

Property company launch third community bursary scheme

A property management company based in Edinburgh, has launched its third community bursary scheme to provide financial support to groups in the local area. Ross and Liddell first launched the initiative in 2011 and over the last two years it has supported more than 50 groups across the country.

Launching the 2013 bursary this week, Irene Devenny, managing director at Ross and Liddell, believes the scheme will continue to make a positive impact in communities across Scotland.

She said:- “We set-up the Community Bursary Scheme because we wanted to provide financial support to groups in the local communities in which we work in and we have been overwhelmed with the number of organisations who have applied for funding in the last two years.

“Last year we were able to support a range of organisations, including Citadel Youth Centre, Comas and Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club. The feedback has been extremely positive and we are thrilled that our support has made such a difference. As we launch the third bursary, we are confident this year will be an even bigger success. We are committed to our local communities and we encourage everyone involved with community groups and organisations to apply for funding.”

Applications are now open and groups can apply for a grant up to the value of £500, to purchase equipment and material to improve the service it provides to the local community.

Groups wishing to apply for funding from Ross and Liddell’s Community Bursary 2013 should visit www.ross-liddell.com to download an application form. The completed form should then be sent to bursary@onlybeattie.com

This video below shows the benefit the bursary funding has had on four organisations. Clovenstone Boxing are included at 3.17

The closing date for applications is Friday, June 28.



Edinburgh MSP joins MS care campaign



Gordon Macdonald MSP has pledged to help ensure that all people living with MS in Scotland have access to the right treatment, care and support, regardless of where they live.

This comes as the largest ever survey of people with MS showed that good progress has been made in Scotland and other parts of the UK, as well as illustrating areas in which further work and improvements are required.

On Wednesday 1 May the MS Society showcased the results from their report, A Lottery of Treatment and Care, during their Garden Lobby reception. Gordon attended to show his support for the 'Stop the MS Lottery' campaign and to meet people living with the condition.

Gordon said:-“I’m pleased to be able to show my support for this important campaign and I know the SNP Government is committed to ensuring that everyone with MS is able to access the care and support that they need. MS affects many of my

constituents and everyone should be able to get the treatment, services and support they need. I will continue to work with my constituents, fellow MSPs and organisations to drive this campaign forward”.

Christine Carlin, MS Society Director for Scotland said:-
“There are over 10,500 people living with MS in Scotland and it is essential that these people can access the right treatments, services and support in order to manage their condition. We have been delighted by the support we have received from MSPs throughout MS Week and at our reception. By working together we can stop the MS Lottery.”

Cat Johnson, who spoke at the event, was diagnosed with MS when she was 21 years old. “Living with a fluctuating condition like MS means that you never really know how you’re going to feel from day to day. It is absolutely essential that we can access the right treatments, services and support when we need them. When all this is in place, people with MS can live independent lives. Without it, you’re struggling with the symptoms of your condition and the physical and social barriers that stop you from living your life to the full. I was overwhelmed to see so many MSPs there showing their support. Working together we can make a difference people like me who live with MS.”

Stop the MS Lottery – Launching its ‘Stop the MS Lottery’ campaign the MS Society has asked the Scottish Government to ensure improved and equitable access to treatment, care and support by people living with MS. For more details about the Campaign visit www.mssociety.org.uk

Online scammers target older internet users



Edinburgh Silver Surfers Subjected to Online Scams

Edinburgh's growing legions of 'silver surfers' are being warned to be vigilant as cyber criminals look to prey on unsuspecting victims with increasingly cunning online scams.

With the numbers of older people using the web and discovering social media channels growing daily, fears are being raised they are becoming the prime targets for internet scammers.

The tricksters are continually concocting scams to fool unsuspecting web users with many of the cons taking place without the victim being aware, ranging from social networking and financial scams to those relating to online employment or auctions. One smartphone/web-based App set up to highlight the explosion of online scams lists more than 600 different online cons.

The latest warning comes from the Scottish Business Crime Centre (SBCC), as part of a new campaign it is fronting to raise awareness of various issues that can place older people at risk of financial harm.

Gary Ritchie, Assistant Director of SBCC, said: "These con men will stop at nothing to shamelessly deceive and swindle internet users out of personal details and money. While many of us have been using the internet for some time and have grown to recognise these types of scam emails, anyone can be caught out as new scams are constantly being designed to trick unwary web surfers into parting with money or personal

information.

“The increase in ‘silver surfers’ using the internet as a way of communicating now means that older people are increasingly exposed to these crimes. Older people in particular are prone to falling for emails that appear legitimate because they look like official emails which appear to be from a well known bank or unsolicited mails where the scammer tells of recent disastrous events which have left them stranded, usually in a foreign country with no money and no passport.

“Sadly these people are frequently conned out of huge sums of money. Crimes against people who perhaps don’t have the same capabilities or support to protect themselves as others is appalling and has no place in Scotland.”

One of the most prominent online scams is ransomware. This is a category of malicious software which, when run, disables the functionality of a computer in some way. The ransomware program displays a pop-up message demanding payment to restore functionality. The malware, in effect, holds the computer ransom, the pop-up advises law enforcement has locked the computer and suggests that this is a result of the user viewing indecent images or terrorist sites.

These pop-ups use the logos of recognised UK forces, including Action Fraud so victims are easily fooled by this con. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this pop-up and given the number of different gangs operating ransomware scams, a conservative estimate is that over £3 million a year is being extorted from victims, however, the real figure is likely to be much higher.

Chief Inspector Ronnie Megaughin at Police Scotland, also chair of the Adults at Risk from Financial Harm Group, said: “There are a number of factors which require to be present for frauds or scams to be successful and the vulnerability of the victim is at the heart of that equation. While anyone can be

duped, those who are most vulnerable within our communities are faced with the greatest risk.”

He added the Keeping People Safe campaign being managed by the Adults at Risk from Financial Harm Group aims to put in place a range of prevention measures necessary to safeguard individuals and reduce criminal opportunity.

As victims are often too embarrassed to report these various internet crimes, authoritative statistics are hard to establish. However, a recent study by Age UK found almost half of the over 60's questioned said that they had been targeted by a scam last year.

Lindsay Scott, spokesperson for Age Scotland said: “Although today's pensioners may be mentally sharper than ever, they still make a prime target for con artists because they generally have more disposable income and because they're usually more trusting, having grown up at a time when things were taken at face value. It's also true that longer life expectancy has resulted in a growing generation of people in later life who perhaps live alone, are maybe a bit forgetful or simply become confused or frightened by smooth-talking scammers.

“This combination of not remembering correctly and in many cases, particularly involving men, being unwilling to admit there's a problem, can make older adults especially vulnerable to this sort of crime.”

A booklet containing information and advice on a variety of scams has been created and produced by The Metropolitan Police Service's Operation Sterling Team and is available to download for free by visiting http://www.sbcc.org.uk/media/84031/little_book_of_big_scams.pdf

Scam Detector is a smart phone and web-based app available to download for free which exposes more than 600 of the world's

most fraudulent scams. <http://scam-detector.com/>

The SBCC, which aims to work in partnership with various bodies to create a safer Scotland, recently held a conference to establish a blueprint for Scotland's private and public sectors and voluntary organisations to collaborate consistently and effectively to protect those who may be subjected to financial abuse by others.

The organisation is currently forming a strategic multi agency steering group to provide further advice, guidance and protection around those who are seen as vulnerable in this way through information exchange and early intervention including the development of a Scotland against Scams initiative. The group will also consider how to tackle e-related scams and postal scams as part of their ongoing work.

This steering group will consist of representatives from the Scottish Government, Social Work Department, Trading Standards, police, banks, energy and utility companies as well as a variety of other interested organisations.

More information about the Scottish Business Crime Centre and how to become a member can be found at www.sbcc.org.uk.

South Morningside Primary School make a difference



Every child at South Morningside Primary School paid £1 to watch a talent show earlier this year. The money raised was

then allocated between all the classes or year groups so that they all had £25 to £30 to spend. Each term SMPS have a 'theme' which they focus on, and this term it is Community.

As part of Curriculum for Excellence using money, maths, finance education, community enterprise outcomes each class was tasked with using their money to 'make a difference' to their local community.

Some of the ideas which resulted from this project include ways of improving the school grounds – they have bought bulbs to be planted. Others want to buy a bee box! There has been a lot of publicity about the declining bee population so they will buy one and perhaps put it somewhere in the school grounds or in nearby Braidburn Park. Some children want to build a recycled green house using 1,000 plastic bottles. Others thought they would donate funds to local charities some of whom do not accept toys as gifts but take Amazon vouchers instead, so the children have been shown how those are ordered online.

SMPS have a link with Redhall Special School and they are fundraising for a playground project. At least one class is going to donate their money to RSS.

The council's Education Convener, Councillor Paul Godzik went along to see the exhibition of all their various ideas, and was shown round by the Primary 7 Leaders Group who are photographed below.



Edinburgh MSP says Taxi fare increases may put some at risk

✖ A TAXI fare price hike could put women at risk as they would have to walk home late at night, an MSP has argued.

Kezia Dugdale, a Labour MSP and Shadow Youth Employment Minister, has spoken out against the price hike in Edinburgh, saying that it could lead to more women opting to walk home alone when they are “at their most vulnerable”.

The current baseline fee for night-time taxis in Edinburgh is £3, but the new fares will result in the base fee jump up to £4.60 between midnight and 5 am throughout the week.

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Assault and robbery in Granton on Sunday morning

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following an assault and robbery that happened in the Granton area of the Capital yesterday morning.

The 52-year-old victim was walking in Crewe Path, which links Crewe Road West to Crewe Road North, around 11.15am when he was approached by four male youths.

As he passed the group he was struck in the face, which caused him to fall to the ground, and he was kicked in the head and body.

Following the incident the suspects fled along Crewe Path to Crewe Road North. It was only afterwards that the victim discovered that his wallet was missing.

The suspects are all described as white, and between 15 and 18 years-old. One of them is described as being around 5ft 11ins tall, with a slim build, and wearing a grey top. The remaining three are only described as being around 5ft 8ins tall.

Detective Constable Rachel Robertson said: -“While the victim did not suffer any serious injury, he was left extremely shaken as a result of his ordeal, and we are appealing for any information that can assist us in tracing those responsible.

“Anyone who witnessed the assault, or who was in the area at the time and may have noticed four male youths together, should contact police.

“Anyone else who has any information that can assist our enquiries should also get in touch.”

