



T h e F e r r y N e w s

Community Centre

The Community Centre has a busy programme of classes, meetings and special events and we are looking forward to hosting the upcoming Gala Week. We are still applying for grants to build the Multi-Use Games Area at the side of the building but, in the meantime, the local Community Payback team came to remove the fencing around the old dog-walking area so that the grass can be mowed and the flat-ish area can be used for Gala Day. The Community Payback team are also helping us with clearing out the underfloor area of the centre, bit-by-bit, as there has been an amazing accumulation of old furniture and equipment over the years.

Next year is the 25th birthday of the Community Centre and we will be having a special Ceilidh to celebrate the amazing achievement of local residents in first building and then running the centre themselves for all this time.

Community Council

North Queensferry Community Council recently welcomed three new members - David Shields, Peter Selbie and Sheila Foggon.

The Council provides a forum for discussion of matters affecting the village, and as a channel for communicating with outside bodies and agencies, such as Fife Council, Transport Scotland, and those involved in the building of the Forth Replacement Crossing.

Currently, discussions are under way around the proposed relocation of the Beamer Rock Lighthouse coordinated by the NQ Heritage Trust and Fife Council, which is planned to open in 2018 to commemorate World War 1.

NQCC is also active in seeking to chase additional community benefit from the construction team as some recompense for the extensive traffic and other disruption to the village linked to the building of the Queensferry Crossing.

The arrival of sunnier weather prompts the need for volunteers to assist with tub tidy and planting - please do not hesitate to contact any of the Councillors if you are able to assist.

For more information about NQCC, please see www.nqcc.co.uk.

Village Show

An exhibition of village produce, traditional home crafts, floral art, photography and baking.

Sales tables, competitions, raffle,and much more

Saturday 10th

September

14.00 to 16.00

in

**North Queensferry
Community Centre**

(Brock Street)

Admission:

Adult £1 Child 50p

North Queensferry Heritage Trust Events 2016

Date	Time	Type	Name of Event	Presenter	Venue	Fee
24 th May	7.30pm	AGM & talk	Final AGM of the old unincorporated charity which closed in September '15 A short talk — "A First World War Hero - Killed in North Queensferry" Refreshments served	Colin Bain	Community Centre	Free
7 th June	7.30	Talk	A talk about the History behind Knock Hill A Walk at Knockhill	James Waugh - a local historian	Community Centre	Free
22 nd June	6pm		Family Nature Walk around the North Queensferry Village & Nature Reserve	John Done	War Memorial	
23 rd August	7.30pm	Talk	Piloting on the Forth River, includes piloting the aircraft carriers and being part of the life boat team with RNLI	Paul Wibberley - a Forth River Pilot	Community centre	£2/members / £3 non members
10th September	2 pm	Show	Village Show		Community Centre	
18 th September			Doors Open Day—exhibition and walking tours of the North Queensferry Village and Nature Reserve		NQ Railway Station	Free
18 th October	7.30pm	Talk	The History of the Bicycle—An illustrated talk by the NMS Curator of Transport	Louise Innes	Community Centre	£2/members / £3 non members
15 th November	7.30pm	Talk	A talk on producing a Show Garden at Gardening Scotland	Mike Gourlay	Community Centre	£2/members / £3 non members

Please note the new date of the Village Show 2016

Not yet joined the North Queensferry Heritage Trust for 2016?

£10 for a family / £6 for an individual Email: sam@ethicsgirls.co.uk

www.nqht.org

NQ Scottish Women's Institute

In the five years since the N.Q. Scottish Women's Rural Institute was restarted after a break of 15 years, we have enjoyed talks on a diverse range of subjects; the History of Cycling, the care of Orchids, Mary's Meals, Dunfermline Street Pastors, Mary, Queen of Scots, Goldwork Embroidery, the Island of Iona, and many more.

We have tried our hand at various crafts, including card making, box making, one stroke-painting, drawing, flower arranging, cake decoration and zentangle (an intriguing build up of drawing and design from simple lines.)

We aim to cover many interests, but meeting and socialising is of prime importance.

In January, we had a happy evening when we hosted a Burns Supper for members and friends.

The organisation is non-political, non-racist and non-denominational and it is a women's organisation, though men are welcome to attend meetings.

