

# Edinburgh's Maison Bleue launches Street Chic Food Menu

Stalwart family-run Maison Bleue brings tapas style dishes back to the menu

Edinburgh-based restaurant Maison Bleue – introduced French tapas style dining which they called 'les bouchees' in Edinburgh when they opened in 1998 – and almost 20 years on have reinvented this popular style of dish with their new Street Chic Menu. The new menu is available at their flagship Victoria Street restaurant and Maison Bleue at Home on Queensferry Street from 12pm – 10pm every day, and customers are encouraged to share the dishes as the flavours all compliment each other.

The new street food menu will feature 'street-chic style' North African, Creole and Asian dishes including, meatball tagine, king prawn and crab Vietnamese nems, and south eastern Asian Cullen skink. There will be a lunch or early dinner option where guests can enjoy three dishes for £14.50 or three dishes and a cocktail

for £20. In addition, a new cocktail menu has been launched with the Street Chic Menu.

The family-run restaurant Maison Bleue specialises in French, North African and traditional Scottish cuisine, using cooking influences from each of the regions and local Scottish produce to create their eclectic and exciting dishes. The Maison Bleue brand comprises three restaurants in Edinburgh; the flagship Maison Bleue restaurant on Victoria Street, Maison Bleue Le Bistrot in Morningside and Maison Bleue at Home on Queensferry Street, a collaboration with Social Bite which launched in

summer 2016 where 100% of the profits are donated to charity.

Maison Bleue opened on Victoria Street in 1998, offering diners a new way of eating by featuring many small dishes on the menu which were designed for sharing.

Dean Gassabi, owner of Maison Bleue, says: “We are really excited to launch our street food menu – bringing our chic style of street food to Edinburgh with dishes featuring North African, Creole and South Asian spices and flavours infused with French and Scottish ingredients.

“When we launched our Victoria Street restaurant in 1998 we were the first non-tapas restaurant in Edinburgh to offer tapas dishes on the menu and they were a huge hit, so we’re delighted

to be bringing this style of dish back with our new street food themed menu.

“It’s perfect for a quick bite to eat whilst in Edinburgh, or for those looking to enjoy a cocktail and flavoursome food for a light lunch or on the way home from a busy day shopping.”

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## **Ofir Maciano joins Hibs on a four year deal from FC Ashdod**



Ofir Marciano has joined Hibs from FC Ashdod for an undisclosed fee, signing a four year deal, subject to international clearance.

The Israel internationalist, 27, spent last season on loan at Easter Road and has now made the move permanent following an impressive debut year.

Marciano is the fourth summer signing following the captures of Danny Swanson, Simon Murray and Efe Ambrose.

he told the club website: "I am delighted to be back at Hibernian.

"Last year was an amazing experience playing in front of the fans at Easter Road – it is a privilege to play in front of them every week and we will be working hard to make them happy again this season."

"I wanted to become a better player when I came here and I think I did that. That's why I wanted to come back to Hibs – I have everything I need here to become a better player."

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## **Fishing – fish up to 18lbs in lake at Kailzie Fishery**



Kailzie Fishery near Peebles, the venue for the open day on Saturday, July 1 for The Peeblesshire Trout Fishing Association.  
Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Background: Kailzie Fishery is situated 2.5 miles south of Peebles on the B7062 and sits next to the River Tweed.

Follow the signs to Kailzie Gardens and it is open seven days a week, all the year round. You can fly fish for specimens weighing up tie 18lb and also bait fish. There is free advice

for the beginner. You can book lessons from £40 for two hours which includes all the tackle and safety equipment.

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Address: Kailzie Fishery, Kailzie Gardens, Peebles EH45 9HT

T: 01721 729020

Open: seven days: April to October: Monday to Friday 8am to 10pm/dusk; Saturday: 8am to 5pm (no evening sessions available on a Saturday; Sunday 9am to 10pm/dusk; November to March: Monday to Sunday 9am to dusk.

Car park: up to about 40 cars

Species: brown trout, rainbow trout.

Basic prices: from £14 (cash and credit card).

Concessions for juniors (under 14) and seniors.

Rod hire: equipment for fly fishing available to hire at £5 for the day or £3 for bait fishing.

Catching method: separate fly and bait fishing available.

How many pegs: 21

How many boats: None, bank only.

Bait: artificial baits for sale but no live bait sold on site.

Bait anglers are advised to bring worm/maggots with them.

Other essentials like floats, weights, hooks and such are available on site.

Outings: costs/contact: Contact the fishery direct on 01721 729020 or check out the web site at [www.allandaletarn.com](http://www.allandaletarn.com) but groups can hire the whole pond for £350 with a three catch limit then catch and release

On-site facilities: extensive shop stocking snacks, tea/coffee etc and quality fishing tackle shop.

Toilets: male and female facilities. Ramp access available if

required.

Optional extras: Bait fishing pool

Coaching: available.

Disabled: priority parking and easy wheelchair access for fishing, toilets and the canteen.

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## Equality projects boosted by multi-million investment



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Over 200 projects working to promote equality and address discrimination will benefit from more than £20m investment over the next year.

More than £5m will be provided to organisations supporting engagement with communities experiencing prejudice on the grounds of age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation while £2.7m will go to frontline projects promoting equality and tackling prejudice.

Current funding levels of £11.8m will be maintained to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and honour based violence including forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

This will include £700,000 for Scotland's local rape crisis

centres to provide specialist services, information and support to rape and sexual abuse survivors.

In addition, a move to providing three year rolling funding over 2017-2020 will give vital reassurance and continuity to these organisations.

Equalities Secretary Angela Constance said: "We are determined to remove barriers that prevent anybody from making a full contribution to the economic, social and cultural fabric of our society.

"With this funding, we are continuing to support and empower people and groups to tackle inequality and discrimination head-on, helping secure positive and sustained change.

"My visit to Fife Migrants Forum has confirmed just how crucial projects like these are. As a nation with a long history of welcoming people of all nationalities and faiths, integration is essential.

"We want everybody to know that regardless of where they were born, live or what they do, when they live in Scotland they are valued members of our communities."

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## Soft opt out system of organ and tissue donation



Aileen Campbell confirms plans for new legislation after consultation

The Scottish Government intends to introduce legislation for a soft opt out system of organ and tissue donation.

Public Health Minister Aileen Campbell has confirmed plans to bring forward legislation during this Parliament after 82 per cent of consultation responses supported the move.

This will add to the package of measures already in place to increase donation. Work with stakeholders will continue, to ensure that the system is developed in a way which will do no harm to trust in the NHS or to the safety of organ donation.

