

# Five things you need to know today

## Edinburgh International Film Festival

Our pick of the EIFF today is [The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde](#) shot at Leith Theatre

The sinuous alleys and many staircases of nocturnal Edinburgh replace London's old town in Hope Dickson Leach's Scottish retelling of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novella, originally created as a live hybrid performance with the National Theatre of Scotland. *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* finds inspiration in gothic cinema while maintaining its intimate theatrical feel, bringing to life this tale of good and evil told through a lawyer's investigation of a series of macabre murders. Emphasising themes of capitalistic greed and unscrupulous social ascension, this interpretation is sure to echo with audiences attuned to the current political climate. A chilling chance to see Edinburgh in all of its shadowy glory on the big screen.



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## **Council left with £1 million bill at two care homes.**

The council will have to spend more than £1 million on bringing two care homes up to standard. The two homes were previously run by operator Four Seasons and have now been handed back to the council to run. Although the council has recovered £87,000 from the previous operator, it will have to fund the balance to ensure that the homes are more than just adequate for residents. No new residents will be admitted until they are.

[Read more here.](#)

## **Pick of the Fringe**

Richard Purden reviewed this awarding it four stars, and even if you are not a Hearts fan we recommend it to you. What makes a footballer a hero? What makes a hero a legend? Locality? Loyalty? Skill? Players like Bobby Walker appear once in a generation. From an Edinburgh boy having kickabouts in Gorgie, to a Heart of Midlothian star and the most capped Scotland international of the time. This is his remarkable story... and his mother's. Performed with live music where the first King of Hearts reigned: Tynecastle Park. From the producers of A War of Two Halves

[Read the review here.](#)

<https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/never-trouble-trouble-till-trouble-troubles-you>

## **Council meeting**

Today the Policy & Sustainability committee will meet – though quite how the councillors can concentrate on any meeting with all the noise and buzz from the High Street is often beyond

us.

Edinburgh could still become the first Scottish city to impose a Transient Visitor Levy or tourist tax of up to £14 for each visitor, perhaps generating as much as £35 million for the city who have to decide what to spend it on. But it will not be simply added to the council revenue budgets and used for potholes or the like. One suggestion is that it could reintroduce a cycle hire scheme. Edinburgh is one of very few cities which does not now have bikes for hire. [Read more here.](#)

[All papers for the council meeting are here.](#)



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## Our August issue

Our August newspaper has been out since 1 August, and we are about to begin working on the September paper later this week. If you have any stories for us about things which will be

happening in September then please do get in touch.  
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Our cover story is about Mademoiselle Macaron Rachel Hanretty, with a strapline to our exclusive story about Alex Cole-Hamilton, the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Inside there is a feature by George Mair who is writing for us for the first time this month – and loads of sport from both Nigel Duncan and Bill Lothian.

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(And do read about [Rachel and the Barbie story here](#))



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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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