



THE VISION

Newsletter of the Robert Burns World Federation



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It is with some trepidation that I come to edit this issue of The Vision, as I am following in the giant footsteps of Mike Duguid, who single handedly built the RBWF newsletter into the incredibly successful organ which it became. Our thanks to Mike for his sterling effort in presenting such a glorious edition every couple of months.

January is the month when subscription fees for the Robert Burns World Federation Ltd fall due so it is worth a reminder that the organisation exists to educate, promote and celebrate the study of the life and works of Robert Burns. It is worth remembering that the RBWF is a charity, an umbrella organisation of thousands of volunteers, trying its best to treasure and promote the memory of our National Bard. Your help providing financial support through membership fees, donations and fundraising is much appreciated.

As always it is a pleasure to include a wide range of articles reflecting an interest in Burns at home and abroad and appealing to all ages.

Editor

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Rantin', Rovin' Robin

There was a lad was born in Kyle,
But whatna day o' whatna style,
I doubt it's hardly worth the while
To be sae nice wi' Robin.

*Chorus - Robin was a rovin' boy,
Rantin', rovin', rantin', rovin',
Robin was a rovin' boy,
Rantin', rovin', Robin!*

"He'll hae misfortunes great an' sma',
But aye a heart aboon them a',
He'll be a credit till us a'-
We'll a' be proud o' Robin."

Robert Burns
1785



Glasgow & District Burns Association, Cathedral Service.

On Sunday 22nd January the Clubs which consist of the G&DBA met at the Cathedral along with the Lord Dean of Guild, May Storrie, to commemorate the life and works of Robert Burns. Rev Mark Johnstone conducted a lively and interactive service with David Vennard, President of the Association reading one of the Biblical passages.

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New Merchandise in the shop

A call was received just the other day to inform us that all of the lapel badges had been sold out, so a new design featuring the more subtle colour scheme of the logo was quickly chosen to replace it. These new badges are intended to be available in the next few weeks, so keep your eye on the webshop, or contact Margaretann and she will tell you when they are on sale.

Badge Mania - Pin a Badge on it

As a little exercise the editor has decided to start a little project to collect and display the many lapel badges which Clubs all over the world use, to notify people of their club allegiance. So he is asking club secretaries to post a lapel badge to the office and Marc will mount them on cloth, for future display in the HQ. One thing though if the badge does not state the name of the club but only depicts the image of Burns then it is not useable.

Visit to the HQ by MP, Alan Brown

Talking of sales the office was recently visited by MP, Alan Brown, who left after his visit burdened with purchases including the new Robert Burns jigsaw based on the image created for the internal banner. He said of the visit *"It's important we celebrate the life of our national bard whose works are still so relevant to this day."*

Honoured to lay a wreath at Mauchline on Sunday, as well as pop into Robert Burns World Federation Ltd. last week #BurnsNight"

Life Saving Equipment at the RBWF

The Robert Burns World Federation offices in John Dickie Street, Kilmarnock, now has a 24 hour public access defibrillator. This is the third such life-saving machine, very generously donated by Mr and Mrs Henderson of Dunlop and their family in partnership with St John Scotland, in memory of their daughter Laura.

Laura was only 42 when she suffered a sudden cardiac arrest in March 2021 when she collapsed whilst out for a run. Despite the best efforts of those who came to her aid, Laura never regained consciousness and passed away a few days later, leaving a 3 year old daughter.

Laura's family and friends decided to create a lasting legacy in her memory, by providing 24 hour public access defibrillators throughout Ayrshire and Arran, working with the charity St John Scotland.

Growing up in Ayrshire, Laura loved the works of the Bard and thus the Robert Burns World Federation offices was the family's choice as a fitting location to honour her memory.

Laura's brother Jason said: *'We were distraught to lose Laura at such a young age and in such sudden circumstances. It has been an incredibly difficult time since she died, but as a family we were keen to do something positive in her memory, so we decided we wanted to install defibrillators around the area she grew up in in places that were meaningful to her.'* He continued: *'As a child, Laura was the winner of a regional competition for reciting Burns. Her prize was a book on the works of Robert Burns, which she treasured. The RWBF is now the recipient of one of these life-saving machines. St John Scotland follows up after each installation with bystander CPR and defibrillator awareness training sessions which we wholeheartedly endorse.'*

Pictured at the unveiling of the defibrillator at RBWF on 17 December 2022 are Jim and Norah Henderson with their sons Scott and Daren and granddaughter Sophie, alongside Marc Sherland, Past President and Marketing Director of RWBF, and Archie Chalmers and Jess Duncan of St John Scotland Ayrshire and Arran.

