

# Five things you need to know today

## Leith Links Consultation

A consultation continues until 21 October on the future of Leith Links. What would you like to see there? This is the area formerly occupied by the bowling greens, and follows from the Leith Links Masterplan consultation which took place last year. Some ideas include ping pong, a skate plaza, seating and biodiversity elements. There are also plans for the building including the construction of permanent toilet blocks.

[The link to the consultation is here.](#)

## End of Season event on the canal this weekend

In [yesterday's Five things you need to know today article](#) we gave you a long list of things to do this weekend. Here is another suggestion to add to your calendar.

The Edinburgh Union Canal Society are finishing up their rowing boat hire on Saturday and Sunday with the last boats available between noon and 4.30pm at the Ashley Terrace Boathouse. They will also put up their tents and tea, coffee and cakes will be available. And there will be a raffle.

A spokesperson said: "To celebrate the end of our rowing boat hire for 2023 we'll be hiring TWO of our traditional [Rowing Boats](#) at 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm. Each boat will cost £10 to hire, for a 50-minute session, maximum 5-persons per boat. All ten hires will be on a first come first served basis."

Three of the boats on Sunday [are available to book in advance.](#)



A slightly bigger boat on the Union Canal Photo: © 2022, Martin P. McAdam [www.martinmcadam.com](http://www.martinmcadam.com)

## World Car Free Day

The Transport Convener has written an article urging everyone to consider getting out of their cars today.

[Read more here.](#)

And head to Sighthill Crescent Car Park to enjoy some bike related activities including bike training for under fives in the afternoon.



**HAPPY WORLD**



# Car Free Day

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE**

**FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023 10AM-3:30PM**

10 am to 3:30 pm - Dr.BIKE (Free bike repairs)

10 am to 12 noon - Cycle training for adults  
(bring your own bike or you can borrow on  
the day)



2 pm to 4 pm - Play Together On Pedals (PTOP)

(Children's Cycle training - 3 to 5 year olds)

Bikes and helmets provided or bring your own.

## **LED RIDES FOR WOMEN (SATURDAYS 10AM START)**

16th Sep - Spylaw park ride ( Passing Curry in The Park)

17th Sep - Dalmeny Estates

23rd Sep - Craigmillar Castle

30th Sep - Ratho Marina



## **CYCLE TRAINING FOR WOMEN ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**

**BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP**

**FRIDAY, 15TH SEP @ 10AM TO 12 PM**



**VENUE:** Sighthill Crescent Car Park, EH11 4QB

# Edinburgh Women's Fiction Festival

A reminder that the very first Edinburgh Women's Fiction Festival takes place soon. The event is a new literary festival celebrating writing by, for and about women. This is an inclusive event which will welcome everyone who finds a heap of joy in a book.

The Festival runs over two days from the evening of 6 October to Saturday 7 October and events take place at Morningside United Church.

The opening event features authors Sara Sheridan and Kim Sherwood speaking about the history of women's fiction – from the founding of Virago Books to the centenary of Dorothy Dunnett, and the influential female authors throughout history who stand the test of time.

[Tickets are here.](#)



The organisers of the Edinburgh Women's Fiction Festival, from left to right, Olivia Kekewich, Kristin Pedroja (in front), Jane Anderson and Alison Belsham

## **Our September issue**

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

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.

[See all our photos of this year's event \(and past years\) on our website here](#) and on [Facebook](#).

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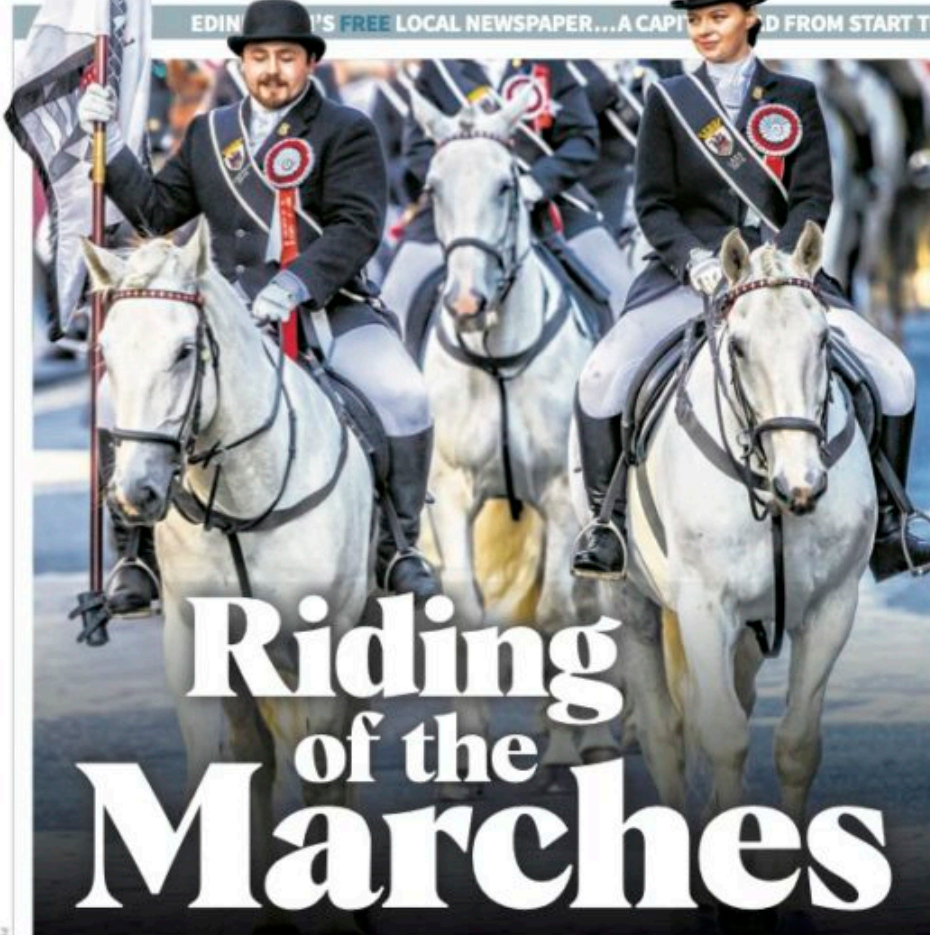
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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER... A CAPTAIN'S JOURNEY FROM START TO FINISH



## 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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