



Edinburgh and District Burns Clubs Association Federation No. 378

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Dear Fellow Burnsians,

As EDBCA celebrates its centenary this year we are planning a number of events to commemorate this occasion, one of which is an afternoon on Friday 14th March, at which four different presentations of Burns time in Edinburgh (1786-1787) will be delivered by four quality speakers, with question and answer sessions at the end of each 25 minute session. There will be a suitable interval after the second speaker for food and a couple of drinks, and again time afterwards in the venue for socialising and meeting new folk.

The aspects of his time here, which we will look at in depth, are:

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| ○ Who were his friends and acquaintances? | Professor Gerry Carruthers |
| ○ Burns and The Crochallan Fencibles | Cammy Goodall |
| ○ What the Craft in Edinburgh did for Burns | <i>Freemasonry expert to be confirmed</i> |
| ○ Burns and Nancy McLehose | Professor Pauline Mackay |

The venue for the event, which will run from 2.00pm to 5.30pm, is The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No.1, 19 Hill Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3JP, which runs between George Street and Queen Street. Tickets are £10 per head and are already selling well.

Additionally, we have a private function suite booked close by from 5.30pm to 8.00pm, where we can continue our harmony, as the Lodge is preparing for an event the following day.

Please also circulate among your Burns colleagues and then get in touch with our Secretary David Morgan below to reserve tickets as soon as possible. This promises to be quite a unique and unusual event, with an extremely high calibre of speakers and we are expecting a sell-out.

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