

Five things you need to know today



Professor Peter Higgs Nobel Prize Laureate – Sauna licensing consultation – Lunchtime concert – Edinburgh Reads : Rugby Internationalists lost in WWI – It's a Wonderful Life...in Balerno and elsewhere...

Yesterday was a big day that mattered....

Professor Peter Higgs of University of Edinburgh was awarded with the Nobel Prize in Physics along with Professor Francois Englert of the Free University of Brussels.

Here is the Professor being interviewed after the ceremony.

The University is taking every means possible to recognise Professor Higgs' achievement and to build on the reputation of the university as a place to study all aspects of physics as is evident from its website:-

"It has welcomed the recent award of £10.7 million from the UK Treasury to create a Higgs Centre for Innovation.

The Centre will be based at the Science and Technology Facilities Council's UK Astronomy Technology Centre, at the Royal Observatory Edinburgh.

Also, a dedicated home for the Higgs Centre for Theoretical Physics is to be established at the University's King's Buildings campus.

The Centre was created in 2012, following confirmation of the existence of the Higgs boson particle.”

The council need your views if you have any on the licensing of saunas and health and fitness parlours before 15 December 2013.

The Council currently defines Health and Fitness establishments, including premises providing saunas and massages, as places of public entertainment. The Council has historically licensed these premises as a risk reduction approach to minimise harm, however recent police reports have indicated that this approach is no longer proving to be effective.

It is therefore proposed that:

- A) Saunas and massage parlours be removed from public entertainment licensing;*
- B) Health and fitness parlours be removed from public entertainment licensing; and*
- C) Gymnasia would be kept.*

The impact of this proposal would be that premises in A and B would continue to operate and would be subject to general enforcement activity through Trading Standards and Public Health powers. Any criminal or illegal activity would be a matter for Police Scotland to address.

It is further proposed that work be taken forward with NHS, Police and other partner agencies to provide support and assistance to anyone working within these establishments.

Please fill in our online survey to give us your views on the proposed changes. You will also be given the opportunity to provide your contact details, to allow us to keep you informed

on the outcome of this consultation. The survey will run until 15 December 2013.

More information on the consultation [here](#).

Today at 12.15pm there is a **Lunchtime Concert at St Giles.**

Very Wednesday Music

Will Pickvance (piano) and Balazs Hermann (double bass) with their popular Wednesday lunchtime concert of music and banter. Improvised around topical music motifs, audience requests and special guests, performances are enjoyed by locals and tourists of all ages.

None of the other Rugby playing countries fighting in WW1 lost as many internationalists as Scotland. Their courage, teamwork and leadership were transferred from the field of play to the field of battle. Talk by Alistair McEwen at the **George Washington Browne Room, Edinburgh Central Library** George IV Bridge EH1 1EG

Tonight from 18:30 to 19:30



It's a Wonderful Life is showing in Balerno on the Village Screen on 21 December 2013. Ticket details [here](#).

It is also showing at the Cameo on 22, 23 and 24 December.... Ticket details [here](#). And it is on at the Filmhouse between 13

& 24 December. Ticket details [here](#).

Unmissable Christmassy, gooey, feel good festive fare...

