Orkney - A whale's skull at the Brough of Birsay



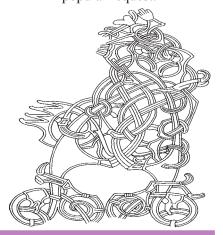
Another great photograph from our Scottish connection; Carmen Wright.

News from the Board

"Tom Lewis will not be able to finish out his second term as treasurer. Fortunately, Louis Garner answered the call from the Board and will finish out the current treasurer term."

The Ceilidh is coming oho, oho

"Mark your calendars for the 1st Saturday in August. It will be held in the parish hall of Church of the Holy Communion, Walnut Grove @ Perkins, from 5 to 9 pm. The festivities will include a potluck dinner, entertainment, and dancing, including a resurrection of the sitting-in-your-chair dance by popular request."



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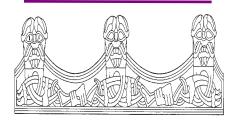


Jim Moffatt home from hospital

Thanks to all of my friends for their support and prayers while I had by-pass and valve heart surgery. It is good to be home after 20 days in capture. I came home Tuesday afternoon. I am still weak but gaining strength daily. I am walking about a bit but confined to the second story of our home.

I'm told that I won't be out and about as soon as I want. I promise, I'll be back on the street as soon as my body (and new heart) will permit.

Jim Moffatt



SCOTTISH CONNECTION

When cardiac distress at the gas pump or produce counter is a hallmark of our daily lives, it is tempting to think that understanding economics is beyond the ken of mere mortals. Yet, someone once not only understood it but developed it into one of the most pursued areas of knowledge today. Did you know that economics has a strong **Scottish Connection**?

The father of economics, Adam Smith, was born in 1723 in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, to father Adam Smith and mother Margaret Lindsey Douglas. Though little is recorded of his early life, two aspects are remarkable: he was born six months after his father's death and he was kidnapped by Gypsies at age 4 – more the harbingers of an action hero than a philosopher.

He entered the University of Edinburgh when he was 14 and in 1740 commenced studies at Oxford. He found the academic environment in Oxford inferior to that of Edinburgh and left in 1746. (Besides, 1746 was

not a good year for a Scotsman to be in England.) He lived in France for a while, but returned the Scotland to live with his mother, to whom, as his single parent, he was understandably close. She preceded him in death by only 6 years.

His hauptwerks were *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* and *The Wealth of Nations*, touted as one of the most influential books of all times. It was of single influence over the American founding fathers after its release in 1776. His premises of free trade and that the driving factor of human motivation is self-interest are so pervasive that they almost seems tautologous or (dare we say it?) self-evident.

So, the next time you listen to the market reports, or contemplate the relative health of the dollar, or standing weeping at the filling station or the grocery store, remember economics, Adam Smith, and their **Scottish Connection**.

GRACE NITES

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Farewell, Fiona – An editorial opinion by Mary Ann Lucas

Dancer and sometime actress Cyd Charisse died the last week of June 2008. She is best known for her sensuous modern dance pieces with Fred Astaire in *Silk Stockings* and Gene Kelly in *Singing in the Rain*. So, why is her passing included in the member newsletter of the Memphis Scottish Society? Because she deserves, in my humble opinion, recognition for the second-worst Scottish accent ever presented in a movie, her portrayal of Fiona Campbell in *Brigadoon*. (The

MSSI V.P. Debbie Sellmansberger, with assistance from the Board and MSSI members Sammy Rich and Sandy & Allan Simpson, has orchestrated the design and production of two new banners for the club. Both feature the words "Memphis Scottish Society" and a badge reading

very worst is surely Brian Keith's Alexander Bowen in *The Rare Breed* – but what else would you expect from a film which cast Maureen O'Hara as a Herefordshire gentry woman?)

All teasing aside, Cyd was born Tula Ellice Finklea in Amarillo, TX. She began dance lessons as a little girl to strengthen her legs after a bout with polio. "Cyd" was the Hollywood respelling of her childhood nickname "Sid", her little brother's attempt to say "Sis". Charisse was the name of her first

husband and former dancing instructor. (And who could blame her for using another name?) Her second marriage lasted 60 years, almost unheard-of in show business annals.