We meet at 7.15pm on the third Thursday of the month in the church hall, (except during the summer,) and after a talk or activity, we have time for a cuppa and a chat and to draw the raffle.

Our September meeting will be on Thursday 22nd and new members/visitors will be welcome.

For more information contact ---- Anne Monteith, tel 01383 412365



Chernobyl Children's Life Line

North Queensferry Church does it again!

Chernobyl Children have, once again, benefitted from the support and hard work of North Queensferry Church.

Recently members of the congregation provided, prepared, served and then cleared up a Brunch. More than £800 (including Gift Aid contributions) was raised for the local Link of the Chernobyl Children's Life Line. CCLL brings children who have been affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster for a month's respite holiday in the UK. Despite the passage of time, the effects of the disaster continue to be felt.

This summer the local CCLL link is bringing eight Belarusian youngsters to Fife, two of whom will be staying in North Queensferry. In addition, three children return to visit families who hosted them earlier. The trio's expenses are covered entirely by their host families — the charity's policy is to pay for one visit per child in order to spread the benefits as far as possible.

The Chernobyl Children's Life Line depends on the generosity of the community: we have no other funding. The fares alone, to bring the children to Scotland, are almost £500 per head. Once here the children benefit from the kindness of many people and organisations who provide support, clothing, dental and optician care, fruit, vegetables, outings, fun and much more.

Without the generosity of our neighbours, we, the Fife Link of CCLL, simply could not help Chernobyl children.

Thank you, North Queensferry Church and all who attended the Brunch, on behalf of "our" children.

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The Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay

The Rotary Club of Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay, which includes North Queensferry among the communities it serves, continues its active programme of fundraising, and support for local organisations. In recent months it has made substantial financial awards to the local charity – the Cookie Jar Foundation - to Myeloma UK and to Rotary International's scheme to eradicate polio worldwide. Future fundraising activities include the club's annual charity golf day at Aberdour Golf Club on 17 May, a beer festival at Dalgety Bay Sailing Club on 11 June and the annual charity walk on 17 September. The charity walk, from Inverkeithing to the Silver Sands in Aberdour, is now a major charity event in West Fife and is a great day out for individuals, families and local clubs and organisations. A unique feature of the walk is that participating organisations are able to retain a proportion of the cash they raise for their own funds. If your organisation might be interested in joining the walk contact Diane Garirock at Diane@kingdominsurance.co.uk

Primary School Parent Council

The Primary School's Parent Council is always looking for more parents/carers to join. One of the aims of the PC is to raise funds to help provide the school with projects they may not necessarily have the opportunity to do otherwise. For example the PC recently funded a day with Generation Science which was something that all the children participated in and enjoyed. Another example is the purchase of four iPads for the school. Our next fundraising event will be at the NQ gala in the form of a bottle tombola. We generally hold meetings once a term and the next meetings will be on Wednesday 11th May and 8th June.

Fife Council has been successfully running breakfast club (7.30-9) and after school club (3-6) within the school which

is an invaluable facility for those families with working parents. Alternatively it is very handy if you just fancy an afternoon off ! Audrey and Hayley who run the facility are happy to chat to anyone interested in the clubs.

Recently the whole school took part in a bridge walk to raise money for Sports Relief and managed to raise a total of £1,291 which was amazing considering there are only 87 children in the school!

The school is now planning a project in celebration of the three bridges and would like to hear from anyone with stories or memories of the Rail and Road Bridges. Please contact the school office.

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Ferry Birds – January to May '16

The changing of the seasons was, as usual, indicated by the disappearance of the **red-shanks** from West Bay. The usual 35 or so wintered here but by the end of April most had gone. This winter they had been joined in the Bay by a few **turnstones** as well as **oyster-catchers** and about 5 **curlews**. A few **shelducks** also seem to have chosen to winter in West Bay and at least 2 are still there. Maybe they will breed there this year. Two pairs of **eider** duck have been in West Bay recently. It seems a little strange because the female should be brooding eggs by now. Perhaps they have been put off by the cool weather and they are waiting for better weather to arrive. A pair of **mallard** has also been in the bay. Other signs of the breeding season have been a few pairs of **fulmars** on the cliffs above Deep Sea World. They are probably overflow from the pairs on Inchgarvie. The **fulmars** came back on the 12th of January and did their usual trick of disappearing, coming back a few days later and repeating the trick several times more before settling down to breed.

