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Bruce Homecoming all politics

14 September 2009 By David Maddox

PROPOSALS to hold a second Homecoming year in 2014 to mark the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn have been described as "Nationalist brainwashing". It has emerged First Minister Alex Salmond wants to have a year of events to mark the anniversary of Robert the Bruce's famous victory over the English in 1314 which cemented Scotland's identity as an independent nation.

The proposal would mirror the Homecoming Year this year which was set up to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns.

But Labour MSP Lord George Foulkes argued that the Bannockburn anniversary fits the Nationalist agenda. "This is all part of the SNP's [Scottish Nationalist Party] agenda to brainwash people into supporting independence," he said. "We can see this too with their plans to hold the referendum on St Andrew's Day."

More on Scotch Whiskey

18 September 2009 By Katrine Bussey, [Daily Scotsman] DIAGEO bosses have been told they must leave a "positive legacy" in the communities affected by the closure of the drink's giants sites. The firm announced in July that it planned to shut its Johnnie Walker bottling plant in Kilmarnock and its Port Dundas grain distillery in Glasgow, threatening 900 jobs.

A campaign was mounted to try to save the jobs, with alternative proposals drawn up that would have seen work continue at Port Dundas and a new site created in Kilmarnock. However, Diageo last week rejected the proposals, claiming that they failed to "deliver a business model that would be good for either Diageo or Scotland".

But yesterday, finance secretary John Swinney said the key issues now were to provide support for people losing their jobs, as well as regenerating the affected sites. "We owe it to the individuals and communities affected to work to mitigate the impacts that Diageo's decision will have," he told MSPs [Members of Scottish Parliament].

"I fundamentally believe that Diageo have not properly appreciated the real impacts which the job losses will have."

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Our National Poets: William Mure [1594-1657]

Mure, whose mother was sister to the outstanding Scots poet William Montgomerie, had his literary career abbreviated by the English Civil Wars. He took the field as a Covenanter. His writings include a heroic poem "Dido and Aeneas," an English translation of Boyd of Trochrig's Latin history of the Covenants, and many pamphlets. He left a great body of occasional verse, sonnets, and miscellaneous poetry. Much of this has never been collected, and is to be found in manuscript in the David Laing collection of Scots writing archived at Edinburgh University.

Scots Names: Buchanan

Clarinch, island in Loch Lomond, was chartered 1225 by the Earl of Lennox to Absolon son of MacBeth. Absolon took his title from lands on the facing shore, subscribed from 1224 as Absolon of Bouchannane. The place is said to be named in Gaelic from the house of Augustinian canons in that place. "Clarinch" was adopted as Buchanan slogan. By tradition, the family of Absolon belonged to the clan MacAuselan, a name retained by a related family. The main family styled themselves in Gaelic by the territorial title *Mac-a-Channaich*. In 1282, the Earl of Lennox chartered Maurice de Bouchannane with full rights of Seizin and right to hold courts at his seat. Buchanans held that honor for 400 years, until bankrupted by the "Killing Times" in the Civil Wars, the last laird John Buchanan sold the estates to the Marquis of Montrose in 1682. Many well known persons are descended of this line, including Pres. James Buchanan, from an Ulster Scots branch of the family.

The Old Scots Tongue

- awban (n) person of whom one stands in awe
- awblaster (n) cross bow, or soldier armed with c-bow.
- awcy (n) pain or torment
- awede (a) nearly insane [pron. 'a-weighed']
- awent (v) to cool in the air
- awfu (a) awful (pron. with Scots retracted 'l')
- awin (a) own (also 'owing')
- awise (n) manner or fashion (a) prudent, cautious.
- awisely (a) prudently, cautiously [cf 'advisedly'].
- awkart (prep) crossways, athwart
- awkward (a) awkward, physically challenged.
- awmon (n) a helmet
- awn (v) to be in debt (n) the beard or husk of grain.
- awnie (a) bearded (like a head of barley or oats).

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Scots Books

The Bard -- Robert Burns, A Biography, by Robert Crawford, 2009.

