

Five things you need to know today

This weekend in Edinburgh

- The Edinburgh International Children's Festival 2024 continues until Sunday. [The full programme is here.](#) Events on Saturday are [here](#) and Sunday [here](#).
- **The 49th annual Meadows Festival** is on both days.
- A two-day volunteer-run community gala and free festival with the biggest outdoor market in Edinburgh. There's something for all ages... From the Children and Families' Area, to the Dog Show, Performance Area, a local youth music stage, Main Stage with local music artists, stalls, a range of food vans and outdoor bars.
- The festival is run by Meadows Festival Edinburgh with a small but dedicated team of volunteers.
- Approximately 25,000 people attended over the weekend in 2023.
- **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** is on until Saturday 1 June at [Edinburgh Playhouse](#)
- **Sunset Song** is on until 8 June at [The Royal Lyceum](#)
- At Summerhall **Rhythm and Revolution**. Started a year ago in an intimate cellar in Marchmont, it has become a monthly jazz, fusion and world beat local gathering. For our Summerhall debut, marking Rhythm & Revolution's first birthday, we are bringing together two of Edinburgh's new generation jazz groups, Zoracle and Echo Hotel Collective, alongside DJ Mark Quinn. [Book your tickets here.](#)
- At Voodoo Rooms in The Ballroom. Doris Brenda and Lee Dunham : Unplugged and Acoustic. oris Brendel, a singer of rare talent and pedigree, released her latest band

album, Pigs Might Fly, in September 2023 on Sky-rocket Records recorded in conjunction with producer and multi-instrumentalist Lee Dunham. The daughter of famed classical pianist Alfred Brendel, her distinctive vocals were the driving force behind 1990s alt-rockers The Violet Hour, who were signed to Sony when they released their now revered, classic album 'The Fire Sermon' in 1991. Brendel and Dunham are currently recording a new album and Brendel is continuing writing acoustic albums. [Buy tickets here.](#)

- At St Giles on FRIDAY the Makers Market. Showcasing a gorgeous selection of handmade products from local makers including art, accessories, jewellery, ceramics, candles, clothing, chocolate, homeware, textiles & much more. [Details of makers here.](#)
- At St Giles' on Saturday Michael Harris will play organ. [Details here.](#)
- At the King's Gallery at the Palace of Holyroodhouse Style & Society: Dressing the Georgians continues until 22 September. [Details here.](#)
- The Scottish Parliament is open on Saturday and Sunday for tours either guided or self-guided. [Details here.](#)
- This marks the beginning of the week leading up to Leith Festival 2024 which runs from 8 to 16 June. Pick up a programme at Leith Walk Police Box or Dock Place Market, and mark the diary with stalls to visit or book a walking tour of Leith. And there is a dog show! [Some information here.](#)

If you are organising something for us to include here – any day of the week but especially on Fridays – then please get in touch. We would love to hear from you. editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk

Leith Collective starts free uniform exchange on Saturday

Sara Thomson, founder of local CIC, The Leith Collective has just returned from a visit to 10 Downing Street and is more determined than ever to help a generation of 'cut-back kids'.

The kids may be counting down the days until school's out for summer, but many parents are worried about making their money stretch in the coming months. Whether it's the cost of essential childcare or activities to keep the kids entertained, many are concerned they just won't have enough to pay for school uniforms when the new academic year finally rolls around in August, and are having to make cut-backs in response.

And so, to help ease the pressure, The Leith Collective is launching its free school uniform exchange on Saturday 1st June.

- The Leith Collective at Ocean Terminal
Ocean Drive
Edinburgh
EH6 6JJ
Opening hours: Monday – Saturday 11am – 6pm, and Sunday 11am – 5pm
- The Leith Collective at Fort Kinnaird

Newcraighall
Edinburgh
EH15 3RD

Opening hours: 10am – 8pm seven days a week



Community Asset Transfer in Wester Hailes

In Wester Hailes the WHALE Arts building sits on land which has been leased from the council, but the community has now bought the land in a community asset transfer. There was cake and ribbon cutting on Wednesday.

[Read more here.](#)



29 May 2024

WHALE Arts celebrating the completion of the Community Asset Transfer of the land on which the centre is built

PHOTO Alan Simpson

L to R on group photo Alan McNaughton WHALE board Kevin Sturgeon solicitor, Gillespie Macandrew, Emily Stevenson Board Leah Black WHALE Akiko Kobiashi architect Eunie Main Board Kate Griffin WHALE Arts Interim CEO

EBUG Annual General Meeting

The Edinburgh Bus Users' Group is holding its AGM on Thursday 6 June 2024 at 6pm, in the Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Agenda

1. Welcome, Apologies
2. To agree: [minutes of 2023 AGM](#)

3. To agree: [Committee report 2023/24](#)
4. To agree: [Accounts 2023/24](#) (before independent examination)
4. To elect: members of EBUG's Committee
5. Guest Speaker David Begg will talk on: "Lothian Buses are the jewel in Edinburgh's transport crown: don't let traffic congestion destroy it"
6. Q&A

[Read more here.](#)

Support local independent journalism

Please support The Edinburgh Reporter by booking advertising, buying a paper or making a donation in our Ko-Fi shop. Click on the image below. Our June paper will be available from all local stockists from today.

McVey mauling

Councillor hits out at coalition stitch-up
Page 4

Shaggy dog tail

Toy poodle Pepper back home at last
Page 9

Fettes finale

Former police HQ bows out at 50
Pages 12-13

Show stoppers

Rudden reviews May's best theatre shows
Pages 18-19

Lothian at large

Local sporting heroes in the spotlight
Pages 20-21

the Edinburgh Reporter

May 2024

EDINBURGH'S FREE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER...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 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.

[Read more on page 7](#)

SHEZAN
INDIAN CUISINE

25 UNION PLACE,
EDINBURGH EH1 3NQ

PRE-THEATRE DINING

BOOK YOUR TABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.SHEZANEDINBURGH.COM

T: 0131 557 5098
OPPOSITE EDINBURGH PLAYHOUSE

**10% OFF
YOUR MEAL**

PRESENT VOUCHER
TO YOUR SERVER