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Pipes of Christmas Concert returns this December

The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its thirteenth season with performances in New York and New Jersey this December. The holiday favorite opens on Friday, December 16 at 8 PM at Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ. The "Pipes" will also return to its New York City home at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18 at 2 PM. Produced by the Clan Currie Society, proceeds from the concerts support the Society's growing music scholarship program.

The 2011 concerts are made possible by generous gifts from Oban Single Malt Scotch Whisky - part of the Classic Malts of Scotland - The Grand Summit Hotel, home of the popular Hat Tavern Restaurant and Walkers Shortbread.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Featured performers include Andrew Weir from the film *Braveheart*, the Scottish Country Dance trip Local Hero, the Solid Brass ensemble, Scottish harpist Jennifer Port and the PM Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band of Redlands, California.



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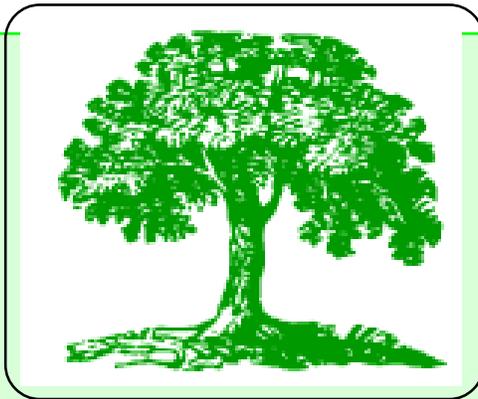
General admission tickets are \$50 for the New Jersey concert and \$60 for the NYC concerts and are available via mail order. Tickets for the NY concert may also be purchased on-line at www.smarttix.com or by phone at 212-868-4444 or by mail order. Call Bob Currie at 732-603-5748 for mail order details. Premium VIP seats are available at both venues through membership in the "Friends of the Pipes of Christmas."

About *The Pipes of Christmas*

Since making its debut in 1999, *The Pipes of Christmas* has played to standing room only audiences. Given the popularity of the program, a second concert was added in 2001 to accommodate the high demand for tickets. That same year, the concert began an award-winning partnership with Home Towne Television by broadcasting concert highlights on Christmas Eve to an estimated 40,000 cable subscribers. Five productions have received the prestigious Telly

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Award for television production excellence.

Now, a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic Spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the *Pipes of Christmas* has become part of their family's annual tradition.

The concert has also received great critical acclaim. In his review for *Classical New Jersey Magazine*, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well constructed fireworks on the Glorious Fourth."

The *Westfield (NJ) Leader* described the concert as a "unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found."

The concert was also named one of Manhattan's Top Ten Holiday Events by the travel and entertainment website, "NY Top Ten."

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**The St. Andrews Society
of Detroit (MI)**
Flowers of the Forest



**Bill Dunlop
Ladner Carleton
Gary Lillie
Bryson Sutton
and
Ryan Miller
who died at age 6**

nually to Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas.

Commenting on the Society's music scholarship program, state and screen star, Alan Cumming, said, "I am delighted that proceeds from Clan Currie's *Pipes of Christmas* concerts will result in these important gifts which will ensure that the future of Scottish culture is safer with these generous scholarships."



The World's Largest Kilt

Some stats: 177 yards of Black Watch tartan with full pleating at the rear per a normal philibeg. He's 22.6 feet around his waist (below the Tulsa belt buckle) and getting it up above his bum was the single hardest part! Tulsa Fire Department actually made it work in addition to the two extension lifts and without their help we would not have been able to cinch it up and make it look proper. We left it in place for one week and then took it down and brought it out to the field where our Games are held annually for display.

The Black Watch Tartan sett of this material was greatly enlarged for some reason when it

was woven. It does not look like Black Watch to me up close and it was also made from acrylic and not wool for weight reasons (in case it rained).

Here is the pic of Steven Campbell and Judy McLain by the Tulsa Golden Driller wearing his new World's Largest Kilt. Steven Sewed up the Kilt and is also Managing Director of the Oklahoma Scottish Festival and Judy McLain sewed in the massive pleats.

If someone would like to make a donation to Wounded Warriors or Help for Heroes, etc., our web address is: www.worldslargestkilt.com

With thanks to Alastair McIntyre and ElectricScotland.com



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Flowers of the Forest

Stephen Andrew Johnston, 68, of Cary, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2011. He died peacefully at home surrounded by family after a brief but intense battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born June 11, 1943, in Syracuse, NY to Margaret and Marvin Johnston during his father's military service. He lived most of his life in the Triangle, Fayetteville, and Charlotte, and retained lifelong friendships in all of those areas. He was happily married for 44 years, and a devoted father to his four children. He was predeceased by his parents and his son Mark. He is survived by his wife Pat, son Eric, daughter Wendy and grandson Devon, all of Cary, his daughter Amy Mooney, son in law Chuck, and grandson Bryant of Fuquay-Varina, his sister Jane Stallings and brother in law Willie of New Bern, aunt Helen Ross McNeeley of Cary, and numerous extended family members.

