



**CICES Burns Supper**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Westerwood Golf & Spa Resort**

**1 St Andrews Drive, Glasgow, G68 0EW**

## **Menu**

### **Starter**

Smoked haddock & spring onion fishcake, rough cut tartare sauce, lemon wedge

### **Intermediate Course**

Haggis, Neeps & Tatties

### **Main Course**

12hr roast shin of beef, red wine & onion jus, horseradish mashed potatoes, baked root vegetables

### **Dessert**

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce & vanilla ice cream

### **Vegetarian Options**

#### **Starter**

Beef tomato & mozzarella salad, black olive & basil tapenade

#### **Intermediate**

Vegetarian Haggis

#### **Main**

Wild mushroom risotto

## **Running Order**

1. Arrival Drinks, Carrick Suite (5.30pm)
2. Entrance of Guests (6.30pm)
3. Piping in of top table: Beth Watson (6.45pm)
4. Director of Ceremonies Welcome and Introduction: Jim Robertson
5. Piping in the Haggis: Beth Watson
6. Address to the Haggis: Jim Robertson
7. The Selkirk Grace: Isla Hillyear Hill, CICES Scotland Chair
8. Burns Supper
9. Interval
10. The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns: Lindsay Wood
11. Burns Recital: James Fraser
12. Interval
13. Toast to the Lassies: Jim Robertson
14. Reply to the Toast to the Lassies: Cat Harvey
15. Interval
16. Toast to the Artiste's: Jim Robertson
17. Toast to CICES: Isla Hillyear Hill, CICES Scotland Chair
18. Networking until close, Carrick Suite
19. Carriages

## Top Table

- James Fraser (Artiste)
- Batsetswe Motsumi (CICES President)
- Isla Hillyear Hill (CICES Scotland Chair)
- Cat Harvey (Artiste)
- **Jim Robertson (Director of Ceremonies)**
- Lindsay Wood (Artiste)
- Simon Hamlyn (CICES CEO)
- Arlene Watson (CICES Burns Club President)
- Beth Watson (Artiste - Piper)

## Artistes



**Jim Robertson** is an after-dinner speaker, known in legal circles as James R Robertson LLB DFM NP. He was born and bred in Airdrie. He was the 2007 President of the Airdrie Burns Club.

Jim retired in 2021 having worked as a criminal defence solicitor in Airdrie for 15 years. He joined the Procurator Fiscal service in 1989. Jim Robertson

has worked in Lanark, Hamilton, Stranraer and Kirkcaldy. This was all before being appointed Assistant Procurator Fiscal for the East of Scotland, in 2012.

Jim is a keen golfer and has been a member of the Golf House Club in Elie for over 25 years. He has spoken at many prestigious golf dinners. The most recent being the 250th Anniversary Dinner of Edinburgh's Bruntsfield Links Golf Society. He has also spoken at the Captains and Secretaries of Northumbria Dinner.

Jim Robertson is in great demand as a speaker for numerous Corporate, Society and Institution Dinners> He has also spoken at many of Scotland's famous Wits Dinners. Jim is the only person to have won the Wit of the Year, the Wit of Wits and the aptly named, Witiest Wit of Wits. This was at the St. Columba's Hospice Wits Dinner in Edinburgh.

A long time admirer of the works of Robert Burns, Jim Robertson has been invited to speak at many Burns Suppers, both at home and overseas. He has proposed the Toast to the Immortal Memory at the largest Burns Supper in the Southern Hemisphere. This was in Cape Town, South Africa.



**Cat Harvey** is an award-winning Radio and TV Presenter, Playwright, Author, Journalist, Events Host and Pantomime star.

She has an MA in Theatre, Film and TV from Glasgow University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism Studies from the University of Strathclyde.

Within the MA, she studied Scottish Literature for two years and is a lifelong fan of Robert Burns.

Cat was the first female staff football writer in Scotland joining the Evening Times from University. She then joined STV to present Champions League Extra before moving to the Comedy Unit to direct inserts and co-present Offside on BBC 1 Scotland.

Cat joined Real Radio in 2002 and presented the Breakfast show there for

eleven years before taking over the same role at Heart.

A move to Bauer Media followed and after five years on a Sunday show on Clyde 1, Forth 1, Northsound 1, Tay FM, West FM, MFR and Radio Borders she moved back to the Breakfast shift presenting 'Ewen and Cat at Breakfast' now on Greatest Hits Radio Scotland. Aye, she is on just before Ken Bruce and Popmaster!

'Ewen and Cat at Breakfast' has won the 'UK Arqiva Commercial Breakfast Show of the Year, two Sonys, two Arias and a New York Radio Academy Award for World Personality Show of the Year.

She has appeared in over 650 Pantomimes at the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow and has written and toured with her comedy plays 'One Singer One Song' and 'Love me Tinder'.

Cat has also written three books, the latest 'Ewen and Cat's wee book of Aye or Naw?' is out now with all royalties going to Cash for Kids.

