

Five things you need to know today

Bross Bagels

Many readers have read our top story on Monday about the Portobello-based bagel business which faces some financial problems after a background of difficult trading conditions.

[Read more here.](#)



East London Street Petition

The residents of East London Street have had enough of buses passing their front doors on the cobbled surface on their

street.

This week they are presenting a petition to the Transport and Environment Committee asking for a change which they estimate they have been putting to the council for at least three years.

[We first wrote about two petitions being presented to the council in 2018 here.](#)

The petition reads: “For at least three years, we have sought a reduction in the number of out of service buses using East London Street to leave and return to the Lothian Buses garage on Annandale Street. East London Street has been used by these buses and other traffic to avoid road works and closures associated with the Trams to Newhaven and other transport projects in the vicinity. Despite promises of improvement, out of service buses are continuing to use East London Street from very early in the morning until late at night. This usage is creating significant nuisance in terms of both noise and vibration for the residents of East London Street especially at night when their sleep is being disturbed on a nightly basis. This is having a detrimental impact on their health and well-being.

“The number of vehicles using East London Street, as a result of the diversions required by the Trams and other projects, has resulted in significant damage to the largely setted road surface adding to noise and vibration levels. Given continuing city centre road construction works and its location just outside the boundary of the new Low Emissions Zone, there is concern that the increased traffic on East London Street will not return to the levels experienced prior to its use as a primary diversion for the Trams Project. This is of concern to both the residents of East London Street and to the parents of children at St Mary’s RC Primary School.

“Although the primary focus of this petition is on East London Street, there is a similar problem on many of the other residential streets in the New Town again mainly because of

the use of these streets by out of service buses and other traffic being diverted to avoid road closures and congestion. We, the undersigned, seek the following actions by the City of Edinburgh Council:

- An immediate and sustained reduction in the number of buses and other heavy vehicles using this street to 2019 levels; in particular between the hours of 7.00pm and 7.00am
- A traffic count to determine the current volume and speed of vehicles using East London Street to inform decisions about improving traffic management on this predominately residential street.
- Urgent repairs to the road surface to rectify the damage caused by the use of East London Street as a primary diversion route for the Trams project
- A longer-term plan to better manage the traffic on this street both in terms of number and speed of vehicles, which will effectively mitigate the impact on residents and pupils at the primary school.
- Replacement of setts with tarmac in the central running lanes to reduce noise and vibration as has already been undertaken in the adjacent London Street.”

Scran Fir Bees

Photographer Alan Simpson got his drone out to take some shots of the Scran Fir Bees installation near the Red Bridge on Ferry Road.

North Edinburgh Arts commissioned me to produce a landscape piece for pollinators in 2021 which I developed as the first iteration of Scrand Fir Bees on Ferry Road.

This is designed to be viewed ideally from the top of buses, or from the Red Bridge, but is also good for ground level passers by. It is also conceived for the non-human, ie the pollinators such as bees, butterflies, hoverflies, ladybirds, etc. Sadly as you are probably aware, the UK has lost 60% of

our pollinators in 20 years. [pollinator stats over last 20 years](#). This has serious implications for us humans as one in three bites of food is insect pollinated, contributing [£690 million](#) to the UK agricultural industry.

[Read more here.](#)



11/08/2023 Picture Alan Simpson This installation on the city's Ferry Road was commissioned in 2021 by North Edinburgh Arts and was planted by environmental artist Natalie Taylor. It features nectar rich wildflowers to attract pollinators including bees, butterflies, hoverflies and ladybirds.

Fringe shows

What have you seen at the Fringe that you really enjoyed? Send us your reviews. There are too many shows for our reviewers to get to and we are interested to know what audiences are loving.

We recorded interviews with shows which had been highlighted to us:

The show Birthmarked tells the very personal story of [@brooktatearts](#) who was disfellowshipped by Jehovah's Witnesses- but has lots of songs and he transforms into a tap dancing zebra Age 12+ [@AssemblyFest](#) <pic.twitter.com/STVAauACWJ>

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [August 14, 2023](#)

News Revue has been on the Fringe for decades keeping audiences laughing about current affairs and the figures who create the news. With such rich material to poke fun at it is always a favourite on now at [@ThePleasance](#) <pic.twitter.com/U56dD72Rtc>

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [August 14, 2023](#)

The show 17 Minutes deals with the biggest killer of children and young people in the US...[@Gildedballoon](#) <pic.twitter.com/VtUPQLikp4>

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Max Dowler who plays Batman in Super along with Edinburgh-born Charlie Vero Martin gave us a flavour of the show nominated for a Popcorn Writing Award now on at [@ThePleasance](#) <pic.twitter.com/a6DSD05GWC>

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Bill's 44th is an introspective puppet show dealing with loneliness and self-acceptance The co-creators Andy Manjuck

and Dorothy James will make you think that Bill is the third person in the photo – although the non-speaking one. A tender tale with two OFFIE nominations pic.twitter.com/AHgE4aLhWd

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Our August issue

Our August newspaper is on the streets now and we hope you like it.

Our cover story is about Rachel, with a strapline to our exclusive story about the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

And inside we have a feature from George Mair who is writing for us for the first time this month – and loads of sport from both Nigel Duncan and Bill Lothian.

If you would like to receive a copy just a wee bit ahead of everyone else then please subscribe by clicking on the image below. (And do read about [Rachel and the Barbie story here](#))

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EDINBURGH CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Capital firm living the Barbie dream

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

RACHEL HANRETTY started her business, Mademoiselle Macaron, in Edinburgh in 2013. Now some ten years later her trademark products - beautiful macarons - have a starring role in the very pink Greta Gerwig directed blockbuster movie of this summer, Barbie.

The pink delicacies were ordered in five flavours to be delivered to Warner Brothers Studio in Leavesdon, and not just as a perk for the cast, but to appear in a café in Barbie Land.

This was easy for the company based in Bonnington which produces more than 30,000 macarons each week. Rachel learned how to craft the sweet treat in Paris where she first tasted a vanilla macaron on the Champs-Élysées. She attended the Alain Ducasse cookery school in the French capital to perfect making the macarons which is now the centre of her business.

Mademoiselle Macaron products have been on screen before. They appeared on Strictly Come Dancing in 2021 during a dance based in a bakery when a tall tower of macarons appeared on the set. And there is at least one big name that can be revealed as a macaron lover. Courtney Love is a repeat customer who orders their vegan product - and no, we don't know how they make them - the recipe is secret. And in exciting news the business is commissioned to colour match the new Revlon lipstick range in just the right shade.

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Bonnington...
...to Barbie Land

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