasing its current programme from five to seven weekly flights to Istanbul and beyond to the 224 global destinations in the airline’s ever-growing network.

Turkish Airlines’ General Manager for Edinburgh, Mr Serhat Sari and Mr Gordon Dewar, CEO of Edinburgh Airport, hosted a

reception for guests as passengers prepared to board their flight to Istanbul on Turkish Airlines' special celebratory aircraft.

This development means that the number of flights a week to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines has almost doubled since starting operations from Edinburgh in July 2012. This is due to the high demand from Scotland to Istanbul as well as the two hundred plus global destinations available from Turkish Airlines Istanbul hub, throughout Europe, the Far East, the Middle East and Africa.

Turkish Airlines' General Manager for Edinburgh, Mr Serhat Sari said: "Turkish Airlines is Europe's fastest growing airline and we are delighted to be expanding our service from Edinburgh Airport. Scotland is an important destination and by operating seven flights a week business and tourism will both benefit from this service."

Chief Executive of Edinburgh Airport, Gordon Dewar, said; "We are delighted that Turkish Airlines is now operating daily flights to Istanbul from Edinburgh. For this announcement to be made within a year of the Airline's inaugural flight in July is a rare and unprecedented event and an amazing achievement for Edinburgh. This decision is testament to the hard work of our staff and partners over the last 12 months.

"With numerous connections to other long-haul destinations becoming available as a result of this decision, we are looking forward to a bright future and cementing Edinburgh as the place where Scotland meets the world".

Turkish Airlines' Edinburgh to Istanbul service, which provides convenient connections to Asia, Africa and the Middle East, now offer free baggage allowance of 40kgs to passengers travelling in economy class from Edinburgh to the following destinations: China (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hong Kong), India (Delhi, Mumbai), Pakistan (Islamabad, Karachi), Thailand

(Bangkok), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City), Nigeria (Lagos), Ghana (Accra), Kenya (Nairobi, Mombasa).

Based on 2011 and 2012 results, Turkish Airlines has been chosen as the winner of “Best Airline Europe”, “Best Premium Economy Seats” for its Comfort Class seats and “Best Airline Southern Europe”. In addition to the service from Edinburgh, in the UK Turkish Airlines operates 31 flights per week from London Heathrow with double daily flights from Gatwick. Manchester has 10 flights per week, Birmingham has daily flights.

For more information about Turkish Airlines and to book flights, please visit <http://www.turkishairlines.com>

Submitted by [Turkish Airlines](#)

Police Message to Fans Ahead of Cup Final



On Sunday 26 May, thousands of fans of Hibernian Football Club will travel to Hampden to cheer their side on against Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final.

Around 50,000 fans are expected to head for the National Stadium for the kick off at 3:00pm on Sunday and Police Scotland is welcoming both sets of supporters to Glasgow.

Superintendent David Carradice, of Police Scotland Edinburgh Division said:- “With the build-up to Sunday’s final well underway and Hibs fans preparing to return to Hampden for this year’s contest, we want to help make sure that supporters are

able to get to and from the game safely – whatever the result.

“We have been working in partnership with colleagues in Glasgow, the City of Edinburgh Council, British Transport Police and Hibernian Football Club to ensure the weekend can be enjoyed by all those who wish to attend. Similarly we are keen to avoid disruption to everyday life in both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

“It will be a particularly busy sporting day in Edinburgh as the city also plays host to the marathon which always attracts a large number of spectators in addition to the athletes.

“While we want everyone to enjoy this festival of sport, keeping people safe is the priority for Police Scotland. Together with our colleagues at the British Transport Police, we have a wealth of experience of dealing with high volumes of people travelling to and from Scotland’s biggest two cities. There will be a high-visibility police presence on patrol over the weekend to offer guidance and reassurance.

“I would encourage all supporters to plan their day and travel, in advance. I would remind people that it is not permissible to drink alcohol on supporters’ buses, trains or any form of public transport. It is also an offence in Glasgow to drink alcohol in streets and public places and anyone arriving at the turnstiles drunk will not be allowed entry into the stadium.

“Many supporters may opt to stay in Edinburgh and watch the match in various licensed premises across the city and all fans, travelling or otherwise, are encouraged to adopt a responsible attitude to alcohol and ensure their behaviour does not place them or others at risk of harm.”

Referring to the prospect of a first Scottish Cup victory for Hibs since 1902, Supt Carradice said: “After the disappointment of last year’s final, Hibs fans will be even more desperate to see their team return to Leith with the

Scottish Cup. In the event of such a victory, fans should check their club's website – www.hibernianfc.co.uk – for details of a celebratory parade and related events.

“Whatever the result on the pitch, I hope all supporters will work with us and remain safe on the day.”

Wester Hailes gets funding from Carnegie for community news



WHALE Arts has been awarded £10,000 by Carnegie UK Trust as one of the five projects named in the Trust's Neighbourhood News initiative.

WHALE is at the forefront of the project to bring The Sentinel back to life. This was a newspaper which foundered some time back, but which had a great community following.

The plan is to revive the paper online, in the form of The Digital Sentinel. Carnegie UK Trust have revealed the Wester Hailes project as one of the five winning projects of its £50,000 'Neighbourhood News' scheme. This project has been set up to help develop innovative ways of producing local news.

At present there is a [website](#), and the group have been running taster sessions to try and drum up citizen reporters.

