



Association of  
Lighthouse Keepers

THE MUSEUM OF  
**SCOTTISH**  
LIGHTHOUSES

Annual General Meeting 2017 – Kinnaird Head Castle and Lighthouse  
and the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire,  
Scotland

### Plans for the weekend



The lighthouse tour begins....Kinnaird Head Castle Lighthouse  
and the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses

### Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- Travel to Aberdeenshire for the Annual General Meeting weekend! Long haul for most but well worth it



### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- Tour of Fraserburgh Harbour lighthouse
- Visit and tour of the Kinnaird Head Castle Lighthouse and Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh



Picture courtesy of Billy Watson

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- Rattray Head lighthouse – by RIB or by road. (No internal access)



- **Annual General Meeting at the Museum starting at 3.30pm** followed by slideshow by Ian Cowe, lighthouse photographer
- Book signings, exhibition of lighthouse paintings by Ian Cowe, raffle and other attractions

- Dinner at the Tufted Duck Hotel, St Combs from 7pm. Guest speaker will be Mike Bullock, CEO of the Northern Lighthouse Board



**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**



- Tour of Buchan Ness lighthouse, Boddam, near Peterhead
- Free time to explore local attractions, including time at the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**



- Girdleness lighthouse (Aberdeen) followed by dispersal
- *Afternoon : Option where it suits people to visit Covesea lighthouse (Lossiemouth) on way to Inverness or going west, or Tod Head lighthouse going south from Aberdeen. Full access will be arranged for both.*

*For those able to take up either of these options, Covesea Skerries is now owned and operated by a community trust and the lighthouse is open to the public on a limited basis.*

*Todhead lighthouse is the residence of ALK member Rohan Beyts who will be delighted to welcome any members who are able to visit after the weekend is formally over. Rohan plans to attend the AGM so you will be able to meet her there.*



*Covesea Skerries  
lighthouse,  
Lossiemouth*



*Todhead lighthouse,  
nr Catterline*

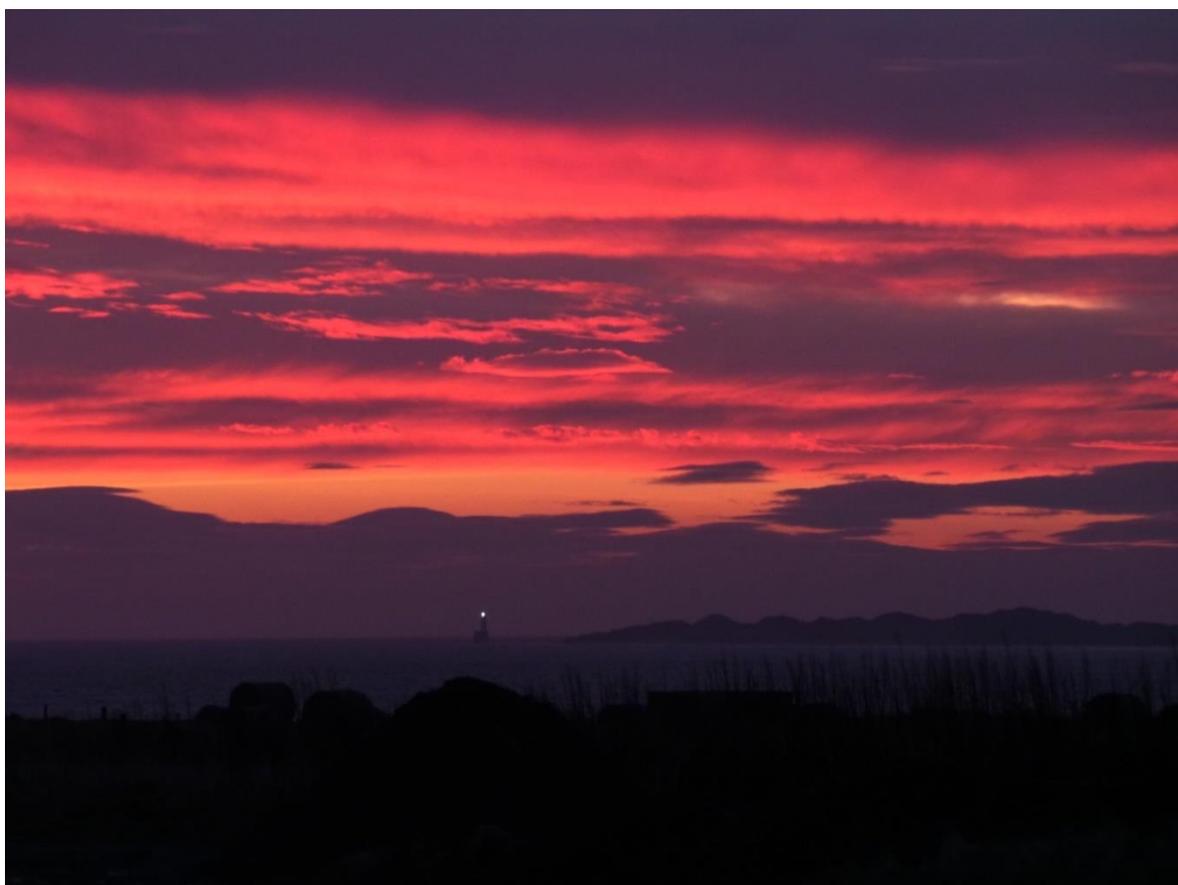
Somehow along the line there might be some Scottish music too! Some of the above is still subject to confirmation but it's what we're working towards. Already we owe a big "thank you" to Lynda and Ron at the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses for their help and advice.

