



The Burns Club of London

150th anniversary year

Monday 18th February 2019

Burns in his own words (William Will Evening)

We dedicate one of our meetings each year to the memory of William Will, OBE, one of the outstanding figures in the 150-year history of our club. He was President 1917-20, largely responsible (along with Sir Harry Lauder) for achieving the merger of the two Burns clubs in London at the time, Founder of our Vernacular Circle and played a leading role in the club throughout the first half of the twentieth century.



The centrepiece of the evening on Monday 18th February will be a talk by Dr Rhona Brown, Senior Lecturer in Scottish Literature, University of Glasgow. Rhona is currently editing Burns's letters for the OUP edition of his works and, in her own entertaining way, will tell us about that process, with emphasis on some early letters in which correspondents advise Burns about how he should proceed as a poet and, more interestingly, Robert's response to these bits of advice.

As usual, the evening will include some good Scottish music. On this occasion we are lucky to have Eva Macfarlane, mezzo soprano, to sing for us. Eva is originally from Glasgow and is studying for a MA at The Royal Academy of Music. Her lovely voice, lively personality and repertoire of Scottish songs will endear her to the audience. For further variety we shall also have recitations of some modern Scottish poems and a short display of Scottish country dancing with a link to Burns.



The venue for the event will be The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London, SW1X 7DR from 6.30pm with the entertainment beginning promptly at 7.00pm. The cost of the event is £25 per person to include a warming helping of The Caledonian Club's delicious mince & tatties. There will be a cash bar from 6:30 until 7:00 and at the end of the evening.

Please book early to enable us to order enough food for everyone.

To: Jim Henderson, 698 Kenton Lane, Harrow, HA3 6AB. Telephone 020 8954 2586

Please reserve places at the Burns in His Own Words evening on 18th February 2019

Our names are:

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