This is a separate project from the Prospect Housing blog called [From There to Here](#) which narrates the social history of Wester Hailes by using some historic content from The Sentinel

and bringing it up to date. They also have a [Facebook page](#).

Other winners are Port Talbot MagNet in South Wales, 'Your Thurrock.com' in Essex, 'Brixton Media Ltd' in London and 'Cybermoor Ltd' in Cumbria. These were selected from nearly 80 applications from across the UK and Ireland to become a 'Carnegie Partner' in the Neighbourhood News initiative.

In return for £10k funding support each, the winning organisations will be required to participate in an external evaluation of their new local news project – so that their experiences and learning can be shared with policymakers, practitioners and funders across the UK and Ireland.

Douglas White, Senior Policy Officer at Carnegie UK Trust, and Chair of the Neighbourhood News Advisory Group explained: -*"The way we consume our news has changed hugely in recent years. Much of the content we now access comes from online sources, including online newspapers, Twitter and Facebook, while traditional sources of news have been under pressure. We are concerned that the supply of local news is particularly under threat.*

"If people can't access news about their local area then this creates a dangerous democratic deficit. The Neighbourhood News project was established to help test new models of delivering local news to meet demand.

"We received some fantastic applications from projects where local groups are producing great news outlets and creating a real sense of belonging for communities.

"We are delighted to be supporting all of our winners, and look forward to working alongside them to help make their vision a reality."

The Carnegie UK Trust claims a long-standing interest in the relationship between the media, civil society and democracy, stretching back to the 1940s. Most recently, the Trust

published a report revealing where the nation sits on media ethics ahead of the Leveson report being published.

To read more about the Neighbourhood News project, click [here](#).

Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival announced



The Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival has unveiled the line-up for its 35th anniversary events.

The festival, which was originally established in 1978 by Mike Hart, will see the likes of Mud Morganfield, Jools Holland and His Rhythym And Blues Orchestra and Ghostpoet descend on the capital for nine day programme of events.

Performances will take place across the city, with the Festival Theatre, Speigeltent, Queen's Hall and many more venues staging shows.

On the Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival website, chairman Brian Fallon said:- "We look forward to welcoming old and new friends. We have a great line up this year with something for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you all over the ten days of the Festival."

The Champion Fulton Trio and renowned saxophonist Tia Fuller are just two more of the acts that will be performing as part of this year's eclectic line-up.

Full details of the Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival programme can be found [HERE](#) —

<http://www.edinburghjazzfestival.com/programme.html>

Tickets are available now –
<http://www.edinburghjazzfestival.com/>

Edinburgh Airport mural installed today



To coincide with the Edinburgh Marathon Festival this weekend, local artist Damian Callan is installing a 10-metre charcoal drawing entitled 'The Dalry Marathon' in the airport's art gallery today and The Edinburgh Reporter met up with him to see how it was taking shape.

Damian started the mural in October last year . Then he used models in his studio as the runners and supports in the picture, but he now wants to complete it using the airport's passengers as inspiration. Over the first 2 days 54 figures were accumulated, as well as an Edinburgh skyline.

The artwork is being installed this week, and will be in the airport for a further 2 weeks. The idea is that it will then be sold for charity. Damian will be working on the drawing live in the departure lounge on Friday and next Monday using the large crowds of passengers (with hundreds of likely runners and spectators among them) as inspiration. There should have a large number of runners and spectators travelling through the airport over the next week or so.



The airport's art gallery is in the departure lounge and is managed by one of the airport's Commercial Account Manager's, Jan Riley. Jan actually ran a marathon for charity about 7 years ago and held a mini art auction to raise funds – some of Damian's artwork was featured in this and one of his pieces was the first to be sold in the airport's gallery when it opened.

Here's the website for the airport gallery: <http://www.theairportgallery.com/> and here is Damian Callan's own website. www.damiancallan.com

Late opening at City Art Centre and Museum of Childhood to be trialled



LATER SUMMER OPENING TO BE PILOTED AT CITY CENTRE VENUES

Both the City Art Centre and the Museum of Childhood are set to capitalise on this summer's influx of people to the city centre if proposals to extend evening opening hours are agreed next week at the Council's Culture & Sport Committee. The plans are set to be piloted from June to September this year in an effort to boost footfall and increase visitor numbers to the popular attractions.

[A report](#) details the proposals which would see the City Art

Centre open until 7pm throughout the week and the Museum of Childhood open until 6pm. The plans also include early Sunday opening at the Royal Mile venue.

Councillor Richard Lewis, the city's Culture and Sport Convener, said:- "During the summer months the centre of Edinburgh is always busy with thousands of festival-goers and opening later into the evening will allow our venues to capitalise on this footfall. In February the Capital Coalition allocated £20,000 in our budget to allow this pilot to go ahead. With the City Art Centre hosting this summer's must-see exhibition of fashion photography from the Condé Nast archives, I've no doubt that our city centre venues will be the destination of choice for locals and tourists over the next few months."

The pilot, which would run from 15 June to 8 September, is to coincide with the City Art Centre festival exhibitions featuring *Coming into Fashion – A century of photography at Condé Nast* among the extensive programme.

Councillors will be asked to agree the alternative opening hours pilot at the Culture and Sport Committee on Tuesday 28 May.

