

Five things you need to know today



Juniper Green Farmers' Market – Newhaven Fest – Doors Open Days – Baby Blossom Fair

JG Community Market ... September 22nd from 9am – 1pm in the car park of the dental surgery on Lanark Road. The organisers have written to The Reporter to invite all our readers!

Come and join us as we celebrate the start of the third year of the community market. It remains a delicate flower but the CC has decided to apply for another licence from CEC for a third year with the approval of Mr MacLeod of the dental surgery who again opens up his car parking space for the market's venue. The CC are keen to organise the market as an added benefit to the life of JG. To see how it contributes to enhancing our village in a number of ways, pick up the leaflet on the community stall at this week's market.

The usual array of stalls will be present this week with meat, bread, pies, vegetables, baking plus soap, fudge, coffee, relish and the special community stall ... meet the community councilors.

At the community stall find out what the CC does, buy a 2013 calendar of scenes of this area to help defray costs of village improvements and have a chat with your fellow residents.

If you represent a community group and would like to book the community stall free of charge to advertise your organization simply reply to this email with the details of your request. We have bookings for the next 2 months but December 2012 and February 2013 can still be booked.

This weekend the inaugural [Newhaven Fest](#) takes place. The theme is one of food and drink, gardening and growing and music. Produce from the Newhaven Community Orchard will be on show, but the idea is really to have a big Autumn party.

Their website says:-“Visitors are encouraged to travel by public transport and bike. The cycle path comes out at Annfield which is 2 minutes from the festival. Transport by bus is by the numbers, 7,10,11,16 direct to Newhaven, or numbers 22, 35, 36 to Ocean Terminal with a 8 minute walk to Newhaven.”

Doors Open Days takes place today and tomorrow. If you would like to be outside then there are lots of gardens which are open too. For example on the High Street you can get access to Acheson House garden. Here is what the Cockburn Association say about it:-

Acheson House Garden is a newly restored historic walled garden just off the Canongate, tucked away in the medieval Bakehouse Close. It takes its inspiration from the 17th century examples, primarily foodgrowing gardens, which once lay at the rear of town houses in the Canongate. The design includes medicinal herbs, native vegetable varieties and heritage fruit trees, bordered with edible hedging to create formal shapes. At the heart of the garden, footpaths create a Scottish saltire and a biodiversity pond. The garden has lain neglected for many years, but it has now been regenerated with the help of Edinburgh World Heritage, Bridgend Growing Communities and the Patrick Geddes Gardening Club, named after the influential town planner who believed in the importance of communal green spaces. This hidden gem, a small ‘green island’, is concealed in the heart of the Canongate.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera is on at the Playhouse for the next five weeks. The Reporter was fortunate enough to see it on the opening night, and it was very good indeed. Christine is played by Katie Hall who at first appeared very young and inexperienced at the start but grew into the demanding role as the show progressed.

It was played to a packed house and the cast were given a standing ovation at the end. The Phantom is played by John Owen Jones until the beginning of October when he is replaced by Earl Carpenter. Jones probably has the best voice of the whole cast, when he is allowed to use it to its fullest range.

But apart from the singing and the moody story, it is the set which amazes. It is truly intricate and very well engineered to allow every scene to be played with virtually no curtain fall between them. This is a set which a member of the cast explained to The Reporter just travels with them. It simply sits on top of the theatre stage wherever they are, and to all intents and purposes it is exactly the same place for them to work in, but they look out at the 'house' and of course that is different each time.

And then of course there is that chandelier... [Buy tickets if you can get them!](#)

Remember there is a [Baby Blossom Fair](#) in Corstorphine today selling new and nearly new baby and children's clothes. This is to raise money for Sick Kids Friends Foundation.