

# New look bus launched for World Heritage Day



Edinburgh Bus Tours has unveiled the new-look *Edinburgh World Heritage Official Tour: A City of Contrasts* to coincide with World Heritage Day, 18 April. The five-star bus tour guarantees to showcase more of Edinburgh than any other bus tour, and brings Edinburgh's unique history – a story of contrasting themes – to life.

With specially trained English speaking guides, *Edinburgh World Heritage Official Tour: A City of Contrasts* tells tales of Edinburgh's dramatic past and present, good and evil, nature and architecture, and fire and ice.

As well as offering dramatic tales, dramatic sights include Fettes College – where James Bond was supposedly educated – and Dean Bridge. The new extended tour route also visits favourite sites including Edinburgh Castle, The Palace of Holyroodhouse, and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. The tour lasts approximately one hour and twenty minutes.

*Edinburgh World Heritage Official Tour: A City of Contrasts* has been developed in conjunction with Edinburgh World Heritage, the charity dedicated to conserving, protecting and promoting the city's World Heritage.

The 18th April is designated UNESCO World Heritage Day. Projects, events and exhibitions take place annually all over the world to raise awareness of World Heritage Sites. Edinburgh Old & New Towns were jointly awarded World Heritage Site status in 1995. The Edinburgh site contains around 4,500 buildings, with a high proportion of listed buildings and scheduled monuments.

David Hicks of Edinburgh World Heritage commented: “We are delighted to work with Edinburgh Bus Tours to bring the stories of the city’s World Heritage Site to life. The tour is specially designed to show the unique contrasts that are at the heart of the Edinburgh’s character, and some stunning panoramic views across the city’s skyline.

“Plus with hop-off, hop-off tickets this is a great facility for visitors to explore all of Edinburgh’s World Heritage Sites at their leisure.”



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## **Peploes sold in Edinburgh today make almost £1m**

✖ Five paintings by the world renowned Scottish colourist Samuel Peploe made just short of £1,000,000 at Bonhams Scottish Art sale in Edinburgh today.

‘Still Life, Roses and Chinese Blue’, made £349, 250, ‘Blue & White Vase, Roses, Melon and Orange sold for £277,250 and ‘Stlll Life’ was bought for £181,250. The first two works display the meticulous sense of composition and subtle palette characteristic of Peploe in the 1920s. The earlier, ‘Still Life’, shows more fluid painterly brushwork and pure colour.

Also by Peploe, ‘Crawford’ sold for £73,250 and ‘A Summer Afternoon’ for £61,250.

Bonhams Head of Scottish Art, Chris Brickley, said:- “The results for Peploe and the very good prices for the other Colourist painters in the sale show the continuing appeal of

these artists whose work has made such an important contribution to the standing of Scottish painting both at home and round the world.”

Other highlights of the sale include Joseph Farquharson’s ‘The Shortening Winter’s Day is near a Close’ which made £157,250 against an estimate of £60,000-80,000 and a view of Iona by Francis Cadell which sold for £91,000.



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## Five things you need to know today



**Keep Edinburgh Beautiful – Stolen Mountain Bike – Foster Carers wanted – Dove Transport – Tonight at the Filmhouse**

The Council want some help in entering Edinburgh for the city’s bid in the Britain in Bloom competition. [You can read more here.](#)

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Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses following the theft of a high-value mountain bike.

The incident happened around 4.30am on Monday 16th April at an address in Newhaven Road.

A property in the street was broken into and the 36-gear ISSAC hard tail bike worth £3,000 was stolen from inside.

Officers are now urging anyone who can assist with their

enquiries to come forward.

The bike is described as black, with an 18-inch frame, DT Swiss 240 silver-rimmed wheels, white forks, Continental mud tyres, Shimano XTR break discs, Bon Trager carbon stem and a triple Physic Gobbie saddle.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: "Given the time at which this incident occurred, a number of residents in Newhaven Road may have been awoken by sounds of a disturbance, as those responsible gained entry to the property.

"Similarly, members of the public who were up and out in the area in the early hours of Monday morning may also have seen something suspicious and are asked to contact police immediately if they have information that can assist officers with their investigation."



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The council wants to recruit more foster carers and they are holding a drop in event tomorrow evening at Waverley Court.  
[More information here.](#)



Today a shameless little plug for community transport service, Dove Transport which calls itself “the number one community transport provider in the West of Edinburgh.”

*Dove Transport seeks to provide affordable and accessible community transport to local not-for-profit community organisations within the West of Edinburgh and surrounds.*

*The service was established in April 2003 as part of an Urban Community Transport Initiative pilot scheme set up by the Scottish Executive. There are four partners involved in the scheme who provide community transport throughout Edinburgh. We are currently in our fifth year of funding and the project continues to thrive.*

*Our current fleet consists of three minibuses – two 15-seaters and one 7-seater – all of which are fully accessible. These buses are available for day or evening hires, seven days a week, with or without a driver. Please note that we cannot hire to individuals. All hires are subject to availability.*

You can find out more about [how to book your minibus here.](#)

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Tonight at [The Filmhouse](#) they are showing My Beautiful Laundrette as part of the Daniel Day-Lewis season. Preview here:-

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# Foster carer drop in event at Waverley Court

## DROP IN SESSION TO RECRUIT FOSTER CARERS

The latest drive by the City of Edinburgh Council to find new recruits to become foster carers is taking place tomorrow evening (Thursday 18 April) in the Capital.

A special drop in session is taking place between 5pm and 7pm at Waverley Court where people can meet foster carers and social workers for an informal chat about fostering.

The event is taking place ahead of Foster Care fortnight (13 – 26 May 2013) at a time when the number of children needing care in Scotland is at its highest since 1981.



Convener of  
Education – Paul  
Godzik

Councillor Paul Godzik, Children, Education and Families Convener, said: “There’s a real shortage of foster carers across Edinburgh and we’re hoping to encourage more people to consider becoming carers for children and young people.

“Fostering is a hugely rewarding and really important job as it benefits some of the most vulnerable children in our

society, helping them build a bright and confident future.

“All sorts of different people have the skills and qualities to foster and we hope this drop in session will provide anyone interested with the information they need.”

Thursday's drop in session is the first of three events taking place over the coming months to highlight the need for more foster carers. The 'Foster Me Foster Us' campaign is across the city and includes bus, taxi, billboard and bus shelter advertising as well as local media promotion.

Anyone interested in finding out more about fostering can call the City of Edinburgh Council free on 0800 174 833 or visit the [website](#).

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## Marie Curie Hospice reopened in Edinburgh



The Marie Curie Cancer Care Edinburgh Hospice at Fairmilehead has been closed for six months for a makeover. Today it was officially reopened by the Cabinet Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Alex Neil, MSP who marked the occasion in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Health Secretary was then given a tour round the newly modernised facilities. He was joined by patients and their families along with Marie Curie supporters and staff.

Mr Neil said: “The Scottish Government recognises the excellent services that Marie Curie provides for both people living with terminal illnesses and their families at what is a very difficult time. Together, we face the challenge to ensure that people receive the best possible care at the end of life, irrespective of where they choose to be cared for. I am happy to officially reopen the transformed Marie Curie Edinburgh that will allow the hospice to provide the very highest standards of care for people across Edinburgh for years to come.”

As part of the six month programme, the hospice ward block was reconfigured to include en-suite bathrooms in each room, providing accessible washing, shower and toilet facilities for patients. Six of the multi-bed wards were also extended to provide additional space for patients and their families.

Marie Curie Cancer Care provides free care and support for terminally ill people across Edinburgh at home and in the Marie Curie Hospice. The £2.6 million refurbishment was funded jointly by Marie Curie Cancer Care and private donations from supporters.

✖ To access a Marie Curie Nurse, speak to your GP or district nurse. For more information, please visit: [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk).

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# NHS 24 now available on mobile





## **Health Information on the move!**

Since it was launched in 2010, NHS inform has grown and is now firmly established as Scotland's national provider of quality assured health information.

As more people choose to search the internet from mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets, a mobile version of [www.nhsinform.co.uk](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk) has been developed that will allow people to access the site's wide ranging features while on the move.

The mobile version of the site has been developed specifically to provide instant accessibility which means, as Marcia Rankin, Head of Health Information Service at NHS 24 explains, that people can find out what they need – fast: “we know from looking at the way people use the NHS inform website that they often want access to information quickly and easily. By making the website mobile, people can look at features such as the Health A-Z directory or Common Health Questions from a wide range of devices without the need to download an app. The mobile site is also easy to find from any search engine and information can easily be shared via URLs across email or text message, Facebook or Twitter.”

The mobile version of [www.nhsinform.co.uk](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk) can be viewed by searching for the NHS inform site via a mobile or tablet device, or by copying and pasting [m.nhsinform.co.uk](http://m.nhsinform.co.uk) into the browser bar of the device. As the desktop version of NHS inform ([www.nhsinform.co.uk](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk)) continues to evolve, so too will the mobile version of the site with additional features added over time.

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# Council needs your help to make Edinburgh Beautiful



The City of Edinburgh Council is calling on local green groups to back Edinburgh's 2013 Britain in Bloom bid by helping to spruce up their local neighbourhood.

[It's Your Neighbourhood](#), run by Keep Scotland Beautiful, is a scheme that aims to bring members of the community together to make a positive change to the place they live, work or spend their leisure time. It is open to groups of all sizes who are interested in cleaning up and greening up their local area.

The initiative forms part of the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom competition, in which Edinburgh is competing against Bristol and the London Borough of Hillingdon in the City category.