Current opening hours:

City Art Centre: Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12pm – 5pm

Museum of Childhood: Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12pm – 5pm

Proposed opening hours:

City Art Centre: Monday to Saturday 10am – 7pm, Sunday 12pm – 7pm

Museum of Childhood: Monday to Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 6pm

Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival – tickets on sale now



Tickets go on sale this morning for perhaps the coolest Festival of all those which take place each year in Edinburgh.

Headline acts include: Jools Holland, Eric Burdon, Pharoah Sanders, Tia Fuller, Champion Fulton, Snarky Puppy, Mud Morganfield, Ghostpoet, Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert, The Three Bs (Chris Barber, Acker Bilk and Keith Ball) and many more.

The Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival has announced a world-class line-up for [the 2013 Festival](#), held from 19th-28th July at venues across the city. All tickets go on sale today, with special offers for early bird purchases.

Expect unique artistic collaborations, cutting edge performers, funk and dance-fused sounds, timeless jazz favourites, intense art, total relaxation and a good time for all! There'll be fun-packed nights at Festival Theatre, a party atmosphere at the Spiegeltent and show-stopping

performances at the Queen's Hall. The Festival will be setting up a cool, new modern jazz club at 3 Bristo Place.

Brand new Festival elements this year include Cross the Tracks, a new strand that throws the spotlight on contemporary, underground music influenced by jazz. Participating artists include Hidden Orchestra, Submotion Orchestra and Ghostpoet. Plus the Tron Kirk will transform into a new 'Festival hub' – a club that will open at 10am and run through to late evening with a grand array of performers from contemporary jazz via Edinburgh heroes to vintage jazz.

The Festival also gets the summer 'Festival Season' started in a blaze of colour and beats, taking the music to the streets and parks of Edinburgh with the Mardi Gras on Saturday 20th July and the second ever Edinburgh Festival Carnival on Sunday 21st July.

Brian Fallon, Chair of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival says, "We're bringing back the energy and feeling of a real festival, concentrated and fun."

Featuring 146 concerts, performers from six continents and live music over 10 days, the Jazz and Blues Festival asks audiences to come along and start their Edinburgh Festival party in style!

2013 Festival Highlights

- The Edinburgh Jazz Festival Orchestra presents the inspirational Sacred Concert by Duke Ellington.
- Great American singer Champion Fulton makes her festival debut, headlining a programme of young musicians playing older styles of jazz.
- The Festival celebrates Muddy Water's Centenary with a special concert featuring his eldest son, Mud Morganfield.
- The Three Bs, with Chris Barber, Acker Bilk and Keith Ball, perform in the year when the legendary Kenny Ball

passed away.

2013 Ticket Information

Tickets are available from:

- www.edinburghjazzfestival.com
- The Hub: 0131 473 2000 or in person from Castlehill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NE.

Photo of Tia Fuller by Kieran Dodds

Five things you need to know today



HMS Edinburgh – MP urges applications for Heritage Lottery – Scottish Government announce aid for school trips – Leith Festival – WeDO Conference

HMS Edinburgh will set sail from the capital for the final time this morning at around 11 o'clock. On Friday the crew marched along the Royal Mile and were inspected by The Lord Provost who had also given the ship the Freedom of the City. This morning he will be on board!

After a six-day visit to her adopted city, HMS Edinburgh will take a final bow today as she sails from Leith for the last time.

The Lord Provost, The Right Honourable Donald Wilson, will be amongst a handful of senior guests on board as she slips quietly from her berth bound for Liverpool, her penultimate destination before re-entering her home port of Portsmouth at

the end of the month.

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland will mark the occasion from the pontoon beside Britannia, along with a number of young people from local Sea Cadet units at Musselburgh, Leith and Dunbar.

It is bound to be both a celebratory moment of the 28 years' relationship the Type 42 destroyer – affectionately known as the 'Fortress of the Sea' – has had with her namesake city, as well as a sad goodbye for sailors and local people alike, who have enjoyed not only this final tour, but also the benefits of almost three decades of strong links.

The final sail brings to an end this last visit which has included the pride of exercising the ship's privilege to march through the city on Friday, followed by a chance for the public to get on board on Saturday.

Bowing out after three decades and with 695,000 miles of global operational service under her belt, the ship will progress to Liverpool to mark the 70th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic. The Mersey also holds a special place at the heart of the ship's history, for she was launched from Cammell Laird's shipyard in Birkenhead in 1983, before joining the Fleet in 1985.

"We are preparing ourselves for what will certainly be a heartfelt wrench," said HMS Edinburgh's Commanding Officer, Commander Nick Borbone. "As the ship leaves her berth, enters the lock and then quietly slips away from the backdrop of one of the world's most famous cities, there will not be a single person on board who has not been proud to call Edinburgh our spiritual home for almost three decades.

"To watch the city's skyline slowly disappear from view will, no doubt, detain many of the ship's company on deck – just to catch that last glimpse.

“We are absolutely honoured to have been welcomed so affectionately this weekend and took particular pride in exercising our Freedom of the City with a Privilege Parade on Friday. And the level of support we received during our open day for visitors was humbling and a real joy – the enthusiasm was infectious.”

Lord Provost Donald Wilson said: “It was my honour to confer the Freedom of the City to ‘The Fortress of the Sea’ during Friday’s fantastic Privilege Parade. The Royal Mile was alive with colour and I was delighted that the public turned out in such force to help celebrate a long and proud association with the City.

‘It was, of course, also an occasion tinged with sadness as we prepared to say our farewells to HMS Edinburgh and I’m sure tomorrow’s final sailing will be an emotional time for the crew members and everyone associated with this great ship.”

