

Five things you need to know today

Edinburgh Trams – new part of the line opens today

Today's the day for the newest part of the tramline to open at noon between Picardy Place and Newhaven. The trams will run every seven minutes, and this will be using the entire line to the Airport as Edinburgh Trams engineers were able to fix the damage caused by a truck at The Gyle on Tuesday.

The line will eventually cost the city £1 billion with borrowing and interest. This stretch alone – just 2.9 miles with eight stops between the city centre and Newhaven, has cost £207.3 million, but the consensus is that this part of the tram project was better organised and went more smoothly. The learning came from the first part which was so botched that it cost twice the original price and delivered half the line, resulting in former First Minister Alex Salmond ordering a public inquiry. That inquiry has cost around £13 million and counting under the chairmanship of Lord Hardie who has only just sent his written report to the printers. It cannot be released until the printed copy is ready for distribution, but nobody knows yet when that will be.

But, today is the day when celebrations of a sort are in order, and there will be a piper, members of the High Constabulary at the Burgh of Leith border at Pilrig Street complete with their top hats and silver batons and Pulse of the Place, a samba drumming band. Oh and a tram or two...



Council Leader, Cammy Day who recognised that he was the lucky one to be leader at the launch after so many years of work on the trams. On the eve of the launch of the Trams to Newhaven press were invited aboard to see for themselves what the new part of the line is like PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Edinburgh College of Art at the University of Edinburgh Graduate Show

This is on now until 11 June. See the celebration of the work by 2023 graduates from the Schools of Art, Design, Architecture and Landscape Architecture and Music.

The ECA Graduate Show 2023 will be open Friday 2 June to Sunday 11 June, 10am to 4pm, with late night opening until 8pm on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 June.

Entry to the Graduate Show is free. Booking is advised, but walk-ins are welcome.

[Graduate Show website](#)

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The bold and creative spirit of more than 550 Edinburgh College of Art students is being showcased at the highly-anticipated Graduate Show 2023.

Thousands of captivating pieces of work – which explore new possibilities for the disciplines of Art, Design, Music and Architecture & Landscape Architecture – will be on show from Friday 2 June to Sunday 11 June.

Pic Caption- Fond Words Wrapped Around Unpleasant Memories with artist Emily Kelly Intermedia BA (Hons)

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Forth Children's Theatre – August musical