Local community groups or businesses who enter the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme will be mentored by assessors in an effort to improve and progress local green projects. This could be help with identifying funding sources, gardening and maintenance advice or providing access to tools.

Successful participants are presented with a certificate of achievement of either Establishing, Improving, Developing,

Thriving, or Outstanding.



Convener of  
Transport &  
Environment –  
Lesley Hinds

Councillor Lesley Hinds, the city's Environment Convener, said:- "Edinburgh will be representing Scotland later this year in the prestigious Britain in Bloom competition and so we're calling in all green-fingered city residents to back our bid and do their bit to spruce up their local neighbourhood."

Derek Robertson, Chief Executive of Keep Scotland Beautiful – the independent charity which campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues which affect people's quality of life, said: "We would welcome any community group who is working to clean up and green up their local area in Edinburgh to register for this year's It's Your Neighbourhood campaign. It's Your Neighbourhood is about giving community groups who work tirelessly year round, national recognition and support for their efforts, and currently we have over 70 groups registered from across Scotland."

Registration for It's Your Neighbourhood closes at the end of April. Further information and details can be found on the [Beautiful Scotland](#) website.

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## Five things you need to know

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## **Campaign against Violence Day – Works on McDonald Road – Pandas – Paolozzi Prize – A plea from the Moderator**

Police in Edinburgh were taking part in the National Campaign against Violence day last Friday and our photograph shows a group of officers on their way to arrest a man in West Edinburgh who was suspected of football hooliganism at the Hibs v Hearts match on 3 January 2013. That match started just before 8:00pm in the evening, and evidence from CCTV and witnesses had allowed the police to identify those involved.

The man was eventually arrested and removed to a police van after the officers knocked at his front door and kept a watchful eye on any other possible escape routes. At the same time however, his wife who objected first of all to the police knocking on her door unexpectedly at around lunchtime. We heard shouts of “You need a warrant to come in here, where’s your warrant?” and we were a little distance away from the ground floor flat.

A small group of onlookers had gathered by the time she raised her voice even more, by then objecting to the press presence outside her house, and she was vocal enough to be charged with a breach of the peace. She was removed from her house in a separate car. All of those arrested on Friday were taken initially to St Leonard’s Police Station where there are around 50 cells.

It will have taken till today for all of those arrested in Friday’s police action day to be brought to the Sheriff Court in Edinburgh. It was seen as a positive advantage that some of those arrested who might have been involved in football

violence were taken into custody the day before another big match involving Hibs.

One essential aspect of the policing being carried out on Friday was that senior officers were involved in front line policing. The Reporter was accompanying Chief Inspector Mark Patterson who admitted he was not usually out walking the street, although he is present at large demos etc. But Patterson said:-“This is what I joined the police for. It gives me a good chance to find out what the normal job entails and allows us to increase our public presence all at the same time.

“Having this first national Campaign against Violence day on a Friday poses some challenges, but we have additional custody staff on duty to process all of those who will be arrested today, and of course there are additional custody centres we can use right across Scotland.”

The police were using a mix of marked and unmarked police cars. There were four teams out across the city, each one with a female officer and a local officer. Patterson continued:-“It is useful to split the officers up. Other CAV days may have a mix of plain clothes officers too depending on what is required. There was a lot of violence, including assaults and disorders in Dalry Road before the Derby match on 3 January and we are targetting seven addresses today. There are an additional 63 officers out in Edinburgh today. There are 24 officers from the national alcohol and violence reduction unit. Out of the balance 17 are usually back office staff in Edinburgh – superintendents, chief inspectors and the like. They will supplement our normal front line officers.

There are other teams out in Drylaw and St Leonard’s areas today too. The intention is that all 7 addresses are targetted at the same time. The focus for us today is very much those who have already committed violent crimes or those who might. It is all to do with the Police Scotland Keeping People Safe.”

Earlier the officers had been briefed at Wester Hailes Police Station and shown photographs of those they were out to apprehend. The location was chosen as that station has responsibility for Tynecastle Stadium where the offences had been committed.

As we sat in the car waiting for the other officers to arrive news came through of someone in East Lothian who had undertaken to show up at St Leonard's. Whether they did or not, the police knew who they were after across Edinburgh on Friday and had made four arrests by Friday evening.

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The work required to be carried out at the McDonald Road junction with Leith Walk will involve the temporary closure to through traffic to McDonald Road along with a partial northbound bus lane closure around the location of the junction itself. The temporary closure will be from Wednesday 17 April for up to two weeks. Traffic diversions will be in operation and the alternative access routes to the street will be via Pilrig Street, Annandale Street and/or Broughton Road.



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SSSSSHHHHHH! If you live in Corstorphine then stop making any noise. You might put the pandas off.... The latest news this evening is this:-

“Tian Tian our female giant panda chose to sleep a lot of this afternoon so we let her do what her body was telling her it needed. She woke late afternoon and we could see by behavioural analysis that she still had not yet reached peak. Her hormone results also backed this up. RZSS experts and our international colleagues will be regrouping early tomorrow morning where another enclosure swap will take place – Tian Tian will go into Yang Guang’s outdoor enclosure and vice versa.

This will give us the perfect opportunity to again monitor what stage Tian Tian has then reached. We hope she will continue to progress overnight and fully hit peak tomorrow morning.”

Watch this space.

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The first ever Paolozzi Art Prize has been awarded this evening at the National Gallery of Art, and the overall winner was announced as Lorna Serle. We will have photos and a short video soon!

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The Moderator of the General Assembly has lost some important pieces of jewellery owned by the Church and The Edinburgh Reporter [interviewed him on video today](#) to find out how you might be able to help.



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## VIDEO – Appeal by the Moderator for the return of ‘significant’ Church jewellery

✘ It was at the beginning of this month that police in Edinburgh first put out an appeal for help in finding jewellery owned by the Church of Scotland which had gone missing, along with the bag that they were in, from a luggage trolley early in the morning at Edinburgh Airport on 5 April 2013.

Now, a couple of weeks later, there is still no trace of the ring and the cross and The Edinburgh Reporter met with The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland who is appealing for any help in finding the missing items.

The Rt Rev Albert Bogle is the current Moderator and he said:-



“There is a reward of about a four figure sum if the jewellery is returned in good condition. There will be no questions asked if the person who has these items just hands them in to a police station or here in George Street. Perhaps the person who has them has just not realised what they have picked up.

“The cross is a very nice piece of jewellery and is unique. Its value is not in the metal, but in the item itself. It has a nice little chain on it and there are fishes on it, as well as the St Andrew’s Cross. There is a Scottish theme with that item. We really do want to get it back.”

✖ These are two unique items – a gold ring and a cross pendant – related to the office of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The bag itself is notable as it has Peruvian style embroidery on it, and the ring with an amethyst stone has the St Andrew’s Cross, a burning bush and the motto ‘Nec Tamen Consumeatur’.

The Moderator had been on a trip supporting Christian Aid in their mission to highlight the conditions of miners in South Africa.

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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## Taoist Tai Chi Centre opening 19 April



The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Great Britain has told The Edinburgh Reporter that it is delighted to announce the Grand Opening of the new Taoist Tai Chi Centre in Edinburgh, close to Meadowbank, on Friday 19th April 2013, commencing at 11:30

This is the transformation of former supermarket into the largest tai chi space in Europe, and there will be over 600 people from 20 countries taking part. There will be a colourful dragon dance, and the event will be attended by VIPs including Kenny MacAskill will be present.

“Having lain empty for several years, the former supermarket premises at 69 Marionville Road have now been refurbished to become the largest European centre in the Taoist Tai Chi Society’s portfolio. With the Society’s focus on health and well-being, the centre will prove a significant resource.

The celebrations are an opportunity to combine colour and festivity, and include demonstrations of the 108-move Taoist Tai Chi™ Set, a dragon dance performed by members with the Society’s own 25 metre long dragon, a Chinese lion dance, words of greetings from distinguished guests and Society leaders from around the world, and lunch.



Joining us in the celebrations and lending his support will be Scottish Justice Minister, Kenny MacAskill MSP, whose

constituency includes the Society's premises in Marionville Road.

Many other representatives of the communities in which the Society is active have been invited, including Councillors, MSPs, MPs and MEPs, and others. Between 500 and 1,000 Society members are expected, from the UK, from Europe, and worldwide in what will be the largest gathering of Society members ever in the UK.

There will be opportunities to speak with Society leaders from home and abroad, and with other guests. Members of the Society will talk about the benefits they have gained from practicing Taoist Tai Chi™ internal arts of health."

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## Youth Scotland in Edinburgh helped launch film premiere



The youth group which meets on Victoria Terrace called 6VT was an instrumental part of the launch of a new film on Saturday night. The All Stars actors visited the Edinburgh youth club to help launch the premiere of their film which is to be launched nationwide next month.

In partnership with Youth Scotland, member group [6VT](#) hosted the actors of new dance film All Stars at the weekend. All Stars follows shy kid Jaden (Akai) as he teams up with loudmouth Ethan (Theo Stevenson) to raise money to save their

local youth club from closure. The film is due for nationwide release on 3 May.

✖ Stars Theo Stevenson (Horrid Henry: The Movie) and Akai (Streetdance films) visited the Victoria Terrace youth centre and spent time with young people who attend the centre's street dance workshops as part of the film's nationwide tour. Akai and Theo joined in with dance activity and shared experiences about working on the film with the group.

