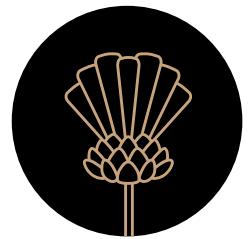


HEADLINES & HIGHLIGHTS FROM EDINBURGH'S MOST FAMOUS HOTEL

# SCOTSMAN THE EDITION



FIFTH EDITION | FREE | TO BE ENJOYED ANYWHERE

A SETTING WITH  
A GREAT STORY...

OUR BEST KEPT SECRET

TIME TO INDULGE...  
AFTERNOON TEA AT THE SCOTSMAN

10 THINGS YOU  
MAY NOT KNOW  
ABOUT EDINBURGH

DATES FOR  
YOUR DIARY  
JANUARY - MARCH



# START A NEW STORY



As the nights get colder and the days get longer, we're getting ready to cosy up next to the hearth at The Scotsman Hotel, located in the heart of the Scottish Capital. Whether you are planning to take in a show at the iconic Edinburgh Playhouse or perhaps enjoy a frosty stroll through Princes Street Gardens, the Scotsman is the perfect cosy escape to enjoy a warming tipple afterwards.

The past few months at the Scotsman saw the long-awaited opening of The Grand Café, our brand new restaurant and bar and accessible from the North Bridge entrance. Filled with plush velvet seats, delicious treats and a carefully curated cocktail menu.

We've recently waved our very own magic wand over two of our largest function suites at the Scotsman Hotel, The Glenfiddich and The Balvenie suites have been carefully re-modelled over the last few months in stylish, muted tones to fit any special occasion. We are also excited to share with you our best kept secret – our very own indoor courtyard nestled in the heart of the building, filled with botanical delights and now available to book alongside the Glenfiddich Suite for that something special to make your big day stand out.

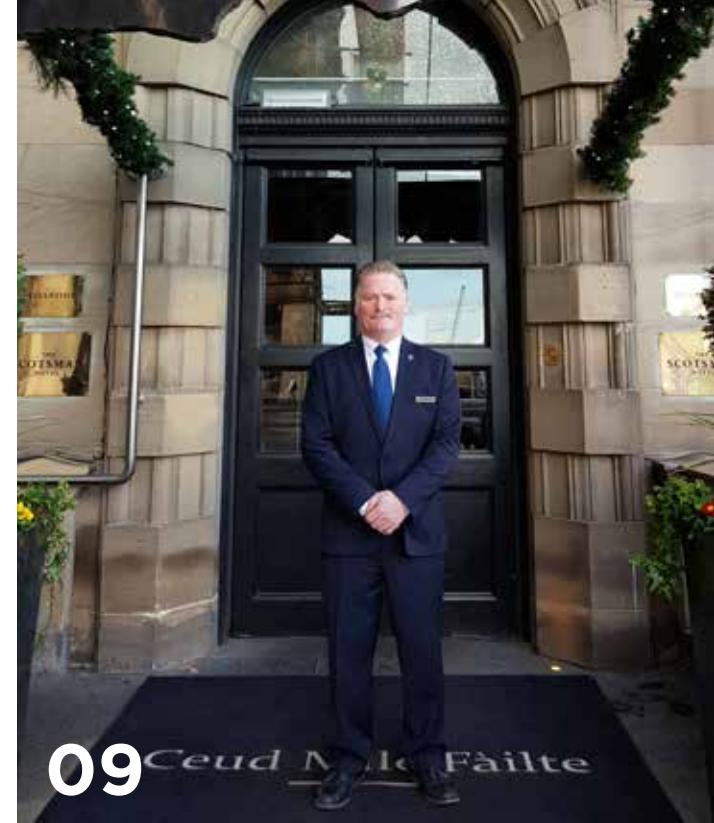
This beautiful building is known for its rich storytelling heritage, due to its former life as headquarters of the iconic Scotsman Newspaper. Today, we create new stories every day of a different sort, with the new people we welcome as our guests.

All that's left for me to do now is to wish you a most pleasant stay, if we are fortunate enough to cross paths during your time here over the winter season, I do hope we get a chance to introduce ourselves in person.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Makin".

