

Five things you need to know today



Planning matters – Edinburgh Bus Tours – T in the Park comes to Edinburgh – Fresh Start want you to Walk the Walk – Tonight at the Victoria House Hotel

The council papers for the planning committee have just been published and the council is proposing changes to Princes Street to allow more opportunities to sit on the pavement with a latte or a glass of wine and watch the world go by. [More details here.](#)

 Edinburgh Bus Tours has unveiled a new commentary that kids will love on board City Sightseeing tours, dedicated to Edinburgh's gruesome past. The new commentary, voiced by Forth One DJ and Edinburgh's favourite pantomime villain Grant Stott will include tales of the Grassmarket hangings, Nor Loch, Burke and Hare's dastardly deeds and Dr David Livingstone being mauled by lions.

Based on Terry Deary's bestselling Horrible Histories children's books, the commentary launches five weeks before the characters of Henry VIII and Queen Victoria come to Edinburgh for Horrible Histories at The King's Theatre.

Tim Armour, General Manager at Edinburgh Bus Tours, said: "We wanted to create a tour that would make sightseeing in Edinburgh just as attractive to children as it is for their parents. We've enjoyed a great relationship with Horrible Histories for some years, and hopefully this new commentary from Grant Stott will add some fresh grizzliness to entice a younger audience."

The newly recorded Horrible Histories commentary is available alongside commentaries in nine different languages. Highlights from the City Sightseeing tour include Edinburgh Castle, National Museums Scotland and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Horrible Histories shows Terrible Tudors and Vile Victorians will be on at King's Theatre, Edinburgh between Tuesday 11 and Saturday 15 June 2013. These riotous retellings of popular history have captured the public consciousness, even appearing as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations earlier this year.

Terry Deary's Horrible Histories celebrates 20 horrible years in 2013. His books including Terrible Tudors, Vile Victorians and Rotten Romans are a popular choice for families and kids, translated into 40 different languages, sold everywhere from China to Brazil and adapted for TV and theatres.



Today the T in the Park Roadshow rolls into Edinburgh as part of a two week tour in anticipation of this summer's 20th year celebrations.

Specialist cupcake creators at Cuckoo's Bakery, located on 150 Dundas Street, have been busy baking bespoke treats for T in the Park revelers.

Vidya Sarjoo, owner of Cuckoo's Bakery said: "We jumped at the chance when we were approached by festival organisers to create some bespoke T in the Park themed cupcakes. As a keen festival goer I relish going 'cuckoo' at music events and concerts, we are really excited to be involved with the roadshow and I am positive it will be great success.

The team at Cuckoo's Bakery have created an array of themed tasty treats which will be available for free to music buffs

attending the gig. Flavours will include the popular Strawberry Cheesecake and Red Velvet cupcakes which will be crowned with the well known logo- destined to hit the right note with T in the Park fans.

Queen Margaret University Student's Union is set for the arrival of the T in the Park Roadshow which will kick off at 12pm with performance from the hotly tipped Glasgow group, Vigo Thieves. Not only have these young musicians been handpicked to perform at the 20th anniversary party but they also managed to charm former TV presenter, John Leslie, to cameo in the video for latest single, Ghost.

Aurora Winterborn, renowned burlesque artist will also be performing at the event and music fans will have the chance to win prizes and benefit from exclusive offers.

For those who can't make tomorrow's event Cuckoo's Bakery cupcakes are available to purchase fresh in store, which is located at 150 Dundas Street from Tuesday through to Sunday. Prices start from at £2.00 for an individual tasty treat. Orders can be placed online at www.cuckoosbakery.co.uk or over the phone on 0131 556 6224 for collection or delivery. Delivery is available for orders of a minimum of six cupcakes within the Edinburgh city bypass.

Homelessness resettlement charity Fresh Start is urging fundraisers to walk 'The Walk' when its sixth annual sponsored walk takes place in just three week's time. The event takes place on May 31 – and walkers are being urged to sign up today! Last year a record 62 people walked the eight mile route together and the charity is hoping to beat that this time.

Fresh Start Director, Keith Robertson, said: "Providing a roof over a family or an individual's head is the first step in ending homelessness but making sure they keep it is the next

challenge. That's where Fresh Start comes in. We help people get the fresh start they deserve in life – and all money raised from the sponsored walk will go towards our work helping people who have been homeless resettle into the community.”

George Banks, from Ebenezer United Free Church in Edinburgh, who volunteers at Fresh Start, helping prepare the charity's Starter Packs, said: “Last year was my first year on the walk which I enjoyed so much I am doing it again this year. Some friends of Fresh Start have been walking The Walk for a number of years and I'm delighted to take part again.

“The Walk takes you through some fascinating bits of Edinburgh and when you get tired there are plenty of places to have a wee seat – all in the knowledge that there is a huge welcome at the finish line and that you are doing it for a great cause.”

✘ The 2013 walk follows its traditional 8-mile route along the Water of Leith to Colinton Dell, where we go on to the Union Canal towpath and head back into town towards the finishing line at Lochrin Basin, Fountainbridge. The walk sets out from Dean Parish Church at 10.00am, with lunch and refreshments being served on the Re-union Canal boat.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. There's no fee to take part however each walker is asked to raise a minimum of £25. For those wishing to raise money, a new Just Giving site has been set up at <http://www.justgiving.com/freshstartedinburgh>

To register your interest, telephone Fresh Start offices on 0131 476 7741.



Tonight at Victoria Park House Hotel, 221 Ferry Road, Edinburgh EH6 4NNL one half of the Gallagher & Lyle duo is appearing.

Benny Gallagher has written more great songs than seems really fair and according to the organisers from the Queen's Hall he remains one of the best players on the circuit.

In an intimate evening of songs and stories about his days as a staff writer with Apple – The Beatles publishing company – Benny performs the hits he penned for Gallagher & Lyle, Art Garfunkel, Bryan Ferry, Don Williams, Garth Brooks, Status Quo, Simon & Garfunkel, The Fureys and Lemon Jelly to name but a few, along with some great new songs from his album *At The Edge of the Wave*.

[More details on how to get a ticket here.](#)