

Five things you need to know today



Licensing Board – More rubbish – Cycle path upgrading – Opening hours over Christmas – Rabbie's Girls

The council's Licensing Board is meeting this morning under the convenership of Councillor Eric Milligan, who seems to be the last councillor to use paper rather than his council-supplied iPad. You can see the list of licences which are being considered this morning [here](#). One of the licences being discussed is the Historic Scotland licence for Edinburgh Castle and the proposal to "Increase off sales capacity, add recorded music, book signings, food and confectionery tastings."

At Reporter Towers, in common with all other Edinburgh residents, we now have to remember a variety of days in the month to put out our Red Bin, Blue Bin , Food Bin and general waste. You can of course get a handy email reminder about your red and blue recycling boxes here on the website [Green Box Day](#).

We had to make a trip to the Community Recycling Centre this weekend as the food waste bin had been left uncollected last week. Even the Deputy Leader, Councillor Steve Cardownie, admitted to us the other week that his own bin had not been emptied as scheduled. Now once in a while that is ok. But other people in the city have ongoing problems which are becoming quite problematic for them, and are worried what will happen over Christmas when the schedules change. [Find out about the alterations to the schedules here](#). We will have another rubbish story later today.....

Work is due to start on 28 January 2013 to upgrade Restalrig Railway Path between Easter Road and the former Eastern General hospital site near Seafield Street. The council's Active Travel Action Plan and their Local Transport Strategy support enhanced facilities for walking and cycling in the city, and this is one area where work is due to be carried out. The council say that work on the Restalrig path will last for around eight weeks.

The council has a useful page on its website telling you all the [opening hours for their services here](#). You can also find out what is on as part of [Edinburgh's Christmas here](#). We seem to have a [Flying Carousel](#) as part of it...and we always thought they were called Chairy-planes....

Royal Blind still have some tickets available for their ladies January fundraiser. "Now in its third year, 'Rabbie's Girls' promises to be the perfect evening to vanquish those January blues!

Our annual Burns evening is just for the ladies and will be held in the dazzling main hall of the George Hotel. Upon arrival, guests will enjoy music from our own Scottish piper during a chic champagne reception with oysters kindly sponsored by Loch Fyne.

The evening meal is comprised of an opulent six-course taster menu that includes Loch Fyne salmon, Crombies haggis cake and a divine Ian Mellis cheese board. This year's event will be hosted by award-winning comedienne and actress, Karen Dunbar, whose witty performance complements the evening's promise of fine food, wine and amazing entertainment perfectly. At the end of the evening, each guest will receive a silver bag filled with lovely goodies as a little thank-you for attending the event.

'Rabbie's Girls' 2013 promises to be another irresistible occasion with very few tickets left, so be sure to get yours quickly!"

Contact Karen Deacon on 0131 229 1456 or email karen.deacon@royalblind.org to book your tickets.