



ANDY HARROWER, CD

Born in Alva, Scotland, Andy joined the military as an apprentice tradesman at 16, and was twenty years in the ranks, before receiving a commission in 1999. Serving in many countries around the world, some of which on operations, he transferred to the Canadian forces as a major in 2012 and has only recently retired from military service.

A keen Burnsian for many years, Andy was a founder of the Medicine Hat Burns Club (MHBC) in Alberta, Canada, in addition to the Jolly Beggars Banquet in that same city. He has organised and delivered Burns Suppers and events around the world; from Hong Kong to Yellowknife, Casablanca to Paderborn and Ottawa to Suffield, to name but a few. He was even assistant chef for one event and does make a mean Athol Brose.

Andy recites a few of the Bard's works, and was runner-up at the World Tam o' Shanter competition 2014, held in the Globe Inn, Dumfries. This work was repeated when he placed first in the Robert Burns World Federation (RBWF) competition (Tamfest) held 2020. Andy has also served as one of the Robert Burns Association of North America's (RBANA) three Canadian directors, in over ten years with the association he travelled extensively across North America. He has recently stood down as President of the MHBC after almost three years in the chair, his 12 years of active involvement with the club earning him Honorary Membership.

In addition to recitals, Andy has delivered many Immortal Memories to the Bard during his travels, and always tailors his address for audiences of variable size and interest. Most recent engagements include the Calgary Burns Club Supper of 2020 and the Burns Club of Atlanta in 2021, the latter virtually, due to the Covid-19 situation.

Andy now lives in Glasgow, Scotland but continues to follow his passions of travel and adventure. He remains an active Burnsian who loves to collect rare Burns books.