

St Andrew's Society of Oakland

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ST ANDREW'S ECHOES



Society News

June Business Meeting: (Meetings held every 2nd Friday of every month at Dick's Restaurant, Alvarado St, San Leandro. All are welcome. Next meeting July 13th at 8 pm.)

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Report from the Sick/Relief Committee

Ian Robertson reported that a gift basket had been sent to Mark Pierce to wish him well from the Society. He is doing extremely well and we wish him all the best.

He also reported that Joanne Houston, age 5, daughter of Charlotte and John Houston, had had an accident in a local supermarket, whereby a display fell on top of her and broke her femur. She is in a plaster cast from armpit to her ankles and mustn't move. Janet and Jacqueline are working with the Houston's to arrange something special for Joanne to help her on her road to recovery from the Society.

Please remember folks to keep Janet and Jacqueline updated on anyone who is in need of a bit help during sickness or in times of sorrow. The Society is there to help you through.

Applications, Balloting and Installations for Membership

Two applications were handed in from Mary and Rod McAfee. Also, Barbara Norkus, whose application form was handed in last month, attended the meeting and the Society now has three more members! The three newcomers were duly installed by our President, Ian Robertson. Welcome, welcome, welcome!

Reports on Unfinished Business

Ian made a motion that we should reserve our tent space for the Dunsmuir Games. Jim seconded this and all were in favor.

New Business

Ian Robertson made a motion that he would like to rent a storage facility to store all the society's belongings. John Gray seconded this. If you have anything that you have been keeping for the society, whether its hidden way up in the rafters or somewhere in the deep dark corners of your garage, please inform Ian Robertson or any of the committee members. We have an inventory list, but there could still be items which have not been accounted for and we would like to see all the Society belongings to be kept in one place.

Good of the Order

Ian R reported on the Livermore games and reminded everyone of the ceilidh on the 17th August. He also

thanked everyone involved in organizing the picnic. It was a very successful day.

Note: A BIG thank you goes to Mr & Mrs John White for their generous donation to the Alex Moir Scholarship Fund.



Happy Birthday to You!

This month's birthday wishes go to –

Fred Guckel – 1st July
Bob Penman – 3rd July
Dave Pope – 6th July
Mary McAfee – 19th July
Steve Wigley – 27th July
Kenny Lawrence – 30th July

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes from the St Andrew's Society of Oakland

(If we have missed anyone, please accept our apologies and let us know for future issues.)



The President's Post

Society members and friends,
We're now well into summer, Glasgow Fair fast approaching and our fair skinned members in the East Bay are being cooked, but being Scottish they're used to getting roasted. I trust everyone will have the chance to wind down at some point over the summer and enjoy some time off (from whatever you normally do). If you're off to Scotland, pack your wellies.

We enjoyed a bumper turn out for our June meeting and installed three new members, the room was packed and it seems like we're on the verge of outgrowing our current location, which will be a nice problem to have. It's great to see the new, and not so new faces who can come along. If you'd like to bitch, moan, laugh and enjoy some good spirited banter, I encourage you to get it on your calendar. If transport is an issue, let me know & we'll see what we can work out.

There are a couple of important items doing the rounds at the moment, which I'd appreciate your support on. The first being participation in a committee which will manage the Alex Moir Scholarship Fund and also set the foundation for future Society Trust funds that may arise. Please let me know if you're interested and I will provide additional background.

The second item is renting a storage facility to house all of the Society's belongings. Over the years these have become distributed over the membership and often times get lost along the way. A rich history, important to the Society but when left to languish in someone's closet will become junk and easily discarded if not returned to their proper home. The primary disadvantage is of course cost, as storage is not cheap, but neither is history and once it's gone... There will be more discussion on this at Friday's meeting, if anyone has any input to share prior to that, let me know.

That's it from me, until the next time...take care, stay healthy.
Ian Robertson

(Next item is an excerpt from the Rampant Scotland Newspaper)



Next Week in Scottish History

July 8 1249 - King Alexander II died on Isle of Kerrara, Oban Bay.

July 8 1296 - King John Balliol abdicated at Montrose.

July 8 1790 - Forth and Clyde Canal between the rivers Forth and Clyde, 22 years in the making, opened.

July 9 1867 - Formation of Queen's Park Football Club, first senior football (soccer) club in Scotland.

July 9 1938 - Gas masks issued to the civilian population in anticipation of the Second World War.

July 9 1947 - Glasgow Zoological Society opened a zoo at Calderpark. Glasgow Zoo eventually closed in 2003.

July 10 1451 - King James III born at Stirling.

July 10 1559 - King Henri of France died. Mary Queen of Scots' husband, Francis, becomes King of France.