Ms Campbell said: "I'd like to thank everyone who took part in our consultation on increasing organ and tissue donation, which received more than 800 responses including a petition with 18,500 signatures in support of opt out.

"As a result I can confirm that we intend to bring forward legislation to introduce a soft opt-out system. This will build on the significant improvements already made as a result of the Donation and Transplantation plan for Scotland. That progress is testament to the great many people who work tirelessly to facilitate organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

"We should not forget that organ donation is a gift, which can only occur as a result of tragic circumstances and every donor and their family has made a selfless decision which has enabled others to live.

"We need to continue doing what we can in order to help reduce the numbers of people in Scotland waiting for transplants. Moving to an opt out system of organ and tissue donation will be part of the long term culture change in attitudes to encourage people to support donation.

"We know that in order for opt out to be able to contribute to an increase in donation rates it has to work as part of a package of measures – that is why I would still encourage people to join the organ donor register and to let their loved ones know that is what they want."

Michael Hanlon, 56, recently marked the three-month anniversary of the heart transplant that saved his life.

The father of three, from Knightswood in Glasgow, received his transplant in March after nine months waiting as an in-patient at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital, home of the National Advanced Heart Failure Service.

Michael said: "The transplant meant everything. It was the only cure for what I had and I knew things were getting worse towards the end. As much as I tried to stay positive, it became really difficult, for me and my family.

"I viewed every day in hospital as being a day closer to getting my life back. To be told that there was hope after so many months of waiting was quite overwhelming. I'm still trying to process things even now.

"Doctors are really pleased with my progress. I have a long way to go, but I feel great. The difference in my health since the transplant has been unreal; I can't take the smile off my face.

"There's so many people still waiting in Scotland, and I want to use what I went through to make people aware of just how important organ donation is. Organ donors are nothing short of heroes. Without the decision of my wonderful donor and their family, I'm not sure I'd be here. I wake up every day grateful for being given my life back, and plan to live it to the full."

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# CCTV appeal following Cowgate attack



Police investigating a serious assault in the city centre have released images of a man that they believe may be able to assist them with their enquiries.

The incident happened at around 3.10 a.m. on Sunday 4th June near to the Espionage nightclub at the Cowgate. A 27 year old man was attacked and sustained serious injuries.

Officers would like to speak to the man shown in the image and would appeal to him or any members of the public who recognise him to contact them as soon as possible.

The male is described as white, mid-twenties, 5ft 11ins tall with a medium build, clean shaven face and short fair hair. He was wearing a pink checked shirt, blue jeans and white trainers. He was last seen leaving the Grassmarket in the company of other men and headed towards the West Port area.

Detective Constable Sheila Silvagni from the Violence Reduction Unit at Gayfield Police Station said: "This appears to have been a totally random and unprovoked attack, which left the victim with a painful injury to the back of his head."

Anyone with information can contact the Violence Reduction Unit via 101 and quote incident number 934 of the 4th June. Alternatively, an anonymous report can be made through the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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# Council calls for more discussion on new Victoria Primary School

✖ The City of Edinburgh Council has in principle approved the scheme for the relocation and expansion of Victoria Primary School, but agree they will consult with parents on some of the detail.

It comes following a deputation at today's full council meeting by concerned members of the Victoria Primary School parent council.

Councillors will now speak with the parents as a result of the deputation, during which the parents were adamant that the new school had to be future proofed.

The parent council also raised concerns about the traffic and narrow road layout on the new site which could affect the new site. The parents said they have already had traffic problems and don't want to repeat this in future.

The current school is under pressure due to the nearby large housing development planned. If completed the new houses would result in an influx of pupils going to Victoria Primary. The school has already outgrown the temporary classrooms added in the playground and more will be installed before the next school year begins.

The new administration plans 10 new primary schools in the next five years.

Councillor Ian Perry, Education Convener for The City of Edinburgh Council, said: "The significant housing development planned for south east Edinburgh means we will need a new primary school in the area because of expected accommodation

pressures.

"Similarly Victoria Primary School will soon outgrow its current site and the new location at Western Harbour is ideal particularly with so many of the new pupils coming from that area.

"I would like to thank everyone who took part in both statutory consultations as the feedback from our school communities has helped us shape these proposals. I have also given a commitment today saying we will continue to consult with parents as we move forward."

The council report made these recommendations :

1.1 Approve that the proposal to relocate Victoria Primary School to a new building in the Western Harbour is progressed.

1.2 Approve that the changes to the Trinity and Victoria Primary School catchment boundary outlined in the statutory consultation paper are implemented in the November prior to the new building opening.

1.3 Approve that, with immediate effect, the catchment areas of Victoria Primary School, Holy Cross RC Primary School, Trinity Academy and St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School be extended as set out in the consultation paper to include the entire Western Harbour area.

1.4 Note that Council Officers will continue to provide support to community groups wishing to consider community ownership of the existing Victoria Primary School building through the Community Asset Transfer process.

1.5 Note the intention to progress, with immediate effect, the transfer of ownership of the proposed school site from Forth Ports to the Council and to undertake the necessary survey works on that site.

1.6 Note that the provision of temporary classrooms on the Victoria Primary School site may be required from August 2018 until such time as the new building becomes operational.

1.7 Note that should funding not be identified during the 2018-19 budget setting process, the delivery date for the new building would be delayed beyond August 2020 which will

require that the temporary measures put in place at Victoria Primary School be extended pending the opening of the new school.

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## **Fire service make appeal to public about deliberate fires**

Figures have shown that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service fought many unnecessary fires last summer. They say they do not want a repeat of that this year.

During the hot summer months of 2016 firefighters spent a lot of time battling blazes at homes, vehicles, grassland, refuse and derelict buildings.

They say that the majority of those fires were deliberate and reckless which only adds to the pressure on firefighters when genuine emergencies arise and these fires placed lives at risk.

Assistant Chief Officer Dave McGown is the SFRS Director of Prevention and Protection.

He spoke out ahead of summer 2017 to warn that firefighters will work closely with colleagues in Police Scotland to identify those responsible for deliberately setting fires.

The ACO also appealed to parents, carers and young people as the school holidays kick off – a traditionally busy time of year for firefighters.

He said: “The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has a zero tolerance approach to deliberate fire raising because it puts our communities at great risk.



“It presents a danger to life, property and the environment.

“We will continue to work very closely with our police and

local authority partners to ensure that those responsible are identified and dealt with accordingly.”

The latest figures show there were 532 deliberate primary fires such as dwellings and buildings between 27 June and 29 August, 2016. This is a rise of 38 from 2015.

