

Five things you need to know today



Greenbelt in Balerno under threat – Commonwealth Games Tickets – Edinburgh International Book Festival pick of the day – Edinburgh Festival Fringe pick of the day – Channel 4 coming to Edinburgh

Some Balerno residents are up in arms about the proposal to build 300 houses on an area of greenbelt at Cockburn Crescent, and so far nearly 120 objections have been made online. The builders have submitted this proposal on the basis that the area might become land for housing under the proposed Local Development Plan.

The campaigners now have [a website](#) and are encouraging others who feel the same way to lodge a comment or objection on the council planning portal before the deadline of 30 August 2013.

Barratt David Wilson Homes has lodged an application to build new homes on a field, and there was a public meeting last week when many voiced their concerns. Some people object on the basis of the already busy Lanark Road which is the only way in and out of the city centre. Others argue that Dean Park School is already at capacity.

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Commonwealth Games tickets have gone on sale this morning but there is a queue of over 60 minutes when we had a look at [the website](#). The good news is that tickets are priced from £15 upwards and half price tickets for the under-16s and over-60s. Ticket prices will include public transport in the local area too.

Tickets are on sale from now till 16 September and you will know after that if your application has been fruitful. Where there is more demand than tickets available then a draw will be made from all applications received. There is also a limit to how many tickets you can apply for which may vary according to the events.

We hope you are lucky!

At the Edinburgh International Book Festival today there are still tickets available for Scottish Makar, Liz Lochhead who will be speaking to former Book Festival Directors Shona Munro and Catherine Lockerbie about Scottish culture over the last

30 years since the festival began.

[More details and tickets here.](#)



The Fringe is now into its last week, and here is our recommendation for you later this evening. If this is too late for you then download the Fringe app and find something earlier in the day, or just go for a walk up the High Street! And do tell us what you have been to see and what you have liked.

THE STATE VERSUS JOHN HAYES

Written & performed by **Lucy Roslyn** 31 July – 26 August **AT C NOVA STUDIO 2**

Bearded Theatre Company make their Edinburgh Fringe Festival debut with Lucy Roslyn's The State Versus John Hayes.

A charismatic female killer and her powerful male alter ego, John Hayes. A one woman show.

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The State Versus John Hayes is Lucy Roslyn's first piece of writing for the theatre. Inspired by a quote from Daphne du

Maurier's novel Rebecca: "It doesn't make for sanity, does it, living with the devil?", Roslyn set out to explore the idea of a seductive psychopath. What makes them tick and what makes them so attractive? A fascinating exploration into the psychological forces that collide to make one woman kill.

C NOVA STUDIO 2 **Listings** 1-3 India Buildings,
Victoria Street, Edinburgh EH1 2EX

**Box office: 0845 260 1234 www.CtheFestival.com / 0131 226
0000 www.edfringe.com**

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Date 31 July – 26 August (excluding 12 August)

Time 21:50 (1hr)

Ticket prices £8.50 – £10.50 / Concessions £6.50- £7.50

Channel 4 news is coming to Edinburgh on Friday of this week and will be televised live from the capital. They also want to hear from you about the possible upturn in the economy and how it might be affecting you. This is what Channel 4 say [on their website](#):-

We want to hear from you

Do you live in or around Fowey, Cornwall; Swindon, Wiltshire; Teesside in the north east; the Lake District, or Edinburgh? Do you have a burning story that needs to be told about your area?

Perhaps a local business that has been at the heart of the community for years has had to close -

or maybe a new one has opened.

What are your experiences of the local NHS?

And if you are just leaving school,

what are your plans - are you going to stay in your area?
And what's the cultural scene like: maybe your town is the new
"Madchester".

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