

Five things you need to know today

Tonight at the Lyceum

The Royal Lyceum Theatre is running a series of fundraising events, and the first will take place tonight, Monday.

Clare Balding, CBE, will be on stage with podcast host, Nicola Roy. She will discuss highlights of her career from having been a key anchor for seven Olympic Games and six Paralympic Games to her latest book *Isle of Dogs: My Canine Adventure* through Britain and her Radio 4 programme *Ramblings* where Clare joins notable and interesting people for a walk through the countryside.

[Book a ticket here.](#)



Dementia Friendly concerts

A new series of dementia friendly concerts will take place at Morningside Parish Church from 2 March 2024.

At 2pm on 2 March Morley Whitehead will entertain with organ

and vocals. The concerts are open to everyone by donation. Tea and coffee afterwards.

Movement at Pride Bridge

Following a sustained campaign to save the bridge at Lindsay Road, there is progress towards a solution. There will be two in person public consultations, where council representatives, members of the design team, and Save The Pride Bridge campaigners will be present to explain the possibilities for the future of what has become known as the Pride Bridge.

The proposed redesign by Mott MacDonald in conjunction with The City of Edinburgh Council will be funded by Transport Scotland.

The Pride Bridge is not fit for purpose in its present condition and will only be preserved with a redesign.

Roisin from the Dreadnought Pub said: “Based on conversations I’ve had with you since the conception of this project, the Pride Bridge is about 3 things....

“1. The LGBTQ+ symbolism, creating a visual signal of safety and inclusion for all.

“2. Accessibility, providing a safe route for pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users, pushers of buggies, and those with mobility issues.

“3. Community space, an open area in a densely populated neighbourhood where outdoor spaces are not generally a part of our home setup and in an area where green space is one of the lowest in the city.

“I hope that the new designs will be able to satisfy these

needs as a community. Please take part in the online survey www.edinburgh.gov.uk/lindsayroadbridge.”

The events will be held on

- Thursday 7 March at Dreadnought Pub from 6-8PM
- Saturday 23 March at Heart of Newhaven from 11am-1pm

[Read more here](#)



The Pride Bridge. Photo: © April 2022, Martin P. McAdam
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Changes to bus services

Lothian is making changes to timetables on 24 March affecting airport services as well as Lothian, East Coast, Lothian Country and Nightbus services.

Sarah Boyd, Lothian Managing Director said: “We are pleased to be able to offer further improvements to our network of

services, building on the success of changes we made in September last year.

“Responding to customer feedback, we have adapted frequencies and capacity on several routes to ensure that we continue to deliver the best possible service for our customers and the communities we serve.”

[Read more here.](#)



Our February issue

Our February issue is out now and we are already working on the March issue which goes to press on Tuesday. 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 for our newspaper which will be announced in March. And if you wish to buy a copy and have it delivered to your home or business then [please subscribe here.](#)

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Year of the Dragon

Bringing success and opportunity

By PHYLLIS 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 forms 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 cello, 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

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