HMS Edinburgh, the last of the Type 42 destroyers, recently returned to the UK from her final deployment – six months patrolling the Atlantic. She left her home port of Portsmouth in September 2012 for routine operations across the North and South Atlantic in support of British interests worldwide.

The Type 42s for more than 40 years have patrolled the world’s oceans on behalf of the UK, protecting the nation’s interests both in home waters and further afield. As HMS Edinburgh bows out of service she hands the mantle firmly on to the new state-of-the-art, ultra-capable Type 45 Daring Class destroyers – all built on the Clyde.

Mark Lazarowicz MP urges people in Edinburgh North and Leith to apply for grants to mark centenary – £6million available

Mark Lazarowicz MP attended the launch of the Heritage Lottery Fund’s (HLF) new small grants programme First World War: then

and now at the House of Commons to find out how people from his Edinburgh North and Leith constituency could secure funding to mark the centenary of the First World War.

No part of the UK was left unaffected by the First World War as war memorials in small rural villages testify. Its relevance is as great as ever with at the last count 37 armed conflicts taking place around the world including continued instability and fighting in the Congo which has seen the death of more than 5.4 million people since 1998.

HLF is making at least £1million available per year for six years until 2019. It will provide grants of between £3,000 to £10,000 enabling groups right across the UK to explore, conserve and share their First World War heritage and deepen their understanding of the impact of the conflict.

Mark, said:-“It is good that the Heritage Lottery Fund is making this money available to local communities. Like many areas across the UK, the impact of the First World War on people here in Edinburgh North and Leith was extensive.

“Around 2,500 men from Leith alone gave their lives in the First World War. The commemoration of the First World War should be a reminder of the devastation it caused to humanity and a spur to work towards a more peaceful world.”

An example of the way that Edinburgh North and Leith was marked by the conflict was the Gretna train disaster in May 1915 which resulted in the death of 227 men from the local regiment, the Royal Scots, when a train carrying the troops crashed into a local train near Gretna Green. There is a memorial to those who lost their lives in the tragic accident in Rosebank Cemetery.

Mark Lazarowicz MP is urging people locally to think about how they would like to mark the Centenary. The kind of projects that could be funded include:

- researching, identifying and recording local heritage;
- creating a community archive or collection;
- developing new interpretation of heritage through exhibitions, trails, smartphone apps etc;
- researching, writing and performing creative material based on heritage sources; and the new programme can also provide funding for the conservation of war memorials.

HLF has already invested £12million in projects – large and small – that will mark the centenary of First World War.

Application packs are available at <http://www.hlf.org.uk/ThenAndNow>. If a group needs a grant of more than £10,000 for a First World War project, it can apply to HLF through its [open programmes](#).



And in more news about the First World War...

Every secondary school in Scotland will be offered financial help to carry out educational visits to European battlefields as part of the Scottish Government's plans to commemorate the centenary of the Great War, First Minister Alex Salmond has announced.

A £2,000 grant will be made available to every senior school in the country to help them meet the costs of trips to Western Front battlefields and war graves so pupils can learn more about the sacrifice made by the many thousands from Scotland and elsewhere during the First World War.

The £1 million fund, which will be administered by Historic Scotland, will include additional subsidies for groups travelling to the continent from schools not on the Scottish mainland.

The educational grant scheme, which will span the six school years from 2013, comes after the First Minister announced a £1 million fund to allow communities across Scotland to refurbish and maintain their war memorials ahead of the commemorations.

A full programme of commemorations in Scotland is expected to be announced by the First Minister shortly.

The First Minister said:

“The sacrifice made by the many thousands of Scots and those fighting for Scottish battalions during the First World War must never be forgotten, and it is absolutely crucial that we take the opportunity presented by the centenary to help young people develop a deeper understanding of the causes, consequences and horrors of war and the devastation wrought by the conflict on communities in all corners of the country.

“Many of the soldiers who were sent to War in 1914 were not much older than school age and educational trips to see WWI battlefields provide an unforgettable experience for our young people, giving them a powerful insight into the trench warfare endured by millions on the Western Front.

“Many schools already run educational trips to the European battlefields, but this additional £1 million in funding will ensure that every secondary school in Scotland is offered financial help to take pupils and teachers to Europe during the centenary of the War, broadening the pupils’ knowledge of the conflict and ensuring that a new generation of Scots never forgets the unimaginable price paid by their forbears a century ago.”

Rev Norman Drummond, the chair of the Scottish Commemorations Panel body set up by the Scottish Government to recommend a preferred approach to Scotland’s commemorations of the Great War, welcomed the announcement.

Rev Drummond said:- “I am delighted that the Scottish Government will be funding Battlefield visits for our

secondary schools.

“It is vital that we create an educational legacy as part of Scotland’s commemorative programme and these visits will enable our pupils and teachers to experience at first-hand the significant service and sacrifice given by so many Scottish servicemen and women throughout World War One.”

Denise Dunlop, President of the Scottish Association of Teachers of History, said:-“This is a fantastic initiative that I hope all of Scotland’s secondary schools will welcome.

“Battlefield visits are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for school pupils to learn first-hand about war and its horrible consequences.

“Many of these conflicts are glamourised in today’s society, and these trips offer a chance for young people to learn the truth about what happened to so many thousands of soldiers – many of whom were not much older than school age.”

