

# Five things you need to know today



- **Badly Drawn Boy in Edinburgh!**
- **Fountainbridge Friday**
- **Botanics open late for Summer Solstice**
- **Go Scottish at Surgeons' Hall**
- **Boroughmuir are Young Consumers of the Year**

Next weekend, **The Edinburgh International Film Festival** and **Nothing Ever Happens Here...** present **Badly Drawn Boy LIVE** playing the **About A Boy** soundtrack live before a screening of the 2002 classic British film.

Toni Collette, Hugh Grant, and a wee Nicholas Hoult star in the film based on Nick Hornby's novel.

Also performing live on Summerhall's bespoke outdoor stage, built for the event, Badly Drawn Boy will be joined by **Teen Canteen, Randolph's Leap, Admiral Fallow** and **Withered Hand**

The mini-festival within a festival starts at 15.30 and rolls on into the wee hours. The Royal Dick will be serving food and drinks (YES hot dogs and ice cream) all day and there are VIP benches available still popcorn, blankets and table service straight from the bar!

Buy tickets £20 tickets from [summerhall.co.uk](http://summerhall.co.uk) / <http://www.edfilmfest.org.uk/films/2016/sound-vision-presents-about-a-boy>

VIP Tickets £180 for 6 people [summerhall.co.uk](http://summerhall.co.uk)



A new addition to the foodie scene in Edinburgh takes place each Friday at Fountainbridge. From 11am till 7pm at the end of the canal there are food stalls offering you all kinds of goodies. If you go will you tweet some foodie photos to us?



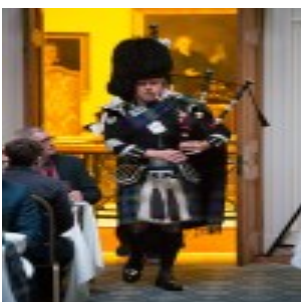
The Botanic usually close earlyish... but on Midsummer night they will be open till 10.30pm.

*Enjoy the Garden, Glasshouses, Inverleith House , Botanic Shop and Terrace Café until dusk as part of our annual special late-night opening. There will be half price entry to the Glasshouses between 6pm and 9.30pm. Food and refreshments available at the Terrace Cafe and East Gate Lodge.*

More details on the Botanic [website](#). You don't need to book – just go along!



Kirsty Luke, Jordanne Currie & Gillian McCloskey of Angela Forsyth Dancers



Surgeons' Hall has had a bit of a makeover recently but now their new venture Slàinte which is a Scottish night in the Playfair Hall is drawing the tourists.

The evening includes Scottish food, drink, dancing and music and they have had many visitors in the first three weeks of operation.

Scott Mitchell, Commercial Director at Surgeons' Hall, said: "There is an undoubted demand for these kinds of events – we knew this from the success of Jamie's Scottish Evening at the King James Hotel.

"For 40 years visitors have been flocking to Scottish evenings – think how much more amazing that experience will be in the unparalleled setting of the Playfair Hall.

"We are hugely excited about opening up the genuine Scottish architectural gem to visitors from all over the world and seeing the Slàinte reputation grow."

On the guest list since launch has been a number of international tour operators from across the globe, including both Japan and Venezuela, a promising sign for the potential of the event.

Scott added: "While targeting visitors to the city on a small group basis is of course important to the running of such an ambitious entertainments package, getting interest from tour companies can boost numbers to a level that will see Slàinte become one of the city's most popular nights.

"From the interest we have received across the board from those who have attended the few nights we have run so far, we know we are well placed to make Slainte more regular and more popular, not only in the coming months but in the long term as well.

"We expect to be able to use this as a base to expand to as many as seven nights a week, which, of course, is fantastic news for everyone involved."

Tickets are priced at £65 per person. This includes the show, dinner, a taste of whisky at the Address to a Haggis, with unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks.

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Boroughmuir High won the UK finals of Young Consumers of the Year. Having beaten teams from Ayrshire, Dundee, Kirkintilloch and Ullapool at the Scottish Parliament in March, they represented Scotland at the two day event last week.

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Boroughmuir High team left to right – Henry Speir, Maya Farrugia, Jess McGhee (captain), Clara Wilson and Calum Mackay, all aged 16

The competition consisted of a series of ‘Consumer Challenges’ (information exercises) on the first day and then a quiz against the other three regional finalists on the second day. Up to 30 points were available from the first day challenges but scores from these were not revealed until the end of the quiz, however, Boroughmuir by this point had won by 33 points from the quiz round, ensuring their tournament win. Overall, Boroughmuir won by 37 points.

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The Young Consumers competition is open to pupils aged 15-18 and is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Edinburgh schools have done well in this competition over the past ten years, with Boroughmuir High having won the UK title three times and Portobello High once. This year’s Edinburgh team of fifth year students consisted of Jess McGhee (captain) Clara Wilson, Henry Speir and Calum Mackay. The school wins a £1000 cash prize and

trophy, with the team members collecting gold medals and £50 shopping vouchers each.

The consumer education programme is delivered to schools across the city by the Local Community Planning and begins in August / September each year. The programme covers a range of consumer-related topics including shopping rights, health and safety, money and credit, food safety and environmental issues. Young Consumers supports the four capacities of education as highlighted in a Curriculum for Excellence and links with subjects such as Economics, Modern Studies, Geography, Business Studies, Home Economics and Enterprise.

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