July 10 1576 - First Bible (New Testament) printed in Scotland by Bassandyne.

July 11 1274 - Robert the Bruce born, probably at Turnberry Castle.

July 11 1924 - Eric Liddell (later famous as a result of the film "Chariots of Fire") won Olympic 400 metres sprint in Paris.

July 12 1690 - William III defeated James VII in the Battle of the Boyne, Ireland.

July 12 1698 - Darien expedition left Leith for Panama.

July 13 1249 - King Alexander III crowned at Scone

July 13 1469 - King James III married Margaret of Denmark.

July 13 1834 - Botanist and explorer David Douglas died in Hawaii.

July 14 1798 - United States' Consulate first opened in Edinburgh.

July 14 1927 - Scottish National War Memorial opened



Dumpline En Clute Ecosaise & Microwave Dumpling

Thanks go to Ernestine Moir for sending in this funny recipe!

THE AULD WAY

As long as ye keep the heid it's nae boather makin' a cloodie dumplin'. First of a', gether thegither a fersized basin, a big boul, a plate that will fit inty the poat, aboot a squerr yerd o'cotton cloath an' a dauda string. An' a kettle oan the bile. Here's whit goes inty the dumplin':

Punna self raisn' flour
Punna currants and' a haunfa o' raisins
Quartera punna suet
Haufa punna granulatit sugar
Fower wee teaspoon fa o'mixed spice
A big pinch saut
Some mulk

Rummle up the hale jing-band in the boul, addin' a wee tate mulk so's ye get a dough that's still an' no' runny. Tim some bilin' water oot the kettle inty the fit o' the basin an' spread the cloat (or clood) oan tap o' the watter.

Cowp the hale o' yur dough oot the boul an' oan tae the clood in the basin. Draw the coarnurs o' the clood the gither an' tie wi' the string.

don't tie the string too tight or the dumplin might burst efter swellin' up an' ye'll be in a helluva mess.

Noo ye've a big bag o'dough aboot the size o' a fitba'. Nixt ye pit a plate in the fit o' the big poat. Then gently ye lower the dumplin' oan tae the plate. Efter that poor as much bilin' watter inty the poat as will cover yur dumplin'.

Efter a' this cairry-oan ye'll mibbe want a cuppa tea an' a fag or even a wee lie-doon. Anyway, whitivurye dae, don't let the dumplin' simmer fur mair than three-an'-ahauf oors. Efter that time wheech it oot the poat an'oan the plate. Peel aff the clood an' therr ye hav a dish fit tae set afore a dizzed Egon Thingmys.

P. S. Ma Gran usetae pit it in the ovin tae dry it oot.

P.P.S. Its lovely fried in the mornin.

THE NEW WAY

MICROWAVE DUMPLING

Ingredients

1/2 pint Water
3/4 cup Sugar
1 tblsp Mixed Spice
1 tblsp Cinnamon
1/2 lb Margarine
1/4 lb Currants
1/4 lb Raisins
1/4 lb Sultanas

1/2 lb Plain Flour
1 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
2 eggs

Method

Line a 2-3 pint bowl with cling film allowing film to overlap sides of bowl.

Place water, sugar, spices, margarine and fruit in a pan & bring to the boil. Boil for 1 minute.

Add sieved flour and bicarbonate of soda and mix well.

Add beaten eggs and mix well.

Pour mix into prepared bowl. DO NOT COVER.

Place in microwave and cook on full power for 9 minutes.

Check with fork if ready - if not cook for a further 2-3 minutes.

Allow to cool in bowl.

Sport



Wimbledon has come and gone in a fortnight of wellie boots, raincoats, waterproofs and umbrellas. However, when the rain finally dried up long enough for Venus Williams to win the ladies

singles and Roger Federer to win the male singles, it eventually was time for the doubles matches.

The very last match to be played at the tournament was the mixed doubles, with Scotland's Jamie Murray (Andy's big brother) and Serbian born Jelena Jankovic taking away the trophy.

Jamie became the first Brit for 20 years to win a senior title at Wimbledon. They beat Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden and Alicia Molik of Australia, 6-4 3-6 6-1.



Newly installed British Prime Minister and avid Raith Rovers fan Gordon Brown gives two thumbs up for promotion next season!! C'mon the boys eh!!

Talking of Football

I was going through one of Steve's books entitled "12 Books That Changed The World" by Melvynn Bragg, when I came across the section on The Rule Book Of Association Football. Did you know that the book of laws was put together by a dozen English gentlemen enthusiasts in 1863? They were sitting in a pub whilst doing this! Where else would one write out the rules? Originally, there were thirteen rules and those thirteen rules were all that was needed to start a world favorite game. Now, all you guys and lots of ladies know all about the modern day rules of the much loved game, but the following is a Time Line of how football has evolved since 1863.