One of Edinburgh’s longest running community celebrations is gearing up for its annual extravaganza in June – promising an exciting mix of everything from premieres to premiership players.

The Leith Festival which aims to celebrate the rich culture, heritage, diversity and creativity of the city, will run over nine days in June.

More than 50 different activities – covering live music, art, sporting events, guided tours, dancing, theatre performances and family events – are taking place across 38 different venues within a one mile radius of the centre of Leith.

And the Festival will once again have as its centrepiece the ever popular Leith Festival Gala Day and Pageant – the Pageant has been a piece of Leith history for more than 100 years.

Patricia Romero, Leith Festival Marketing, said: "We are delighted to be bringing Leith its annual Festival once again.

"Leith Festival is a major event in the community calendar and we will be expecting some 10,000 people to get involved in the Gala Day itself.

"But this year we have tried to ensure there is a wide programme of events and activities that run across the nine days of the festival

"The atmosphere is always great especially as the whole family can get involved with so many different activities."

The festival will officially run from June 8-16 but this year it will begin with a street launch at the Kirkgate Shopping Centre on June 7 from 6pm-8pm.

This will be followed by the hugely popular Gala Day and Pageant on June 8.

Performers, visitors and locals will begin the Pageant on Balfour Street from 11am before making their way through the streets down Leith Walk and towards Leith Links.

Some of the headline events on the nine-day programme include the premiere of 'Sinatra: The Final Curtain, theatre performances from Black Dingo Productions and Absolute Improv and Hibs legends playing for The Pete Smith Memorial Charity March.

There will also be a choice of music rhythms from around the world, from Balkan Beats & Swing Grooves, Blues on the Cruz, classical music in The Clanjamfrie, and history and family entertainment with Molly's Magical Mystery Mayhem. There is also a documentary in the planning with production company, 'Broken Blonde'.

Patricia added: "We are all grateful to all sponsors, partners, and all the fantastic people who have been so hands

on, that have made it possible for this year's festival to happen.

"With their help it has allowed us to organise a show that will be bigger and better than ever, allowing everyone involved to enjoy themselves."

The Festival Radio Show on 98.8 Castle FM will also be broadcasting a three-hour-weekly live show leading up to the festival, and a daily programme during Festival week.

For more information on everything that's going on, visits the Leith Festival website: www.leithfestival.com



The cream of the Scottish business community, including former executive editor of the Scotsman and founder of online media website 'Scot-Buzz', Bill Jamieson, will come together soon for the annual WeD0 Scotland annual conference.

The WeD0 Scotland conference will take place at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on the 23rd of May and is the second to be hosted by the leading entrepreneurial network. The conference will give high flyers from across the country the chance to learn from each other as well as hear invaluable advice from some of the industry's most acclaimed experts.

Speakers at the event include Bill Jamieson, founder of Scot-Buzz, who previously held the role of executive editor of the Scotsman newspaper; along with David Sole Associates founder David Sole OBE, who is also the co-founder of the School for CEOs; and Gavin Oattes, co-founder of Tree of Knowledge and winner of the WeD0 Scotland Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2012.

Alongside the expert talks there will also be various business

workshops available and attendees will be given the chance to pick the brains of their peers and Scottish business leaders at the networking lunch.

Founder of WeD0 Scotland, Belinda Roberts, said: "WeD0 Scotland has an ethos firmly built on nurturing Scottish business and through events such as the WeD0 Scotland conference, we strive to celebrate and encourage the amazing entrepreneurial spirit we have on offer in this small but feisty country.

"WeD0 Scotland's first ever conference, which was held last year, arrived with a bang and this year's conference will no doubt do the same."

Open to Scottish business owners and founders, WeD0 Scotland members meet regularly to share ideas, experiences and knowledge at topic-based events which are selected for their relevance to entrepreneurs. Those involved in the organisation range from start-up businesses with high growth potential to multi-million pound turnover companies.

The conference will take place at Dynamic Earth, 112-116 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh. Registration will start at 8:45am with the event running from 9:25am to 5:30pm.

Ticket Price for members is:

Standard Ticket £120 + £3.65 online booking fee

Ticket Price for non-members is:

Standard Ticket £140 + £4.15 online booking fee

To book your place at the conference please email: support@wedoscotland.co or call 08708 759793.

Review: The 10:04s – Throes

☒ Drenched in a uniquely Scottish melancholy, ‘Throes’ shows that The 10:04s have heart as well as harmonies.

The four piece’s previous two releases have been the kind of tracks to get you dancing – this one will get you thinking.

And ‘Throes’ definitely proves that variety is the spice of life. Starting unabashedly softly, Danny Scrimshaw’s vocals are exposed in all their beauty during the tender first act of the song.

From these little seeds of anguish grows ‘Throes’ ultimately powering chorus, showing that, whilst a more sensitive number, The 10:04’s still know how to hook their listeners. Entangled in layers of thrusting guitars and serenading vocals, it is Paul Haddow’s enthralling drumming that gives ‘Throes’ its edge at its pivotal points.

Like a nocturnal predator, the song’s romance hits you by stealth as much as by swagger. With a debut album on the way, ‘Throes’ shows that The 10:04’s have more than a few aces up their sleeves to keep fans guessing.

The 10:04s will be headlining Electric Circus on Friday 24th May – Doors 7:00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/the1004s>

‘Throes’ is available now from iTunes –

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/throes/id643967867?i=643967956>

Police Investigate Bag Snatch in Crewe Road North



Police in Edinburgh investigating a bag snatch in the Capital last year have released a CCTV image of a male they wish to trace as part of their enquiries.