The previous evening, young people from [6VT](#) and Kic Dance watched the film at the Omni as part of a packed audience. The event went down a storm; Sharon Jones from Kic Dance said:

"Everyone made us so welcome, the kids (and adults) were star struck! Everyone enjoyed the film and very much appreciated such a fabulous opportunity. The kids have memories that will last a lifetime."

The film and its stars moved on from Edinburgh to Glasgow's Cineworld at another packed screening attended by young people from A&M Training. Ashley Jenson also attended the event and answered a Q&A session afterwards. She highlighted the importance of youth clubs in local communities.

Carol Downie, Chief Executive of Youth Scotland said:- "Youth groups are really important to local communities as they enable young people to maximise their potential through a range of social and educational opportunities. Funding is vital to ensure that young people are given the choices to succeed and develop. All Stars' message helps illustrate the need for vibrant youth clubs in local communities and its nationwide release will bring home this message to many thousands of people.

"The film highlights a problem that a number of youth clubs and groups around the country are currently facing due to

reduced funding and lack of investment.”

All Stars is released nationwide on 3 May. – Trailer below!



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## Government to look at rules for allotments



Plans to simplify and overhaul Scotland’s allotment rules were announced today by The Scottish Government.

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead has launched a consultation to consider the shape of future allotment legislation.

Among the questions being asked are:

*Should councils be required to provide people in their area within a specified timeframe*

*Should councils have a duty to provide a specific number of allotments in their area per head of population*

Mr Lochhead said:-“Growing your own food is continuing to grow

in popularity in Scotland and this goes hand in hand with an increasing desire to know where our food comes from.

“Allotments provide a range of benefits including better health, an opportunity to learn new skills, and an understanding of where food comes from – not forgetting the chance to eat the fruits of your labour. We’re committed to helping people to grow their own food and this consultation will consider what changes should be made to the existing legislation to make it simpler and fit for today’s community needs.

“Many communities have expressed a desire to get back to nature and more involved with growing their own food and that’s exactly what we’re working to make possible.”

### [Allotment consultation](#)

Here in Edinburgh the council is currently working in terms of the [allotment strategy](#) which was agreed upon and published in 2010. New allotments have been opened at India Place, in response to the finding that there were at least twice as many people on the waiting list as there were plots. However now there is a four year waiting list for the 22 raised beds which were formed there. One of the main presumptions in the new council strategy was to presume against allotment holders using vehicles to get to their allotment site, so this gets rid of any need to provide car parking.

There are other initiatives to provide more space in the city for gardeners who do not have their own land. The Edinburgh Garden Share Scheme is an arrangement for a gardener to take over a garden where perhaps the owner is older and is not able to keep the garden any longer. This promotes gardening and also some social interaction. The prospective gardeners are subject to a Disclosure Scotland check.

There are also community gardens projects across the city funded by the Climate Challenge Fund, who have also recently

announced substantial funding for a new scheme in Wester Hailes called Edible Estates.

In September last year the council's Transport and Environment Committee agreed:- "That land already in the ownership of the Council be used to establish new allotment sites before additional land on the outskirts of the city was purchased and that regular progress reports be presented to Committee."

There have been no further reports on this matter since last September.

There is information for prospective allotment holders [here on the council website](#), but don't get out your spade just yet there is still a long waiting list.

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## The Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Round-up



Normally the Edinburgh Reporter's Weekly Sports Round-up starts with rugby, but not this week as we send out congratulations to Pat Fenlon and his players for reaching the William Hill Scottish Cup Final after a sensational comeback from 3-0 down to beat Falkirk after extra time at Hampden Park on Saturday. This result means that Hibs will play in back to back Scottish Cup Finals for the first time since 1923/24.

Also a big 'well done' to everyone who braved the inclement weather to take part in the Rock and Roll Half Marathon.

## Football

Over 17,000 Hibs fans made the trip to the national stadium, but they were stunned to be three goals down after 30 minutes, however a spirited second half performance with goals from teenage winger Alex Harris, Leigh Griffiths and Eoin Doyle levelled the score-line, before man of the match Griffiths sealed a famous victory with a stunning 30 yard strike near the end.

After the game, an emotionally drained Pat Fenlon said:- “It was a horrendous first half, but we showed tremendous character and played really well after that. It wasn’t much of a team talk and more of a rant, but it worked. But, in fairness to the players, they knew they’d let themselves down and the fans. I felt like leaving myself at half-time. It was difficult to watch and difficult to take and I apologise to the supporters for that first half – and that’s down to me.”

“We put everybody through the wringer today but have shown tremendous character. The players themselves had plenty to say at half-time, but it was a tremendous comeback.”

“But what they have shown is that there’s massive, massive character within the group and they’ve shown that in spades – and that end of the game was different class.”

“Young Danny (Handling) and Alex (Harris) were different class for us and it was difficult for them to come on when we were chasing the game. Leigh Griffiths doesn’t miss too many penalties, but we just got back to passing the ball after that. Today wasn’t Leigh’s best game for us, but the finish for the goal, that’s him. He doesn’t let things like that bother him and he’s got a great attitude. I’m delighted for him too because he’s Hibs-daft and wanted to be in the final; we’re there now.

“We’ve got five big league games to show that desire again too. We’ve had some tremendous games this year: Hearts in the



first round and Aberdeen, Kilmarnock and now Falkirk; we'll worry about the final and see what happens then."

Hibs will face Celtic in the Final after another epic semi at the national stadium on Sunday. Kris Commons gave the Hoops an early lead, but Dundee United fought back and took the lead through goals from Gary Mackay-Stevens and Jon Daly. Celtic equalised through Victor Wanyama, before Commons added his second and Celtic's third, but a late Jon Daly header sent the tie into extra time.

Former Hibs striker Anthony Stokes scored Celtic's fourth with a bullet header in the 11th minute, and Celtic held on to make the final an all green affair.

Jamie Walker was voted Hearts' Young Player of the Year at the club's annual awards ceremony at Tynecastle.

The winger, who has broken into the first team this season and earned a call-up to the Scotland Under-21 squad, was presented with his award by Hearts manager Gary Locke, above. The Under-20s prize went to midfielder Callum Tapping, while Angus Beith took the Under-17s player of the year award.

Gary Stoddart received the George Nicolson Recognition Award for his coaching role with the club's Academy despite battling serious illness.

Hearts are bidding to fill Tynecastle for their next home match by dropping all ticket prices to £5 for the visit of St Mirren on Saturday, May 4.

## **East of Scotland Football**

In the Central Taxis Premier Division, Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale beat Edinburgh University 2-0, whilst Heriot Watt went down by the same score-line away to Gretna.

Civil Service Strollers lost 4-0 away to Vale of Leithen, and Edinburgh City lost 2-0 to Whitehill Welfare.

In the First Division, Leith Athletic travelled to the Borders and returned with full points after beating Kelso 4-2, and Craigroyston beat Selkirk 2-1.

Spartans secured their place in the Central Taxis' League Cup semi-final with a convincing 5-1 victory over Tynecastle at Ainslie Park.

Spartans took the lead in the 13th minute, when Mark Whatley's shot hit Robbie Manson who slotted the ball home. Willie Bremner doubled the lead in the 20th minute when he rounded the keeper and rolled the ball into the net, before Tynecastle got themselves back into the game in the 38th minute when Daryl Burdett headed into the net from a corner kick. Tynecastle's Nyancho Manneh was shown a straight red card in the 62nd minute after slapping Kevin Motion, and with 15 minutes remaining Gary Cennerazzo sealed the win when his shot beat Banaszynski in the Tynecastle goal.

Three minutes later Donal Henretty pounced on a mistake by the Tynecastle keeper to score a fourth then sub Andy Martin poked the ball home from a few yards out for a fifth.

Malt & Hops Man of the Match: Gary Cennerazzo

## **Women's Football**

❌ Spartans beat Falkirk 4-0 at Ainslie Park. Reilly opened the scoring with a header from a Ewens' cross then added a second from a Barry pass. Reilly got her hat-trick in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute after heading home a Marshall free-kick and Marshall completed the scoring firing into the bottom corner from a Jenkins' through ball.

Elsewhere, Hibs Ladies beat Celtic 3-2 thanks to goals from Caroline Weir, Siobhan Hunter and Susan Fairley. After the game a delighted Joelle Murray tweeted; "So proud of my teammates today. They battled together and kept running until the final whistle and showed great team spirit."

Louise Kerr, Toni Bertram and Lia Tweedie scored for Hibs Development team who beat Boroughmuir Development 3-1 in the League Cup Division Two at Meggetland

## **Rugby by John Preece**

...will start off with a correction to last week's report where it was stated that Edinburgh Accies finished third in the Premier Division. They did, in fact, finish in fourth place, but still qualify for the British and Irish Cup. Apologies to Stirling County who actually finished the season in third.

And a bit more action this week as Edinburgh played their second last home match of the season against Connacht. The big question was 'Could they make it three in a row?' The big – and short – answer was 'No!' Connacht have come a long way in the last few years and are no longer the whipping boys of the 'Celtic' sides. They had Edinburgh on the back foot for long periods and were really the only side that looked likely to score a try. This feat they managed twice to Edinburgh's none on the way to their 32-24 victory, in spite of Greg Laidlaw's eight from nine penalty success. Lion's call-up?

This result was in league with that of The Highlanders from Dunedin in New Zealand, who were soundly beaten by the Brumbies 30-19 in the Super 15's but managed to retain their fifteenth place in the table.

