

Five things you need to know today

Gracemount Mansion Ceilidh

The Friends of Gracemount Mansion are holding a ceilidh at the end of March to raise funds for the Gracemount Mansion Development Trust.

GRACEMOUNT MANSION
DEVELOPMENT TRUST
FUNDRAISER CEILIDH
...with the Ceilidh Caleerie Band!

Saturday 30th March 2024
Inch Park Community Sports Club
EH16 5UD
8pm-late (doors open 7.30pm)

Tickets £10
(plus £1.55 booking fee)
all tickets sales go to
Gracemount Mansion
Development Trust
SCO52155

Book through eventbrite 
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gracemount-mansion-fundraising-ceilidh-tickets-842810858967?aff=oddtcreator>

Paid Bar

Limited Parking

gracemountmansion.com

GMDT

Planning news

Plans have been lodged for the proposed Edinburgh Park Arena which will have capacity for 8,500 people right next to the railway and tram lines.

[Read more here.](#)



Cycle ride on International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day but also to insist on safe night-time infrastructure for women and girls the InfraSisters are taking to the streets.



FEEDER RIDE FROM WHALE ARTS CENTRE



**OUR STREETS
OUR NIGHTS**
MASS cycle ride

Blooming Mad in Bloomers

Join us to campaign for night-time cycle infrastructure that's safe for women and girls.
Decorate your bike with flowers or wear bloomers!

Subheading



Departs 7.30pm, Fri, 8 March, 2024
MIDDLE MEADOW WALK, EDINBURGH
Finishing at The Causey to join their
OUR STREETS celebrations
and projections.

@Infrasisters www.infrasisters.org.uk



"This initiative is supported by Smarter Choices, Smarter Places, Paths for All's sustainable transport behaviour change programme"

Edible Estates Edinburgh

There are raised beds available in Muirhouse Neighbourhood Garden for anyone who wants to grow their own vegetables or flowers. If you are not experienced, then the Community Gardener will be on hand to help. See details below.

<https://twitter.com/EdibleEstatesEd/status/1758423614544605373>

Our February issue

Our February issue is out now and we are now working on our March issue. The February edition has more on Stephen Rafferty's exclusive story about Chief Constable Jo Farrell revealed in our centre spread and our new columnist Liam Rudden will entertain you with news of all the theatre you must see.

We are pleased with this month's issue, and really pleased to be nominated for an award which will be announced in March.

Dashing deeds

Student flats appeal has council on hop
Page 3

Pavilion pallava

Budget cuts deepen eye hospital crisis
Page 4

Shawfair shock

New gym not fit for purpose claims
Page 9

Chief cosies up

More questions for Police Scotland boss
Pages 12-13

Centre Stage

Liam Rudden joins The Edinburgh Reporter
Pages 18-19

the Edinburgh Reporter

February 2024

EDINBURGH'S FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Year of the Dragon

Bringing success and opportunity

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

THERE WILL BE a full programme of events in the capital to herald the start of the Year of the Dragon and celebrate Chinese New Year 2024.

The entertainment in Edinburgh firms the largest celebration of its kind in Scotland and it runs from 3 to 13 February. There is a wide range of activities including the Official Chinese New Year Concert at Usher Hall which has become an annual fixture in the civic calendar.

The programme includes dragon and lion dances, a bilingual ceilidh, tai chi sessions, calligraphy and tarot card reading, all of which help to promote local businesses and to reinforce the links between Scottish and Chinese culture.

The Dragon is a significant emblem in Chinese culture symbolising power, nobleness, honour, luck and success, and it is predicted that the new year will bring opportunities, changes and challenges.

The festival in the capital is supported by Heriot-Watt University and Hainan Airlines, and is coordinated by Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG). This forms a large part of the group's China Ready initiative and ETAG will hold their annual conference during the week at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre with training sessions and industry meet-ups.

For a full run down of this month's events to celebrate turn to page seven

SHEZAN
INDIAN CUISINE

25 UNION PLACE,
EDINBURGH EH1 3NQ

PRE-THEATRE DINING

BOOK YOUR TABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.SHEZANEDINBURGH.COM

T: 0131 557 5098

OPPOSITE EDINBURGH PLAYHOUSE

**10% OFF
YOUR MEAL**

PRESENT VOUCHER
TO YOUR SERVER