An 87-year-old woman was robbed after alighting a Number 19 Lothian bus near Crewe Road North at around 6.10pm on Saturday 29th December. The victim was left shaken but unharmed.

While the image is not of great quality, anyone who recognises the male, perhaps from his clothing, is asked to come forward immediately.

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

Five things you need to know today



Pedal on Parliament – Queen Margaret University and The Engine Shed – South West Neighbourhood Partnership – New exhibition at Open Eye Gallery from today – Greater Grassmarket

We have several articles about the Pedal on Parliament cycling protest which took place in the misty weather we had yesterday. Greener Leith have an article about their feeder ride [here](#). Notwithstanding the dull day it was definitely livened up with the smiling faces of all who took part. Now it is down to The Scottish Government to do more than just talking with the safety campaigners to try and bring about a step change in road safety.

Several MSPs across all parties took part in the ride and here is Sarah Boyack MSP addressing the crowd:-

[listen to 'MSP Sarah Boyack addressing the crowd at #POP2' on Audioboo](#)

Queen Margaret University will celebrate the success of its Santander scholars and award winners when it hosts the Santander Universities Scholars' Reception, today. The event hosted by QMU Principal, Professor Petra Wend, will also provide the ideal opportunity to thank Santander Universities UK for their support over the last five years in enhancing the university experience of students, staff and recent graduates through the awards.

Santander Universities UK, a global division of Banco Santander, has contributed £135,000 to QMU over the last two years through its provision of scholarships for study and research, travel grants, community awards for volunteering activities and paid internships. Luis Juste, Director of Santander Universities UK, and other senior personnel from

Santander Universities UK will be there to celebrate the success over the last two years of around 50 Santander Scholars and award winners, all of whom are students, staff or graduates of QMU.

In addition to study and research scholarships and travel grants, the latest tranche of awards includes £6,000 in Santander Community Awards to be awarded to local charities as a result of the volunteering activities of QMU students.

QMU Principal, Professor Petra Wend, said: "We are delighted to welcome Luis Juste, Director of Santander Universities UK, and his team to join us in celebrating the success of our Santander Scholars. The Santander scholarships and awards enable our students and staff to continue or deepen their studies or research, and to gain an international perspective, through the provision of travel grants to support research overseas. They play an important part in enhancing the university experience of students and staff, and we are most appreciative of Santander Universities' continued generous support."

Professor Wend continued: "We are delighted to congratulate the winners of this year's Santander Community Awards several of whom have used the skills and knowledge gained as part of their studies for the benefit of local charities. Their volunteering activities exemplify the relevance of our courses and the 'can-do' attitude we aim to foster in our graduates."

Luis Juste, Director of Santander Universities UK, said: "Twelve registered local charities or not-for-profit social enterprises in Edinburgh and Midlothian will each receive a Santander Community Award of £500 after being nominated by a QMU student who is an active volunteer with them.

They include, The Edinburgh Festival of Cycling, a new not-for-profit social enterprise nominated by Danish mountain biker Ms Sidse Sorensen, an undergraduate on QMU's BA (Hons)

PR and Marketing programme. Launched earlier this year, the Edinburgh Festival of Cycling aims to encourage more individuals to take to two wheels and gain health benefits for themselves and environmental benefits for the city.

Among the other charities to benefit are the Hollies centre, Musselburgh, an invaluable local resource which aims to counter isolation among the local elderly through its lunch club, respite care facilities and other services. Fergus Boden, Kara-Jo MacFadyen, Lorna Rew, and Dane Thomson, students on QMU's BA (Honours) PR and Marketing programme became involved with the local social enterprise after working on a project with the Hollies as part of their studies.

Liz Shannon, Co-ordinator with the Hollies, said: "We're absolutely delighted with the award. I think it's fabulous. We have built up such a rapport with the QMU students. To have a new board outside would be perfect because we want to open up the Hollies to the wider community. A lot of people think our facilities are just for old people. We are keen to encourage younger people and families to use our café as it is an important source of revenue for our work."

Other charities to benefit from the £500 awards include: Mayfield and District Breastfeeding Support Group; East Lothian Special Needs Play Scheme; Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland; **The Engine Shed**; Bethany Christian Trust; South Leith Parish Church Breakfast Club; 'No Limits'; CHANGES, Musselburgh; Waverley Care and the Pilmeny Development Project.

However The Engine Shed is now threatened by closure and there is a petition to persuade the council to keep it open [which you can sign here.](#)



There will be a Public Meeting of South West Neighbourhood

Partnership on Tuesday 21 May 2013.

The organisers pose this question:-“Does everyone know what a Neighbourhood Partnership and how it has an impact on your daily life in City?”

There are 12 Neighbourhood Partnerships in Edinburgh, each made up of a core membership of local Councillors and representatives from... the Police, Health, local voluntary sector organisations and the local community and they are accountable to YOU!

Got a burning question to ask them? Then come along to the next public meeting of your Neighbourhood Partnership (http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/page/South_West.aspx) is on Tuesday 21st May, 7pm, Gorgie Dalry Parish Church, 190 Dalry Rd, EH11 2NX

Find out what's happening in YOUR neighbourhood!

