

Gran Caffè opens at the Signet Library



The Edinburgh Reporter is a big fan of the Pommery Bar which opens in the Signet Library each Festival, and so we are glad to see the space being used by Heritage Portfolio on a more permanent basis.

Bringing a flavour of the continent to Edinburgh's Parliament Square, Gran Caffè at the Signet Library is open from today, 16 September 2013. The new café will be committed to quality produce, offering the very best in Italian inspired coffee and pastries delicious lunches, afternoon tea and more. Choices include pancetta and roasted vine ripened tomato focaccia, daily changing bruschetta with toppings – such as fig, dolcelatte and honey and chargrilled courgette with red onion, mint & feta. Homemade biscotti accompany expertly brewed **illy** coffee, while home baking and baci d'angelo, or angel's kisses, add an Italian twist to the classic afternoon tea.

The Signet Library was first opened in 1822 and is home to the WS Society, one of Scotland's oldest institutions. It has always been a focal point for Edinburgh's lawyers, and will continue to be an even bigger draw now with a cafe next door to Scotland's highest courts.

Speaking about the plans, the WS Society's Chief Executive, Robert Pirrie said:-“If you think about it, what would you normally expect on one of the most famous streets in the

world, in the central square of a European capital, beside the cathedral and halfway between a castle and a palace?

“Our new Gran Caffè will bring a classic, continental feel to one of the Edinburgh’s most impressive squares and we are pleased to have found a way to let others enjoy this beautiful building.”

Gran Caffè is open from 10am – 5pm, Monday to Friday, and will be operated at the Signet Library by award winning caterer, Heritage Portfolio, under licence from the WS Society.