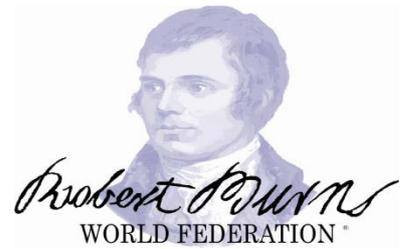


**The Robert Burns  
World Federation  
CONFERENCE**

**8th – 10th September 2017**



**Welcome to Peebles**

The high point of the Federation's calendar is our Annual Conference and we are pleased to return to Peebles this year to enjoy this fine location set in the beautiful Scottish Borders.

**Venue 2017**

Peebles Hydro is right in the heart of the Tweed Valley – the hotel is just 22 miles from Edinburgh and 50 miles from Glasgow. Somehow, the Scottish Borders magically shuts off the pressures of modern life, thanks to the glorious walks, world-class mountain biking, superb fishing – and the charming market town of Peebles itself.

**Conference 2017**

The Conference fee is £225 per person, exclusive of Saturday lunch which can be booked directly with the hotel, if required.

All delegates must book accommodation with the RBWF office on 01563 572469 advising that you are attending the Conference.

Conference registration will be from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

All relevant conference documentation will be issued at this time.

The Federation shop will be in operation on both Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon after the A.G.M.

Should they be required, voting cards will be issued at registration.

**Friday**

Registration from 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Friday dinner will be informal. Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm.  
Entertainment by Luath, a four piece band from South Ayrshire

**The A.G.M. – Saturday Morning**

Late registration from 9:00am – 9:30am

The A.G.M. will commence at 10am prompt. We hope to complete proceedings in good time for lunch thus allowing ample time for afternoon activities whilst still enabling delegates to fully express their opinions.

## Saturday Lunch

Delegates can book Saturday lunch directly with the hotel or wander into Peebles Town Centre where there are several restaurants and cafes available.

## Saturday Afternoon Seminar

### Dr. Rhona Brown

Glasgow University – Centre for Robert Burns Studies

**Subject of Seminar:** Robert Fergusson and his influence on Robert Burns

Rhona is a graduate of Strathclyde and Glasgow Universities. Her doctoral thesis re-contextualised the work of eighteenth-century Edinburgh poet, Robert Fergusson.

Rhona joined Scottish Literature as a lecturer in 2006. Rhona is convener of the Research Sub-Group of Burns Scotland, a nationally recognised collection of Burns material which involves representatives from the libraries, museums, galleries and local authorities which hold Burns manuscripts, artefacts and objects.

## Saturday Inaugural Dinner

Dinner will be 6:00pm for 6:30pm allowing time for the formalities prior to serving the meal at 6:30pm. Seating plans will be available. After dinner, the evening will continue with entertainment by **Pentlands Ceilidh Band**. Get your dancing shoes ready!

Would delegates please confirm any special dietary requirements when completing the booking form.

## Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning worship will be held in the hotel at 11:00am.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### PERSONAL INSURANCE COVER

**We highly recommend that delegates consider taking appropriate insurance cover should a cancellation have to be made. We would advise that the hotel is requesting payment of an initial deposit on booking with full, non-refundable, payment in advance of conference.**

### PLEASE NOTE

**Accommodation to be booked directly with the RBWF office.**

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