- 1863 At the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, the Football Association (FA) is formed; a month later, the FA meets again to consider a set of rules for its members to follow.
- 1865 Buenos Aires FC is formed by British residents
- 1866 The first game to be played by FA rules, between Barnes and Richmond
- 1869 Goal kicks are introduced
- 1871 The first FA Cup competition (Wanderers v. Royal Engineers 1-0 at Kennington Oval)
- 1872 The first International game (England v. Scotland 5-2). France is introduced to football by English sailors playing in Le Havre. The circumference of the football is fixed.
- 1875 Oxford University tour Germany and a number of German universities take up the game. Football introduced in Sweden.
- 1876 In Canada, Carlton Cricket Club forms a football section.
- 1877 Game limited to ninety minutes.
- 1880 Clubs charge for admission and players (still part time) are paid lost wages and expenses.
- 1882 Uruguay's first club is formed. Two-handed throw-in is introduced.
- 1888 The Football League is formed with twelve teams.
- 1889 In Denmark, the Boldspil League is formed – probably the oldest association outside Britain. Football is introduced in Brazil.

- 1890 Goal nets used for the first time.
- 1891 Penalty kicks introduced. Referee and two linesmen replace umpires.
- 1893 Italy forms its first club in Genoa.
- 1894 Referee is placed in complete control of game.
- 1898 The number of official laws reaches the modern total of seventeen. Athletic Bilbao becomes the first club formed in Spain.
- 1899 First club is formed in Iceland.

Find out what happened in the 1900s, in next month's issue of The Echoes!

Name that Scot

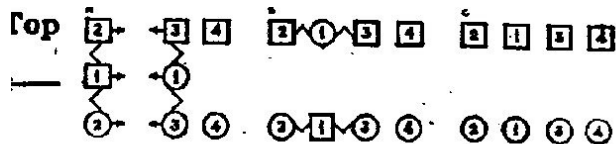
- **B**orn in Glasgow but raised primarily in Paisley, Scotland.
- **W**as at one time the lead singer for a Scottish rock band named Speed, but then found his true calling in his current field of work.
- **D**id not see his father from the age of 2 until he turned 16.
- **H**e is Scottish, but is of partially Irish ancestry.
- **H**e has a law degree from Glasgow University, but gave up on this career choice after being fired from a law firm just one week before he was qualified to practice law.
- **H**e was president of the school's law society thanks to his outgoing personality and great social skills.

Last month's answer is:

Robert Carlyle

Scottish Country Dancing

Here is the last set of dance instructions. We'll learn how to do the Hamilton House Jig for the Ceilidh in August



Music.	DESCRIPTION.
Bars.	
1-4	First woman advancing sets to second man then turns third man, and stands between them.
5-8	First man advancing sets to second woman then turns third woman, finishing between third couple, while first woman moves up between second couple who also move up.
9-12	They set twice three and three across the dance. (See Fig. A.)
13-16	First couple turn a three-quarter turn with two hands to Fig. B.
17-20	They set twice three and three at the sides.
21-24	First couple turn a half-turn to Fig. C.
25-32	Six hands round and back again. Repeat, having passed a couple.
TUNE : "Hamilton House."	

From Wm. Campbell's 4th Collection, circa 1789.



Joke time

Here are a few more of Joe Collins' Jokes – Thanks Joe!

This bloke is sitting reading his Daily Record newspaper when his wife sneaks up behind him and whacks him on the head with a frying pan. "Whit wis that fur?" he cries. "That wis for the piece of paper in yir troosers pockets with the

name Mary-Rose written oan it," said she. "Don't be daft," he explains, "two weeks ago when I went to the races Mary-Rose wis the name of one o' the horses I bet on." She seems satisfied and apologies, and goes off to do work around the house. Three days later he's again sitting in his chair reading when she nails him again with the frying pan, knocking him out cold. When he comes around, he says, "whit the hell wis that fur?"

"Your horse phoned!" she said.

A wee woman from Glasgow's West End was staying in a hotel in Edinburgh, she phoned room service for some pepper. "Black pepper or white pepper?" asked the concierge.

"Toilet Pepper!" yelled the woman

A Wee Quiz

How much Scottish Trivia do you know?