## Hotels

We have rooms block-booked at specially negotiated group rates at the following hotels. If you wish to book rooms you can do so right away by [contacting our Events Coordinator](#). First come first served as room numbers are limited.

Please DO NOT ATTEMPT to book directly as both hotels are fully booked out to the ALK for the dates shown below and you won't be able to book individually. For our dates you need to book through David Taylor.

The **Tufted Duck Hotel** at St Combs, near Fraserburgh. This is an up-market beach front hotel with views across to Rattray Head which can be seen flashing at night if you're lucky enough to get a sea view room. These will be allocated to the first members to book them, so your chances of getting one are better the earlier you book! This is where our Saturday night dinner will take place. **THIS HOTEL IS NOW FULLY BOOKED AS AT 9 MARCH**



Rattray Head lighthouse flashing – as seen from the Tufted Duck Hotel : Picture courtesy Kenny MacAskill



We also have rooms booked at the **Heath Hill Hotel** at Memsie, near Fraserburgh. This is a country pub style hotel with very comfortable accommodation and is set in idyllic, quiet agricultural surroundings. For those arriving by public transport this hotel offers a courtesy minibus service to/from Aberdeen airport and station, by prior arrangement.

Here are the relevant websites and you can also check both of them out on Trip Advisor where they get very good reviews.

**Tufted Duck** : ~~www.tuftedduckhotel.co.uk~~ FULLY BOOKED

**Heath Hill** : [www.heathhillhotel.co.uk](http://www.heathhillhotel.co.uk)

The rates we've secured are:

~~Tufted Duck : Double B&B : £90 per room per night (Single occupancy £80) — both of these are a reduction of around 30% on their normal rates so represent very good value for such a prestige hotel. FULLY BOOKED~~

Heath Hill : Double B&B : £89.50 per room per night (Single occupancy £69.50)

We've got four nights booked at each hotel – Thursday night, 28<sup>th</sup> through to Sunday night 1<sup>st</sup> October, but you can stay for fewer or more nights as appropriate.

If you want to book a room just contact our Events Coordinator, David Taylor, either by phone (01349 865323) or by email [events@alk.org.uk](mailto:events@alk.org.uk)

You are of course free to stay wherever you wish and there are many good hotels and B&Bs such as the Davron at Rosehearty for example – find them with TripAdvisor.

## Travel

You might want to sort this out sooner rather than later.

If driving all the way, Fraserburgh is about 600 miles north of London, about 175 miles north of Edinburgh, about 40 miles north of Aberdeen and about 100 miles east of Inverness. Car parking at the AGM venue is plentiful and free, and car parking at both hotels is also plentiful and free.

If flying you might want to consider either Aberdeen or Inverness and hiring a car on arrival.

If coming by public transport your best bet would be to fly to Aberdeen and get a bus or taxi to the bus station in Aberdeen, or arrive into Aberdeen station by train and go to the adjacent bus station where buses go to Fraserburgh every half an hour (routes 67/68) taking 90 minutes. (But if staying at the Heath Hill hotel a courtesy minibus service operates between the airport, station and the hotel, by prior arrangement)

## Registration

Registration for the AGM weekend will open shortly before the arrival of the summer issue of Lamp, ie 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017. It will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. A registration form will be included with the summer edition and it will also be possible to register online. Full details nearer the time, in Lamp and on the events webpage, [www.alk.org.uk/events/events.html](http://www.alk.org.uk/events/events.html)

David Taylor : Secretary

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*All pictures by David Taylor except where shown*