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

Five things you need to know

today



Monday holiday – Edinburgh Sketcher – Joppa Tennis Club open day – Giants in the trees at Holyrood – Prom on the Prom at Portobello

Today is a Monday holiday and Lothian Buses are running a Saturday service. Edinburgh schools are closed today. There is a list of school term dates [here on the council website](#). There are no Scottish exams to sit today, but presumably all of you who are sitting Geology, Information Systems and Home Economics tomorrow will be putting in the last minute cramming needed to get you through.

If you are having trouble remembering which exam is when, then there is an app for that... [here on the Scottish Qualifications Authority website](#).

We were reminded about The Edinburgh Sketcher when we saw his lovely drawings in The Haven at the weekend, but then we came across one of his sketches on the poster advertising the tennis at Joppa. He also [has a lovely sketch](#) of the Giants that we feature today which are in the trees at Holyrood. You can follow him and the progress of his lovely twins on [Facebook](#) too.



If you have time off today to be a tourist, then you could go

down to Holyrood to have a look at the Giants in the trees which is our featured photograph today.

Giant faces constructed out of tree branches and leaves have taken root in Holyrood Park. The City of Edinburgh Council and [Historic Scotland](#) have partnered to bring these unique pieces of nature into the city, where they will hang, growing and changing with the seasons.

Local schoolchildren have been invited to contribute to the [Giant](#) sculptures, based near the Park Ranger's Cottage in Holyrood Park, by decorating them with greenery as well as taking part in storytelling sessions about the Giants.

As well as providing creative inspiration for local schoolchildren, The City of Edinburgh Council hopes the Giants will encourage greater footfall to the Holyrood and Canongate areas, in line with the Council's business partnership strategy for the Royal Mile.

The giants are part of a Year of Natural Scotland 2013 project, and are created by independent arts company [Vision Mechanics](#). City of Edinburgh Council's Economic Convenor Frank Ross said: "I am thrilled to welcome the Giants in the Forest to Holyrood Park. I'd urge visitors to come and spend some time with the sculptures, as well as go on to explore the attractions that the surrounding Holyrood and Canongate areas have to offer.

"The installation also provides a great opportunity for us to support the Year of Natural Scotland 2013."

Kit Reid, Interpretation Manager at Historic Scotland said:- "The Giants are both unique and inspirational. We believe they will be a wonderful educational resource for children as well as a talking point for people enjoying the natural setting of Holyrood Park."





The Edinburgh Reporters' Weekly Sports Roundup



This week Hearts leapfrog Hibs in the SPL, Spartans Under 17s won the Scottish Cup, whilst Spartans and Edinburgh City reach the League Cup Final. There were good wins for Spartans and Hibs Ladies and we send our congratulations to Lynsey Sharp whose European Championship 800m silver medal has been upgraded to gold.

Rugby by John Preece

On Friday night Edinburgh played the final game of their's and the Dragon's season. With the teams languishing in 10th and 11th places in the RaboDirect table there was nothing but the win to play for and Edinburgh snatched that with a 31-24 points victory. Scoring three tries apiece it was the greater penalty tally against the Dragons that told in the end. Going into the second half 25 points to 10 ahead, it was all looking good for the hosts. But a second half scare from the Dragons with two converted tries, brought Edinburgh back to Earth with a bump, but they managed to hold on to take the win in the end. The last but one round of the 2012-13 World Sevens Series was being held over the weekend at Scotstoun in Glasgow, and Scotland had to finish ahead of USA to guarantee core team status – i.e. automatic entry – to the 2103-14 series. However, this ambition went belly-up on Day 1 as, although

beating Portugal 26-5 in the opening match, the team lost 29-7 to England and 28-0 to New Zealand to only qualify for the Bowl QF. With USA winning two of their matches and going ahead into the Cup QF's, this means that, before a ball had been kicked, passed or rucked on Day 2, Scotland were required to go into an eight-team play-off tournament at Twickenham next week, and have to finish in the top three in order to retain their place. Scotland's Day 2 started well with a 31-5 win against Spain, but they went down 24-19 in the Semi-final to a quick Kenyan side. 17-0 adrift at the break, too many errors cost the Scots team in the end and they went out of the tournament in spite of three second half tries.

The Cup final was contested between a rampant South Africa who disposed of England and a tired looking and depleted New Zealand who kept Wales at bay, but only just, with a couple of last minute scores. An epic contest saw South Africa lift the tournament Cup 28-21, but New Zealand took the overall title with one round left to play at Twickenham.

And finally, other news this week saw Scott Johnson stand down as Scotland head coach and take up the role as Director of Rugby, with the news also being announced that a successor had been chosen, but who has the job will not be revealed until a later date.

Football

Hearts ended a traumatic week in style beating St Mirren 3-0 at Tynecastle thanks to goals from Jamie Walker, Kevin McHattie and Jamie Hamill. The game was played in front of a crowd of 16,312 thanks to the club's offer of a £5 entrance fee.

Earlier in the week rumours of administration swept the city following the news that Ukio Bankas, the Lithuanian Bank who are believed to hold the security of Tynecastle Stadium were declared bankrupt. At this time it is not clear how this news will affect the club in the long term. Hearts also reported a loss of £1.65 million last season, which was almost entirely due to a historic tax liability, but they did increase their

turnover by almost £2m

Some good news for the fans however is that club captain Marius Zaliukas could make an unexpected return from ankle ligament injury in time to play in Hearts' final SPL match of the season against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

The Lithuanian is hopeful of resuming full training next week, and is hopeful of pulling on the maroon jersey at least one more time as his contract is up in the summer and no new deal has been agreed so far.



The result means that Hearts leapfrogged Hibs who dropped into 10th place after their away match at Rugby Park was abandoned in the 51st minute when a supporter had a suspected heart attack. Hibs had taken the lead through Alex Harris, but Kris Boyd equalised and the fixture was all square when the referee took the decision to call the game off.

Hearts now sit 8th on 42 points with Hibs one point behind having played a game less. The pair meet next weekend at Tynecastle.

East of Scotland Football

Edinburgh City will meet Spartans in the final of the East of Scotland League Cup on Saturday 25th May.

City beat Leith Athletic 4-0 in the semi-final thanks to a Robbie Ross hat-trick after Dougie Gair had given them the lead with well struck free-kick.

Spartans secured the other place in the final with a 2-0 victory away to Stirling University.

The Ainslie Park team took the lead in the 21st minute thanks

to an own goal from defender Jason Atkins following a Kevin Motion free-kick.

Spartans wrapped the game up with 19 minutes remaining when another Motion free-kick was headed into the net by defender Ally MacKinnon.

They then followed up their cup success with a vital 2-1 victory at home to Preston Athletic on Saturday, despite dreadful weather conditions.

Preston opened the scoring in the 33rd minute when Dale O'Hara's wind assisted cross, flew over keeper Ross Gilpin into the far top corner.

Substitute Andy Martin equalised after 75 minutes, after Willie Bremner's shot was blocked by a defender and the ball fell to his feet.

Bremner scored the decisive goal in the 78th minute with a stunning 18 yard shot after a long John Grant pass.

Preston were reduced to 10 men when Darren Darling was shown a straight red for a late lunging tackle on Andy Martin and Spartans held on for the important win.

Malt & Hops Man of the Match: Willie Bremner

Elsewhere in the Central Taxis Premier Division, Edinburgh City lost 5-0 at home to Stirling University, Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale beat Civil Service Strollers 7-0, Tynecastle beat Gretna 4-3 and Heriot Watt lost 3-0 away to Whitehill Welfare.

In the First Division, Leith Athletic lost 4-1 away to Berwick Rangers Reserves, whilst Craigroyston beat Coldstream 2-1.

Spartans will play Threave Rovers in the preliminary round of the Ramsden Cup next season. The winners will play in the first round proper.

Amateur Football

The Lothian and Edinburgh Football (LEAFA) Premier Division 1 sides Sandys who play at Castlevale and Edinburgh Rose who play at Duddingston will meet on Tuesday 7 May at Livingston's Almondvale Stadium in the Amateur East of Scotland Cup Final.

The kick-off is 7pm and admission is £5 for adults and £2 for concessions.

Under 17s Football

Congratulations to Spartans Under 17s who won the Scottish Cup beating Giffnock 5-0 at Airdrie. Sean Stewart opened the scoring in the 5th minute from close range, and then a few minutes later missed a penalty. Jordan Brown doubled Spartans lead in the 31st minute with a stunning left foot strike and Andy Mair almost made it three just before the break.



Spartans celebrate at the final whistle. (Picture: Spartans FC)

The third arrived in the 51st minute following a fantastic run by Harry Ollif who sets up Blair Atkinson. Atkinson scored his second and Spartans fourth with 15 minutes remaining and Steven Havelin wrapped it up near the end

Women's Football

Congratulations to former Hibs star Kim Little who was named the PFA Women's Players' Player of the Year at the prestige award ceremony in London. Kim played for Hibs between 2006-2008 before moving to Arsenal.

In the SWPL, Spartans beat Hutchison Vale 5-0 with second half goals from Claire Crosbie, Ellis Jenkins, Diana Barry and Kirsty McLaughlin (2), whilst Hibs beat Buchan 7-0 thanks to

goals from Caroline Weir (2) Lizzie Arnott (2) Sammy Hare, Claire Emslie who deserves a special mention on her return to the team and an own goal.

Athletics

Lynsey Sharp will be awarded a European Championship 800 metres gold medal retrospectively after the Russian Athletics Federation confirmed that Russian middle distance champion Yelena Arzhakova had shown “abnormal haemoglobin profile in her biological passport” and as a result has been banned for two years.

Her results from 12 July 2011 have been scratched, so she will be stripped of the European 800m title she won in Helsinki last year, beating Lynsey into second place.

An understandably angry Lynsey reacted on Twitter, saying she felt “sick” after being robbed of her moment of glory. She said: “Just woken up to the news I will be upgraded to European Champion from last year as a result of Arzhakova’s ban. It makes me sick that I was denied the opportunity to do a lap of honour and stand on top of the podium with my national anthem playing.”

Scottish Athletics said it will push for a proper medal ceremony for Sharp, possibly at its annual awards dinner this autumn.

Speedway

Edinburgh Monarchs’ fixture against Scunthorpe Scorpions on Friday night was cancelled due to bad weather conditions in Armadale. They have a blank night on 24th May and hope to re-schedule the fixture for then depending on Scunthorpe’s commitments.

