

# Five things you need to know today

## The Edinburgh Award

Nominations are now invited for the 2023 Edinburgh Award – and the criteria have been widened to include people not born or living in Edinburgh but who have a substantial connection to the city. Previously anyone not born in Edinburgh or who had not lived here was excluded.

[Read more here.](#)



Sir Geoff Palmer who received the Edinburgh Award in 2022

# Lothian bus drivers' success in Blackpool

Two local bus drivers were named among the top three of the UK's best bus drivers in this year's UK Bus Driver of the Year Finals held in Blackpool at the weekend.

Gary Black (Lothian Buses) and Thomas Gilhooley (East Coast Buses) finished second and third respectively, with Gary also scooping prizes for Best Driver from a Scottish Depot and Best Placed Finisher by an ALBUM (Association of Local Bus Company Managers) Member.

[Read more here](#)



## Dr Bike

The mobile bike repair service Dr Bike is coming to Haymarket Terrace in front of the Four Points by Sheraton hotel on Saturday 9 September from 10am to 1.30pm when skilled bike mechanics will check over bikes and make minor repairs. Police Scotland will also offer bike marking from 10am to 1pm. And a competition will run in conjunction with local shops.

Spokes will have a stall where you can buy the latest East Lothian map.



## **Free bike safety check**

In front of Four Points by Sheraton  
Haymarket Terrace  
Saturday 9 September  
10am - 1.30pm

Skilled bike mechanic checks and minor repairs  
Police bike marking (10am to 1pm)  
'Spot the Bike Part' competition with local shops

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Work continues on the CCWEL with the contractors ready to resurface the A8 and Haymarket Yards junction in two phases during September. There will be alterations to traffic islands and thankfully (and at long last) resurfacing of the bus stop outside Haymarket Station. The bus stop will be temporarily moved during this work.

Phase 2 will be carried out overnight from 18 September to 22 September and will include resurfacing all the way to Coates Crescent.

## **At Leith Depot this month**

## SEPTEMBER

## LIVE

- 1st THE SCREAMIN' KICK + THE BAD MOODS (Rock'n Roll/Garage Rock)  
7th QUEER AS PUNK PRESENTS: T IN THE DEPOT – Fundraiser for Trans Grampain  
8th SHA RIVARI'S 40TH BIRTHDAY BASH- LLENNET + COD O'DONNELL & THE CRYPTIDS  
14th TOY HOSPITAL + SUPPORT (Shoegaze/Dream Pop/Punk)  
16th DRAGGED UP + AMATEUR CULT + ERRANT BOY (Fuzz Bat Gigs presents)  
17th NORTH BY NORTHWEST - A new night of emerging talent from Edinburgh (14+)  
18th THE WOW SIGNAL + SUPPORT (Psych Rock/Indie Rock)  
22nd THUNDERMOON EP LAUNCH (Electro/Synth Wave/DancePunk)  
23rd TUPPENNY BUNTERS + SALT + SHEBEAT + HJARTA (Beat Pop/Garage Baroque)  
24th SCANDINAVIAN FOLK MUSIC OPEN SESSION  
25th ABLETON PUSH 3 MASTERCLASS WITH SIMON STOKES  
30th REVERSE COWGIRLS + UGLY FLY GUYS (Rock'n Roll/Garage Rock)

## WEEKLY COMEDY

LAUGH DEPOT – STAND-UP COMEDY HOSTED BY VIV GEE – EVERY WEDNESDAY 8PM

- 6th JOE HEENAN + Kathleen Hughes + Mikey Motion + Katia V King  
13th RAHUL KOHLI + Ralph Brown + Amanda Hursy + Michael Herd + Dave Hislop  
20th BRUCE MORTON + Rachel Jackson + Roisin Kenny Caird + Jamie Tait + Stuart Leon  
27th NIK COPPIN + Steven Youngson + Kate Hammer + Michael McElhinney + Jeannie Jones

## CLUB

- 9th REGGAE GOT SOUL - DJ's/High-Grade Reggae & Soul/Roots/Rocksteady  
15th BOX ENERGY - Local DJ Heroes Play Music To Dance To  
29th VITAMIN C – Andy Wake & Vic Galloway (Live Music/DJ'S)

**REGULARS** PUB QUIZ – Hosted by Sean the Barman – Every Tuesday 8pm  
TRAD MUSIC SESSION – Saturday 9th & 23rd 12pm-3pm  
ART 3rd – Drink & Draw – Afternoon Art Workshop

TICKETS  
leithdepot.com

## Our September issue

Our September newspaper is freshly published and on the streets of the capital today.

Our cover story is about the Lord Provost and Council Leader who are taking riding lessons to allow them to take part in the Riding of the Marches while inside we take up the story of Larah Bross and her chain of bagel shops which employ around 70 people in the city – some of which are now temporarily closed.

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# the Edinburgh Reporter

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## Riding of the Marches

### Lord Provost saddling up in September

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

**THE EDINBURGH** Riding of the Marches will take place on 10 September in a return to the Royal Mile after a three year gap, and this year the Lord Provost, the Provost Consort and the Council Leader will all be on horseback.

The spectacle is more than just a bunch of horseriders taking over the city centre. This is a reenactment of the ancient custom of marching the boundaries, a symbolic tradition of inspecting the Common Land of Edinburgh which dates back to at least 1579.

This year the entertainment on the Royal Mile will begin at 12.30pm with music and stunt performances. The riders will complete their morning of high-energy gallops, starting at the Drum Estate in the south of the city, before making their way through the streets through Holyrood Park and proceeding up The Royal Mile from Holyrood Palace at around 3.30pm.

And in a break from recent tradition, the Rt Hon Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant, Robert Aldridge, who will be joining the event for the first time, will be making the journey up the Royal Mile on horseback, accompanied by the Lord Provost's Consort, Colin Cunningham, and by the Council Leader Cammy Day.

Clr Day admitted to bribing the horses with treats. He said: "I have been taking riding lessons. I have done a little horse riding more than 20 years ago so I would say I am a real beginner."

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