

New Year's greetings from the Grassmarket!

Welcome to 2008! I hope you've all had a very happy and relaxing holiday and are ready for the challenges of another year.

I'm sure that some of you will be breathing a big sigh of relief that the festivities have finally come to an end, while others will be feeling the post-party winter blues. Whatever camp you fall into, there's something to suit everyone in the Grassmarket. Why not head to The Lot and book yourself in for their Burns Supper extravaganza or alternatively, you could pay a trip to Fabatrix and cheer yourself up by buying one of their fabulously snug felt hats and get a free brooch at the same time!

There's something to suit everyone in the Grassmarket this January so wrap up well and come and visit us.

Happy New Year!

Jos Bastiaensen

Chairman, Grassmarket Area Traders Association.



News



Get dressy at Bill Baber

This January sees Bill Baber launch its second dress collection, featuring wonderful silks and linens in a variety of colours and shapes available in a wide range of sizes. What better way to find a little winter cheer than buying yourself, or a loved one, an original and unique Edinburgh designer dress? Perfect for a Burn's Night supper or a Valentine's Dinner. Go on, treat yourself!

Visit: Bill Baber, 66 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2JR Tel: 0131 225 3249 Website: www.billbaber.com Email: billbaber@msn.com

New spring term classes

Dance Base, Scotland's National Centre for Dance, started its new term of classes on Monday, 7th January. With over 120 termly and pay-on-the-day classes available each week in a range of different styles from Ballet to Burlesque and Hula Hoopla to Highland Dance, there is something for everyone regardless of age or ability. Come into Dance Base to pick up your copy of the Spring Term Brochure or [click here](#) to download a copy of the Spring Brochure.

Visit: Dance Base, 14-16 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2JU

Tel: 0131 225 5525 Website: www.dancebase.co.uk Email: dance@dancebase.co.uk





Herbe Bistro short-listed in Scottish Restaurant Awards

Herbe Bistro has beaten stiff competition to be shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Best City Restaurant' category at The Scottish Restaurant Awards! The winners will be announced at a sparkling ceremony on Monday, 28th January 2008, at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. Good luck from everyone at GATA!

Visit: Herbe Bistro, 44-46 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EJ

Tel: 0131 226 3269 Website: www.herbebistro.co.uk



Brush up on your whisky knowledge

If the prospect of a dark and dreary January is making you feel a bit flat, then why not lift those spirits by joining the Whisky Shop's exclusive Glenkeir Whisky Club? Membership provides access to the shop's members-only website, special discounted purchases in-store and on-line as well as exclusive invitations to whisky tastings. And if you need to brush up on your whisky knowledge before Burn's Night, there's a members' in-store tasting evening taking place on Friday, 18th January. Contact the Whisky Shop on 0131 225 4666 to find out more.

Visit: The Whisky Shop, 28 Victoria Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2JW

Tel: 0131 225 4666 Website: www.whiskyshop.com



New Year refurbishment for the Last Drop Tavern

The Last Drop Tavern will be closed for four days from Monday, 14th January to undergo a refurbishment. Business will be back to normal on the evening of Friday, 18th January. If you want to get the last drop in before the 14th January though, you'd better be quick!

Visit: The Last Drop Tavern, 74/78 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2JR

Tel: 0131 225 4851

Events

Burns Supper at The Lot

Fair [fa'](#) your honest, [sonsie](#) face, great chieftain o' the pudding-race! If you're in the spirit for some Rabbe Burns this January then book yourself in for The Lot's Burns Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, 26th January. Eat, drink and be merry with a traditional Burns supper of haggis, neeps and tatties followed by ceilidh. All profits from the evening will go to Tearfund, the Christian relief and development agency which aims to eradicate poverty via its global network of local churches (www.tearfund.org). Don't miss out on this fabulous night! Tickets cost £20 each.

Visit: The Lot, 4 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2JU

Tel: 0131 225 9922 Website: www.the-lot.co.uk Email: info@the-lot.co.uk



Edinburgh watercolours collection at Victoria Gallery

Take a trip to Victoria Gallery and see its first exhibition of the New Year; a collection of original watercolours of Edinburgh by Victoria Gallery owner, Hong Sun. Featuring watercolours of the city's beautiful and diverse landscapes and scenery, each individually painted by Hong, the exhibition starts on Sunday, 6th January and continues until Friday, 15th February. Victoria Gallery is open from Monday to Sunday, 11:30am to 5pm. Admission is free.

Visit: Victoria Gallery, 44 Victoria Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2JW

Tel: 0131 226 6328



Offers



Buy a felt hat, get a free brooch!

Do you want to feel wonderfully warm and comfortable this January? Well, Fabhatix has just the answer. For every hand-felted hat bought during the month of January, Fabhatix is giving away a free hand-felted brooch! What better way to keep your 'up-top' warm than in a cosy hat, available in a luxurious range of colours, with a pretty brooch as the finishing touch? There's just no excuse for not looking well-turned out this January!

Visit: Fabhatix, 13 Cowgatehead, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 1JY

Tel: 0131 225 9222 Website: www.fabhatix.com



Refill discounts on offer at Demijohn

Demijohn is offering all its customers a fabulous 15% discount on the cost of their bottle refills for the months of January and February 2008! Simply state that you wish to 'take up the Demijohn refill offer' when you return with your bottles to refill. One piece of advice though; please remember to clean your bottles thoroughly before returning with them as they will be checked before being refilled.

Visit: Demijohn, 32 Victoria Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2JW

Tel: 0131 225 3265 Website: www.demijohn.co.uk Email: info@demijohn.co.uk



January sale at Hilary's Bazaar

Hilary's Bazaar will be 'sailing' through January this year! As well as fantastic reductions including 10% off all musical instruments, 50% off selected CDs and 10% off kilim and leather, there will also be a half-price rail as well as new term details for Egyptian dance classes in Edinburgh, a perfect opportunity for those budding dancers out there! Don't miss out!

Visit: Hilary's Bazaar, 27 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EN

Tel: 0131 556 7976 Website: www.hilarysbazaar.com Email: hilary@hilarysbazaar.com



New year wine offer at Heights Restaurant

Brighten up your New Year by booking a table at Heights Restaurant from the 15th to 31st January and you'll get a free bottle of house wine per couple! What better way to spend a cold January night than sipping a glass of wine with a delicious meal whilst admiring the beautiful views of Edinburgh Castle, all from the warmth of the restaurant. To book this offer, please call 0845 365 0002 and quote GATAWINE.

Visit: : Heights Restaurant, Apex International Hotel, 31-35 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2HS

Tel: 0845 365 0002 Website: www.apexhotels.co.uk

Email: edinburgh.events@apexhotels.co.uk



Swish offers free UK postage to online customers!

Following the successful launch of Swish's new website last month, www.swishonthe.com, Swish is offering free postage to anywhere in the UK for all orders made online. Take a look at the website and check out the unique range of men's and women's t-shirts or feast your eyes on the fabulous accessories from American company, Yakpak!

Visit: : Swish, 22-24 Victoria Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2JW

Tel: 0131 220 0615 Website: www.swishonthe.com



20% off at Mamma's American Pizza

Mamma's is offering 20% off all its fresh stone baked pizzas and much, much more this January! This mouth-watering offer is valid from Sunday to Thursday, 12pm to 6pm. Just remember to bring a copy of this e-newsletter with you to enjoy this delicious offer.

Visit: Mamma's American Pizza, 30 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, EH1 2JU

Tel: 0131 225 6464 Website: www.mammas.co.uk



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