The Monarchs are due to play the Scorpions in Scunthorpe on Monday night, then will take on Glasgow Tigers in the League

Cup on Friday 10 May at Armadale.

Ice Hockey

Edinburgh Capitals' top scorer Rene Jarolin has signed for HC Dukla Senica who play in the second tier his home country of Slovakia.

Jarolin scored 75 goals in his two years with the Caps decided to leave after his family failed to settle in Edinburgh.

Some good news to report from Murrayfield Ice Rink however as Coach Richard Hartmann has secured the services of defenceman Danny McIntyre for another season. Danny's father Duncan was a great servant to the Murrayfield Racers and now coaches with the Murrayfield Junior Development structure.

Richard Hartmann told the club website, "Danny had a great season and is a reliable and popular member of the squad. It is good to have another one of our key Brits back and Danny is a Caps player through and through."

Danny McIntyre said, "I had a great year last season and enjoyed all aspects of playing with the Capitals. I am looking forward to next season and hope to take another step forward for the Caps

Lacrosse

Edinburgh City Lacrosse Club won the Scottish National League for the third consecutive year. The Broughton High School based outfit are looking for interested parties to provide sponsorship for next season. If you are interested, please email this address: swannys93@hotmail.com or visit the club website at www.edinburghlacrosse.co.uk

Golf

Stan Crombie, Troy O'Connor and Graham Chung won the Federation Shield at Torphin Hill with a gross score of 229.

O'Connor's 69 won the prize for best individual gross score.

The Marcus Ward Trophy, for the best net score of 217, was won by David Morrans, Neil Miller and Kevin Duss.

Squash

Edinburgh youngster Doug Kemsell helped Scotland to a 3-1 victory over Switzerland at the European Team Squash Championships in Amsterdam.

Kemsell beat Andrea Torricini then followed that up with a 3-11, 11-3, 11-4, 11-3 evening victory over Lukas Burkhart.

Scotland's men finished fourth after losing to France in the semi-final then Germany in the third/fourth play-off.

Rugby – Edinburgh Rugby v Newport-Gwent Dragons



Edinburgh Rugby v Newport-Gwent Dragons, RaboDirect PR012

Edinburgh welcomed the Dragons from Newport in Wales for the last match of the season for both teams. A 'dead rubber', the teams were playing for pride alone as Edinburgh were in 10th, and the Dragons in 11th, place in the RaboDirect PR012 table. Played in damp, and occasionally torrentially wet, conditions, Edinburgh – in spite of their best efforts in the second half – managed to come away with the win.

Prop, Allan Jacobsen's, last match started with a bang – for

the Dragons! Less than five minutes in, a well worked move from the base of the scrum, handed the ball to Steffan Jones, who raced away to open the scoring for the visitors. Tom Prydie scored with the kick and 7-0 it was. For the next ten minutes the game see-sawed back and forth, with the Welsh side just shading the possession, until a break from Stuart McInally and Netani Talei – also playing his last match for the club – drove the ball up to the five metre line to win a penalty. With the referee playing advantage, Harry Leonard lobbed the ball over the defence for Greg Tonks to run onto in the goal area and score the opener for Edinburgh. Greg Laidlaw then stuck the conversion between the posts to draw the hosts level at 7-7.

The next five minutes, or so, were again dominated by Edinburgh and a ruck on the goal line was exploited by Laidlaw, who dived over for the second Edinburgh try. Unusually, Laidlaw missed the conversion so the score now stood at 12-7. Another five minutes of play, another try. With the visitors seemingly having no answer to the Edinburgh attacking play, it was Talei's turn to crash over the line for the third Edinburgh try. Line out ball put the home side in a good position to drive upfield, and Grant Gilchrist took the ball into contact, from where Talei gathered possession and broke through a couple of tackles to score to the right of the posts (pictured). Laidlaw made no mistake this time and the home side were leading 19-7 and looking on for the win.

✖ Just after the restart, a rather unseemly scuffle lead to Andrew Coombs and Sean Cox seeing yellow, followed soon after by the Dragon's Ross Wardle for a dangerous tackle. This interlude before half time was relieved by a penalty exchange, with Laidlaw coming out on top 2-1 and the half time score coming out at 25-10 in favour of Edinburgh.

The first ten minutes of the second half was a bit of a kicking fest as both teams tried to gain the upper hand. The period ended with a penalty award to Edinburgh which Laidlaw

duly saw over, followed by another two minutes later to give the hosts a fine 31-10 lead. A lead which the Dragon's took on as a target rather than a game-ender. For the next 15 minutes, the visitors dominated the match. Firstly, following a series of rucks in the Edinburgh five metre area, Dan Lydiate dived through a gap in the defence for their second try and a rare incursion by Edinburgh saw Nic de Luca throw a 'pass' to Tom Prydie in the Dragon's 22 and, with nobody in the way, the young Welshman galloped the length of the field to score under the posts. Both kicks went over and the score was, a much more worrying, 31-24.

However, with 15 minutes left, Edinburgh managed to keep the Dragon's out using some creative kicking and pressure from the forwards and ended the season on a high with the win and retaining 10th place in the table.

So, what's next for the Capital's rugby team? With seven departures due to injury, retirement or pastures new, the interim management team have made a few decent signings, the most notable capture being Nikki Walker from Worcester. It can only be hoped that another season like the one just past can be avoided and Edinburgh can return to winning ways and bring a bit of pride – and bigger crowds – back to Murrayfield.

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

Spartans under 17s in Scottish Cup success

Spartans under 17s lifted the Scottish Youth cup today after a convincing victory beating Giffnock Soccer Centre 5-0. This is

the first time any Spartans youth team has played in the competition so to win it at the first time os asking is something else.

Keith McKay who is the assistant manager told The Edinburgh Reporter:- “It hasn’t really sunk in yet, the lads played exceptionally well, we scored early on in the game and that helped to settle us down. I thought that on the day we were the better footballing team and we were to strong for Giffnock. At the final whistle the feeling was electric the team are delighted.”



Spartans celebrate at the final whistle. (Picture: Spartans FC)

Spartans goals game from Steven Havelin, Jordan Brown, Scott Irving and a Blair Atkinson double.

Spartans will be hoping that they can go on and pick up more silverware as they are currently in another three-cup finals and if they win their remaining five league matches they will win their league.

Spartans next fixture is this coming Friday evening in the Victor Paris cup final at Saughton.

Daniel Sloss coming to Edinburgh Festival Fringe

2013



DANIEL SLOSS – STAND-UP

Venue: EICC (Venue 150)

Dates: Friday 2 to Sunday 25 August 2013 (not Wednesday 21 August)

Time: 8.30pm (9.30pm)

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(BSL interpreted Thursday 15 & Saturday 24 (8.30pm show only)

After a massive year of live touring, television, his debut DVD release and parties, comes the new stand-up show from comedy's internationally acclaimed and award-winning half-man-half-Xbox.

Daniel started performing stand-up aged only 16 and has appeared on *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow*, *8 Out of 10 Cats*, *Rob Brydon Show*, *Jason Manford's Comedy Rocks*, *Comic Relief's Mock The Week*, *Paul O'Grady Show* (Daniel's TV debut aged 18), *Comedy Store*, *BBC's Stand Up For Sport Relief*, *Set List*, *Russell Howard's Good News*, as well as starring in his own BBC show, *The Adventures Of Daniel* (aged just 19). In 2012 he was invited to give a prestigious Tedx talk – a serious yet comedic presentation – this has since become something of an internet sensation for Tedx with an unusually large number of hits.

In August 2008, at just 17, Daniel became one of the youngest-

ever finalists in the UK's premiere national comedy competition *So You Think You're Funny?* In 2009 his first-ever solo show, ***Teenage Kicks***, premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe, selling out the run and transferring to London for his debut at the prestigious Soho Theatre whereupon he became the youngest-ever stand-up to perform solo both at the theatre and in the West End. That September he also made his national television debut as the first stand-up to perform on Ch4's *Paul O'Grady Show*. In 2010 his new solo Fringe show ***My Generation*** also sold out its entire season. His 2011 show ***The Joker*** was likewise a total smash-hit, selling out a 4 week run at Assembly's new 400 seat venue. This show subsequently played to great audiences and acclaim across the UK in a 50 date tour produced by Live Nation after they took him on as their youngest solo comedy client. Similarly his 2012 Fringe show with minimalist title ***The Show*** also later toured the UK with over 50 dates.

Daniel has also toured internationally throughout Sweden, Norway, South East Asia and Australia. In 2012 he was invited to perform a solo season at the prestigious Montreal *Just For Laughs* comedy festival and he has starred at Festivals including Rockness, Latitude and in 2013 Altitude (Comedy & snowboarding in Austrian alps alongside John Bishop and Eddie Izzard... Sloss featured in ITV2s doc about this years event)

His debut live stand-up DVD ***Daniel Sloss – Live!*** (recorded at Glasgow's Kings Theatre) was released on 2Entertain in the autumn of 2012 and in 2011 he won **Best New Comedian** at the Scottish Variety Awards.

Daniel is touring the UK throughout 2013-2014. For tour dates www.livenation.co.uk

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Recipe – Vanilla Cheesecake from Calistoga Restaurant



Gordon Minnis, owner of Calistoga restaurant suggests a delicious summer dessert

Summer is on its way and it is time to leave behind the winter puddings and enjoy the lighter desserts of the season.

There are lots to choose from, but as a Californian restaurant, one of our favourites is that great American classic, vanilla cheesecake. It is particularly delicious combined with summer berries, such as strawberries, raspberries, or other soft fruit of your choice.

Vanilla cheesecake is also easy to make. But for best results, you need to leave it in the fridge for a day to chill, before eating. In our experience, you may well be tempted to taste it before then ...

We like to pair food with wine and would recommend a Californian pink Moscato to accompany the cheesecake.

Lightly sparkling, crisp and refreshing, Pink Moscatos often have a hint of vanilla, which enhances the flavour of the cheesecake. Summery strawberry and rose-petal notes tend to be a feature of this wine too.

If you enjoy pairing great wine with great food, you might like to know that Calistoga runs regular wine tasting dinners. The next one is on 29 May, featuring wines from the Gnarly

Head vineyard in Northern California. For further information and to book, email bookings@Calistoga.co.uk or give us a call on 0131 225 1233.

Baked Vanilla Cheesecake with Mixed Berries

For the base

70g plain flour

70g caster sugar

70g ground almonds

70g melted butter

Pinch of salt

Combine all the ingredients and rub together with your hands to produce a breadcrumb-like texture.

