

Five things you need to know today

Spokes Meeting in June – all about the trams

Spokes have invited five speakers to their June meeting which will be about the trams and the proposal to route the extension to Granton along part of the Roseburn Path.

There will be two alternatives debated – along the Roseburn Path and the other over Telford's Dean Bridge.

Spokes say: "The speakers at our June 5th public meeting will present the two cases, then the pros and cons of each option for cycling and walking, and for wider public health. Followed by our always-stimulating one-hour QA and panel discussion."

Information about the evening:

- **The case for tram using Roseburn path and not using the road route**
 - [Lesley Hinds](#), *Former Transport Convener and North Edinburgh resident.*

- **The case for tram using the road route and not using Roseburn path**
 - Euan Baxter, [Save Roseburn Path](#)

- **Cycling aspects – pros and cons of each option**
 - [Alex Robb](#), *Spokes Planning Group*

- **Population health – pros and cons of each option**

- [Adrian Davis, Professor of Transport and Health, Edinburgh Napier University](#)
- **...then our always-inspiring one-hour panel QA** – your chance to interrogate and challenge the speakers
 - Chair: [Johanna Boyd, Scottish solicitor](#) [planning and local government law specialist], CEO of [Planning Aid Scotland](#), former leader of Stirling Council.

Arrangements

- **Where** [Augustine United Church](#) 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL
- **Date** Wednesday 5 June
- **Time** Starts 7.30pm, Ends 9.30. Doors open 6.45 for coffee, stalls and chat, including a special stall to join Spokes or renew your membership
- **Questions** Questions for the panel, can be emailed (at least a day in advance) to spokes@spokes.org.uk. However, questions in person from audience members are likely to have greatest priority on the night
- **Online** We hope to live broadcast on our [youtube channel](#) – confirmation nearer the time – and make the recording available soon after

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EDINBURGH'S WEEKLY NEWS PAPER... A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Trew gent

By **GEORGE MAIR AND PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF GENEROSITY raised more than £1 million for charities, and the late Tom Gilzean, MBE, was much loved

and well-known in the capital.

Now, an Our Wullie-themed statue, in the image of the late Scots war veteran and charity fundraiser, has been unveiled on the spot where he used to break for lunch during his

long days spent in the city centre collecting cash for charities. The life size sculpture, a replica of one auctioned during an 2019 fundraiser, is now in place outside Gordon's Trattoria on The Royal Mile which was his

regular lunch spot. For more than 20 years Tom could be seen rattling his collecting tin, wearing his trademark tartan trews and medals in the city centre.

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Morningside Community Council meeting

The Morningside Community Council will meet on 15 May and will listen to a presentation by the Transport Convener, Cllr Scott

Arthur, who will address residents of the area about the Transport Strategy for Edinburgh.

The minutes of the last meeting are below:



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Road safety changes

The road outside the Royal Burgess Golf Club has been altered in the hope that it makes the layout safer for all road users.

This follows the death of 11-year-old Thomas Wong in March while he was cycling to school. [Some of the changes are outlined here.](#)



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North Edinburgh Community Festival this weekend

At West Pilton Park this Saturday there will be everything from live music to community stalls – but most importantly there will be stalls offering jobs, skills and learning. [Read more here.](#)

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