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



Alan Simpson

## 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 Oor 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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## Time to join a book club?

Fort Kinnaird has launched a new monthly book club, bringing the community together over the joy of reading. In partnership with Musselburgh Library, the free sessions are hosted in Fort Kinnaird's Caffè Nero, with participants discussing their current reads and all-time favourite novels while taking inspiration from others and enjoying a free hot drink.

The club meets on the last Thursday of every month, with the next session at Caffè Nero on Thursday 30th May, 10am – 11am.

[Read more here.](#)



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## Heart of Newhaven

The organisation are holding a Picnic in the Park – in Victoria Park – on 9 June from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.





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## At Portobello Town Hall

On 28 June a curated programme of six short films will be shown ending with Q&A with two film makers.

This is part of Porty Pride

<https://portypride.com/events/porty-pride-film-2024>

Remember Sea Rising Festival is also taking part in PRIDE in the same week. Queer by Nature are taking part “to bring attention to the global importance of looking after our environment”. Sea Rising have a [Crowdfunder](#) page selling t-shirts and prints.

## **The next Summerhall Makers Market**

There will be a wide range of handmade, artisan crafts on sale on 9 June when Makers Market returns to Summerhall.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1084410765993712/>

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