

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 area 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

Events:

A good turnout of members enjoyed a working breakfast at The Boat House on 29th April at 8.00 am. Local banking expert Duncan Walker spoke about the effects of the banking crisis on businesses and how to get the best out of your bank. Duncan gave an excellent talk which not only clearly explained the causes of the crisis, but also gave members some helpful tips on how to deal with their banks. A delicious breakfast was provided by Paul Steward and his staff and everyone who attended agreed that it was an enjoyable event.

Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce:

As a member of the QBA, you now enjoy the benefits of affiliated membership of the Edinburgh Chamber. There are a large number of services and events available to QBA members. Have a look at the Edinburgh Chamber Website to see how you can use it to expand your business. This is a huge bonus for members and provides much wider networking and connections throughout Edinburgh's business community.

The Bridge:

The QBA committee submitted a detailed response to the Transport for Scotland Consultation. Many thanks to Wil Tunnell for his expert input into this. It is pleasing to see that some of the main objections have been partly addressed in the revised proposals published last week but there remains much to be done if the long term interests of the Business community in Queensferry are to be protected. A large Transport Scotland plan of the southern end of the proposed bridge and the new road layout will be on show at the breakfast event. We will field questions and points about the new layout from those attending the breakfast. We are particularly concerned about the effects on local

business by six or more years of bridge and road construction. Please email qba@jfmdchristie.co.uk with your thoughts.

Cruise Ship Visits

The full list of Liner visits is available on the website but the first one will be Eurodam on 30th May, arriving at 8.00 am and departing at 8.00 pm.

Queensferry Booklet

We produced an A5 colour booklet with local map and news and lists of businesses, plus some items for visitors. This publication from 4 years ago was well received and we are in discussions with Edinburgh Leisure to publish a new booklet for 2010 - Year of Homecoming.

Queensferry Ambition

Having been instrumental in helping form QA, the QBA is delighted to note that plans are under consideration for a review of Queensferry tourism and for discussion on options for a new local museum, visitor centre and other possible attractions and facilities. Its all very tentative, but progress is being made.


Port Edgar Development







Uncertainty seems to be the order of the day with regard to this project with many proposals seemingly on hold pending final decisions on the new bridge. We continue to press the City Council for information and news of the tendering process for Port Edgar. Again, members' views on this issue are warmly welcomed by the committee. Email as above.

Members' Forum

Do you have a burning issue to share with other members? Are you happy with the level of support your business receives at local, national and European government level? How is the Credit Crunch affecting your business? Would you like to raise the profile of your business? Share your thoughts with your fellow members through the medium of this Newsletter. Articles can be long or short, serious or light hearted. Just email them to charles.blackwell@edwardjones.com

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