

Five things you need to know today

Keep fit in the New Year

Edinburgh Leisure would like any mums of under fives living near Ainslie Park to sign up their new Active Mums group.

Contact sarakemp@edinburghleisure.co.uk for more details

New Active Mums Groups

Are you a Mum with a child under the age of 5 living locally to Ainslie Park Leisure Centre? Would you like to join our new Active Mums group?

Active Mums has a weekly fitness class that you can bring your baby along to, a WhatsApp group for support, and at the end of the course, discounted access to Edinburgh Leisure activities for 1 year. Active Mums is FREE to attend. We are really keen to hear from you if joining a gym would be unaffordable for you at the moment, and we can support you (and baby) to be more active. If your children are older and back at school, we'd love to have you join too.

Our 7-week courses is running:

Ainslie Park - Tuesday 16th January to Tuesday 27th February, 11.30am to 12.30pm

Mums who attended our last group said:

The instructors were so supportive. The atmosphere was fun while we worked hard. I loved it.

Fun, laid back and positive sessions, left each session feeling I'd challenged myself but still had fun.

It has been really good for my fitness and mental health. Knowing I was getting out and doing something for myself was great.

If you are interested, please email sarakemp@edinburghleisure.co.uk and we'll send you more information.

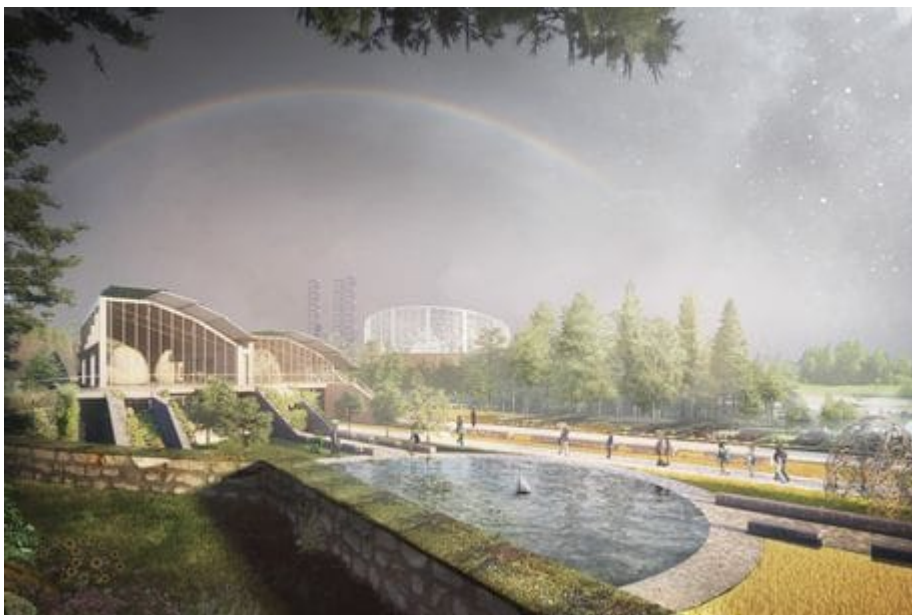
Edinburgh Arena may be bigger than you think

The Edinburgh Arena planned for Edinburgh Park next to the trams and the railway line may be bigger than first thought. Following the first consultation event AEG which runs the O2 in London, and which is applying for permission to build a concert venue at Edinburgh Park has said to those who attended the first consultation that they aim to increase the capacity to possibly as much

There is one final public consultation event to come on 9 January between 3pm and 7pm at 1 New Park Square Edinburgh Park EH12 9GR (next to Edinburgh Park Central tram stop).

As well as a concert and events venue there are also Class 3 (restaurants and cafés) and ancillary hot food /bar amenities with associated public realm, access, landscaping, parking and infrastructure proposed.

[Read more here.](#)



Magic Fest opens today

A full deck of magicians are putting the final touches to their range of mind-boggling tricks and illusions as they prepare to gather in Edinburgh from next week for MagicFest 2023 which runs from 20 to 31 December.

Edinburgh's own Kevin Quantum who founded the festival will appear this Christmas as well as a new generation of teenage performers who are ready to baffle and delight audiences in the Future Magicians show.

Following a successful debut, the show is now an established addition to the annual Edinburgh International Magic Festival, which runs from 20-31 December.

[Read more here.](#)



Kevin Quantum Geebz Photography

Bingo at Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

There are a few slots left at the Christmas Bingo at Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre on Friday.

There are “amazing prizes – lovely wine, toiletries, [Bayne's the Family Bakers](#) vouchers and a big cash prize! £5 to get your bingo book on the day if you are coming.

“Get in touch to book your place.

Email info@drylawnc.org.uk or call 0131 315 4989.

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So far this year we have produced twelve issues and are already at work on the January 2024 edition which will be delivered by 1 January. And if you have any stories then do get in touch.

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Hooked on panto

Peter Pan tale gives Allan Stewart the chance to dress like a dame for the 25th year

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

IT IS ALL about swashbuckling adventure and high flying at the Festival Theatre where the

Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan will play until Hogmanay.

The boy who never ages appears in a new telling of an old tale complete with special effects,

stunning sets, colourful costumes and a lot of laughs and fun.

The trip to Neverland is one which will enchant audiences of all ages with the usual double

entendres sprinkled throughout the script. The cast includes Allan

Stewart appearing in his 25th panto as the dame Mrs Smee. Grant Stott as the big bad Hibs loving Captain

Hook and Jordan Young as Smeec with the returning Clare Gray and Britain's Got Talent finalists Flawless as the Pirate Crew.

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