There were also 1,762 deliberate secondary throughout Scotland, with 522 of these affecting fields and countryside.

And 1,259 fires involving refuse, both deliberate and accidental.

Deliberately set fires are dangerous; they waste time and money, and keep SFRS crews away from real emergencies.

ACO McGown said: “It absolutely goes without saying that we prefer to prevent fires – not fight fires.

“As a result, our firefighters work extremely hard to engage with the public and promote safety messages in order to keep our communities as safe as possible.

“In the lead up to the school holidays we have firefighters, Community Safety Advocates and teachers delivering education to young people about the dangers of fire.

“We would ask parents and carers to help us also by discussing summer fire safety with young people. Together we can work towards a fire free summer.”

SFRS is also urging anyone with information about deliberate fire-raising to contact the free and confidential Crimestoppers helpline on 0800 555 111.

ACO McGown added: “Every deliberate fire has victims, costs – and consequences. Firesetting is an offence. Don’t accept it – report it.”

Meanwhile, members of the public can also flag up any illegal rubbish dumps at [www.dumbdumpers.org](http://www.dumbdumpers.org) / or by calling 08452 30 40 90.

For more information on how you can join Scotland’s fight against fire visit the Your Safety section of the website <http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/safer-summer.aspx>

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# Ewing confirms new support funding



Fergus Ewing confirms new cash to help food and drink producers work together to boost sales

Funding to support food and drink businesses work with each other to come up with innovative ways to sell their products has been launched by Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing.

The Collaboration Innovation Fund, which is supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, is part of a package to help businesses who are looking to innovate and follows up on the recent launch of The 'Make Innovation Happen' service.

The service is open to all food and drink businesses across the supply chain in Scotland, and will provide information and support including:

- Providing access to technical knowledge and expertise, specialist facilities, and advice on funding
- Supporting businesses to tap into resources available in Scotland from the public sector and academia
- Ensuring businesses receive support which is aligned, not just across Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Interface, but other delivery partners that are supporting innovation.

Mr Ewing said: "Scotland's reputation as an innovative and globally trading nation is recognised but we need to do more. We want more of our food and drink businesses to sell more

goods and services to more markets.

“We want existing investors to develop, grow and expand in Scotland and to ensure that we remain a location of choice for inward investors.

“Innovation will be key to delivering the industry’s strategic ambitions to double the turnover of the industry by 2030. This fund will help bring business and academia together to help deliver greater growth.”

James Withers, Scotland Food & Drink Chief Executive, said: “Our unique approach to collaboration has been critical to the ten years of growth enjoyed by Scotland’s food and drink industry.

“This new Collaborative Innovation Fund reflects the importance of collaboration in unlocking innovation, which we know will be critical to our future growth.

“The pace of change in terms of food and drink production, supply chains and consumer behaviour is remarkable. We will need to embrace a culture of cutting-edge innovation and collaboration to meet the ambitions of our new industry strategy. This fund is an important new step to help drive that culture.”

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## **Edinburgh International Festival has a new chairman**

Edinburgh International Festival has chosen Professor Niall Lothian as its next Chairman.



Professor Niall Lothian, Inspiring Scotland

Professor Lothian first joined the Board of Trustees of the EIF in 2011 and was elected as Deputy Chairman in 2014. He will now serve as Chairman for a term of four years.

Festival Director Fergus Linehan welcomed the appointment saying : "We are delighted that the Board has elected Niall Lothian as Chairman. He brings to the role a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing the Festival and a passion for our work which stretches back for more than 40 years as an audience member and supporter."

Professor Niall Lothian said : "I am honoured to have been elected as the Chairman of the Trustee Board in the International Festival's 70th year and look forward to working with my fellow Trustees and the executive team at the Festival to help set its course into the future."

Professor Niall Lothian has been involved with executive education for most of his career. He holds visiting appointments at INSEAD Fontainebleau and ESMT Berlin and is a past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Formerly a governor of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Niall is currently chairman of Inspiring Scotland, a venture philanthropy trust.

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## **Swinney welcomes education spend increase**

New figures showing an increase in education spend by local



authorities have been welcomed by Deputy First Minister John Swinney.

The latest provisional out-turn and budget estimates show education budgets have increased from £4.826 billion in 2016-17 to £4.970 billion in 2017-18.



The newly redeveloped James Gillespie's campus was officially opened by Deputy First Minister John Swinney MSP and Education Convener Paul Godzik on 26 October 2016

Mr Swinney said: "Investment in education is an investment in the future of Scotland's young people, and so I very much welcome this increase by local authorities – both in terms of last year's expected spend and allocated budgets for the year ahead.

"However, the way this funding is currently allocated to schools is complex, lacks transparency and varies from council to council. We want far more decisions on school funding to be in the hands of those with the expertise and insight to target resources at the greatest need – the schools themselves.

"We are already giving an additional £120 million Pupil Equity Funding directly to head teachers to tackle the poverty-related attainment gap in their schools.

"We want to build on this approach with a fair funding system for schools. Our consultation runs until 13 October, and I urge everyone to have their say."

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# Extra nurse and midwife training places



Shona Robison

An estimated 2,600 extra nursing and midwifery training places will be created over the next four years as part of wide-ranging measures to support and strengthen NHS Scotland's workforce.

The National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan sets out how the Scottish Government will work with partners to secure sustainable NHS staffing alongside its programme of change in health and social care.

Other measures that will seek to increase the supply of nurses include extended 'return to practice' programmes, improved recruitment and retention, particularly in rural areas, and support to attract and retain staff.

These steps will be focused on priority areas including primary care, mental health, midwifery, maternal and child health and more remote areas, particularly the north of Scotland.

Additional medical student places are also being created, up to 100 over and above the extra 40 places from next September, contributing towards a more sustainable medical workforce.

Other commitments in the workforce plan include:

- establishment of a new National Workforce Planning group to oversee the recommendations.
- further work with health boards to strengthen the recruitment and retention of staff.
- improved national, regional and local planning to ensure staff resources are allocated effectively.

The NHS workforce plan sets out details of how the workforce will be changed to meet the needs of the changing health service, with more staff based in primary care and the community.

A follow-up plan will be published in the autumn, covering social care, with a third for primary care around the end of the year. A combined plan will be published in 2018.

Health Secretary Shona Robison said: "The NHS workforce is at record levels in Scotland, but it's clear that demand is going to continue to rise in the years ahead. Increasing staff numbers is part of the solution.