As usual the first of the birds which have flown from Africa to breed was a **chiffchaff**. One was at Carlingnose on the 30th of March. This was a week or so later than normal which was probably due to the weather. By the third week of April the **chiffchaffs**, along with **wilow warblers** and **blackcaps** were in several places round the village. There has been a particularly melodious **blackcap** on The Brae. Other warblers I have heard or seen have included a **whitethroat** perching on a bush between Ferryhills road and the quarry on the 9th of May and a **lesser whitethroat** calling on the reserve on the 5th and 10th of May. These birds are uncommon in Scotland, but have bred at Carlingnose occasionally.

As at the beginning of May I have not yet seen a **swallow** or **sand martin** in the village but did see an early group of **sand martins** at Musselburgh lagoons on the 4th of April and have seen **swallows** and both **sand and house martins** at Kinghorn Loch on most of my visits there in April and May.

There have been **Sandwich terns** calling raucously along our coastline since their first ap-

pearance on the 25th of April. I have not seen any **common terns** yet. They are the ones the SWT are trying to get to breed on the Guvy pier. Last year was totally unsuccessful on the pier but to compensate they bred on Long Craig and more than 150 young were counted there in July.

My sightings of more unusual birds have included a brief view of a **peregrine** causing a commotion in West Bay on the 5th of April and one flying around in the quarry on the 9th of May. A **sparrowhawk** soared above Carlingnose on the 4th of April and a pair of **red-breasted mergansers** was near the Guvy pier on the 4th of May.

The common resident birds seem to be doing reasonably well. **Blackbirds** are foraging on the grassy areas on The Brae and a **song thrush** has been singing loudly near there as well. **Wrens** are also calling loudly and both **robins** and **dunnocks** are in full flow. **House sparrows** are also increasing again with noisy bushes full of them near Town Pier, near the school and other places around the village. **Starlings** have decreased in the village but there was a small group at the top of Brock Street and one feeding young at the top of the school building on the 9th of May.

As usual a plea to leave some of your garden unmanaged so that the insects and other invertebrates on which many of our birds depend can thrive.

John Done



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CENTENARY OF DEATH OF FIRST WORLD WAR HERO AT PORT LAING

At 2pm on Monday 20 June 2016, a commemorative plaque will be unveiled at Port Laing one hundred years after the heroic death of George Cyril Olguin Paton near that spot. The children of North Queensferry School, members of his Regimental Association and representatives of 2 Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland (other duties permitting) and at least one relative of George will be present, along with, it is hoped, as many other people as can attend.

George was born on 13 September 1894 in the Belgrano district of Buenos Aires, Argentina. His family background was both diverse and colourful. On his mother's side, he was a great-grandson of John Trelawny, (friend of the poets Byron and Shelley). His maternal grandmother was Zella Trelawny, the only surviving child of Trelawny's third wife Tersitza, who was the sister of the Greek war leader Odysseus Androutsos, with whom Trelawny served during the Greek war of independence (Byron died on the way to fight). George was baptised in St Johns Anglican Cathedral in Buenos Aires. His Scottish father worked for an insurance company in that city and had married locally born Rose Olguin (daughter of Zella Trelawny) there in 1890. George's cousin on his father's side, James Cairncross, became a doctor in Dunfermline.

After the outbreak of the First World War, George came to Britain and volunteered to serve in the British Army. More recent generations have looked on Argentina as an enemy, but in that war over 5,000 residents of Argentina volunteered like George and over 500 of those were killed, fighting for Britain.

George was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Scots Fusiliers with effect from 12 May 1915. He was posted to the 9th Battalion, which arrived, for training, in North Queensferry in April 1916, just after he had been promoted to Lieutenant. The officers appear to have used Garthill House, Ferryhills Road as their mess. Since Carlingnose Barracks was quite small and in use by gunners defending the rail bridge and dockyard, the rest of the battalion is assumed to have camped on the Ferryhills.

On 20 June 1916, George was in charge of a group of men practising grenade throwing from a trench at Port Laing, when one of them failed to throw a grenade properly.

The *Scotsman* subsequently reported "Recognising the imminence of danger to several men, Lieut. Paton rushed forward for the purpose of throwing the bomb further away. He was in the act of lifting the missile when it exploded. But for the promptitude with which Lieut. Paton acted, several men, who had got out of harm's way on being warned by the heroic officer, would have been killed or seriously injured."

