

# Five things you need to know today

## The Royal Society of Edinburgh

Today The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland's National Academy, has announced that its new cohort of Fellows which will include His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

[Read more here.](#)



## Save the Roseburn Path

The Save the Roseburn Path campaign denied that they had put up either a poster or indeed a sign on the path with their group's name on it.

Cllr Stephen Jenkinson the Transport and Environment Convener became aware of the sign at the weekend and advised that such a sign would have needed permission. He has asked officers to remove it.

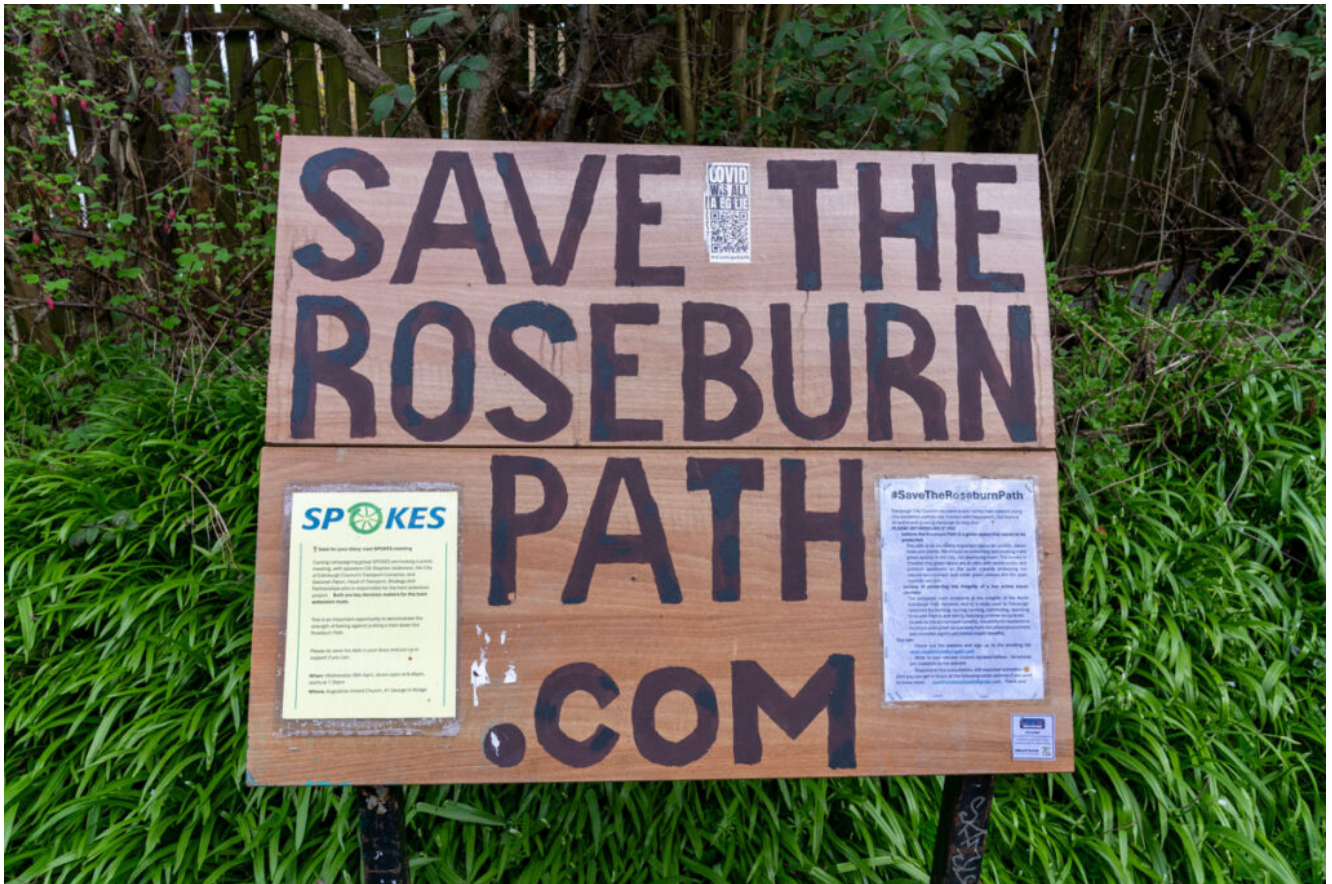
A poster on the wooden board implied that it was an official Spokes poster – but that was also denied. Spokes are however happy that the notice is to be removed by the campaigners in the first instance.

However the campaigners who do not want the council to build any tram extension on any part of the path have now said it is imperative that the “upcoming consultation is conducted fairly and properly with controls in place to account for any undue bias or influence”. The council has said it will establish a consultation to consider the two options – building a north south extension to Granton on the roads including Orchard Brae and Dean Bridge, or creating a spur off the line at Murrayfield and using a stretch of the Roseburn Path. The council has confirmed that alternative cycling options would be a part of that second option.

[Read more about this story here.](#)

Spokes said that its position on the tramline extension remains unchanged. It is possibly one of the topics which will be up for discussion at its public meeting on 30 April.

[Details of that here.](#)



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## Photomagic on the Royal Mile

Meet Adrian below. He is a photographer with a difference on the Royal Mile. For a tip he will take a photo of passers by with his “old-fashioned” camera – and it will be printed in his magic suitcase before you know it – as a newspaper.

Go and see him and have your photo taken. He said he will be here for this week, but he is always moving on to other cities.

[Follow him on Instagram.](#)



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## Restless Natives are on the road

Tickets are now on sale for Restless Natives: The Musical at Leith Theatre from 12 to 21 June.

This will be the new musical version of the cult classic film with Scotland's favourite Highland-Highwaymen The Clown and The Wolfman. Restless Natives producer Andy Paterson says he is thrilled to see the musical leading the summer programming for the venue: "We are so inspired by the Trust's vision for this incredible building. Our memories of shooting key scenes from the film just a few hundred yards away on the Western Harbour make this new partnership all the more special. We can't wait to bring the Clown and the Wolfman back to their actual and spiritual home in Edinburgh."

[Book tickets here](#)



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## Mystery behind the mask

By **PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

**MASK MAKER LORRAINE PRITCHARD** and Scottish, Polish, Chinese and Congolese dancers appeared in colourful traditional costume and masks to launch this year's Pomegranates Festival of international traditional dance which takes place at the end of April.

The festival celebrates Scottish traditional

dance alongside world traditional dance practised by New Scots and cultural migrant communities in Scotland.

It is the annual platform for the diverse 250+ individual and organisational members of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland to teach, learn and perform in new dance theatre and screen dance shows.

The festival also invites wider audiences to

take part in exhibitions, ceilidhs, workshops, walking tours, and talks about traditional dance from Scotland and elsewhere.

This year's festival theme is masks. Throughout the festival audiences will be invited to experience the power of masks used in different traditions, and reflect on the significance, beauty and mystery of masks and traditional dance from antiquity to

modern days.

Pomegranates will continue to explore the links between traditional dance and live music, film, fashion, poetry, art and heritage craft, such as mask-making.

Pomegranates Festival 25 to 30 April at the Scottish Storytelling Centre.  
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