

## **QDCC Report – February 2015**

### **Forth Bridge Raid World War II display – Queensferry Museum.**

Mark Taylor of Queensferry Tours has brought this exhibition to the museum with the help of a group of Queensferry High School 6<sup>th</sup> year students. The exhibition was launched on 29<sup>th</sup> January and QA assisted Mark hold a VIP reception in our office to launch the exhibition due to restraints on budgets and facilities in the museum.

QA have also gifted Mark the use of two iPads from the Heritage lottery project for the exhibition which will run until June. The exhibition has generated good media coverage including a spot on STV Edinburgh and is well worth a visit. There has been a marked increase in footfall to the museum with this exhibition.

### **Markets for 2015**

No update from City of Edinburgh Council with regards to the variation request to the licence. Subject to weather conditions we will host our first market on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March to compliment the CHSS Platinum Event at the Hawes Pier. The market will be 12 stalls and only require the usual suspension of parking.

QA will host a stall to sell the 125 Anniversary Pin and gauge interest in the Festival & Markets.

### **The Cloister Project**

The Priory Church has made an approach for funding to QA to help kick start the Cloisters Project. Mark Taylor has been recruited to develop a programme of arts, culture and entertainment at the Priory over the next 6 months. No funding is currently in place for this project.

### **Guardian of the Bridges.**

The planning application for this is being heard at the Planning Committee scheduled for 11th March. 7 objections have been submitted by local residents. Once again we have missed the scheduled instillation date.

A plan B location is being looked at as a backup location.

### **Forth Bridges Festival.**

Website updated to reflect 125 Anniversary.

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland is the Festival Charity this year. Last year Queensferry RNLI were the recipients of all money raised from the Forth Road Bridge LoveLocks (over £7k to date)

Proposal being discussed for a key weekend in July and September