

Five things you need to know today

Filmhouse fundraiser begins today

The new fundraiser to save the Filmhouse and open the doors begins today. A new charity has been set up by a group of people including some who worked there before it closed last October.

[Read more here about their plans to revitalise and reopen the much-loved independent cinema.](#)

Transport and Environment Committee meets

The monthly Transport and Environment Committee meeting takes place at the City Chambers today. Members of the public are allowed to go to the meeting as observers, while deputations have applied for the right to address the meeting.

Pesticide Free Balerno, a group which has been working with alternatives including hand weeding in their local area rather than applying any chemical weedkillers, will address the meeting in a deputation this morning and will say that: "After numerous reports of residents and pets becoming ill after exposure, support given to council whilst they trial safe methods, four years of volunteer weeding – we would really expect to see, at the very least -recognition of this by safe alternatives being introduced into the so called 'integrated approach' package."

The group also point out that "pesticide applications still continue right outside peoples homes, streets , pavements,

hard standing areas and around schools, around trees.

They also say that the council have been 'discussing' the need to stop using glyphosate since 2016 so a ban from 2024 to only in greens spaces is "just embarrassing".

Today the committee will be talking about:

- Phasing out the use of the weedkiller glyphosate by the council
- Workplace parking levy
- The progress being made on the Roseburn to Union Canal
- Flooding in Kirkliston – and the council can do nothing about it
- The possibility of a new bike hire scheme
- The renewal of the contract for the City Car Club
- Better coordination of roadworks in a bid to ease congestion in the city

[The papers for this meeting are here.](#)



Community Wellbeing Collective

All activities at the Community Wellbeing Collective in Wester Hailes are free and drop in.

September Weekly Programme
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE & DROP IN (unless stated otherwise) - DONATIONS WELCOME
Opening times: Thursday 2pm - 7pm, Friday 2pm - 7pm, Saturday 12pm - 7pm

WEDNESDAY

10am-12pm
Womans Group for New Scots
By SCORE Scotland
Contact Fatima on +44 7496 191197

1-2:30pm
Yoga for People in Addiction Recovery
Ask a host inside or a healthcare professional such as a GP for referral
By Edinburgh Community Yoga

From 7th September to 28th September
3pm - 4.30pm
Stay & Play
By Kirsty Blair

4pm - 5pm
Writing Healing Poetry
By Bobby Sayers

5pm - 7pm
Bookable Colour Meditation
By Seona O'Flaherty
Text CWC 07525233457 or CommunityWellbeing Collective@gmail.com

14th and 28th September
5pm - 7pm
Board Games Night
By Allan

21st September
6pm - 7pm
Voicing Moments
By Rumilla Uddin

6pm - 7pm
Bookable Henna Party
Text CWC 07525233457 or CommunityWellbeing Collective@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

11am - 1pm
Score Scotland Women
Closed group

2pm - 3pm
Care Work Cafe
By Josie Tohill

3pm - 4pm
Knitting Social Support
By Ema-Sayuru Nyx

5pm - 6.30pm
Fresh Juices
By Maryanne Jacobs

5pm - 7pm
MONTHLY THEMED FRIDAYS
(See next following pages)

1pm - 2pm
Community Lunch
By Chantal Auguste AKA Queen Vital

September 9th & 23rd
2pm - 4pm
Wellbeing Discussion
By Maryanne Jacobs

September 16th
2pm - 4pm
Afro Hairstyling
By Valeka Lambe

3pm - 4pm
Spanish Lessons
By Callum

4pm-5pm
Flamenco Dancing
By Encari

September 2nd
6pm - 7pm
Life Planning and Affirmation (Multi-lingual group)
By Sindy Santos

September 30th
5pm - 7pm
Open Mic
Hosted by CWC members

September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
6pm - 7pm
Yoga/Zumba for Women
By Devi A Kousalya

SUNDAYS

2pm - 5pm
Bookable Reflexology
Women Only with Susi
Sliding scale £10 - £50
Email: so.socaring@gmail.com

2pm - 5pm
Bookable Massage
Women Only with Jillian
Sliding scale £10 - £50
Email: Jillian@grassrootsremedies.co.uk

Doors Open Days 2023

The Institut Français d'Écosse opens its doors on 23 September and will host many free and family friendly activities. There will be a self-guided tour with exhibitions and videos, and bilingual reading for children.

