

# SOCIAL PROGRAMME

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Thursday evening

The North East Scotland Region are hosting a “Burns Night”. This will follow the AGM and will be held at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference centre. This is an **optional extra** for delegates to book. Any delegates not wishing to partake are to book their own evening meal either in their hotel or any other venue.

### Friday evening

To be held at the AECC. The dinner will have a Northern Lights theme

On Friday evening dinner will be held in the Press and Journal Arena, the evening will have a Northern Lights theme. Entertainment will include a ceilidh and band.

### Saturday evening

To be held at the AECC. The dinner will have a Touch of Tartan theme

On Saturday evening dinner will be held in the Press and Journal Arena, the evening will have a Touch of Tartan theme. A drinks reception will begin the evening followed by a Banquet and Ball. Entertainment will include the Ballater & District Pipe Band, Party Band and a Disco will play through to the end of the evening.

## PARTNERS' TRIP

### Friday

Full day tour, departing from the AECC at 9.30am.

Partners will be returned to their hotels

**Baxters of Fochabers / Strathisla Distillery at Keith** - will be a full day tour. On the tour you will experience the magic and success of the Baxter Family story leading you through the heritage of Baxters from its earliest days of a small grocer's shop to its present day status as an international brand. There will also be an opportunity for a 'tasting' and you'll have time to wander round the Highland Village with its original Victorian grocer's shop with some of the very fixtures and fittings from 1868, coming right up-to-date. A light lunch will be provided in the Spey Restaurant.

After lunch the tour will continue with a visit to Keith, the home of Strathisla Distillery the oldest operating distillery in the Highlands. This is a truly wonderful place to see, appreciate and enjoy the workings of a traditional malt whisky distillery on a scale that is easily understood. To add to the enjoyment, there will also be the chance to sample a 'dram' of this 'water of life' as the whisky is often known!

### Saturday

Half day tour, departing from the AECC at 9.30am.

Partners will be returned to their hotels

**Hatton Castle** - the home of the 12th Laird, David James Duff and his wife Jayne, dates back to the 12th century and has been the country seat of the Duff Family for 300 years. The castle is set in the heart of Aberdeenshire and surrounded by extensive lawns, lochs, gardens and spectacular woodland. The house boasts an elegant interior fully restored and decorated to provide welcoming and extremely comfortable accommodation. Hatton features magnificent furniture alongside examples of stunning art work highlighting the heritage and history of this beautiful home. The fascinating walled garden, set behind the house, provides vegetables, fruit and flowers for the family's and visitors' needs. This castle is open by arrangement only, making the visit even more unique.

## HOTEL FACILITIES

Delegates will be accommodated within 4 hotels; the Hilton Double Tree a 4 star deluxe hotel (60 bedrooms only, first come first served), Jury's Inn a 3 star hotel in the city, the Holiday Inn a 3 star hotel on site and the Express by Holiday Inn a 3 star hotel on site at the AECC. Hotels will be allocated on a first come first served basis and accommodation is subject to availability.

## WHAT'S ON THE DOORSTEP

Aberdeen is home to the country's largest national park, a dramatically imposing coastline and of course the City itself, there is so much to explore in Aberdeen City and Shire. Fusing striking granite architecture, a rich and inspiring history, a dynamic modern arts scene and perhaps Scotland's strongest industrial heritage; the country's third largest City offers a host of treasures, just waiting to be explored.

To find out more, visit the Aberdeen tourist website on [www.aberdeen-grampian.com](http://www.aberdeen-grampian.com).

*NB - The above information was correct at the time of print but is subject to change where there has been insufficient demand or unforeseen circumstances.*

## EXHIBITION

Once again you will have the opportunity to visit the FSB exhibition where you will receive a warm welcome from our Service Providers and other exhibitors.

Any members wishing to exhibit should contact Conference Exhibition at FSB Head Office on 01253 336030 or email [pa.sponsorship@fsb.org.uk](mailto:pa.sponsorship@fsb.org.uk)

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM**

Bookings will only be made upon receipt of a booking form (**ONE PER ROOM**). Block bookings will not be accepted. Booking forms must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS, signed and dated. **NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 28 FEBRUARY 2010**. The completed form should be returned to: FSB, Sir Frank Whittle Way, Blackpool Business Park, Blackpool, FY4 2FE.