Barry Makin, General Manager



09 *Ceud Nì Le Fàilte*

## CONTENTS

A SETTING WITH A GREAT STORY	04
OUR BEST KEPT SECRET	06
MEET THE TEAM	08
THE PERFECT TABLE FOR TWO	10
TIME TO INDULGE	12
TOP TEN FACTS	14
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	16

# A SETTING WITH A GREAT STORY...

In a former life, 20 North Bridge was the home of the Advertising & Notices Dept. of the famous Scotsman Newspaper- the bustling, beating heart of the publication. Over 50 years later, we have started a new chapter in this space, with the arrival of the Grand Café.

Inspired by the 'Grand Cafés' of Europe, the new North Bridge venue promises a welcoming, relaxed drinking and dining experience to suit all tastes and occasions, juxtaposing a menu of modern food and drink with the authentic charm of its interior which dates back to 1905.

Set across two floors, the space retains many of the beautifully ornate features for which it was renowned, including intricate wood panelling and green marble pillars. A jewel in the crown for all to enjoy, the balcony also houses a brand new grand piano which is put to regular use.

04



*We invite you to visit The Grand Café at least once during your stay as it has much to offer... from a bustling brunch service which runs until 5pm; to its increasingly popular afternoon tea; all the way through to delicious cocktails washed down with live jazz and piano until the wee hours.*



# OUR BEST KEPT SECRET...



*Sometimes the best secrets  
are those shared with friends...*

This festive season we are delighted to reveal our very own indoor courtyard nestled in the heart of the Scotsman. Recently, both the Balvenie and Glenfiddich suites have been beautifully refurbished with luxury wooden panelling - the perfect backdrop for your wedding celebration or civil ceremony.

Our indoor courtyard offers a new dimension to the Glenfiddich function suite, visible through indoor windows in the suite itself, filled with botanical delights and twinkling lights. The space even has its very own outdoor area and private bar and is the perfect setting to celebrate with friends and family in private.

---

We invite you to explore new type of experience with us here at The Scotsman, and would be happy to offer you a tour to satisfy your curiosity or check availability for your special occasion, just ask at reception.

# MEET THE TEAM

## Willie Maltman

*Breakfast Manager At The Scotsman Hotel*

Willie has been a part of the Scotsman family since 2002. As Breakfast Manager, Willie has worked in all aspects of the food and beverage department; briefly taking on the role of Banqueting Operations Manager before returning his established role as Breakfast Manager.

Rising at 3am every day, Willie is dedicated to making sure our guests have the best possible start to their day- Willie is as passionate about exceptional customer service today as he was when he started with the hotel 16 years ago! He recently won Employee of the Month after braving the elements to make sure he was here for our guests at breakfast, walking for 3 miles in the deep snow after transport failures across the city. We spent some time with Willie and here are some of the things we found out!

### *Willie, what is your average day like?*

Up at 3am, I arrive at work for 5am and begin to set up the breakfast room for our guests. The team then arrives at 6am and we have a quick briefing before the guests arriving for breakfast from 7am - 10.30am or 11am on the weekends. After this we debrief the service and clear and reset the breakfast room for the next day. Alongside all of this we will look after any room service ordered and also lend a hand to the function team setting up for the day and often help with lunch events.

### *What's your favourite memory of the hotel?*

I used to love the great events in the screening room; people such as Danny Boyle would host shows and I always enjoyed screenings of his movies.

### *Who is the most interesting person you have ever met here?*

I once served Kofi Anan, Secretary General of the United Nations, when he chose to stay at The Scotsman Hotel in 2007 during the G8 summit. He was a lovely man, down to earth and very unassuming given his position at the time.



*Ceud Na Le Fàilte*



# THE PERFECT TABLE FOR TWO



**Thursday 14th – Sunday  
17th February 2019**

Join us in the Grand Café for the most romantic date in the diary. Our resident pianist will be on hand, playing a list of classic love songs whilst you indulge in our carefully selected Valentine's Day Menu. Enjoy 2 delicious courses including our Confit Duck Leg, Jerusalem Artichoke Velouté and succulent Roast Poussin. Finishing up with our Sharing Assiette of Chocolate... we promise it tastes as good as it sounds!

