

Five things you need to know today

John McLellan

Former Conservative councillor John McLellan will appear before a disciplinary committee today to ascertain if he breached the councillors' code of conduct.

The hearing will be held in person at Lothian Valuation Joint Board, 17A South Gyle Crescent, EH12 9FL and will begin at 9.30am.

Mr McLellan is also Director of Newsbrands Scotland (formerly the Scottish Newspaper Society, a member of the High Constables and a columnist with the Edinburgh Evening News.

[Read more about the complaint against him here.](#)

Bike Buses

Jarlath Flynn is a volunteer who sets up [bike buses](#). His latest is the Tuesday morning bike bus which goes to George Heriot's reducing the carbon footprint of pupils travelling to school and also allows them to get exercise before and after school.

This new bike bus goes through the Meadows as you can see [here](#). Does anyone know how many there are in Edinburgh now? If you would like to set one up then either contact Jarlath or [read the guide here](#).

We know of bike buses going to Sciennes Primary School, James Gillespie's Primary School, George Watson's College ([details here](#)), and in a new move to involve students The King's Building Bike Bus Commute ([details here](#)), Canal View Primary

School, Davidson's Mains Primary School. There was one at Blackhall Primary School (does anyone know if it is still operating?) and Prestonfield Primary School is about to start again.

With three or four more about to begin between now and Christmas this activity is booming – a fun way to start the day.

*The beautiful formation of the [@George_Heriot's #bikebus](#) as it passes through the [#edinburgh](#) meadows. [@SpokesLothian](#) [@EdinReporter](#) [@EdinburghRC](#) [@edfoc](#) [@lauramcw](#)
pic.twitter.com/rdY0CtQu0D*

– Jarlath Flynn (@JarlathFlynn) [October 3, 2023](#)

Colinton Community Council

The community council meets tomorrow at 7.30pm in Colinton Bowling Club. The agenda includes the Water of Leith footpath, Dell Bridges and Bridge Road/Spylaw Street and the proposed closure of Juniper Green Primary School.

<https://www.colintoncc.org.uk>

One of the improvements in the area has been to the Water of Leith Path which has been resurfaced and was officially opened by Patrick Harvie MSP recently. Read more by clicking on the image below.



Water of Leith National Cycle Network Path Opening – Thu 28 September 2023 (© photographer – Andy Catlin www.andycatlin.com)

Half term activities

We have our own list of suggestions for families to get involved in activities during the week long holiday from school which begins on 16 October. [Read more here.](#)



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EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL... A CAPITAL RE... START TO FINISH

Twice as much Scottish art for everyone to see

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

THE NEW SCOTTISH galleries at the National have just opened to the public with more art on display than ever before.

This marks the completion of a complex seven year building project costing £38.62 million, during which time the National Gallery remained open, but was in large part a building site, especially when the excavation on the south of the site was being carried out. The complexity of the site, below two Grade A listed buildings and above the three tunnels on the Edinburgh to Glasgow railway line was considerable.

Display space has doubled in the dozen galleries showing artworks from the national collection. The Monarch of the Glen has taken up its rightful position in the new space, along with works by William McTaggart, Anne Redpath, Phoebe Anna Traquair, Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Glasgow Boys and the Glasgow Girls.

Director-General of National Galleries Scotland Sir John Leighton said: "For the first time, there are logical routes through the complex, a natural flow, no more dead ends, no more retracing your steps. We wanted to transform the experience for visitors to make it more accessible and we wanted to make it easier to circulate through a complex set of buildings and levels, but absolutely key to this project was to be able to show the Scottish collection with pride and ambition. And we feel we have achieved those aims."

It's Picture Perfect

Twelve new Scottish galleries at the National have just opened to the public

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