

Kirkin' of the Tartan issue.

Bannockburn's 700th Anniversary

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Scottish Tories last night attempted to shed their image as an English party by calling for the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn to be put at the heart of the 2014 year of Homecoming. Murdo Fraser, deputy Tory leader, urged the Scottish Government to spearhead a funding drive for a new Bannockburn Heritage Centre. Influential figures within the party are suggesting that the Conservatives should re-establish their Scottish credentials. Mr Fraser said: "The Battle of Bannockburn was where Robert the Bruce led a significant Scottish victory against the English during the Wars of Scottish Independence. It is of national importance to Scotland... It will be fitting for Bannockburn to have a new and ambitious Heritage Centre that can retell the story and events of that era, which can be the centre piece for a second Homecoming."

First Minister Alex Salmond has announced his intention to celebrate the battle during a year of Homecoming that coincides with the Ryder Cup and Commonwealth Games.

New Argyll Wind Farms

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OFFSHORE wind developments could gain investment of nearly £8 billion for Argyll, an industry gathering will hear today. Jim Mather, the energy minister, will chair the event at the Scottish Association for Marine Science, near Oban, which will highlight supply-chain opportunities for local businesses from the burgeoning sector.

In January, 32GW of additional offshore wind energy generation was sanctioned for the UK through the Crown Estate's third leasing round, signalling potential for billions to be invested in the sector over the next decade.

In the Scottish Territorial Waters round, there is potential for market investment in Argyll of £7.9 billion, offering significant employment opportunities.

Find a Grave in Scotland

Here is a new website facility
www.findagraveinScotland.com

We are at present compiling a database of every interment accompanied by a photograph of the grave marker in Scottish cemeteries. As you will understand, to compile this information will take a while, as there are over 3000 cemeteries in Scotland. It is planned to complete the website over a 2 year period with new cemeteries being added weekly.

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Our National Poets: Jane Porter

Always a prose writer, Jane Porter more than any other writer helped at the very beginning of the 19th century to define Scottishness. Born at Durham in 1776, her mother moved a few years later to Edinburgh following the death of Jane's father. In Edinburgh, the three Porter children came to know Flora MacDonald and the young Walter Scott. A few years later the family returned to England and lived near London. Both of her siblings had very distinguished careers on their own -- sister Anna as a poet, brother Robert Ker Porter as painter and travel writer. In 1810, Jane began issuing her romantic retelling of the story of William Wallace, at least 4 years before Walter Scott determined on using Scottish themes in his own novels. The Scottish Chiefs became very popular, and has remained continuously in print since then. It made Wallace a household name throughout the English speaking world, and was the first popular landmark of Scottish nationalism

Scots Names: Macaulay

There were two clans Macaulay. One from Ardincaple in Dumbartonshire shows Sir Aulay MacAulay vassal of the Earl of Lenox. This clan name derives from Gaelic *Am-halgadh* pronounced Aulay. These lands passed in 1767 to the Duke of Argyll. The other clan appears in Lewis and Harris, at the lands of LochBroom. Their name in Gaelic was MacAmhlaidh, which is from the Norse name Olaf. Rev. John (1720-89) served as minister several places in the Western Isles: by his second wife Isobel MacNeill he had a throng family. Among distinguished members of the latter family is Thomas Babington MacAulay, the noted historian (1800-1859) who was created Baron MacAulay in 1857

The Old Scots Tongue

- bedundered (pp) stupified.
- bedyit (pp) dipped.
- bee-ale (n) weak beer made from honey-comb.
- bee-bread (n) larval cells in a honey comb
- beegle (n) a sheriff's subordinate officer
- beek (v) bask in the sun or (n) a while in the sun or heat
- beelde (n) a picture [cf German *bild*, Norse *billed*]
- beest (n) any animal not human
- beevit (pp) installed as a knight.
- beff (v) to strike or beat; (n) a hit or a stroke.
- befor (prep) before.
- beforouth (adv) formerly.
- beft (pp) beaten
- begane (pp) covered, as with clothing
- begarie (v) to deck out with various colors.

