

Five things you need to know today

Planning matters

People who live in Eyre Place and Eyre Place Lane, and Rodney Street are busy gathering support to object to a developer who wants to build 139 student flats on an empty site lying behind existing flats. If you think that you have heard this before then you have. A previous set of applications for flats and townhouses was unsuccessful on appeal to Scottish Ministers, and now the developer has changed the details just a little and applied of new reducing the number of townhouses by two and the number of student flats by three.



When the developer applied for permission, and made an appeal against its “deemed refusal” there were hundreds of objections to the applications for purpose built student flats along with nine townhouses. This time the residents have created a new website to make objections before the cut off of 6 October.

One of the reasons for the Government Reporter rejecting the developer’s appeal was this: *“The proposals are supported by the policies of the development plan and in many areas its design and attributes would be able to meet the relevant policy requirements. However in this case I find the conflicts with policies that set out the design expectations for new development and which seek to protect residential amenity are such that the development would not comply with the development plan overall.”*

[Read more here.](#)

In a separate area the developer has lodged an appeal for planning permission at Jock’s Lodge. Again this is for a purpose built student accommodation development. [Read more about this development here.](#)

Edinburgh Critical Mass

The next Edinburgh Critical Mass cycle ride takes place on Saturday starting as usual at 2pm at Middle Meadow Walk. If you would like to be involved then you are asked to dress like a superhero...

Find out more about Critical Mass by clicking on the image.



Get ready for The Scottish Galleries at the National

The press view was last week and the official opening with Culture Minister Angus Robertson (who was celebrating his birthday) took place on Thursday with children of some of the galleries staff.

The public can access the new galleries from Saturday morning.

[Read more here.](#)



Official opening of the Scottish Galleries at the National with Director General Sir John Leighton, Culture Minister Angus Robertson and The National Lottery Heritage Fund Director for Scotland Caroline Clark PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Free meals

Thank goodness it's Friday – and also the end of the month.

For some people it is even more important than others. Here is a really useful list we found on the internet of places for anyone who is struggling to get free meals in Edinburgh with no need to register.



Free Meals in Edinburgh

There are many places in Edinburgh where you can get a hot meal for free. The places listed below are drop-in (you do not need to register before going).

Monday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Soul Food: hot meals. **17:30,** City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Tuesday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Soul Food: hot meals for **OVER 60s.** **12:30 -** Walpole Hall at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, LUNCH, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW. **17:30** Carrubbers Christian Centre, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Social Bite: A two course meal. **15:00 - 17:00** Vesta Bar & Kitchen 7-8 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4PA.

Wednesday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.



Thursday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Soul Food: hot meals. **17:30 -** Mustard Seed Church, St Margaret's Episcopal Church, 170 Easter Road, EH7 5QE.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.



Friday

The Breakfast Bothy: warm breakfast & hot drinks. **9:00 - 13:00.** 100 Melville Drive, Edinburgh, EH9 9EX.

Soul Food: breakfast, **10am-11am.** Mustard Seed Edinburgh, St Margaret's Episcopal Church, 170 Easter Road EH7 5QE.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Empty Kitchens Full Hearts: Soup and a roll, **13:00 - 14:00** 3-11 West Granton Road, EH5 1HG.

Weekend

Saturday

Care van (afternoon): hot food & drink **12:30** Market Street, **13:00-14:00.** King's Stables Road, Grassmarket, The Bridges. **14:00** Tesco Car Park, Easter Road side.

Soul Food: families meal, **16:30 - 18:30,** St Margaret's Church, 170 Easter Road, EH7 5QE.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

Sunday

Soul Food: lunch. **14:00 -** Central Church, Central Hall, West Tollcross, EH5 9EP. **17:00 - 18:00,** Oxfgangs Community Church, Oxfgangs Neighbourhood Centre, 71 Firhill Drive, EH13 9EU. **17:30** Life Church, 2 Davie Street, EH8 9EB.

Care van (evening): hot food & drink **21:00** Waverley Bridge, **21:50** King's Stables Road, **22:00** Grassmarket, **22:30** High Street/North Bridge.

At Morrisons children eat free all day every day with any adult meal over £4.49. [This includes half term. A few conditions apply check here.](#) If you ask for Ellen at the café

then you will receive a portion of two standard crumpets with butter and jam for FREE without any question.

If you are a Stripes Rewards Member at TGI Fridays then with a full price adult's main meal your children eat free.

And at Asda children eat for £1 all day every day until the end of September so be quick. The supermarket is also offering half price adult meals after 3pm daily until 31 December.

Our October issue

Our October issue has been posted to all of our subscribers. If you would like to be added to the list then please click on the image below. Otherwise the paper will be available from all the usual outlets in the next day or so. These include all branches of Farmer Autocare and several libraries.

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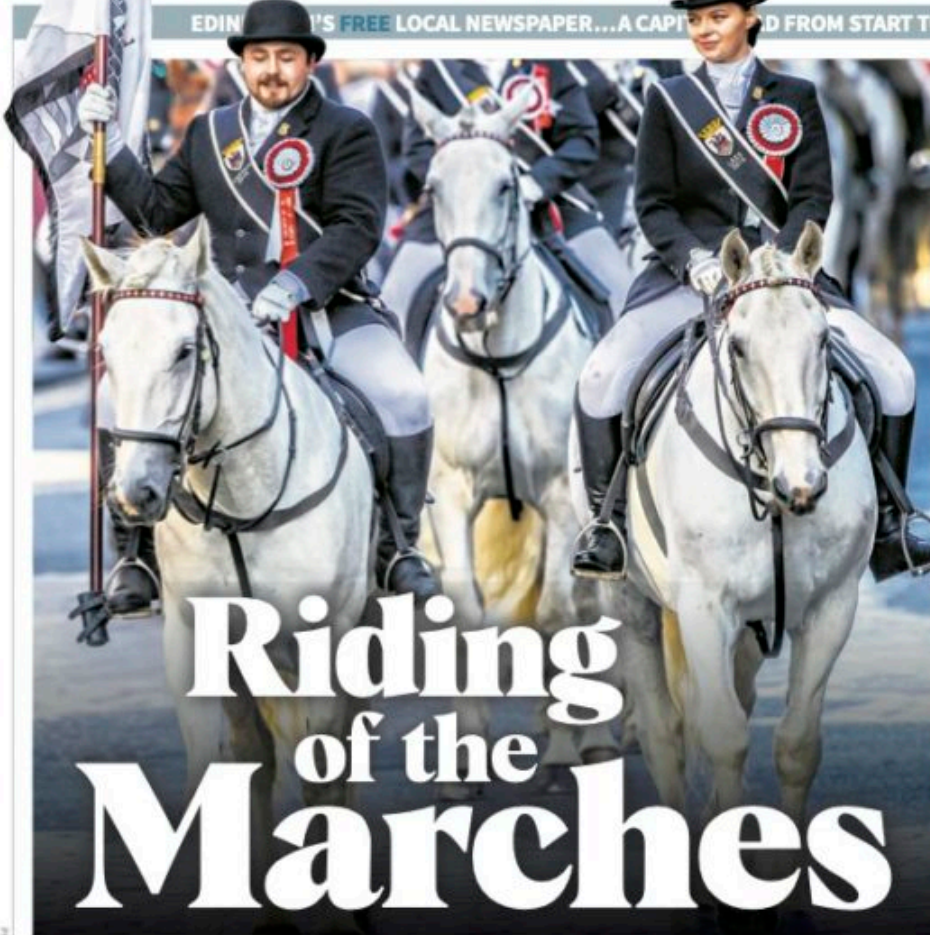
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Riding of the Marches

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 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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