"The latest figures for recruitment rates into NHS training places will shortly be published, and I hope our efforts to improve the attractiveness of medical training in Scotland will lead to some further improvements in the overall picture.

"This first plan sets out how we intend to recruit, develop and retain the multidisciplinary and flexible workforce we need to continue to deliver high quality healthcare for the people of Scotland. Creating that sustainable workforce is a crucial part of supporting our Health and Social Care Delivery Plan, published in December.

"Nursing and midwifery is by far the largest staff group in the NHS. Our projections show we will need to increase numbers in future years, so I'm pleased to be able to make the commitment to deliver an estimated 2,600 additional nursing and midwifery training places by the end of this parliament.

"Along with our existing actions to increase the number of doctors, these steps are part of wide ranging measures to support and sustain our workforce. They will be delivered in tandem with work to shift the balance of care, and to ensure roles keep pace with changing needs. We will work closely with our partners in the coming months to finalise these plans."

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# Wheely good way of promoting Scotland



Edinburgh Castle in the spring

Edinburgh Castle and Stirling Castle are hitting the road as some of Scotland's top MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) venues go on tour in the Midlands.

Organised by VisitScotland Business Events, Scotland on Tour will see representatives from eight venues around the country meet with event organisers from Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Chesterfield, Derby and Birmingham.

Hosted on a luxury coach, the national tourism organisation's two-day event gives partners an excellent opportunity to hold face-to-face meetings with key contacts in what has become a popular format among both venues and event organisers.

The north of England and the Midlands is a growing market for VisitScotland Business Events, accounting for nearly 40 per cent of total UK enquiries in 2016/17.

Theresa Ring, Market Manager – The Midlands & North England at VisitScotland Business Events, said: "We have been running Scotland on Tour for over ten years.

"It is very popular with both partners and buyers as it provides agents with an easy way to learn more about Scotland directly from Scottish experts – all they need to do is step out of their office and on to our coach.

!It's a really effective use of their time, as they can meet several Scottish suppliers in one go and hear about all the

latest developments and offerings from Scotland.”

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# Basketball Scotland lose their coach

basketballscotland announce today that Men’s National Performance Coach, Erik Olson, has taken the decision to depart the organisation to pursue a new coaching role in Denmark.



Olson, who has worked hard since his appointment last year to develop Scottish talent at all levels of the performance pathway, will depart his role with immediate effect. basketballscotland would like to wish him well with his future career and thank him for his contribution to performance basketball in Scotland.

basketballscotland’s Head of Performance, Barry Lang, commented: “Erik recently led our Senior Men’s Team to two successful wins over Ireland and Wales in our summer Celtic Clash. Erik also worked with our Youth National Team players and coaches this season, whilst being Assistant Coach at Glasgow Rocks. We wish him well in his future endeavours and thank him for his contributions to basketball in Scotland.”

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# Theatre review – Shakedown: A Midsummer Night's Dream, King's Theatre



**Shakedown** brings together five of Edinburgh's High Schools in a collaborative approach to one of **Shakespeare's** most Faerie-frissoned, fun-time plays, A *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Featuring talent from secondary schools: Firrhill, Forrester, Tynecastle, Queensferry and The Royal High – it has to be admitted that things are getting better all the time.

These febrile crucibles of aspiring thespian endeavour are all secondary schools within the City of Edinburgh which have mixed catchments covering a range of social and economic strata.

5 schools, 5 Acts, one single purpose, one Dream – it is a Teenage kick-ass kinda magic come true. Adapted and Directed by Pab Roberts, Produced by Festival City Theatres and Broad, a prodigious amount of time and talent has brought this enchanting show to fruition.

As if the topsy-turvy parallel worlds of the Ducal palace, Oberon's Faerie demi-monde and not least the Rude Mechanicals were not enough – we have the gloriously love-struck Athenian air-heads to contend with. Then add multi-role swapping character shifts in the blink of an eye.

To mention individuals would not only diminish the ensemble ethos but incite guaranteed internecine playground/social media carnage.

Nevertheless, several scenes are not only worthy of, but demand, special mention. What of Helena and Hermia's foot-

stamping, cat fight tantrums with relishing side-ordure insults?

The pithily, near perfectly pitched Pyramus & Thysby tableau where Wall looks on with distain as though Moonshine's dog has just widdled on her plimsoles. Or perhaps the silver deely-bopper faeries and Titania's dreamy bower lullaby?

These stage-hungry proto-thesps have already sniffed the smell of the crowd, the phwar of the grease-paint.

Dreamily, delicious, magnificently magical, these young actors out on loan to Fate's capricious whim, will never forget this experience.

One can only hope they become, like Bottom, transported. Shakedown are mustard keen, no fusty cobwebs here. They put put a girdle round the Earth in eighty minutes.

Watch them spin it off in to spaces where no man, woman or small, furry creatures have ever been before.

All hail the Dude Mechanicals and divers knavish sprites. Foresooth – theirs is no idle fancy.

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# **TERLive! Follow the City of Edinburgh council meeting here**



The council has taken some time to get going since the elections in early May. Today they will meet as a proper council with Conveners and Vice Conveners for the first time. Previous meetings have dealt with the appointments of the Lord Provost the Rt Hon Frank Ross and also the Conveners and Vice Conveners.

Councillor Joan Griffiths was appointed Depute Lord Provost last week too.

Follow today's proceedings here as they unfold :

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## **Edinburgh Trams announce operating profit**

Edinburgh Trams have today announced that their latest accounts show a pre-tax profit of £252,000. This means that the tram operator has returned a profit well ahead of any forecasts.

The original projection were for a positive return to be made in 2018, and the council had envisaged a pre-tax loss of £170,000 for the year to December 2016.



Lea Harrison, Edinburgh Trams' Managing Director, said: "We're delighted with these results and they firmly reflect the growing popularity of the tram.

"Over the past year we've seen patronage increase by 10 per



cent and revenue rise by 12 per cent. These encouraging figures have been driven by our move to increase the frequency of trams combined with our ongoing commitment to exceptional service.

“We’ve recorded industry-leading levels of customer satisfaction and exceeded the expectations of the initial business model, but we’re not about to become complacent. We’ll continue our efforts to further improve services and strengthen the tram’s position at the heart of the city’s transport network.”

George Lowder, Chief Executive of Transport for Edinburgh, added: “The financial results of the Operator for 2016 are yet further evidence of the vital part the tramway plays in Edinburgh’s integrated transport system.

“Edinburgh Trams are working tirelessly to offer a safe, reliable and customer focused operation with performance for 2017 already showing further growth.”

