

# Five things you need to know today

## Salento Closing Down Sale

Sadly Lynne at Salento on Dundas Street is closing her lovely shop for personal reasons – but there is one last chance on Wednesday to bag some Italian sunshine.

Lynne is well known for her beautiful Puglian ceramics and linens – with more recent additions of pasta and chocolate... and this shop will be a huge loss to the New Town. The building is now up for lease and the business will close down – but not before one last fling beginning this Wednesday when there will be a closing down sale.

Get along. Help Lynne out and buy some gorgeous gifts for yourself and your friends.

[And read more about how the Puglian dream in Edinburgh began only a short time ago here.](#)





Lynne in lighter mood in 2022

# This week at the council

10 June 2024	MONDAY
11 June 2024	TUESDAY
10.00 am	<a href="#">Education, Children and Families Committee</a> – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers
2.00 pm	<a href="#">Edinburgh Partnership</a> – Business Centre, City Chambers, High Street
12 June 2024	WEDNESDAY
10.00 am	<a href="#">Development Management Sub-Committee</a> – Dean of Guild Court Room – City Chambers
13 June 2024	THURSDAY
14 June 2024	FRIDAY

There will be a 45 minute presentation at the meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership on Tuesday to explain the up to date position on the housing emergency.

On Wednesday at the Development Management Sub-Committee which is a planning meeting – councillors will decide upon the application for the new 8,500 seater Edinburgh Arena which the owners of the O2 in London, AEG, propose at Edinburgh Park. This is recommended for approval but councillors will deliberate the proposal for about two hours or so according to the published timetable.

Councillors are recommended to refuse conversion of an office in Wemyss Place into short term lets as it would have “an unacceptable impact to neighbouring amenity”.

And there are plans online for the new Edinburgh International Book Festival venue at the Edinburgh Futures Institute in the former Royal Infirmary building on Lauriston Place which is recommended to be granted.

There is also an application for the empty 7.1 hectare site at Meadowbank Stadium which is recommended for approval despite 56 objections received. This area of land was zoned Open Space in the 2016 Local Development Plan but planning approvals in 2018 and 2023 have superseded that. The plan is to build 705 houses on the land – most with no car parking spaces attached. Around a third of the houses will be affordable.

## **Your local candidates**

The deadline for registering as a candidate has now passed and the candidates for all five Edinburgh constituencies have put themselves forward.

[Read about the candidates for all five Edinburgh constituencies here.](#)

And if you would like to tell us what to ask the candidates in your constituency then get in touch [editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk](mailto:editor@theedinburghreporter.co.uk)

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was something to see

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Boyack reflects  
on 25 years at Holyrood

