

## TOLLCROSS NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS. March 2023.

TCP is part of Barclay Viewforth Church. Our aim is to support the community of Tollcross. As well as hosting evening events, we keep in touch with our local shopkeepers through fortnightly visits on Friday mornings. We hope that this newsletter will help to connect our neighbours by sharing news from local businesses and organisations. Do you have news to share? Contact us at [tcp@barclayviewforth.org.uk](mailto:tcp@barclayviewforth.org.uk).

### Reflection



'Spring is sprung, the grass is riz.  
I wonder where the boidies is'  
(Anon).

Spring has indeed sprung, and with it, hope for better days ahead. The awesome power of nature, thrusting through the earth, is joyfully at work. Dylan Thomas captures this well in his thought-provoking poem "The force that through the green fuse drives the flower." Creation cannot be suppressed. Meanwhile, on Barclay Terrace, banks of daffodils, in all their golden glory, bring cheer in gloomy times. What better backdrop for the Easter story where resurrection hope thrusts through the darkness of the cross! There *is* hope. And so, from us to you, a very happy Easter.

### One hundred years young

It won't be long now until the cafe celebrates 100 years in its present location. Jonathan has been running the family business (started by his great uncle) for 14 years now and is well known by many in Tollcross who drop in for tea and a chat. He is hoping to organise a community event to which we will all be invited.



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## Changes in the Neighbourhood

### Totty Rocks



Holly is moving her business out of Tollcross, after ten successful years. This year, Holly's lease is due for renewal and the increase in rent and overheads means that it is no longer viable for Holly to continue here. We are sorry to see her go, but wish her well in her new location.

### Hill, Lord and Co

After 133 years at 35 Bruntsfield Place, Hill, Lord and Co are moving to Marchmont Hardware, 8 Warrender Park Road, on Wednesday, 29 March, 2023.

William and Brian thank everyone for their business over the years. We will miss them, but wish them every happiness in their retirement.





## **Ocean Sea Grocery**



Yoyo and her cousin Carrie run the Asian Supermarket opposite Bruntsfield Links. The shop opened in July last year. You can buy Bao buns here, and many other tasty things.

## **Modern Standard Coffee**

Modern Standard Coffee have a change of management. Jo is handing over to their brother, Jelly, while they (Jo's chosen pronoun) move to Vancouver Island to be with their partner. Jo has managed the business since the coffee shop opened in 2020. We'll miss them, but wish them happiness in their new life in Canada. Meanwhile, there are new coffees in season to try at the café, along with their newest product which is specialty coffee in Nespresso Pods, as of Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. More info: [www.modernstandardcoffee.com](http://www.modernstandardcoffee.com).

## **BAO BUNS**

There's a new bun in town. Not fruit or hot cross but bao! Bao buns have been popular across Asia for centuries and they have arrived in Asian restaurants and supermarkets in Scotland including right on our doorstep.

What are they? Warm, fluffy, delicious treats. Basically a sweet, white dough with a filling which is usually savoury like pork, chicken or vegetables but can also be sweet such as chocolate or custard. They are made from flour, yeast, sugar, baking powder, milk and oil and there are many recipes online should you wish to make your own. However, why not sample them first. The buns are steamed and can be cooked fresh or from frozen. If you enjoy tasting something different, give bao buns a go!



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### Easter Services at BVC



### 7 April Good Friday

- 9.30am Hot Cross buns giveaway outside the church.
- 10am Walk of Witness. We walk to St Michael's, Slateford Road, onto Polwarth Church and finish at Craiglockhart Church.
- 7pm Tenebrae service at BVC. A meditation on the last hours of Jesus' life.

### 9 April Easter Sunday

- 7.30am Craiglockhart Hill service (meet Craiglockhart church).
- 10.30am Easter Sunday celebration

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

We are also open 10am-1pm every Tuesday for a coffee and a chat.

You can find out more about us here:

Website: [www.barclayviewforth.org.uk](http://www.barclayviewforth.org.uk)

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