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Our Chairman's Message…
This winter Newsletter gives me a great opportunity to bring you up to date on 2019 activities and let you all know of the exciting plans for 2020 that are in place and being discussed. There will be much more detail on these plans later in this Newsletter.

The Village Show this year was another success and was covered in our autumn newsletter.

Light tower and Railway Station (Forth Bridge Heritage Centre) continue to be popular venues with the exhibitions being well received by visitors as recorded in the visitor books. Our new exhibition starts in December 'Steaming Forth'-the joy of making the journey. A nostalgic look at steam trains crossing the Forth with images taken by our local internationally recognised and much published photographer, John Clemmens.



"Maude" NBR No. 673 at North Queensferry Station 1983

Our programme of Talks this year has started. In October and November we had two excellent speakers from Historic Environment Scotland and Fife Historic Buildings Trust. We welcome, a new occupant into the station, Robert Irvine who is planning a number of art initiatives.
Robert takes over from the previous occupant, who found his 'coffee roasting' business wasn't viable and has now relocated out-with the village.
Robert is planning and organising on going Arts and Crafts Courses & Exhibitions for local and guest Artists.
A calendar of events should shortly be available as well as a pre Christmas exhibition for local Artists.



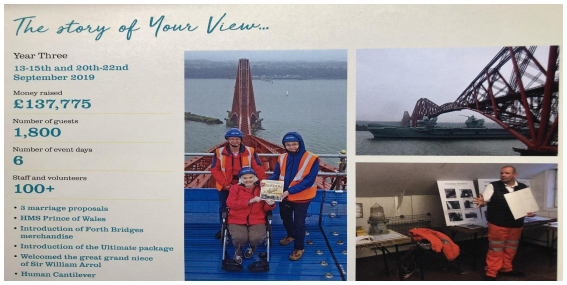
Special mention must be made of the ongoing research and updating to our website www.nqht.org which now has a most comprehensive record of much of the history of North Queensferry including adding very recently the Census Records from 1841 to 1911. The census records have already been used successfully to identify a number of forebearers of village folks. We appreciate the effort from Boyd Williamson over many months.

New members
We always appreciate new and active members of the Trust. They are very welcome as volunteers and are continually required to help preserve the heritage of our local area.
Thank you for your support and a very happy Christmas and New Year to all. *James Lawson - Trustee, Chairman*

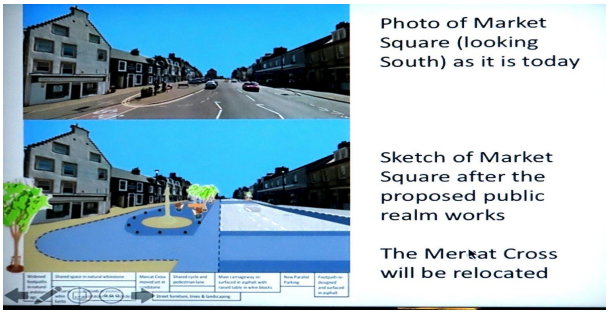
Barnardo's Your View - 2019, Forth Bridge
In September 2019 NQHT participated in this fund-raising event organised by Barnardo's and we were part of the team that raised a record amount of

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£137,775.00 !



Fife Historic Building Trust - November 19th.
Last month's talk from Christine May, Head of FHBT, provided us with lots of information on their processes.



Before and after look at Inverkeithing High St.

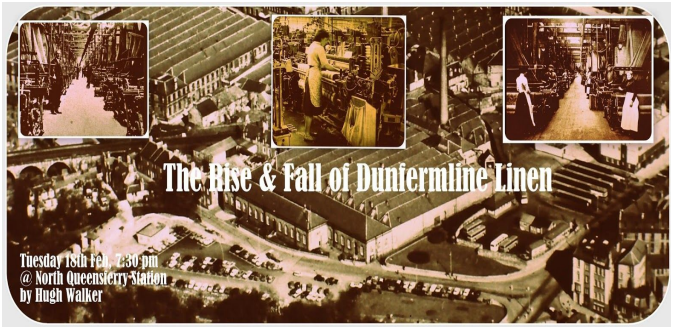
This was of interest to all and we got more details of the Inverkeithing Project. Also, thanks to Christine May who came back with some unanswered questions from the attendees…
Q: Loss of Parking?
A: The current public realm proposals mean no loss of parking
Q: Will the museum be reinstated?
A: No new museum - not sustainable! However, the Town House will incorporate heritage displays around the building, albeit in spaces that are primarily for other use.
Q: Will the Friary ever provide pilgrim accommodation?
A: Maybe the Friary building will one day become pilgrim accommodation....it's certainly a common and justifiable complaint.

2020 - FERRY TALK PROGRAMME
January to March, 2020
Saturday 11th January, 2020
Nature Walk by John Done



John's walk will be taking us round the usual coastal path and bays routes with its ever changing nature and wildlife. He may also have some news about a unique visitor to North Queensferry!

Tuesday 18th February, 2020
"The Rise & Fall of Dunfermline Linen"
by *Hugh Walker*



Hugh was a talented electronics research engineer who, in retirement, has also turned into an even more talented historian. His talk promises to be super interesting, particularly for the members and friends who love knitting, weaving and handcrafts.

Thursday 19th March, 2020

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"When the Wind Blows" by *Stan Green, Growforth*



Growforth or the Plant Market at Hillend is now well established as a quality supplier of plants and just as important advice which this talk gives a great opportunity to ask questions. Remember that members get a useful discount when shopping there!

Late News: NQHT Amateur Radio Station GB1FB
This call sign - GB 1 Forth Bridge - was used from our transmissions from the Light Tower hut, during our WWI Surrender Exhibition. We are still getting "QSL" cards from contacts made during that time. So far we have received cards from Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Slovenia and numerous UK stations. These will be on display in the Gallery.

We will have more news in our next edition about talks later into next year as well as details on potential new projects for 2020.