A great day's seven-a-side rugby was on offer on Saturday at the Melrose Sevens (<http://www.melrose7s.com/> and is where the results, etc. can be found. With no Southern hemisphere teams making the trip this year, it fell to Europe to supply the 'class acts' with Saracens, Worcester and Clermont Auvergne all entering teams. In addition, India had entered a development team with an eye on next year's Commonwealth games. In all, 24 teams went into the draw, including all six of Edinburgh's major clubs, with only Heriots making it through in the draw to the second round, the other five teams having to go through

preliminary first round matches.

Boroughmuir and Watsonians went through to join Heriots, but only Heriots made it any further. Boroughmuir went down fighting to Worcester and Watsonians lost out to hosts, Melrose.

In the Quarter-finals, Heriots came up against English Premiership side, Saracens, and were comprehensively beaten 31-10.

At least they can say they were beaten by the overall winners. Saracens met French side, Clermont Auvergne in a thrilling final, which the English team won 24-22 with an overtime try and conversion.

### **Edinburgh Rock and Roll Half Marathon.**

A huge 'well done' to everyone who braved the dismal weather conditions and ran in the Edinburgh Rock and Roll Marathon on Sunday.

The race was first run in 2010 as the Chris Hoy Edinburgh Half Marathon and was a great success, raising money for numerous local and national charities. The race looks set to be a regular annual feature, allowing runners to enjoy the scenery of Edinburgh and the Firth of Forth coastline. It started in Meadowbank Stadium, and from there the route took the runners away from the centre of Edinburgh towards the coast at Portobello before heading southwards to the finish line at Musselburgh Racecourse.

The first man home was Bryan Mackie in a time of 1.15.24, followed by Robert Watson on 1.18.24 then Robert Weston on 1.19.00

The winning woman was Holly Rush who completed the course in 1.21.52. Second was Christy Gelineau on 1.23.14 and third Danielle Sansonetti on 1.28.44

## **Speedway**

Edinburgh Scotwaste Monarchs took a 27-point lead in the first leg of their knockout cup tie against Leicester, on a cold, wet night Friday night in Armadale.

DDS Monarch of the Match award was won by Hungarian Jozsef Tabaka. was unbeaten from his first five rides, including the race of the night against Lasse Bjerre in heat 12.

Claus Vissing had another excellent meeting, as did Craig Cook.

The following night, the Monarchs travelled to Leicester where they lost by two points to take the tie comfortably 102-77.

Their away fixture against Glasgow Tigers, scheduled for Sunday night was postponed.

Meanwhile the Monarchs' hopes of gaining a visa reprieve for stranded Australian star Sam Masters are diminishing fast. His visa expired in November and he must wait 12 months before applying for a new permit.

## **Basketball**

City of Edinburgh Kings will meet Edinburgh Lions in the Lothian Men's Basketball Cup Final on Saturday, May 4, after both sides won their semi-finals at Portobello High School last weekend.

Kings defeated Wolves 73-66 whilst the Lions disposed of Edinburgh and Borders Police 75-41.

In the Women's tournament, City of Edinburgh Kool Kats lost 55-48 to Comets who will play Midlothian Saints in the final.

On Sunday the Kings beat Glasgow University 81-54 at the Emirates Arena in the Senior Men's League.

Elsewhere, basketballscotland have announced a new partnership

with The University of Edinburgh to deliver a High Performance Basketball Programme for female athletes in the 2013-14 season.

The partnership will create the first High Performance Basketball Programme for University-aged female athletes here in Scotland, giving players the opportunity to develop their skills alongside completing their academic studies at one of the world's leading Universities. For the first time, Scottish female athletes will have a structured, progressive and well-resourced home-based alternative to other programmes in the UK, Europe or the rest of the World, if they are serious about continuing their improvement in basketball at university.

Details of the programme will be developed over the coming months, in advance of the 2013-14 season.

## **Athletics**

Professional athletics is returning to Meadowbank, with promoter Frank Hanlon launching a new meeting, the Meadowbank Games, to be held on the evening of Friday, June 21.

Prizes range from £250 for first in the 100 metres open handicap and £200 for first in a scratch 110 metres race to £75 for first in five youth handicap races, ranging from 100 metres to 1600 metres. In all there are 17 events and entries will close on June 1.

The famous New Year Sprint which moved briefly to Meadowbank from Powderhall then moved to Musselburgh Racecourse in December 1999 due to the cost of hiring the facilities.

## **Boxing**

Edinburgh boxer Craig McEwan has signed a three-year contract with New York boxing promoter Lou DiBella. Craig lived in Los Angeles for seven years before returning home to his native Scotland last year.

The 31 year old middleweight's fight with Huddersfield's Alastair Warren at Kilmarnock's Grand Hall on Saturday ended in a draw after the Englishman picked up a cut after an accidental clash of heads in the first round.

## **Golf**

Lothians did well to earn a 5-5 draw with Stirlingshire at Glenbervie.

Graham Robertson, (Silverknowes), Anthony Blaney (Liberton), Calum Hill (Tantallon) and Gary Corrigan (Greeburn) all won for the visitors with Benn McLeod (Musselburgh) and Ross Noon (Craigielaw) both earning half points.

## **Hockey**

Inverleith lost 3-0 to Grovehill Menzies at Peffermill on Saturday in the semi-finals of the Men's Arthur McKay Scottish Cup Final. Menzies will play Glynhill Hotel Kelburne in the final on Saturday 25 May.

Inverleith had appealed to Scottish Hockey to change the date of the game but a compromise was reached with a noon start which allowed several players to attend a wedding.

## **Volleyball**

The inaugural Final 4 Playoffs took place at Wishaw Sports Centre, featuring a total of 14 matches with Division 1 and 2 Teams fighting for the right to call themselves Playoff Champions

On Saturday, in the Men's Final 4 Playoffs, Edinburgh Jets beat Kilmarnock Blaze 3-2; 25-22, 22-25, 20-25, 25-21, 13-15. City of Edinburgh beat Bon Accord 3-0; 25-12, 25-14, 25-19

In the Women's Final 4 Playoffs, City of Edinburgh beat Edinburgh Jets 3-1; 25-22, 16-25, 25-19, 25-11.

In the Division 2 Final Playoffs NUVOC lost 2-3 to Dundee; 25-20, 25-21, 10-25, 16-25, 13-15. Edinburgh Jets II beat Glasgow International 3-1; 23-25, 26-24, 25-14, 25-23. City of Edinburgh II lost 3-2 to Bellshill Cardinals; 25-21, 25-20, 22-25, 22-25, 12-15.

## **American Football**

The Edinburgh Wolves American football team celebrate their tenth anniversary this year and look to mark the occasion by bringing home the 2013 national championship title.

The Wolves beat Clyde Valley Blackhawks 26-0 on Sunday at Meadowbank Stadium. in the first game of the new season.

They, who compete in the National Northern Division of the British American Football Association National League (BAFANL), and are current Division champions, but fell to defeat in the play-off semi-finals to eventual winners the Sheffield Predators last August.

## **Swimming**

Fifteen year old Duncan Scott set a new Scottish junior and British age group record in the 50m freestyle at last night's Scottish Gas National Championships at Edinburgh's Royal Commonwealth Pool.

The youngster set a new mark of 23.75 in the one length race, having minutes earlier won the 200m backstroke in 2:09.80

Elsewhere, three-time Olympian Caitlin McClatchey (Edinburgh University) also had to settle for silver in the 50m freestyle (26.54) behind Carnegie's Eloise Barber (26.48).

Warrender's Craig McNally took the 17 and over 200m backstroke (2:02.45), while Katie Stark won the 14 years (27.36) and Richard Schafers the 17 and over (23.23) 50m freestyle

## **High Jump**



High Jump athlete, Allan Smith, currently in America completing his winter training in a warmer climate, has won his first outdoor competition of the season at the US National Training Center Throws & Jumps Meet #6 in Clermont, Florida.

His winning leap of 2.17m was also the Scottish team qualifying standard height for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014.

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## Five things you need to know today



**Monday holiday – Planning – Baby Charlotte – Salaries for University bosses criticised – People's Postcode Lottery Seed Truck**

Today is officially a Monday holiday in Edinburgh. Are you on holiday? What are you doing with your day off? Do you think that local holidays are useful? Or would it be better if we had national holidays?



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From the planning Weekly List we have noticed a couple of applications. Changes are afoot at Odeon Lothian Road where the owners would like to alter the entranceway. All of the planning papers are [here](#) including a drawing of the proposed elevation. They plan to have two sets of automatic sliding doors.

Out at Asda at Chesser they plan to build a [drive through area](#) for shoppers to collect their groceries.

And perhaps in some good news for Leith, on Leith Walk [there is an application](#) for a mixed use development of a site at Shrub Place previously used as a tram/bus depot.

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Police have traced 37-year-old Cliff Steel, who was reported missing from his home in Edinburgh on 3 April 2013. He was found safe and well yesterday in Kent.

☐ Police are however still looking for the mother of baby Charlotte who was found at Hailesland Park on Thursday afternoon and there will be a photo call later today at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary to show the baby off again, in the

hope that the mother may come forward.

The baby was named after PC Charlotte Work, who carried her to the hospital, who said: -“I am delighted that baby Charlotte is doing well and that there are no concerns for her health. As part of my duties it was important that an officer accompanied the child to the hospital, but it is very flattering that the staff chose to name her after me.

“What is more important, however, is for us to trace Charlotte’s mother and ensure she receives all the necessary medical attention and support she requires.

“I would urge her to get in touch with her doctor, attend at hospital or contact police so we can make sure she is safe and well.

“Similarly, we would like anyone with information that can assist us with our enquiries to contact Police Scotland on 101 immediately.” Our main photo today shows a rear view of Hailesland Park where baby Charlotte was found on a bench.