Steve was a proud graduate of NCSU, and earned a BS in Nuclear Engineering and PhD in Economics. Along with a rigorous academic load, he was involved in leadership through the student union and a variety of organizations on campus. He and Pat continued to lead as residence counselors throughout his graduate studies, and the vibrancy and enthusiasm of the college environment was something he fostered throughout his life. He continued to further his educational goals as an Energy Economist with RTI, professor of Economics at NCSU, UNC-CH, Duke, and NCA&T, and proponent of alternative energy as a member of a variety of municipal and state boards.

Involved in Presbyterian Leadership since his youth in Fayetteville and Charlotte, Steve continued to be an active member of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, then Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary in a variety of roles throughout his adult life. He combined his enthusiasm for youth

and education through active involvement with Presbyterian Campus Ministries at NCSU.

Steve was proud of his Scottish heritage and was an enthusiastic supporter of all things Scottish. His numerous trips to Scotland encouraged a wealth of knowledge that he passed on to others through informal social gatherings, involvement in Clan Johnston in America (of which he was a charter member and much loved president), the Scottish Cultural Organization of



the Triangle (SCOT), and the Encore Program at NCSU. His quick wit, easy manner, and encyclopedic knowledge made his contributions a highlight of many gatherings. Steve also encouraged the young and young at heart to pursue Scottish arts, especially dance. He was a valued member of the Scottish Dance community and a genuine

friend to every dancer and family he met.

Steve was devoted to his family, including those who lived under his roof and extended family as well. Although thorough and deliberate in all areas of his life, he was quick to make decisions when needed for any family member or friend. His generosity, love, support, humor, and open mind positively impacted every person he met.

Funeral services and a celebration of his life was held at 2:30 pm Sunday, September 25, at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, 200 High Meadow Drive, Cary. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Scottish Heritage USA, and Presbyterian Campus Ministries at NCSU. For further information, please visit www.SCOT.us, or Brown Wynne Funeral Home at www.brownwynnecary.com.

Steve was my dear friend for more years than I can count. We saved really BAD puns for each other...and could both howl with laughter at the worst of the worst. Steve will always be missed. Our love to his family. Your ed.

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The Life of Sir Alexander Fleming

Introduction

The biography of a great and famous man requires much research and study by the biographer, not only regarding the subject of his portrait but also about the environment in which his hero has grown up and lived. We are today increasingly conscious, both in health and illness, of the important influences which heredity, on the one hand, and environmental factors, on the other, have upon our lives and destinies. M. Andr  Maurois has painted this picture of Sir Alexander Fleming against the backgrounds of boyhood on a Scottish hill farm and manhood in the bacteriological laboratories of a London medical school. It would be idle to deny the effects of early experiences on the Ayrshire farm or of Sir Almroth Wright and others in the Inoculation Department at St. Mary's Hospital in moulding the life and shaping the destiny of the discoverer of penicillin, while he, himself, and others have been impressed by the curious concatenation of circumstances which seemed to direct his footsteps.

But these outside influences and, later, the glittering prizes and the adulation of kings and commoners in many lands could not mask the innate qualities of a man who, through all his trials and triumphs, remained staunchly true to himself and to his ancestry. For Fleming had, to a remarkable degree, those qualities which we attribute to the Scots: a capacity for hard and sustained work, a combative spirit which refuses to admit defeat, a steadfastness and loyalty which creates respect and affection, and a true humility which pro-

jects against pretentiousness and pride. He had other great gifts which helped to make him an outstanding scientist: keen curiosity and perceptiveness, an excellent memory, technical inventiveness and skill of a highly artistic order, and the mental and physical toughness that is characteristic of great men in many walks of life.

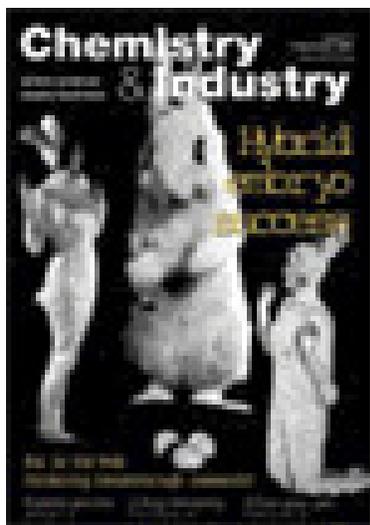
The picture of the man and the scientist emerges for us from the background of laboratories and test-tubes and pipettes, antiseptics and antibiotics, Paddington and Chelsea and the country house in Suffolk, Greece and Spain and the Americas. The appraisals and letters of friends and colleagues are interspersed with his own terse remarks in his diaries, notebooks and letters; and through it all goes the thread of continuous effort to lay bare the truth about the body's fight with infection, which was Fleming's abiding interest. It is a fascinating story for all of us, and Fleming's part in it, leading up to the discovery of penicillin, will surely never be forgotten. It was left to others to develop penicillin as a lifesaving drug, but Alexander Fleming and penicillin will always be linked together in the public mind and his name will be remembered with those of other great men, like

Louis Pasteur and Joseph Lister, who have made major contributions to the conquest of disease.

