

# Five things you need to know today

## Citadel Youth Centre Leith

Council funding was slashed earlier this year for many charitable bodies including the Citadel Youth Centre where the funding was cut from £125,000 to £50,000. Staff and volunteers are running in the Edinburgh Half Marathon this weekend to raise funds. Dig deep and support this really worthwhile cause (particularly as the weather forecast looks like rain). [Donate here.](#)

## General Election

Remember that you need voter ID when voting in the UK General Election on 4 July – not just to register you actually have to have the ID with you.

[More information here.](#)

And remember that our coverage of the [General Election is here.](#)

## David Wilkie

Olympic swimmer David Wilkie, MBE, died on Wednesday, aged 70. He was a role model for young people in Edinburgh in the 1970s – first of all winning the bronze Commonwealth medal in 1970 in Edinburgh at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, followed by the silver Olympic medal in Munich and the Olympic gold medal in Montreal in 1976 both for the 200 metre breaststroke, and

holding British, Commonwealth, World and Olympic swimming titles simultaneously.

As a boarder at Daniel Stewart's College he trained at Warrender Baths Club, and, in the council owned swimming pool, he trained to become Scotland's greatest swimmer. There is a lovely video here showing him reflecting on his career sitting in the Royal Commonwealth Pool

Who knows where the next David Wilkie will come from?

If you or someone you know is making waves in sport then please tell Bill Lothian so that he can feature the story [on our sports pages.](#)

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# the Edinburgh Reporter

May 2024

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## 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 trows and medals in the city centre.

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 WED 22 @Rosehilltheatre  
 23 CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB IRVINE  
 24 WEST PILTON CENTRE EDINBURGH  
 25 CRATHES PUBLIC HALL Banchory  
 26 BRAES OF GLENLIVET HALL Moray [pic.twitter.com/xqsj7k2gRB](https://pic.twitter.com/xqsj7k2gRB)  
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TOUR DATES**

MARCH, 1896

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 APR 4 – WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT LIBRARY  
 APR 5 – WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT LIBRARY  
 APR 6 – ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL  
 APR 9 – 7.30PM – SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE PRESCOTT  
 APR 10 SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE PRESCOTT  
 APR 11 NEWHAMPTON ARTS CENTRE WOLVERHAMPTON  
 APR 12 THE HERON THEATRE STANLEY ST, MILNTHORPE LA7 7AS  
 APR 13 THE PLACE THEATRE BEDFORD  
 APR 17 THE WOODLANDS CLUB ROTHERHAM  
 APR 18 WORTLEY HALL  
 APR 19 MARSDEN MECHANICS  
 APR 20 IMPERIAL ROOMS MATLOCK  
 APR 24 SEVERN THEATRE SHREWSBURY  
 APR 25 THEATRE SHOP CLEVEDON  
 APR 26 LUSTLEIGH VILLAGE HALL DEVON  
 APR 27 – CORNWOOD VILLAGE, DEVON  
 MAY 2 – GREENWICH THEATRE STUDIO  
 MAY 2 – GREENWICH THEATRE (STUDIO)  
 MAY 3 – GEDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
 MAY 4 – 7.30PM – OXFORD FIRE STATION  
 MAY 4 – WEST DEEPING VILLAGE HALL  
 MAY 6 – CAST DONCASTER STUDIO  
 MAY 9 – UNITY WELL BEING CENTRE NELSON  
 MAY 10 – BONINGTON THEATRE, ARNOLD NOTTINGHAM  
 MAY 11 – 7.30PM – HEIGHTINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
 MAY 12 – THEATRE@41 YORK  
 MAY 14 – ALMA TAVERN THEATRE BRISTOL  
 MAY 15 – COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE PARLIAMENT ST, STROUD GL5 1LW  
 MAY 15 – 7.30PM – DORCHESTER ARTS  
 MAY 17 – 7.30PM – CREDITON ARTS CENTRE EAST ST, CREDITON EX17 3AX  
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 MAY 18 – 8 PM – LIGHTHOUSE POOLE  
 MAY 22 – ROSEHILL THEATRE WHITEHAVEN  
 MAY 23 CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB IRVINE  
 MAY 24 – WEST PILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE EDINBURGH  
 MAY 25 – CRATHES PUBLIC HALL  
 MAY 26 – BRAES OF GLENLIVET HALL  
 JUN 7 – SORBIE VILLAGE HALL

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 'OUTSTANDING'  
 Lynne Walsh – The Morning Star