

# Five things you need to know today

In case you're wondering where everyone is this is the September holiday weekend. But news never stops...

## Screen Machine visiting Holyrood

The Screen Machine will come to Holyrood today and tomorrow based in the car park at Broad Pavement. Booking is essential to reserve a seat and see "exciting new work from Scotland".

## Riding of the Marches

Do take a look at just some of the hundreds of photos we took on Sunday on The Royal Mile and in Holyrood Park.

You can read about the day [here](#) and [here](#) and on Facebook [here](#).



The Riding of the Marches passed through Holyrood Park and up The Royal Mile to end at the Mercat Cross  
The Rt Hon Lord Provost Robert Aldridge passes accompanied by The Provost Consort Colin Cunningham  
Picture Alan Simpson 15/9/24

## Community Choir

Popular local community choir SONGWORKS will re-start on Thursday 19 September after the summer break.

Weekly sessions take place from 7 – 9 pm in Columcille Centre, 2 Newbattle Terrace, EH10 4RT.

Musical Director Deborah Shaw said that the emphasis will be on having fun while learning songs from around the world. There are no auditions, you don't have to be able to read music and you may not have sung a note since you were at

school.

The fee is £50 for the 10-week term and newcomers are invited to try out the first session for free.

Further information at <https://songworksedinburgh.uk> or email the group at [songworksedin@gmail.com](mailto:songworksedin@gmail.com)

## **Balgreen Library to close for two weeks**

The library at Balgreen will close for two weeks from 16 September to allow for essential maintenance work. The nearest branch is Fountainbridge Library at 137 Dundee Street EH11 1BG. If you go there then please ask for a copy of The Edinburgh Reporter September issue.





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



## Meet Cleo the cheetah

### Spot the new cool cat at the Zoo

By GEORGE MAIR

**THE FESTIVALS** are just finished for this year, but it may be timely to remind you of the 2023 Funniest Joke of the Fringe. This was written by Lorna Rose Treen: "I started dating a zookeeper but it turned out he was a cheetah."

Visitors to Edinburgh Zoo can now easily spot a real live cheetah for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century – after the new star attraction was recently introduced to the Edinburgh public.

Cleo, a five-year-old Northeast African cheetah, has arrived at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) from Fota Wildlife Park near Cork in Ireland.

The majestic big cat – the first of her kind at the zoo since 2000 – spent time getting used to her new surroundings before finally going on show to visitors.

Plans are already being made to add a male later this year, with hopes of the first cubs next year.

Donald Gow, Living Collections Operations Manager at RZSS, said: "We are delighted to finally be able to introduce visitors to our new cheetah, Cleo."

"This spectacular and elegant big cat just arrived in Edinburgh and has spent a good few days just settling into her new surroundings. "We've had a lot of interest from our members and visitors already. "We know she will be a very popular addition to our collection of fascinating, beautiful and iconic animals."

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