

**Bookings:**

As always this event is a major undertaking for the Club, which has already paid out a considerable sum to reserve our accommodation. At this time, we would ask you to reserve places and to pay an initial non-returnable deposit of £25 per person, to be set against the final conference fees.

**The Room rate is £50 per person per night for a double, twin or single room with dinner, bed and breakfast. Extra nights are available either side of the event at the same rate, booked directly with the hotel. Any Cancellations made within one month of the convention will be charged at the full rate.**

If you are interested in joining us, please complete and return the slip below. We would particularly like to extend a special invitation to those members who have not yet attended a MWCC Convention. You can be assured of a very warm welcome and will enjoy a feast of Mauchline Ware. If you cannot come for the full Convention why not come for one or two nights. Please note the Holiday Inn is a small hotel so places may be limited.

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**21<sup>st</sup> MWCC Convention Booking Form**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

I/We are interested in attending the Dumfries MWCC Convention and enclose £ being £25 deposit per person.

Name(s):

Address:

Contact Phone:

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Please make cheque payable to Mauchline Ware Collectors Club

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# Twenty First MWCC Convention Dumfries

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

to

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017



### Venue: Holiday Inn, Dumfries

Set within the picturesque Crichton Estate, giving fabulous views of Dumfries and Galloway, the Holiday Inn is 1 mile from the centre of the market town of Dumfries and surrounded by the leafy gardens of the Crichton Estate. The restored and immaculately maintained grounds operate as an award winning public park and it is worth exploring the rock garden and arboretum just a short walk from the hotel. The hotel offers 71 modern bedrooms with free parking and free W/FI. The bright restaurant serves a buffet breakfast as well as lunch and dinner made from locally sourced produce. Being a small hotel we will have exclusive use of all function rooms and the glass ceilinged lounge for meals, talks and displays.



### Programme

During our stay we propose to visit a few sites in and around Dumfries, some of which are recorded on Mauchline Ware transfers.

The Convention begins on Thursday afternoon with a reception to welcome old and new friends and the evening will give opportunities for talks and displays. Friday will begin with an optional walking tour of the Crichton Estate, followed by a tour of Burns House and Burns Mausoleum. For lunch we will head to Ellisland Farm returning in the evening for a Burns supper. Saturday will be a half day visit to Drumlanrig Castle for a private tour of both the castle and gardens. Our Gala dinner will take place on Saturday evening. Closing with our traditional dealers' fair on Sunday morning.



**Crichton Estate** – dating from 1834 Elizabeth Crichton following a bequest from her late husband, started the development of a “lunatic asylum” with the building of the Crichton Hall. Throughout the development it was renowned for the quality and forward looking nature of its healthcare.

**Burns House** – the home where Robert Burns spent the last years of his life. The house retains much of its 18<sup>th</sup> century character and contains many relics of the poet.



**Burns Mausoleum** – the striking Grecian mausoleum in which Burns, his wife Jean and five of their family lie. Burns was originally buried in a modest grave in the kirkyard and in 1845 his remains were moved to the mausoleum.

**Ellisland Farm** – the farm where Robert Burns brought his new bride Jean Armour. The farm was the poet's choice and provided inspiration for his writing.



**Drumlanrig Castle** – discover over 600 years of family history. Enjoy the many treasures on display from the world-renowned Buccleuch collection to the enormous cascading gardens.