As his colleague and successor, I salute this fine portrait of a great man.

Robert Cruickshank

Check <http://www.electricscotland.com> for the complete book as it is added to the site..



What was happening in the USA in 1905?

Visitors to New York City's colorful neighborhood of Little Italy had become accustomed to sampling exotic specialties such as spaghetti and lasagne and now a Spring Street restaurateur named Genaro Lombardi started to feature a new food item that the Italian immigrants there called a "pizza"

The flat yeast bread baked with oozing melted cheese called mozzarella and tomatoes was served in wedge-like slices which could be eaten with knife and fork or with the fingers.

Said to be a specialty of Naples, the pizza had long been a favorite there - although it was apparently not well known in the other parts of Italy.

In Baltimore, Maryland, in January, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad introduced electric freight locomotives, the first in the nation.

The so-called "Beef Trust" was dealt a death blow in January when the United States Supreme Court decided that Swift and Company was operating an illegal monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust

Act of 1890.

The charge of the federal government was that "a dominating proportion" of the dealers in fresh meat throughout the country had not bid against one another in the livestock markets in order to fix the prices and that they had restricted shipments of meat when that proved necessary. The government further accused the meat dealers of having sought to obtain less than lawful rates from the railroad companies.

In July, John F. Stevens arrived in Panama to take charge of construction of a canal across Panama. Aware that a French attempt to dig a canal ended in bankruptcy because of the toll taken by tropical disease, the noted engineer concentrated on good housing and sanitary

facilities for workers. His design called for locks through which vessels could cross the isthmus.

President Roosevelt began a comprehensive investigation into alleged corruption among major life insurance companies.

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COME JOIN US! The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an *International Gathering of Clan Davidson* on the 2nd weekend of June (**June 10, 11 & 12**), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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Clan Blair Society

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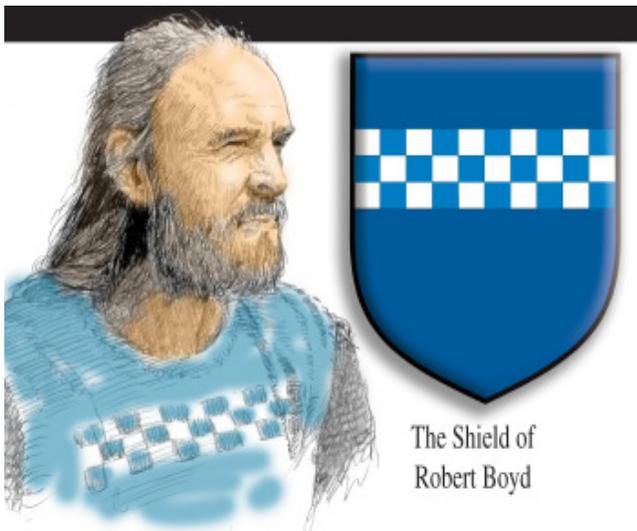
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The Shield of Robert Boyd

A lifelong friend and close lieutenant to Robert the Bruce, Sir Robert Boyd heroically defended Castle Kildrummy and was an exemplar to all in the Scots' cause. He survived the years and faced harsh dangers in taking his country back from the English kings, and fought alongside his family's Stewart kinsmen at the Battle of Bannok Burn.

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Perrott Society

Flowers of the Forest

It is with much regret that we record the death last July of **Joyce Dolan** (Perrott Society member No. 13) formerly of Urchfont, Wiltshire, in Eastbourne (England) at the age of 83.

Joyce and her late husband, Dick, were founder members of The Perrott Society and were regular visitors at our meetings. We send our deepest sympathies to her son, daughter and the rest of her family.

The Society was represented at her funeral by John and Pauline Perrott. Sadly, Elizabeth Holland, who had intended to be present was seriously injured in an accident shortly before the funeral and could not attend.

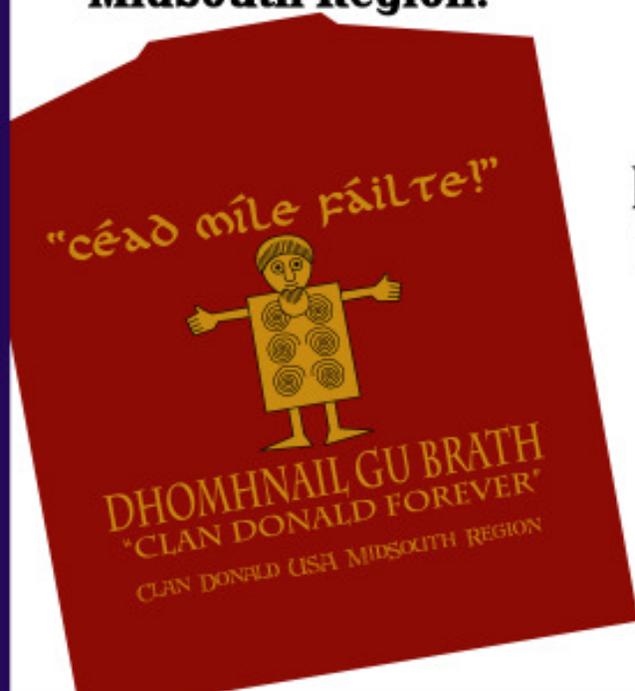
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“One of the highlights of the holiday season.”

