

'ANGUS MACRAE MBE' MEMORIAL DEBATE

How do you honour the memory of the likes of the late Angus MacRae MBE?

A respected and hugely influential figure in crofting circles whose repartee and wit was legendary. He was an exponent of gentlemanly debate and clearly loved the cut and thrust of a lively argument.

To his friends and colleagues in the former Crofters Union, renamed the Crofting Foundation, there was only one answer; to have a memorial debate on a topical crofting issue debated by the very best practitioners we could find. So, the first of three annual memorial debates in Angus's name will be held in conjunction with the SCF's Annual Conference in Dingwall, on the evening of Thursday 6th September 2007, at Ross County Football Stadium further details will be announced nearer the date.

The motion to be put before the house at this year's debate will be ***'This house asserts that the regulation of crofting no longer serves a useful purpose'***. In the light of recent developments and the upcoming Shucksmith enquiry into crofting we think this will provide good subject matter for the type of stimulating debate we have in mind. The focus group tasked to arrange this debate very much hopes that a capacity audience (limited to 120) will attend this first debate, so, early booking is essential to ensure your place – telephone SCF HQ on 01599 566365 or e-mail booking@crofting.org for your name to be put on the list.