



**THE MARIE STUART (MARY QUEEN, OF SCOTS) SOCIETY ANNUAL GATHERING
SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2018, MERLOT ROOM, HALLMARK HOTEL, COURT SQUARE,
CARLISLE CA1 1QY**

Outline programme

- 10.00am Tea and coffee available
10.30am Marie Stuart Society 25th Annual General Meeting
11.30am Speaker - **The 450th Anniversary of Mary's flight from Scotland and arrival in Cumbria** – Canon Weston, Carlisle Cathedral
12.30pm 25th Anniversary cake cutting, lunch and drawing of the raffle
2.00pm Speaker – **Mary's poetry** - Dr Emily Wingfield, Birmingham University
2.30pm Close

An exhibition of available books and materials and photographs and information from the last year's Society events will be available throughout the day; and there will be a raffle with a range of 'Mary-related' prizes.

Location

The [Hallmark Hotel](#) is right beside the Railway Station (direct trains from Edinburgh Waverley at 0852am and from Glasgow Central at 0840am arrive in time); and an adjacent car park which will be free for attendees. A map will be provided on registration.

Overnight accommodation

The Hallmark Hotel is offering us a reduced rate of single: £50 room only; £60 bed and breakfast; double/twin £60 room only/£70 bed and breakfast. There are other hotels just 5 minutes walk away including: [Ibis](#), just round the corner on Botchergate; the [Crown and Mitre](#) which is half way between the Hallmark Hotel and the Cathedral and Castle; and the [Travelodge Carlisle Central](#) in Cecil Street.

Annual General Meeting

In addition to the usual Officebearers reports, the AGM will include details of ongoing Society projects; forthcoming Society events for 2018/19; events to mark the 450th Anniversary of Mary's departure from Scotland in May; and the launch of our new logo and membership badge. The agenda and papers will be emailed/posted out and some spare sets will be available at the meeting.

Costs

Total cost for the day, including morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch is £22.