St John Scotland is a national charity dedicated to saving and enhancing lives. For further information see: www.stjohnscotland.org.uk



Mauchline Burns Club Wreath Laying



On Sunday 22nd January, a company of over 40 gathered at the National Burns Memorial for the Club's annual wreath laying. Tributes were laid by the Club president, Dougie Airbright, several local and national politicians and representatives of local Masonic Lodges. This was followed by a buffet and entertainment in the Homes' community hall.

Mauchline Burns Club Celebrates Its Centenary

At the November meeting of the Mauchline Burns Club's first session in 1923, it was decided to hold an Annual Celebration on 25th January in the next year in Poesie Nansie's at a cost of 4 shillings per head. Today that is £10.0

In December the BBC like the Club just inaugurated, expressed an interest in using this Supper as a basis for a UK wide Burns tribute. On the 25th, the programme consisted of an Immortal Memory on a Mauchline theme, by John Taylor Gibb, President and responsible for the Mauchline book of 1911. Other speeches followed by a reply were the Imperial Forces, The Lassies with a reply by a male, and Kindred Societies.

At 9 pm the evening was interrupted for thirty minutes for the broadcast to take place. This consisted of a Toast to Mauchline, 2 readings and 2 songs. The occasion was broadcast GB wide.

At the second Celebration, a year later, 70 attended and the Millhall Pipe Band played. Gifts of Auld Brig and Tam o'Shanter tobacco were presented by the manufacturers.

This time, however, the whole programme was broadcast by the BBC, so they must have been pleased with the previous year's event. A member of the radio crew, Mr Dewar, known to young listeners as Uncle Mungo, spoke on the background to children's hospital broadcasting. As a result a spontaneous appeal raised 2 guineas, £ 83 in today's money. The BBC returned in 1929 for another live broadcast.

The Annual Celebrations continued during WW2 with the Chairman travelling from Glasgow in the black out, more recently virtual Suppers were held during the pandemic. This remarkable record is commemorated in the Club's Centenary Celebration.

Centenary Celebration

After two years of virtual Suppers, it was with great relief our hundredth Annual Celebration could be held live on 25th January 2023 in Kilmarnock Supporters' Club, our usual venue with



a mixed company of around seventy. With President Dougie Airbright in the Chair the programme ran smoothly; Scots poet and local man , Rab Wilson delivered a personal and individual Immortal Memory. Our veteran Andrew Cooper addressed The Haggis in fine style; the Toast to the Lasses and the Reply were offered by David Fotheringham and local lawyer Kirsty Murray.

Hon. President and Past Secretary Ian Lyell, gave a short introduction to the first two Burns Suppers and later Hon. and twice Past President Andrew Bell launched an appeal to finance future projects, raising a healthy £400.00 , with the raffle raising another £ 300.00 . Songs and verse were in the hands of two guests Linton McMillan and Billy Niven, respectively. Music was provided by Musical Director Billy McEwan A generous donation of whisky miniatures from Eddrington's Famous Grouse added to the evening. After the Vote of Thanks by Secretary, and Past President Robert Sommerville, a rousing Auld Lang Syne closed a memorable evening.

Trains Arrive at HQ

Ron. Ballantyne of the Halton-Peel Burns Club in Canada, was an enthusiastic collector of Models of British Locomotives.

Two of these were especially cherished as they were named in honour of our Bard, **Robert Burns**.

Eventually, it came time to find new homes for the collection and it occurred to Ron that the Federation might appreciate having these two. He contacted the RBWF President Henry Cairney and asked if the RBWF would be interested in a donation of the two models. Henry enthusiastically confirmed that the Federation would be delighted to receive the donation. So, Ron arranged for Ronnie O'Byrne, the Canadian Director, to take them to the Federation when he next visited Scotland.

The two models are for BR mainline express Locomotives, and are on display in the Federation offices.

The first was a steam Engine, from the Post-WWII era, a Britannia Class Pacific type.

As these were prestige mainline Locos a committee was commissioned to choose names for the class. They adopted a policy to choose the names of Great Britons.