Nowadays such an act would almost certainly lead to the posthumous award of a medal, but in 1916 this was not an option. George is buried in Hope Street Cemetery, Inverkeithing. Recently his gravestone was in a badly damaged state, but the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have now agreed to take on responsibility for having it replaced and in the meantime, they have persuaded Fife Council to make a temporary repair, which has been carried out successfully.

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North Queensferry Gala 2016



Katie Peacock



Connor Dowie

Phew – where did the last year go? It's hard to believe that it's less than a month to Gala week. The theme for this year is Great Scots.

Our fundraising has paid off and we are delighted that we have secured lots of new attractions for Gala Day. The Gala has been running for over 30 years and it's a wonderful time for the North Queensferry community to come together.

We hope you have an amazing week and if you have any queries please see the facebook page or email northqueensferrygala@hotmail.com

Dates for the diary are as follow:

Sand Sculpture Competition – Port Laing Beach

Saturday 11 June, 12-2pm

Your Gala week will start with the sand sculpture competition and beach party at Port Laing Beach. Bring your spades/buckets and your imagination to create an exciting sculpture.

Raft Race and BBQ - Marina **Sunday 12 June, 10am**

We are looking for a record number of rafts this year... (more than two would be nice!). There will be a barbeque and refreshments available for a small donation. Prizes for the winner as well as best dressed raft!

Running Races – Community Centre **Monday 13 June,** **6pm (juniors) and 7.15pm (for seniors)**

It's only a race..... ok it's more than a race! There are medals and trophies at stake

Cycle Races – Community Centre **Tuesday 14 June** **6pm for juniors and 7.15pm for the adults**

Time to pedal for the medal! You must wear a cycle helmet though!

Football and Netball - Community Centre **Wednesday 15 June, 6pm**

The more the merrier

Scavenger Hunt - Community Centre **Thursday 16 June, 6pm**

Follow the clues around the village and put your speed and mental agility to the test!

Disco

Friday 17 June, 6-7pm for juniors and up to P3, 7.15pm – 8.15pm for P4-P7

Time to party before the big day. Adults need to accompany the younger kids though.

Gala Day **Saturday 18 June**

The Gala King and Queen will lead the parade from the pier at 12 noon up the brae and along Brock Street. There is a fabulous array of activities planned. The tea ladies will be putting on a wonderful selection of teas, sandwiches and cakes.

And don't forget... Sids Garage will be playing in the evening at the Community Centre for over 18s. Tickets will be on sale soon!

Hohoe Visit

“Akwaaba” “Welcome,” was a word we heard many times each day during our visit to Hohoe this past month. Mrs Anne Lowe and I spent two fascinating and challenging weeks with our twinned congregation in the Volta Region of Ghana.

Volta is one of the poorer areas of a country in which for most people daily life is a struggle. Some are fortunate to have an education and are employed by the government in schools, hospitals and other projects. Most people by far have to shift for themselves, providing trade and other services, or simply by finding something to make or sell to their neighbours. Up and out very early each morning to open a stall in front of their very basic houses, or off with a large basin of goods to sell, balanced on their heads, they wander the streets or stand at traffic lights and crossroads with hundreds of others hoping to sell something to someone. All day, every day they venture out in extreme heat and humidity. Comfort and ease are not much in evidence. Roads are very poor and dangerous, and travel is risky in tro-tros, old minibuses which often break down in the middle of nowhere. Life is not easy in Ghana.

And yet, the people are very warm and welcoming and happy; their children are polite and helpful. Every visitor to a home is ceremonially greeted with a bottle of cold water. They are cheerful people, and above all full of faith. If you ask how someone is, the normal response is, “By His Grace,” implying the words, “I am well”.

