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Breaking News – Council to meet this morning in emergency session

Edinburgh International Science Festival Gastrofest

FlyBe now on summer timetable

Scotland's National Airshow 2015

Canal Stories

The City of Edinburgh Council are to meet this morning in emergency session to pass a resolution on one of the matters most troubling residents of the city.

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In 2015, **Edinburgh International Science Festival** transforms into ***The Ideas Factory*** – a hub for information, ideas and innovation – during which the science of food and drink is celebrated with the return of mini-festival ***GastroFest***.

After a successful first outing at the 2014 Science Festival showcasing the importance of science in the most delicious way possible, ***GastroFest*** returns for a second year in 2015. It features a packed menu of events featuring **Scottish and international producers, artisans, scientists and chefs**, all taking part in events designed to give an accessible, enjoyable and above all tasty introduction to the science behind food and drink. ***GastroFest*** 2015 is supported as part of the Year of Food and Drink Scotland 2015,

delivered by **VisitScotland** and **EventScotland** in partnership with **Scotland Food & Drink**, and forms one of the first large-scale events in their calendar.

Highlights include science-inspired farmers' market **SciMart** (5 April), an Easter treat for all the family bringing together food producers, researchers and chefs, and featuring demos from award-winning Edinburgh chef **Paul Wedgwood**. Diners can explore the surprising links between our senses and our taste buds in **Sensory Experimentation** (9 April) with **Prof Charles Spence** and a series of tasters and experiments exploring flavour, scent and texture (9 April), while **Give in to Fermentation** (15 April) investigates our ongoing fascination with the fermentation process with a series of beer and food pairings, and the **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** takes a trip down the rabbit hole in a unique and enlightening tea party featuring the father of molecular gastronomy **Hervé This** and hosted by food writer **Alex Renton**. Drink design has now also become a science: **LateLab GastroLab: Molecular Mastery** (11 April) unveils the mysteries of molecular mixology with **Prof Andrea Sella** and drinks developers **Zoe Burgess** and **Max Venning** from **London's Drinks Factory**. There's even blues in a brewery with Science Festival brewer **Barney's Beer**, who teams up with **Will Pickvance** for a musical evening in **Brews, Blues and a Piano Bar Bike** (8-11 April). **Barney** is also producing brand-new festival beer, his third for the Science Festival – **Fe Fi Fo** – brewed with a special, secret ingredient.

Amanda Tyndall, Deputy Director of Edinburgh International Science Festival, said: "This year's Science Festival will celebrate enlightened thinking and doing by drawing together shining lights from the fields of science, technology and beyond, discussing the big ideas, issues and challenges of our time, including topics like Food security and sustainability. But it's not all serious stuff – there are plenty of sociable, foodie science opportunities, with events on everything from taste perception and fermentation, to bug burgers and bears. Food brings people together like nothing else in the world and

there's science in every mouthful. We want *GastroFest* to be a valuable showcase for Scottish produce with events that celebrate the expertise of those who grow, make and cook it".

Details of all *GastroFest* events can be found online at the [website](#).

Flybe began operating its 2015 Summer Schedule at the weekend with a choice of 187 routes including 27 that are brand new, and in total offering a choice of up to 3,012 flights a week. The airline will also be opening two brand new bases at Bournemouth and Cardiff, re-opening its Aberdeen base and starting flights out of London Stansted Airport, the first of which to the Isle of Man took off just two weeks' ago.

This will also be the first summer for its five London City routes and Flybe will continue to keep Cornwall connected with its popular daily multi frequency service between Newquay and London Gatwick. This, coupled with the many routes on sale throughout Scotland and regional Europe offered by Flybe's franchise partners, Loganair and Stobart Air, plus the return of popular sun routes from Exeter and Southampton, means that customers have an ever increasing choice of point to point, sea and sun travel options.

From Edinburgh [Flybe](#) goes to Birmingham, Cardiff, East Midlands, Kirkwall, London City, Manchester, Stornoway, Sumburgh and Wick.





Tickets are now on sale for Scotland's National Airshow on 25 July 2015 at East Fortune

The Red Arrows are booked and you can now book your Early Bird tickets [here](#).

Members of the local community are invited to share their canal-related stories, photographs, maps and objects with young canal college volunteers aboard the Lochrin Bell boat, moored on the Union Canal at Edinburgh Quay on Thursday 23rd April between 11am and 3pm.

This day of oral reminiscence (running from 11am until 3pm), organised by Scottish Waterways Trust with support from Re-Union Canal Boats, will be led by the Edinburgh branch of Scottish Waterways Trust's youth employability programme canal college.

The latest group of 16-25 year old recruits who are not in employment, further education or training will record stories and collect photographs and memorabilia aboard the barge, then use the materials to create unique heritage boxes.

These boxes will then be used in community groups and schools to inspire future generations to make memories of their own on the Union Canal.

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