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Drum Castle to host unique Burns Night with a Twist

Drum Castle, National Trust for Scotland's majestic 700-year-old medieval Aberdeenshire castle, is to host a unique Burns-themed murder mystery.

The castle, which includes the Tower of Drum, originally gifted to the Irvine family by Robert the Bruce in 1323, will welcome would-be detectives on Saturday 25th January at 6.00pm for an evening of culture, entertainment and problem-solving.

The event, held in conjunction with Right Here Productions, will see a modern twist on Burns Night tradition with a 'Kilted Killing' murder mystery scenario. Guests will enjoy a traditional three-course meal complete with an address to a haggis.

There will also be the opportunity to see the castle more widely, with the murder conundrum taking diners to all corners of the centuries-old fortress.

It's not the first time Drum has hosted a murder mystery event, with 50 amateur investigators coming along to a sell-out 1920s themed night in October.

Constance Schimmeyer, visitor services supervisor at Drum Castle said: "We're really looking forward to welcoming our detectives to Drum Castle to celebrate the life of Robert Burns. While Burns enthusiasts will enjoy some of the traditional elements of the night, there's lots of devious fun to be had too.

"Our previous murder mystery experiences have been hugely successful and we were keen to have another mysterious evening within the castle - events like this truly help our charity to protect Drum Castle and Scotland's other special places."

Tickets to the Burns Night Murder Mystery at Drum Castle cost £40 and can be purchased at <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/events/burns-night-murder-mystery-at-drum-castle>.

Drum Castle, Garden and Estate is home to one of Scotland's oldest tower houses. The sweep of 700 years of history is stamped into Drum's battlements, medieval square tower and sprawling extensions. Visitors can take a stroll through the Old Wood of Drum, home to oak trees dating from the 1700s and admire Drum's exquisite, 16th Century chapel.

Find out more about Drum Castle Garden & Estate and its calendar of events at <https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/drum-castle>.

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LISTING

EVENT: Burns Night – Murder Mystery at Drum Castle

DATE: 25 January

TIME: 6.00pm for 6.30pm

INFO: Gather at Drum Castle with your friends, family and colleagues for a Burns Night to remember! Immerse yourself in the storyline, quiz the characters about their motives and find clues to help solve the murder!

LOCATION: Drum Castle, Garden & Estate, Drumoak, Banchory AB31 5EY

PRICE: £40

Editor's Notes:

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