

QBA Newsletter.

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Welcome to the latest edition of the QBA Newsletter. Please let me know if you would like your business featured in future editions. The QBA exists to promote the interests of the business community in the village and the interests of your business can be given a boost by keeping the membership informed of what you are doing. At the same time, the QBA should act as a medium of exchange. Next time you need a service or a product, **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FIRST**. Almost everything you could possibly want can be provided by your fellow members. And who knows? if you use them, they might just use you

High Street Businesses:

The High Street has been greatly enhanced by the arrival of *Maisie's* on the former *Clan Albanach* site. *Maisie's* is a must visit for Home Interiors, Gifts & Cards, Stationary and Children's Clothes.

Meanwhile, Rona & Peter Martin have taken *Absolutely Blooming* to pastures new but are still very much in business and can be contacted by Telephone: : 07725338383 and email: rona@absolutelyblooming.co.uk

Events:

Members have enjoyed 2 very successful networking evenings, most recently at the *Boat House* on Thursday, 29th May where a wonderful Buffet was enjoyed by about 20 members. Many thanks to Paul Steward and his staff for their hospitality.

These events provide a convivial setting for you to get to know other members and to promote your business. Keep an eye out for news of the next meeting later in the summer.

Website & Email:

We continue to develop the website and Fiona Christie would welcome any suggestions for enhancements and improvements. Please email fiona@jfmchristie.org.uk with your thoughts. What would you like to see on your website? You should receive this newsletter by email. If you have had to go on the website to find it, let Fiona know.

Chambers of Commerce:

Approaches have been received from West Lothian and Edinburgh Chambers of Commerce. The committee is appraising the benefits of group membership from each and will report to the members shortly. We also met with the Linlithgow Business Association and have encouraged them to follow our lead in the formation of *Queensferry Ambition* while

they informed us of their recent twin-town arrangement with a town in USA.

Essential Queensferry:

A few years ago, QBA published an A5 booklet with advertising and business listing for tourists and other visitors to the town. It was a real success and was produced for the cost of its advertising income. We are considering a re-run in 2009 with the accent on Scottish tourism's *Homecoming Scotland*. We hope that businesses in the village will give this project their support.

The Bridge:

The QBA committee continues to press transport for Scotland for information on the construction sites, construction traffic and other matters that will impact the town. We will pass information to you as it becomes available. This project is likely to dominate the area for the next 10 years.

Other Issues Affecting QBA Members:

Your Committee is active on your behalf in a wide range of business and community related issues including: High Street Parking, Road Repairs and other representations to City of Edinburgh Council Roads Dept.; Business Refuse Bins, Bin lorries and deliveries; Business Rates (reduction for street closures); Cruise Ship visits; Promenade upgrade; General communication with CoEC; Signage, Jacob's Ladder and General Parking; Planning liaison with QDCC and City Planners; Forth Crossing and the work of ForthTAG; Orocco Pier, Agilent, Ferrymuir and other local developments.

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise Promotion 2009 :

The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion are looking for: Entrepreneurs, businessmen and women, inventors and innovators who give their time and, possibly financial support, to other potential entrepreneurs whether or not they are still in education or at the business start-up/growth stage.

Those in education, training and youth work who are providing people of all ages, particularly the young, with enterprise skills and attitudes.

Those involved in social enterprise who achieve business outcomes or equip others with business skills.

For further information, please contact

www.queensawards.org.uk/individual

Featured Business:

As nobody responded to my invitation to have their business featured in this newsletter, I thought I might as well feature my own:

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