Line a 10 x 6 inch deep pie tin, or a 12 inch round deep tin with baking paper and lightly grease with a little butter. Place the mixture into the tin and pack down with your fingers so the base is level.

Bake for 12-15 minutes at 160 degrees centigrade, until just brown. Set aside to cool.

For the Cheesecake

350g of soft cream cheese

75g of Mascarpone cheese

1 whole medium egg

4 medium egg yolks

100g caster sugar

Seeds of one vanilla pod

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and mix together – electric beaters are best or use a food processor. Pour the mixture over the now-cold base and level out.

Bake for 60 minutes at 120 degrees centigrade in a bain marie – i.e put hot water in a bigger tray and gently place the tray containing the cheesecake into this tray. The water should reach up to about half-way on the cheesecake tray. Be careful not to slosh the hot water around. The cheesecake is ready when the mixture has just set in the centre.

Remove and allow to cool before refrigerating. When cold, carefully remove and cut into slices. Serve with your choice of berries or other fresh fruit

Tradfest: The Story of Scotland's Creation

✖ The audience at this Tradfest event learned how Scotland came to be formed in the new telling of the 3,000 year old myth of the Cailleach, or old hag, who, it is believed, created Scotland. The storytellers brought the tale to life through wonderful narration, bright costumes and traditional

music.

Taking place at the Storytelling Centre, the myth was narrated by Janis McKay and David Campbell. The hour-long performance was accompanied by renowned traditional Scottish musician Allan MacDonald. The performers aim is for the story to become part of the 'yes' campaign on Scottish Independence, getting their inspiration from the Finnish Creation Myth, Kalevala, which helped Finland's independence from Russia .

Janis McKay took centre stage looking dramatic in a flowing floor length turquoise gown, embroidered with Celtic designs. After an introduction to the evening, she explained how the story was put together through research and with guidance from Campbell. He was fittingly resplendent in traditional highland costume, complete with a bright yellow shirt and red necktie, costumes which set the atmosphere for the night's theme. Campbell narrated the story alongside Mackay, also taking the part of the male role of the young prince.

She then introduced MacDonald, describing him as a "wonderful musician", to which he replied "And she's an awful woman!" to roars of laughter from the audience made up of people of all ages and cultures, and with the theatre full to capacity.

The stage was now set for a light-hearted and entertaining evening, as the audience settled down in expectation, and the lights dimmed. In fact, MacDonald, from his place at the side of the stage, did indeed transpire to be a wonderful musician, evoking a sense of Scotland's natural beauty, the mist over the mountains and scenic lochs through several traditional instruments. These included the smallpipes, Jew's harp and malodoan, with Campbell weaving music into the storytelling with an obvious talent and skill.

MacKay began the narration of the tale by explaining how the story of Cailleach, the ancient hag who created the nation, unfolded. We learned how she had been living and working in

Finland, when she came across the work of Elias Lonnrot, who had gathered and wrote a creation myth for the country in the 19th Century. She said:-“While I was there I asked what is the Scottish original myth?” She then started to do research into this, and explained:- “I was guided by David Campbell, and we found this Earth Cailleach figure. What you will hear has been rescued from many tales, but the words are our own.”

She also completed the story's setting for us, about a place called Glen Lyon in Perthshire, and which is very isolated from anywhere. Here , she said: – “The Craillieach's little house, about four feet tall, still stands”. Campbell explained that this was where the shrine to the Crillieach (meaning old woman in Gaelic) is maintained. This has been taken outside the house and left to stand in the air for the summer until the arrival of winter, or Samhain.

She said this is a “tribute to the goddess,” and the “longest continuing ritual in Europe”, since ancient times. Until very recently, it was carried out by a shepherd, and is now carried out by the local historical society.



We were then transported into another world as the story progressed over the next forty- five minutes, with a genuinely infectious sincerity and passion. This enabled the suspension of disbelief and a childlike entry into the magical world of gods and goddesses, princes, hags and strange creatures and beautiful beings.

The theme, as in the billed title, was creation. The tale of how Scotland emerged from a wasteland where there was once nothing, when the Callieach, described as “the mother goddess and creation of this land” came into being. She made “the first and ancient rock of her beloved Caledonia” which was claimed to be Iona. The story documents how she created each aspect of the country, the islands when “she gathered peats

and carried them on a creel on her back. She fell, and the clods scattered, creating the islands". mountains, the lakes and streams, were made.

Described as "the hag of winter", she was not ready to lose her grip on the land, when one night her alter ego, Bride, the goddess of spring, came into existence, through a dreamlike vision. Bride threatened to uproot the Cailleach's cold supremacy her with her youthful beauty.

For Bride, flowers and grass grow everywhere she walks. The Calleach becomes inflamed, and therefore dresses her in rags, enslaves, then imprisons her, "but her beauty never faded". Angus Og, the prince of the eternally youthful and green land of Tir Na Nog, sees what is happening in a dream and sets off towards her.

The Cailleach then washed her plaid, and to dry it out, threw it over the mountaintops, coating the land in ice and darkness. She sees a beautiful young face in her well, perhaps a younger version of herself. The prince soon arrives, and a battle ensues. He tells her:- "Begone, begone, your time has come", portraying the eternal struggle between life and death.

The Cailleach had no intention of growing old gracefully, but is finally defeated and driven away to her isle in the west. She eventually comes to realise what she has become, when she speaks to the tide about "how she is no longer mighty."

The story ends when Bride then "took the outstretched hand of Angus and walked into the living Earth", and flowers grew behind their footsteps.

With regard to the 'yes' campaign, Campbell spoke to The Edinburgh Reporter explaining the nationalist aim for the story. He explained:- The Finnish story was part of the thing which galvanised the sense of belonging, that traditional independence lives in the heart and spirit of the people."

He continued:-We aim to support the 'yes' campaign where we can through performances for example at the Edinburgh Fringe. The tale spreads a sense of the legend and story of people, and if people get that strong feeling, then that belongs to our destiny."

"You can gather people's support in elections or "win by poetry" as its beautiful sense speaks to the heart, spirit and imagination, but once the support is there, you rule by prose."

For more information, visit:

<http://www.daviddcampbell.co.uk/about-me.htm>

<http://www.janismackay.com/about-me/>

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Five things you need to know today



Fun Run – Drugs arrests – 5K at Cramond – Scottish Bird Fair – At the galleries this weekend

You are probably too late to enter, and you are certainly too late to start training, but you could always go along and cheer on the ladies who are taking part in the [Fun Run](#) at Hopetoun House today starting from 11:00am.

Around 1000 women will be taking part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life there this morning.

This is the first Race for Life event of the year in Scotland – there are 11 in total – and courageous skin cancer survivor Dawn Hunter, of Dunfermline, will be at the start line with an airhorn as she prepares to start the participants on their way along the 5K course. Ahead of the event, Dawn, a personal assistant, said:- “Taking part in Race for Life is my way of celebrating being cancer free for five years and fighting back against cancer. It's important to do all we can to help fund research and I want to help others by supporting Cancer Research UK's work.”

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life, in partnership with Tesco, is an inspiring women-only series of events which raises millions of pounds every year to help defeat cancer by funding life-saving research.

Hamish Moir, event manager for Race for Life in the Lothians and Fife, said:- “The support we have received in South Queensferry is absolutely tremendous and we are thrilled that so many women have entered Race for Life.”

In 2012, 750 women took part in Race for Life in South Queensferry and helped raise £71,000 for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work. With even more ladies attending this year's event, the charity hopes even more money will be raised. By raising money through Race for Life, people in the Lothians and Fife are helping Cancer Research UK's doctors, nurses and scientists make advances in research which will help more men, women and children survive.

At this year's event, before they head to the start line, runners will be learning the Cancer Slam, a dance especially choreographed for Cancer Research UK to the classic song Connection by Elastica. The warm up exercise routine in South Queensferry will be lead by Sarah Munro of Fitness Chicks

fitness centre in Edinburgh.

Around 20 volunteers from the Queensferry Sea Cadets, under the command of Lt Colin Butcher, will also be helping out by giving out water and medals. Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its ground-breaking research but with help from the people of the Lothians, the charity intends to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, Cancer Research UK was able to spend over £4 million last year in Edinburgh on some of the UK's leading scientific and clinical research. Women of all shapes, sizes, ages and levels of fitness take part in Race for Life. They come from different backgrounds and walks of life but they are united by their absolute determination to take on the disease and beat it.

Hamish continued: "Race for Life is non-competitive. So there's no need to worry about being fit or fast. It doesn't matter if you walk, jog or even dance your way around the course. There are over 200 cancers and we won't give up until we find cures for them all. It's fighting talk, and we mean every word we say."

There is still time to enter a Race for Life event near you. In Edinburgh, ladies and families can take part in 5K and 10K events on Sunday 16 June 2013 at Holyrood Park.

Enter Race for Life at raceforlife.org or by calling 0845 600 6050.

Police in Edinburgh have hailed the success of an operation targeting drug dealers and serious and organised criminals in the Capital. Operation Amend resulted in 25 arrests, along with the seizure of around £300,000 worth of drugs and almost

£250,000 in cash.

The drugs seized included quantities of cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin, as well as a cannabis cultivation. Over £200,000 in cash was recovered from one address in Musselburgh alone.

Detective Superintendent Gareth Blair, from Police Scotland, said:- "There is no doubt that Operation Amend has struck a serious blow against drug dealers and serious and organised criminals operating in Edinburgh.

"We have arrested and charged a number of individuals with alleged drugs offences, and removed a significant quantity of drugs from the streets of the Capital. Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe, and we will relentlessly pursue all those who we suspect of involvement in drug dealing and serious and organised crime.

"At the same time we will continue to work closely with our community partners in order to make our communities safer and secure. We would ask the public to play their part by providing us with information on drug dealers and serious and organised criminals operating in their community.

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

Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill said:- "While honest, hard-working members of the public struggle in these challenging financial times, it is galling and distressing to see drug dealers and those involved in serious organised crime flouting their ill-gotten wealth.

"It is thanks to vital information supplied by the public and the hard work of police that serious and organised criminals across Scotland are being identified and brought to justice. Ultimately, it shows that the combined efforts of communities, police, and enforcement agencies all contributes

to making Scotland a safer and stronger place to live.”



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

Councillor Cammy Day, Community Safety Leader, said:- “I am very pleased that Operation Amend has been such a success and believe this demonstrates how strengthening community links with the police can make our neighbourhoods safer. It sends a clear signal that drug-related crime will not be tolerated and I would like to thank all members of the community for their support of this very worthwhile initiative.”

