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Welcome to the latest edition of West End Connect.

Brought to you by the Herald and Times' Magazine Group, *Connect* is proud to bring the latest news, events and features from the local area.

This compact community magazine celebrates all the inspiring people and work being carried out in the community.

Glasgow's West End is packed with cultural offerings, fantastic food and passionate people and inside this issue we have plenty to keep you informed.

From news of the area's highly Instagrammable student digs to the new Linda McCartney exhibition at Kelvingrove Art Gallery, a new mural to keep your eyes peeled for and word of the ever popular Julie's Kopitiam taking up residency in a popular West End venue for the next few months, there's plenty to enjoy.



New exhibition is picture perfect.

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**Until next time,
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Lots of likes for student halls

Two student accommodation properties in the West End have been named in the top 10 most Instagrammable in the UK.

Scotway House, on Castlebank Street, narrowly missed out on the number one stop, taking second place instead.

Meanwhile, true Glasgow West End, on Kelvinhaugh Street, was named the fifth most photogenic student accommodation in the country.

The findings come from student accommodation search engine mystudenthalls.com which described Scotway House as having “panoramic views and a separate three-storey building for socialising, furnished with playful neon art, millennial pink velvet seating and lush green hanging plants.”

Thanks to true Glasgow West End’s giant slide, said the team, residents are taken from the first floor to the ground floor, adding: “If that wasn’t fun enough, the indoor Festival Zone features a unique music caravan in its own field.”

The Top 10 Most Instagrammable Student Accommodations in the UK are:

1. The Stay Club Colindale, London
2. Scotway House, Glasgow
3. Nova, Nottingham
4. Crown Place, Norwich
5. true Glasgow West End, Glasgow
6. Hox Park, Surrey
7. Redvers Tower, Sheffield
8. iQ Shoreditch, London
9. The Project at Hoxton, London
10. St Peters Hall, Bournemouth

Topping the list was The Stay Club Colindale, a 19-floor property in the new, up-and-coming area of Colindale. It features contemporary bedrooms with tops views of leafy London, host an in-house nightclub, impressive roof terrace, a cinema room and a lounge area that’s wall-lined with cult vinyl records.



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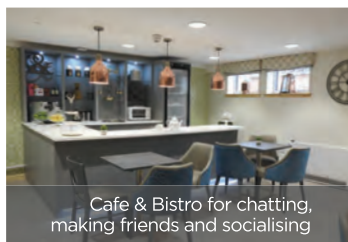
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Cosy eaterie has the recipe for success

Glasgow's West End has further cemented its reputation as a foodie hotspot after a restaurant was named among the top 10 best in the UK.

Number 16 Restaurant, on Byres Road, has taken eighth place in the annual Top 50 Fit for Foodies eateries across the nation.

It was picked as among the best by OpenTable reviewers.

The cosy, well-established and much-loved neighbourhood favourite is known for its modern twist on traditional Scottish cooking. Friendly service and great value are on offer from a tight-knit, experienced team.

The restaurant serves up fresh and unusual Scottish dishes, including spiced pecorino and ricotta ravioli, spiced Shetland monkfish tail and stuffed saddle of Scottish lamb.

OpenTable bosses say 2019 is shaping up to be a strong year for restaurants outside of London.

The top 10 list is solely made up of regional eateries from all corners of the country.



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Culture awards celebrate A Play, A Pie and a Pint



Òran Mór's A Play A Pie and A Pint received the Special Contribution to Scottish Culture Award at the Herald Culture Awards 2019.

The best from the Scottish cultural scene gathered at the Edinburgh Corn Exchange on Thursday, 11 July to celebrate the wealth of the country's talent. The awards recognise all the achievements of Scottish

Culture across all genres and celebrates the best from the vibrant cultural scene.

On the night the judges presented the Special Contribution to Scottish Culture award to A Play, A Pie and A Pint, topping off what has already been a special year with the momentous landmark of having produced 500 plays.

Òran Mór's Colin Beattie said: "It is important to me that we continue to support PPP and I am delighted to accept this award. When we created Òran Mór our main objective was to bring together the visual arts, theatre, literature and music, making them available to us, the ordinary guy. This award further cements our philosophy of 'Arts for All – All Year Round.'"

