

Five things you need to know today



Craighouse Planning Application

RSNO

Real Nappy Project

Harlaw Hydro

Edinburgh is number 2!

Today the council's Development Management Committee meets for a whole day devoted to one planning application, the redevelopment of Craighouse which was previously owned by Edinburgh Napier University and run as part of their citywide campus.

The current owners now wish to develop the site for housing, but there have been many objections and everyone who wishes to have their say should have their opportunity today.

Despite the fact that the planning officials have recommended the applications be granted, there will no doubt be some heated words over the important site to the south of the city.

Get your tickets now for the opening of the RSNO season. The RSNO's 2014:15 Season opens with Oundjian Conducts Scheherazade, at the Usher Hall, Edinburgh on Friday 3 October For more information please visit www.rsno.org.uk

The Changeworks Real Nappy Project will be hosting a new

Nappuccino at the Pregnancy and Parenting Centre in Tollcross on Friday 5th September. Parents and parents-to-be are welcome to drop in anytime between 10 and 11.30am to receive free information and advice from the knowledgeable volunteers, see a demo of real nappies and to buy some good quality second hand cloth nappies in a friendly coffee morning setting. More information at: <http://www.changeworks.org.uk/shared/edinburgh/536/>.

This morning the Lord Provost will wield his Golden Spade at the event to mark the building of the Harlaw Hydro project. This successful community based project has raised

We hope to bring you more about this which is billed as one of the Capital Coalition's cooperative projects later today.

London has been named the UK's favourite city for the fourth year running, favoured particularly for its nightlife with Edinburgh in close contention in second place. Brighton, whilst in fifth position overall, pipped London to the post in walking away with the inaugural Best UK City for Restaurants and Bars award. Edinburgh once again takes the number two spot overall, and Bath is in third place with the city being awarded the highest score for its architecture. Cambridge, in sixth place, came top for culture, just ahead of rival Oxford, while Glasgow, in ninth position, was voted the most welcoming city.

The top UK Holiday Hotel this year is Chewton Glen in Hampshire, voted top for service. Runner up Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire is more appealing for its food, whilst Babington House in Somerset came a close third after still being considered top drawer for design. Once again, 14 of the top 15 UK Business Hotels are in London, with the only

non- London hotel in this category being Manchester's The Lowry Hotel. The number one UK Hotel Spa is ESPA Life at Corinthia, Corinthia Hotel London.

New York beat Paris for a second year running for the coveted top overseas city title thanks to knockout scores for both nightlife and places to stay. For the fourth year, Italy is favourite country, gaining top scores for both food and culture. However the friendliest people and best places to stay can be found in the USA. The first ever award for Best Overseas City for Restaurants and Bars goes to Sydney.

Two further inaugural accolades awarded this year are Best Hotel in the World for Design which goes to Viceroy Anguilla, the Caribbean; and Best Hotel in the World for Service, awarded to Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris.

Mandarin Oriental Bangkok, Thailand takes the prestigious number 1 spot in The World's Top 100 list.