Whilst the Consulate General provides support to French citizens living in Scotland, the French Institute, as part of a worldwide network, promotes French Culture and encourages cultural exchanges with Scotland. It offers a wide range of activities and shows throughout the year, in French and in English: French courses, talks and conferences, activities for

kids, live music events, theatre performances, wine tastings, cinema screenings, exhibitions. It has a library with an important book and media collection in French and it is even an official venue at the Fringe.

[More information here.](#)



Our September issue

Our September newspaper is freshly published and is on the streets.

Our cover story is about the Lord Provost and Council Leader who took riding lessons to allow them to take part in the Riding of the Marches. [You can see our many photos here](#) and on [Facebook](#), 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 closed.

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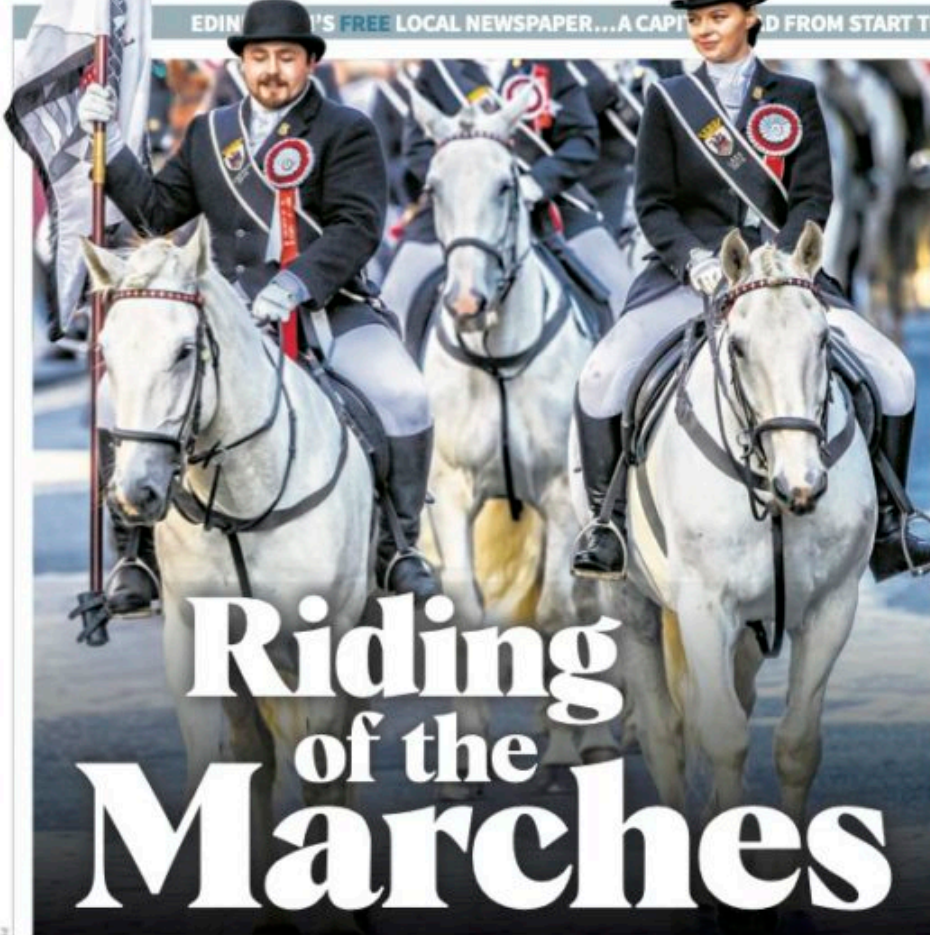
Gym named after Olympic legend opens

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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER... A CAPTION AND FROM START TO FINISH



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 canter back 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 horse riders 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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