

SCOTTISH ST. ANDREW SOCIETY
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Another year is ahead of us and if our first Board meeting is anything to go by it will be a memorable one. Our Board members are committed to providing a quality and interesting program.

It goes without saying that the success of the Society depends on your participation and support. So, please participate in our events to ensure the continuation and growth of our Society.

Our first event will be the Halloween Party, closely followed by the St. Andrew Celebration. We look forward to seeing you all there.

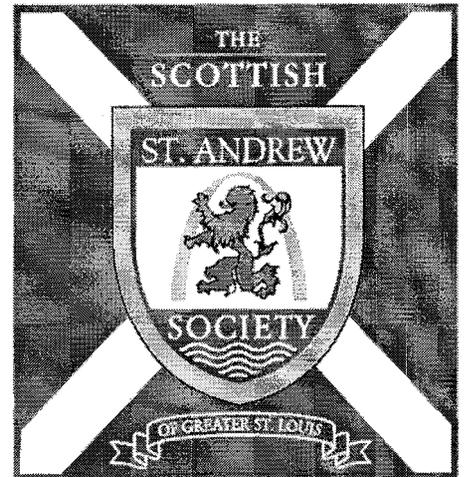
Lang may your lum reek,
Denise

WATCH OUT ON HALLOWEEN!

The Borders village of Auchencrow was famous for its "Edencraw Witches" (how the village name is pronounced). The last of these was Margaret Girvin who died around 1806. Before the "revolution", seven witches from the village were taken to Coldingham and burned. There are records, from ~1700, of "scoring" witches, — this practice referred to cutting a suspected witch under the nose to break the power to cast spells. So, men, women, and bairns beware the witch-hunters this Halloween!

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Going guising this Halloween? The candy and fancy costumes are the modern day version of a powerful tradition. In the early days, the Celtic festival of Samhuinn was held to acknowledge the coming of the winter solstice. Thanks was given for the harvests and rituals were conducted to ensure that sufficient food would be produced in the next season. Perhaps because it was a time when the seasons changed from summer (light) to winter (dark), the festival also became associated with good and evil spirits. The Druids painted their faces and wore masks to ward off the spirits that might trap them in the netherworld. Funny how some things change but don't change that much...



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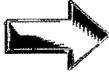
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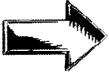
Event

Monday, October 26th, 6:30-9:00pm
Halloween Party

at Spoede School (on Spoede Road, west of Lindbergh and north of Ladue).
 Wear costumes — prizes & fun for all ages



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Event

ST ANDREW CELEBRATION
November 7th
see attached flier

If you would like to help out, call
 Diane McCullough
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ther events for the year:

December: CHRISTMAS PARTY

We now have a dedicated phone number for the Society:
(314) 519 7979

The Deerstalker

Ever since the Laird had given him the deerstalker as a present, the gamekeeper, McPhail, had worn it every day. He always liked to wear it with the flaps down.

One day the Laird saw McPhail without his deerstalker and asked, "where's your hat?"

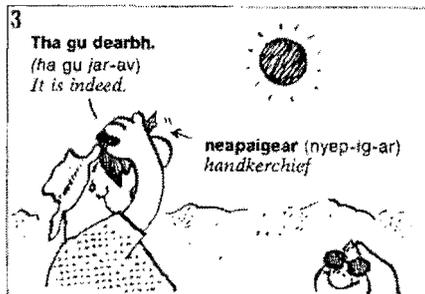
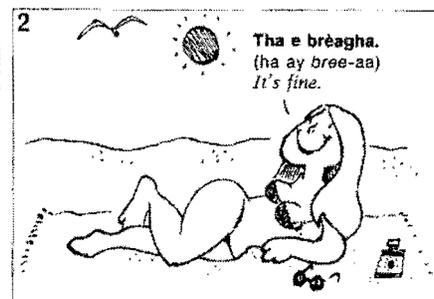
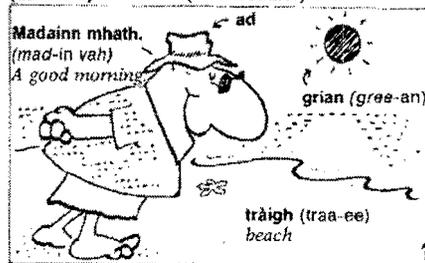
"Ye ken sir" replied McPhail, "I've no been wearing it since the bad accident happened."

"Whit accident?" said the Laird.

"A man wis offering nips o' whisky tae everybody and I didnae hear him, it wis terrible!"

Learning Gaelic from Cartoons....

