

Five things you need to know today



Book Festival – Bank arrest – Canal Festival – Best of the Fest announced – Lothian and Borders Police Board

If you want tickets for anything at [The Edinburgh International Book Festival](#) you may have to go along to the Roxburgh Hotel this morning. You can join the queue online but there are at the time of writing around 2,500 people already in it...

A 28-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with an alleged robbery that happened at a bank in Edinburgh. The incident happened on Wednesday 27 June 2012 at a branch of Nat West on George Street. He is due to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court today .

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We are giving you news today about an event taking place tomorrow to allow you time to organise yourselves to get along to the canal and take part. The Fourth Annual Canal Festival will be opened at 12 noon by Canal Champion, Cllr Munro at Lochrin Basin. Events include the annual raft race, stalls and canoe taster sessions. The free event is sponsored and supported by The City of Edinburgh Council's Physical Development Support team as part of their ongoing work on the Canal Strategy. The purpose of the event is to animate the canal and involves a number of the community groups who operate in the area.

And now something for Sunday...

Edinburgh International Film Festival today announced the line-up for Best of the Fest on Sunday 1 July. Offering

another opportunity for audiences to catch some of the cinematic gems from the previous 11 days, Best of the Fest exemplifies the variety and scale of the Festival's programme. Family audiences can start the school holidays and avoid the rain with another chance to get a sneak peak at Disney-Pixar's **BRAVE** (11:00) which can be a double-bill with **DR SEUSS' THE LORAX** (13:15), both playing at Cineworld.

Also showing at Cineworld throughout the day will be: **FLICKER** (12:10); **7 DAYS IN HAVANA** (12:20); **BORROWED TIME** (12:30); **FRED** (14:20); **DAY OF THE FLOWERS** (14:30); **JACKPOT** (14:50); **LIFE JUST IS** (16:00); **THE IMPOSTER** (16:25); **FUTURE MY LOVE** (16:25); **GRABBERS** (16:45); **CALIFORNIA SOLO** (18:15); **AND IF WE ALL LIVED TOGETHER?** (18:30); **BERBERIAN SOUND STUDIO** (18:45); **SHADOW DANCER** (18:55); **GUINEA PIGS** (20:30); **DRAGON (WU XIA)** (20:45) and **PUSHER** (21:00).

Filmhouse will host two Best of the Fest screenings: **GOD BLESS AMERICA** at 11:15 and **RENT-A-CAT** at 20:30, alongside the previously programmed Festival films showing throughout the day.

Tickets are on sale from midday Thursday 28 June, please see www.edfilmfest.org.uk for further information.

The Lothian and Borders Police Board meet this morning at the City Chambers. There is a report before the meeting from the Chief Constable David Strang which includes the following statement. (You need to know that SNT stands for Safer Neighbourhood Teams):-

11. Fire, Home and Road Safety

11.1 In Edinburgh an average of 12 people are killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions every month. Both pedestrian and driver alcohol consumption contribute to the number of casualties. Road Safety is frequently raised as an issue through community engagement with SNTs. The Public Perception Survey confirms that inappropriate parking and dangerous driving or speeding are community priorities.

11.2 'A' Division continues to support Streets Ahead, the city's Road Safety Partnership. Road Safety Officers and local SNT and SLO resources support partnership schemes to promote road safety, and challenge inappropriate parking around schools. This includes supporting annually the attendance of all Primary 7 children in Edinburgh to the Risk Factory, a CEC led purpose- built, interactive, experiential community safety centre that provides safety education."

It is difficult to believe that there are as many as a dozen road casualties each month. We realise that this covers all road users however we feel that many of these incidents must go unreported as we do not think we hear about them all.