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Capturing family life and nature

A major retrospective of photography by Linda McCartney, curated by her family, has gone on display at Kelvingrove Art Gallery.

The exhibition, which runs until January 12, 2020 marks the first time the exhibition of images – from showbiz shots to intimate portraits of her husband and children – has been shown in the UK. Sir Paul McCartney and daughters Mary and Stella curated The Linda McCartney Retrospective.

Sir Paul said: “The whole family loves to honour Linda’s work – she would have loved this because Glasgow was a place she loved.

“She loved Scotland because it gave us a lot of fond memories, a lot of freedom and a lot of happy times.

“It is nice to have all of that encapsulated in the Kelvingrove exhibition.”

Linda McCartney became a professional photographer in the mid-1960s, capturing Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles among others.

In 1968, she was the first female photographer whose work was featured as the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, with a portrait of Eric Clapton.



Following her marriage to Paul her work focused on the natural world, family life and social commentary.

She died from breast cancer in 1998 at the age of 56.

Stella McCartney said: “Through these images you meet the real mother I knew.

“You see her raw and deep talent and passion for her art, photography.

“Ahead of her time on every level, this mother-of-four still held her camera close like a companion, she captures the world around her through her eyes and this can be seen on the walls around the exhibition.

“Her humour, her love of family and nature and her moments framed with a slight surreal edge ... Scotland was one of her favourite places on Earth and so many images were taken there.”

The retrospective also includes one of Linda McCartney’s diaries from the 1960s and a selection of her cameras and photographic equipment.

The exhibition has previously been shown in Vienna, Seoul and Montpellier.





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Keep up to date with all the events going on in and around your area with our handy what's on guide.

EVENT: SUMMER NIGHTS

Date: Friday, 26 July - Saturday 10 August
Time: 6.30pm
Cost: Vary
Location: Kelvingrove Park

What's on: Summer Nights is a series of intimate summertime concerts that runs across two weekends. Now in its sixth year, the festival is set to run 26 July – 10 August 2019 and has announced a huge line-up including Burt Bacharach, Caro Emerald, Teenage Fanclub, Suede, Patti Smith and Her Band, Father John Misty, The Human League, The National, Echo & The Bunnymen, Bloc Party and Hue & Cry.

EVENT: WEEKLY LIFE DRAWING GROUP

Date: Thursdays
Time: 6.15pm - 8.30pm
Cost: £8 (students £6)
Location: Drawing Life Glasgow, Partick

What's on: This weekly drawing group takes on a new theme or idea focusing on the human figure. Aiming to encourage those who attend to further their idea of how a life drawing class should be and in doing so they hope to encourage people to create ever more compelling and considered work.

EVENT: JOJO SUTHERLAND'S PICK OF THE FRINGE

Date: Thursday, 8 - Saturday, 10 August
Time: 9pm
Cost: £10, £12, £17.50
Location: The Stand

What's on: The Stand is bringing their highlights of this year's Fringe. JoJo Sutherland will host in a show set to give you the chance to sample a taste of the festival right here on your own doorstep. All line ups are subject to last minute changes. Show ends: 11.15pm approx.

EVENT: THE JIMI HENDRIX RE-EXPERIENCE

Date: Saturday, 31 August
Time: 7pm
Cost: £20
Location: Oran Mor

What's on: Jimi may be one of the most influential rock musicians ever, but Neil Wilson is right on it. He's his own legend in the making, recreating the legend that is Hendrix with a blend of technical brilliance, raw power and sensitivity that Jimi himself would surely appreciate.

EVENT: THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

Date: Monday, 12 - Saturday 17 August
Time: 8pm/5.30pm/8.30pm
Cost: £13 - £82.50
Location: King's Theatre

What's on: Rocky Horror Show tells the story of Brad and his fiancée Janet, two squeaky clean college kids who meet Dr Frank'n'Furter by chance when their car breaks down outside his house whilst on their way to visit their former college professor. It's an adventure they'll never forget, with frothy fun, frivolity, frolics and of course, those famous frocks.



