

Five things you need to know today

New councillor elected for Corstorphine/Murrayfield

In the by election to select the 63rd councillor for The City of Edinburgh Council, it was evident early on (that is about 11.28pm) that the LibDem candidate would win.

Fiona Bennett is a former NHS nurse who is standing because she said she has a need to help people. She won with 4,577 votes out of 8,225 cast. This was a 42.3% turnout which was considered pretty good for a by election.



Fiona Bennett the newest councillor in Edinburgh PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Social enterprise founder shortlisted



Robbie Tolson of Turn the Tables

Robbie Tolson the founder of Edinburgh-based social enterprise Turn the Tables is named in the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for 2023.

He used to work in a homeless shelter and driven by the loss of a friend to suicide he set up the organisation which changes lives through DJing and beat making.

It is now aimed at helping create positive futures for people of all ages affected by homelessness and poverty.

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SNP Leadership election

Kate Forbes MSP is one of three candidates standing for election by SNP members as their new leader. Earlier this week she visited the Scottish Whisky Experience on the Royal Mile, noting while she was there that she does not support a ban on alcohol advertising. The Scottish Government consultation on these proposals has just ended. The government's plan was to ban alcohol sponsorship for sports and live events. The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon was forced to admit that places such as the Johnnie Walker would not be affected by any legislation banning advertising of this kind.



SNP Leadership candidate Kate Forbes at the Scotch Whisky Experience with Susan Morrison CEO Scottish Whisky Experience
PHOTO Alan Simpson Photography

Bye Bye Pandas

a new panda-themed bus has been revealed today in partnership with the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS).

As part of the zoo's plans to give Yang Guang and Tian Tian a

giant farewell from Edinburgh, a brand-new design featuring the famous giant panda pair can be seen on select buses throughout Edinburgh and the Lothians this summer.



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And if you would like to know a little more about the story behind our front page then here it is...

Our newspaper comes out on the 1st of each month. This month just after the one year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine a group of Russians gathered in Melville Street calling for Peace in Ukraine and we hope you agree that this small group makes a striking front page.
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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM FINISH



By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

THE RUSSIAN invasion of Ukraine has entered its second year. The one year anniversary was marked with wreath laying at the National War

Museum at Edinburgh Castle and a number of other events, both joyful and reflective, involving the Ukrainian people who live in Scotland. Some lived here already and thousands of others have made

their way to Scotland to escape the war zone. Russians who oppose the war are very brave to speak out.

We met a small group, who live mainly in Scotland, and who had gathered outside the Russian

Consulate on Melville Street to come together and talk of their experiences, and remember people who have died in Ukraine in the past year.

The group hung posters of images

of people who have died in the war. These were created by a Russian born artist known as Instagram Nick, and represents only a small number of the innocent lives lost in the past twelve months.

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