

20TH - 28TH JULY 2024 FIRST EDITION FESTIVAL

Chieftain's Welcome

Greetings everyone. It is such an honour to be the Chieftain for this year's Burns 1st Edition Festival week. There are over 30 events planned all week, the cost is free, this will be a great week of Burns poetry, song and dance and a wonderful opportunity to show off Kilmarnock at its best. Thanks to the 150 volunteers from across the RBWF movement who will be heavily involved in making the event such a success. If anyone would like to get involved in supporting the 1st Edition Festival please contact RBWF officers – let's make this year very special.

'The voice of nature loudly cries, and many a message from the skies, that something in us never dies' – Robbie Burns

Provost Jim Todd



FIRST EDITION FESTIVAL 2024

SATURDAY 20TH JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

12:00noon

Formal Opening of Festival

at the Burns Mural, 3A John Dickie Street.

6:30pm

Friendship Evening

Hosted by Alloway Burns Club. Venue Alloway Village Hall. Keynote speaker Angus Middleton, followed by some food and drink, songs and clatter. Entry £20 by advance ticket purchase.

Contact secretary@allowayburnsclub.org.uk

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

11:00am

Annual Service of Commemoration

Organised by Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs and hosted by Ayr Burns Club at Ayr Auld Kirk followed by laying of floral tributes and after event buffet.

2:00pm - 3:00pm

First Edition Hostelry Kilmarnock

Performance by Michael M'Luskey and Stuart Farquarson.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Wetherspoons Kilmarnock

Performance by Kerry Burley.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Festival Fringe Talent Showcase

Featuring some of the best acts plus guests from this years 1st Edition Fringe. New Laigh Kirk Kilmarnock. Doors open 6:30pm.

MONDAY 22ND JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Kilmarnock Burns Trail

Assemble at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Wetherspoons Kilmarnock

Performance by Alex Stuart.

5:00pm - 7:00pm

20 Ways wi' Haggis

An interactive cooking demonstration recipe booklet available on night and lots of samples.

TUESDAY 23RD JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Wetherspoons Kilmarnock

Performance by Jimmy Law and David Vennard.

WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

First Edition Hostelry Kilmarnock

Performance by John Hodgarth, Angus Middleton and Cathy Costello

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Best Haggis in Ayrshire Competition

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ. Come along and be the judge! Last years winner R. Stalker & Sons, Dalry.

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Red Red Rose Open Mic Event

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

THURSDAY 25TH JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

11:00am - 12:30pm

Life and Influence of Burns

A presentation by the Kilmarnock picture house at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

2:00pm - 4:00pm

CentreStage Entertains

featuring Featuring Watt Nicol, The Unlikely Lads Male Vocal Group and their special guests.

"Old Academy Building" 15 Elmbank Drive, Kilmarnock. Doors Open 1:30pm.

FRIDAY 26TH JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Kilmarnock Burns Trail

Assemble at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

First Edition Hostelry Kilmarnock

Performance by Tom & Isobel M'Rorie and Martin Cassidy.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Murder Mystery... Who Dunit?!

There's been a murder in auld Killie! Set in Burns time - Book your table now! (Numbers Limited) at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

SATURDAY 27TH JULY

10:30am - 4:00pm

Tak a Cup 'o' Kindness Cafe

at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Kilmarnock Burns Trail

Assemble at the Robert Burns World Federation HQ.

7:00 - 11:30

Chieftains Gala Dinner

at Glenfield Bowling Club. Tickets Only £25.00. See back page for more details.

SUNDAY 28TH JULY

11:00am

Service in new Laigh Kirk

with Burns Federation Representatives.

2:00pm

Dignitaries and Burnsians from all airts & pairs commemorate the printing of The Bards "Kilmarnock Edition of Poems" Meet at Burns/Wilsons Statue outside Burns Mall, Kilmarnock. Welcomed by piper.

2:30pm - 5:00pm

After Ceremony Buffet

with a wee sangs and clatter hosted by HOWFF Burns Club Kilmarnock and Kilmarnock No0 Burns Club. Venue - Kay Park Church Hall.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

The Final Fling

"Burns women, the Song and the Story". Featuring Burns Batchelors Performers Venue - Kay park Church. Doors open 6.30pm.



All events (unless stated otherwise) will have no door charge, but a bucket collection will be available for you to show your appreciation.

The HOWFF Kilmarnock Burns Club

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Saturday 27th July 2024

Chieftain's Gala Dinner

at the Glenfield Bowling Club
Prosecco Reception, and a
Taste of Scotland 4 Course Menu.

*Guid Music, Guid 'Burns...
Guid Night!*

Only £25 per person

Bookings - Telephone festival office on
01563 572 469 or pop into Tak 'a' cup
'o' Kindness cafe to reserve your seat.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Whether your East Ayrshire or beyond, please consider joining the RBWF or your local Burns Club.

Need more information? Call the Robert
Burns World Federation on 01563 572469
or email us at admin@rbwf.org.uk

Join & Enjoy!