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Raise a glass to new street art

A popular brewer on Ashton Lane has gifted Glasgow a new mural.

Innis & Gunn created the work of art just seconds from the bar and restaurant, located just off Byres Road.

Locals were asked to vote for their favourite design, with 'Tartan Paint' coming out on top.

The chosen mural, painted on the wall in Cresswell Lane, trumped 'Did Ye, Aye?' and 'Bolt, Ya Rocket' to win first place.

The mural is the latest in a string of stunts and giveaways as the 'Your Call Lager' campaign gets into full swing.

The mural comes just weeks after the Innis & Gunn team pitched up on Buchanan Street for #PeopleMakeGlassGo which saw the brewer give away 2,000 of its much-admired pint glasses in less than 25 minutes.

Robb Hamlin, senior brand manager at Innis & Gunn, said: "Glasgow is known for its thriving street art and brilliant murals so we thought, 'why not give the city a wee gift?'

"We put the power in the people's hands and

Glasgow has spoken. Winning mural Tartan Paint will be a welcome addition to Cresswell Lane, just a stone's throw from our new-look Brewery Taproom.

"We worked with the amazing Conzo & Glöbel and Art Pistol to create something really special with a proper Scottish feel. We love Glasgow so teaming up with talented Glasgow artists was the perfect fit for our lager campaign, which has gone down a treat with beer fans across the city.

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Big name set for pop-up spot

One of the southside's best loved restaurants will be taking up a residency at SWG3.

Julie's Kopitiam, beloved for its Malaysian street food served up in a cosy corner of Shawlands, is set to take over the pop-up space at the Acid Bar.

The bar has previously played host to big name pop-ups, including Cail Bruich, Ox and Finch and Tantrum Doughnuts. It will soon be the temporary home to Julie's Kopitiam as they prepare to move into bigger premises in Shawlands.

Unlike at Julie's southside restaurant, diners will be able to book a table at the Acid Bar pop-up as well as walking in. The menu will be ever changing, serving their take on Malaysia's multicultural cooking repertoire.

Diners can also look forward to special ticketed events, such as dumpling evenings and Nasi Lemak nights.

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Pride march flies flag for equality

The Glasgow Mardi Gla Pride march organised by the LGBT Co-op recently walked through the city from Kelvingrove to George Square, with an estimated crowd of 7000 attending.

Representatives from more than 70 groups took part, including political parties, global banking companies such as Morgan Stanley and Santander, Glasgow LGBT+ Inter-faith Network groups, the Terrence Higgins Trust and LGBT+ groups such as Out for Indy, the Asexual Visibility and Education Network and Lesbian Lovers.

Speakers at the rally included Will Labate, the chairman of the LGBT Co-op, Stuart McDonald SNP MP, Jo Swinson MP and Shettleston Cllr Thomas Kerr.

Celebrations continued at the Strathclyde Student Union – which served as the Mardi Glam hub for the day.

The sun was shining as thousands of marchers waived rainbow flags to match the one flying over the City Chambers in Glasgow yesterday. Rainbow confetti blew through the streets as the sounds of whistles and drums, chants and cheers filled the air.

While speakers acknowledged numerous times that the LGBT+ community had come a long way since the Stonewall uprising, there was a strong emphasis on the need for better rights for bisexual and particularly trans people.

Will Labate, chairman of the LGBT Co-op, said: "I think the most important message to take away that this is a free and inclusive Pride festival and we want everyone to get involved and be inspired to do good work and be a part of the community."



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A world of wines awaits at bar

A new wine bar has opened on Great Western Road, serving up drinks, food and sophistication.

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A fresh menu is also served every day, with daily specials served up alongside oysters, charcuterie, cheeses and seafood platters. Brett Bar uses local, organic producers, from Locavore for vegetables, Peelham Farm for meat and East Coast Cured, Mellis Cheeses and Freedom Bakery for bread. Harvey & Brockless supply some of the fine food.

Customers can expect casual seating and currently they adopt a walk-in only policy as it's a small, intimate setting. A knowledgeable team of staff are well-versed in good wine and can offer suggestions if required.

