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THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL TODAY

Douglas Fraser selects the best of the day's events

THE French Archaos circus came to Leith Links boasting of chainsaw juggling and motorcycle stunts, so uniformed health and safety boffins have been seen nosing around their big top in search of anything likely to put us punters at risk. Due to city regulations the show has been depleted. But aided by the king of PR hype, Mark Borkowski, they took their stunts and a BBC film crew to the bottom of the Mound where a motorcyclist celebrated the green phase of lights by riding over a beaten-up Mercedes.

The displeasure of the gendarmerie was only worsened when the same Gallic sense of enterprise reportedly led to the plastering of a blue police box with handbills... with policeman still inside.