The first of the class was named Britannia. Several were named for poets: Chaucer, Milton, Bunyan, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, & Byron. Robert would be proud he was included in such a company.

The model is a Hornby Toplink series limited edition, manufactured in 2000, in BR Green livery.

The second was a mainline Electric Powered loco, from the 1970s designed to pull the express passenger trains on the newly electrified West Coast Mainline.

The Robert Burns naming ceremony took place at Glasgow Central Station in April 1978



The electric locomotive is preserved and is on static display at the Railway works at Crewe , Cheshire, Where both locomotives were built.

The model is by Lima of Italy, first released in 1979. It is finished in the elegant Intercity livery, which the Loco carried from the mid-1980s. The Lima company did not issue a Robert Burns version of the model, so this one was professionally re-numbered and renamed for Ron.

It was a former President of the Federation, Dr Jim Connor, another railway enthusiast, who told Ron about this Locomotive.

Kilt Raising Fun!

Every year in Camperdown, Australia, the Robert Burns Scottish Festival celebrates with the public, the birthday of that iconic Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Think “A Red, Red Rose” for sweethearts – Burns had his 264th Birthday on 25th January. Last Sunday’s Burns Night Picnic was the kick-start of the festival for the 2023. The concert set in the lush green surrounds of Camperdowns’ Botanical Gardens and was a great day out. For a gold coin entry, guests were treated to lively music, poetry, haggis balls, dancing, and a truly impressive Claymore sword as part of the event.

With views of the rolling hills, we had some good Scottish mist to add an atmospheric touch. Between the music, food, dancing, poetry and handing out of raffle prizes, there was barely a moment to spare!

What a marvellous concert and happy day out. Robert Burns World Federation Director, Dr John Menzies OAM, chieftain of this festival, piped in the Haggis to the delight of the crowd, Norm McDonald gave the Address to the Haggis, the guest dancers impressed all, the inclusion of a Scottish Sword Dance provided a real sense of tradition. We were honoured to have the Chief of the McArthur clan, Mr Stewart McArthur present, he proved to be an enthusiastic chief Cheer Leader too.

As always it was a delight to have Jane McSween with the Lakes and Craters Band, who gave us such a



large, superbly performed repertoire. Musical group Tuniversal, followed by Merran and Peter Moir all provided foot tapping musical entertainment. The crowd was treated to a performance of “To a Mouse” poetry by Andrew O’Flynn, followed by a musical performance by “The Twa Bards” who had everyone clapping and joining in the circle with the Burns classic “Auld lang syne”.

Festival Chairperson, Dr John Menzies OAM said *“If this is any indication of the enjoyment level of coming Burns events, we are all assured of a great 2023 Robert Burns Scottish Festival in late June early July”*.



Perth Burns Club - 150th Anniversary Annual Dinner

Saturday 28th January was the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Perth Burns Club, founded in 1873. A big crowd of 120 packed the Salutation Hotel Ballroom to celebrate and they were treated to a night of excellent hospitality and entertainment.

The Top Table included : Club Secretary, Elliott Boyle; Jim Allan; Donald Paton; Professor David Purdie; RBWF President, Alan Beck; Jim Cook and Piper, Martin Bristow.

For more detailed commentary and excellent photographs, please visit the club webpage at : <https://www.perthburnsclub.org.uk/dinners.html>



Largs celebrate but not just the Ice Cream



The Top Table and Entertainers:

(Front Row left to right) David Caldwell, Vice President Angus Middleton, President Brian Jackson, Past President Bert Thomson, Alister Sim, Jimmy Law.

(Back Row left to right), Rev Jonathan Fleming, Past President David Galt, Willie Menzies, Past President Robert Honeyman, Past President Raymond Connal, Allan Wilson.

Largs that most famous place for quality Ice Cream, provided another reason for a visit when Largs Cronies Burns Club held its 33rd Annual Dinner at the Willowbank Hotel on Thursday 26th January. Proceedings were opened with a welcome to members and guests from the Chairman, President Brian Jackson.

Following on from this, Grace was said by Rev Jonathan Fleming. The Haggis was addressed by David Caldwell, having been piped in by Club Piper, Allan Wilson.

