

# Five things you need to know today

In our newly revived 'Five things' article we gather together news which interest us and we hope will interest you.

If you have something you think our readers might like to know then do email us with details: [editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk](mailto:editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk)

Save the last dance for me



## Atik nightclub in West Tollcross

Our article about the closure of Atik nightclub on West Tollcross – formerly The Cavendish – has attracted thousands of readers, and has been followed up by most other papers this week.

Hundreds of people have commented on Facebook leaving their own memories of a club which for so long has been a part of the fabric of Edinburgh's nightlife.

Many have lamented the loss of a place to go dancing, with one reader telling us that her mum and dad met there in the early 1950s. She said her dad was a great ballroom dancer and always talked about the sprung dance floor. Previous names include Coasters, Clouds, Outer Limits, Bermuda Triangle and Lava & Ignite, and the Hoochie. A scene from T2: Trainspotting was filmed there more recently.

[Read more here.](#)

## Leith Chooses

This is a participatory budgeting scheme which allows those who live and/or work in Leith to allocate monies to the organisations or projects they would like to succeed. Have a look at all the projects and organisations which have put themselves forward for selection on the [website](#). Voting is now open.



# Corstorphine/Murrayfield by-election

The candidates are lining up at the starting blocks.

So far we know of three hopefuls – Conservative candidate Hugh Findlay, LibDem Fiona Bennett and Labour's Ross Parker. If you are a candidate then do get in touch to speak to us about your plans and hopes of becoming the 63rd member of The City of Edinburgh Council. We have set up a new [category on the website](#) where all the news of the by election which takes place on 9 March will be found.

## Making music

Tinderbox Collective are celebrating the launch of We Make Music Instrument Libraries in Edinburgh libraries with a performance and open mic session on 28 January at Central Library at 1.30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tinderbox-orchestra-and-open-mic-session-tickets-488569653987?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

## Newspaper subscription

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This month's paper features Rabbin Burns. Read the whole paper by clicking on the front page below

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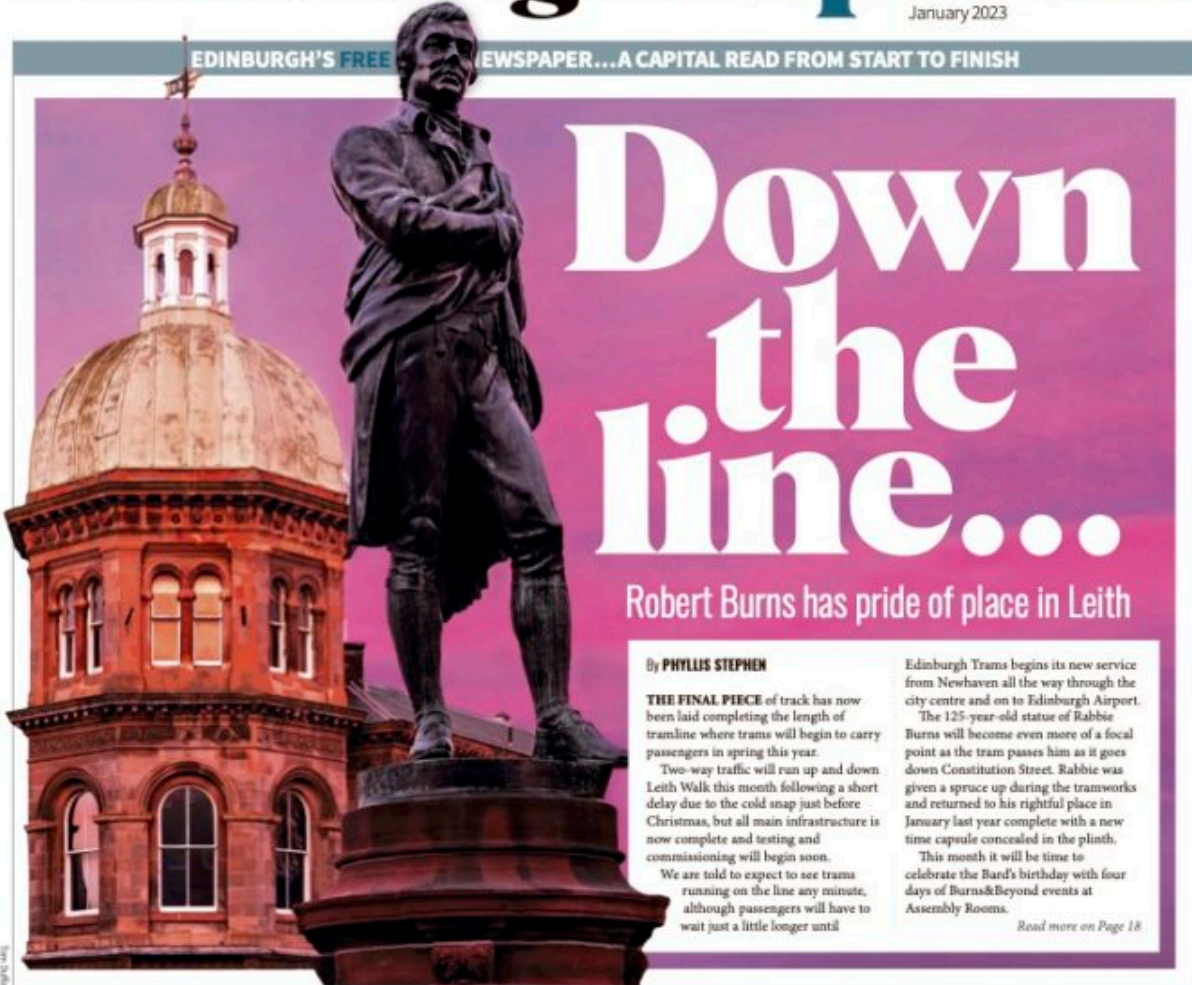
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# Down the line...

Robert Burns has pride of place in Leith

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

**THE FINAL PIECE** of track has now been laid completing the length of tramline where trams will begin to carry passengers in spring this year.

Two-way traffic will run up and down Leith Walk this month following a short delay due to the cold snap just before Christmas, but all main infrastructure is now complete and testing and commissioning will begin soon.

We are told to expect to see trams running on the line any minute, although passengers will have to wait just a little longer until

Edinburgh Trams begins its new service from Newhaven all the way through the city centre and on to Edinburgh Airport.

The 125-year-old statue of Rabbin Burns will become even more of a focal point as the tram passes him as it goes down Constitution Street. Rabbin was given a spruce up during the tramworks and returned to his rightful place in January last year complete with a new time capsule concealed in the plinth.

This month it will be time to celebrate the Bard's birthday with four days of Burns&Beyond events at Assembly Rooms.

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