

Five things you need to know today

This is the last Friday before Christmas and historically the night for everyone to go out after finishing work – most people will be on holiday from today. Beware – you have been warned.

Braid Road

Braid Road should be reopened by now three years after it was first closed as part of the Covid related Spaces for People measures.

<https://theedinburghreporter.co.uk/2023/12/braid-road-to-reopen/>



The council made alterations to the layout at Braird Road in anticipation of reopening it to vehicles travelling south on 19 April 2021 PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter

Edinburgh Garden Partners

Edinburgh Garden Partners say they will be looking for a new volunteering development coordinator in the New Year as Greta who made up half of the team has just left to go on a big adventure. The organisation links those with gardens which are too big for them to manage with people who want a space to grow their own vegetables and flowers.

[If you would like to know more then have a look at their website.](#)

On New Year's Day

Although Christmas comes first you are invited to make your New Year's Day plans now – there is a wealth of free music on

offer at various venues in the city centre.

Aidan O'Rourke of Lau was part of the team which has curated the line up.

[Read more here.](#)

We spoke to [@obanfiddle](#) about First Footin which is part of [@edhogmanay](#) on New Year's Day and it is all free... also twins Rachael and Paul Swinton of Cloth pic.twitter.com/AiTr356fKS

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [December 20, 2023](#)

New defibrillator

Ideal Electrical Solutions (IES) has installed a new defibrillator outside their office at 4-5 Parsons Green Terrace EH8 7AN as a way of saying thank you to their neighbourhood.

IES said: "This new 'iPad SPR Semi Auto AED' defibrillator is available 24/7, ready to assist in any cardiac emergency. In case of an emergency all you need to do is call 999 or 112 and tell the emergency call handler the code displayed on the front of the defibrillator."

[Read more here.](#)

Christmas gift idea – buy a subscription for someone you love

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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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