

# Five things you need to know today

## Soundhouse on the Fringe

Music from Scotland, Beer from Edinburgh.

Do support local music producers Soundhouse who have taken an enormous gamble to fill the Rose Theatre every night of the Fringe. Their roster of Scottish, or Scottish-based musicians, is really stunning. And the beer? It is from Bellfield Brewery.

[Read more here.](#)



The Penalty

PHOTO Douglas Robertson

# Bross Bagels – the update

Our joint investigation along with The Edinburgh Guardian has resulted in a series of articles about the bagel company which is in liquidation. The latest news is that the founder Larah Bross has confirmed that those who contributed to a crowdfunder will get their money back. [Our article here](#) explains that the position is not so certain.



## Northfield House Hotel

The much loved hotel has had to be demolished after a series of fires which are still being investigated by police.

[Read more here.](#)





PHOTO Craig Duncan

## **Leith Chooses**

Leith Chooses, the event where community votes lead to community projects, opens its application process this week.

Small grants of up to £5,000 are contested for by organisations who would like to run a project in the Leith area.

Early next year, people who live, work and volunteer in Leith will have the opportunity to vote on the project applications which will receive funding.

Last year, more than 1,000 people cast votes – some as young as eight years-old.

Information and application packs can be found at <http://www.leithchooses.net/people-make-leith-eith-chooses->

[2023-2024-opens-today](#) with a closing date of 10 October.

[leithchooses.net](http://leithchooses.net)



## 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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# the Edinburgh Reporter

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## 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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