Councillor Lesley Macinnes, Transport Convener for City of Edinburgh Council, said: “These are fantastic figures, demonstrating how popular trams have become. It’s especially welcome news so soon after the capital’s trams were nationally recognised for having the highest customer satisfaction rating of any public transport operator in the UK. Full credit to everyone at Edinburgh Trams for the sterling job they’re doing. ”

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## **Five things you need to know**

# today



- Full council meeting
- Liberton High School pupils raise funds for local food bank
- St Columba's Hospice Summer to Remember campaign
- Three lifelong friends graduate from Edinburgh Napier University
- Gordon's Blooming Big Tea Party tomorrow

Today will be the first regular council meeting since the council elections on 4 May 2017, and the last before the summer recess.

From the [council papers](#) it seems that the new councillors are determined to make a mark with many questions from them for answer by the newly appointed conveners.

Topics covered include congestion at Kirkliston Crossroads, a traffic study at Lauriston Farm Road, waste collection in the city, repairs to Water of Leith Walkway, Burnshot Bridge, Edinburgh Airport flight paths, review of janitorial services, pavement slurry works, waste collection, Meadows Festival parking, Redford Barracks and planning applications.

There is a long agenda facing all 63 councillors, part of which is the list of actions that the Chief Executive Andrew Kerr had to take while there was no council formed. This includes the appointment of a contractor to landscape Saughton Park which is a contract worth just over £4 million.

You can follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates during the meeting.

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Liberton High School pupils will be delivering food parcels to South East Foodbank later today.

Pupils raised £270 from various events to buy the food from businesses the S2 pupils set up to raise money for the local Foodbank. Businesses included a bakery, a car wash, nail salon, florist and tuck shop.

The pupils all had to apply for a business loan of £1 each, set up a partnership and produce a business plan. In addition to this they all needed to 'meet the bank manager' their teacher Miss Mathie to get their loans approved.

Pupils will be heading to Morrisons supermarket to collect the food and then drop it off at the Foodbank.

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Our main photo is there to remind you that St Columba's Hospice have launched their Summer to Remember fundraising campaign this week which will end up with cake and bunting in Lomond Park on 20 August 2017 between 1 and 3pm.

They explain what it is all about here : "Please support our new appeal by [making a donation](#). When you make a donation, you can complete a piece of bunting, with the name of your loved one and a special memory. We will then display all the bunting at a special event in August, details below.

"When you make a [donation online](#), you can chose to have a piece of bunting posted to you for you to complete and return to us. Or you can chose to type in the name of your loved one and your special memory and we will complete the bunting for you."

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Three close friends yesterday completed an academic journey by celebrating their graduation after being in the same class at school, college and university.

Szymon Fiuk, 23, Stefan Przybylowicz 22 and Marcin Augustyn, 21, sat on the same bench for more than five years for lessons at Edinburgh's St Augustine's High School.

They were stunned to find, on their first day at Edinburgh College, that they were in the same HND Interactive Media class.

The inseparable trio completed a BSc (Hons) in web design and development at the School of Computing at Edinburgh Napier University.

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Gordon Macdonald MSP is to hold a Marie Curie tea party as part of the "Great Blooming Tea Party" campaign.

The event will be held at his constituency office tomorrow Friday 30 June 2017.

Gordon said : "The idea of Marie Curie's campaign is that we can host a simple event with cups of tea and a slices of cake in order to raise funds. The money raised from these events will pay towards supporting Marie Curie Nurses and the care they provide for people with terminal illnesses.

"Marie Curie provide a vital service to those in need and I would encourage people to host their own tea party".

Marie Curie provide fundraising packs for anyone wishing throw a tea party.

You can apply here:  
<https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty/about>

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# Campaigners plan protest at City Chambers today

The campaigners who made so much noise at the council meeting in May by singing outside the chamber are planning on coming back today.



Two groups All About Me and Power to the People will join in a deputation to demand housing for homeless families. They already staged a protest and attempted a sit in when the council met to elect the Lord Provost in May.

They spoke to the Lord Provost the Rt Hon Frank Ross after the meeting who offered at the time to meet them to discuss their plight. As far as we can ascertain no meeting has taken place.

They claim that some of the tenants are being offered hostel accommodation in Motherwell or Fife.

A spokesman for the group said : “We are campaigning for the Westminster Government to scrap the Benefits Cap completely.

But right now the Council has a duty to act to stop families and children suffering the trauma of homelessness and totally unsuitable homeless hostels – the Council must act now to stop the evictions. Our actions will continue till we achieve justice.”

*In their letter to the Councillors the deputations said:*

*“All About Me group involves or is working with at least 13 families, including 35 children, who either face eviction from their privately rented homes in North Edinburgh due to the Benefits Cap, or who have already been evicted. Some are at this moment in appalling homeless hostels, others are sleeping on relatives’ sofas. Some face losing their homes imminently. Many families throughout the city are in this situation too, and unless something is done more families will be made homeless as they are unable to pay their rent due to drastic reductions in their Housing*

*Benefit. More families are getting in touch every week – this is a crisis.”*

While they are calling for the Westminster Government to scrap the Benefits Cap the campaigners make several demands of the council :

- they ask the council to stop the evictions and ask them to use Discretionary Housing Payments so that the tenants are able to settle their rent.
- they want the council to find local temporary flats for those evicted.
- they call for more social housing and claim that the Pennywell/Muirhouse developments will mean a 70 per cent reduction in social housing.
- they want private sector rents regulated, empty homes repaired and improvements in the standard of temporary accommodation

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## **EIFF – The Last Photograph (2017) 85 mins \*\*\***



Danny Huston directs and stars in this powerful story which goes back and forth between 2003 and 1988 as the plot unfolds.

Tom Hammond (Huston) is a widower with a son Luke (Jonah Hauer-King) who has fallen deeply in love with New Yorker, Bird (Stacy Martin), agreeing to spend Christmas 1988 with her and her family. A city wheeler and dealer, Tom promises Luke that he will think about giving up the job he hates and open the small book shop he has always talked about. They have a pre-Christmas supper together with friends and take Polaroid

photos as they play bingo. The next day Tom takes his son to the airport to catch PanAm Flight 102. We watch in growing horror as Tom sees the news reports of the downing of the aircraft and sets off to Lockerbie with the sweater he bought for his son, poignantly demanding of the police and rescue services there that he give it to him as he will be feeling the cold. Tom collapses when eventually one of the men starkly tells him that there are no survivors.

