

Burns' Night coming soon!

✘ I couldn't believe that people in Scotland have a whole day devoted to a poet and that they actually do celebrate it. But, then, every reason to celebrate is good, especially if the night is an opportunity to renew national tradition.

If I were Scottish, I really wouldn't mind putting a bit more effort into my mid-week (Burns' Night is on Tuesday this year!) dinner, and preparing haggis, neeps and tatties instead of a quick pasta. Fortunately, my Edinburgher friend has decided to take responsibility, and cook for a bunch of us international people. I am sure it will be a bit complicated to explain to some of them what haggis is made of, so it is probably better to start the supper with the [Ode To A Haggis](#).

I am really looking forward to the Tuesday supper, but I still don't know what the attitude towards tradition is here.

Once I was asked, "Do people eat haggis because it's traditional, or is it traditional because they actually eat it?" I must say, as long as the customs are enjoyable in themselves, I don't need to know if they are political or invented! When it comes to the case of Burns' Night, I feel it will be something special.

So, if you don't have any plans for this Tuesday night, you could always book a table in a restaurant. Almost all the city venues (including Italian, Indian and Malaysian) organise Burns' Night celebrations of one kind or another! For something extra-special, you could go for a [Stand-up comedy show](#) (with whisky and a haggis dinner) or to [the Brunton Theatre](#) to see a contemporary play about the traditional Bard. For those who watch their weight, The Edinburgh Reporter recommends the Burns' Ceilidh at [the Lot](#) or...you could try a [vegetarian haggis](#)!

And remember that we have [already told you](#) about the Burns App

which you can download to your Iphone, so you need not
memorise all the poems....

Ith gu leòir!*

*Gael. – Eat plenty!