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In advance of the expected publication of the proposed code of good governance for Scottish universities this week, National

Union of Students, NUS Scotland, has produced a report showing the worrying levels of high pay among senior staff at Scottish universities.

The report collated figures taken from the most recent university financial statements and existing freedom of information requests, and found:

- Average basic pay (before pension contributions and benefits in kind) is over £200,00
- Just two principals have a salary below that of the First Minister
- Across 18 institutions, 88 individuals earn more than the First Minister
- On average, across Scotland the highest university earner receives 16.10 times the lowest (full-time equivalent)

In its submission to the consultants undertaking the development of the governance code, NUS Scotland has called for an explicit maximum ratio between highest and lowest earners, staff and student representation on university remuneration committees, and greater transparency in the setting and reporting of senior level pay.

**Robin Parker, President of NUS Scotland said:-** “It’s unjustifiable for university principals and other senior staff to routinely be paid such large sums. There are 88 senior staff members at Scottish universities who earn more than the First Minister, and across our institutions the gap between the lowest and highest paid is too large, with some receiving almost 20 times that of the lowest paid university employee.

“Universities need academic autonomy, but they should not have the freedom to pay such large salaries and to allow large gaps between those at the top end and the lowest paid. There are hundreds of millions of pounds of public money quite rightly going into universities over the next few years, we must make

sure that this money is used on the front line, not on increasing already substantial senior salaries.

“At a time when everyone is feeling the pinch it would be completely out of touch for university principals to think we didn’t need to have greater controls on such high levels of pay. Last year’s review into university governance was absolutely right to recognise that controversies over high pay undermines the trust we put in our universities. When there are senior managers getting paid far above and beyond what even the First Minister does, while the tens of thousands of staff below them receive a fraction of that, you can see why.

“The forthcoming governance code for Scottish universities provides the opportunity to start addressing the imbalance we see in university pay. A maximum pay ratio between highest and lowest earners and greater staff and student input into pay decisions are just two ways we can tackle inflated pay. These need to be defined in to code to ensure that we have that vital trust in our universities and those who are leading them.”

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Tomorrow there is a mini-Seed Truck event organised by People’s Postcode Lottery on Castle Street. The Seed Truck visits schools and community groups across Scotland, educating visitors in growing their own produce and taking action on climate change.

Their expertise has led to an increase in urban community gardens across the country. The branded van (which we are told looks really cool!) will be on Castle Street from 11am – 2pm and will be open to the public to go along and see / learn how they can create their own urban garden spaces.

Meantime there has been another Edinburgh winner....! [See our article here.](#)

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# People's Postcode Lottery winner in EH12!



The People's Postcode Lottery has announced another Edinburgh winner.

Elaine from Gyle Park Gardens won £20,000. Well done!

Gyle Park Gardens resident, Elaine Brown, was the lucky player to win the impressive sum, after her postcode, EH12 8NQ, was drawn as the Saturday Street prize winner. 'Gobsmacked' at having won, 51-year-old Elaine was left 'feeling wonderful' after she revealed her winning cheque and saw the £20,000 figure.

"This just isn't something you imagine will happen to you," said Elaine. "I have to keep pinching myself to realise that it's true. It is such a surprise, but a lovely surprise nonetheless.

"We haven't been on holiday abroad for about seven years or so, so this will definitely be used for myself, my husband, Hugh, and our daughter Sarah to jet off on holiday somewhere and get some sun."

Although the couple has had a few ideas of where they will go, they are planning on keeping the holiday plans a secret from

their 11-year-old daughter, Sarah.

“We have a few ideas of where we would like to go, but we’ve not told Sarah,” continued Elaine. “The last time we went away we went to Portugal, so she will probably think we’re going there. But we’ll keep it a surprise for her for a wee while.”

And although it was their Edinburgh address and lucky postcode that won Elaine and Hugh the fantastic sum, the couple are both originally from the West Coast, from Cumbernauld and Bishopbriggs respectively. They both moved to Edinburgh for work, where Hugh works in communications for CrossReach and Elaine has been working as a project worker for Barnardos for 24 years.

Both working in the charity sector, Elaine and Hugh appreciate how important it is to raise money for charities and good causes all across the country. In fact, together, players of People’s Postcode Lottery have raised over £24.7 million to date, with more than £614,000 being awarded to good causes throughout Edinburgh city.

People’s Postcode Lottery ambassador and Street Prize Presenter Judie McCourt said; “It was great to meet Elaine and find out more about how she and Hugh are going to spend their winnings. We’re sure they will have a wonderful time on holiday, wherever they go. Congratulations again and thanks to players for their continued support of the many fantastic good causes all across the country.”

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# Rugby – Melrose Sevens



## 2013 Aberdeen Asset Management Melrose Sevens

A great day's seven-a-side rugby was on offer on Saturday at the [Melrose Sevens](#) and, as usual, a great day was to be had. With no Southern hemisphere teams making the trip this year, it fell to Europe to supply the 'class acts' with Saracens, Worcester and Clermon Auvergne all entering teams. In addition, India had entered a development team with an eye on next year's Commonwealth games. In all, 24 teams went into the draw, including all six of Edinburgh's major clubs, with only Heriots making it through in the draw to the second round, the other five teams having to go through preliminary first round matches.



First up in the Edinburgh batch were Currie and Boroughmuir. With this draw, at least one Edinburgh side were going to suffer a very short involvement in the tournament. And that dubious 'honour' went to Currie as 'Muir went through in a convincing 22-5 victory. Stewarts-Melville were next in line against Gala and the Borders side did the business with an even more convincing 33-7 win. Two down four to go. It was then Watsonians turn to keep Edinburgh's heads up and this they did, again convincingly, 26-5 against Glasgow Hawks.

So far so good. Edinburgh Accies then had a potential banana skin match against Howe-of-Fife, a team three divisions below in the grand scheme of things, and a banana skin it nearly proved to be. 19-14 ahead, Accies just managed to hold out in the dying seconds to take the win.

So that took care of Round 1.



Boroughmuir had the first go with a mouth watering match-up with English Premiership side, Worcester Warriors. And they pushed the visitors all the way with some superb play, but just failed to take the match, going down 22-21 to the Pro side. Watsonians had won through to meet host side, Melrose, and in another close match, Melrose eventually won that one, 24-19. The final Edinburgh involvement in Round 2 was down to Heriots, who had fellow Premier Division side Edinburgh Accies to face. This one wasn't so close. and the Goldenacre men ran out, relatively, easy 31-7 victors and went on to face Saracens as the only Edinburgh representatives in the Quarter-finals.

And the Quarter-finals is where local involvement ceased. Saracens, having disposed of Peebles – and who thought that would ever be announced as a fixture – outscored Heriots 31-10 to face Aberdeen in the Semi finals.

The four Semi-finalist were Ayr – who beat Worcester 33-17 in the Quarter's – were up against French Super-team, Clermont Avergne, and the aforementioned Aberdeen and Saracens. As, probably, expected, the matches went the way of the respective Professional teams with Ayr losing out 22-12 and Aberdeen giving Saracens more than a bit of a fright in their 24-19 defeat.

Which left the Final. Clermont v Saracens. A fitting match-up in the final round of the oldest seven's tournament in the World. And what a match it turned out to be. With Saracens taking an early 12-0 lead in first two minutes of the first half, it was looking like a none-event, but Clermont were only warming up it seemed. Scoring three unanswered tries of their own, the half time score stood at 17-12 to the French team.

Saracens soon gained possession in the second half and pushed Clermont back, eventually coming up with the equalising try, which was answered almost immediately by the men in yellow, who scored a controversial touch down. With no TMO available

it was down to the official in the goal area to award the try. A close look on the BBC's big screen, however, appeared to show that the ball was grounded on the dead-ball line, but the decision had been made and the score stood. In a hopeless display of drop kicking from both teams, the kick was once again missed and the score was 22-17 to Clermont. The last couple of minutes were edge of the seat stuff, with Clermont trying to hold on and Saracens trying to catch up. However, a final minute attack saw Saracens upfield and engineering a bit of space, which saw them over the line for the try (pictured). A collective holding of breath for the kick saw a hush descend, and it seemed to work as the final touch of the ball saw it through the posts to give Saracens the win with a very close run 24-22 victory.

What a fitting way to end the 123rd running of this tournament, which goes from strength to strength each year, with bigger sponsors allowing the addition of 'bigger' teams, but not at the expense of the likes of Peebles and Howe-of-Fife. It's also fairly certain that Melrose will be 'tidying' up for a few days to come!

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## Five things you need to know today



Baby Charlotte doing well at Simpsons – Fire in West Lothian – Edinburgh High Jumper on way to Commonwealth Games – Rock n Roll – Today at The Cameo

Our main photo today is provided by NHS Lothian and shows the baby found next to a block of flats known as Hailesland Park being cuddled by the nurse looking after her at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh. Police remain concerned for the welfare of the baby's mother who it is presumed left her on a bench on Thursday afternoon. The baby has been named after the police officer who carried her to the hospital.

Some of the bigger newspapers such as [The Telegraph](#) have displayed their lack of local knowledge by claiming that the baby was left in a park. The nearest park is Hailes Quarry Park further along the canal, where there is an outdoor gym, but the baby was left on a bench near flats which are only a couple of hundred metres from Wester Hailes Police Station.



Hailesland Park

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[A fire this morning](#) at the Five Sisters Zoo in Polbeth has been brought under control, but some animals have perished in the fierce blaze.

