

Mitchell Library Celebrates 100 years.

From the Daily Scotsman, 1 December.
Glasgow's Mitchell Public Library has been open at its present location at Charing Cross for 100 years. One of the first libraries in the world designed specifically for general public use, its generous endowment by tobacco magnate Stephen Mitchell in 1874 allowed the Mitchell to build the largest library in the world not operated by a national government or a university. Further assistance by Andrew Carnegie allowed the construction of the present quarters on Charing Cross. The collection has some specialities, especially of Scottish poets and writers.

Unlike public libraries in many countries and in the United States, financial support for Mitchell is based in both national statutes and in the Glasgow municipal charter. It has modernized to a fully computerized card catalogue, and access to digital books. With a great history and an adequate provision for the future, the Mitchell seems secure to remain one of Scotland's greatest intellectual resources.

Blockbuster event in Edinburgh

12 December, 2011 is a busy day in Edinburgh. First, after several years being closed or partly barricaded, the Scottish National Portrait Gallery is holding a gala reopening. Opened in 1889, it was the first museum in the world dedicated to historical portraits of one nation. The National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC, was explicitly modeled on the Edinburgh example. After £18 Millions spent in renovations, exhibit space in the building has increased by 50%, and many changes to improve the conservation of the the paintings and comfort for visitors have been introduced.

Just up the Mound, the National Museum of Scotland has opened a special exhibition of 26 treasures illustrating the history of Scotland. Twenty six well known writers have placed 62 word captions on each of the 26 objects being displayed. James Robertson expounds "The Maiden," the Scots machine which inspired the French physician Guillotine's much later creation. Sara Sheridan reflects on Queen Mary's harp. The exhibit will be kicked off by a reading of "Treisur," a Scots prose poem accompanied by jazz saxophone.

Nearby, the Scots equivalent of the Grammy awards will celebrate a wide range of music from traditional pipe bands to African-Gaelic Fusion.

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Scots Names: MacNeil

According to some genealogies, this family trace from the Irish High King Niall of the Nine Hostages, who controlled Ireland from his great castle at Tara in about the year 400. Better documented genealogy shows Neils with high office in the kingdom of Dalriada (comprising modern Western Isles and Ulster) in the 10th -- 12th Centuries. Solid evidence exists from about 1400 when Neils were granted a charter to the Isles of Barra and Uist. A sable galley in the Neil Coat of Arms suggests connection to the MacRuiris, hereditary patrons of Barra. The MacNeills of Barra were sympathetic to the Jacobite cause, but were not dispossessed. The castle and honor were sold in 1838 by Gen. Roderick MacNeill. A distant American cousin recovered the castle and title for the clan in 1937. The story of the recovery is subject of a major book, too long to summarize here. MacNeils have distinguished themselves in almost every field of knowledge and enterprise.

Edinburgh Edition of Waverly Novels

After many years in preparation, University of Edinburgh Press has announced completion of a modern and complete scholarly edition of the novels of Walter Scott. They have been issued in 28 volumes, available as a set for £1500. Because in many cases Scott amended his work even while the book was being printed, some copies of his novels printed in the early run had different text from later copies of the same edition. He also heavily edited his works in subsequent printings. At approximately \$75 per volume, these will not sell large numbers. But any serious collector of Scott will be amply rewarded by the notes, indices, and glossaries. Scott brings to his stories a naturally flowing language which remains readable to this day. For the prospectus, visit <http://www.euppublishing.com/series/EEWN>

The Old Scots Tongue

- reth (a) fierce.
- rethnas (n) ferocity.
- retour (v) to return (a) a turning back or return.
- retreat (v) to retract.
- reuere (n) robbery [=reiver].
- reuery (n) an uproar or commotion.
- reuest or rewess (v) to clothe
- reuk (n) atmosphere.
- revay (n) festivity.
- reverence (n) power.
- reverse (v) to strike from behind
- revert (v) to revive.
- revestre (n) a vestry.
- rew (v) to repent, to change one's mind
- rew (n) repentance, or a change of mind.

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Slogans, mottoes, battle cries in Clan Heraldry

Fifth on Clan Cries and Slogans. The registry in Edinburgh warns that many of these slogans have been first registered with the court of Lord Lyon in the 20th Century, often without supporting documentation. This concludes the list registered with Lord Lyon.