The Mirror

From the bold sounds of the pipes and drums, and the harmonious blending of brass, strings and percussion, to the poetic and lyrical words that complement them, all filling the beautiful Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, *The Pipes Of Christmas* is a festival for the soul. Presented by the Clan Currie Society, the concert features the music of Christmas accompanied by a selection of readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

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LIVE preview performance on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Miracle on Madison fundraiser for the Children’s Aid Society of NY, Madison Avenue at 61st Street.

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We Are Clan MacTavish!



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Charles Evans Hughes and William Armstrong headed the enquiry. The probe met Roosevelt's 1904 campaign promises to clean up American business.

The first place the joint House and Senate committees were to look was in Wall Street. For years, there had been allegations that many prominent New York businessmen were tied to top of the line insurance companies in defrauding the small policy holder. The President pledged that he wouldn't stop there: corporations in other industries were to be next.

In January, President Roosevelt began managing the Dominican Republic's internal and external debts, without Congressional approval.

In Dayton, Ohio, Wilbur and Orville Wright solved the problem of keeping an aircraft's equilibrium when not in straight and level flight by completing a circular flight of 24 miles.

When Vice President Teddy Roosevelt moved into the Oval Office after the assassination of President McKinley in 1901, Senator Mark Hanna exclaimed, "Now that damned cowboy is President!"

In November 1904, Teddy the Rough Rider was elected on his own merit.

In March 1905, he delivered his inaugural address. In it, the popular, active President repeated a favorite theme, "rights and duties." "We have duties to others and duties to ourselves, we can shirk neither," he said.

He struck a rugged tone when he lauded America's "self reliance and individual initiative" and in progressive, trust busting words, he said that "accumulation of great wealth had led to grave problems."

Roosevelt was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. Secretary of State, John Hay, gave Teddy a ring with both "TR" and Lincoln's initials along with a lock of Lincoln's hair, snipped as he lay dying.

After Roosevelt's speech he watched the largest inaugural parade up to that time.

In Washington, DC the Supreme Court ruled in April that states could not set the maximum number of hours any employee could work.

By ruling so, the Court overturned a New York law that sought to restrict bakery and confectionery workers to no more than 60 hours a week or an average of 10 hours per day.

The state law, the court held, violated the constitution in that it was illegal interference in the rights of both employers and employees.

While conceding that such work was strenuous, the court also found that there was no reasonable foundation that the law in question was necessary to guard public health.

The Union Pacific Railroad introduced electric lighting on its luxury passenger train, The Overland Limited, which ran between Chicago and San Francisco. Passengers would now be able to light up their

compartments with the snap of a switch instead of having to rely on gas lamps. The adoption of electric lighting set of competition among other railroads to provide similar luxuries for their passengers.

In Idaho, Governor Frank Steunenberg's political career ended in 1889 after he brutally suppressed a Western Federation of Miners strike in the Coeur d'Alene district. He never imagined he might be endangering his own life.

On 30 December 1905 he was torn apart by a bomb which exploded at his front gate.

The motive was apparently revenge and fingers pointed to the Industrial Workers of the World, a radical spinoff of the miner's federation. The IWW was an attempt by "Big Bill Haywood, a rugged, heavy

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drinker to unite the working class.

Officials suspected that Harry Orchard, a member of the IWW had killed Steunenberg.

City authorities in New Orleans said that aggressive measure to control mosquitoes had ended the yellow fever epidemic and held the death rate to a relatively low figure.

Four hundred fifty-one people died of the scourge compared with more than 4,000 who died in the epidemic in 1878.

With many thanks to *The Perrott Society Family Notes* newsletter. For further information on The Perrott Society, write my friend, John Perrott, 5, Shepherds Rise, Vernham Dean, Andover, Hants Sp11 0HD England, United Kingdom.



The Shield of Thomas Randolph as Earl of Moray



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army. Find out more about the epic story at....

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I learned something to share with you reading *The Perrott Society Family Notes*. Edward Dègas (1827-1917) is famous for his paintings of ballet dancers. The well known painting entitled *Dance Class* shows Jules Perrot, one of the best known dancers and ballet masters in Europe at that time conducting a class in a rehearsal room at the Paris Opéra.

Not many folks know that I took sixteen years of ballet as a child and still adore to watch ballet and have always enjoyed Dègas' paintings. (My ballet career was halted by my growing into short legs and, er, a chest. - neither valued in ballet circles.)

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Clan Hamilton takes top honor at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Clan Hamilton was named the 2011 Clan of Excellence at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this past July.

The award was presented on Sunday afternoon by Mr. Robert W. Graves, III, a member of the Board of Directors of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Inc. Accepting the award on behalf of Clan Hamilton was Kay, The Dowager Duchess of Hamilton.

The GMHG program states in part: "In order to recognize the important contributions that clans make to the success of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, one clan each year is recognized for its excel-

lent presentation during the Parade of Tartans on the Sunday of "The Games."