Professor Alison McCallum, Director of Public Health and Health Policy, NHS Lothian, said:-“We continue to work closely with Police Scotland, health services and other agencies throughout Lothian by providing a broad range of services to help and support individuals to address the causes and consequences of problematic drug use.”



Our photo today is of Cramond on Thursday evening this week. We happened to be there taking photos and suddenly a 5K happened by... We caught some of it on video....

[The Scottish Bird Fair](#) takes place at Hopetoun House next weekend, although some of the events take place in Linlithgow and there are other events like the sunset cruise on the River Forth to enjoy. The idea of the cruise is to go and find some seabirds.

✘ This weekend at the National Galleries of Scotland there are many things to see. Have you seen the lovely Annie Lennox exhibition at the Portrait Gallery yet? And then for the lovers among you there is the romantic Rodin's Kiss at the Scottish National Gallery at the Mound...

Rodin's world-famous celebration of erotic love *The Kiss*, arrived in February for a year-long display. The magnificent, larger-than-life marble sculpture of two naked lovers, entwined in a passionate embrace is on loan from Tate in London.

Having first shown *The Kiss* to huge popular acclaim in 1898, Rodin was commissioned to make this second version, which was completed in 1904. It depicts the adulterous lovers Paolo Malatesta and Francesca da Rimini, who appear as characters in Dante's *The Divine Comedy*. Dante relates how the couple's passion grew as they read together the story of Lancelot and Guinevere (the book can just be seen in Paolo's hand), but they were discovered and murdered by Francesca's outraged husband, Paolo's older brother Giancotto.

The story inspired many playwrights, composers and artists in the nineteenth century, and is the subject of a much-loved painting in the Gallery's collection, *Francesca da Rimini* (1837) by Sir William Dyce.

Three full-scale marble versions of *The Kiss* were made in Rodin's lifetime, and the sculptor also made smaller versions in plaster, terracotta and bronze. Such was allure of *The Kiss* that hundreds of bronze copies were produced by the

Barbedienne foundry. As a result, this spectacular sculpture has become one of the most instantly recognised and best-loved works of art in the world.

Speaking of the loan, Michael Clarke, Director of the Scottish National Gallery, said: 'We are delighted that Rodin's great hymn to love is coming to Scotland. Rodin was a wonderfully gifted sculptor – technically brilliant, with an astonishing ability to model the human form with sensuous realism. *The Kiss* is rightly acknowledged as one of the greatest artistic evocations of desire ever created.'



Craig Hill coming to Edinburgh Festival Fringe



CRAIG HILL – TARTAN ABOUT!

Venue: Underbelly – Cowbarn (Venue 201)

Dates: 1 – 26 August 2013 (not Mondays 12 & 19)

Time: 7.20pm (8.20pm)

Venue tickets: 0844 545 8252 / www.underbelly.co.uk

Fringe tickets: 0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com

(BSL interpreted Saturday 17 & Friday 23 August)

This is Craig's 14th consecutive fringe & 13th solo show – he has sold out every season since 2000.

Kilty as charged!!! Hot on the heels of last year's hysterically funny, sold-out fringe season followed by a hugely successful tour, comes Scotland's favourite kilted treasure Craig Hill's new show "Tartan About!"

With his cheeky, irreverent and, of course, wonderfully camp blend of incisive stand-up, razor-sharp improvisation and superb audience rapport, Craig's audiences know they are in for a wickedly delicious evening of pure, unadulterated fun... some are so keen to be part of the show they have been seen to literally run to be in the front rows...

Craig has firmly established himself as one of Scotland's best-loved entertainers with five BBC TV series to his name and frequent guest appearances besides. He has sold out all his previous Edinburgh Festival Fringe seasons, each year's show subsequently going on to tour successfully throughout the UK and internationally. He has performed a 35 minute extended solo set at The London Palladium and presented a specially created alternative variety show, *Craig Hill's Forbidden Vaudeville* for Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Frequently hailed as one of the stars of the Sydney International Comedy Festival, his 2012 smash-hit debut at the Adelaide Fringe and subsequent sold out season at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival saw him invited back and repeating his successes in 2013. He has starred on Australian TV in comedy panel show *Good News Week* and hosted TV's prestigious *Cracker Night* comedy gala. In the UK he was featured on *The Best Of Just For Laughs*, a storming performance recorded on an all-alumni line-up in Montreal.

Five things you need to know today



Gary McCourt sentenced – Police action day – Portobello Open Door – Spa in the City – Gorgie City Farm for breakfast

There has been an outcry among many cycling groups in Edinburgh about the sentence handed down to Gary McCourt who had been charged with causing death by careless driving. McCourt was convicted of causing the death of pensioner Mrs Audrey Fyfe, 75, when his car clipped the rear wheel of Mrs Fyfe's bicycle in Portobello. She then 'somersaulted' off her bike and was injured when she landed heavily on the road. She died from her injuries two days afterwards.

McCourt was disqualified from driving for five years and was sentenced to 300 hours community service. After his conviction last month, it was revealed that McCourt had caused the death of another cyclist, 22 year0old student George Dalgity, in 1986.

Dr David Brennan one of the campaigners behind Pedal on Parliament which will stage a cycle through Edinburgh to Holyrood on 19 May 2013, wrote on their website:-“Whatever the legal questions behind the sentence itself, the fact that a driver can, through *carelessness*, kill two people in separate incidents and not permanently lose their driving licence tells us something about the priorities we have in Scotland today.”

The family of the first victim spoke to [The Edinburgh Evening News](#) suggesting that McCourt's conviction should result in imprisonment.

There is an amount of discussion regarding the comments by the Sheriff about the fact that Mrs Fyfe was not wearing a cycling helmet on the [Cycling Edinburgh Forum](#), and there are comments there which suggest that the Crown Office may review the decision.



Police in Edinburgh carried out another day of action across the city on Friday as part of Police Scotland's commitment to tackling violence.

Over 100 officers were out in patrol throughout the Capital to engage with the public, and deter criminal activity.

As a result, three men were arrested for alleged warrant offences, including two men who were wanted in connection with domestic assaults, one in the Craigmillar area the other in the Dalry area.

Two more men will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal after police recovered personal quantities of cannabis during searches.

One man and a woman were arrested in connection with an alleged violent disturbance that took place in the Clermiston area on 16 April.

Officers also utilised the mobile metal detector to identify anyone in possession of a weapon and a woman has been detained for carrying a lock-knife.

Furthermore, a number of vehicle stops were carried out and 11 people were issued with fixed penalty notices for a range of motoring offences. During these stops, a vehicle was seized for having no insurance and the driver will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

The public response to the activity was extremely positive and further Campaign Against Violence days will take place throughout the year.


Superintendent David Carradice said:- "Local officers were once again supported by colleagues from other departments to detect and deter a range of crimes in Edinburgh.

"We will continue to carry out days of action to tackle violent crime within the city and will actively target those believed to be responsible.

"Targeted action against violence is based on the information we receive from the public and anyone who has information relating to crime in their area can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."



Tonight in Portobello, Portobello Open Door (POD) in collaboration with the Wash House Community Centre are going to start screening Films in Porty. Their first film will be the highly acclaimed Les Miserables (12A) is tonight at 7pm. Tickets priced at £5 with a £3 concession for Under 18's and Over 60's, available from Favers Candy Emporium. BYOB, and Refreshments available on the night.

 [Spa in the City](#) is on today and tomorrow in St Andrew Square. Organised by Essential Edinburgh it is aimed at ladies who want to be pampered and indulged!

*To get your FREE treatment you must register at the registration tent, which opens at 9:30am on both Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May. The first 300 people to register each day will receive a Spa in the City Goody Bag.
All those that attend Spa in the City will receive an offer*

booklet which will give great offers and discount in the city centre's shops, bars and restaurants so your pampering needn't finish when your treatment does!

Registration

You are able to book one appointment per person at the registration tent, which is open both days between 9:30am and 4pm.


The Edinburgh Reporter breakfast suggestion for today is to head to Gorgie City Farm on Dalry Road which is free to enter. They have a community cafe which is open seven days a week from 9.30 am to 4 pm.

"We serve breakfast until 12 midday and hot meals, drinks and snacks all day. All our food is home-made and seasonal where possible. High-chairs are available and there is a small space for parking buggies. Hand-washing and toilet facilities are close by. For those with some time to relax, we have a comfy sofa, free wi-fi, newspapers and local information leaflets!"

While you're there you can sign up for their cookery course...



Police investigating youth related antisocial behaviour

 Police in Edinburgh are investigating following reports of youth-related antisocial behaviour in the west of the city this week.

On Monday 29 April, police received two separate complaints of vehicles having been vandalised with spray paint in

Harvester's Way and Wester Hailes Park. Later that day, a report was received with regard to racist graffiti in Wester Hailes Park. A number of young people were seen in the area with spray canisters and enquiries are ongoing to trace them.

Investigations are also ongoing after stones thrown at a Polish man and women and at their house.

About 1.20pm yesterday two Muslim women were racially abused and an attempt was made to remove their headscarves by a couple of young boys who were playing in the area.

Officers are investigating all of these incidents and anyone who can assist with their enquiries is asked to come forward.

Inspector Stevie Dolan said:- "A number of residents in the Wester Hailes area have recently reported anti social behaviour by local youths and we are working with the local community to identify those responsible. Several of these have been racially-motivated".

"Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe and crime in any form will not be tolerated. We are investigating each of these reports thoroughly and anyone found to be involved will be robustly dealt with. Increased patrols will be out across the coming holiday weekend to offer reassurance to the community, engage with local youths and deter further criminal activity. Anyone wishing to report a crime can visit their local policing team, contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Construction traffic causes concern for children's safety

Residents in a North Edinburgh community have this week hit out at the local Housing Association who is building new homes in the area. Residents from Muirhouse claim that the safety of their children is being put at risk as heavy goods lorries are reversing without banksmen, while over two hundred schoolchildren make their way to Craigroyston Primary School.

Prior to the building work starting residents were reassured that construction traffic would not use certain parts of Muirhouse and would come from Ferry Road into the site. At a meeting in December 2012 Springfield, the company building the homes, told the meeting that they would always use banksmen when vehicles were reversing. There have now been two incidents when large lorries have reversed along Muirhouse Avenue and directly past the entrance gate to Craigroyston primary School at 08:40, the busiest time for children arriving at school.