*For Further Information Contact:
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The Open Eye Gallery on Abercromby Place has a new exhibition opening today. One of the artists is Edinburgh artist and President of Visual Art Scotland, Diana Hope. The other part to the exhibition is a display of paintings by James McNaught RSW RGI under the title, Capricci, and featuring landscapes in watercolour and gouache.

 This weekend in the Grassmarket there will be pony rides!

Here is what the organisers say:-

Between 12.30pm – 3.30pm on Saturday 25 May 2013 the Grassmarket will be home to two beautiful ponies; Flame is a Welsh B pony and Pumpkin is an adorable Shetland pony.

*There will be **Free Pony Rides** available to approximately 3-12 year olds during the afternoon to celebrate the start of the Grassmarket Summer Events Calendar – which includes monthly fun days, markets and entertainment for all ages throughout the summer.*

*The Grassmarket was once home to a large and vibrant **Horse Fair**, which occurred every November in the area (for a great image of the scene click [here](#)).*

Next weekend we hope to reawaken a little of this magic with a visit from the two beautiful ponies (previously seen at Beecraigs and Polkemmet Country Park, West Lothian).

This event is supported by the Greater Grassmarket Business Improvement District, started February 2013, which works in collaboration with the businesses within the Greater Grassmarket district to improve and enliven the area. More information about this project can be found at www.grassmarket.net.



POP2 once more



Another of our reporters was out on George IV Bridge and caught some of the action from Pedal on Parliament there on video...

[pedal on parliament movie](#) from [sam khan-mcintyre](#) on [Vimeo](#).

The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Roundup



With many sports finished for the summer, all eyes are on Hampden where a board meeting of the SPL will decide Hearts' immediate future. The National Stadium will also be the scene of the Scottish Cup Final next Sunday between Hibs and Celtic, and the Edinburgh Reporter wishes both clubs well.

We also send out congratulations to Leigh Griffiths for adding the Scottish Football Writers Player of the Year award; the first Hibs player to do so since the great Pat Stanton. This award completes a unique treble of SPL Player of the Year and PFA Young Player of the Year. Well done to his team-mate Alex Harris who was voted the William Hill Scottish Cup Player of the round for his semi-final performance against Falkirk at Hampden.

Elsewhere congratulations to Craigroyston for winning the East of Scotland League Division One, Hutchison Vale and Tynecastle youngsters for trophy wins and also to the Edinburgh Monarchs for another double over Plymouth Devils.

Rugby by John Preece

Not so much in the way of action this week – well, none really – as two Scottish International players announced their retirement from the game, but for very different reasons.

Scotland's Joe Ansbro has been forced to retire from the game on the grounds of injury. The eleven times capped player fractured his C1 vertebra in a pe-season match and in spite of

a long and intense period of rehabilitation, has had to accept the advice of Scotland's Head of Medical Services, James Robson and hang up his boots.

His full-team debut was in 2010 in the historic victory over South Africa after having made an impression playing for the 'A' side. In his, relatively short, International career he scored three tries for his country, the last one against being Samoa in the 2012 Southern Hemisphere Summer Tour.

Dumfriesshire born Ansbro will now take some time out to settle into the routine of 'normal' life and then decide on his future.

The Scotland Women's captain also announced her retirement, but on the grounds of 'my body's had enough'. Susie Brown, who has played for the National team for nine years and won 62 caps in the process, has finally decided to call time on her rugby career.

She started playing whilst still at school and has played at club level for Boroughmuir High School, Glasgow University, Hillhead-Jordanhill and, latterly, Richmond. Her International debut was against the USA at Murrayfield in 2004 and her final game was the eleven try defeat of Sweden last month, a game, in which, Brown scored the fourth and bonus-point try. One of her highlight games was beating France at a – very – misty Lasswade in 2010 (a match which, coincidentally, was the 'International' debut of The Reporter's rugby photographer and reporter, John Preece).

Brown has stated she would like to return to the game in some capacity in the future, but for now will dedicate some well-deserved time to her family and career.

Football

The main talking point amongst fans this week, is the fate of Hearts after parent company UBIG were listed on a Lithuanian

government website of insolvent firms after reportedly declaring itself unable to meet its liabilities.

A team of Lithuanian lawyers have met SPL lawyers to try and unravel the issues and a decision is expected following a board meeting at Hampden Park on Monday morning. Potential sanctions could include an 18 points deduction which would see the club relegated with immediate effect, or alternatively this could be delayed until next season and Hearts would start the campaign with minus 15 points.

On the other hand, the board could rule that Hearts have done nothing wrong and they can continue as normal.

Whatever the decision, it will have massive implications for Scottish football.

On the field, Hearts ended their league campaign with a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie. Ryan Stevenson gave Hearts the lead heading in a Smith corner, but a Jamie Hamill own goal with 13 minutes remaining ensured the points were shared.

Across the city, Hibs beat Dundee 1-0 thanks to a powerful David Wotherspoon header from a Lewis Stevenson cross, to claim seventh place. The result means that Hibs go into next weekend's Scottish Cup Final on the back of three straight wins, after beating Hearts in the Edinburgh derby, then beating Kilmarnock 3-1 at Rugby Park on Wednesday night thanks to goals from Scott Robertson and Eoin Doyle (2).

The final SPL table sees Hibs on 51 points in seventh with Hearts on 44 points in tenth.

After the game, the Hibs players completed a 'lap of honour' to say thank you to the fans for their support throughout the season.

