

Five things you need to know today

Our November newspaper is out today.

Pick it up at any of our stockists – or there is still time to sign up and have your own copy sent to you in the post. Click on the image below. it is full of stories about local news and sport with some business news – and a two page spread about Christmas in the city centre.

Finlay's running

Frame runner completes half marathon for charity

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Zak's back

A shaggy dog story - with a yappy happy ending

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It's Christmas

Almost time for markets, ice skating and mulled wine

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Hut overboard

Storm Babet finishes off the hut at Granton breakwater

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Clovenstone ABC celebrating three decades in the ring

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Time for Diwali

The Indian festival symbolises a victory of light over darkness and good over evil

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

THE DIWALI Festival of Light which celebrates light at the darkest time of the year has become a permanent fixture on the calendar of Edinburgh festivals. The celebration

has taken place in the capital for a the last eight years including a city centre parade with an abundance of music - and closing fireworks in West Princes Street Gardens in the most public expression of the event. This year the festival will be

celebrated in the capital on Sunday 19 November and all are invited. Following the parade through the city which is led by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, Edinburgh Diwali 2023 will take place at the Ross Bandstand with

performances of traditional Indian arts such as the Rajasthani dance group, photographed above, who performed in 2022. Diwali is the Indian Festival of Light and is observed by more than 1.5 billion people worldwide.

Multi-national and life-affirming, the event celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, perfect for a long winter day. Diwali promises to be a colourful afternoon of performance, just as the days become darker.

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November in history

The full list of important dates in history is compiled for us each month by the Old Edinburgh Club. This month's list is quite extensive.

[Read more here.](#) Any guesses what the image below shows?

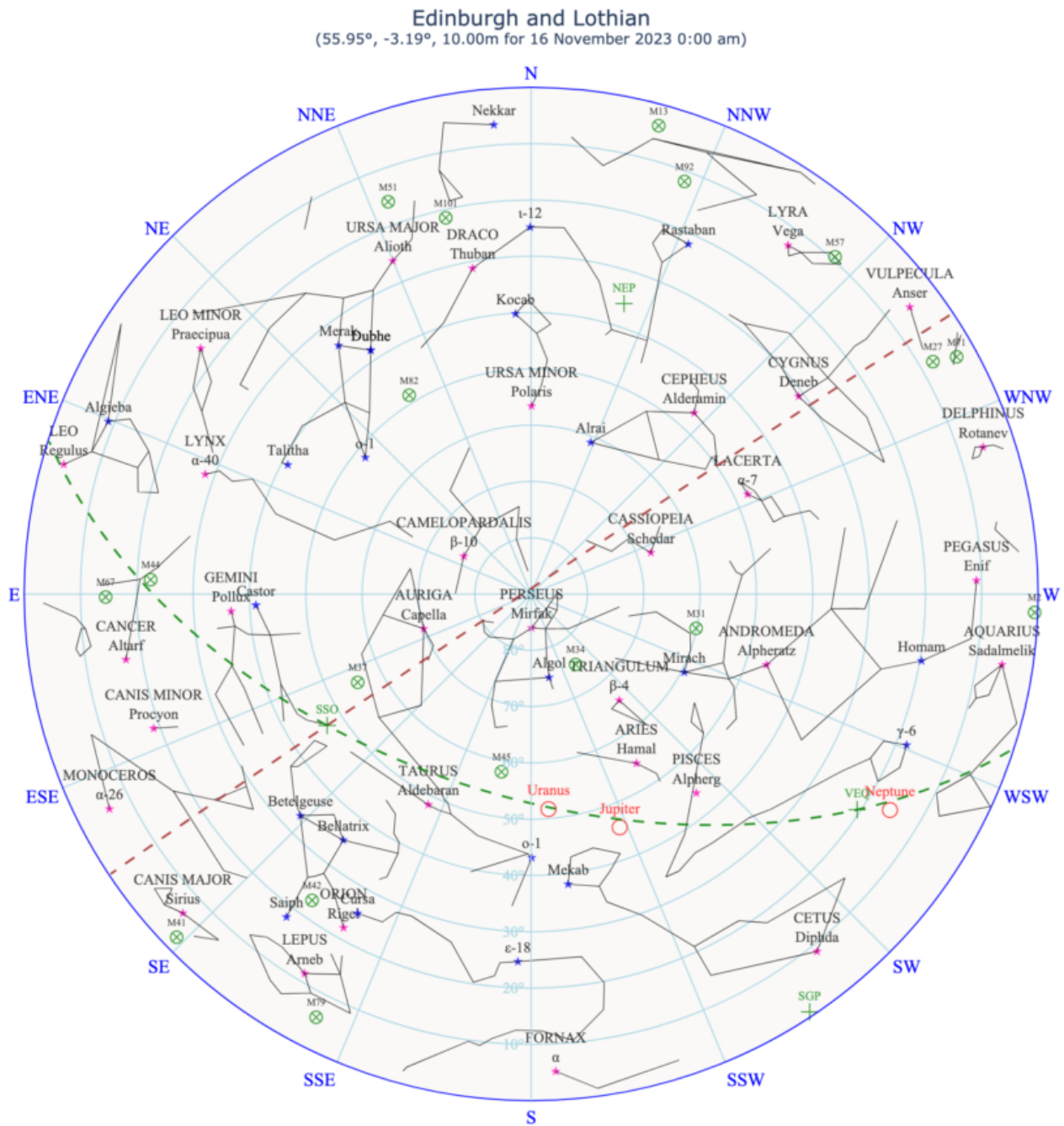


The sky over Edinburgh

Phil Daly is a former employee of the Royal Observatory Edinburgh (now UKATC) on Blackford Hill. He has worked on the UK's overseas telescopes in Hawaii (UKIRT, JCMT) and on large telescopes at major astronomical observatories worldwide. He is currently part of an international collaboration searching for optical counterparts to gravity wave events using multi-messenger astronomy.

And he has written a second monthly article for us explaining what you will see in the skies above the capital this month and explains the rather complicated looking image below.

[Read more here.](#)



Samhuinn Fire Festival 2023

Thousands of revellers were in Holyrood Park last night celebrating the ancient Celtic tradition of Samhuinn when the battle between the Summer and Winter Kings is represented.

[There are more photos here.](#)



PHOTO Iris Kyranou for Beltane Fire Society.

BMX

If you or a young person near you is keen to learn some BMX skills then the Scottish BMX School will be at the Porty Active Travel Hub on The Prom for ages 10-18 on 12 November 2-4pm and 2 December 10-2pm. Sign up below for free places.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bmx-taster-session-tickets-748472560577?aff=oddtcreator&utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail