

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



Public toilets to close

Our film reviews

Museum After Hours: Friday Fringe Takeover

Pottery from Perthshire

Medal to go on sale in Edinburgh

The council's consultation on which public toilets will be closed has now ended with a recommendation on what action the council will take to ensure that some cost saving results.

Out of the original list of twelve conveniences two have been spared, but the rest will close soon. Those which will remain open are at Hawes Pier and Middle Meadow Walk.

The responses to the consultation have been collated here.



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The council said: “The decision to close these toilets has been a difficult one and it is appreciated that there will be some impact following these closures. To help mitigate this, there have been over 60 additional toilet facilities identified in Council buildings around the city that are available for the public to use. These are located in various Libraries, Community Centres, Edinburgh Leisure facilities and Neighbourhood Offices.

Information about these toilet facilities is available on the [website](#).

Our film reviews seem to attract a lot of attention! The latest from Douglas Greenwood features on the London Underground poster for the film *The Legend of Barney Thomson* and here on the film below (watch to the last frame!!) :

Read all of his film reviews from Cannes and Edinburgh [here](#).

14, 21 & 28 August

19:30-22:30

Cost: £16/£14

Enjoy a unique flavour of the Fringe and explore our galleries after hours across three exhilarating nights, each with hand-picked performers, music, comedy, bars and entry to our fascinating exhibition, *Photography: A Victorian Sensation*. Guest-programmed by the festival gurus at The List, each night of this adults-only extravaganza will offer a different and tantalizing taste of the Fringe, along with our special exhibitions and activities tailored around our world-class collections.

Crystal-glazed stoneware, porcelain and multi-textured golded pots; paintings, drawings and installations growing from a deep relationship with pottery and an ancient Perthshire landscape; poetry exhibited and read around the galleries – three artists explore the natural world and make connections between their work in an unusual collaborative exhibition.

Potter **Paul Tebble**, artist **Anne Gilchrist** and poet **Elizabeth Burns** have worked together over several years, exploring their shared creative processes, from long standing friendships to collaboration.

Including creative projections and sounds of the woodland that has inspired much of the work, the huge gallery spaces at St Margaret's House on London Road will also offer a chance to watch the potter at work and tour the exhibition with the artists. There will be a subsequent event in the Perthshire woodland itself in the autumn.

[More details here.](#)

A George medal will be going on sale in Edinburgh this week. The George Medal was awarded to Lt. James Masson in 1936 when a suspicious suitcase had been left in the waiting room of Jerusalem Railway Station. Masson was joined by Sergeant Smith of the Palestine Police, an ex Royal Marine. Smith and Masson discovered that it was a bomb. Together they removed the suitcase from the building, carrying it out into the car park. Smith died following a heroic attempt to defuse the bomb

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