

# Five things you need to know today

## Farewell Consul General

Jack Hillmeyer has been an outstanding US Consul General for the last three years, not only promoting America, but also engaging in civic life in Edinburgh. Last night he threw a farewell party which also marked (albeit a week early) US Independence Day.

The First Minister was principal guest and praised the Consul General for his work during the last three years, and for his elegant tartan trews in the US Consulate tartan which was created during his term – and which matched the First Minister's tie.



US Consul General Jack Hillmeyer





The First Minister, John Swinney and Jack Hillmeyer

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## Trams are 10

By **PHYLIS 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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## Countdown to the election

Read John Knox's Letter from Scotland [here](#) to recap on all the electioneering and shenanigans from this last week. According to the URL which our site generates this may be the 459th

article he has written on all things political. It will be interesting to see what he writes next Friday on the morning after the election.

## Critical Mass on Saturday

*Join [#CriticalMass](#) this Saturday 29 June to fight for safer, more sustainable streets in [#Edinburgh](#).*

*This month's ride starts and ends at [@EdClimateFest](#) at [#MiddleMeadowWalk](#) setting off at 2pm. [#LetsRideTogether](#) [#ActiveTravel](#) [#SaferCycleLanes](#) [pic.twitter.com/8YZSdl0o0z](https://pic.twitter.com/8YZSdl0o0z)*

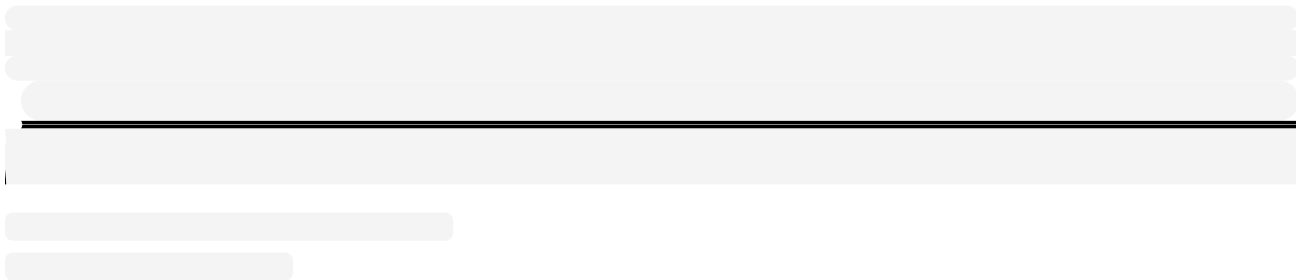
*– Critical Mass Edinburgh (@EdCriticalMass) [June 27, 2024](#)*

## Margot Summer Fair

The restaurant on Barclay Terrace which is a part of the Left Field family is having a Summer Fair on Sunday featuring their own and other local businesses. What a great idea.



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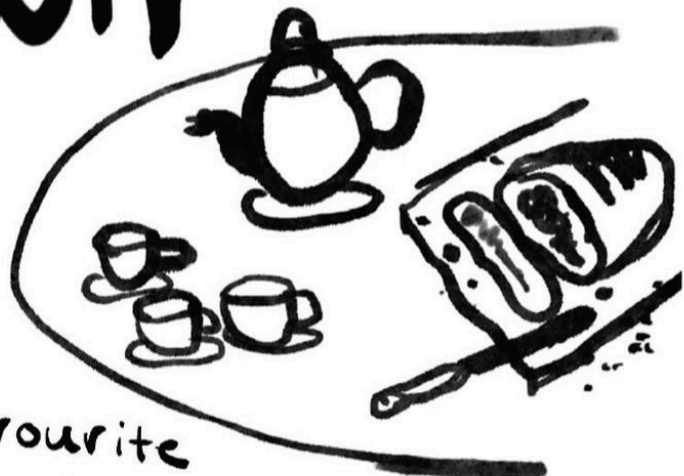
A post shared by Margot (@margotedinburgh)





# Margot Summer Fair

30<sup>th</sup> June  
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Shop some  
of our favourite  
local businesses,

eat some of our  
favorite snacks,  
drink our favourite  
drinks,  
Join our favourite  
Pilates class.

