

Annual meeting This issue has information on the St. Andrews Society Annual meeting to be held at the Hilltop

Membership Dues Just a friendly reminder that membership dues are due. Everyone was sent a dues reminder envelope in late December. As of February 16, 25 people owe for both 2007 and 2008. 45 people owe for

Tartan Week rethink

Scotland needs to be more businesslike in its promotion of Tartan Week, its top official in the US told MSPs yesterday.

Robin Naysmith, the Scottish Government's counsellor in North America, said ministers need to be more selective about the events they sponsor and hold more celebrations outside New York City.

Giving evidence to Holyrood's European

Our National Poets Robert Fergusson's name is better known than his poetry. Born at Edinburgh in 1750 son of a clerk at the British Linen Bank, he died in 1774 in Edinburgh. Educated at St. Andrews, he was somewhat incongruously a strong devotee of William Wallace and of Prince Charles. He was a very talented singer, very much in demand as precentor. He tired of that work, and to end it spoke up at the time of prayer for the sick on morning to pray for the recovery of a certain elder who had been

Scots Names: Mitchell

The surname Mitchell, deriving from Hebrew as the name of one of God's angels comes into Scotland probably via France. For instance, an appointment by King Malcolm IV to a hospital board names William, son of Michael of Flanders. The surname is common in Ayrshire, but is reasona

Old Scots Vocabulary

bayne (a) alert, ready to go

bayt (v) to feed

bazed (pp) to be stung by insects

bear / beer (n) barley or (v) to affirm or to narrate

Restaurant in Barre on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 5:30 PM.
See insert.

just 2008; and 14 (28) owe for Family Membership for 2008. My address is listed on the back of the GML. If you have a question as to how much you owe, give me a call - 802-223-5748. Thanks. Peggy Moon, Secretary

and external relations committee, he said: "We would expect to increasingly see a sharper focus on the business opportunities.

"It is great to go over to the US for Tartan Week (and] Tartan Day, and be well-received. It is also quite good if we can do some business, and that means we need to be more hard-nosed about the events we sponsor."

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falling down drunk the previous night. His brother served as a coast guard in Halifax, NS, for many ears. Fergusson published poems both in formal English and in Scots. Among the latter was an Ode on Roast Beef, which beyond question served as a model for Burns's To A Haggis. Apparently contracting pneumonia while in an insane asylum, Fergusson died just before his mother had come into enough money to have allowed him to write more seriously.

bly common all the way to Shetland. The wealthiest landed family was the Mitchell-Innes family of Stow, who had extensive lands in Berwickshire and East Lothian. Also prominently wealthy were the descendants of Stephen Mitchell of Glasgow, whose heirs created the Mitchell Library, one of the world's outstanding facilities, in that city.

bearance (n) toleration or acceptance

bearis (n) ancestors

bear-land (n) land designed to crop of barley

bebble (v) to drink often, or to splash while drinking

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