The Principal Speaker for the evening was Past President, Bert Thomson, who delivered a well-crafted "Immortal Memory", whilst Vice President, Angus Middleton, proposed the "Toast to the Lasses". The evening's entertainment included recitations from David Galt (The Soldier's Return) and Alister Sim of Dalry Burns Club (Death and Doctor Hornbook). Singers, Willie Menzies and Rev Jonathan Fleming, entertained us with a varied selection of Burns' songs.

The President read the fraternal greeting cards received from kindred Burns Clubs and Committee Member Jimmy Law proposed the "Toast to the Largs Cronies Burns Club".

The raffle raised the sum of £250 which goes towards the Annual Schools' Competition.

During the course of the evening, the President announced that the Committee had decided to honour Founder Member and long serving Club Treasurer, Craig Anderson, by making him the Club's first Honorary President. Craig was unable to attend this year's Dinner due to continuing ill health however an official presentation will be made to him at this year's AGM.

A most enjoyable evening was concluded with a "Vote of Thanks" given by Past President Robert Honeyman, followed by rousing renditions of "The Star of Robbie Burns" and "Auld Lang Syne".

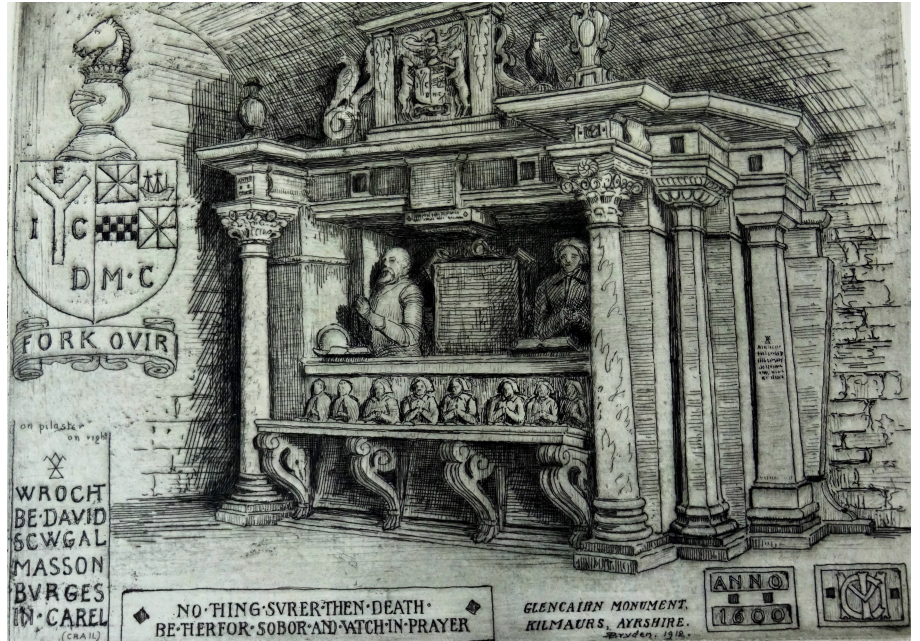


RBWF Lecture Series

A Chance to Learn - Glencairn Aisle

The Robert Burns World Federation continues its Lecture series with Roger Griffith who will speak on "The Glencairn Aisle and Ayrshire's 'Glorious Tombs'". The Lecture will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 7:30pm. Zoom Details and tickets can be got from Eventbrite at : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-glencairn-aisle-and-ayrshires-glorious-tombs-tickets-496307427877?>

The Glencairn Aisle in Kilmaurs is the well hidden location of a magnificent AD1600 mural monument to the 7th Earl of Glencairn and his family as well as housing the crypt where many other Cunningham Earls are interred. Additionally two medieval cross slabs with dragon motifs are displayed here, possibly belonging to the Cunningham founders of one of only two Ayrshire collegiate colleges, the remains of which lie nearby, once purposed to provide continual prayers for the souls of the Ayrshire Cunninghams until John Knox abolished the practice at the time of the Scottish Reformation. A memorial plaque commemorates James Cunningham, the 14th earl and well known friend and patron of Robert Burns who is himself likely to have visited the aisle on one of his journeys to visit Frances Dunlop at Dunlop House or his Uncle Robert in Stewarton. Ayrshire's oldest 'Glorious Tomb', the mural monument itself was once gilded with gold leaf and painted in many rich colours, all surrounded by the whitewashed walls of the aisle and lit by a striking tracery stained glass window. The other 'Glorious Tombs' existing at Ballantrae, Largs, Dunlop and Ayr will be mentioned in passing.



