

Burns This issue is notice for Robbie Burns Day.

Tie the knot where Peter Pan was 'born'

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By **FRANK URQUHART**

ROMANTIC couples looking for a fairytale wedding venue may be married at the desk where JM Barrie penned one of the world's best-loved children's stories, Peter Pan. The site at Kirriemuir is being offered by the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) as part of the celebrations to mark the birth of the playwright and author in the Angus town 150 years ago.

NTS, which owns the Kirriemuir cottage where the writer was born and spent his early years, said the special access to the historic building would be available next year as part of a programme of events being planned by the conservation charity to mark Barrie's birth. A spokeswoman said: "Born on 9 May, 1860, JM Barrie began developing his skills as a storyteller at the cottage in Brechin Road, entertaining his mother with tales and books.

"Couples who are keen on literature can choose to hold a small, intimate ceremony at the desk where JM Barrie created the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up, or to be married in the cottage's wonderful garden with Peter Pan watching over them."

Even police out of pocket in Gathering debts fiasco

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By **BRIAN FERGUSON**

ORGANISERS of the huge clan gathering in Scotland's capital failed to pay for the use of Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Park. Police and the Scottish Ambulance Service have also been left out of pocket by the centrepiece event of Scotland's Year of Homecoming celebrations. The City of Edinburgh Council, whose marketing company has agreed to try to revive the event to coincide with the London Olympics, is also still due money – despite stumping up an advance grant of £100,000.

The company behind the world's biggest clan gathering owed Historic Scotland, which is responsible for both the castle and the Royal Park, £73,000 when it was on the verge of being put into liquidation this week.. The settlement saw Lord Jamie Sempill, the entrepreneur behind the event, hand over intellectual property rights to the Destination Edinburgh Marketing Alliance formed in April, which has agreed to inherit £300,000 of debts owed to contractors, suppliers and performers.

The city council said it was still hopeful of recouping £24,000 which it spent closing off the Royal Mile to accommodate a huge parade of more than 8,000 and diverting traffic around the city centre. The price of tickets and packages was slashed after a slow take-up overseas.

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Our National Poets: Robert Burns

As most people know by now, 2009 was the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns's birth (January 25, 1759) at a tiny cottar's house in Alloway, a microscopic farm-town on the banks of the River Doon. The site today is within bounds of the municipality of Ayr, just a few hundred yards from the "links," the sand dune strewn coastal plain at the mouth of the River Ayr. On page 2, find mention of a recent reprint of some better known Burns poems. Also, check the Web at

<www.scotland.org/about/.../robert-burns-birthplace-museum.html> for fascinating information on plans by the National Trust For Scotland to create a massive new museum and visitor center near Alloway.

Scots Names: MacGillivray

When King Alexander II [1214-49] subdued Argyll and made it part of the Scottish realm, he dispersed among others the ancestor of this family. About 1263, their chief was a Gillebride who swore allegiance to Farquhar, a MacKintosh chief who was killed in 1274. By Celtic custom, they were adopted into the MacKintosh clan, subsequently by-MacIntosh inheritance, into Clan Chattan. Duncan MacGillivray in about 1500 became the first of the family to own Dunmaglass. In 1609, Farquhar of Dunmaglass was a minor, in whose behalf his uncle Duncan swore to protect for "The haill kin and race of MacGillievray," and signed the Clan Chattan Bond. In 1626, Farquhar was granted a feu in charter by John Campbell of Calder. On the losing side of 1745, several senior men emigrated to Georgia where -- intermarrying with and becoming protectors of the Creek nation of Indians. Later a Canadian branch of the family inherited and restored Dunmaglass.

The Old Scots Tongue

- jowk (v) to play tricks, to deceive.
- juffler (n) a shuffler.
- juggs (n.pl) a punishment, in which a culprit is restrained by a heavy iron ring about the neck with a chain fastened high on the wall.
- jum (a) reserved or distant in manner
- junctly (adv) completely
- jundie (n) a push
- june (v) to join
- junnice (n) a jostle, a sharp blow, a jog or hit
- junny (v) to shake a vessel containing liquid to produce the sound of dashing or splashing.
- jupperty (n) a warlike undertaking.
- jupe (n) women's short gown.
- jupsie (a) big headed.

