

THE PARTICK BURNS CLUB
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Dear Member,

The Partick Burns Club Annual Supper - Friday, 22nd January 2016

I am writing to invite you to next year's Partick Burns Supper to be held on the above date, at 6.15pm for 6.45pm, at the Jimmie Ireland Stand, The High School of Glasgow, Old Anniesland, Glasgow G13 1PL.

For 2016, our President, **Jamie Conlon**, has invited **Bill Craig**, a well-known figure in Burns Club circles to propose the toast to "*The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns*". The toast to "*Auld Pertyck*" will be proposed by **Rev. Bill Ferguson**, known to many of you and a member of the club for many years. Our new Vice President **Remo Catani** will propose a toast to "*Oor Guests*". I understand from our President that we will be greeted by Robert Burns himself and that **Lewis Ramsay** from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue will entertain us once again with his excellent rendition of "*Tam O'Shanter*". **Ian Gray** and **Hugh McAulay** will provide us with the musical interludes and give you an opportunity to join in the celebrations.

This year tickets will be available at £39, an increase of £1 on last year's price due to ever increasing catering and postal charges. Thanks to our chef for the event, Allan James, we continue to keep ticket prices reasonable without compromising on the quality or quantity of the meal itself. As usual, members and their guests will be able to bring their own drinks for the evening. *There will be no bar facilities at the venue*, although water and glasses will be provided.

With our membership now at 211 and the venue holding around 130, I'm expecting ticket demand will be high so please return the booking form as soon as possible. If you wish to have your booking acknowledged, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope or confirm your email address on the booking form and I'll acknowledge the booking electronically.

Last year's raffle raised a total £2300 divided between the "Unite Against Cancer" and "Aberlour Child Care Trust". As part of the resolution of some banking issues that the club has had with the Royal Bank of Scotland a payment of £500 was made to the club by the bank and the committee agreed to donate the entire amount to the Glasgow North-West Foodbank. This year the charity raffle proceeds will go, in part, to supporting the "St Margaret of Scotland Hospice". In closing (as I say every year!) any raffle is only as good as its prizes. Please consider donating a prize and let me know if you will be doing so on your booking form.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm Sharp
Secretary