The late Howard Miller, a longtime contributor to the Games designed a special flag for display at the clan tent of the award winner. The following year, that clan has the privilege of carrying the flag of excellence at the head of the Parade of Tartans.

GMHG has a banner made for the previous year's clan to fly during the march. The banner will have the year the clan won the award. The clan may keep this banner and it can be presented each time the clan marches at Grandfather Mountain to commemorate their achievement the year they won.

Duke of Hamilton's airplane featured at the National Museum of Scotland

The iconic Bulldog airplane the 15th Duke of Hamilton, Angus Alan Douglas Douglas-Hamilton, often piloted at local air shows has been donated to the National Museum of Scotland as a living piece of Scottish history and an important piece of recent Hamilton history.

The 1972 Bulldog T-1 was built by Scottish Aviation, Ltd., where His Grace had been a test pilot after his service in the Royal Air Force, and it was a favorite of the duke's before his death in 2010.

The historic plane, according to the *EAST LOTHIAN COURIER*, was used to scatter the duke's ashes and also those of his father.

It now hangs from a ceiling in the newly refurbished museum in Edinburgh.

With thanks to *An Darach*, Newsletter of the Clan Hamilton Society. For details on Clan Hamilton, visit <http://www.clanhamilton.org>



***Aerosmith* bassist recovers from cancer surgery**

Tom Hamilton, the bassist for iconic rock band, *Aerosmith*, is in good shape after undergoing an unusual laser surgery to treat cancer in his throat. According to the *Toronto Sun*, Hamilton made it through the operation with his voice intact.

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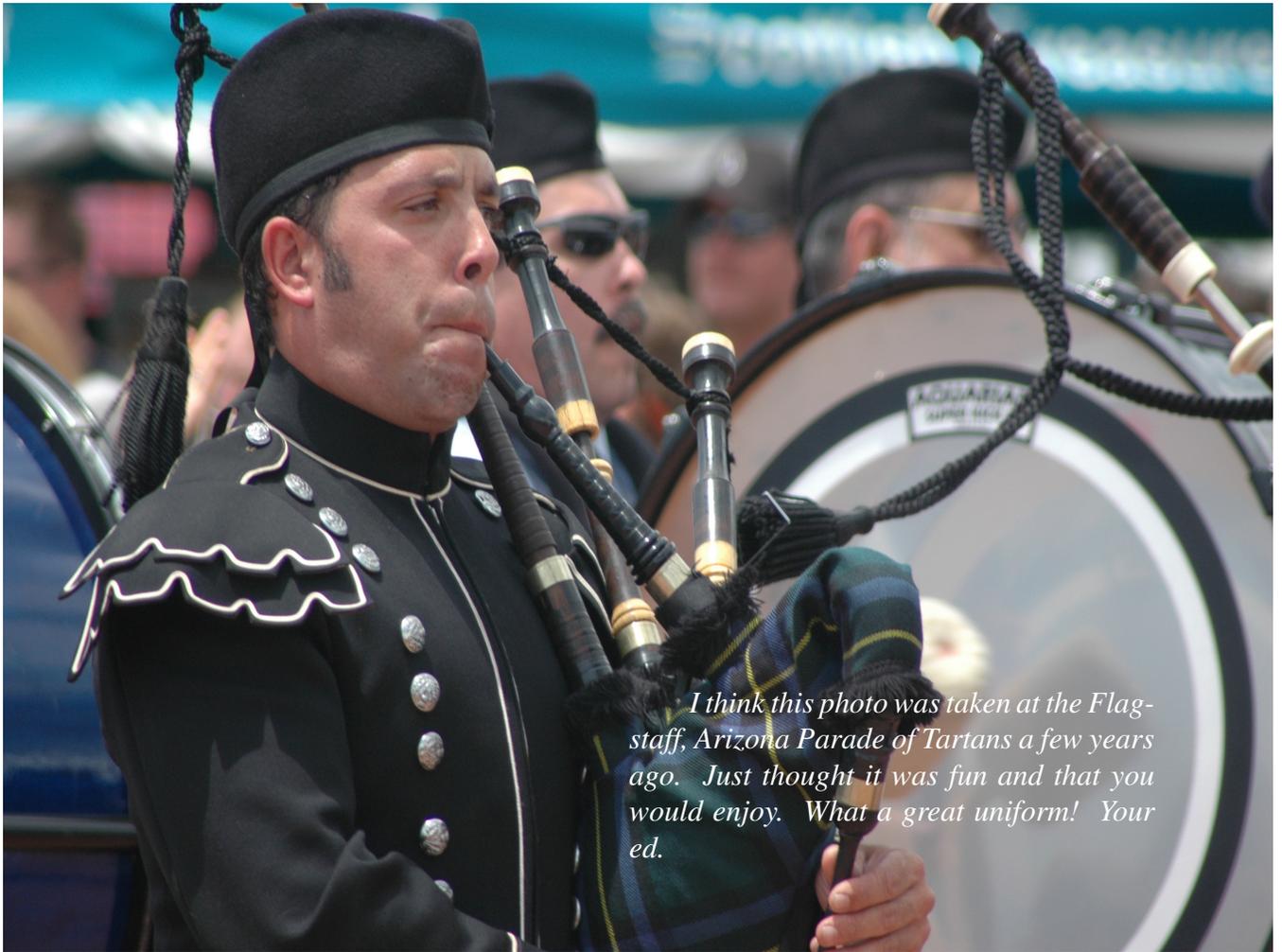


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This is absolutely beautiful
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<http://www.fullscreen360.com/>



I think this photo was taken at the Flagstaff, Arizona Parade of Tartans a few years ago. Just thought it was fun and that you would enjoy. What a great uniform! Your ed.

