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A Frosty Reception

Cosy fireside hospitality or ice-cold winter magic? The themes for winter events in Scotland are often a response to the outdoor chill, but there are more ways than one to offer a warm winter welcome to guests during Scotland's colder months.

Ice themes have become a popular way of expressing the season, with lighting, flowers and the choice of menu all being used to contribute to the winter wonderland feel. "We always make sure that the background temperature is slightly warmer than usual, so that guests can enjoy the idea of the cold, while dining in comfort," says Linda Martin, Principal Event Designer at Heritage Portfolio.

The very best seasonal produce features in our winter menus, with fillet of venison being a popular choice for a main course and a delicious warm ginger pudding soaked in cider syrup, clotted cream ice cream, fresh honeycomb and ginger tuille for dessert. We are passionate about the quality of food that we offer and work hard to ensure that all the elements of an event will blend together to create something really impressive for the guests.



Events by Design

Is it art or is it science? Designing an event needs both creative flair and precision planning to create a unique and memorable occasion. Meet the Event Design Team who can lead you through the maze of lighting, linens, table settings and menu plans to orchestrate an event that your guests will really appreciate.

“Event Design is really all about sharing our knowledge and experience with you, our clients. Because I organise events all the time, I have a sense of what will work...and what won't! I love working with creative people, combining their ideas with my knowledge of venues, timescales and detailed planning to help the idea come to fruition. I listen very carefully to the original idea and then steer the project to make sure that it stays on track.”

Linda Martin

“Our seasonal menus provide a great starting place for planning the food for your event. However, we want you to feel that the menu is just right for your event and can customize dishes to your taste. I am always delighted to welcome clients to the Tasting Room at our offices. A tasting session means that you can try out a selection of the menu options and view the theming proposals. We will spend time together discussing the detail of the presentation, then we'll photograph the agreed dishes, to ensure that everything looks just right on the day.”

Gillian Walker

“Many of our clients comment that their planning is made so much easier because they have one point of contact at Heritage Portfolio. That will usually be Linda, Gillian or myself! If I'm the designer for your event then it's my task to co-ordinate every aspect of the event – menus, drinks, lighting, entertainment, flowers, linens and so on. I'll have an overview of the planning and preparation and be able to make sure that everything has been thought of and that the original idea has not been lost amongst the detail.”

Bethan Kitt



Left to right: Bethan Kitt, Linda Martin and Gillian Walker

Heritage Portfolio really is about far more than catering and it's the Event Designers who add that extra element of flair and co-ordination. From creative ideas, all the way through the planning process to delivering a perfect event, with every napkin and flower in place, it's our unique Event Design Team who make the difference.

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Angelic Restoration

The vast task of restoring the historic murals by Phoebe Anna Traquair has finally been completed and Mansfield Traquair is now fully open and available as one of Edinburgh's unique and most remarkable venues for corporate functions and weddings.



Known as Edinburgh's Sistine chapel, the interior of Mansfield Traquair has been restored to provide a beautiful and versatile venue that can accommodate 350 people for dinner or 600 for a reception. With its accessible city centre location and modern facilities, Mansfield Traquair already sounds like the ideal venue. But you need to visit it to appreciate the dramatic murals that put the venue into a league of its own. Phoebe Anna Traquair's astonishing artistic skill and sparkling wit have been brought back to life as the restoration work has

Bubbling over

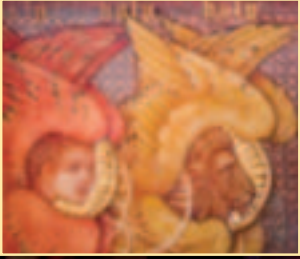


Musselburgh Racecourse have chosen Pommery as their house champagne and developed a sponsorship agreement with this exclusive and successful champagne house, all thanks to Heritage Portfolio.



Champagne and the races are inextricably linked, so we were delighted to recommend our own house champagne, Pommery, to our friends at Musselburgh. Pommery has the largest vineyards of any of the champagne houses and a reputation for finding great export markets that has been sustained from Madame Pommery's day in the mid 19th century.

uncovered the rich, vibrant colours of the Italian pigments and gold leaf that Traquair used to paint accurately interpreted Biblical stories and hosts of angels.