Published in the USA by Princeton University Press

The Post-Devolution Scottish government has proposed that a number of milestones in Scottish culture be celebrated by the entire nation. The first of these celebrations was the 250th anniversary of Burns's birth on 25 January, 1759, at Alloway, Ayrshire. Many Scottish academics and institutions have collaborated to create a whole new body of thought regarding Burns, and to issue publications and hold exhibitions making Burns's life and thought more readily accessible. Crawford's biography is the intellectual centerpiece of that activity. To illustrate Crawford's and other biography the National Gallery is exhibiting displays of portraits of Burns together with contemporary landscape paintings of scenes known to the poet. A treasure-trove of other publications have issued, including completely reworked and very careful editions of Burns's poems, and a number of publications of "Burnsiana," the writings of people with whom Burns associated. The resulting effort makes possible a far richer and deeper grasp of who Robert Burns was as a person, and the contribution he made to his nation.

Crawford's biography should be read by most members of the St. Andrews Society if for no other reason than to understand why we still celebrate his birthday, and why the very first public sculpture erected in Barre, VT, was dedicated to Burns. Crawford begins by pointing out that Burns was born in a time of bitter warfare against the French Empire, one year after nearly 2000 Scots died in a disastrous assault upon the French Fort Carillon, now site of Fort Ticonderoga. As Burns grew up, the American Revolution played out. Crawford observes that while Scotland certainly had many Royalists and Imperialists, it also had a very strong democratic tradition. [We may note that the first Scottish settler of Craftsbury, VT, had defected to the American side during the Revolution.] Burns appears sympathetic to the French revolutionaries in opposition to the bitter warfare waged by his country against the Revolution, though as the horrors of the Directorate emerged he toned down his position. Crawford also notes that -- like any real person -- Burns was not entirely consistent in his views. Despite his fervent anti-slavery poems, Burns interviewed seriously for employment as overseer on a Caribbean sugar plantation. Despite his private participation in revolutionary democratic discussion clubs, he actively lobbied to be appointed a Collector of the Excise. Despite his poems elevating the common man and glorifying farm labor, Burns loved the company of the nobility and spent large sums of money on his wardrobe. Despite his glamorization of the companionship of independent minded and educated women, he got several servant lasses pregnant.

Despite all the potentially negative points which might be held against Burns, he harbored an incredible gift for placing words in memorable sequences. He also had a vision of Scotland as a cultural entity. At a time when the Englishman Samuel Johnson could say to the Scot James Boswell that "the fairest prospect in Scotland is the highway to England," Burns helped to develop a national consciousness for Scottish people. His words immortalized Scottish song. Following Burns, Scots could take pride in their own country, their own folk, their own achievements, over against a flood of English. No wonder that even before Burns's death he was being called "Our national poet."

New Genealogy Resource

ANGUS Council has opened a unique portal to the area's past by digitising the burial records of over a quarter of a million lairs in 71 local cemeteries. The council is the first local authority in Scotland to put such a wealth of local history online.

The records date back to 1630 and maps, showing the exact locations of graves, and digital photographs of headstones are also being provided as part of the groundbreaking portal at www.deceasedonline.com

Letter of thanks for SAS Foundation Cultural Grant.

Linnea McMath of East Hardwick received a Cultural Grant to assist her to attend the Invermark School of Piping & Drumming. She feels hugely improved as a result both in skill and in confidence. She has been playing with the Scotia/ Glenville Pipe Band, which after her training was able to place 3d in the Grade 3 competition in Glasgow, Scotland at the end of summer, beating last year's champion from Vancouver, BC. We look forward to seeing Linnea compete again next summer in Vermont!



**St. Andrew's Society of Vermont
32nd Annual Tartan Ball**

Saturday, November 7, 2009
DoubleTree Hotel
1117 Williston Road South Burlington, VT

Socializing Begins at 5:00 P.M. - Seating at 5:30 P.M.

Choice of three dinners Garlic Beef Medallions (GB) --- Chicken Florentine (CF) --- Stuffed Portobella Mushroom, vegetarian (PM)

Tartan Ball Tickets \$50 each for Adults

Children 12 or Younger \$18 Children's Meal is Chicken Tenders (C)

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Seating will be by assigned tables. If you have a preference with whom you would like to sit, please indicate below.

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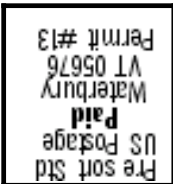
SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

- Nov 7, Tartan Ball, So. Burlington
- Jan 23, 2010 Rob Burns Dinner, Barre
- April, 2010 AGM Meeting & Elections
- July 18, 2010 Kirkin at Mosquitoville
- August 21, 2010 Quechee

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

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