



Margarita C.C.

Annual Bonspiel

25-29th Oct 2017



The IceBowl

Dumfries Scotland

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Welcome

It is my pleasure on behalf of Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association to welcome the Curlers of the Margarita Curling Club to Dumfries Ice Bowl.

I thank you for recognizing the Ice Bowl as a suitable venue to host your 21st annual bonspiel competition this year.

On behalf of Dumfries Ice Bowl Curling Association I wish you good Curling and a successful competition.

Enjoy, and good curling!



Kenny Murray
Chair DIBCA



On behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council, I am delighted to welcome the Margarita Curling Club Bonspiel to our facility at the Ice Bowl in Dumfries. Its twenty years since the first Bonspiel was held in Bern, Switzerland, since then the Club has travelled to many illustrious destinations but this is only the second time it has been held in Scotland.

The Ice Bowl opened in 1992, the six sheet dedicated curling rink is a more recent addition, having been constructed in 2010. The ice skating and curling rinks have hosted many international events including the 2014 World Senior Ladies and Mens Curling Championships, the 2014 World Mixed Doubles Championship, and the Under 20s and Under 18s World Skating Championships, next year we look forward to welcoming the Under 18s World Championship once again. The facility will celebrate it's 25th birthday later this year, and hosting the Bonspiel this year is one of many great ways that we will be celebrating the facility turning 25.

We are very lucky here in Dumfries and Galloway – we have a wonderful natural environment, delicious food and drink, beautiful and varied landscape and rich cultural traditions. Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns, spent the last years of his life in Dumfries and Galloway and the region inspired some of his most famous works. The author J. M. Barrie, whose creation Peter Pan you celebrate at your fancy dress party on Friday, went to school here as a boy, and it was the garden of the family of one of his friends which inspired his most famous work. That garden and property, Moat Brae House, is currently being renovated to create an international children's story telling centre.

I hope you enjoy a very successful Bonspiel, and please take the opportunity to enjoy some of the superb experiences Dumfries and Galloway has to offer while you are here, and will come back again to spend more time with us.


Best wishes


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elaine Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.


Councillor Elaine Murray
Leader, Dumfries and Galloway Council


Nanny's Words of Wisdom



	<p>Tinkerbell's Challenge: - Spread your wings and fly around the region and visit the following places, make a purchase and collect the appropriate coloured sticker. On completing all five visits return your log sheet to a member of the committee to receive a small prize.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Annandale Distillery, Northfield, Annan DG12 5LL 2) Sulwath Brewery, King Street, Castle Douglas DG7 1DT 3) The Globe Inn, High Street Dumfries DG1 2JA 4) Cavens Arms, 20 Buccleuch Street Dumfries DG1 2AH 5) Inhouse Chocolates, King Street Castle Douglas DG7 1LU <p style="text-align: center;">Log sheets available on request from the committee</p>
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<p>Captain Hook's Trading Post: - Something a bit different this year following a request by the members. We will set up a trading post within the Curling lounge where you can meet and exchange your Club, Margarita and Duplicate pins for those that you don't already have. The table will be clearly marked and will be available on: -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday from 14.00 till 17.00</p>	
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	<p>Double Tracker: - We will again this year run the double tracker throughout the bonspiel. If your team achieves a double take out you claim the tracker. Should another team in the same draw have a double takeout after you they steal the tracker. The team in possession of the tracker at the end of the draw wins the prize.</p>
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<p>Bar Facilities: - Parents and Friends of the Dumfries Young Curlers will organise and man the bar during the competition. All the profit from the bar sales will go towards the DYC funds which allows for the further development of the club and members to participate in regional, national and international events. To assist the bar staff a drinks order form will be placed at the end of each rink for you to pre-order your drinks which will be awaiting you on the conclusion of your games. Following Denver's example of a fixed price per drink a pre-purchased vouchers system will be operated at the bar. Malt whiskies will be on sale at a separate bar which will operate on a cash sale basis.</p>	
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	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h3>ANNANDALE DISTILLERY</h3> <p><i>- A Spirit Reborn</i></p> </div> <p>CLASSIC DISTILLERY TOURS - £8.50 run on the hour 10.00am - 4.00pm 7 days a week</p> <p>RESTORATION TOUR AND DISTILLERY MANAGER'S TOUR ALSO AVAILABLE</p> <p>Visit Dumfries & Galloway's most ambitious tourism story and discover a spirit reborn.</p> <p>Relax and enjoy the unique atmosphere and handcrafted furnishings in the spectacular Maltings Coffee Shop.</p> <p>OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM, SUNDAY 10AM - 5PM 01461 207817 www.annandaledistillery.com</p>	
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A Wee Bit about Dumfries and Surrounding Area

Dumfries town is located near the mouth of the river Nith which flows into the Solway Firth which forms part of the border between England and Scotland. The actual origins of the formation of the town are difficult to date exactly but remnants of Roman occupation are found within the region. In 1186 William the Lion issued a charter raising the town to a Royal Burgh. Following the granting of the charter the town quickly grew as a market town and port as it lies only a few miles up river from the Solway Firth which flows into the Irish Sea.