In a nod to ultra-stylish eating, the chefs serve up the food themselves and explain anything if questions arise.

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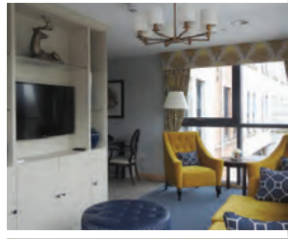
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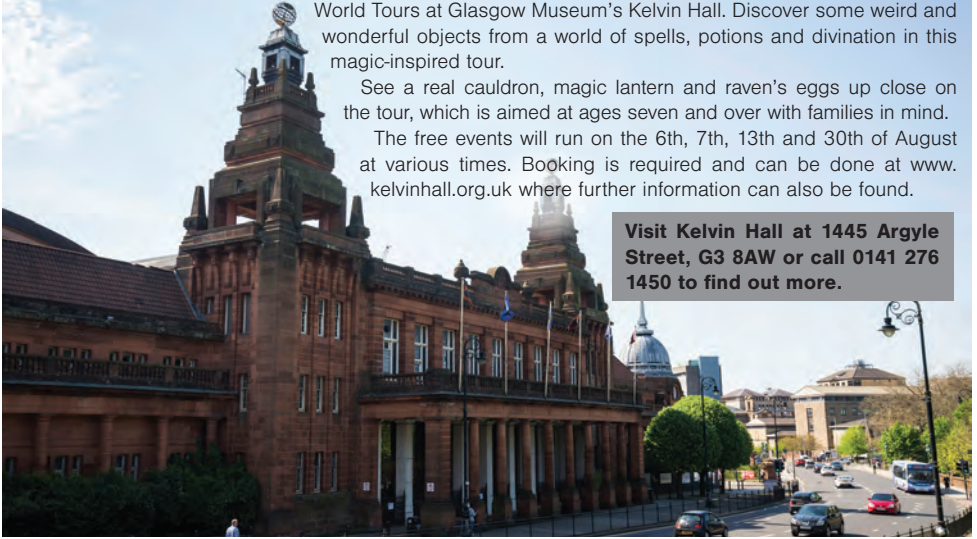
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Banish the greenhouse clutter and create a horticultural haven instead

Follow this greenhouse guide for inspiration, including tips from garden styling pros and Richard Baggaley, director of The Greenhouse People...

1. Create a potting corner

To prevent clutter in your greenhouse, carefully plan your layout and segment the space into purposeful areas. Create a potting corner next to where you grow your fruit and vegetables to make planting more efficient and to save space.

Place seed packets in a brightly coloured tin to store them safely and add a pop of colour to your greenhouse. Rather than leaving tools in a chaotic heap, a row of hooks will keep everything off the floor and neatly stored.



2. Be bold with plant choice

Exotic and tender plants will thrive in the warm environment and brighten up the space.

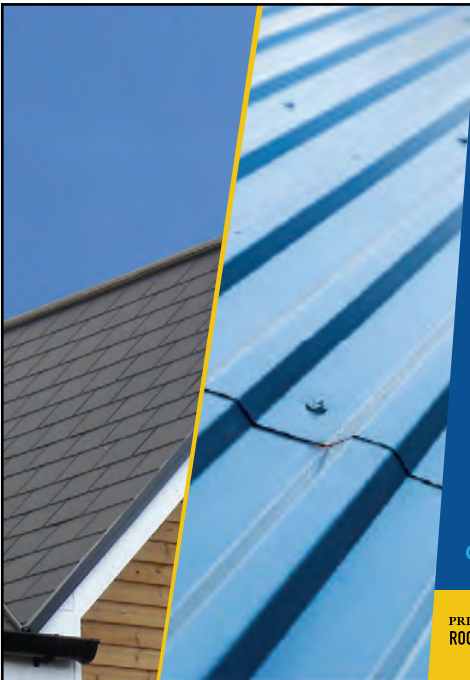
Fill your greenhouse with a range of desert and succulent plants like cactus, agave and crassula. These easy-care plants flourish inside a greenhouse and are very on-trend.

3. Create a cosy nook

Update tired items such as old chairs, metal furniture or plant pots by adding a pop of colour with paints. A simple bench can be turned into a sumptuous day bed with a mass of comfy cushions.

