

St Donan's Day Dinner 2012

The year 2012 is a significant one for Britain on at least two counts: Her Majesty the Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games return to London for only the second time in their history.

The Clan Gunn Society's St Donan's Day Dinner will also make a welcome return to London this year. We shall be based in Greenwich, most famously the home of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). It is due to become a Royal Borough in 2012, doubtless in view of the impending Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events that will be hosted here. Greenwich is also the location of the O2 Arena (formerly the Millennium Dome.)

Our weekend will begin on Friday 13th April in Central London, where we shall have exclusive use of the National Liberal Club for an informal supper at 7 p.m. preceded by a drinks reception at 6.30 p.m. Following this we shall make our way to Greenwich, where we will be based for the rest of the weekend.

Our hotel of choice is the Ibis Hotel, 30 Stockwell Street, Greenwich SE10 9JN and the most cost-effective method of booking is online at www.ibishotel.com You can also e-mail an enquiry to: h0975@accor.com or telephone (+44) (0)208/3051177. Other hotels within walking distance are the Novotel www.novotel.com 173-185 Greenwich High Road SE10 8JA, and the Premier Inn 43-81 Greenwich High Road SE10 8JL(tel. 0871 527 9208).

Saturday morning will be free for sightseeing – unless you are a Council or Trust member! In the afternoon we shall tour the Royal Observatory from 2 pm. The remainder of the afternoon will be free time, until the St Donan's Day Dinner in the evening. This will be held in the Trafalgar Club, which is on the ground floor of the Trafalgar Tavern, just ten minutes' walk from the hotel. We shall have exclusive use of the Trafalgar Club, but please book early to avoid disappointment, because the room seats a maximum of 35 people. On the Sunday morning, we shall be given a guided tour of the National Maritime Museum, which is quite nearby.

A booking form for all the events can be downloaded here, and will also be enclosed with the February Herald.

Completed Booking forms and remittance should reach me by **Tuesday 13th March** at the latest.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Helen Hill