Christianity came to Ghana through the life-sacrificing service of Danish, Swiss and then Scottish missionaries, in a part of Africa that was known as the white man’s graveyard because of the extreme heat, humidity and local diseases. Nowadays it is flourishing and, though there are other faiths, everyone has a deep and abiding sense of dependence upon God, moment by moment, day by day. Christian texts and pictures abound in homes and public places, businesses and even in taxis. Every road trip begins with a prayer for safety, and ends with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Worship services are long, energetic and enthusiastic, and giving is frequent and sacrificial. The Presbyterian Church in Ghana directs people to tithe, giving a tenth of their income to the fellowship, but such is the poverty that even this is not sufficient to meet all of the needs, so there is much making do, both in the Church and the

Presbyterian School. Of our gifts from North Queensferry and Inverkeithing, £600 enabled the immediate connection of water to the school for its new toilet block so that the 400 children in the school now have sanitary conditions and a source of clean drinking water on hand *for the first time*.

The toilet block was added when Pencils of Promise, an American based educational charity, built a six classroom unit for the school. This project was pioneered by the Rev Hannah Asiedu-Ofori who canvassed support from the central Presbyterian Church of Ghana and her local District Assembly to raise 20% of the cost. Pencils of Promise provided the other 80% and the labour.

The remainder of our gifts, £1000, will be used for the construction of a new chapel so that the old one may be permanently turned into classrooms. At least three more are needed. This venture will take many years to achieve, but faith and perseverance mark the lives of the Ghanaian Church very deeply. Every evening except Monday, there are prayer groups, study groups and worship groups happening in the Church. Getting there can be hazardous as the streets and land are deeply rutted and there are no street lights. The LED torches we left were gratefully commandeered by Hannah.

Apart from the discomfort of the extreme heat and humidity, only one other thing was difficult to thole. Ghanaians like everything to be very loud! Music, singing, the buzz of prayer as each, at the leader’s instruction, prays aloud in his or her own voice.

You and I live also live in a loud world. To get someone’s attention is no easy task. He must be willing to set everything aside to listen; to turn down the radio, turn away from the monitor, set down the book. When someone is willing to silence everything else so he can hear us clearly, it is a rare privilege. We had that opportunity - to hear about their lives, their joys and the challenges which they face; challenges which are often beyond what we can imagine.

It was a great privilege for us to spend time with the people in Hohoe. We hope that the twinning which is shared by the churches and the schools in Hohoe and North Queensferry will continue and flourish and that others in our community may be inspired to help in the years to come. We will keep you informed.

Colin Alston, Minister, North Queensferry Church of Scotland

Forth Rail Bridge Memorial



Artists impression of proposed memorial

The idea for a Memorial to the 'workforce' team who constructed the Forth Bridge came from a discussion with the Railway Heritage Trust on what to do with the 9 large slates that came out of the station building during the recent refurbishment. Recycling these slates into something useful and long lasting was at the forefront of subsequent discussions.

It was finally decided that slates of this size when engraved would be ideal for constructing a commemorative memorial for the entire workforce who built the Forth Bridge. There are 45 work categories which have been identified from authentic sources by the Heritage Trust.

Where better to place the slates than next to the

UNESCO world heritage site of the Forth Bridge to act as a permanent reminder of the skills required to undertake such an enormous construction task.

Using skilled letter engravers the intention is to have the words viewable from railway carriages. Final design for the project will have input from the local school.

When the Heritage Trust was investigating the detail for the project it was evident that good quality engraving skills on slate are in very short supply. However this project has attracted two highly recommended engravers whose skills are in much demand. One advantage is that the engravers are willing to introduce and demonstrate to the local schoolchildren the art of slate engraving as the project progresses. This may lead to more formal training courses being made available locally in due course.

Support for the project has come from Network Rail and Scotrail, Fife Council, Historic Environment Scotland as well as Heritage Trust members, the local school and the Community Council

Planning permission has already been applied for by the Heritage Trust and 40% of the required funding has already been secured. The remainder the Trust hopes will be available by the time this article is printed.

St Margaret's Marsh

Paths have been cut through the reedbeds, radiating from a central point to each of the new sluices in the seawall and internal bunds. On the eastern side, paths have been cut through the reedbeds linking up all the sluices. This is to allow greater access for monitoring of water levels and for estimating water penetration into the site on high tides. At present the area is 'off limits' to the public as it forms but of the Forth Road Crossing construction site. Discussions are underway regarding the rerouting of the Fife Coast Path around Admiralty House and the headland to St Margaret's Marsh. Any comments or questions about this please send to the Community Council.

Sea of Tranquility by Bobby Banks

On a morning such as this,
peace and tranquillity abide;
as ripples whisper on the beach,
at the fullness of the tide.

