

Kirkin o' the Tartan This issue has information for the Kirkin and picnic at Mosquitoville.

New Show on Esplanade

: 01 June 2009 **By Brian Ferguson**

On a parade ground better known for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, this summer a dramatic stage performance will see some of the most important periods of Scottish history played out before the nation's most famous visitor attraction.

The Declaration of Arbroath, bloody battles such as Otterburn, Flodden and Culloden, and the Highland Clearances are due to feature in an hour-long show at Edinburgh Castle Esplanade at the end of next month.

The dramatic pageant, masterminded by theatre director Mark Murphy, is expected to be one of the highlights of Scotland's Year of Homecoming celebrations.

The show, entitled *Aisling's Children* after the central character who steers the audience through hundreds of years of Scottish history, will be the centrepiece of the world's biggest clan gathering, which is being held in Edinburgh during the last weekend in July.

Director Murphy explained, "The production will be a large-scale event which we'll be starting at around 10pm so we can make best use of lighting effects at that time of night. It should be pretty spectacular." All full pass-holders for *The Gathering*, which will be mainly based in Holyrood Park, will be entitled to take part in a parade up the Royal Mile before taking their seats to watch *Aisling's Children* unfold.

Lost Prince Charlie Supply Ship?

27 May 2009 **By Stephan McGinty**

[From the Daily Scotsman]

DIVERS have found a wreck that could unlock the centuries-old mystery of why the king of France abandoned Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite Rebellion. The fact that Louis XV left Charles Edward Stuart in hiding, without supplies, after his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1745 has long puzzled historians.

Now a team of divers believe they have found the key to the mystery – in the shape of a wreck of a ship, perhaps containing a vast quantity of gold, that sank en route to the prince.

Curator Joe McCormack said yesterday: "It's a historical fact that King Louis XV sent a number of ships laden with supplies to support Charlie while he was in hiding. The first two vessels never reached Charlie. They were intercepted and damaged in an encounter with the English navy, after which they limped back to France. "We believe the wreck site we are working on is where another relief vessel sank without trace near Anglesey."

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Our National Poets: King James VI

Not ordinarily considered to be a poet. James's ancestor on the throne of Scotland, James I, composed at least one and possibly two well-known poems in Chaucerian style. The pretense of James VI to be a poet however contributed in one respect to the religious wars by which his son Charles I of England lost his life. Anxious to unify the churches of England and Scotland into one, he ordered a new metrical version of the Psalms. He personally provided nearly 70 of the metrical paraphrases -- no modern hymnbook uses his translation, though versions of two Psalms by John Milton (nearly contemporaneous) still appear. King James's book was not condoned by either the Church of England or the Church of Scotland: when Charles I attempted to mandate his father's Psalter in Scotland, the Covenancing movement was born.

Scots Names: Mollison

A name found in the Northeast, esp. Aberdeen. Attested as early as 1150, it derives from the personal name Malise. By all appearance, it is Gaelic in origin, probably meaning "servant of Jesus." In the historical period, many officers of Aberdeen bore the name Malyseson or Mollison. For instance, when James VI (mentioned above) ordered Aberdeen to supply settlers to displace the Gaelic residents of Lewis in 1602, Thomas Mallison organized a payment to demit that obligation. Thomas's daughter Christian married the famous Quaker writer Robert Barclay of Urie; a son John settled in Piscataway Twp, NJ. The family remains active in Aberdeenshire life down to the present time. A Mollison made the first air flight to India.

The Old Scots Tongue

- reek (v) to smoke (cf German *rauch*)(n) smoke also, a quarrel among people in a household.
- reeky, reikie (a) smoky [Edinburgh was called Auld Reeky]
- reikit (pp) smoked, choked with smoke
- reel (n) Scottish dance, a patterned dance
- reel-rall (a) very confused or twisted up
- reep (v) to rip
- reese (v) to extol, to praise
- reesin (a) a reesin fire is one that burns well
- reesk (n) a coarse grass that grows on downs
- reest (v) to stand impatiently; to dry in a smoke house
- reestit (pp) cured in smoke or in the sun
- reeve (v) to talk fast or excitedly
- reevin (a) a reevin wind = a high wind.

St. Andrews Society of VT website

<www.standrewssocietyofvermont.org>

St. Andrew's Society of Vermont Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship Report 2009

Despite floundering somewhat, our Academic scholarship program received about 20 requests. Consistent with our financial resources, the Committee had resolved to make three \$500 grants for beginning college students, and to disburse up to \$1000 total for Cultural Grants.

Academic Grants:

- 1) Paige Marchand to Elms College in Chicopee, Massachusetts.
- 2) Jen Ramirez to Cornell University, Pre-Veterinary program.
- 3)

Nearly 20 readers came to Williston to evaluate our college applications, all of which were worthy of help. It was a hard choice.

A few days later, the Board voted to share our culture grant funds equally among four good applicants:

1. A young drummer wanting to train this summer.
Linnea McMath
2. An experienced teacher wanting help to get certified to run a school.
Ian MacHarg
3. A new piper who wants to learn piping techniques.
R. Duncan Mathewson IV
4. A talented young dancer seeking help during college years.
Ashley Davidson

These all seem to be excellent efforts to learn and promote Scottish arts and culture, and we look forward to learning how they have achieved during this year. The Foundation is still seeking more Board members: contact Richard Downer to help out.

37th Annual Quechee Scottish Festival
Highland Dance Competition Sponsorship
August 22, 2009
Quechee, Vermont Polo Field

You can help: Sponsors will have their ads prominently displayed in the Quechee Highland Dance Competition program distributed to all dancers, dance families, and spectators. Sponsorship proceeds will be used to defray the cost of conducting the competition (e.g., judging, trophies, pipers).

Suggested Contribution Levels

(Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's Highland Dancers of Vermont)

Trophy/Medal Donation	\$ 25
Business Card Size	\$ 25
¼ Page	\$ 50
½ Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200

If you have a specific ad or business card you would like to use, please provide us with a copy or copy-ready advertisement. If you do not have an ad, we can make one for you if you provide us with the information you wish to convey.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS and FRIENDS
- WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

The Saint Andrew's Society of Vermont's premier fund-raising event of the year is coming up....The Quechee Scottish Festival...our 37th....on Saturday, August 22nd 2009, on the Polo Field at Quechee.

All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund... a most worthy cause, and one which surely merits your assistance.

We need your help! Not only are ticket takers needed at the gate but, we need more workers on Friday afternoon (Aug. 21) to assist in setup. I plan on arriving at about 1:00 pm and would appreciate any help available. We need folks to setup fences, signs, tables and chairs, as well as many other duties. We also will have a potluck picnic complete with haggis at about 5:00 pm. Please come we need your help and you will have a good time at the picnic.

Donald C. Murray, Chairman Phone: (802) 476-4925

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Yes!! I'll help by taking tickets at Quechee on Saturday, August 23rd. I would prefer a two hour period in:

early morning late morning early afternoon late afternoon
Check one, please.

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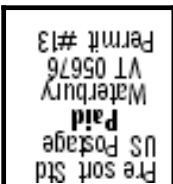
SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

- June 20th Scots Day at Ticonderoga
- July 19, 2009 Kirkin' o'the Tartan
- Jul 25, Blackstone Valley Celtic Fest (MA)
- August 22, Quechee
- Sep 18, Lincoln NH Highland Games
- Nov 7, Tartan Ball, So. Burlington

Bring friends to these events. We have good food, good company, and a great introduction to Scottish heritage and culture.

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