Clan Cunningham International and the Glencairn Aisle Preservation Group are at present urgently raising funds for the restoration and maintenance of the aisle.

City of Brotherly Love Toasts Burns



The Rosenbach Museum in Philadelphia boasts the largest collection of original Burns manuscripts outside of Scotland. Their annual Burns Night (January 25th) was a small gathering of guests who were treated to an evening of Poetry, Music, Haggis, and a blind whisky tasting. The South Jersey Celtic Society, provided the music as well as the Haggis, while other members read from the works of Burns. One museum director read a letter from Thomas Moore to the Bard responding to Burns' request for advice; essentially suggesting that Burns not write so much in the vernacular...advice thankfully ignored by Burns.

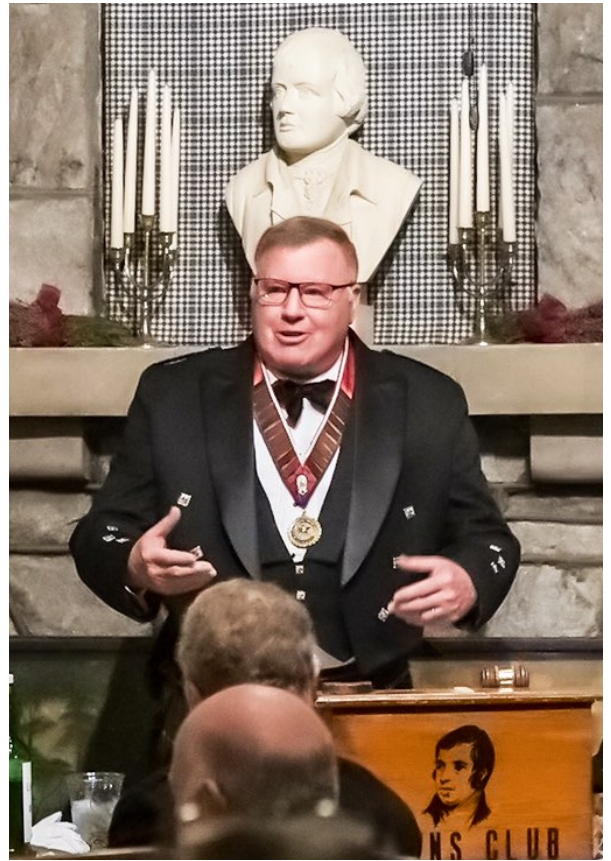
Many of the original manuscripts including a volume of the Kilmarnock Edition was on display for the guests.



International Greetings and news from North America

Paul Kennedy, President, of the Robert Burns Association of North America (RBANA) sent greetings to 'The Vision'. While Burns Suppers continue to take place all across North America, they reported on several different events and he and members of both RBANA and the South Jersey Celtic Society (SJCS) had attended.

To kick off the season, Paul Kennedy was honored to present the Immortal Memory to the Burns Club of Atlanta (BCA) on January 21st although; due to a failing voice, he reluctantly turned his Immortal Memory over to his colleague, John Adams (President, SJCS) to read. He mentioned in the IM, that if he had a bucket list; then addressing the men of the Burns Club of Atlanta in their beautiful and authentic reproduction of the Burns Cottage, would certainly have been on it. About sixty-eight members of the BCA were in attendance and were treated to an evening of southern hospitality and Burns style conviviality. The Haggis was piped in, to much applause, by the members by Piper, Michael Scott, and expertly addressed by past president (BCA) Richard Green. Next came introductions all around with several members introducing their guests and potential new members. Following dinner, introductions, a round of toasts, and the IM, several members read poetry of the Bard including a beautiful



rendition of *Tam O'Shanter*, by Eddie

Morgan, blue bonnet and all. The entire evening was truly a delight.

The 28th of January marked the 18th Annual SJCS Burns Supper. The IM was delivered by David Adams, a retired US Naval Officer, who drew a number of connections from John Paul Jones to Robert Burns. He also treated guests to several songs from the Merry Muses of Caledonia including "*Nine Inches...*" sung by "*Chaste Treasure*". Several members of the US Marines were in attendance as special guests of one of long time member, Michael Coccozzi, Colonel, USA (Retired).