She is a lifelong Partick Thistle fan, a member of the Tartan army, loves Freddos and is highly skilled in the Kazoo.

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**Lindsay Wood** was a court solicitor in Tayside for 26 years and latterly managing partner of the legal firm, Thorntons before being appointed a Sheriff in Glasgow in 2003.

He served for 20 years in Glasgow becoming the Senior Sheriff and retired in May 2023 from what is reputed to be the busiest court in Europe.

During his time on the bench, he also sat on various trusts and committees and was active on the Council of the Sheriffs Association of Scotland becoming President in 2013.

As a Sheriff he dealt with a wide range of matters including serious crime, jury trials, civil and commercial disputes, domestic abuse and fatal accident inquiries.

He is best known for his pioneering work in the Glasgow Drug Court which has helped reform many Glaswegians taking them from deep seated addiction to normal lives, renewed relationships and better health. This was achieved by giving those appearing a meaningful voice, by straight talking and crafted motivation and by the daily support of a committed and talented support team.

Sheriff Wood has helped Norway, France, England, Italy and Northern Ireland establish Drug Courts and has spoken at drug court conferences in the USA and Europe sharing the stage with former addicts such as Martin Sheen of the West Wing and Matthew Perry of Friends.

Outwith the law so to speak, he is married with family including 10 grandchildren. He enjoys football, playing tennis, travel, music and reading and as a Sheriff he tried his best every day to maintain a sense of humour in a Glaswegian sea of adversity.



Our Piper **Beth Watson**, a student at St Andrew's University, has been playing the bagpipes since she was 8 years old. Beth was the first girl to join the 44th Boys Brigade Pipe Band which later merged with the 1st Monifieth Boys Brigade Pipe Band. As part of the Band Beth has played for HRH Prince Edward and at many charity events including the Broughty Ferry New Year's Day Dook, Remembrance Day parades and Alzheimer's Fundraising Events.

Beth is a keen basketball player, playing with the Dundee Madsons and recently tried out for the St Andrews University Teams "The Staint's" where she was offered a place in the second team.

Beth attended school in Monifieth and last year graduated Dundee & Angus College with grades that secured her a place at St Andrews University where she is studying Geography and Sustainable Development.



**James John Fraser** is an accomplished Burns Performer. James joined the Army in January 1996, where he undertook training at Glencorse Barracks, Edinburgh, and The Infantry Training Centre, Catterick. Whilst at Catterick, he was awarded the prize for being the Best Recruit on his course. From training, he served with the 1st Bn the Royal Highland Fusiliers in Germany, as an Armoured Infanteer. During his time with the Royal Highland Fusiliers, he deployed on operational tours to Bosnia, Northern Ireland, and Iraq, as well as a multitude of overseas exercises to countries including Canada, Poland, and Belize.

In 1998 he was promoted to Lance Corporal, and from there to Corporal in 1999. James returned to the Infantry Training Centre, Catterick, as a Section Commander in 2003. Following Catterick, he returned to his battalion in Cyprus, and attended the Infantry Battle School, Brecon, in 2005. Whilst on the Platoon Sergeant's Battle Course, he was recommended to be an instructor at any of the Army's training institutions. During his time serving as a Platoon Sergeant with 2 SCOTS, he deployed to Afghanistan in March 2008. B Company, 2 SCOTS operated as the Mastiff Company for the 5 SCOTS Battlegroup, based in Musa Qu'ala in Northern Helmand. During this tour he was recognised for his hard work and determination and was awarded the Joint Commanders Commendation. There on after his two years as a platoon Sgt within 2 SCOTS he took on the role as a Platoon Sergeant at the Infantry Training Centre (ITC). After Just six months at ITC, he was promoted to SSgt and was posted to IBS as an Instructor in Jnr Division. Once his time was complete at Infantry Battle School Wales (IBS) he was then posted in to 3SCOTS as Company Sergeant Major (CSM) of Alpha Grenadier Company. During his two years as CSM he took on the role as Her Majesties Royal Guard (Balmoral) CSM for four months.

James continued to pass on his knowledge and experience as an instructor at the Infantry Battle School as the Divisional Sergeant Major to the newly commissioned officers from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. After two years in this role james returned to 3SCOTS as the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant. Where he was awarded a field commanders commendation for excellence in the delivery of leadership.

James or Jimmy as many may know him, finished his career as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Royal Highland fusiliers the 2nd Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Where he deployed in support of UK forces in Northern Iraq and Syria.

James is married to Laura, and has two grown up children, Lewis (24) and Lauren (23). His wife Laura is a nurse, Lewis is a police officer and Lauren is a nurse too. He has a passion for rugby and enjoys refereeing across the country. James also enjoys free masonry and is a member of St John Scotland.

James was brought up by his grandparents in Bellshill, where as a child he had to endure may a song and poem from the later Robert Burns. Whiles serving with his unit the Royal Highland Fusiliers a Glasgow and Lanarkshire battalion. James has recited at burns nights for over 29 years now both in the military and as a member of Strathpether Burns Society in Ross and Cromerty.