2003 sees an unhappy, isolated Tom with a dilapidated book shop, ostracised from his shopkeeper neighbours and his friends. His briefcase is stolen from the shop by two customers: in it is £500, a book and also the Polaroid photo of Tom and Luke at that last Christmas supper. This almost robs Tom of what is left of his sanity. He is comforted by his cafe-owning neighbour Hannah (the wonderful Sarita Choudhory) and finds solace in telling her his story.

While the tale is a compelling one, it is not enhanced by the constant forwarding and rewinding or by the more abstract scenes, sometimes rather inexplicably out of focus. The final sequences set once more in Lockerbie are rather unconvincing and trite. The fact remains however that this is an interesting drama, a fictional representation of one of the most shocking events in modern history.



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**EIFF – The Midwife (Sage  
Femme) (2017) 117 mins \*\*\***



In French with English subtitles, we meet Claire (Catherine Frot) calmly and competently delivering babies in a small Parisian maternity unit. She is vehemently against the imminent closure of the unit, which is being replaced by a large 'baby factory'. She leads an ordinary existence, cycling to work and her allotment. It is there she meets Paul (Olivier Gourmet) and they are attracted to one another.

Suddenly her life is turned upside down by the reappearance of her father's former mistress Beatrice (Catherine Deneuve).

Her coolness to the older woman is eventually explained by the fact that, shortly after Beatrice's betrayal of him, her father took his own life. Beatrice is devastated by this revelation but then she tells Claire that she has a brain tumour and Claire ultimately finds she cannot reject the woman she once loved more than her birth mother.

Though rather too long, Martin Provost directed and wrote the screenplay of this film which explores birth and rebirth and the responsibilities we have in looking after those we love.

Les deux Catherine's make the film eminently watchable and support us to ponder on life's joys, sadnesses and surprises.

See it:

Friday 30th June 1800 Odeon 2

Saturday 1st July 1515 Cineworld



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## Common Ancestor – new beer



# Launching Thursday night

Four students on the Brewing and Distilling MSc course at Heriot-Watt University have won the support of Stewart Brewing in producing some of their own brand beer.

Patrick, Phil, Louis and Mark have now made a beer called Common Ancestor.



Patrick Smith is in charge of marketing and he spoke to us at Stewart Brewing where the beer has been designed and made. He said : "I've been studying for a Masters in Brewing and Distilling at Heriot-Watt.

"Steve is a graduate from the course way back, and when he came back to Edinburgh to start his own brewery he wanted to give something back to the university. He started up this project called Natural Selection Brewing. Each year four students get the opportunity to brew, brand, design, sell and market a brand new beer."

Tonight at an event at OX184 on Cowgate their new beer, developed and bottled with support from the Loanhead based beer producers will be officially launched.

Camera legend Roger Protz will be giving a talk at the start and you can still get tickets on the [Stewart Brewing Facebook page](#).

The students have risen to the challenge of producing 5000 litres of their own brew and will now be responsible for selling it across the UK.

The beer is called Common Ancestor, a 5.2% ABV California Common which is made according to a style which began in the US in the 1800s when lager yeasts were fermented at the higher ale yeast temperature due to lack of refrigeration.

Patrick Smith, Project Marketer, describes the beer as “an effervescent ale/lager hybrid, with caramel, citrus and pine notes, thanks to a liberal dosing of Dr. Rudi and Chinook hops. A slight hint of juniper complements this nicely. Our beer has evolved from the traditional California Common style to be fit for modern day consumption.”

*You can still get tickets to go and taste the newest beer from [@StewartBrewing](#) on Thursday night [@0X184](#) Here is the story behind it [pic.twitter.com/MEFeDCLF0o](https://pic.twitter.com/MEFeDCLF0o)*

*– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [28 June 2017](#)*

Mark Ritchie, Head Brewer for the project, said : “A California Common, being relatively unexplored by the craft beer scene, gave us a lot of scope to play around with and add our own twists. It’s a slightly unusual, but still very drinkable style.”

The beer’s launch night at Cowgate’s 0X184 is open to the public to allow you the very first taste of Natural Selection Brewing’s newest creation, Common Ancestor.

There are two types of ticket.

A £12.50 ticket includes a talk with guest speaker and beer journalist, Roger Protz, as well as an intimate evolution tasting of how this year’s beer has developed (doors 6.00pm for 6.30pm talk).

A £7.50 ticket provides admission at 7.30pm.

Both tickets include one pint of Common Ancestor, a commemorative glass and bar snacks.

Keg, cask and bottle formats will be available, as well as access to Natural Selection Brewing’s limited edition sherry barrel-aged Belgian Quadrupel, the aptly-named Aged Ancestor.

There will be a raffle in aid of Marie Curie with various beer-related prizes, including an evolution gift box of each of this year's trial brews.

[Tickets here.](#)

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## **EIFF – Strange Weather (2015)**

### **91 mins \*\*\***



Katherine Dieckmann, experienced director and Creative Advisor to the Sundance Film Festival, wrote and directed this story of a mother's grief and retribution based in the southern United States.

Darcey Baylor (Holly Hunter) goes through the motions of life with her beloved dog but is still coming to terms with the death of her son to suicide seven years before. By chance she discovers that her son's best friend at the time of his death, has replicated exactly a business plan her son came up with, based on where he and she used to go when he was a small child, and has become a multi-millionaire. He may also have been instrumental in her son taking his own life. Darcey sets out to find out the truth.

With haunting music by Sharon Van Etten, we are taken down the banks of the great Mississippi. Hunter is mesmerising as she journeys through the difference stages of grief, blaming herself and pondering what might have been.

See it:

Friday 30th June 2050 Odeon 2

Saturday 1st July 2055 Cineworld



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## **EIFF – Wakefield (2016) 105 mins \*\*\*\*\***



Howard Wakefield (Bryan Cranston) is a hard-nosed city lawyer whose lives revolves around his work in the city. He is direct, rude, short-tempered and has a tense relationship based on sexual jealousy with his wife (Jennifer Garner). One night there is an electricity outage on his way home from work causing him to be very late and he finds himself waiting in his garage attic for his wife and twin daughters to go to bed so that he can get into the house without confrontation. He falls asleep and in the morning finds himself watching the family from his vantage point and again waiting until his wife goes to work so he can shave and change and resume normal life. In the meantime she calls his work and then the police to report him missing. It is at this point that Howard decides to opt out of his life and for the next many months he lives secretly in the garage attic, becoming a street person by night scavenging from bins and eventually befriending the young people who live next door and have learning disabilities. Through all of this he learns to live, appreciate nature and he falls back in love with his wife and family.