4. Use insect designs

Entomology, or the study of insects, is the new botanical trend, adds Lake. Get the look by having a go at drawing bugs on greenhouse windows using a chalk pen.



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1. Step into calm

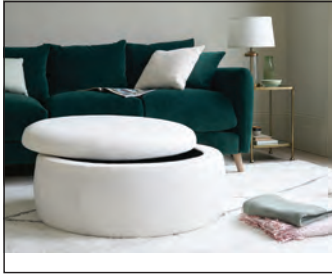
As a hallway's the first port of call when you get home, having to squeeze your way past a chaotic collection of coats and tripping over shoes and kit every day certainly won't make you feel zen.

Keep shoes on a rack and label drawers on a storage chest (Polaroid pictures work well for younger children), so everyone knows exactly what goes where to encourage order rather than dumping.

2. Make a screen star

If you've ever felt panic at unexpected visitors suddenly arriving and seeing mess everywhere, a screen is the perfect fast cover-up solution.

These can be easily moved around to hide 'clutter



spots', as they're brilliant for masking a cluttered corner or untidy collection of clothes, and crucially can be folded away when not in use.

3. Sit and store

Multi-tasking seats with hidden compartments can be just the solution to get clutter off the floor. They could be the perfect home for magazines, toys, or all

that debris that seems to accumulate on the top of a coffee table. Simply lift the lid, sweep away and store! A coffee table which incorporates storage is another way of keeping its top clear and tidy.

4. Sideboards of style

Designers are proving that while storage is necessary it certainly needn't be dull, by creating pieces which are practical and also sleek and stylish. Sideboards can soak up a huge amount of possessions.

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Bright ideas to spruce up the home

Ask any interior designer: light is one of - if not the - most important consideration in the layout of a home.

Here's how to make your home the brightest and best it can be, from streaming sunbeams to energy-saving LEDs...

Make a proper plan

Most people know that when it comes to light sources, more is usually merrier. But the result is that homeowners load up expensive fixings without taking care of even the simplest practical alterations.

For immediate improvement, a short recce goes a long way: Look at the location of your windows, what they're illuminating, and what you want them to illuminate. Take a note of where the sun comes from in each part of the day, and if any rooms seem particularly drab and gloomy.

With your stock-take complete, move furniture that might be blocking a window's view, and clear out cluttered windowsills. If you have several electric lights covering a space usually bathed in sunshine, rejig your room rather than spending a fortune adding to it.

90% light, 10% dark

Assuming that you do, in fact, have windows, your next key point should be colour. Pure white surfaces can feel a little cold, but off-white or light cream is a shoo-in for walls and ceilings when cultivating a brighter feel.

Soft hues absorb far less light than dark ones, and for the most radiant rooms you should look beyond the masonry. Consider pastel-coloured cupboards,



pale wood furniture, or light-hued decorations. There's nothing wrong with a black leather sofa, or some statement, patterned wallpaper, but they won't necessarily help your rooms retain light.

Lots of mirrors

If you're looking to increase your intake of natural light, mirrors are perhaps the most literal way of doing so. They reflect light that would otherwise be absorbed into the wall and hanging one opposite a window sends daylight bouncing round the room.

Wall-mounted mirrors are a go-to for grooming as much as for decor, and fashion-conscious bedrooms often boast something free-standing and full-length. Next level homeowners could employ mirrored furniture - mirrored tables, mirrored wardrobes, even a mirrored chest of drawers.

Large mirrors give the illusion of a much larger, lighter space, and if the room feels bright and breezy, so too will its reflection.



The lighting of the lamps

Natural light tends to gobble up the headlines, but artificial light is where the buck stops.

Let's divide it into three stylistic varieties. Ambient lighting diffuses evenly through a room and is usually the starting point for a larger scheme. Think ceiling lights, perhaps integrated with lamps on floors or tables.

Naturally, ambient lighting isn't strong on contrast, so try some accent lighting to help instil separation. Accent lighting is brighter and much more directional, ensuring centrepieces like dining room tables get the focus they deserve.

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