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If you want to venture into the city, take a look at our Front Cover for the St John's Church market on Princes Street and this year's panto is Beauty and the Beast, which is a great day out for all ages, and runs throughout December from the 5th-28th at the Festival Theatre.

As the year comes to an end, I think it best to reflect on what has been another successful year for Porty. With the opening of new businesses, improvements to the area and lots of success for local residents, lets try and keep improving Portobello for all, and have another amazing year come 2026.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas, Hanukkah, or anything else you may be celebrating this December.

Charlie Cowdy

Editor



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Here is a summary of some of the manufactucles reported by a range, semedia outlets and posted on our Facebook Page that relate to our local area of Portobello, Craigentinny, Joppa and Brunstane.



Edinburgh Live & Daily *Record both had articles on the Craigentinny Marbles - a 177yr old Mausoleum for William Henry Miller, a landowner and Member of Parliament, who moved to the area after losing his seat in 1841.



Another article in Edinburgh Live covered the closure of Balerno and Portobello police stations with the Scottish Conservatives suggesting the blames lies with SNP's cuts to police budgets.

Edinburgh Live also reported the arrival of 12 Lidl stores in Edinburgh including one in Portobello, although further research suggests this might be at Seaforth Retail Park along Seafield Road.



Portobello water polo club's

Joe Mathieson has been selected for the GB under-20 men's squad preparing for European Championships in Portugal next August according to Edinburgh Reporter



Plans have been approved to demolish an Edinburgh water tower and build a new block of six flats on Pittville Street Lane in Portobello so I read in Edinburgh News

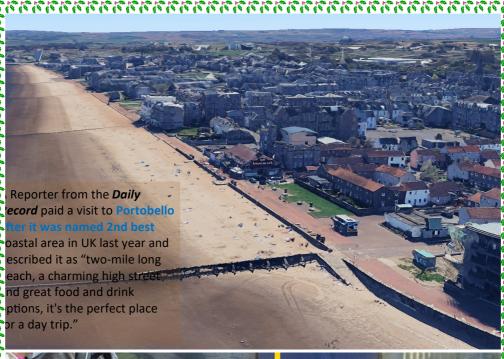


STV News ran a story on residents rallying to save the **George Bingo Hall over** concerns for its future after the City Council decided against serving a defective building notice on its owners.



Meanwhile Edinburgh News ran a story about residents rallying against a proposed **Controlled Parking Zone** from Kings Road to Joppa. This following an angry Public meeting in the Town Hall in May when Labour's **Transport Convener** struggled to control the event.









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Brighton Park

Portobello Christmas Market

Sat 6th Dec, 9:30am-1:30pm



If you know of a local community event to promote, drop us a line

The Tower, 47 Figgate Lane

Festive Paper Decoration Workshop

Thursday 4th December, 19:00-21:00

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Rising Tide Cafe

Winter Solstice Feast

Friday 19th December, 18:30-21:00

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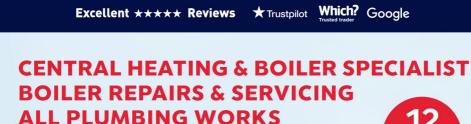
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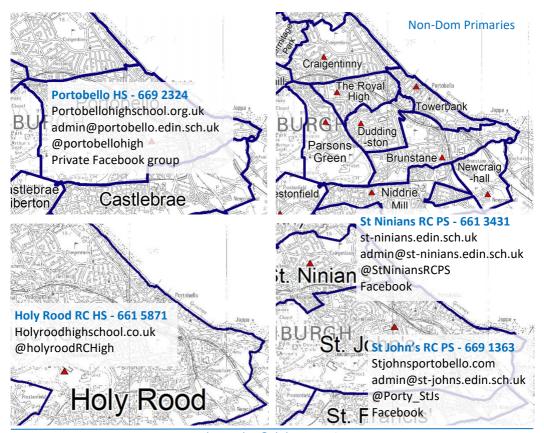
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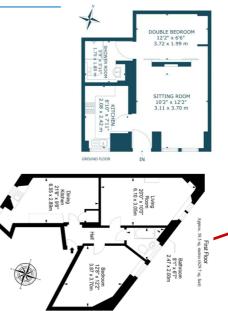
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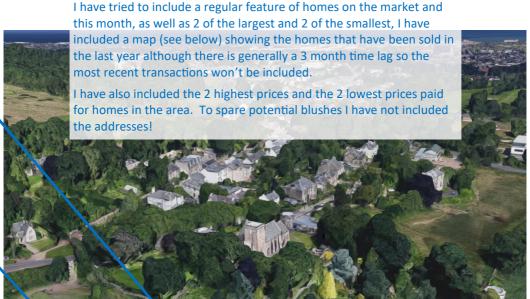
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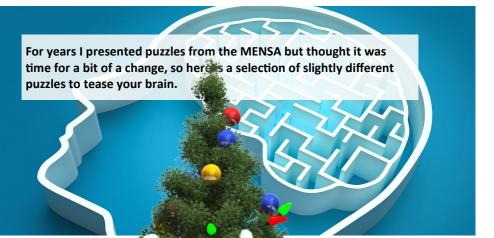
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Two mums and 2 daughters went out for Christmas dinner each ate one portion, yet only three portions were eaten in total. How is this possible?



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