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[The Rock n Roll Half Marathon](#) began this morning just after 9. It finishes in Holyrood Park where there is supposed to be a Finish Line Festival with live music. It may be that the weather will finish that off this morning...



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Loads of good things on today at The Cameo. You can get in out of the rain here. The Cameo is our favourite because of the snacks they serve – which are a cut above some others... Do you have a favourite cinema?

Today they are screening Trance which has had some mixed

reviews.... What is your view?

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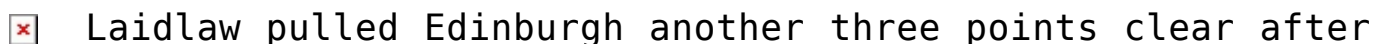
## Rugby – Edinburgh v Connacht



### **Edinburgh v Connacht, RaboDirect PR012, 12 April 2013**

Edinburgh were on for three-in-a-row for the first time in, oh... ages, with only once bottom of the league fixtures, Connacht, standing in their way. But no more. The visitors had the majority of the ball in a match in which Edinburgh managed to lose a decent lead and then found themselves playing catch-up for the rest of the night.

The first half hour of the match was reduced to a kicking contest between Greg Laidlaw and Dan Parks, Laidlaw coming out 12-3 ahead. It then went a bit wrong for the home side. Carrying the ball upfield a couple of wide passes saw a huge overlap appear from nowhere, which Connacht flanker, Mike Kearney took advantage of to gallop through to score the visitor's first try. Parks scored the conversion and in one fell swoop, the score was a worryingly close 12-10.

 Laidlaw pulled Edinburgh another three points clear after Parks was carded for a deliberate knock-down, but a few minutes later Connacht were back to within two from another penalty from 'substitute' kicker Gavin Duffy to end the first half 15-13 to Edinburgh.

Within 10 or so minutes of the restart, Connacht had pulled a lead out through two Parks penalties. Edinburgh had had a chance but the final pass, as ever, went astray. From the

restart, Edinburgh were awarded yet another penalty at the breakdown, which cost a yellow for the visitors. A successful kick pulled Edinburgh up to within a point at 18-19. Geoff Cross then had a penetrating run up through the defence awarded with a scrum to the home side, the resultant infringement from Connacht giving Laidlaw an easy three points to take the score up to 21-19 to the home side.

Another kick exchange took the score to 24-22 to Edinburgh and then, with 10 minutes to go, a seemingly speculative stab through with the boot saw a comedy of errors enacted in the Edinburgh defence as first Brown, then Laidlaw failed to deal with the randomly bouncing ball. This gave Connacht the chance to get up, and another hack through saw full back, Robbie Henshaw, pull the ball from the back of the goal line ruck and dive over for Connacht's second try. Parks converted and scored again with a final minute penalty and Edinburgh were, once again, ruing mistakes and lost chances in the 32-24 defeat.

Man of the Match award for Greg Laidlaw (pictured top) was precious little compensation for a hard fought, but ultimately fruitless encounter.

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## **Animals die in Fire at West Lothian Zoo**



Firefighters have controlled the fire at the Five Sisters zoo

which broke out just before 4am this morning. Resources have been scaled back to two fire appliances and crews remain on site dealing with small pockets of fire and assisting zoo and vet staff.

The alarm was raised at 3.50am this morning to reports that the tropical house at the zoo was well alight.

Five fire appliances were mobilised to the scene and a number of specialist appliances including a turntable ladder which was used as a water tower. The water bowser was also requested from Larbert to assist with water provision. Firefighters were able to help them rescue two dwarf crocodiles and an otter, but sadly some animals have perished in the fierce fire.

Full details of the animals affected will not be available for some time until it is safe for zoo staff to access affected areas.

The tropical house where the fire broke out was well alight when crews arrived on scene. High winds made firefighting conditions more difficult but crews successfully battled to prevent the fire from spreading to neighbouring animal enclosures.

Fortunately the fire is now predominantly out and firefighters are checking to ensure no fire spread and help zoo staff on site to assess the damage.

No people were injured as a result of the fire.

An investigation into the cause of the blaze will now take place.

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# Tourism Minister challenges UK government on new immigration procedures at ports

## *SNP MSP WELCOMES SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION*

Warnings from the cruise industry of the chaos being caused by the UK Border Force's new procedures – which have so far fallen on deaf ears – are being reinforced by the Scottish Government to in the form a letter to the UK minister of state for immigration.

The agency's new interpretation of the rules is causing significant problems to the industry, with every cruise ship passenger now subject to a face to face interview upon arriving in anywhere in the UK.

Previously cruise ship passengers and crews were cleared in advance with manifests checked via agents.

With large cruise ships potentially carrying thousands of passengers at a time, the delays and increased costs associated with the move are causing fears that operators will become increasingly reluctant to visit Scotland, reversing the rapid growth that the industry has seen in recent years.

Last year visitors to Scotland from cruise ships were estimated to have generated £41 million for Scotland's economy.

Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism Fergus Ewing MSP wrote: -“This is very damaging: it reduces the length of time available on-shore and makes cruise companies less inclined to call at UK ports – both are highly detrimental to local



economies.

“We believe it is also functionally redundant as these checks duplicate the rigorous controls performed at the port of embarkation when passengers initially check-in for cruise embarkation.”

Stuart McMillan MSP wrote to the Westminster Government in early December highlighting the problems that the new approach, but received no reply. Mr McMillan, who convenes the Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism, also spoke with Cruise Scotland Chairman Richard Alexander who is equally concerned about the changes.

Mr McMillan said:-“The cruise ship sector is increasingly important to Scotland’s economy, with passenger numbers growing rapidly as more and more people visit our shores via cruise ship. I am delighted that Fergus Ewing has made contact with the UK government – they can no longer stay silent on this issue which has a profound impact on Scotland’s economy.

“We should be doing everything we can to boost and support the tourism sector, not putting ill-considered obstacles in its path as Westminster seems determined to do. It is completely unacceptable for Westminster to simply ignore the repeated warnings that the cruise industry has given them. These latest calls must act as a wakeup call to Westminster that can no longer simply be brushed aside.

“Instead of continuing to put the arbitrary goals of the Tories ahead of the needs of this multi-million pound sector of the tourism industry, Westminster must listen to the evidence and bring an end to this chaotic new approach as a matter of urgency.”

[Letter From Scot Govt to Min for State for Immigration – Passport Checks – 28th March 13](#)

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# **Greens say School leavers should know how to cook**

A survey for the Scottish Greens shows a strong appetite among Scots for the Government to set a target to ensure all school leavers are able to cook a basic meal from scratch.

By contrast the major supermarkets, who already control three-quarters of our grocery spending, are encouraging the growth of the ready meals sector through advertising campaigns, broadcasts and billboards. The UK ready meal market, which has been at the centre of the horsemeat scandal, continues to grow at five per cent a year and is now worth £1 billion a year.

The Panelbase survey for the Scottish Greens shows 79 per cent of 1,000 Scots agreed with the need for a target for school leavers, while only 7 per cent disagreed.

Other research suggests the majority of 18-25 year olds leave home without the ability to cook a simple recipe such as Spaghetti Bolognese, with many relying on ready meals and takeaways.

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

“We have a growing problem with obesity and ready meals are nutritionally haphazard. It’s time the Scottish Government challenged the big manufacturers and retailers. The inconvenient truth about many convenience foods is they make big firms big profits while public health pays dearly.

“Curriculum for Excellence has great potential and I would urge the government to recognise the appetite there is for

ensuring school leavers are able to cook. As more people question what's in the food they're buying due to the horsemeat scandal it's important we establish a balanced food culture from the start."

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## Hibs stage dramatic comeback to reach Scottish Cup Final



Hibs staged perhaps the greatest comeback in their 138 year history on Saturday to beat Falkirk 4-3 and secure a place in next month's William Hill Scottish Cup Final.

In doing so however, the players took the fans from the depth of despair to absolute delirium in a pulsating 120 minutes of football from both teams.

Three goals down in 30 minutes, Hibs were loudly booed off the park at half time, but the players responded with a fantastic second half performance to take the game to extra time before Leigh Griffiths sealed the win with a stunning 30 yard drive near the end.

The result creates a little bit of history for the manager and players who now become the first Hibs side in almost 90 years to reach back to back Scottish Cup Finals.

Over 17,000 Hibs fans made the pilgrimage to the national stadium in confident mood, despite the poor form displayed this year, but their journey was rewarded by a dismal Hibs first half performance which saw them 3-0 down within half an hour.

The supporters were in good voice and produced a spectacular display when the teams emerged from the tunnel, including a large banner to commemorate Canon Hannon.

Fenlon had a full squad to pick from and made two changes to the team who lost to Celtic last weekend, with Paul Cairney and Scott Robertson replacing David Wotherspoon and Gary Deegan.

The Bairns took the lead in the 6th minute when Craig Sibbald latched onto the end of a Lyle Taylor cutback and slotted the ball into the bottom right hand corner of the net from 15 yards.

Hibs should have equalised three minutes later when Leigh Griffiths cross found Scott Robertson unmarked at the edge of the six yards box, but the former Dundee United midfielder's mishit his shot badly.

Sibbald took a free-kick from just inside Hibs' half, which was headed on by Flynn to McGrandles whose cross was headed into the net by Jay Fulton to the delight of the Falkirk fans including dad Stevie who was the man of the match for Celtic the 1989 Scottish Cup semi-final win over Hibs.

In the 28<sup>th</sup> minute, another Falkirk attack resulted in a third goal, when the ball fell to Taylor whose early shot was parried by Williams into the path of Blair Alston who slid it into the empty net.