Springfield issued an apology on 26 April 2013 to the residents association and yet the company's vehicles (as pictured) were in the same street on Wednesday of this week. Eileen Carr from Tenants & Residents in Muirhouse said:- "We have now lost confidence in the organisation concerned, and will be taking this further. We don't want any more empty promises, pointless assurances or insincere apologies – we want the large vehicles to stop using Muirhouse Avenue as they agreed and to stop treating the community of Muirhouse with flippant disregard."

Brenda Tonner, Director at Muirhouse Housing Association said:- "We do apologise for these two incidents and we have been in touch with the contractor to ensure this is resolved.

We will now begin discussions with the council to seek permission to put up more signage.”

Local councillor Cammy Day said:- “I have today taken this up with MHA. It’s totally unacceptable. I have asked to meet the developers as a matter of urgency.”

Some residents will still remember the horror in August 1999 when two local children died following an accident with a lorry that was delivering materials to a shopping centre building site. It is believed the children hid under the lorry when it was stationary with its engine running. They were then trapped under the wheels when it reversed.

And they’re off at Musselburgh Races today!



Musselburgh Racecourse heads in to its busiest period of the year with today’s meeting the first of three May fixtures, followed by four high profile race days in June.

The card kicks off with two evenly contested heats over the minimum trip of five furlongs and Cracking Choice, trained by Michael Dods near Darlington, would be a deserved winner of the Brewin Dolphin Handicap (2.00). Runner up in his last three outings, Paul Mulrennan’s mount was headed in the final strides by the strong finishing Bogsnog at Newcastle eight days ago, and he has the early speed to overcome an outside

draw.

The combination of trainer David Brown and jockey Robert Winston has rewarded Musselburgh racegoers with a regular flow of winners and Captain Midnight will be hard to beat in the Baillie Gifford EBF Maiden Stakes at 2.30. Bred for speed, the two year old started a well backed 7/4 favourite on his debut at Ripon and was only run down in the last 50 yards, and he will appreciate this sharp five furlongs.

Top weights dominate the £10,000 Weatherbys Bank Handicap over 9f (3.00). The in-form David O'Meara relies on the penalised Frontier Fighter, a dual winner on the polytrack at Wolverhampton earlier in the year and again successful on the turf at Pontefract on his most recent appearance.

Stable jockey Danny Tudhope is likely to ride a waiting race on Frontier Fighter and these patient tactics could prove decisive in a protracted duel with the front running Gala Casino Star, who weakened inside the final furlong when a promising third behind St Moritz at Ripon.

The £12,000 Weatherbys Private Banking Handicap at 3.30 provides London Citizen the ideal opportunity to get off the mark at the second attempt for the North Yorkshire trainer Karl Burke. Previously raced in America, London Citizen was noted staying on strongly in third place behind Country Western and Lightning Launch on his debut for the Burke stable at Ripon. That race was over 7f and London Citizen will relish the extra quarter of a mile round Musselburgh.

The £12,000 Core (Oil and Gas) Ltd 7f Handicap at 4.00 looks at the mercy of the David O'Meara trained Gandalak. After two encouraging placed efforts over the minimum distance, Gandalak stepped up to 6f at Newcastle last week and in the hands of Danny Tudhope made every yard of the running to rout a competitive field of handicappers. Gandalak won easing down and he should have little problem building on that victory over the extra furlong at Musselburgh.

Prize money at Musselburgh this month tops £125,000 and other race meeting are on May 13 and 24. Next month will get off to a flying start with the Totepool Edinburgh Cup on June 1, followed by a glamour weekend with Stobo Castle Ladies Day on Friday June 14, which is expected to attract a 9000 crowd, the William Hill Scottish Sprint Cup on June 15 and the Investec Wealth & Investment race day on June 28.

Musselburgh Racecourse commercial manager, Sarah Montgomery, said: "The summer months offer something for every type of racing follower at Musselburgh and it's all hands on deck as we stage seven meetings in an eight week period.

"The course is in cracking condition and everyone at Musselburgh is looking forward to waving goodbye to a long winter and bringing the best of summer Flat racing to our regular racegoers and new visitors."

Gates open on Friday at noon, the first of eight races is at 2pm and last race at 5.35pm. Children aged 18 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Full information on Musselburgh's Flat season is available

at www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk

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RBS – McDonald Road junction roadworks – Film Festival App – Spa in the City – Northern Lights

RBS have just announced this morning a pre-tax profit for the first three months of 2013, and Chairman, Philip Hampton said that the bank's capital position continues to improve, their liquidity is 'very strong indeed' and the bank's funding requirements are extremely low. He also hinted that the public ownership of the bank may be coming to an end. "This is our best quarterly performance for some time now. We are trying hard to support business. This is what banks should do particularly in difficult times. Our SME lending quarter on quarter has grown, so there are some encouraging signs. What we want to do is have a business that is performing well and strong in capital so that the Government can start selling shares from the middle of 2014 on. The recovery process should be substantially complete in about a year's time." Full details [on the RBS website](#) but the basic points are:-

- RBS reports a Q1 2013 pre-tax profit of £826 million
- Group operating profit of £829 million, up from £553 million in Q4 2012
- Q1 2013 net attributable profit of £393 million
- Core Tier 1 ratio increases 50 basis points to 10.8%, or

8.2% on a fully loaded Basel III basis

- Tangible net asset value up 3% to 459p per share

In order to complete the utilities work at the McDonald Road junction as quickly as possible, the contractor was working there overnight last night, and will also be working at the junction on Saturday and Sunday this weekend in order to carry out valve/hydrant replacement works. The additional hours will be as follows:

Saturday 4 May – 13:00 to 22:00

Sunday 5 May – 10:00 to 18:00

Following this, work will commence as normal on Monday 6 May 2013 although further additional work outwith normal hours may still be required. The completion date for this work is now 12 May.

McDonald Road is closed to through traffic from Leith Walk meantime.



This year [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#) will be keeping you connected by introducing their brand new EIFF App. Free to download, this latest feature of the Festival will allow you to view trailers of the upcoming films, give you access to the EIFF line-up and screening times as well as let you browse venue and ticketing information all from the palm of your hand.

What's more, the EIFF App will be equipped with GPS and city mapping to ensure that you're never far from your favourite flick. The EIFF App will be launched alongside the Festival programme on 29 May 2013.

❌ Spa in the City features in our photograph today. This event run by Essential Edinburgh is a chance for the girls to get some beauty treatments and have a fun day out. There is more information on the [Spa in the City Facebook page](#).

Even though pre-bookings have closed the organisers assure us that there will be loads of appointments available on the day. The event is being run over Saturday and Sunday. The Reporter is invited to the pre-event bash this evening and we may have more news for you after that!

Northern Lights is being shown at cinemas across Scotland from today. This is a film about Scotland made by you if you contributed your footage to the project. Funded by Creative Scotland the project was to gather as much film footage about Scotland in the year of Creative Scotland and edit this into a film showing what the country is all about. It is being hailed as a success by those who have already seen the previews. It is showing at Cineworld over the weekend to rival Iron Man 3, beginning from today at 12:45. There are five daily screenings for the next week. [More details about times and how to book here on the Cineworld website](#) which describes the film:-

“Compiled from footage shot by the public, this fascinating documentary provides a uniquely intimate look at Scottish life. How do you capture the essence of Scotland in just one film? You invite people all across the country to submit their unique visions in a mass participation project and combine them into an impressionistic feature film that is poignant, thrilling, moving often very funny and strays far from the stereotypes we often encounter. There is banter and

blether, bike rides and booze, the mundane and the magnificent, beautiful landscapes that take your breath away and ideas that fill you with pride and hope for the future. This is a chance to re-discover Scotland through the eyes and thoughts of the people who live here."

If you have a venue then apparently you can also ask to screen the film. [More details here.](#)



Police appeal for witnesses to Portobello assaults last weekend

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after three men were assaulted in Portobello over the weekend.

The incident happened around 10.45pm on Saturday 27 April 2013 within the Three Monkeys pub. Three men entered the bar and after a short time became involved in a disturbance with patrons and staff inside.

As a result, a 25-year-old member of bar staff sustained minor injuries, while another man aged 39 suffered serious facial injuries and was taken to the RIE for treatment.

A further male, who was assaulted during the incident left before police arrival. The suspects then made off from the premises onto Portobello High Street before being lost to

sight.

Detectives are now urging anyone who can assist with their enquiries to come forward.

The first suspect is described as white, late twenties to late thirties, 5ft 10ins tall with a stocky build, short brown hair and round features. He was wearing khaki-coloured trousers and a beige crew-necked top.

The second suspect is described as being white, between 35 and 45-years-old, 5ft 7ins tall with a stocky build and bulging eyes.

The third suspect is described as white, late twenties, average height with a thin build. He was wearing a light-coloured top that possibly had leather patches on the sleeves.

Detective Constable John McShane said:- "All three suspects are believed to have visited the pub, having attended a local boxing event at the nearby town hall, and almost immediately became involved in a dispute with those inside the premises.

"During the disturbance three men suffered various injuries and we are keen to trace the third victim, who was not present when officers arrived.

"Similarly, anyone who can help us identify the men responsible, or who has any other information relevant to this investigation should contact police immediately."

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

TERLive! Council meeting 2 May 2013



The council meets for the first of two full council meetings this month at 10 am this morning. The Edinburgh Reporter will be in the chamber and sending you live updates from this page. There is also a webcast of the council proceedings which you can follow [on the council website](#).

All of the council papers are [on the council website here](#) and we hope that our coverage will help explain what is decided in relation to each item on the agenda.

Five things you need to know today



Council meeting – Balerno Community Council – This weekend at Summerhall – Royal Blind concert – At the Fruitmarket Gallery

Our photograph today shows three councillors, Councillors Bridgman, Day and Child at the ground-breaking ceremony at Craigmillar yesterday where the council have just begun

building 60 affordable homes.

Today the full council meets at 10:00am at the City Chambers, and [we will be covering proceedings live](#) from around 10. The council papers [are here](#)



Balerno Community Council meets this evening at 7:30pm in Balerno High School. [More details here.](#)

This weekend there is a show for children aged 10+ at Summerhall called [One Giant Leap](#). As you might be able to tell from the title this is a show about science.

“One Giant Leap is an impossible attempt to bring the whole universe into a theatre and into our understanding, using a tennis ball, a wastepaper basket and a dash of theatrical invention. Iain Johnstone’s passionate solo performance about the relationship between humanity and the heavens fills your head with facts and asks some awkward questions.”