**£29.95 per person**

# TIME TO INDULGE...



## *Afternoon Tea*

Is there anything that feels more luxurious than the simple thrill of a perfect afternoon tea? The perfect marriage of sweet and savoury, we invite you to try our own take on this classic combination.

Firstly, savour a selection of handcut sandwiches, including ham & Arran English mustard, smoked salmon with delicate crème fraîche and truffled egg mayo. Then, the centrepiece of any great afternoon tea- a pile of light and fluffy homemade scones, served up with lashings of clotted cream and Tiptree jams. To finish, chef's selection of sweet treats... our personal favourite is the traditional Scottish cranachan.

Our afternoon tea starts from £19.95 per person and is served with a selection of classic and fruit teas. Treat yourself that little bit more, and add a glass of Moët & Chandon Vintage for £27.95 per person.

---

To book, call or visit reception.

A quote from much-loved late Harry Potter actor Alan Rickman sums up what many natives and visitors alike feel about our fair city. Steeped in a level of history that is quite unrivalled in the UK and even Europe, the capital is a hotbed of buildings, persons and places of real interest. Below, we've compiled for you a short list of 10 facts you may not know about Edinburgh- to help you feel a little more at home!



**EDINBURGH HAS 112 PARKS**  
& more trees per head of population  
THAN ANY OTHER CITY IN THE UK

## Greyfriars Bobby

Guarded his late owner's grave for 14 years in the 19th century, is the only dog to have been granted Freedom of the City anywhere in Britain



**OVER 100,000**

people cram in to Princes Street

FOR THE HOGMANAY STREET PARTY EVERY YEAR

THE FIRST KING OF GREAT BRITAIN JAMES I (A SCOTTISH KING JAMES VI) WAS BORN IN THE EDINBURGH CASTLE

**75% of the city's buildings ARE LISTED**

The most listed sites in the UK outside of London, with more than 4,500 buildings making the list.

When Edinburgh was still surrounded by town walls in the 17th century, the only real direction to expand was up. As a result, buildings of 11 storeys or more were pretty common, and were actually the worlds first skyscrapers!

## The Royal Mile

is a famous cobbled street in Edinburgh that connects Edinburgh Castle with the

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE QUEEN WHEN VISITING SCOTLAND

While it is not exactly a mile long by today's standards, it was given its name because it was exactly one Old Scots mile long.



**THE GANNET APPEARS ON**

the crest of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland because it was the first animal to be bought by Edinburgh Zoo.

