

# Five things you need to know today



- **Bridgend Farmhouse**
- **Toastmasters International**
- **Old Chambers add to their self-catering offering**
- **Jupiter Artland now open for the summer**
- **Leith Jazz and Blues Festival 2016**

Some exciting events are coming up at **Bridgend Farmhouse**, Old Dalkeith Road on the edge of Craigmillar Country Park. BIG (Bridgend Inspiring Growth) Open Day and AGM June 5 from 11am to 4.30pm. This will include: drop-in work on site from 11am-3pm; birdsong and guided walk in Craigmillar woods at 12 noon; tile engraving; bench restoration; tours of the farmhouse and site; BIG Lunch at 2pm; AGM from 3-4.30pm with chance to join the committee. And the weekly Sunday drop-in continues as usual, every Sunday from 11-3pm. Much more here:[www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk](http://www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk)



There's a demo meeting of a proposed **new public speaking club** run by Toastmasters International in Portobello on Wednesday, 22 June from 19:15 to 21:30 at the Dalriada – 77 Promenade, EH15 2EL. Toastmasters clubs transform lives by helping people gain confidence and boost public speaking and leadership skills. The initial meeting is free and as Toastmasters is a not for profit organisation, membership rates are kept low to cover training materials and room hire. Book your place at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/porty-communicators-free-demo-meeting-tickets-25313339881>



Edinburgh's award-winning five-star Old Town Chambers has teamed up with Valvona & Crolla to offer luxury food hampers for its guests, providing a delicious continental breakfast or wine and snacks for a quiet night in. Created by the Italian food and wine emporium, the boxes include a range of tasty treats for guests to enjoy in the comfort of their own luxury apartment.



The breakfast boxes come packed with Valvona & Crolla's own baked pastries, a selection of Italian cheese and cured meats, seasonal fruit, home-baked bread, butter, jam and fruit juice. The quiet night in box includes cheese and meat with home baked oatcakes, Parmigiana biscuits and a bottle of Valvona & Crolla signature wine. Each is available to order in advance and costs just £29 for two people.

Gavin MacLennan, general manager of Old Town Chambers, commented: "Our Valvona & Crolla boxes bring the finest continental breakfast to our guests that they can enjoy wherever they choose – whether as a breakfast picnic in one of our king size beds enjoying views over Edinburgh, or in our state of the art kitchens. The gorgeous boxes, which are wrapped like a beautiful gift, are ideal for our stunning apartments which offer the luxury of a five-star hotel with the flexibility of self-catering."

Mary Contini, director of Valvona & Crolla said: "We are delighted to be offering guests at the Old Town Chambers the chance to enjoy our carefully selected Italian and Scottish foods in the comfort of these stunning apartments to make their stay even more pleasurable".



Jupiter Artland has opened its beautiful gates on its 2016

programme, presenting a series of exhibitions, performances, unique temporary installations and new permanent works for the landscape.



With work by Christian Boltanski, Céleste Boursier-Mougenot, Helen Chadwick, Ditte Gantriis, Caroline Mesquita and Hayley Tompkins, the programme presents work by some of the most esteemed and provocative figures in contemporary art, alongside the next generation of young artists.

This year's programme includes:

2 new permanent commissions: Christian Boltanski's first outdoor work in the UK, and a new work for the orchard by Alec Finlay

Songbirds creating music with electric guitars, by French artist Céleste Boursier-Mougenot

The renowned work, Piss Flowers, by the late Turner-prize nominee Helen Chadwick

The opportunity to record your own heartbeat – that will form Christian Boltanski's ongoing project of Mammoth wicker baskets, created by Danish artist Ditte Gantriis, for the Ballroom

A new temporary installation by French artist Caroline Mesquita, by the duck pond

A new floor-based work by Glasgow-based Hayley Tompkins

Sound and Nature: an expanded events programme for this year

Ambitious developments for Jupiter's Learning Programme including the launch of Jupiter as a digital world with Jupiter Artland: In Minecraft.


Jupiter Artland, the award-winning sculpture garden, was founded by Robert & Nicky Wilson and houses an extensive collection of contemporary outdoor sculpture located across 100 acres of woodland and meadows just outside of Edinburgh. Since opening in 2009, Jupiter Artland has commissioned more

than 30 site-specific works by leading artists, including Antony Gormley, Charles Jencks, Anish Kapoor, Ian Hamilton Finlay, Anya Gallaccio, Andy Goldsworthy and Cornelia Parker, and they continue to expand the extraordinary setting with new commissions. All ticket sales for Jupiter Artland go directly towards supporting the Jupiter Artland Foundation.

[Ticket details here.](#)



**From 2pm tomorrow afternoon the Leith Jazz and Blues Festival will take over the port. There is a mass of concerts across the area and you can browse the whole programme [here](#).**

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