Leasan a Dhà (Lesson 2) AN AIMSIR (The Weather)

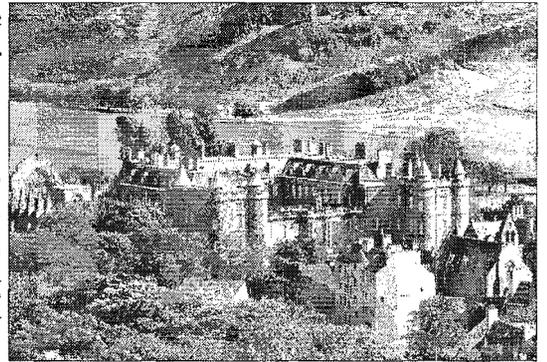


Caledonia Corner

Scotland is on the brink of an historic moment, with the upcoming elections. This article is extracted from a larger review of the situation in the Glasgow Herald:

Scotland's quest for Home Rule - these days called devolution - is as old as the Treaty of Union with England of 1707. When Scotland's parliament was adjourned and the country's independence was abandoned all those years ago, Chancellor Seafield, a leading politician of the day, wound up the final debate by remarking sadly that it was the "end of ane auld sang."

But it was also the beginning of almost three centuries of effort to have the Scottish Parliament restored, either as a legislature devolved from Westminster but still within the Union, or as the legislature of an independent state. Since the Treaty of Union was signed there have been more than 40 attempts in the House of Commons to pass Home Rule for Scotland Bills. All of them failed for one reason or another until the 1997 Referendum. Scotland's electorate voted overwhelmingly for a devolved Parliament with



The Abbey and Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh. The new Scottish Parliament is to be built from scratch in an adjacent area at the foot of the Royal Mile. The UK£50 million construction cost has caused some

wide-ranging powers, including taxation. The people gave their decision by a three-to-one majority after years of national debate and they did so on September 11, 1997, which just happened to be the 700th anniversary of the battle of Stirling Bridge in which the Scottish folk hero and martyr, Sir William Wallace, led the victory.

Subsequently, the job of introducing a Bill to write the Referendum result into law, providing for Scotland to remain firmly part of the United Kingdom but with its own Parliament responsible for most powers excepting foreign and defence policy, fell to the Secretary of State for Scotland, Donald Dewar. The Bill opened with a clause drafted in refreshingly unlegalistic language: "**There shall be a Scottish Parliament.**"

Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Where would you find a "tattie-boggle"?
2. What are the Cuillins?
3. Is whisky (scotch) made in a bronze still or a copper still?

Congratulations to Renata Walz who won.

Answers:

1. You buy a left-handed hammer in the same store as the tartan paint!
2. Galashiels is in the Borders
3. Kirkcudbright is further north.

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Would you believe it...

I was in the UK a couple of weeks ago and the latest debate is... the UK needs to adjust its time-zone to fit with mainland Europe... except Scotland... which would have its own time-zone!!!

70 ASYS & 74 MGS

IT'S HALLOWEEN, Eve of All Hallows, Feast of All Saints, Festival of Samhuinn

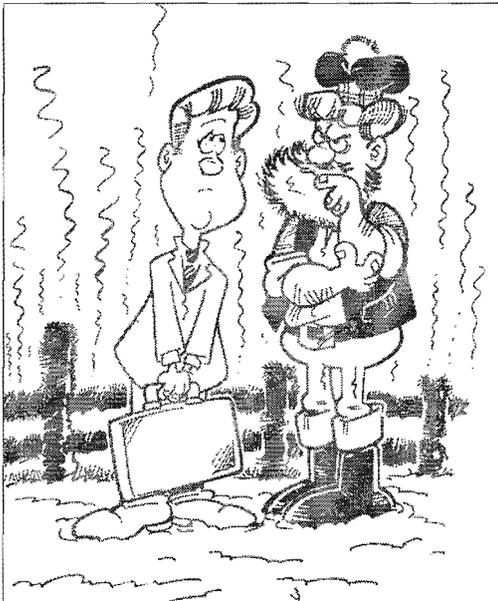
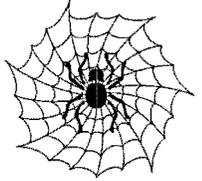
The Young Tamlane. Sir Walter Scott

Gloomy, gloomy was the night,
And eerie was the way
As fair Janet, in her mantle green
To Miles Cross she did gae..

About the dead hour o' the night
She heard the bridles ring;
And Janet was a glad o' that,
As any earthlie thing..

Halloween. Robert Burns
(one of 28 verses)

The auld guidwife's weel-hoordit nits
Are round an' round divided
An' mony lads an' lassies fates
Are there that night decided:
Some kindle couthie side by side,
And burn thegither trimly;
Some start awa wi' saucy pride,
An' jump out owre the chimlie
Fu' high that night.



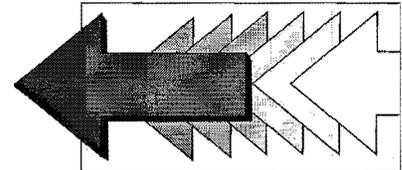
After his barn burned down, the Buchan farmer made a claim with his insurance company. The agent visited the scene and promptly approved payment on the barn.

Being a good insurance agent he tried to sell the farmer some other insurance: "Are you covered against cattle theft? or maybe floods?"

The Buchan farmer replied, "Noo, that's very interesting. How div ye go about starting a flood?"!!!!

Your Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid yet
Please contact Peter Geery at 314 916 5344



Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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