The surface of the sea reflects,
the glittering sunlit track;
which the tiny wavelets catch,
then playfully throw back.

like a trillion flashing diamonds,
that so delight the eye;
reflecting golden sunbeams,
back to the sky.

close by above the shoreline,
hidden in the shade;
doves coo' and finches chatter,
deep, in a wooded glade

No harsh noise, or noisesome sight,
offends the eye or ear;
nought but, tranquillity and peace
surrounds my presence here

NQ Community Trust

The Trust took on a lease of the harbour from Fife Council last September and we have been working with the Boat Club, the Rowing Club and local kayakers to begin to improve the facilities for everyone who uses the area. So far the workshop has had its large doors replaced and an internal partition has been built to provide club premises for both the Boat Club and the Rowing Club. New bins for dog-walkers have been provided and the seasonal maintenance of the grassy areas and the slipway are about to start. This year we aim to upgrade the electrical system, provide public toilets and improve the green areas. We are very grateful to the voluntary Harbour Manager, Tony Woods, for all his hard work.

To keep everyone up-to-date with developments and to hear from local residents what you would like to see happening down there, we are about to launch a website and a Facebook page. You should be able to find us at www.nqcommunitytrust.org.uk

If you would like to find out more or make a suggestion please get in touch: nq.community.trust@gmail.com

Coastal Rowing Club

The Rowing Club has two rowing skiffs which each take 4 rowers and the "Wee Boat" which takes 2. We go out every weekend and several evenings a week for a mixture of easy social rows, race training and longer expeditions. It's a friendly wee club and the rowing is suitable for all ages and levels of fitness. We get some amazing views rowing under all three bridges and often spot seals and porpoises as well as lots of bird life.

We had a very successful wine-tasting evening in April which raised funds to send a crew to the World Skiff Racing Championships in Northern Ireland this summer. Thanks to everyone who came. We're hoping to run a similar fundraiser every year.

We have just moved into spacious new club premises down at the harbour with enough room to work on the skiffs, store all our kit and still sit round the table and have a cup of tea. If you'd like to come and have a free taster sessions then get in touch via our Facebook page or by email:

n.queensferrycoastalrowingclub@yahoo.com

'One touch of nature makes the whole world kin...'

North Queensferry is preparing for its first display of planted/seeded 'wild flowers'.

The slope above the well on the Brae has been strimmed by Living Solutions and two areas prepared for seeding by Peter Smythe, Ryan Shields and Hugh Taylor Muschamp. The seed, which contains many of our wild Scottish plants such as Cornflower, Corn Marigold, and Ox-eye Daisy, kindly donated by Dobbies. Bread Matters donated heritage wheat, rye and oats. Further areas, including the upper part, will be managed throughout the summer and later prepared for autumn seeding. Any volunteers for this are very welcome, contact David Shields at david@livingwater.org.uk

The customary floral displays which enhance many areas around the village are about to be

spruced up after the winter. Maintenance of the planters is ongoing however a special burst of energy is now needed to make them particularly colourful and attractive for summer visitors and local residents alike. Currently there are five dedicated residents looking after the village's floral enhancement, but this is not enough to keep the displays fully cared for all summer. If you can help, even for a couple of hours, please contact David Shields or Lin Collis at lin.collis@gmail.com

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Forth Bridge Hub Season Opening

Once again the Forth Bridge Hub has opened its doors for the summer season. We are very pleased with the renovation work recently undertaken by the Heritage Trust during the winter period. The ticket office and waiting room have had a door knocked between them which has now doubled the space available in the café. There has also been a new state of the art heating system put in place which will of course help on the cold mornings.



This season we are looking forward to once again working with the Heritage Trust, local businesses and North Queensferry residents to improve the service available to the community and to tourists visiting North Queensferry. Linn is now the chair of the World Heritage Business Tourism Group. The group are working with organisations, and businesses from



both North and South of the Forth to develop local visitor experience to help encourage visitors from around the world to visit our UNESCO World Heritage site. They believe however that the very first experience anyone should experience of the Forth Bridge is crossing it by train and this will

always be a major point in the future plans.

The Forth Bridge Hub is here for the entire community to use and we are looking forward to bringing new events to the hub over the season. If you have any queries, suggestions or ideas please do not hesitate to contact us.

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