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Scots Books

The Best Laid Schemes: Selected Poetry and Prose of Robert Burns, selected & edited by Robert Crawford and Christopher MacLachlan, 2009.

Published in the USA by Princeton University Press

Previously we introduced Robert Crawford's completely reworked biography of Robert Burns. This volume, issued in paper in the USA, is designed to accompany the biography which makes extensive use of these materials. Despite being one of the world's most popular poets, good readable texts have not been published in recent years. With the advent of modern professional scholarship, electronic rendering of rare or unpublished materials, and digital communications, dozens of variations of familiar poems have turned up, and several previously unknown poems. This edition focuses more on the poems in Scots Language, with somewhat less emphasis on those Burns issued in his rather formal standard English. The poems are printed in a very attractive type face on good sturdy paper, with English equivalents in reduced typeface in the ample margins. Crawford also includes extracts from Burns's diaries, letters, journals, and notes published in newspapers, which illustrate the breadth and carefulness of Burns's thinking. Priced at about \$20, this volume includes almost every well-known poem, and a substantial extract from the songs and airs. The selections amply document why it is so hard to pigeonhole Burns. Here in entirety is his pronouncement on the Scots Covenanters, who opposed King Charles II of England even to the death:

*The Solemn League and Covenant/ Now brings a smile, now brings a tear.
But sacred Freedom, too, was theirs:/ If thou'rt a slave, indulge thy sneer.*

George MacDonald Fraser, The Complete McAuslan. Skyhorse Publishing, 2009 (paper).

As noted previously, your reviewer only became aware of Fraser's talents as a result of getting notice of Fraser's death. His writing is weirdly delightful, with a zany kind of quirkiness. The Flashman series, which won him great rewards, are a curious blend of erotic and military exploits in the matrix of historical romances. The McAuslan set is a collection of three short story compilations, all set in a Highland regiment stationed in Libya at the very end of World War II. McAuslan, the named hero of these stories, is billed as the Empire's dirtiest soldier, whom the narrator of the stories is required to lead as a newly minted Subaltern. Fraser's comic timing is impeccable, with all the dramatic skill of a Ben Jonson in creating not just one but a whole cascade of catastrophic events with which each story culminates. In one, for instance, the General takes it into his head to conduct a night orienteering contest. McAuslan, who in general is a walking catastrophe by day, manages to pull the Corps to a win by dint of an incredible feat of bravery. But next day, he is dirty old McAuslan again. Fraser's reporting of life in a Scottish regiment is hilarious, as he recounts the tricks people play on the pipers, and how the pipers can retaliate. Fraser's background includes explaining which pipe tunes are used in the Army for reveille, for mess call, for assembly, for retreat, as call to parade, and so on. As Fraser tells the story, we come to realize why the Highland Regiments managed to survive as the keystone of the British Imperial Army to this day.

Bodhran [celtic tambour] workshops with Mance Grady are scheduled for Shelburne, VT, all day January 16, 2010. For info, see <www.celticheather.com> Registration closed December 12, but space may be available. \$50 each AM [beginner] or PM [advanced].

ROBBIE BURNS DINNER & CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010
 At the Barre Elks Club
 Corner of Elm & Jefferson Streets

- 5:00 A time to socialize (Cash Bar)
- 5:30 Seating of members and guests
- 5:45 Highland Dancers Welcome
- 6:10 Haggis Ceremony
- 6:30 Family style roast beef dinner with all the trimmings
- 7:30 Highland Weavers with interludes of Highland Dancers.

Evening filled with music for listening, dancing and singing with The Highland Weavers. Performances also by The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrew's, The St. Andrew's Highland Dancers of Vermont, and a New Celtic youth group.

Price \$27 per person \$16 for ages 12 and under

RESERVATION DEADLINE, Tuesday, January 20, 2009

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

David S. Campbell
 174 Wright Farm Road
 Colchester, VT 05446

For more information, please call (802) 878-8663 or e-mail Campbell-vt@together.net

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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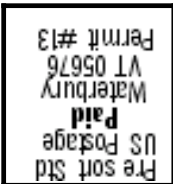
SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

- Jan 23, 2010 Rob Burns Dinner, Barre
- April, 2010 AGM & Elections
- July 18, 2010 Kirkin at Mosquitoville
- August 28, 2010 Quechee
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Bring friends to these events. We have good food, good company, and a great introduction to Scottish heritage and culture.

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