

Five things you need to know today

Ashley Terrace Boathouse Christmas lights

The boathouse on the canal at Ashley Terrace will be lit up on 24, 25, 31 December and 1 January. You are invited to take some photos and submit them on Facebook tagging the Edinburgh Union Canal Society. Their Facebook page is [here](#).

Christmas shopping idea

Archerfield Walled Garden near Dirleton is open late until 23 December and then open from 9.30am to 3pm on Christmas Eve to give last minute shoppers the chance to pick up some last minute gifts. Click on the image below to visit the website.



Opening hours

Citizens Advice has published its opening hours, just in case you need some legal or other advice over the festive season. Click on the image below to be redirected to the Citizens



CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

MON: 25TH DEC
ALL OFFICES CLOSED

TUE: 26TH DEC
ALL OFFICES CLOSED

WED: 27TH DEC
DUNDAS ST (APPOINTMENTS ONLY 9:30-4:30)

THU 28TH DEC
LEITH (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)
DUNDAS ST (APPS 9:30-4:30)

FRI: 29TH DEC
DUNDAS ST (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)

MON: 1ST JAN
ALL OFFICES CLOSED

TUE: 2ND JAN
ALL OFFICES CLOSED

WED: 3RD JAN
MUIRHOUSE (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)
DUNDAS ST (APPS 9:30-4:30)

THU: 4TH JAN
PORTOBELLO (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)
LEITH (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)
DUNDAS ST (APPS 9:30-4:30)

FRI: 5TH JAN
MUIRHOUSE (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)
DUNDAS ST (DROP-IN 9:30-12:30; APPS 12:30-4:30)

At Piershill Library

On Saturday at Piershill Library children are invited to learn how to make pasta Christmas trees.



Christmas gift idea – buy a subscription for someone you love

A timely Christmas gift suggestion – buy someone a subscription to our monthly newspaper – we deliver by mail in compostable envelopes, and the subscription helps us to keep on publishing the news on a free to access basis. Click on the image below to sign up for yourself or as a present.

So far this year we have produced twelve issues and are

already working on the January 2024 edition which will be delivered to our subscribers and stockists by 1 January. And if you have any stories then do get in touch. editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk

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Hooked on panto

Peter Pan tale gives Allan Stewart the chance to dress like a dame for the 25th year

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

IT IS ALL about swashbuckling adventure and high flying at the Festival Theatre where the

Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan will play until Hogmanay.

The boy who never ages appears in a new telling of an old tale complete with special effects,

stunning sets, colourful costumes and a lot of laughs and fun.

The trip to Neverland is one which will enchant audiences of all ages with the usual double

entendres sprinkled throughout the script. The cast includes Allan Stewart appearing in his 25th panto as the dame Mrs Smee, Grant Stott as the big bad Hibs loving Captain

Hook and Jordan Young as Smee with the returning Clare Gray and Britain's Got Talent finalists Flawless as the Pirate Crew.

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