

Five things you need to know today

LEZ fines

The council has issued more than 6,000 penalty charge notices in the last month for those who breached the conditions attached to the new Low Emission Zone (LEZ) in the city centre.

[Read more here.](#)



Enforcement of the LEZ in Edinburgh began in June 2024 PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Discounted Fringe tickets

Gilded Balloon have a new Postcode Pals scheme to allow people living in Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife and Falkirk to buy tickets at a discounted rate of £6.

Postcode Pals runs from now until 6pm 30th July for residents in EH, KY and FK postcodes – tickets.gildedballoon.co.uk/login/

Thousands of tickets across Gilded Balloon's varied programme of comedy, theatre, magic, kids, musicals and more will be discounted for a limited time only. Locals have from now until 30th July to claim their Postcode Pals tickets, with a limited number of tickets available for each performance and subject to availability. The brand new scheme will invite residents across Edinburgh and the Lothians, Fife and Falkirk to see some of the Fringe's top shows in the very first few days of the world's biggest arts festival.

Ts&Cs: £6 tickets (plus handling fees) for cards registered to addresses from EH, KY and FK postcodes via Gilded Balloon website only. Offer available to purchase from 15th July – 6pm 30th July. Discounted tickets for participating shows from 31st July – 4th August, subject to availability. Max 2 per show, max 6 per transaction. Log in and use PALS24 at checkout to unlock discount.

Bob Dylan's back – but no filming

Bob Dylan is coming to Edinburgh in November – but he has partnered up with a company called [Yondr](#) which will ensure that nobody brings in either video cameras or mobile phones. When members of the audience arrive at the concert they will place their mobile phones into pouches which will then be locked during the gig. And if someone needs to use their phone all they have to do is go outside the venue and place their

phone on an unlocking base.

[Read more here about the concert.](#)

Eric Liddell honoured

The late Eric Liddell, an Olympic athlete and missionary, was awarded a posthumous degree by Moray House at a ceremony yesterday when he was represented by his daughter, 88 year old Patricia Liddell Russell. His name has been given to the Eric Liddell Centre at Holy Corner where the [Eric Liddell Community](#) runs services for people with dementia.

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Mrs Patricia Liddell Russell poses with her father Eric Liddell's Honorary Degree from the University of Edinburgh.

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The Eric Liddell Community

City marks the centenary of The Flying Scotsman

By PHYLLIS STEPHEN

IT WILL BE 100 YEARS this month since athlete and missionary, Eric Liddell, won an Olympic gold medal in Paris. The story of his victory was the real-life inspiration for the film, Chariots of Fire, and he was not only a sprinter, but also a rugby player, winning seven caps for Scotland and working as a Christian missionary in China.

While he studied at the University of Edinburgh he also played sport for his country - although he had been born in Qing China where his Scottish parents were missionaries.

At the 1924 Olympics he would not run in the heats for the 100 metres race as these were held on a Sunday when he did not play sport. He then competed in the 400 metres heat held on a weekday, and - even though this was not "his" distance - he won.

His name has been given to The Eric Liddell Community (ELC) at Holy Corner which will celebrate the life of their namesake with a series of events this month. ELC is a registered care charity based at Holy Corner where they provide specialist dementia care and help people to overcome loneliness and isolation. The charity, which has HRH The Princess Royal as patron, has begun a fundraising campaign during this year to help them continue with their important work.

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