[Book tickets here.](#) Family tickets 2 adults and 2 children £20.

The Royal Blind School is holding a concert called Come to Your Senses at the Queen’s Hall, Edinburgh on 20 June 2013 at 7pm. The concert will be a celebration of the pupils’ achievements through their senses, music and music. We would be delighted if you could attend and show your support to the school.

Tickets are available from the Queen’s Hall box office on 0131 668 2019 [or online here.](#) Tickets cost £10 (£6 concessions).

✖ A new exhibition previews tomorrow Friday 3 May 2013

David Batchelor *Flatlands*

Exhibition 4 May – 14 July 2013

Preview Friday 3 May, 6.30–8.30pm

All welcome

David Batchelor (born 1955, Dundee) is perhaps best known for his vividly coloured sculptural installations of illuminated lightboxes, industrial dollies, and other found objects. These three-dimensional works perhaps belie the fact that the root of his interest is and always has been in drawing, painting, abstraction and the monochrome – preoccupations that are best charted in his immensely varied 2D oeuvre. This exhibition will be the first in-depth survey of David Batchelor's drawings, paintings and photographic work.

Trained originally as a painter, Batchelor has, over the last twenty years, made colour his leitmotif – not the colour found in nature, but the synthetic colour of the illuminated street sign and lurid glare of the nocturnal metropolis. Whether using conventional materials such as pencil, ink, pastel, gouache and acrylic, or highlighter pen, spray or gloss paint and industrial tape, Batchelor's drawings on paper or card show how formal rigour and modernist aesthetic can be subverted by the deployment of intense, exuberant colour.

This exhibition represents a first considered attempt to analyse Batchelor's graphic register by critically reflecting on his use of surface, painting, drawing, and colour. It will present work created over the last two decades, including drawings, paintings, photographs, slide projections and preparatory drawings for sculpture. It will also include sculptures in which a sense of line and plane take precedence over mass and volume.

The exhibition is curated by Andrea Schlieker, who worked with Batchelor as Director of the Folkestone Triennial in 2008, and

will be accompanied by a catalogue with an interview of the artist by Schlieker as well as a new essay by Rudi Fuchs.

David Batchelor Talks and Events at the Fruitmarket Gallery

Artist's Talk

Wednesday 8 May, 6.30pm. Free.

David Batchelor in conversation with exhibition curator Andrea Schlieker.

Workshop: *Sculptural Samples*

Tuesday 21 May, 11am–5pm. Free.

12 places for 14–17 year olds.

Led by artist Tomasina Hurrell, this workshop takes inspiration from the exhibition to experiment with approaches to drawing and sculpture through colour, structure and movement.

Panel Discussion *'Imagining things that cannot exist': David Batchelor's Drawings*

Wednesday 22 May, 6–7.30pm. £5 full/£3 conc.

Refreshments available from 5.30pm.

Director of The Fruitmarket Gallery Fiona Bradley, Professor Briony Fer (University College London) and Professor Anne Wagner (University of California, Berkeley) consider ideas explored in this exhibition of drawings by an artist primarily known for his sculpture.

Audio Tour

Wednesday 5 June, 2–3pm. Free. 10 places.

A tour of the exhibition with assistive listening devices, for visitors who are hard of hearing.

Descriptive Tour

Wednesday 5 June, 6.30–8pm. Free. 10 places.

Artist Juliana Capes leads a tour designed specifically for visually impaired visitors with detailed descriptions of Batchelor's work and practice.

Booking is recommended for all events. To book your place call 0131 226 8181 or email bookshop@fruitmarket.co.uk



'Grand Tournament of Foote' at Urquhart Castle this weekend



Date: 5th & 6th May 2013 | Time: 11am – 4:30pm | Price: included in admission price

(Adult £7.90, Child £4.80, Concession £6.40)

The picturesque Urquhart Castle, which is located in the banks of Loch Ness, will provide a spectacular background for a celebration of military skill this bank holiday weekend.

The **'Grand Tournament of Foote'** event is taking place this Sunday 5th and Monday 6th May, as part of the [Year of Natural Scotland](#), a government initiative aimed at inspiring local people and visitors to celebrate Scotland's outstanding natural beauty, landscapes and biodiversity a Scotland prepares to welcome the world in 2014 and beyond.

Apart from enjoying an exciting day out with a difference, visitors will be rewarded with splendid views of the famous loch and Great Glen from a magnificent location! Once one of Scotland's largest castles, Urquhart's one still remains an impressive stronghold despite its ruinous state.

The event will bring to life a medieval *foote* tournament, which involves a series of military combats fought as a contest between noble knights to demonstrate agility and expertise. The tournament will be in five parts, commencing with the knights battle and culminating in the general *mêlée* to leave the last man standing to be crowned champion!

According to Gillian Urquhart, Events Manager for [Historic Scotland](#):- “This event is a great opportunity to step back in time and get a flavour of how a medieval *foote* tournament would have been held”.



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She explained:- “Fully armoured foot soldiers will once again be at the castle, putting on a spectacular show of skill in a series of colourful and lively bouts, in a bid to be crowned overall champion.

“Visitors can also see a living history camp and discover how squires would prepare their knights for battle, or test their own skills with a bow and arrow”.

The event will run each day from 11:00am – 4.30pm. [Tickets for the event can be bought online](#) or on the day. **Ticket prices are included in the normal admission price:** Adult: £7.90, Concession: £6.40, Child: £4.80, Child under 5: free. Admission free to HS members

A **free park and ride shuttle service** will be running each day from the car park at Glen Urquhart High School -in Drumnadrochit- to the visitor centre at Urquhart Castle from 10 am until 5 pm.

For further details about the event, click [here](#).

Keep up to date with Historic Scotland regular Year of Natural

Former Hibs Great Dave Gibson back in Edinburgh



Football fans from the capital are in for a treat tonight as former Hibs and Scotland star Dave Gibson will be reminiscing about his time at Easter Road as well as signing copies of his book 'Gibbo – The Dave Gibson Story' at the Hibs Supporters Club in Sunnyside Place from 7.30pm.

The skilful midfielder returned to the country of his birth on Wednesday to launch his biography, and the Edinburgh Reporter caught up with Dave at the SFA Hall of Fame inside Hampden Park where he was joined by former Scotland team-mates Davie Holt, Bertie Auld, Ian Ure and Davie Wilson. In addition, a number of pals from his national service days turned up, and the stories flew thick and fast.

Dave told the Edinburgh Reporter: "I grew up in the mining village of Winchburgh, not far from the great Willie Thornton who played for Rangers. He was an inspiration, but there have been a few good players to come from the village, such as John Gorman who played for Celtic and a promising youngster with long hair who played for Exeter City called Alan Devlin.

I was a Hearts fan, and idolised Willie Bauld, and actually played with him in a game for Edinburgh Select against Burnley which ended 7-4 for them. Three players including myself scored a hat-trick that night. I almost signed for Hearts, but

the manager at the time Tommy Walker heard that I was Hearts daft and they tried to get me on the cheap. I was offered £4.00 per week, and Hibs offered me £9.00 so I signed for them, and made my debut a couple of months later playing alongside players who I had been shouting for the past few years such as Gordon Smith, Lawrie Reilly, Eddie Turnbull and Willie Ormond. That team was called the 'Famous Four and a half.' I can't remember much about the game apart from I ran about a lot. I then played alongside the great Joe Baker who was the fastest player I have ever seen He was a born goal scorer and when you passed the ball to him you never got it back. He had a special talent."

✘ Dave was capped seven times for Scotland, and his first came in an infamous game against Austria in 1963 at Hampden Park which was abandoned with Scotland winning 4-1 after three visitors were sent off, one for spitting at the referee.

He also played (and scored) in an impressive 6-2 win against Spain in the Bernabeu Stadium, a result which would be unthinkable in today's climate. In all he scored three international goals, the other two coming against Wales and Finland.

Dave first made his name with Livingston United before joining Hibs in 1956 as a 17 year old. The slightly built youngster with the distinctive blond hair soon began to make a name for himself scoring an impressive ten goals in 23 reserve team outings.

During his six year tenure at Easter Road, Dave played 60 games, including two Inter City Fairs Cup semi-finals against Roma, and scored 10 goals.

His form with Hibs attracted the attention of Leicester City manager Matt Gillies, who had actually spotted Dave when he was in the army doing his national service.

A massive £40,000 cheque secured Dave's signature, and he went

on to become a fans' favourite at Filbert Street, where he was the playmaker and creative force behind the great Leicester City team of the early sixties, which is still revered in the city.

As he was still doing national service when he signed, his appearances were restricted, and he eventually made his debut on 2 March 1962. The following season, Dave began to form a deadly partnership down the left-flank of Leicester's attack with Mike Stringfellow, and became a key fixture in the Foxes' side as they chased the league and cup double. With five games remaining, Leicester sat top of the table and were in the FA Cup Final against Manchester United, but they eventually fell short in both competitions, finishing fourth in the league whilst Manchester United won 3-1 at Wembley, thanks to goals from Denis Law and David Herd for Matt Busby's first trophy since the Munich air disaster.

Dave then helped Leicester to victory in the 1964 League Cup final scoring a goal in both legs of the final against Stoke City. The first leg ended in a 1-1 draw thanks mainly to Leicester's keeper Gordon Banks, and City won the second leg 3-2. Dave's goal was a near post bullet header from a Howard Reilly corner.

He also helped Leicester to the 1965 League Cup final against Chelsea. The London team won the first leg 3-2 at Filbert Street and held on for a 0-0 draw at Stamford Bridge to win the trophy.

In 1969, Dave helped Leicester City to the FA Cup Final at Wembley, but a Neil Young goal midway through the first half gave Manchester City the victory.

Dave joined Aston Villa in 1970 where he played 19 times over two seasons, scoring one goal. He then ended his career at Exeter City for whom he played 71 times, scoring three goals, before hanging his boots up and becoming a postman. He later

ran a care home in Leicestershire, and now lives in Dorset.

Co-writer Chris Westcott told the Edinburgh Reporter: "I have written five other books about football players and I knew Dave through Derek Dougan. Dave is a legend at Leicester City, and many of their fans believe that he was the best ever player to play for the club. This year is the 50th anniversary of Leicester's FA Cup Final against Manchester United and also of the infamous Scotland v Austria 'friendly' which was abandoned with Scotland leading 4-1 after three Austria players were sent off. Dave made his international debut that night so we were keen to get the book out to commemorate both games. Dave is a great character with a host of great memories about the game that modern day players wouldn't believe."

