



## Celebrating 50 Years of Wellwood

### “Wellwood Welcomes” – 2012

A series of evenings with knowledgeable speakers and, we hope, interesting discussions. Please give this programme your support. Open to members, friends, and the public. Advance booking not required. A further two “Welcome” evenings will be announced for Sept./Oct.

**Wed., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 pm**

“Our Honorary Members – current research”

Past President Ian Dickson reports on several years of investigation – who were nominated, why they were nominated, trends and omissions, and the problems of identification and transcription of holograph letters.

**Wed., Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm**

“The Fenwick Weavers – a milestone for Scotland’s workers”

Jim O’Neill, a Past President of Irvine Rugby Club and with interests in local government, is a Director of the Fenwick Weavers, managing their heritage project. The Weavers, in the same half-century as Robert Burns and David Dale, were the start of the global co-operative movement.

**Wed., May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm**

“Cultural Tourism – a new phenomenon”

Dr Audrey Sutton, Head of Service, Education and Skills, North Ayrshire Council, explores the growing interest in visits to places of literary connections, and will in particular consider the authors with links in our own local authority area.

**Wed., June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm**

“Eglinton Woods – locus of the Poet’s Genius”

Roger Griffith, a countryside ranger at Eglinton Park, and Irvine Burns Club 2012/13 Vice-President, will report on his extensive research into the episode in the life of Robert Burns which prompted the Bard to seriously consider publication of his work.

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## “Readers’ Days” @ Wellwood 2012



... for people with a passion for books

9.30-3.30 – tickets £8.50 (incl. lunch)



Organised by North Ayrshire Information and Cultural Services in association with Irvine Burns Club, the Readers’ Days bring to Irvine some of Scotland’s best authors – for you to meet and talk with, about what they write and what they read. A panel discussion opens each day’s programme, after which each author leads a group discussion on a book (not one of their own) selected by them. After lunch, each author’s own work is the focus, followed by a question and answer session. Copies of books selected for discussion will be provided well before the event.

**Sat., Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>**

This Readers’ Day features authors Shirley Mackay (“Hue and Cry” and other crime novels set in 16<sup>th</sup> c. St Andrews), Sue Peebles (“The Death of Lomond Friel”, a Saltire First Novel Award winner), Robin Pilcher (“An Ocean Apart”, sold to eleven countries and, like another two of his novels, adapted for television) and Caro Ramsay (“Dark Water” and other dark crime thrillers set in Glasgow). The event is hosted by author Keith Charters (“Lee and the consul mutants” and other Lee adventures).

**Sat., Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

The authors for this Readers’ Day will include Maggie Craig, James Robertson and Sara Sheridan.

### BOOKING

Tickets for Readers’ Days can be booked from any North Ayrshire library or by phone at 01294 554699

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Irvine Burns Club – established 1826

– at ‘Wellwood’ from 1962 –

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