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Of chewing table legs, pulling hair, pounding head on wall...and new computers...

Miraculously, I am now sporting a wonderful business grade Hewlett-Packard Windows 7 Pro with a Windows XP Pro virtual computer in there somewhere. I am so pleased and grateful to have a new computer...and know that all the bugs will get worked out eventually.

When that happens, I hope the tables in the house are still standing on all their legs and I have some hair left...and there are not holes in the walls from my head pounding...and there is chocolate left for everyone's Christmas and Valentine's...as at the moment my lack of computer geek skills are causing all manner of havoc. I am embarrassed to tell you how fast I did the last 30-page section of this newspaper done on my old, comfy computer before it fell ill. This section, all done on the lovely NEW computer has so far taken about 10 times as long and I have spent a couple of nights crying all night...(This is where the chocolate comes in...cry, nibble chocolate, cry, nibble chocolate, etc., ad infinitum.)

All my fonts were either lost or messed up in the move to the new computer. Instead of letters, my beloved Tempus font gave me squares...for example. This means that ALL of my saved files have squares all over them since about two dozen fonts were affected by the Font Flu. This section only has about four fonts...Ariel, Times Roman, Comic and Georgia that work. I had to painstakingly get rid of all squares and make letters again.

I am admittedly a font junkie. Tom is too. We both LOVE pretty fonts. We printed the instructions on how to download new fonts from the Internet - but even after hours of trying, nothing would work. I think Tom went into the bedroom and tried to pull his hair - but has none - so he was even more frustrated by that!

I can't find most of my my pictures and I have thousands...and the ones I did find were on Windows 7 part of the computer - and won't transfer to the Windows XP Pro part. My filing cabinet contents got eaten somewhere along the way.

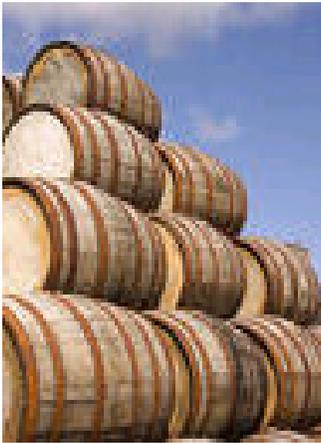
My *BNFT* files are all on the Windows 7 part and won't come over to Windows XP Pro.

To explain, I have PageMaker 6.5 which won't load on Windows 7. I have PageMaker 7.0 (Which will load on Windows 7) which I bought years ago, but did not like ...so put the disc away - and it is now somewhere in three rooms of boxes piled head high in the storage of "my stuff" upstairs.

PageMaker 6.5 does not like this Windows XP Pro program for some reason and keeps spitting everything out. This is lovely computer, but the Windows XP Pro part of the computer works about twice as slow as dial-up. I counted 21 seconds for it to open a letter on the "remote" version of AOL on this part of the computer.

My computer guy is coming tomorrow to try something new...Just wanted you to know why if anything looks strange.

Love, beth



The Whisky Corner

Ray Pearson, Anaheim, CA
The Whiskymeister
Books from the Whisky Library –
Whisky & Travel



[This is the first in an occasional series of articles from my whisky library.]

Books about Scotch whisky are not the easiest ones to find, especially in brick and mortar stores. They are usually relegated to the lower shelves in either the cooking or wine sections. Searching on the Internet is quite a bit easier – just remember that there is no ‘e’ in Scotch whisky. Using “the e spelling” will lead you to books about Bourbon and other American whiskies. Adding words like travel, map, and whisky trails will also help. Following is an introduction to five of my favorite Scotch whisky travel books.

The Whisky Trails – A Geographical Guide to Scotch Whisky, by Gordon Brown © 1993, Running Press, Philadelphia and London. The book is divided into “trails”, each in a different geographic region of Scotland, arranging local distilleries in a logical sequence – sort of like the children’s game of Park ‘n Shop – for adults! Heavily illustrated with straightforward photography, the book offers travelers’ tips on things like dealing with single track (one lane) roads in the Highlands, distillery times, telephone numbers and addresses. Each distillery’s whisky is explained, and many times, other places of interest in the immediate area are described. Under the listing for Craigellachie Distillery, for instance, we learn about nearby Ballindalloch Castle, the Whisky Trail, the Speyside Cooperage Visitor Center, and the River Spey – renowned for its salmon fishing.