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### Star struck

No negativity for snapper  
looking back on his life

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### Looking ahead

The Royal infirmary has  
new lease of life

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### Job vacancy

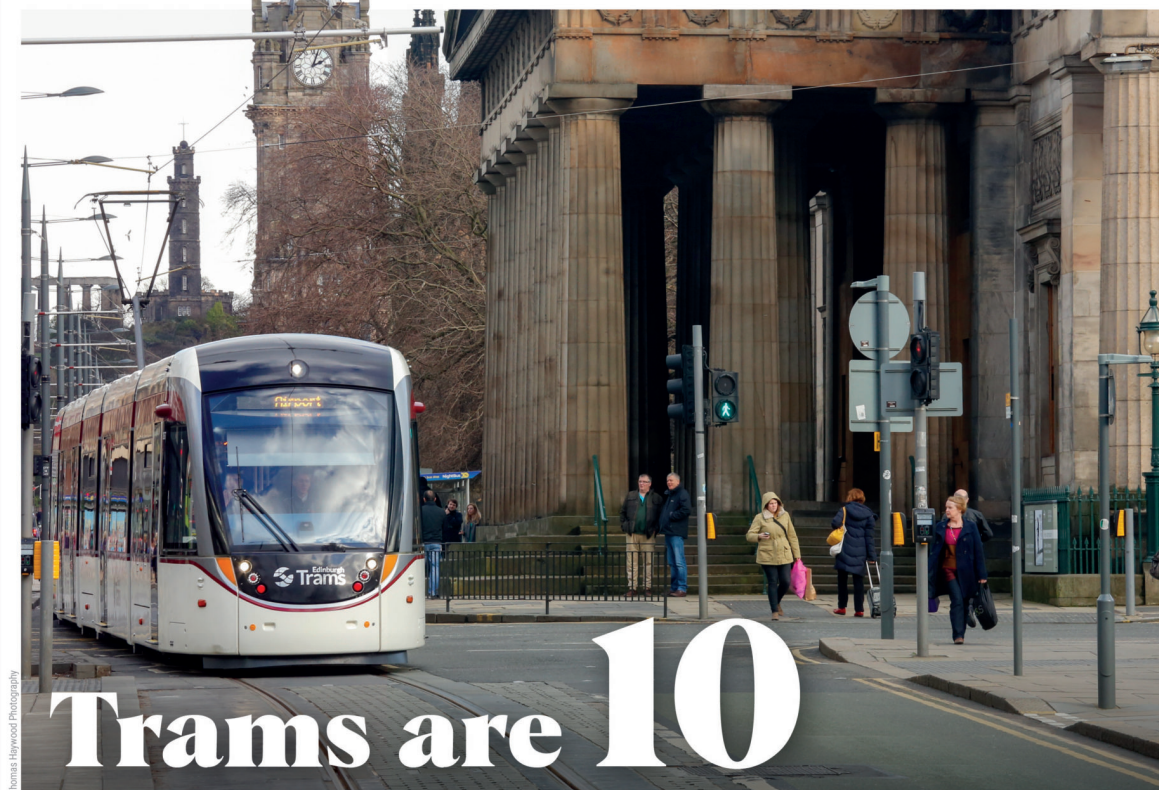
Hibs could look close  
to home for new boss

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# the Edinburgh Reporter

June 2024

EDINBURGH FREE LOCAL NEWSPAPER...A CAPITAL READ FROM START TO FINISH



Thomas Haywood Photography

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

**IT IS NOW TEN YEARS** since Edinburgh Trams began running the passenger service

from Edinburgh Airport to York Place. Actually on the first day the service began at the Gyle Stop with many people trying to be the first passengers to get on board.

Edinburgh Trams have now carried more than 60 million passengers in the last decade on a fleet of 27 trams and employ around 300 people in Edinburgh. Except during Covid

tram income has risen year on year. In 2014 the half year income was £4.782 million and this rose to £23.9 million in 2023.

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## Edinburgh World Heritage event

Slavery and the Scottish Enlightenment – a book launch. The new ideas and values that emerged from Scotland between the mid-eighteenth and mid-nineteenth century were shaped by the

moral dilemmas of the day. As such, the story of the Scottish Enlightenment is intertwined with that of slavery and the slave trade.

John D. O. Fulton in his new book explores this nuanced and conflicting relationship via the compelling life stories of an extraordinary cast of characters—from Jamaican plantation owners to America's original private eye, Glaswegian merchants to London revolutionaries, escaped American slaves to indomitable female crusaders fighting for America's soul. They lived in a period of seismic historical events, legal reforms and moral shifts, with slavery at the centre. From a Scottish perspective, *Slavery and the Scottish Enlightenment* gives a rich, diverse and dramatic account of this momentous period, while examining its relevance to our society today.

Join us in the splendid setting of the Signet Library for an evening with the author, John D. O. Fulton who will talk about his research after giving a presentation. Robert Pirrie WS, Chief Executive of the WS Society will host the event and welcome guests to the historic Signet Library. (only accessible by stairs as this event is on the upper level).

- Tickets In person only (includes drinks reception): £12
- Date: Thursday 13 June 2024
- Open from 5.30pm
- Start time of event 6.00pm
- Drinks reception from 7.00pm
- Venue: The Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh EH1 1RF



**Join us**  
for the book launch of:

***Slavery***  
and the  
***Scottish***  
***Enlightenment***

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*By John D. O. Fulton*

