

Five things you need to know today



- **The Friends of Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park AGM**
- **Bank of Scotland grants programme**
- **Barney's Beer on tour**
- **Tanabata Star Festival**
- **Poetry Al Fresco with Ryan van Winkle**

The Friends of Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park are holding their AGM tonight Monday 3 July 2017. They welcome you to join them. Gareth Barwell Head of Place Management will be addressing the meeting . he is the council officer responsible for looking after the local environment and the park. he is also responsible for the city's cleansing services and maintenance of roads and footways.

The group's Natural Heritage Officer Andrew Law will also report to the meeting at Gilmerton Library on Newtoft Street

The Bank of Scotland Foundation is accepting applications for its Medium Grants and Small Grants Programmes for its summer 2017 round. The Bank of Scotland Foundation is an independent charity supporting local, regional and national charities working at the heart of communities across Scotland.

The Foundation is able to provide its grants programmes each year thanks to an annual donation of £2 million from the Lloyds Banking Group.

Charities registered in Scotland can apply to the small and medium grants programmes once every 12 months and to the large grants programme after a one-year gap or a two-year gap

depending on whether or not they were successful in their bid.

(The large grants programme with grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 is expected to open again in 2018.)

Applications are currently being accepted to the:

- Medium Grants Programme which offers grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 for projects that address developing and improving local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion.
- Small Grants Programme which offers grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects that address social inclusion and life-long learning.

There are two more application rounds for 2017. For further information

<http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>

The next deadline for applications is 7 July 2017.

Scottish Beer Tours team up with Barney's Beer

As of last month, the brewery has officially teamed up with new company Scottish Beer Tours to provide led tours of the site as well as a tasting of their core range beers. Scottish Beer Tours, run by Sara Robertson, started up earlier this year to provide a craft beer experience in the city – a niche which can be seen being filled in most global major cities these days. The tours take full advantage of some of the city's best craft venues including The Hanging Bat and sister-bar Salt Horse, OX184, Andrew Usher & Co, and of course The Royal Dick Bar. The guides on the walking tours teach groups how to go about tasting beer – utilising all 5 senses – for the best experience, while expanding their knowledge of the brewing process and of Scotland's fascinating and extensive brewing history. Tickets for both the brewery and walking

tours are sold at www.scot.beer

Nobody can accuse the Scottish Storytelling Centre of having a dull programme of events! This week on Wednesday they celebrate the launch of a new exhibition with an evening of stories and star-lore, with **Linda Williamson, Mio Shapley** and **Joseph Kennedy**.



The Japanese Star Festival or 'Tanabata' is traditionally held on 7th July, where legend says the Cowherd Star (Altair) and Weaver Star (Vega), lovers separated by the Milky Way, can meet just once a year – on the 7th day of the 7th month.

At 7.00pm at The Scottish Storytelling Centre Royal Mile t 0131 556 9579

More details and online booking [here](#).

Book ahead for an evening of poetry with Ryan van Winkle at Jupiter Artland on 27 July 2017.



Join Saltire Prize-winning poet and curator Ryan Van Winkle for an engaging evening of poetry on a walkabout reading. Inspired by Jupiter Artland's unique grounds and contemporary art, the Scottish Poetry Library and Jupiter Artland are showcasing the work of this original Scotland-based writer in a special, site-specific event.

Poetry Al Fresco | Tickets £12.00 available [here](#)