



## **DOORS OPEN DAY: 29th & 30th September, 10 am – 4 pm Vennel Churchyard & Masonic Lodge**

Every weekend this September across Scotland, entry will be free to properties either closed to the public or normally charging a fee. The weekend of 29th & 30th September, Queensferry takes part in the Edinburgh Doors Open Day 2018 programme when visitors can explore both the Vennel Churchyard and the Masonic Lodge.

The Churchyard is usually glimpsed through locked gates but, on 29th and 30th September, visitors will be able to discover aspects of Queensferry's rich history: 17th, 18th and 19th Century headstones, sea captains' graves beneath distinctive 'tablestones' and, along the walls, 'bee boles' in which straw beehives or 'skeps' were kept.

Adjacent to the Churchyard is one of Scotland's earliest examples of a school building, dating from 1671, and now Queensferry's Masonic Lodge. Visitors will be able to see artefacts, regalia, and find out more about Masonic activities from the Masons themselves.

This event is facilitated by Queensferry Heritage Trust, with Queensferry History Group and Queensferry's Lodge St Margaret.

### *Further information*

Queensferry Heritage Trust <http://www.queensferryheritage.org.uk/>

Queensferry History Group <http://www.queensferryhistorygroup.org/>

Masonic Lodge <http://www.lodgestmargaret548.com/>

Cockburn Association <http://www.cockburnassociation.org.uk/edinburgh-doors-open-day/what-is-doors-open-day/>