

# HEATHER BELL

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment for December will be GEORDIE'S BYRE. This group plays a rousing selection of Celtic tunes with their fiddles, mandolin, bodhran, whistles, flutes, guitar, and bass. The members of the group are: Jasper Forrester on violin/mandolin, Wally Bell on cittern/bodhran, Larry Lawson on whistles/flute, Mark Wells on dadgad guitar, Daniel Brown on acoustic bass, and Jean Richstad on fiddle/mandolin. All members take turns singing lead, and there are frequent ringing outbursts of two, three, and four part harmony from the group. Geordie's Byre is noted for rousing jigs, reels, traditional songs of Scotland, Ireland, and the British Isles. [A byre is the Gaelic word for barn.]



## FINAL NOTICE HEATHER BELL BY EMAIL

A little reminder that beginning January 2010, all newsletters will be sent by email to those who have email. If you don't have email, you will continue to receive them by the regular post. The Heatherbell is also available on our website ([www.caledonians.com](http://www.caledonians.com)).

## A Letter from our President Bill McFadden

Here we are in the middle of the holiday season. I hope everyone had a "full-filling" Thanksgiving and that Christmas brings you all the delights you hope for.

There are a number of Burns celebrations coming up. In addition to the Caledonians' (which will be incorporated into our January gathering) there are Burns dinners in Tacoma (Tacoma Scots' will be on January 16) and Mt. Vernon (on the 23rd) and other nearby places (see the list of upcoming events). So give some thought to attending one of these fine events. The Mastery of Scottish Arts concert will be in Benaroya Hall on February 5. And Gung Haggis Fat Choy is planned for Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. More information on that to come later.

As always, the Board invites comments, positive or negative. If you have some ideas or thoughts, please talk to one of our board members.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next gathering on December 11<sup>th</sup>!

Yours, aye,  
Bill

**NEXT GATHERING**  
**DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**SET-UP - 6:30 PM,**

**MEETING - 7:30 PM,**

**ENTERTAINMENT - 8:00 PM**

**TEA - 8:45 PM**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 11 - – Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; entertainment: Geordie's Byre; Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St, Seattle, WA., 98125.

Dec 11 and 12 – The McKassons' "Haggis for the Holidays", The Mandolin Café, Tacoma; dinner served at 6:00 pm; [www.themandolincafe.com](http://www.themandolincafe.com); [www.themckassons.com](http://www.themckassons.com)

Dec. 18 – Geoffrey Castle [Celtic] Holiday concert, Kirkland Performance Center; [www.geoffreycastle.com](http://www.geoffreycastle.com); [www.kpcenter.org](http://www.kpcenter.org)

Dec. 19 – Winter Solstice concert with Stanley and Kip Greenthal (original songs and fresh arrangements of instrumental music from Brittany, Scotland, Ireland and the Balkans); 7:30 pm; Phinney Neighborhood Assoc., \$15.00; 206-528-8523; <http://www.seafolklore.org/folksche.html>

Dec. 20 – Tomaseen Foley's "A Celtic Christmas", Columbia Theatre Rose Center for the Performing Arts, Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA; 3:00 pm; [www.columbiatheatre.com/index.html](http://www.columbiatheatre.com/index.html)

Jan. 8 - Caledonian-St. Andrew's gathering; 7:30; Lake City Presbyterian Church,

Jan. 14 and 17 – Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas; on the 14th at the Triple Door, Seattle; [www.tripledoor.net](http://www.tripledoor.net); on the 17th at the Fort Casey Auditorium, Whidbey Island, WA; [www.nwscottishfiddlers.com](http://www.nwscottishfiddlers.com); [www.alasdairfraser.com](http://www.alasdairfraser.com); [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

Jan. 15-18 – Scottish Musical workshop and concert; Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas, Calum MacKinnon, and Josephine Hunner; Camp Casey, Coupeville, WA; [www.nwscottishfiddlers.com](http://www.nwscottishfiddlers.com)