- 1 Which malt whisky is distilled near Tain, Ross-shire – Glenmorangie, Glenfiddich or Glen Grant?
- 2 Which is Scotland's longest peninsula – Ardnamurchan, Kintyre or Galloway?
- 3 What was the official duration of Scotland's aborted World Cup match in Estonia in 1996?
- 4 Name the Edinburgh speedway and greyhound venue, which closed in 1995.
- 5 What is a dominie?
- 6 Which Scottish town contains the greatest predominance of shops possessing the Royal Warrant?
- 7 Which town was regarded as Scotland's capital, prior to Edinburgh?
- 8 Which English king was known as 'The Hammer of the Scots'?

- 9 Which major world capital city lies on the same line of latitude as Edinburgh?
- 10 From which language does the word 'clan' derive – Celtic or Gaelic?
- 11 In 1996, which Scot became the youngest golfer ever to appear in the US Masters?
- 12 For which offence was Jacobite, James Reid, executed in 1746?
- 13 Which George McEwan song concerning waterproof footwear, was popularized by Billy Connolly?
- 14 What was built in Orkney by Italian POW's, which has become known as "The Miracle of Camp 60"?
- 15 Where is Mary Queen of Scots buried?

(Answers on last page of this issue)



The following has been copied straight out of the Wikipedia dictionary. (Hope I won't get done for plagiarism!)

HAPPY 4TH JULY

Though the Fourth of July is iconic to Americans, some claim the date itself is somewhat arbitrary. New Englanders had been fighting Britain since April 1775. The first motion in the Continental Congress for independence was made on June 4, 1776. After hard debate, the Congress voted unanimously, but secretly, for independence from Great Britain on July 2 (the Lee Resolution) and appointed Thomas Jefferson to write a draft.

The Congress reworked the draft until a little after eleven o'clock, July 4, when twelve colonies voted for adoption (New York abstained from both votes) and released a copy to the printers signed only by John Hancock, President of the Congress, and Secretary Charles Thomson. Philadelphia celebrated the Declaration with public readings and bonfires on July 8. Not until August 2, would a fair printing be signed by the members of the Congress, but even that was kept secret to protect the members from possible British reprisals. John Adams, credited by Thomas Jefferson as the unofficial, tireless whip of the independence-minded, wrote to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more. [\[citation needed\]](#)

Adams was off by two days, however. Certainly, the vote on July 2 was the decisive act. But July 4 is the date that Jefferson's stirring prose, as edited by the Congress, was officially adopted and was the first day Philadelphians heard any concrete news of independence from the Continental Congress, as opposed to rumors in the street about secret votes.

Readers Input If you have an article, which you would like to be included in the Echoes, please send it on to us. It could be anything, ie, a letter to the Editor, or some story you would like to share with your fellow society members. You'll find our contact information at the end of this issue.



If you haven't already done so, use the flyer on the following page to order your tickets for the 4 Clubs Ceilidh to be held in August.



Summer Ceilidh

John Taylor Ceilidh Band

Friday, August 17, 2007

7:00pm No-host Bar - featuring Bellhaven on Tap

7:00pm Scotch Tasting - Sponsored by Diageo

8:00pm Ceilidh - Guest of Honor, British Consul-General Martin Uden

Encinal Yacht Club

1251 Pacific Marina - Alameda

\$15.00 - Admission ♦ **\$5.00 Scotch Tasting** ♦ **\$10.00 Dinner**

Dinner choices: Bangers, mash & peas - or - Meat Pie, Sausage Roll, mash & peas

Advanced Reservations required by August 3, 2007

This event still has a limited number of tickets. Don't wait!

Joint presentation of: St. Andrews Society of San Francisco, The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, St. Andrews Society of Oakland, and Pleasanton-Blairgowrie-Fergus Sister City Organization

Please do not drink and drive. Rooms are available for \$89.00 at
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Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Check amt.: \$ _____ = Ceilidh # _____ / Scotch Tasting # _____ / Banger # _____ / Meat Pie # _____

Send your check payable to Alan Purves, 7844 Medinah Ct, Pleasanton CA 94588
Include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your tickets.

Scottish Country Dance instruction may be offered in August, please check if interested.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

July 14 th & 15 th	Oakland Scottish Games, Dunsmuir House & Gardens
August 17 th	Four Clubs Ceilidh, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda
Sep 1 st & 2 nd	Caledonian Club of San Francisco Highland Games, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton
Nov 17 th	St Andrew's Society of Oakland, St Andrew's Banquet, Crowne Plaza, Pleasanton

Answers to A Wee Quiz:

1 Glenmorangie; 2 Kintyre; 3 Three seconds; 4 Powderhall; 5 A teacher; 6 Ballater; 7 Dunfermline; 8 King Edward I; 9 Moscow; 10 Gaelic; 11 Gordon Sherry; 12 Playing the Bagpipes; 13 The Welly Boot Song; 14 A chapel; 14 Westminster Abbey.