Last word goes to Dave who hopes that his book will be an inspiration for youngsters to make their own mark in the game that he still loves: "The book is really about a wee boy from a miners row who made it to the top as a professional footballer. There were no TVs, Computers or ipads when I was growing up so we spent all out time practicing out football skills with a 'tanner ba.' This has been a special day for me to be united with my team-mates and army pals at Hampden Park, 50 years after making my Scotland debut. I remember it was a proud day for me and my family as 90,000 Scotland fans cheered us onto the pitch and the pipe band played 'Scotland the Brave' and I remember thinking that it doesn't get any better than this."

Calling all foodies – Galvin

Festival of Food and Drink at The Pompadour



EDINBURGH: CULINARY MASTERCLASS AND SUNDAY LUNCH AT GALVINS POMPADOUR AND BRASSERIE DE LUXE

Galvin Restaurants Launch Festival of Food and Drink, 13th – 19th May 2013

Galvin Festival of Food and Drink is a week-long celebration of events showcasing the finest in French and Scottish food, drink and hospitality. From 13th – 19th May 2013 Michelin-starred brothers Chris and Jeff Galvin along with the general manager of Galvin at Windows Fred Sirieix and Sara Galvin, patron of Demoiselle by Galvin at Harrods, will host a series of food and cultural experiences in their seven restaurants in London and Edinburgh, inviting everyone to share in their love of all things Gallic and Gaelic and to be inspired by their true passions.

✖ The final event in the week-long calendar takes place ✖ in Edinburgh on Sunday 19 May where Craig Sandle, executive chef at The Pompadour by Galvin, will give an exclusive masterclass in the restaurant kitchen, followed by Sunday lunch in Galvin Brasserie de Luxe.

Guests will be welcomed with a glass of champagne in the Pompadour Salon at 11 am by Craig and head sommelier, Peter Adshead. This will be followed by a visit to the kitchen where Craig will demonstrate his signature dish of Warm Salad of Roasted Langoustine with Scottish Glamis Asparagus and Confit Duck Egg. Peter will be on hand to talk about suitable wine pairings including natural wines. Guests will then be taken

to the Brasserie to enjoy Sunday Lunch.

Places cost £45 per person and includes champagne on arrival, Craig's masterclass and a 3-course Sunday lunch in the Brasserie with a complimentary aperitif maison.

Drinks with lunch will be charged separately.

As part of the Galvin Week celebrations, a week-long special menu will also be available at Galvin Brasserie de Luxe.

Edinburgh schoolchildren invited to create art for Commonwealth Games Athletes Village



ART FOR GLASGOW 2014 ATHLETES' BEDROOMS – Competition kick starts 2014 Commonwealth Games Schools Programme

Edinburgh pupils are being urged to showcase their artistic talents to the world by creating Games-inspired artwork for the Athletes' Village at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

This unique opportunity was announced today at the launch of Game On Scotland, the official education programme for the Games.

Using the Games and its 17 sports as creative inspiration, primary and secondary pupils will be challenged to come up with 6,500 pieces of artwork to decorate bedrooms in the

Athletes' Village where the athletes and officials from across the Commonwealth will be staying.

The winning designs will be gifted to the visitors as a memento of their time in Scotland, and athletes will be encouraged to send a note expressing their personal thanks back to the young artists.

✖ X-Men and Superman illustrator Frank Quitely today urged schools to get creative and make their mark on the Games.

Game On Scotland, which is a partnership between Education Scotland, the Scottish Government, Glasgow 2014 and Glasgow City Council, will use the Commonwealth Games as an inspiring and fun context for learning across the curriculum.

With the website now live, teachers and educators across Scotland and throughout the Commonwealth can access a range of educational resources for learners of all stages including film and image banks, Games history, sport profiles and materials on the Commonwealth.

There are also unique opportunities for Scottish schools to engage with the Games, available to all ages, such as the art competition.

Artist Vincent Deighan, who goes by the pen name of Frank Quitely, said:-“I know how satisfying it is to see your work being appreciated and this is a fantastic opportunity for 6,500 school kids across Scotland to see their creative work on the world stage. I've seen first hand some of the artistic talent emerging in Scotland and I'm sure the pupil's artwork will help inspire athletes to go for gold in 2014.”

The City of Edinburgh Council's Education Convenor, Councillor Paul Godzik, said:-“This competition is a fantastic opportunity for schoolchildren to share in the excitement of the Games. I hope as many schools as possible will enter, and who knows, perhaps one of the City's pupils will have the

privilege of having their artwork displayed in the Commonwealth Village!”

Shona Robison, Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport said:-“The Game On Scotland education programme will transport children across Scotland to the heart of the Commonwealth Games, taking them on a global learning journey which will benefit them now and in the future.

“Young people are at the heart of the Games and its legacy, and we’re creating opportunities for children to get involved and experience the excitement. We know that major events such as the Commonwealth Games have the power to transform the lives of children and young people and we have the legacy programmes in place to inspire the next generation.”

Schools can apply only by registering on the Game On Scotland website at www.gameonscotland.org. Competition packs will be issued in August with winning entries announced in early 2014.



Edinburgh College hairdressers get a lift from Wella



Edinburgh College Hair Salon Awarded the Wella Centre of Excellence Status

Edinburgh College has become only the second college in

Scotland to be recognised as a Centre of Excellence by Wella, and one of just 30 throughout the UK. The accolade not only reflects the top class facilities and training available at the college but offers additional opportunities for students to take part in nationwide competitions and schemes run by the leading hair product manufacturer.

Carol Fyfe, Head of Tourism & Hospitality at Edinburgh College, received the award during the recent Head Candi hairdressing showcase event at the college. She said:- "It is an honour to be recognised as one of only two Centres of Excellence in Scotland. The team have worked incredibly hard to develop and maintain high quality training in hairdressing.

"This new partnership with Wella will help us to provide the latest advanced training for staff and students. The experience gained by students will ensure that they are able to progress seamlessly into the world of work once they have completed their training and excel in the competitive hairdressing industry."

Ashley Bennett, Area Manager for the Wella brand, presented the plaque. He said: "Wella is passionate about supporting young students and getting them started in the hairdressing industry. By working in partnership with Edinburgh College we believe that young people will get the best possible start to their hairdressing career."

"The award represents the quality of the facilities at the college but more importantly the quality of the education for the students. Good training is key to the success of our industry and this accreditation shows the great respect Wella has for the work that Edinburgh College does."

As a result of the accreditation the college will benefit from the latest professional advice and products, and the credibility within the industry that such accreditation can provide for both staff and students. This award follows two

high profile events which were hosted at Edinburgh College this month – the Scottish World Skills hairdressing national finals and the Wella Xposure competition.

39-year-old Level 3 Hairdressing student Dianne Lally from Clermiston, said: “The Wella Xposure competition was just a brilliant day for all of us on the course. I got through to the semi-finals in the commercial cut and colour category and was really pleased to get this far in a Wella competition. I went for an androgynous look, with a shorter blunt underneath cut and a feminine feathered style on top – I think this quirky and unique style is what caught the judges’ attention.”

Dianne added: “It was great to get the experience to compete in a national competition like Wella Xposure as part of our course at College. It’s really well known and respected and I think it will open up a few doors for me when I leave College and start my own business.”

Carol Fyfe, Edinburgh College, was delighted that the College was chosen as the venue for these events. “Hosting and competing in these high profile events is fantastic experience for our students. We are now looking forward to hosting another high-profile event at Edinburgh College. The World Skills beauty event takes place this week and will see hundreds of students coming through our doors to compete in beauty competitions and use our state-of-the-art facilities.”

“The World Skills competition is an amazing showcase of the vast variety of beauty skills we have at the College, from beauty therapy, aromatherapy, high fashion and photographic makeup to nail art. I’m sure the event will inspire our young people and will shine a spotlight on the most talented beauty students across the country.”

Photography caption: (L-R) Ashley Bennett, Wella, Carol Fyfe Head of Tourism & Hospitality at Edinburgh College, and Andrew Wilkie, Wella.

Newhaven Pensioners to fight eviction

A GROUP of Scottish OAPs have vowed to “barricade” themselves in rather than leave their threatened sheltered housing.

The pensioners say managers of the complex in Edinburgh will have to “forcibly remove” them from their home and are planning a legal challenge to the move.

Jo Hopkin, 87, a resident of Cairn Housing Association’s property in the city’s on Laverockbank Terrace is leading the other residents in her refusal to be evicted by Cairn bosses.

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Jimeoin will be at Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2013



JIMEOIN – YES, YES, WHATEVER...?!

Venue: EICC (Venue 150)

Dates: 9 – 18 August 2012 – STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON!

Time: 7.30pm (8.30pm)

Venue tickets: 0844 847 1639 / www.venue150.com

Edfringe: www.edfringe.co.uk / 0131 226 0000

(BSL interpreted Friday 16August)

Jimeoin's press releases lack any sense of humour... Unlike his show which is hilarious... After a phenomenal 2012 and spring 2013 with his massive tours of UK and Ireland selling out and having to be extended due to demand, Jimeoin returns to the Edinburgh fringe – for a strictly limited season.

In 2012, despite the pressures of the Olympics, a surprise burst of actual summer weather (the first since March which saw Scots relaxing on every available square inch of grass and being understandably most unwilling to head indoors whilst the 'heatwave' lasted) not to mention the biting recession, huge audiences made *Jimeoin – What?!* the biggest comedy show at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Loved by audiences around the world for his brilliant wit and razor-sharp take on the absurdities of everyday life, Jimeoin's shows are no-gimmicks, big laughs and stand-up comedy at it's very best.

Having left his native Northern Irish town of Portstewart in the 1990's and settling in Australia where he started his comedy career, Jimeoin (pronounced Jim-Owen) is now such a household name there he's even had racehorses named after him. His disarmingly relaxed, cheeky, often surreal humour has led to sell-out tours to record-breaking audiences across the length & breadth of Australia, UK and Ireland. He is a father of 4, a keen fisherman, skateboarder and golfer and has released several top-selling CD'S and DVD's.

Recent UK TV appearances include ***Live at the Apollo, 8 Out of 10 Cats, The Royal Variety Performance, Channel 4's Comedy Gala, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow...***

Jimeoin is touring the UK and Ireland throughout 2013-2014.

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