The Island Whisky Trail – An Illustrated Guide to The Hebridean Distilleries, by Neil Wilson © 2003, Angels’ Share Press, Glasgow. The book’s first chapter, “A Barbarous People”, sets the tone for describing the rough and his-

torically fascinating collection of islands off Scotland’s West Coast and their role in the genre of single malts known as “Island” whiskies. Vicariously, we sail on the 38-foot steel ketch *Alystra*, skippered by Tony Gill and assisted by his wife, Anya. Author Neil Wilson provides the commentary. This cruise takes us to the port of Oban, and to the islands of Islay, Jura, Mull and Skye. In addition to visiting operating distilleries on each island, Wilson takes us back in history to illicit stills, and to distilleries that have given up the ghost and no longer exist.

Scotland – The Land and the Whisky, by Roddy Martine with photography by Patrick Douglas-Hamilton, © 1994, John Murray Publishers, London.

Scotland and its Whiskies – The Great Whiskies and Their Landscapes, by Michael Jackson, with photography by Harry Cory Wright, © 2001, Harcourt, Inc., New York.

Both of these coffee table books capture the essence and sense of place of Scotland’s distilling regions. They provide a visual explanation of *terroir* – that quality of what makes each whisky unique from another. The Martine text and Douglas-Hamilton photography venture away from the distilleries to include castles, lochs, fauna, and an explanation of The Keepers of the Quaich, and the Quaich itself. This is an exclusive, international society, honoring leading representatives of the Scotch whisky industry. The Jackson text and Wright photographs take aim at “the spirit” of the subject matter with evocative, almost mystical, prose and pictures.

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The caption for a photo of a mountain river: “From the granite of the Grampian mountains . . . the water of life in the making. It will be a winding, heathery journey to the glass.” Or this: “When even the skies are stormy, the iridescence of the clouds half-hide the pagodas of Ardbeg. This magical headland cast a spell. Around the bay are irises, lilies and a curious scent of saffron. Lovers of Ardbeg become besotted.”

The World Atlas of Whisky, by Dave Broom, © 2010, Mitchell Beazley, London. This is an exhaustive, large format book with loads of maps and gorgeous photos detailing whiskies from Scotland, Ireland, Japan, the USA, Canada, Europe, South Africa, Australia, India, and the Far East. Concise tasting notes are included for the several hundreds of brands included.



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Our **annual business meeting** will be held at our tent at **NOON** on **Saturday, October 15, 2011**. This is an important meeting for all of our membership.

After the events on Saturday, we will be getting together for our annual Ceilidh at the Newman home. (1588 Rivermist Dr., Lilburn, GA) The Newmans will be furnishing the main course and everyone else needs to bring the extras. (A covered dish, salad, drinks, dessert.....pick up from KFC, Deli, homemade, etc.....anything that you would like to bring to add to the meal.) This is a wonderful fellowship time with everyone.....a great way to relax with other Clan members after a long day!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar and make your plans to join us. We would love to see many new faces this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at benbf@windstream.net for complete information. With Regards, Ben Forrester, Membership Director Clan Forrester Society.



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Sweets with an Attitude - Scots Taiblet

In case you did not know it, Scots have a sweet tooth, a really big sweet tooth. Scots love sweets in any form. That fact soon becomes apparent to anyone traveling through Scotland.

While perusing local confections during my last trip to Scotland I was trying to decide which Whiskey Fudge to bring back home and engaged a sales person in an effort to compare the products to determine which was the best and the most authentic. "If you are seeking the most traditional sweet," she offered, "it's not at all Fudge, but Tablet." "Tablet," I said, "what is Tablet?"



Tablet is an original Scottish confection dating from the early 18th century. *Eat Scotland* identifies "Tablet" (or taiblet in Scots) as "a medium-hard, sugary confection from Scotland made from sugar, condensed milk, and butter, boiled to a soft-ball stage and allowed to crystallize. It is often flavored with vanilla, and sometimes has nut pieces in it." Tablet differs from fudge texture, where fudge is much softer.

The traditional recipe for Tablet uses just sugar and cream however, modern recipes replace the cream with condensed milk and butter, due to the tendency of the cream and sugar to burn.

Candy-making is a regular adjunct to courting in rural districts of Scotland, according to Sandy Stevenson on his web page fife.50metgs.com. "It draws together all the lads and lasses round about for miles, and the fun and the daffing that go on during the boiling, pulling, clipping, cooling, are, both lads and lasses declare, worth the money. ... A few of the lasses club their sixpences together, a night is set, a house is named, and, of course, the young men who are specially wanted are invited to lend a hand and a foot too, for dancing is not an uncommon adjunct to such gatherings."

Making and eating Tablet has been cited as one of the *100 Things to Do in Scotland Before You Die* by the *Sunday Herald*. Accordingly, here is a recipe for you to make closer to home. The book *The Scots Kitchen* by F. Marian McNeill suggests flavorings such as cinnamon, coconut, fig, ginger, lemon, orange, pepper-mint, vanilla and walnut and gives guidance on how to add these easily to your tablet recipe. You can add whatever flavoring you wish, or none at all. The most common Tablet you find in Scotland is plain.