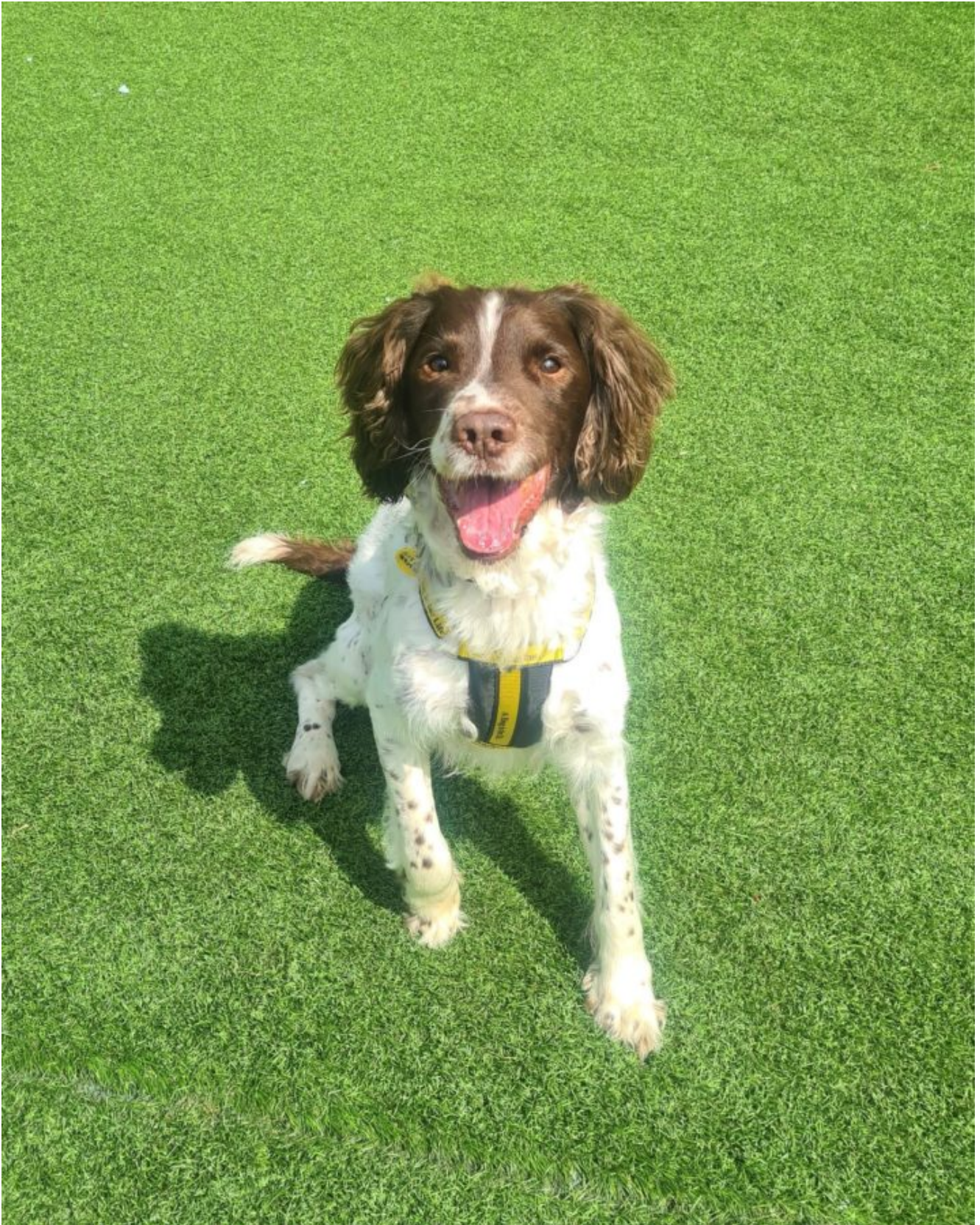
The local youth theatre group is producing the Addams Family for the Fringe this August. The show will be at Broughton High School 29 East Fettes Avenue EH4 1EG from 5-12 August. [Buy your tickets now](#) – if you dare.



Rio needs a new family

Dogs Trust have begun an association with us and provide us with details of one of their dogs each week. This week it is Rio who is looking for a new home. Rio is a 12 year-old Springer spaniel. If you are thinking of having a dog then do go and see the Dogs Trust at West Calder this weekend. They are holding 'The Long & Short Of It' on Sunday 11 June at 12-4pm in the West Calder centre which is a chance to meet their dogs and take advice.

[Read more about Rio here.](#)



Rio

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER... A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



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RHS artists find their inner sheep for show

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

IT'S JUNE AND that means it is time to get ready for the annual Royal Highland Show at Ingliston which is sponsored by Royal Bank of Scotland.

To publicise the event the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland (RHASS) commissioned "Flock to the Show", a public art trail made up of fibreglass sheep sculptures which are on tour in Edinburgh and Lothians.

Rosie (photographed left) had incredible fun getting to know these two sculptures at Port Edgar marina.

On the left is Eaha designed by Central Scotland artist Anna Bilyk and sponsored by Galloway MacLeod. Anna said her inspiration came from a mixture of landscape and process. She said: "The images are all inspired from travels and surrounding landscapes brought together and merged into a type of visual story. The style of the design comes from the process and style I use to design images for lino printmaking."

On the right Davy Baa-wie was designed by Fife knitwear designer, Jennifer McHardy, and sponsored by Macklin Motors. Jennifer said she just loves David Bowie. She said: "he is a true music and style icon, the inspiration for my sheep design came from the iconic knitted jumpsuit designed by Kansai Yamamoto for David Bowie during the Ziggy Stardust era worn by him in 1974."

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