Mackenzie:	Slogan “cuimhnich bas Ailpein”	[Remember the death of Alpin]
Mackintosh	“Loch Moigh”	[a loch near the seat of Clan chiefs]
MacLaren	“creag an tuirc”	Gaelic for “The boar’s rock”
Maclean	“Bas no Beatha”	Gaelic for “Death or Life” [or]
	Fear eile airson Eachuinn	Gaelic, “Another for Hector”
MacLennan	“Druim nan deur”	Gaelic, “the ridge of tears.”
MacMillan	“CHNAP”	(no interpretation given)
Macnab	“BOVAIN”	The old Macnab duthus.
MacNeil	“Buaidh no Bas”	Gaelic, “Victory or death”
Macpherson	“Creag an dhuibh”	Gaelic “black rock” near Cluny.
Macquarrie	“An t-Arm breac dearg”	Gaelic for “Red speckled army”
Macrae	“Sgurr Uaran”	Mountain by Loch Duich, 1 of 5 Sisters of Kintail
Matheson	“Acha ‘n dà thernaidh”	Gaelic “Field with two cliffs”
Morrison	“Dun eistein”	Dun Eistean, AKA in English, Hugh’s Castle
Munro	“Casteal Folais na theine”	Gaelic, “Foulis Castle’s on fire”
Stewart of Appin	“Creag-an-Sgairbh”	Gaelic, “Cormorant’s Rock” a place in Appin
Sutherland	“Ceann na Drochaide Bige”	A bridge at Dunrobin.

REMARKABLE SCOTTISH CASTLES



Glamis Castle near Forfar, not distant from Dundee, is the hereditary home of the earls of Strathmore and Kinghorne in Angus. It is one of the most storied castles in Scotland. It is one of many stately homes in Scotland to which the public may be admitted by ticket, the proceeds being used to maintain the property. You may view the prospectus for visitors at their website,

<<<http://www.glamis-castle.co.uk/visitus.cfm>>>.

The site has a history of more than 600 years. In his play MacBeth, Shakespeare, following a common error, gives it as the location where King Duncan’s grandfather Malcolm was murdered. The most ancient surviving stonework appears to date from 1400, about the time that Sir John Lyon was granted the Barony upon his marriage to Joanna, daughter of King Robert Bruce II. Their grandson was created 1st Lord Glamis. The Lyon family have maintained possession ever since, despite great adversity. For instance, King James V (who hated the family) caused Lady Janet Douglas to be burned at the stake as a witch, and seized her property. A decade later, the family was restored.

ROBBIE BURNS DINNER & CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012
At the Barre Elks Club
Corner of Elm & Jefferson Streets
in Downtown Barre

- 5:00 Social Gathering (Cash Bar)
- 5:30 Seating of members and guests
- 5:45 Highland Dancers Welcome
- 6:00 Haggis Ceremony
- 6:30 Family style roast beef dinner with all the trimmings and toasts.
- 7:30 Highland Weavers with interludes of Highland Dancers.

Evening filled with music for listening, dancing and singing with musicians from The Highland Weavers. Performances also by The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrew's, The St. Andrew's Highland Dancers of Vermont, and our famous Wee Raffle. [Contact Cedric to add items to the raffle]

Price \$30 per person \$18 for ages 12 and under. (Note Children's meals on reservation)

RESERVATION DEADLINE, Friday, January 13, 2012

Please send your check (payable to the St. Andrew's Society of Vermont) and reservation form to:

Cedric Farrow
92 Tracy Lane.
Shelburne, VT 05482

For more information, please call (802) 985-3832 or e-mail cfarrow@ieee.org

The following persons will be attending the Burns Night Celebration:

Name	Ticket Price	Clan Affiliation (if any)

Contact for the party is: _____ Phone # _____

A total of _____ will be attending. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____.

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

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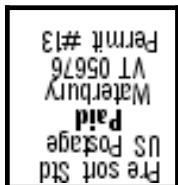
SCHEDULE OF 2011 EVENTS

- 21 January, 2012 Robert Burns Dinner
- *April, 2012 Annual General Meeting*
- *15 July, Kirkin O the Tartan Mosquitoville*
- *25 August, Quechee Scottish Fest*
- *3 November, Tartan Ball.*

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

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