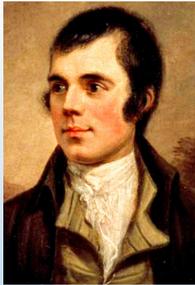


The St Andrew Society of York



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Burns Night 2024

Edited by Jim Murison

Editorial

Once again the Society held a successful Burns Night Dinner at The Parsonage in Escrick on Saturday 20th January, when 58 attended to share the food and fellowship. The toasts were all well received and in particular we thank Ian Reynolds for his toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns, with thoughtful insights into the life of the bard.

Thanks to the other speakers, May Townsend, Mike Hogg, Anne Murison and of course the Lord Mayor. We received this email shortly after the dinner, from the Lord Mayor, which sums it up very well:

“Having just returned home we are keen to send a message of thanks for this evening’s Celebration Dinner of Robert Burns. Thank you so much for a memorable evening with the St Andrew Society of York. The warmth and hospitality shown towards the Lady Mayoress and me was very much appreciated. We enjoyed the haggis and wine which were delicious and we particularly enjoyed the cranachan. Please convey our thanks to the President and to all involved in organising and hosting this evening’s event.”



And to Jack:

“Thanks to you especially for all your years of service organising such events for the Society. We were pleased to see the way in which this was recognised this evening.”

Rev Cllr Chris Cullwick, Rt Hon Lord Mayor of York

We were also delighted at the dinner to welcome two new members to the Society, Graham Walker and Grant Young. No, that is not a mistake, we have another Grant Young in our midst! Grant, mk2, lives in Leeds with his wife Pat and made contact recently via the website.

President Grant, on behalf of the Council, acknowledged Jack’s period of service as Functions Organiser, presenting him with a suitably inscribed Quaich.

We ended the evening with stirring piping by Jim Sharpe, playing Highland Cathedral, accompanied by members of the Society, who knew the words set to the tune.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 24th February 2024

**"I Belong to Glasgow" Evening—RETURN YOUR BOOKING BY
19TH FEBRUARY**

York Railway Bowls & Social Club, Ashton Lane, York, YO24 4HX

Saturday 16th March 2024

The Society celebrates St Patrick's Day



President Grant slices into the Haggis



The Chef and Piper watch on during the Address to the Haggis

Ladies Circle Programme for 2024

8th February	Ema Chester— <i>“My life as a PA”</i>
14th March	Jo Botham — Elizabeth Botham and the story of her bakery
11th April	Bruce Keith— <i>“Are we nearly there yet”</i> Note: Men invited
9th May	AGM

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Note: Lunches are held at the Novotel Hotel, Fishergate, York YO10 4FD Tel: **01904 611660**.

The lunches will be £21 this year for a two course meal with coffee plus an extra £1 for a tip.

NOTE: AS MOIRA IS AWAY, SEE BELOW FOR CONFIRMING ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY LUNCH

A date for the diary:

Please note that the AGM of the Society will be held on **Friday 10th May at 7.30pm** at Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church

An appeal for members to join Council:

There are vacancies on Council for 2024-2025—please let the Secretary, Jim Murison know if you feel able to serve on the Council. Nominations should be sent to Jim by 30th April.

Wednesday 7th February - Monthly Men's Lunch

The Fox & Roman, 58 Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses, York, YO24 1LR - 12 for 12.30pm

Please let Jack Marchbank know if you plan to attend this on 07836 258910.

Thursday 8th February - Monthly Ladies Lunch

The Novotel Hotel, The Fishergate Centre, 4 Fishergate, York, YO10 4FH - 12 for 12.30pm

Please let Marlynn Holroyd know if you plan to attend this - 01904 750505.

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