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**THE BOOKPLATE**

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***Crooked Creek Ceilidh Band  
The Songs and Music of Robert Burns  
Thursday, January 26 - 5.30pm***  
by Terry Edwards

In Scotland, as I am sure many of you know, New Year (Hogmanay) is the big time for celebrations, with parties, feasting, first-footing and above all, MUSIC! The life and work of Robert Burns, the great Scottish poet and songwriter is traditionally celebrated there on Burns Night towards the end of January with readings of his dialect poems and much singing of his lovely songs (voices well -lubricated with whisky, sentiment, and large helpings of neaps and haggis, the latter borne in with much ceremony, fragrant steam, and playing of the bagpipes!)

Well, we may not be able to rise to the whisky and haggis (maybe just as well!), but we do have a local band that delights in playing the old Scottish music - our own Crooked Creek Ceilidh band, which will be entertaining you on Thursday, January 26th, 5.30pm, in the library meeting room, with a full program of Robert Burns's poems, songs, and music. For those not familiar with the great Scotsman, he was a farmer, a musician, a customs officer, a boozier, a poet, and, as the British say, "A bit of a lad!" and all this and more is reflected in what he wrote.

Dr. Caven Clark will be playing the pipes, Brent Crow will play fiddle, and Reg Edwards will play fiddle and keyboard. Caven and Brent will sing for your delight, but we have persuaded Reg to exercise his many talents in other directions. He spent a year living on the Scottish border, playing and learning the haunting Scottish music in the castles, ancient towns, and beautiful countryside where it was first composed, and he especially loves to play the slow Airs.

Come and join us in honoring the great Robert, and drive away your January blues! Let's make this a very special night! Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a real treat.