The Society for Folk Life Studies

**Annual Conference**

**Ayrshire, Scotland**

**14th to 17th September 2017**

*\*\*Identity and place in literature\*\**

*\*\*Cross-cultural connections in material culture\*\**

The conference venue will be at

The **Robert Burns Birthplace Museum**, Alloway, Ayrshire,

<http://www.burnsmuseum.org.uk>

Accommodation will be at

**Premier Inn**, Wheatpark Place, Ayr, Ayrshire KA8 9RT

**PROGRAMME**

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**THURSDAY, 14th September**

*17.15-18.00 Registration at Premier Inn*

*18.30 Dinner*

20.00-20.45 **Linda Ballard** (President, Society for Folk Life Studies)

*Presidential Address**(Title TBC)*

**FRIDAY, 15th September**

*09.45 Depart Premier Inn for the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum (RBBM)*

10.00-10.05 **Linda Ballard**

*Welcome to the 2017 annual conference*

10.05-11.00 **Gavin Sprott**

*An introduction to Ayrshire & Robert Burns the farmer*

11.00 -11.40 **Prof. Gerald Carruthers**

*Robert Burns & Scots Presbyterianism*

*11.40 – 12.00 Tea & coffee.*

12.00 – 12.40 *(Speaker & title TBC)*

12.40-13.15 **Chris Waddell**

(Working title: *Burns & nature*)

*13.15 –14.00 Buffet lunch at RBBM*

14.00- 15.30 **Chris Waddell**

*Walking tour - part 1*

*15.30 – 16.00 Tea break at RBBM*

16.00 – 17.00 **Chris Waddell**

*Walking tour - part 2*

*17.00 Return to Premier Inn*

*18.45 Depart Premier Inn for dinner at BBM followed by entertainment*

**SATURDAY, 16th September**

*09.15 Depart Premier Inn for* Dumfries House

Cumnock, Ayrshire, KA18 2NJ

*(https://dumfries-house.org.uk)*

10.00 Guided tour of Dumfries House *(TBC)*

*12.00 Lunch at Dumfries House*

*14.00 Depart Dumfries House to return to RBBM*

14.45 - 15.30 **Claudia Kinmonth**

*Whistling Spoons, Rattling Noggins: links between Ireland & Scotland*

*15.30 – 16.00 Tea break*

16.00 – 16.45 **David Jones**

(Working title: *The furniture at Dumfries House*)

16.45 – 17.30 **Sally Tucket**

*Ayrshire Whitework*

*17.45 Return to Premier Inn*

*19.30 Dinner*

**Sunday, 17th September**

*Information regarding church services will be available for those wishing to attend*

*09.15 Depart Premier Inn for RBBM*

09.30-10.15 **Annual General Meeting** of the Society for Folk Life Studies.

10.15 – 10.55  **Bob Powell**

*Ayrshire to Aylsham: Scots farmers in East Anglia*

10.55 – 11.35  **John Baldwin**

***Stoars, Cleps & Croakies / Liris, Pivvins & Sgrails: Some ethnological evidence for cultural diffusion along the Western Seaways***

11.35 – 12.15 **Heather Holmes**

*In different worlds: healing at the clooty well*

*12.15 - Lunch at RBBM*

*End of conference*