St. Andrews Society of VT website
<www.standrewssocietyofvermont.org>

Flowers of the Forest

We were recently informed that David B. Reid died Friday, April 23, 2010, at his home in Barre, VT. . He was a past President of St. Andrew's Society, an enthusiastic piper, and helped organize the "Evening in Scotland" events at the Barre Opera House.

Also recently deceased: Norman Chaffee & Doreen Nowotynski (a life member).

This year's Cultural Grant Selection Committee -- David Campbell, George Silver and Richard Downer -- are pleased to announce the 2010 recipients.

1. A young, up and coming piper, who received a \$250 grant last year.
*R. Duncan Mathewson, IV Middlebury \$300
2. A dance instructor seeking dance instruction at the Gaelic College, Cape Breton Island.
Heather J. Morris Charlotte \$400 Charlotte, VT 05445
3. A kiltmaker seeking further instruction at the Braemar Summer School.
*Patricia A. Smith Springfield, VT \$300.

Book: Mr. Langshaw's Square Piano: The story of the First Pianos and How they caused a Cultural Revolution, by Madeline Gould. Bluebridge, 2008.

This is not a book about Scots -- except that a Scotsman founded the enterprise here chronicled. When the piano was first developed to replace the fiendishly complicated harpsichord in the 1780's, London became home to nearly a dozen companies competing to provide them. What eventually became during the 19th Century the world's premier piano company was the firm of Broadwood. Its eponymous founder was a Scotsman named John Broadwood (1732-1812). Broadwood was trained as "joiner" or fine cabinet maker at Oldhamstocks near Edinburgh. He moved to London about 1750 to find work, which he found easily. He married the daughter of his boss Burkat Tschudi, a Swiss Huguenot maker of fine harpsichords, and within a few years was directing the family business. After Barbara Shudi died, he remarried Mary Kitson, whose family were connected to the international lumber business. Somewhere around 1772, the Shudi name on the factory was hyphenated with Broadwood. As John Broadwood's two sons joined the business, it became John Broadwood & Sons. With help from Johann Christian Bach and from John, Charles, and Samuel Wesley, Broadwood pianos came to be top of the line. Broadwoods is an example of the bright and enterprising young Scots who energized both the arts and commerce in 18th and 19th century Britain. The book, by the way, tracks one 1807 piano purchased as near junk by the author, which she restored to playable condition.

Kirking of the Tartan will be at Mosquitoville on July 18, 2010. The Mosquitoville church, properly known as the Walter Harvey Meeting House, has a long Scottish history. Located on the town line between Ryegate and Barnet, it was built nearly 200 years ago to accommodate persons who could not walk the distance to church at West Barnet or Ryegate Corner. Up until about 1975, its pulpit was filled by pastors affiliated with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which in turn is related to the Free Church of Scotland. This service is a respectful recreation of Covenanter worship for members of other persuasions, as well as recognition of highland clans and wearers of family tartans.

The service begins at 11:00 AM, and is followed by a family potluck picnic (water, plates & flatware provided). We have arrangements in case the weather is rainy, so come join us.

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 38th....on Saturday, August 28th, 2010, 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. 27) 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

Ticket taker volunteers

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Yes!! I'll help by taking tickets at Quechee on Saturday, August 28th. I would prefer a two hour period in:

early morning late morning early afternoon late afternoon

Check one, please.

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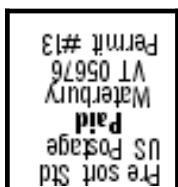
SCHEDULE OF 2010 EVENTS

- June 19 -- Ft. Ticonderoga Scots Day
- June 26 -- VT History Expo, Tunbridge
- July 18 -- Kirkin at Mosquitoville
- August 28 -- Quechee [signup inside]
- Sept 4 -- *Altamont, NY, Highland Games*
- Sept 17 -- *Lincoln, NH, Highland Games*
- October 30 -- *Vermont Tartan Ball*
- January 22, 2011 -- *Robert Burns Dinner*

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

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