

Five things you need to know today

Film Festival begins

The opening night film of the Edinburgh International Film Festival – Silent Roar – is being shown at Everyman on Friday evening and there will be a small festival of films rising from the ashes over the next few days.

There is also an outdoor cinema at the University this weekend.

[Read more here.](#)



On the Fringe

Kevin Quantum is our local Edinburgh magician – and it is nice to hear that his shows are going well. Book your tickets now!

Carricknowe shops

Away from the centre where the streets are not necessarily being power washed, but mechanical street cleaners are working each night, one reader has observed that there is a huge amount of rubbish behind a parade of shops at Carricknowe.

Apparently there were some rodents spotted among the mess. Anyone going to clean this up?



Hidden Door Festival – a crowdfunder

In readiness for 2024 and the 10th anniversary festival Hidden Door are beginning a crowdfunder. The team already have a few buildings in their sights and they just need a wee bit of help. If you can then donate now – or otherwise buy tickets ahead of time.

[Read more here.](#)



Getting ready for Hidden Door Festival 2023 PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

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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