

BUSINESS DIARY: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Brian, right, has been the Bank's main point of contact with the Entrepreneurial Exchange for the last few years, part of his 34 years of service with the group.

He tells the Diary: "By going to do something for myself I will end the ribbing I get from some of my friends in the entrepreneurial community for staying in the safe confines of the Bank."

His role has involved direct reports on relationship banking teams in Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow and on the Bank's emerging business and women in business teams.

Brian says he has nothing really fixed up apart from a couple of voluntary posts on charity boards but he is



looking at a number of options, including advisory work for growing businesses and serving as a non-executive director on company boards.

He is currently winding down his time with the Bank and handing over responsibility for projects. He will serve as a judge on the Bank of Scotland-sponsored Scottish Director Of The Year Awards competition.

A Bank of Scotland spokesman said: "Brian gave 34 years of service to the Bank and was a great asset, particularly in dealing with the Entrepreneurial Exchange. We wish him all the luck in the world."

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE It seems that all this entrepreneurial stuff does rub off on you if you're exposed to it. Brian Johnston, the head of relationship management for the Bank of Scotland, is to strike out on his own.