Throughout, until its 'will he, won't he?' ending, *Wakefield* is intensely gripping and thought-provoking. Bryan Cranston inhabits the detestable character of Howard and takes us on a

voyage of discovery with him until ultimately we feel we like and understand him and await with interest his decisions about his future. What's more Howard begins to like and understand himself.

Directed and written by Robin Swicord, based on a short story by EL Doctorow, this is a Film Festival must-see.

See it:

Friday 30th June 1805 Cineworld

Saturday 1st July 1520 Cineworld



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## Outlander locations captured by the Edinburgh Sketcher

Edinburgh World Heritage and Edinburgh Tourism Action Group have helped Anne Daly a guide with tour company Mary's Meanders and the Edinburgh Sketcher produce a new book featuring Outlander locations near Edinburgh.



Anne Daly Mary's Meanders (author), Adam Wilkinson Director Edinburgh World Heritage, Mark Kirkham Edinburgh Sketcher and Emma Chalmers of Mary's Meanders

Yesterday Midhope and more, a new book with sketches and descriptions showing off locations where Outlander was filmed in and around the capital was revealed.

The book features 10 different filming locations and is promoted as an ideal guide for an upcoming trip or even as a memory of time spent in Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Sketcher, Mark Kirkham spoke about his experience of sketching the capital city.



Mark said: “Always a doodler it wasn’t until 2010 when I started uploading my scribbles to show the world. Living in Edinburgh, surrounded by stunning architecture and beautiful landscapes, I was spoilt for choice when it came to subjects to draw. I now offer commissions, prints, various merchandise, sketching workshops and sketching tours within the city, as well as live sketching from events such as festivals and weddings.”

Anne Daly from Mary’s Meanders was the author of the book. She is a guide with the tour company based in Linlithgow. She said that both she and her colleague Emma Chalmers are both huge Outlander fans. “We have been offering the TV series location tours since they started filming right on our doorstep, and in locations around our area.”

Anne continued : “We feel very privileged to play a small part in our guests’ dream vacation and we have shared some fun experiences and memories. We have made lots of new friends and look forward to meeting many more.”

Mary’s Meanders are offering Outlander themed sketching and history tours, which will run on Thursday evenings.

Meet outside Serenity Cafe, Jackson’s Close at 6.10pm. [Book here.](#)

There is renewed interest in the Outlander series which will be shown on UK TV for the first time from tomorrow Thursday 29 June 2017. More4 will air the series which till now has only

been available on Amazon Prime.

You can buy the book (£9.99) [here](#)

*A new book about [#Outlander](#) was launched today by [@MarysMeanders](#) and [@edinsketcher](#) Here they are talking about it! [pic.twitter.com/729AupAWRY](http://pic.twitter.com/729AupAWRY)*

*– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [June 28, 2017](#)*

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## Hearts Sign Kyle Lafferty



Five days after he first arrived at Tynecastle for talks about moving to Gorgie, Northern Ireland striker Kyle Lafferty finally put pen to paper today when he signed a two-year contract with Hearts.

The deal, which is subject to a medical, sees the 29-year-old become Hearts fourth signing of the summer following the captures of Christophe Berra, Rafal Grzelak and Cole Stockton.

Lafferty was released from English Championship side Norwich City at the end of last season but the former Rangers, Burnley, Sion and Palermo player is a regular in the Northern Ireland team, with 58 caps and 20 goals for his country.

Lafferty told the official Hearts website: “I just wanted to come to somewhere where I can play football. I’ve got an important year ahead of me.

“I’m hoping to make the World Cup with Northern Ireland, so it’s an important year and I’ve been told I’ll be a main focal

point of the team, which over the past two or three years I've thrived on and I've produced the goods.

"Coming here, knowing how passionate the fans are about their club and their football, it's important that I was coming to a place where I know I'd get along with the supporters.

"Having spoken to Ian Cathro, the way he wants his team to play football and the way I play my football, I'm sure that we'll click."

While Lafferty arrived, defender Juwon Oshaniwa has left Tynecastle. The Nigerian defender arrived at Tynecastle in September 2015 but flitted in and out of the team. He fell out of the picture completely when Ian Cathro arrived as Hearts Head Coach in December and he has now left Hearts by mutual agreement.

In other Hearts news, the club's Ladbrokes Premiership fixtures against Kilmarnock and Motherwell, both scheduled to be played at Tynecastle in August, will now be played away from Gorgie. Kilmarnock and Motherwell have both agreed to host Hearts whilst Tynecastle's new Main Stand is completed. Hearts will now play their home fixture against Kilmarnock on November 4<sup>th</sup> with the home game with Motherwell being played on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Hearts have also announced that tickets for their pre-season friendly with English Championship side Newcastle United on 14<sup>th</sup> July are now on sale for season ticket holders. Tickets are priced at £20 for adults and £10 for concessions.

Finally, there was sad news for Hearts fans yesterday when it was announced that former Hearts striker Stephane Paille had died, on his 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday, after a short illness. The Frenchman played for the Maroons during season 1996/97 and scored a memorable goal in Hearts League Cup semi-final win



over Dundee at Easter Road.

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# Police Scotland will tackle violence head on this summer

A Scotland-wide campaign to tackle offensive weapons, disorder and anti-social behaviour was launched in Wester Hailes today.



Chief Inspector Helen Harrison explained that there have been some serious crimes in the area in recent months including a murder, 2 serious assaults and an attempted murder of a 16 year-old at Quarryknowe Park.

The three month long Safe Summer campaign was discussed at a Community Safety Partnership meeting first before officers went out to deliver leaflets to local households and also talk with residents in the area. The hope is that more people will feel they can report incidents of violence to the police.

Alcohol was a topic of discussion at the meeting, and the police said it is a big driver in violent crime. As it is often bought in supermarkets and off licenses it can lead to domestic violence taking place 'behind closed doors'.

The Safe Summer campaign was launched by Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams, who has the national violence portfolio in Police Scotland, at the police station in Wester Hailes where he was a young cop about 20 years ago.

Earlier this morning the police had already been out to find known violent offenders and had made one arrest.

## ***Watch our video below!***

Edinburgh Division has already taken positive steps to address violence in the city as part of their ongoing Operation Myriad which began in the north of the city at the beginning of this week. Over the past few days officers across the city have reported numerous individuals to the Procurator Fiscal for breaches of the peace, drug possession and breach of bail.

Operation Myriad disruption activity will continue throughout this week to send a clear message to communities that violence and other forms of serious crime will not be tolerated.