A rare beauty, a genius talent, and a nobly-lived life have surely earned her a pardon for her overrrrrrrrrrrly rolled "r"s and simpering dialect. So, I will watch *Brigadoon* again, with indulgent forbearance for an admirable lady. Hail and farewell, Cyd.

Long May They Wave

"Education • All Things Scottish" on a background of the official Tennessee tartan. One is of wool for formal occasions; the other, vinyl for outdoor events. The formal banner was presented at the June member meeting, and the outdoor one is scheduled to be initiated at this

year's Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Debbie has discovered that the cloth used in the formal banner is a remnant of the original weave run of Tennessee tartan. Thanks, Debbie et al, for a job well done!

Merry Christmas, Caledonia Chorale!

Christmas came early this year for the members of our Caledonia Chorale. First, they received a set of matching shirts boasting a distinctive crest, a thistle imposed on the Caledonia tartan, a national tartan worn suitably by anyone. Second, they received the sheet music

to a stirring and challenging choral arrangement of "A Scottish Christmas Song" which was written in 1662. Maybe we can impose on them to sing it at our annual Christmas Party on December 8th. (They would really like a tenor to join them for this piece, even if he cannot

join them outright.) The shirts and music were funded by a grant from MSSI's Scholarship & Grant Fund, which also acquired other arrangements this past year & the beautiful Caledonia tartan sashes & ties that the Chorale wears on more formal occasions.

Kudos to Susie, Nancy, & Kay

In recent months three of our members have quietly assumed responsibility for vital areas of MSSI's operation: Susie Lyle began pickup and mailing of the hardcopies of Grace Notes; Nancy Gresham took over the duties of Sunshine Chair, which mails congratulations, getwell, and sympathy cards on behalf of the club; and Kay Justice started taking care of ordering membership pins. These busy members volunteered for duty when the need was expressed; they serve as an example to us all.

New Name Tags Now Available

New MSSI member name tags are now available. MSSI member Kay Justice is coordinating the ordering of the new tags, which are available in a new magnetic variety (which won't make holes in your tartans or other clothing) or in the traditional safety-pin-backed plastic (which will). Contact Kay at 901-377-5766 or

40 Things You NeverKnew About Scotland

This is the second installment of "50 Things You Never Knew About Scotland". The first ten were in the June Grace Notes, the next ten appear this month, and ten more will be in the August issue. This information first appeared in Scotland Magazine, subtitled "Ed Pearce Enlightens Us All", and was brought to us by Sue Malone. [Editor's Note: Some editing has been imposed to moderate a pronounced anti-English bias.]

11 After Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated by the Government forces at Culloden, the young pretender fled for his life and was befriended by Captain John MacKinnon. The prince was so grateful that he gave Mackinnon his personal recipe for his favorite concoction, made from a French formula, of Scotch whisky laced with heather, herbs, honey, and spices. It was called drambuie, which means "a drink that satisfies" in Gaelic.

12 Dundee is Scotland's only south facing city.

13 In 1424 James I (1394-1437) banned the playing of football in Scotland, proclaiming: "The King forbids that any man play at the fute ball under the pain of jail." He believed the game to be too rough, declaring it was "meeter for lameing

than making able the users therof."

14 For years King George IV's (1762-1830) habit of appearing in Highland Dress did not endear him to the English public. However, his 1822 visit to Edinburgh in full Highland rig was stage-managed by Walter Scott to portray the king as a reincarnation of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The spectacular pageantry that took place helped make tartans and kilts fashionable and was an important step in the evolution of the romantic stereotype of 'Bonnie Scotland'.

15 In 1457 golf was banned in Scotland by King James II (1430-1460) because it distracted people from practicing their archery skills.

16 Sir Walter Scott's novel Heart of Midlothian gave its name to a ballroom used by a Scottish football team in its early days. In 1873 they decided to name themselves "Heart of Midlothian" or 'Hearts' after it.

17 In the 11th century King Malcolm Craenmore organized a foot race to the summit of Craig Choinnich (overlooking Braemar) in order to find the fastest runner in the land to become his royal messenger. It could be argued that today's modern Scottish or Highland Games origi-

nated from this event. The earliest recorded Highland Games organized on modern lines was at St. Fillans, in Perthshire in 1819. A range of athletic events took place, in addition to Highland dancing and piping.

