

Five things you need to know today

Today is the Independence Day of Ukraine – [Slava Ukraini!](#)

The Lord Provost, First Minister, Ukraine Consul and members of the Ukrainian community will lay wreaths in the City Chambers quadrangle this morning to mark Ukrainian Independence Day and commemorate those that have been killed during Russia's illegal war.

The Scottish Government has announced funding for those living in Edinburgh to help people displaced by war in Ukraine to get secure jobs, access mental health services and to integrate into communities.

[Read more here.](#)



24 August is the 31st anniversary of Ukrainian Independence and was celebrated in 2022 by the Consul General of Ukraine in Scotland along with the Rt Hon Lord Provost and other dignitaries PHOTO ©2022 The Edinburgh Reporter

Doors Open Days 2023

One of the “doors” which is opening is on the Forth Road Bridge. Applications were open for a minibus tour for just a short time but are now sold out – but there is still an opportunity of winning the draw for a special tower tour of the Queensferry Crossing.

[Read more here](#)

Popcorn Writing Award

The winner of the Popcorn Writing Award will be announced later today at a ceremony at the Gilded Balloon.

Read more about the shortlist here

<https://theedinburghreporter.co.uk/2023/08/popcorn-writing-award-2023-winner-will-be-announced-this-week>

Jerry Sadowitz

At The Queen's Hall this evening there will be another opportunity to see the Jerry Sadowitz show which he was prevented from putting on last year. The show was cancelled last year by the Pleasance who said it was "extreme in its racism, sexism, homophobia and misogyny".

The show presented by Edinburgh based Regular Music is called Not for Anyone and it is for over 18s only with very strong language and themes and of course he may drop his drawers.

There is also another show tomorrow. [Tickets here.](#)

Our August issue

Our August newspaper has been out since 1 August, and we are about to begin working on the September paper.

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.

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. It helps us with the overheads of producing a paper and also ensures that we can keep all of our news output free for all.

(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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