On Sunday, Leigh Griffiths was named the Football writers Player of the Year and Alex Harris won the William Hill

Scottish Cup Player of the Round for his performance against Falkirk in the semi-final.

East of Scotland Football

Whitehill Welfare clinched the Central Taxis Premier Division title with a 1-0 victory against Gretna 2008 on Wednesday night as the club's nearest challengers, Spartans, were beaten 2-0 away from home by Stirling University.

Craigroyston won the Central Taxis First Division and promotion after beating Leith Athletic 4-2 in front of a large crowd at Spartans' Ainslie Park.

Craigroyston took the lead midway through the first half from a Wilson volley before Leith equalised through Lewis Tracey. John Dunn restored Craigroyston's lead and Anderson made it 3-1 but Hume pulled one back before Errol Douglas sealed the win in stoppage time.

Saturday ended with Tynecastle being relegated after a 2-1 home defeat by Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale. Elsewhere Edinburgh City beat Civil Service Strollers 2-0 in Muirhouse, and Preston Athletic beat Heriot Watt 6-0, and Spartans lost 2-0 at home to Edinburgh University.

In the First Division, newly crowned champions Craigroyston beat Berwick Rangers Reserves 3-1 whilst Leith Athletic hammered Eyemouth 5-0.

At least there was some good news for Spartans as their under-19s beat Edinburgh City 2-1 after extra time at Tynecastle on Friday night. City took the lead before Matthew Underhill equalised with ten minutes left. In extra time a Calum Donnelly free kick was deflected into his own net by a City defender to secure the trophy.

Women's Football

Glasgow City retained top spot in the league with an

impressive 4-0 won over Hibs at Albyn Park Broxburn, thanks to goals from Sue Lappin, Leanne Ross, Sarah Crilly and Leanne Chrichton.

Elsewhere Spartans came from 2-0 down to win 3-2 away to Aberdeen.

Schoolboy Football

Congratulations go to Hutchison Vale 15s who came from behind to beat Dundee United 3-2 and win the Scottish Youth Challenge Cup at the Excelsior Stadium in Airdrie.

Dundee United took the lead in the 41st minute after a spectacular goal by Gibb, but Hutchie equalised right away through Gabriele Auriemma.

Three minutes into the second half Vale took the lead through Feachen-Hamilton, then Fraser Paton added a third midway through the second half.

Gibb pulled one back for the Tayside team but Hutchie held on to win the trophy.

Hutchison Vale: Byron Gibb, Cameron Milne, Fraser Paton, Sam Birch, Cameron Begbie, Shaun O'Donnell, Cal Sheridan, Ryan Fox, Ethan Feachen-Hamilton, Regan Hendry, Gabriele Auriemma, Cameron Fraser, Innes Goodall, Cameron McAlpine, Lewis Swaney, Arran Singh.

Congratulations also to Tynecastle 16s who won their fourth consecutive Scottish Cup by beating Clydebank United 4-0, at Airdrie United's Excelsior Stadium.

Tynecastle took the lead when Greg Kerr played a pass into Kyle Mitchell who chipped the ball over Collinson from 16 yards.

Jason Kerr added a second with 15 minutes remaining before Matthew Quinn sealed the victory with a back post header from

a Craig Russell cross, then substitute Euan Graham completed the rout.

Tynecastle FC: Billy Taylor, David Wright, Calum Cowan, Matthew Quinn, Euan Graham, Craig Russell, Jaimie Purves, Jason Kerr, Greg Kerr, Kyle Mitchell, Mark Shiells, Ciaron Small, Ryan Currie, Liam Thomson, David Henderson, Joseph Walker.

Speedway

Scotwaste Monarchs beat Plymouth Devils 56-36 despite a scare in the early stages when they took the lead in heat 4 and were still level after six races.

In heat 7 however, Mitchell Davey, in his first match for the Monarchs, who leapt from the tapes with Claus Vissing backing up for the 5-1.

Craig Cook and Theo Pijper both finished unbeaten from 5 rides, and Jozef Tabaka was also in top form despite suffering from a puncture in heat 4.

The following night, the Monarchs travelled south to Plymouth and returned with a well-deserved 51-42 victory at a ground, where they had not previously managed to take a single point.

The Monarchs had ten race winners and only five lasts, and a special mention goes to Max Fricke, who bounced right back in spite of a fall in the first running of heat 3, took a paid win there and added a match-winning three points with his first race win in heat 14.

Theo Pijper and Claus Vissing were both in top form and Mitchell Davey took a good third in heat 2.

Cricket

Scotland took on Pakistan at the Grange in a one day international on Thursday. The visitors won the toss and

choose to bat, and after making 231-7, cantered to victory by bowling Scotland out for just 135.

The slow pitch at The Grange seemed to catch out Pakistan early on, with Nasir Jamshed (20) first to go while Mohammad Hafeez (18) followed. Imran Farhat was then bowled by Haq's fellow spinner Matt Machan on 49, just missing a half-century.

Haq then bowled out Asad Shafiq (seven) before claiming Umar Amin (three) while Akmal made just 12 before being trapped lbw by Neil Carter.

A 51-run seventh-wicket partnership by skipper Misbah-ul-Haq and Ajmal steadied the visitors nerves and Misbah eventually finished 78 not out.

The match had been Kyle Coetzer's first as Scotland skipper, and he led by example with a top score of 32.

The second one day international on Sunday was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

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.

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."

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](#)



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...

Pedal on Parliament on video...



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

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.

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

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