Pat Fenlon immediately replaced Robertson with Danny Handling as some Hibs fans started to leave the stadium to the chants of 'Cheerio Cheerio' from the jubilant Falkirk fans.

Hibs left the field to a chorus of boos and Fenlon replaced Cairney with Chesterfield bound Eoin Doyle but it was the Bairns who started brightly with both Taylor and McGrandles going close in the first two minutes.

Hibs almost pulled one back in the 49th minute when Doyle found Harris but his volley was well saved, then from, the resulting corner Hibs were denied a penalty when Clancy was upended in the box, but the constant pressure finally paid off and a goal came one minute later. Alex Harris picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent a sensational 30 yard shot into the top corner to give the Hibs' fans some hope.

Hibs missed the chance to score in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute when Danny Handling was brought down in the box by Stewart Murdoch, but McGovern saved Griffiths' penalty then did even better by saving at the feet of Doyle who was following up.

With 13 minutes remaining, Hibs pulled back a second when McGovern split the Bairns defence and found Harris who cut the ball back for Griffiths to score to set up a breathtaking finish.

A minute later, Doyle found Griffiths with a long ball, but he was crowded out by three defenders, then Hampden erupted when McGovern's long ball was chested into the path of Eoin Doyle who ran 20 yards with the ball before unleashing a sensational shot into the bottom right hand corner of the net.

Hibs should have had a penalty with two minutes left when Dods clattered into Griffiths, but referee Brines waved away the appeal.

Extra time was delayed as the stadium announcer asked for replacement official for Brines who was replaced by 4th official John Beaton.

The first period of extra time finished all square, although Hibs were the more likely to score, and sure enough, with six minutes remaining Griffiths scored a wonder-goal. He took a corner on the left wing which was cleared by the former Hibs' defender Darren Dods. The ball returned to Griffiths who took a sensational first touch before smashing the ball into the

top corner of the net from 30 yards, causing mayhem in the Hibs end.

With two minutes left, Taylor was wrongly adjudged to be onside and found himself one on one with Williams, but the big keeper made a fantastic save to deny the striker and Hibs held on for a famous victory.

At the final whistle, the players, management and fans celebrated as Sunshine on Leith blared out of the Hampden PS system.

After the game a delighted Pat Fenlon said: "The first-half performance was very poor and I apologise to the supporters for that because it's not good enough. We put everybody through the wringer today but have shown tremendous character. The players themselves had plenty to say at half-time, but it was a tremendous comeback."

"It was a horrendous first half, but we showed tremendous character and played really well after that. It wasn't much of a team talk and more of a rant, but it worked. But, in fairness to the players, they knew they'd let themselves down and the fans. I felt like leaving myself at half-time. It was difficult to watch and difficult to take and I apologise to the supporters for that first half – and that's down to me."

"But what they have shown is that there's massive, massive character within the group and they've shown that in spades – and that end of the game was different class."

"Young Danny (Handling) and Alex (Harris) were different class for us and it was difficult for them to come on when we were chasing the game. Leigh Griffiths doesn't miss too many penalties, but we just got back to passing the ball after that. Today wasn't Leigh's best game for us, but the finish for the goal, that's him. He doesn't let things like that bother him and he's got a great attitude. I'm delighted for him too because he's Hibs-daft and wanted to be in the final;

we're there now.

"We put everybody through the wringer today but have shown tremendous character. We've got five big league games to show that desire again too. We've had some tremendous games this year: Hearts in the first round and Aberdeen, Kilmarnock and now Falkirk; we'll worry about the final and see what happens then."

Eoin Doyle and Danny Handling spoke to the Edinburgh Reporter after the final whistle. Handling said: "I thought at half time we still had a chance and we proved it in the second half and after extra time. I didn't expect to get on so quick but Liam called me over and I went on. At 3-0 I didn't think there was a lot of pressure. I had a good chance on my left foot and thought I should have scored with that, but we got the result and that's what matters."

Doyle said: "My goal was a bit of a shank. I'm glad I didn't hit it clean because when I hit the ball clean it normally goes into the keepers hands. I'm delighted to get a goal. At 3-0 down the manager had a few strong words and the players did as well, and he wanted to change things so he put me on and I managed to play a part. He came up with a plan and we deployed it in the second half and it worked. It was nice to get back on the score sheet, as I haven't scored since Christmas. There's a lot of games between now and the final and we are looking forward to next Monday night and we'll see what happens."

Hibs: Williams, Clancy, McGivern, McPake Hanlon, Claros, Cairney, Robertson, Harris, Thompson, Griffiths. Subs Murdoch, Doyle, Stevenson, Taiwo, Handling.

Falkirk: McGovern, Duffie, Kingsley, Dods, Flynn, Murdoch, Sibbald, McGrandles, Taylor, Fulton, Alston. Subs Bowman, Grant, Higgins, Dick, Weatherston.

Attendance 22410

And of course the fans were in good voice....

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# Five things you need to know today



## **Murder enquiry – Leith Festival – Royal Mile Consultation – Preston Lodge RFC – Edinburgh Mod**

Police have confirmed the death of a man whose body was found in the car park of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary last Sunday 7 April 2013 is being treated as a murder.

A number of officers, both in uniform and plain clothes, were returning to the hospital last night exactly a week on from the last known sighting of the 43-year-old.

The man, who is Polish, was last captured on CCTV getting off a number 33 bus with a group of four other men near the A&E department of the hospital at about 10pm on Friday 5 April.

Police revisited the area between 9 and 11pm last night in an effort to trace more witnesses who might have seen the group of men getting off the bus.

The man was found dead with significant injuries in the car park at the hospital, and inquiries are ongoing to establish exactly what happened to him.

Detective Chief Inspector David McLaren from the Specialist Crime Division Major Investigation Team said:- “We hope by



returning to the hospital tonight we might catch people working shifts as they head to and from work who might be able to provide information about the group of men after they got off the bus.

“We have had a lot of support from the public so far, and we are grateful to everyone who has come forward with information already, but we would ask anyone who might not have spoken to police yet to get in touch on 101 as a matter of urgency.”

Anyone with any information should contact Police Scotland on 101, or the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Now would be a good time to get involved with Leith Festival. It takes place from 8-16 June 2013 and starts with a pageant on 8 June. The organisers explain: -“This annual Pageant/Parade dating back to 1907, once again returns to Leith walk on Saturday June 8th. If you wish to take part in any way, shape or form, then all you have to do is email the Leith Festival office.”

**office@leithfestival.com**

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A series of workshops discussing the future of one of Scotland's most historic streets – the Royal Mile – are to be held over the next two weeks. But there will be an interactive, family-friendly Community Engagement Day held **today Saturday 13 April**, at the Canongate Venture. Drop in between 10am – 4pm.

The City of Edinburgh Council has organised the workshops as part of its consultation on the [Royal Mile Action Plan](#), which contains proposals for improving the street, from how it is managed, to how the traffic flows and whether the street has the right retail mix.

These workshops will give local residents, businesses and community groups a chance to have their say on the [Action Plan](#), and to shape the final content. Responsibility for delivering the plan will be shared between the Council and various local stakeholders.



Convener of  
Planning – Ian  
Perry

The City's Planning Convener, Councillor Ian Perry, said: "These workshops are a collaborative effort. Shaping the future of the Royal Mile means listening to the people who know it best – local residents, businesses and community groups – and having a constructive discussion about the best way forward.

"We need to strike the balance between ensuring that the Royal Mile remains one of the primary destinations for visitors coming to Scotland, while meeting the needs of the many residents and businesses who use it every day. If we get that right, we can ensure this ongoing project maintains the long-

term future of the street.”

Workshops will be held on:

Wednesday 17 April 2013 – 6.30pm – 9pm, Trinity Apse. This workshop will focus on issues impacting on the High Street.

Tuesday 23 April 2013 – 6.30pm – 9pm, Riddle’s Court. This workshop will focus on issues impacting on Castlehill and The Lawnmarket.

Comments on the Action Plan can be sent via e-mail to: [euan.mcmeeken@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:euan.mcmeeken@edinburgh.gov.uk)

The consultation will run until 17th May. Further information about the Royal Mile Project can be found on the Council’s [website](#).

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Preston Lodge RFC are opening their new clubhouse today, and are celebrating along with the nearby bowling club with a music and curry night tonight. Tonight’s event is [already a sell out](#) but you can go along and have a look this afternoon. They promise us photos....

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Today the [Edinburgh Provincial Mod](#) is taking place at Liberton High. Are you going? Could you tell us about it afterwards? Use our Submit your Story feature to tell us who wins. Your own photos would be good too.

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## Canadian Navy visits Edinburgh

Two ships from the Canadian Navy sailed into the port of Leith yesterday afternoon, accompanied by two harbour tugs. First in was an Iroquois-class destroyer named HMCS Iroquois (DDG 280), followed shortly thereafter by a Halifax-class frigate called HMCS St. John's (FFH 340).

Here are my photos.

Submitted by [Justin MacArthur](#)



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## Greenspace funding boosts access in Edinburgh

A greenspace project in Edinburgh has received over £38,000 funding from the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN)

Development Fund to deliver strategic environmental and access improvements in the area.

The CSGN is Europe's largest greenspace initiative which seeks to transform Central Scotland into a place where the environment adds value to the economy and where people's lives are enriched by its quality.

The Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £38,079 to deliver a programme of habitat improvements at priority locations along the city's off-road cycle network. The project will be delivered using a combination of contractors and local volunteers.