Kilmarnock Burns Summer Festival Gears Up

At the start of February the organising committee of the Kilmarnock Burns Summer Festival {over 22nd - 31st July}, met in the RBWF headquarters in John Dickie Street. Over coffee and biscuits, ideas were discussed to expand the Festival into the streets around the HQ and develop a Fayre around the New Laigh Kirk, which will also be the site of concerts and will feature in the ever popular Kilmarnock Burns Trail. Provost, Jim Todd and Councillor, Elaine Cowan (Celebrate Kilmarnock) were also in attendance and gave an enthusiastic endorsement to the plans being considered and also mentioned the idea of developing an area near to the HQ as a Burns Quarter, with the plans to include a mural on the gable end of the building and also the development of a Poets' Corner, by extending the pavement and including bench seating.

Of course the Festival will still be based around the activities within the RBWF HQ, including the Tak a Cup o' Kindness Cafe, the Lectures and the other activities which make the Festival such a success.

The Kilmarnock Burns Howff Club and Kilmarnock No 0, will once again be organising the wreath ceremony.



Lanarkshire Association of Burns Clubs - Kirking Ceremony

On Sunday 29th January the LABC held its first ever wreath laying event at the statue of Robert Burns in Hamilton Library, followed by a Kirking Service in Hamilton Parish Church. Both events were attended



by members of Larkhall Burns Club, Hamilton Burns Club, Allanton Jolly Beggars Club and the Cumbernauld and District Burns Club in addition to Peter Pringle, Junior Vice President of the RBWF. Councillor Ross Clark of Larkhall, stayed throughout both ceremonies and stated afterwards how impressed he was at the dedication of the members present.

The Minister, the Rev Ross Blackman, led a very positive service which had poetry and song and included a beautiful rendition of Psalm 1, as composed by Robert Burns, and sang by clarsach

player
Pauline

Vallance. Mid way through the service there was an opportunity for the club representatives to rededicate themselves through an oath of commitment, to the mission and objectives of the Burns movement. Marc Sherland read out an address and Eric Budgell read the gospel reading. Afterwards there was a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet each other in the church hall where the congregation had prepared coffee, tea and biscuits. Everyone present reflected on what a pleasant and useful occasion it had been for all who attended and it was immediately agreed that this should become an annual event. Photographs were taken by Alan Scherr.



Larkhall Co-op gifts a Hamper

In January the Larkhall Burns Club were given permission to set up an exhibition of club photos and promotional material in the local Co-op on the High Street in the town. Throughout the week customers visiting the shop were able to view the material and take away free bookmarks bearing Burns verses and images, and



keyrings with the club contact details.

Paul the shop floor manager found the club a suitable location which ensured maximum exposure and it is certain that shoppers got the chance to read about and take away club membership forms. On the Saturday club members came into the shop to chat to customers and explain something of the history of the club and its programme, whilst encouraging them to consider membership.

What a surprise when at the end of the exhibition, Co-op staff presented the club with a hamper of excellent goodies for use as a prize in a raffle or prize draw.

Lily Budgell said of the gift, "What a lovely and generous thing for the Co-op to do, it really made it all worthwhile."

Photographs were taken and it is hoped to repeat the exhibition success in the future.



Robert Burns Birthplace Museum - Free Highlight Talks

The excellent and free Highlight Talks continue at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Alloway.

All talks begin on a Wednesday at 2.30pm and finish at 3.30pm. Advance booking - for free - on Eventbrite is advised as numbers have been growing. Any unreserved seats are allocated on a first come first served basis on the day.

Wednesday 8 February - Tom Hughes, Museum Officer, Dumfries and Galloway presents Yonder Clouden's Silent Towers: Robert Burns and Lincluden Abbey, in which he explores the importance of the medieval site of the Abbey in Scottish history and how it inspired several of Burns' works.

Wednesday 22 February - Professor Emeritus, English Language and Linguistics at Glasgow University, Jeremy Smith gives a talk entitled - Mythmaking Through Letters: Materiality in the Correspondence of Robert Burns with special reference to letters exchanged between Burns(Sylvander) and Mrs Agnes Maclehose(Clarinda).



Wednesday 8 March - Doctor Pauline Mackay of the Centre for Robert Burns Studies at Glasgow University discusses Creating Burns Beyond Reality

Wednesday 22 March - Dr Lesley Orr, University of Edinburgh Research Fellow, bases her talk on Reflections on being a distant, feminist cousin of Robert Burns.