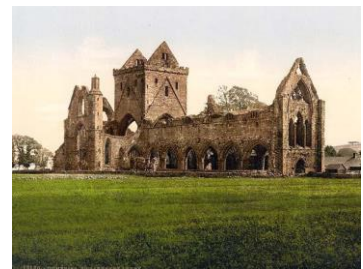


A view showing the river Nith, the Caul, the Whitesands and the Devorgilla Bridge from the Robert Burns Museum

Dumfriesshire's proximity to the border resulted in numerous castles being constructed within the region. William Wallace chased the English through the Nith valley before defeating them at Cockpool which is near to Caerlaverock Castle. Robert the Bruce was born at Lochmaben Castle the site of which is only 10 miles from Dumfries. Bonnie Prince Charlie stayed for 3 nights during the Jacobean uprising. Some of the other notable people who are associated with Dumfries are Robbie Burns, Scotland's national Poet who spent the last five years of his life living in Dumfries and is buried in St Michael's churchyard. The Reverend Henry Duncan founder of the Savings Bank movement, John Laurie actor, Calvin Harris record producer, Frank Williams founder of the Williams F1 racing team are only a few notable names who are connected to Dumfries. At the age of 14 JM Barrie went to Dumfries Academy and while playing pirates with his friends at the nearby Moat Brae House came up with a story idea which led to his writing the novel "Peter Pan" which is this year's party night theme.



Caerlaverock Castle



Sweetheart Abbey

Dumfries is the administrative town for Dumfries and Galloway region which stretches from Langholm in the East to Stranraer in the West. The town's football team "Queen of the South" is named after the town's nickname. People born and who reside in the town are known as Doonhamers. Dumfries and Galloway is often referred to as Scotland in miniature as we encompass lochs, hills, rivers and a long coastline. The region has several sites of historic value which are well worth visiting. The region is blessed with curling rinks in Stranraer, Lockerbie and Dumfries. More info at:- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dumfries>
We hope that you will take time to explore our region.



Mid Steeple Dumfries

Places to Visit



Annandale Distillery: The distillery, which is located on the outskirts of Annan, is one of the latest in Scotland to re-start the production of whisky. The distillery which is only 18 miles (28kms) from Dumfries is well worth a visit and offers guided tours (approximately 1 Hour) of the facility.

Express tours (30 minutes) can be pre arranged by Phoning + 44 (0)1461 207817.

Sulwath Brewery: Brews a selection of local ales and is situated at the west end of King Street, Castle Douglas which lies 18 miles (28kms) west of Dumfries. Sulwath offer guided tours of the brewery and also have an on site bar area where you can sample the produce. Phone +44 (0)1556 504525 to arrange a suitable time.

The Globe Inn: Located in a close (lane) just off Dumfries High Street is the towns oldest (established 1610) drinking establishment with a long and notable history. This coach house was the haunt of Scotland's national poet Robbie Burns who was a frequent visitor. Free tours are available, maximum number per group of 12. Phone + 44 (0)1387 252335.

Caerlaverock Castle: This is your quintessential boy's idea of how a castle should look. The castle built in the 13th century the rugged appearance conceals a stunning 1630 residence although suffering the ravages of battle much of the building remains. Located on the Solway Coast 5 miles (8kms) south of Dumfries.

New Abbey: This pretty village is situated some 8 miles (11kms) southwest of Dumfries and houses two buildings of interest namely Sweetheart Abbey and New Abbey Corn Mill (which is open Saturday to Wednesday 10.00 to 16.00 during the competition).

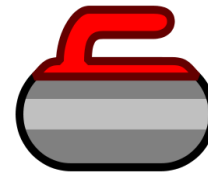
John Paul Jones Cottage: Further on along the A710 you will come to a signpost that will guide you to the birth place of John Paul Jones the founder of the American Navy.

Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura: Take the time to visit the town's museum (free entry) which is full of interesting artefacts. Hope for some dry weather so that you can experience the Camera Obscura operating as it is weather dependent (a small fee is charged).

The Devils Porridge Museum: Situated in East Riggs about 15 miles (24Kms) east of Dumfries and just off the A75 the museum explains how gun cotton for the First World War was produced in a factory that stretched some 11 miles (18kms) along the Solway coast.



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Food Served

Tuesday - Saturday 11.30am – 9pm

Sunday - Midday – 8.30pm

No food served on Mondays

Children over 14 years welcome for meals when accompanied by an adult

Parties of 5 or more may book in advance

Other Places to Eat and Drink

Light Bites	<u>Mrs Green's Tea Lounge</u> £ Open Mon - Sat 08.00 - 17.00
	<u>Kings Coffee and Books</u> £ Open Mon - Sat 08.00 - 17.30 Sunday 12.00 – 16.00
Chinese	<u>New Oriental</u> £-££ Open 17.00 - 23.00. Buffet nights Friday & Sunday 17.00 – 21.00
Indian	<u>Daksh</u> ££ Open 12.00 - 14.00 , 17.00 - 22.00.
Italian	<u>Little Italy</u> ££ - ££ This restaurant is located outside the town centre serves traditional Italian dishes including pizzas. Ideal for a leisurely meal Open 17.00 -21.00.
	<u>La Dolce Vita</u> ££ - £££ Italian cuisine. Mon to Sat from 09.00 – Late Sunday 17.00 - Late
	<u>The Globe Inn</u> ££ Dumfries's oldest pub where you can have breakfast/lunch served 10.00 - 14.45.



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