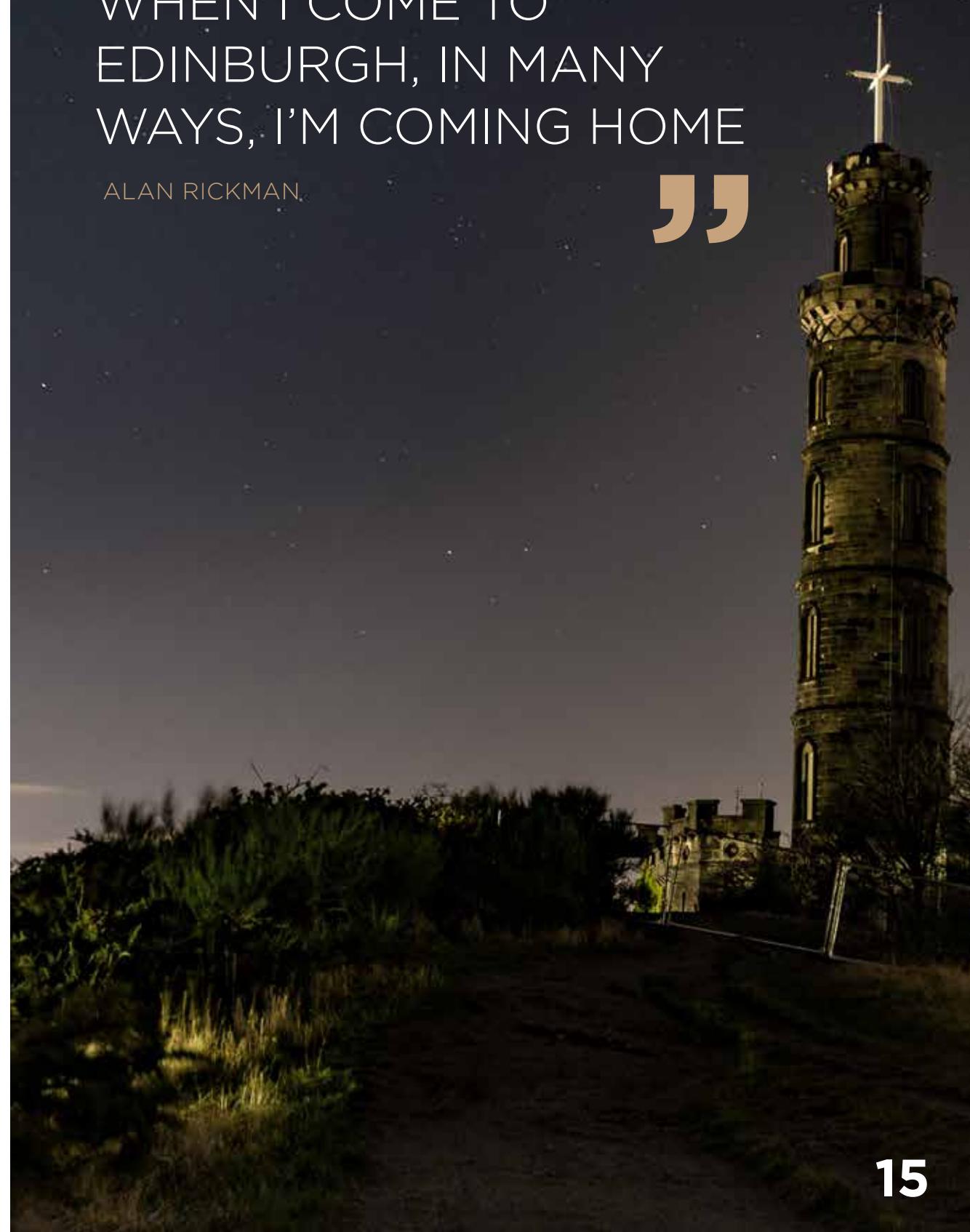
Got one to add or found out something super interesting during your visit?  
Email us at [reception@thescotsmanhotel.co.uk](mailto:reception@thescotsmanhotel.co.uk) and we will add it to our next issue.

“

I ALWAYS FEEL THAT  
WHEN I COME TO  
EDINBURGH, IN MANY  
WAYS, I'M COMING HOME

ALAN RICKMAN

”



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Looking for some inspiration?*

*Here are some of Edinburgh's upcoming highlights*

## **Burns Night**

19th - 27th January 2019 | Ghillie Dhu

Ghillie Dhu is famous for its truly spectacular Burns Night Celebrations. You and your guests will be greeted with an arrival dram before being seated for your meal, the haggis will be piped into the room with a Robert Burns reading and traditional toast. Throughout dinner there will be live Scottish folk music followed by a full ceilidh experience!

## **Six Nations**

February 2019

Soak up the iconic atmosphere at BT Murrayfield with one of the Six Nations matches, if you don't manage to grab tickets for one of the games there are plenty of other places in the capital to catch all the action. Biddy Mulligan's located on Edinburgh's Grassmarket is always a popular choice!

Scotland vs Ireland - 9th February 2019

Scotland vs Italy - 2nd February 2019



## **Edinburgh Zoo**

Open all year round

Edinburgh Zoo really is a treat for all ages to visit and over the past few years some exciting additions have been added that have attracted a lot of attention! We're big fans of Edinburgh Zoo here at The Scotsman and many of our guests stay to go to visit the attractions. Visit Europe's only pandas, watch the penguin parade and Sumatran tigers. This winter experience the Giant Lanterns of China exhibition from the 16th November 2018 - 17th February 2019 a new and exciting adventure as Scottish myths, ancient Chinese legends and incredible creatures come to life!

## **Jersey Boys**

19th February – 2nd March 2019

Playhouse

This fantastic show at the Edinburgh Playhouse is the perfect way to spend a night in the capital. Jersey Boys tells the true life story of four boys from the wrong side of the tracks who wrote their own songs, invented their own unique sound, and sold 100 million records worldwide. Why not join us for a bite to eat before the show?