As well as the police other partners such as the environmental officers from the City of Edinburgh Council and housing support officers were in attendance, and will be involved in the initiative.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams said: "Tackling violent crime and disorder is a priority for us and Operation Myriad is a great example of the local work being undertaking to tackle this issue.

"Whilst overall violent crime continues to drop across the country, we have seen increases in some specific crime types such as murder, serious assault and robbery.

" Violent crime has a substantial economic and social cost to Scotland's communities and it is really clear that the over consumption of alcohol is a major factor. Local crime analysis indicates that alcohol is a factor in over half of all violent incidents we deal with and whilst understanding the root causes of violence is complex this clear link is very concerning.

"Over the summer ahead local officers will be working closely with the licensed trade to implement measures that can reduce violence such as 'Best Bar None' staff training, or education and diversionary work with young people on the triggers and

consequences of violence.

“This work will complement the range of operations carried out by divisions to target violence that is specific to them at a local level.”



ACC Mark Williams and Edinburgh SW Commander  
Chief Inspector Helen Harrison

Chief Inspector Helen Harrison is the Area Commander for the South West region. She was in charge of the meeting and briefing today and explained that while crime follows the usual pattern and that this is similar to this time last year, there have been some recent incidents of note in the area.

She said : “What we’re here to do today, and this is a particularly important strand throughout our campaign, is we are looking at engaging with members of the public. We are taking a more proactive, preventative approach in terms of recent incidents of violent crime that have occurred.

“So officers are out this morning to engage with members of the public, to speak to them and to understand a bit more about their thoughts about the area and what work we could be doing.”

Councillor Donald Wilson has a new responsibility as Convener of Culture and Communities was in attendance at the meeting to find out about the partnership working.

He told us : “My new role includes community safety and community justice and so this is a new area for me, but this locality and topic are not new to me. There are always initiatives like this going on across Edinburgh, but this is a national programme.

“There has been a large number of violent crimes in this area in recent months and so it has been picked as the place to

launch this campaign.

“There has always been partnership working involving the police and other stakeholders as the police cannot solve these problems on their own. They work with others in a whole global approach.”

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## Cairdean House summer Open Day

Residents and the local community of Colinton enjoyed a day of fun at Cairdean House as part of the celebration of Care Home Open Day.



Cairdean House, 185 Redford Road, Colinton,  
Edinburgh, EH13 9PN

The home held an open day with lots of activity planned for the local community. Home Manager Gillian Goodall and CRM David Holbrook (centre) with residents Katie Donald and Mary Cox family members and kids from the local nursery, Scallywags Nursery.

The open day which is now a countrywide initiative, aims to strengthen the relationship between care homes and surrounding communities.



Home Manager Gillian Goodall and CRM David Holbrook with residents Katie Donald and Sally Hempson

Residents and visitors from the community had the opportunity to enjoy games such as tombola, croquet as well as a bouncy castle for youngsters. Guests also took part in a sponge throw for charity, aiming for the care home manager, Gillian Goodall.

Ms Goodall spoke of the open day and its success. She said: "We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Care Home Open Day with the local community. The event was a brilliant opportunity to break down preconceptions about care home life and showcase the warm and welcoming care environment here at Cairdean House."

She then added: "The residents loved taking part in the summer games, and everyone had a giggle during the sponge throw. We look forward to welcoming the people of Colinton to join us again very soon."



Home Manager Gillian Goodall gets sponged by a young visitor  
Care UK's latest guide "A Helping Hand" was also available for visitors to pick up.

Care UK, who manage Cairdean Home, are the leading independent providers of health and social care services in the UK. They run 110 care homes which have over 7,000 places.

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[www.neilhannaphotography.co.uk](http://www.neilhannaphotography.co.uk)

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# Joelle Murray appointed Hibernian Girls Academy Manager



Hibernian Community Foundation has announced the appointment of Joelle Murray as Hibernian Girls Academy Manager.

The innovative move is designed to increase participation in girls football in Edinburgh and the Lothian's and ensure a conveyor belt of talent moving through to the Ladies Premier League team.

Hibernian Ladies Captain and Scottish Internationalist Joelle, who was named in the Euro 2017 squad on Tuesday, will have responsibility across the whole Academy including player development, technical development, recruitment, sports science and will also look to develop the Girls Performance Centre.

Commenting on the appointment Charlie Bennett Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation said: 'This is a fantastic appointment as we continue to build on an already successful Academy set up.

"Joelle will bring experience, commitment and she is the right person at the right time for this next stage of development for the girls' and ladies football at Hibernian."

Joelle Murray says "This is an exciting time for the women's game and one I'm privileged to be part of.

"This role is one that I'm delighted to accept and look forward to the challenge during this era for the girl's and ladies development.

“Opportunities for women to work full time within the game is limited, so to have this opportunity fills me with real excitement and gratitude to Hibernian Community Foundation for this investment”.

If you would like further information on Girls football at Hibernian please contact [kmcewan@hiberniancommunityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:kmcewan@hiberniancommunityfoundation.org.uk)

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## **Hibernian Colts face Elgin City in the First Round of the Irn Bru Cup.**



Hibernian Colts will face Elgin City at home in the First Round of the Irn Bru Cup.

Development Squad defender Ryan Porteous played against the Borough Briggs outfit during the 2016/17 campaign during his loan spell with Edinburgh City and says he is anticipating the game being a tough test against Jim Weir's side.

Speaking about the draw Porteous told Hibernian Media: “Elgin will be a tough task for us and it will be a good test for all the boys.

“The ones who weren't out on loan will be able to see what it is like playing against a first-team and to give them a taste of what it is like and how physical and demanding it is. For the boys were out on loan we can all see how far we've come after the experience.

"It's an interesting tie for myself as well because I played against them a couple of times last year and went up to Elgin. It's not the most enjoyable as it is a long journey, so I'm glad that we got them at home.

"Kevin Waugh was out on loan to Gala and they played Elgin, so myself and Kev both played against them, that will hopefully help us.

"I think we are all good enough to be able to compete at that level and it is a good stage for us to all show that we can play at a good first-team level at our age just now."

"I think it is a good idea to have the younger teams playing in the competition. The Development League is competitive in its own way, but it's not as competitive as a first-team tournament is.

"It will help everyone and the Colt teams that are in it will become a lot more competitive, just like a first-team would.

"The first-team at Hibs go into every game looking to win, this is the exact same at every other club from the top flight down to Ladbrokes League 2. When you play in a first-team the objective is to win, and in the Irn Bru Cup we are hopeful we can do that and we want to see how far we can get."

Full details for the fixture will be made available in due course.