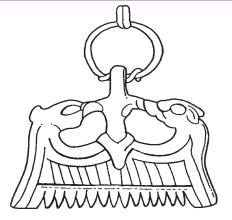
18 In 1901 the Scottish company A.G. Barr developed a new caffeinated soft drink with an eccentric orange color. Irn Bru's formula was closely guarded secret, but it proved popular amongst the Scots. Today it's the best selling soft drink in Scotland, the only country in the world where another drink outsells Coca-Cola.

19 King James IV (1473-1513) was the last Scottish king who spoke Gaelic. After being connected with the murder of his father King James II, James felt so guilty about his role in his father's death that for the rest of his life he wore an iron chain round his waist next to his skin.

20 In 1775 Dr. Samuel Johnson published his Journey to the Western Isles of Scotland, which recorded a visit with his friend James Boswell. But Johnson had a low opinion. On one occasion Boswell admitted he came from Scotland but explained, "I cannot help it." Johnson replied: "That, sir, I find is what a very great many of your countrymen cannot help."

SCOTS OOT & ABOOT

Was that our Seldon Murray, sporting an apron, in a photo in the Commercial Appeal recently? Yes, it was. (OK, really now, how many Seldons do you think there are?) Seldon was helping out as grill master at a megacharity BBQ. Hey, Seldon, we know what we want you to bring to the next potluck!



WHO IS GOING?

If you or someone you know is going to this year's Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on July 10-13, please contact Mary Ann Lucas at 901-725-1879 or maryann.lucas@memphisscots.com.



The Little White Rose

The rose of all the world is not for me. I want for my part
Only the little white rose of Scotland
That smells sharp and sweet - and breaks the
heart

Hugh Mac Diarmid (1892-1978)

"The Little White Rose"

The Poem above, along with many other quotations, is engraved on the Canongate wall at the lower end of the Royal Mile. The article below is from wikipedia.com It gives a brief history of The Canongate. Special thanks to Carmen Wright for pointing out this little jewel.

The Canongate

The Canongate is a small district and former burgh at the heart of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. It is usually referred to with the article. It is also the name of the main street through the area. The Canongate forms the lower part of the Royal Mile in Edinburgh's historic Old Town. Until formal incorporation into Edinburgh in 1856, the Canongate was a separate burgh. The easterly end of the Canongate is commonly regarded as being in the Holyrood area of the city, in addition to sometimes being considered an area in its own right.

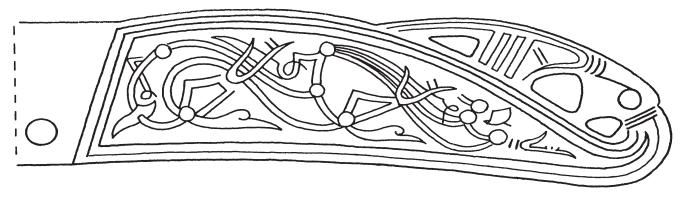
The Canongate is named after the canons of Holyrood Abbey, gait meaning walk in northern Middle English. The original Parliament House was home to the Parliament of Scotland, and is now used by the High Court of Justiciary and the Court of Session. It is located in the Old Town, just off the Royal Mile, beside St Giles Cathedral.

As well as the new Scottish Parliament building, which incorporates the historic Queensberry House, The Canongate contains some other notable public buildings, including the Museum of Edinburgh and the People's Story Museum (located in the historic Canongate Tolbooth). In 1691 the new Canongate Kirk was opened, replacing Holyrood Abbey as

the parish church of the Canongate. The church is still used for Sunday services as well as weekday concerts.

The Canongate started to decline after the accession of King James VI of Scotland to the throne of England in 1603. The loss of the royal court from the Palace of Holyroodhouse inevitably had an impact of the surrounding area. This was exacerbated following the construction of Edinburgh's New Town. However, the Canongate was an important district during the Scottish Enlightenment with founding of the Canongate Theatre by Lord Monboddo, David Hume and other intellectuals of that era.[1]

Wikipedia.com.