- SECTION 1**            **Badge Details** - Please indicate the name you wish to appear on your Conference badge. If this section is left blank, booking names will be used. If you are a Member of the FSB your membership number **MUST** be included in the box provided.
- SECTION 2**            **Full Conference Package A** - This includes Conference attendance from Thursday to Saturday, 3 nights bed and breakfast, with lunch, evening dinners and entertainment on Friday and Saturday. ***It does not include Thursday dinner.***
- Full Conference Package AI** – This includes Conference attendance for one delegate as described above. A special non delegate rate for partners has been agreed with the hotel and this includes 3 nights bed and breakfast, with evening dinners and entertainment on Friday and Saturday. **This non delegate rate does not include attendance at conference, refreshments and lunch on Friday and Saturday.**
- Conference Package B without accommodation** – As Conference Package A but without accommodation.
- Single Day Bookings Package C** - The daily rate only includes refreshments, lunch and Conference attendance. Evening meals, evening entertainment and accommodation are NOT included.
- HOTELS**            Conference accommodation will be in one of the four hotels outlined under hotel facilities opposite. Different cost packages are available based on the hotel requested. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis and bedrooms are subject to availability.
- VENUE**            WiFi Internet access is available at the AECC, there is a charge for this. There will be a free internet cafe within the exhibition.
- SECTION 3**            **Partners' Trip** - Facilities for the disabled and special dietary requirements are available but these **MUST** be indicated in **SECTION 5**.
- SECTION 4**            **Payment** – A confirmation will be sent to you advising of your booking reference number, the amount due and available payment methods. Payment will be required by 31 January 2010. Immediate payment will be required on any bookings received after this date. All bookings will be held provisionally until the total amount has been paid. For Conference purposes only please provide email address for confirmation of booking.
- SECTION 5**            **Special Requirements** - If you have any special requirements or requests, please complete **SECTION 5** and include relevant name(s) and details ie loop system required in the Conference hall.
- TRAVELLING**        **By Train:** Train services operate from all over the UK to Aberdeen, some changing at Edinburgh.
- By Air:** Flights are available from all over the UK into Aberdeen. Airlines operating flights are Eastern Airways, Flybe, BA and bmi. The earlier the booking the cheaper the fare.
- By Car:** The two main driving routes to Scotland from the south are via the East of England on the A1, or via the west using the M6, A74(M) and M74. The AECC is positioned immediately adjacent to the A90 trunk road.
- COSTS**            **All costs are inclusive of VAT at the current rate.**
- CANCELLATIONS**    1 Cancellations prior to 28 February 2010 – a full refund less an administration fee of £10 per person.  
                             2 Cancellations after 28 February 2010 – 50% of the total costs will be forfeited.  
                             3 Cancellations due to illness – upon receipt of medical evidence, a full refund less an administration fee of £10 per person will be made.

**Booking forms received by 31 DECEMBER 2009 will be entered in a competition draw for a weekend in Paris for two with show tickets or tickets to Ladies Day at Royal Ascot. The draw will be made during Conference**



**SECTION 5 - Special requirements/requests (please complete relevant section)**Non Smoking room  Smoking room **ALLERGIES and DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:****1 Name****2 Name**

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**DISABLED FACILITY REQUIREMENTS:****1 Name****2 Name***Please tick the appropriate box below, if applicable:*Wheelchair user  Mobility impaired  Registered blind  Visually impaired  Hearing impaired  Other 

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**ANY OTHER REQUESTS:****1 Name****2 Name**

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***PLEASE NOTE:***

Whilst the organisers will endeavour to meet all requests, they cannot guarantee availability

**DRESS CODE FOR EVENINGS**

Thursday – Smart Casual

Friday – Smart Casual

Saturday – Black Tie or Evening Dress with a Touch of Tartan

**This form should be returned to:****FSB  
Sir Frank Whittle Way  
Blackpool Business Park  
Blackpool  
FY4 2FE****ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 28 FEBRUARY 2010**For the latest Aberdeen Conference information, visit the website on  
[www.fsb.org.uk/conference2010](http://www.fsb.org.uk/conference2010)**If you have any queries on the booking form please contact the conference desk on  
01253 336008/01253 336012****If you require this document in an alternative format please ring 01253 336036 or email  
[accessability@fsb.org.uk](mailto:accessability@fsb.org.uk)**