Nine greenspace projects right across the central belt have received a share of almost £500,000 from this year's Development Fund to enhance access to a high quality environment.

The nine new ventures will join 19 existing projects from a previous round of applications awarded funding in 2013 to 2015, taking the total fund value to £1,621,339.

Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Paul Wheelhouse, said:- "The Central Scotland Green Network is the biggest greenspace project of its kind in Europe. The long-term plan is to transform the central belt into a more vibrant place for people to live and work in, with better access to greenspace, and all the health benefits that come from that, and improved economic potential for business.

"Today's funding announcement will help kickstart work on a number of new projects which will make a real difference to the lives of people across the central belt. Added to the projects announced this time last year, they will represent an ambitious programme of work to deliver our vision for a greener, healthier, more vibrant Central Scotland."

Keith Geddes, Chair of the CSGN Partnership Board, said:-

“This significant extension to our Development Fund will ensure we continue to make a vital contribution to projects working towards improving the central belt.

“The successful recipients will help us to deliver the CSGN on the ground, to improve the landscape of the area and make a real and lasting benefit to people, communities, businesses and the environment across Central Scotland.”

As one of the Scottish Government’s 14 ‘National Developments’ for Scotland in the second National Planning Framework, the CSGN will change the face of Central Scotland, by restoring, transforming and greening the landscape of an area stretching from Ayrshire and Inverclyde in the west, to Fife and the Lothians in the east.

The CSGN encompasses 19 local authorities across 10,000 sq km and has the potential to benefit 3.5million people, equating to 70 per cent of Scotland’s population.

For further information about the CSGN Development Fund, please visit <http://www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org>

Submitted by [Central Scotland Green Network](#)



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## **Creative Cookware launches exclusive Wonderbag**

Creative Cookware in Rose Street is the only business in Scotland to launch a revolutionary new cooker which saves time, money and fuel while helping African families in need.

The Wonderbag is a non-electric heat retention cooker which allows food that has been brought to the boil in a pot to continue cooking for six to 12 hours after it has been removed from the heat source.

This insulated bag can be used to cook anything from stews and curries to simple rice and soups. You heat up your pot of food on the stove to kick-start the cooking process and then simply place it in the Wonderbag until it is ready.

Created in Africa, the Wonderbag is now being used in 600,000 African homes and has created 2000 jobs in the last five years. For every Wonderbag purchased one will be donated to an African family in need – saving 30% on fuel consumption each year – so Scottish consumers can be safe in the knowledge that their purchase is doing good elsewhere.

As well as saving time, money and fuel, the Wonderbag uses 50% less water in the cooking process, and even cheaper cuts of meat have time to tenderize and absorb flavours due to the prolonged cooking time.

Using a Wonderbag also means that Africa families no longer have to risk their safety and health while collecting and burning firewood.

Creative Cookware owner Lin Cherrington is delighted to be the only Scottish business to sell the Wonderbag.

Lin says: “The Wonderbag is such a brilliant idea as it benefits both the consumer and the African families each sale will help. I’ve used the Wonderbag myself and was very impressed as it allows you to make amazing one-pot meals with minimum fuss and maximum flavour. It’s a revolutionary new way of cooking which is making a positive impact on people’s lives and I hope sales will really take off.”

The Wonderbag will not be available in larger retail outlets for at least six months so until then Creative Cookware, on

Edinburgh's Rose Street, is the exclusive stockist in Scotland.

Priced at £70 the Wonderbag is available in a range of reversible hardwearing colours and there is also a camping range suitable for outdoor activities.

For further information on the Wonderbag please visit:  
<http://www.nb-wonderbag.com>

Submitted by [Samantha Mckay-Challen](#)



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## McPake Aims for 7th Place and Scottish Cup Win



Hibs skipper James McPake insists that last May's cup final defeat to Hearts will be the last thing on his mind when he lines up against Falkirk in this weekend's William Hill Scottish Cup Semi Final. Speaking at the weekly press conference, the defender said:- "We can't think about it. That's in the past. We can't think about that game or we will struggle. It was a hard one for everyone, there is no hiding from that. No-one is going to say it didn't bother us. To lose any final is hard to take. That was my first final, I still don't know if I'll ever get to another. To have the chance again is good. It's what you play football for, but we have to



focus completely on Falkirk, and not look to the final.

“There is a bigger thing here than losing that final in May. That is the 111 years since we last won this Cup. I’ve never won a cup, maybe Kevin Thomson will have some trophies but I can’t think of too many others in the team who have medals. So there are a lot of different things going on, a lot more than just that final in May. Yeah, it was a bad day for everybody involved and the fans are probably still hurting.

“But we’d be as well quitting if that’s the only game we look back on. Am I going to look back on my career and say, ‘I was a footballer, but that day in May, that was my career?’ I’m not going to do that. What we’re looking at is changing the history of this football club. If we do that, yeah, it’ll take care of that day in May.

“The main aim is to change everything. Making up for last year is the small part of it. The bigger part is going on to win this Cup for the club, as it’s been so long. We’ve had a tough run – Hearts, Aberdeen and Kilmarnock in that order in the Cup. It’s not been easy. We’ve done well in the Cup so far but probably our hardest game is the one coming up. It’s the semi-final.

Despite the fact that Hibs have had to beat three SPL teams, Hearts, Aberdeen and Kilmarnock to reach this stage, McPake believes that Falkirk will provide their toughest test to date.

He continued: “There’s a lot of expectation on us but it’s a massive game for them as well. I expect Falkirk to be lively. They’re a decent team. There isn’t too much between the First Division and the Premier League in my eyes.

“Dundee have come back and although they’re going back down they beat us up there and got a point at Easter Road. That’s our gauge on what the First Division is like. Falkirk will want to impress the new manager and will be up for it. I don’t

think what division you're in counts for anything in a game like this."

With the possibility of relegation long gone, most fans believe that defeat on Saturday would all but end the season, with five relatively meaningless games remaining, but McPake is adamant that failure to reach the top six has resulted in a new objective: He added: "We wanted to finish in the top six. We haven't done it but we can't dwell on the fact. Our aim now is to finish seventh and win that mini-league, then go on and try to win the cup."

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## Review: Kung Fu Academy – Super 8 Flashback

**Kung Fu Academy** definitely like to keep you on your toes.



Gyrating through more genres in one song than many bands manage in their career, the Edinburgh four-piece's latest release begins with a guitar rift that wouldn't sound out of place on a Caribbean beach.

And to throw a little more unpredictably on the fire they end it with some towering early 90s vocals. **Bobby Osborne's** voice seamlessly strides on top of **Kung Fu Academy's** funk-powered rhythm section throughout, not allowing the song to dawdle but instilling it with a progressive drive.

Expansive without sounding overdone, '**Super 8 Flashback**'s highpoint is undoubtedly the honey-sweet harmonies spread over its chorus. Blending together like a fine cocktail, the call and response vocals of *"You're a ghost that could have been/Tragically you'll always haunt me here/My flashback super 8/Every frame has a picture of you"* comes steeped in emotional weight.

And like the best things in life, **Kung Fu Academy** leave you wanting more. Combining finesse with enough kick to make you stand up and take notice is no easy task but one the four-piece pull off expertly. The lead single of their forthcoming EP, expect big things if the rest of the tracks are up to this standard.

*Super 8 Flashback* is released on *Whimsical Records* – April 15th 2013

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/kungfuacademyofficial>

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## Final Derby at Tynecastle on Sunday 12 May



The final Edinburgh derby of the season will take place at Tynecastle on Sunday 12 May 2013 with a midday kick off, and will be shown live on ESPN,

The fixture lists for the remaining games in the top and bottom six were due to have been announced by the SPL on Monday, but this was delayed due to protracted discussions with Police Scotland and TV companies.

With only three points separating the teams, the game could decide who has bragging right over the summer, and it will also provide some much needed extra funds into the Hearts' coffers, whilst giving Hibs the chance to end their dismal run of SPL derbies without a win, reaching back almost four years.

The remaining fixtures are as follows.

### **Hibernian**

Hibernian v Aberdeen, Monday 22 April, kick off 7.30pm (live on ESPN)

Hibernian v St Mirren, Saturday 27 April, kick off 3pm

Kilmarnock v Hibernian, Sunday 5 May, kick off 3pm (live on Sky Sports)

Hearts v Hibernian Sunday 12 May, kick off midday (live on ESPN)

Hibernian v Dundee, Saturday 18 May, kick off 3pm

### **Hearts**

Kilmarnock v Hearts Saturday 20 April, kick off 3pm

Dundee v Hearts Saturday 27 April, kick off 3pm

Hearts v St Mirren Saturday May 4 kick off 3pm

Hearts v Hibs Sunday May 12 kick off midday (Live on ESPN)

Aberdeen v Hearts Saturday 18 May kick off 3pm

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# Police issue CCTV image to find suspect



Police in Edinburgh have issued CCTV images of a man they wish to trace in connection with their enquiries into a serious assault that happened in the Capital in the early hours of Sunday, March 31st 2013

The incident happened in Black Walk, in the vicinity of Holyrood Palace, around 4.30am.

The 27-year-old victim was attacked and taken to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment.

The individual featured in the CCTV images is described as white, 6ft tall, 20 to 25-years-old, with a slim build. He was wearing a light coloured denim jacket with a white top underneath, black trousers (possibly with a chain attached), and black shoes.

Detective Sergeant Raymond Gray said: "We want to speak to the man featured in the CCTV images as part of our ongoing enquiries, and we would appeal to anyone who recognises him to contact police immediately."

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