PLAN AHEAD

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2008 Calendar of Events

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area

September 5, 6, & 7

8th Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival

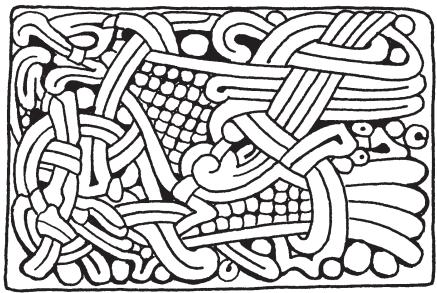
Friday Night Torchlight Ceremony 6:30 pm Saturday – Sunday 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday Night Concert 6:30 pm

Come celebrate our Celtic heritage! Opening with a torchlight ceremony Friday Night, Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history; dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening. Admissions Charge.

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area 1651 West Elk Avenue Elizabethton, TN 37643





Calendar of Events

Mondays

Caledonia Chorale 7 pm Church of the Holy Communion, Walnut Grove at Perkins, 272-7159

Thursdays

Sgt.W.K.Singleton Pipes & Drums 6:30-8:30 at Bethel Pentecostal Church, Stage Road in Bartlett; call 386-2052 for info.

Wolf River Pipes & Drums, 6:30-9:30 at St. Luke's Lutheran; Germantown Parkway. 753-9494

Fridays

Dancing: 7:30-10 pm, Idlewild Presbyterian; 1750 Union Ave, West Entrance 2nd, & 4th Friday Scottish Country Dancing. 274-1889

Monday, July 14

Monthly Meeting Jason's Deli Poplar and Highland. For directions call 757-4200 or go to

memphisscots.com.

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm

Program: "Living History" by two members of the TN Genealogical Society

Presentation of our new Outdoor Banner if it makes it back home from Grandfather Mountain.

Monday, July 14

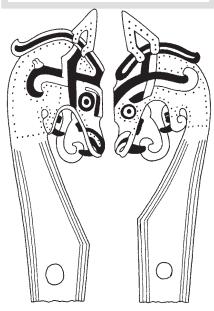
Board Meeting at 5:30 at Perkins on Germantown Parkway/

Scottish/Celtic RadioMusic

Sundays, 6-7 p.m.
"The Thistle and Shamrock"
WKNO-FM 91.1

Saturdays, 10 a.m. -1 p.m.
"Strands of the Celtic Knot"
Robert Campbell, host
WEVL-FM 89.9

Sun and Mon 6 p.m. and Fridays, 7 p.m. "The Thistle & Shamrock," WMAV-FM 90.3



Shannock*

July 3: Americana Celtic

Hear artists including Tim O'Brien, Jane Rothfield and Mark O'Connor, who drift easily between American roots music and Celtic styles and collaborations.

July 10: Atlantic Bridge

From dance tunes to Gaelic airs, the musical links between Scotland, Ireland and Cape Breton come alive with Scotland's Alasdair Fraser, Cape Breton's Dougie MacDonald, Ireland's Maeve Donnolly and more.

July 17: Musical Meltdown

What happens when you combine Irish and Jewish music? Ceilizemer! This is the name of a fusion outfit from Northern California and it could also describe the 1980s groundbreaking collaboration between De Dannan and NY klezmer artist Andy Statz-

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man. Hear these and other crossovers between Celtic and Latin, African, Balkan and Nordic music.

July 24: Mackintosh at Murthly

Hear fiddle and cello recorded in the music room of ancient Murthly Castle as Pete Clark introduces us to work of 18th century Scottish fiddler and composer Red Rob Mackintosh (1745-1807), with colorful stories and history of the time.

July 31: Scandanavian Journey

Nordic musical traditions are stretching and evolving in parallel to those from Celtic roots. Explore music from the far north and hear how it overlaps and complements music from Celtic roots with Blazin' Fiddles, Swap, Vasen and Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley.



The banner to the left is a picture of our new vinyl banner that was made to withstand the elements during the surprise storms that often occur during outdoor events. A nice word for our VP, Debbie Sellmansberger and the long hours, numerous phone calls it took to complete these banners. Not to mention the help she got from SRich.

The Grace Notes Staff wants to wish all of our members and families a safe and happy Fourth of July Holiday.

Happy Birthday America!

Be sure to thank any and all of our veterans for their service to our country.

Next Monthly Meeting - July 14th
Jason's Deli, Poplar @ Highland
Dinner at 6:00, Program @ 7:00 will be "Living History"
Board Meeting, Monday, July 31st at 5:30, Perkins @ 1340 S. Germantown Rd.