Burns Helps with Dementia Training

An important new venture has been commenced for Greenock Burns Club, but is an extremely worthwhile way in which knowledge of Burns can be shared with those who have been affected by dementia. The Greenock club is piloting this, in partnership with Inverclyde Dementia Resource Centre and we are offering Dementia Friends Scotland, training for club members. Participants will become part of a project to support those affected by dementia and their families, by sharing Burns poetry and Scots songs to help evoke cherished memories. This could be by live performance or by recording songs and poetry for viewing. Please do consider being part of this.

To participate, those interested are asked to attend just ONE short training session. To register or find out more, please email grace.mckelvie@greenockburnsclub.com

The Mural Project for Kilmarnock RBWF HQ

Marc Sherland, when he was president of the Federation, wanted to revive an old but valid idea to site a mural on the gable end of the Robert Burns World Federation headquarters in Kilmarnock. Originally East Ayrshire Council had set aside money for such a development, but with priorities changing, this idea got lost, as sometimes happens. Marc on hearing about the idea started to garner support as he stated, "A mural will make the HQ building a real point of focus in Kilmarnock and impossible to ignore."

Having written a paper on the subject, Marc spoke to a regeneration group in the town aptly titled, 'Celebrate Kilmarnock' and they really liked to idea adding to it the concept of developing a poet's corner by extending the curved pavement and providing seating. In further discussions involving the Provost, Jim Todd, who was equally enthusiastic, the idea began to get legs and very shortly an advert will be put onto the Creative Scotland webpages to invite a quality submission to be judged by a panel which will include Marc as the RBWF representative.

The aim would be to have a mural design selected and painted sometime in the summer and hopefully in time for the Kilmarnock Burns Summer Festival. The money for the project has come from Art grant sources and no money is coming from the Federation.



Membership ~ Sharing Our Heritage with the World ~ Come and Join Us

The principle objectives of The Robert Burns World Federation Ltd are to advance the education of the public about the life, poetry and works of Robert Burns and in furtherance thereof:

- **Encourage** and arrange competitions among the public, students and school children
- **Stimulate and develop** the study and teaching of : Scottish literature, art, music and language
- **Conserve** buildings and places associated with Robert Burns and his contemporaries
- **Strengthen the bond of fellowship** among members of Burns Clubs and Kindred Societies, by encouraging them to honour the memory of Robert Burns and his works



Clubs, Societies, Individuals and Corporate bodies who support the aims and objectives of the Robert Burns World Federation may be admitted as Federation Members.

Benefits of Membership ~

- **FREE** copy of the Burns Chronicle, which keeps members across the world updated with club activities, provides academic articles, adds to our knowledge, to include in talks.
- **FREE** bi-monthly Newsletter "The Vision" with general information on Club and Burns related articles the world o'er.
- **Contribute to the Newsletter**, submit articles, and newsworthy items.
- **Increased knowledge** of the life and works of Robert Burns.
- **Enjoy the company** of fellow Federation members worldwide.
- **Volunteering opportunity** to work with our committees to promote works of Burns across the globe from the UK to USA, Canada, Europe and Pacific.
- **Expectation** that RBWF Headquarter staff will either answer, or field and disseminate, questions from Federation Members and the public.
- **Opportunities** to provide an input to the future direction of the RBWF.
- **Access to the Annual Conference** at special rates (where advertised).
- **Special Offer** - RBWF Members qualify for 30% discount on all Edinburgh University Press books and journals. Please visit <https://www.euppublishing.com/> to browse available titles. If you would like to take advantage of your book or journal discount, email journalsmarketing@eup.ed.ac.uk. Proof of membership is required (membership number etc).

Application to become a Federation Member. Name (s) _____

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Club Membership	£85.00	
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Chronicle Only	£30.00	
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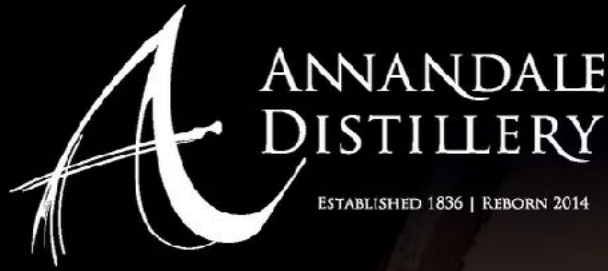
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