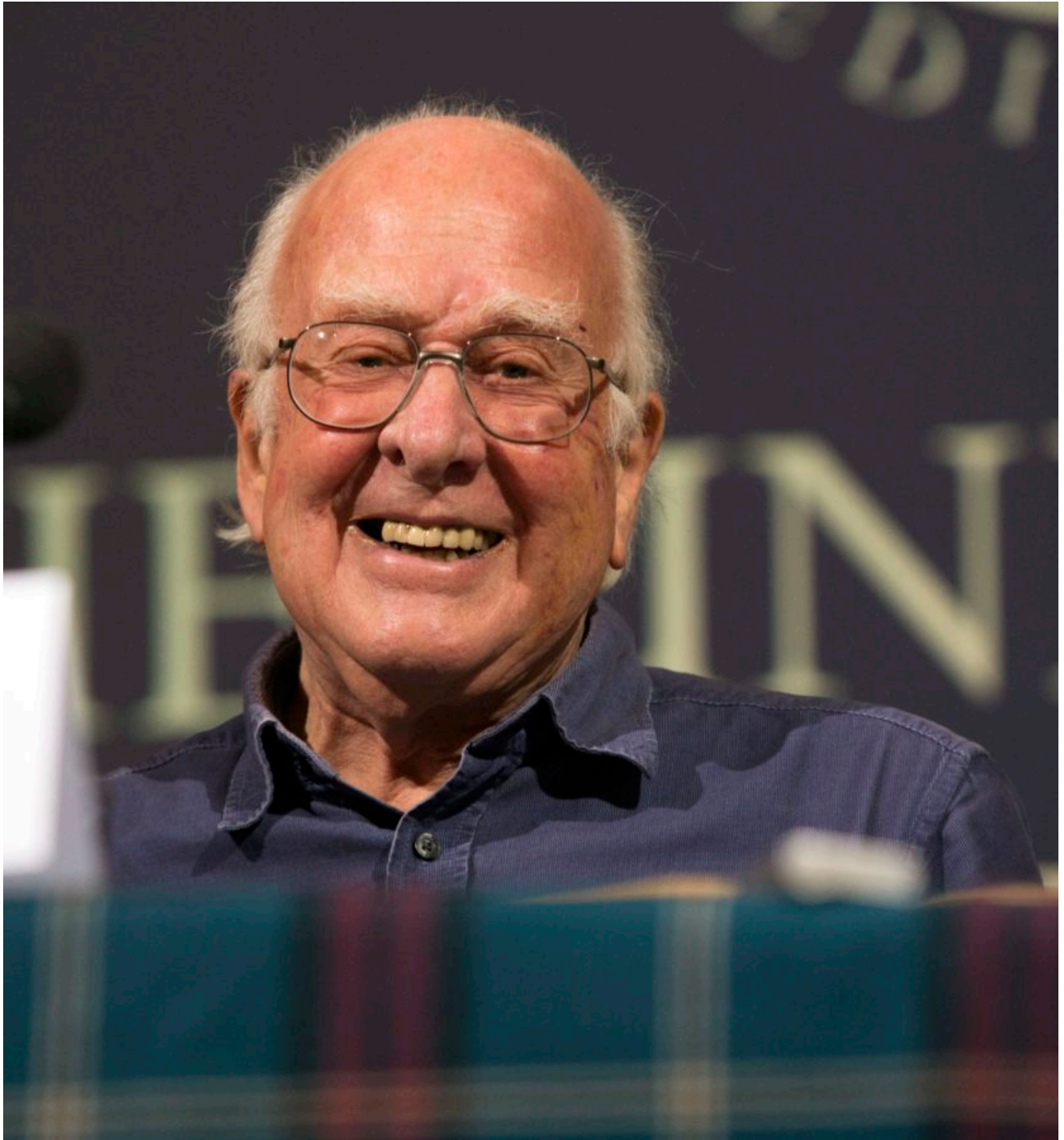


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Professor Peter Higgs

The Edinburgh Reporter is very sad that Peter Higgs has died. He was always very gracious with his time, and that despite his massive achievements in science. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2013.

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9/4/2024 Picture Alan Simpson Professor Peter Higgs who has died aged 94. Professor Peter Higgs at University of Edinburgh following his Award of The Nobel Prize in Physics.

Greyfriars Kirk event

There is an event on 19 April at Greyfriars Kirk when a new image of Greyfriars Bobby will be unveiled.

[Read more here.](#)

Save the Palmhouses

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh has a fundraiser running to save the historic Palm Houses.

Learn more about it here:

<https://twitter.com/thebotanics/status/1777622488769520057?s=46&t=TCNORMNSY2aPK4BywP9B0g>

Delivery office saved

Ian Murray MP reports that the delivery office at Strathearn Road has been saved from closure.

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Lift off at dance festival

Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP STEPHEN

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongonates Festival which showcases international dance on a teaching, learning and performing platform. The still new festival is on at The Scottish Storytelling Centre and other Edinburgh venues from 25-30 April.

New dance commissions and workshops will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in workshops, workshops (both in-person and live-streamed), tours, and talks about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a variety of activities for all led by Caroline Brockbank of Caribbids, and a mature showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Ukrainian language schools in the capital.

Shona Neilson, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongonates edby seeds of traditional dance that we planted for the first time in spring 2022, once again blossom into Scotland's springtime festival for world traditional dance."

"In a new festival born in times of uncertainty, displacement and border restrictions, we were inspired by a poem by Ian MacMillan that captured the zeitgeist."

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