The venue has been open since 2003, with Heritage Portfolio providing all of the catering and event management, but it was only in 2005 that the restoration work on the murals was finally completed. With the full splendour of these amazing works of art to enjoy, this is surely the moment to book the exclusive Mansfield Traquair. Contact Linda Martin on 0131 555 8475



Mural Photography: Stewart Guthrie,
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Just 12 years ago, Mansfield Traquair was a derelict church building that was falling into disrepair, but it was home to some remarkable artwork. The most outstanding feature of the church is the vast scheme of mural decoration painted by Scotland's leading Arts and Crafts artist Phoebe Anna Traquair in the 1890s. The church suffered badly in the years since it ceased to be a place of worship, and damage

to both the fabric of the building and the murals was severe. However, the building was rescued in the nick of time. The Mansfield Traquair Trust was set up in 1993 to preserve this incredible building, and the magnificent murals within. Thanks to many funders, the multi-million pound restoration of the building was completed in 2002 and the restoration of the murals was completed in 2005.

about Pommery

"Pommery has been the house champagne at Heritage Portfolio for the last three years. We love the product and really identify with what the company stands for. Pommery has a progressive and innovative approach that is very much in line with our own ideas. We're delighted to be associated with them, and pleased to be able to make the introductions between two such world class organisations."

Mark Miller, Executive Director at Heritage Portfolio

"Musselburgh Racecourse would like to thank Heritage Portfolio for its introduction to Pommery Champagne. In 2005 the Racecourse formed its first exclusive supplier and sponsorship contract with a champagne house. We are delighted to say that Pommery has proved to be the ideal partner by bringing a quality brand, plus significant brand promotion & support, which has seen champagne sales increase by 55% in one year. We hope that this successful three-way partnership with Pommery and Heritage Portfolio continues for a long time."

Bill Farnsworth, General Manager, Musselburgh Racecourse



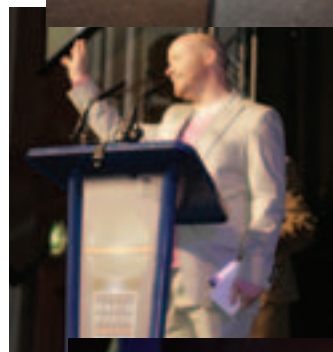


Liberty X goes Forth

Liberty X walked away with The Radio Forth Best Performance Award at the recent Radio Forth Awards. It was a special moment for us as Heritage Portfolio had sponsored the award and we were all delighted when Kelli, Tony, Jessica, Michelle and Kevin finished the event with their hit single, A Night to Remember.

We were also honoured to provide the catering at this glittering show biz event, where guests included Lulu, Daniel Bedingfield, The Magnets, Craig Hill, Tony Christie and many more familiar names.

The Radio Forth Awards ceremony was bigger than ever this time, so Forth had chosen the Assembly Rooms in George Street as a new venue. Ross Wilson, Senior Marketing Executive at Radio Forth said, "We were delighted with the way Heritage Portfolio picked up the task of providing the awards lunch for almost 400 people. We were confident in what they could deliver right from the start, and not one bit disappointed on the day!! The food was absolutely superb, with many of the guests commenting on how well the catering compared to other events they'd attended. The whole team were tremendous and a pleasure to work with."



We were the first!



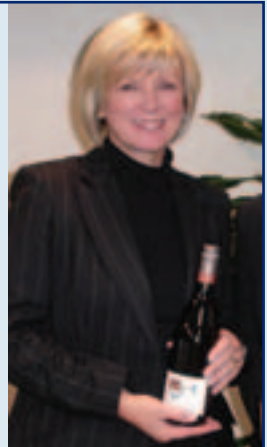
Beetroot Blue provided the catering for an evening party following Scotland's first "gay wedding". The civil partnership ceremony between Laurence Scott-McKay and John Maguire took place in Edinburgh on 20th December, with both partners flying in from the States, so John tracked down Beetroot Blue on the web from California.

John says, "Beetroot Blue were simply superb. The food met every detail we had asked for and was a huge success (the tablet and fudge with the chocolate dipping sauce was the biggest hit of the night)."

A STELLA BELLA WIN!

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the competition in the last edition, Taste of Autumn. We are delighted to announce that Fiona Larnach of the Eastern Western Group was the winner of a superb case of Stella Bella wine worth over £400, which was delivered just in time for her to enjoy with family and friends over the Christmas holidays.

Fiona, who is the Group Marketing Manager of Eastern Western, says, "I was already a big fan of Heritage Portfolio! The Eastern Western Group have been dealing with Heritage Portfolio for many years and have built up a strong working relationship. Arranging events for our clients has always been very time consuming and stressful, with catering being a very important element of any event. Over the years we have developed a confidence that Heritage Portfolio will always exceed our expectations, and more importantly, those of our customers."



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