Whisky Tablet

- 2 lbs. sugar
- 2 tbsp. golden syrup
- 4 ounces butter
- 2 cups evaporated milk
- 4 tbsp. Scotch whisky or ½ tsp.

vanilla

Combine the sugars and bring to a boil then add milk and butter, boiling and stirring for about 30 minutes until it comes to a soft-ball stage and crystallizes. (Note: McNeill recommends using a very large enamel pot for this recipe.)

Remove from heat and beat well (at least 5 minutes). At this point you can add whatever flavorings you have chosen and pour the mixture into a buttered tin. Let cool for six hours or overnight. Mark for cutting later when cool and then cut it into pieces on the scoring when it is cold.

Then wrap the pieces in waxed paper and store in an airtight jar or tin.

Many thanks to the St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee, Florida newsletter.

Interesting Cornwall!

Cornwall might not have been the first nation in space, but it was apparently the first to host flying saucers, according to documents released this summer by the Cornwall Ministry of Defense.

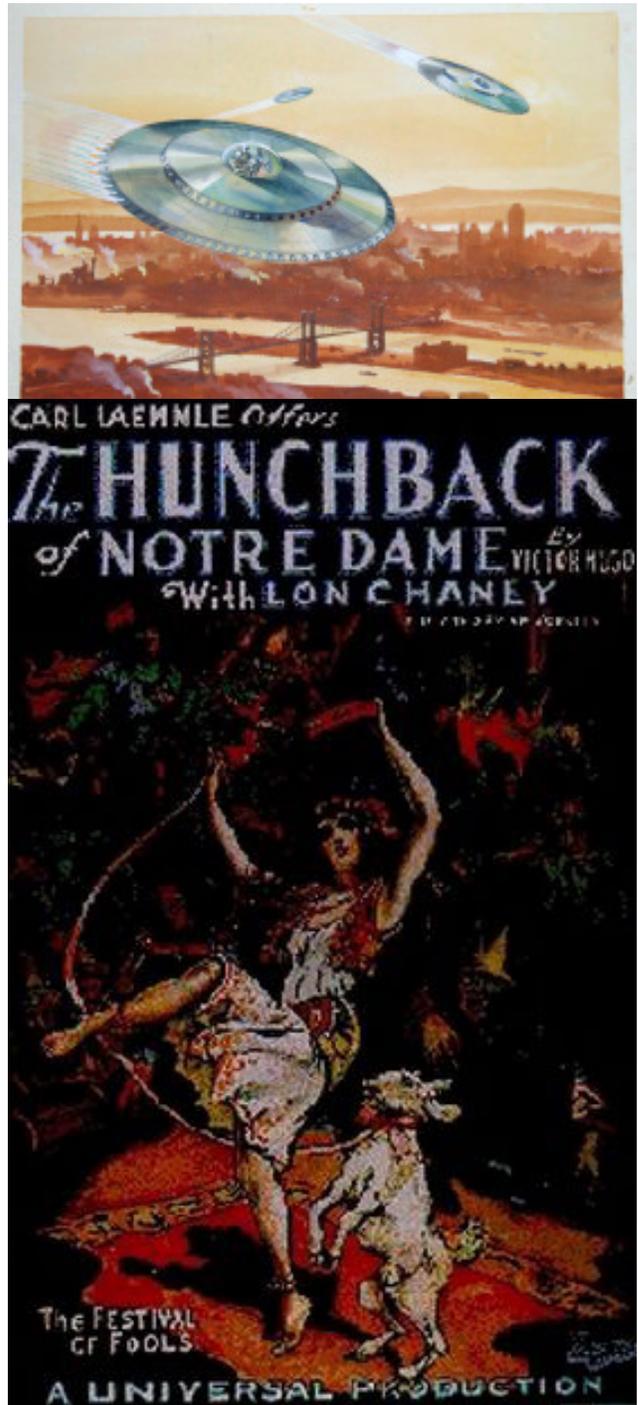
Cornish Flying Saucers?

Among the papers was a report by the Cornish novelist Eleanor Kaye, who recalled seeing what she described as an “upside down saucer” in the sky above the northern Cornish coast in 1926, over twenty years before the famous sighting by the American, Kenneth Arnold, in 1947, usually considered to be the beginning of the present day UFO controversy.

Hunchback of Notre Dame?

Clues to the true origins of the Hunchback of Notre Dame turned up this summer in a Cornish attic, amongst the papers of a long-deceased Cornish sculptor who worked a stint carrying out restoration work at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris in the 1820s. Though Victor Hugo’s *Hunchback* has long been assumed to be a purely fictional character, Henry Sibson recalled a reclusive hunchbacked sculptor working on the project known by the nickname of “Mon le Bossu” (My Hunchback.)

Victor Hugo’s novel, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, was published in 1831, a short time after Sibson’s time in Paris.



Mann on the moon?

Two Manx corporations are in the running for the Google Lunar X Prize for the first team to land a privately-funded data transmitting robot on the surface of the moon.

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