Jan. 16 – Tacoma Scots presents "A Nich wi' Rabbie Burns" at St. Martins of Tours Church, Fife, WA; 6:00 pm social hour and Scottish Country dancing; dinner at 7:00 includes roast beef, salmon, and haggis; pipe band performance; no-host bar; live dance band; tickets \$35 with reservations for table of 8 or more; (360) 446-5772 or (360) 481-3018; <http://www.tspb.org/pages/burns.html>

Jan. 22 – Gaelic Storm; on the 22nd at Pantages Theatre, Tacoma; [www.broadwaycenter.org](http://www.broadwaycenter.org); <http://gaelicstorm.musiccitynetworks.com/>

Jan. 23 – Robert Burns Scottish Evening, Hillcrest Lodge, 1717 S. 13th St, Mt. Vernon, WA; [www.celticarts.org](http://www.celticarts.org)

Jan. 23 – Golden Bough, Traditions Café, Olympia; [www.goldenboughmusic.com](http://www.goldenboughmusic.com)

Feb. 5 – Mastery of Scottish Arts concert, Benaroya Hall, Seattle; [www.celticarts.org](http://www.celticarts.org)

Feb. 13 – Jim Malcolm, Traditions Café, Olympia; [www.jimmalcolm.com](http://www.jimmalcolm.com); [www.traditionsfairtrade.com](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com)

Feb. 14 – Gung Haggis Fat Choy (details later)

Feb. 17 – Randall Bays and Dave Marshall, Traditions Café, Olympia; [www.traditionsfairtrade.com](http://www.traditionsfairtrade.com)

Feb. 18 and 19 – Solas (Celtic music); on the 18th at the Triple Door; 19th Port Angeles; [www.tripledoor.net](http://www.tripledoor.net); [www.jffa.org](http://www.jffa.org); <http://solasmusic.com/site/>

March 6 - Geoffrey Castle's 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day Concert, Kirkland Performance Center; [www.geoffreycastle.com](http://www.geoffreycastle.com); [www.kpcenter.org](http://www.kpcenter.org)

March 16-18 – Leahy, Mount Baker Theatre, Bellingham; [www.mountbakertheatre.com](http://www.mountbakertheatre.com); [www.leahymusic.com](http://www.leahymusic.com); Benaroya Hall, Seattle; [www.seattlesymphony.org/benaroya](http://www.seattlesymphony.org/benaroya)

March 17 – Men of Worth (Irish and Scottish folk music, harmonies); Admiral Theatre, Bremerton; \$10-19; <http://www.menofworth.com/>; [www.admiraltheatre.org](http://www.admiraltheatre.org); 360-373-6743

March 19 – Celtic Tenors, Washington Center for the Performing Arts, Olympia, WA; 7:30 pm; [www.celtictenors.com](http://www.celtictenors.com); [www.washingtoncenter.org](http://www.washingtoncenter.org)

March 19 – Irish Rovers, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton; [www.admirattheatre.org](http://www.admirattheatre.org); [www.irishrovers.info/](http://www.irishrovers.info/)

March 20 – Clan Gordon 47th Annual Tartan Ball, Puyallup Fairgrounds Pavilion, [www.clangordonpipeband.org](http://www.clangordonpipeband.org)

March 20 – Celtic Tenors, Edmonds Centee for the Arts; 7:30 pm; [www.celtictenors.com/](http://www.celtictenors.com/) or [www.edmondscenterforthearts.org](http://www.edmondscenterforthearts.org)

March 21 – Dougie MacLean, Bing Crosby Theatre, Spokane, WA; 800-325-7328; [www.mettheatre.com](http://www.mettheatre.com) or [www.dougiemaclean.com](http://www.dougiemaclean.com)

March 25,26,27 – Keith Highlanders Pipe Band concert, Kirkland Performance Center, [www.khpb.org](http://www.khpb.org)

March 27 – 11th Annual Tartan Day Scottish Festival, 10:00-5:00, Puyallup Fairgrounds Expo Hall, \$5.00 (seniors and students \$3.00); [www.thefair.com/events-calendar](http://www.thefair.com/events-calendar) or [www.tartanday-wa.org](http://www.tartanday-wa.org)

## TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY MEAL

Tea for Two tea room in Puyallup serves afternoon tea and are offering a special holiday tea, December 19th and 20th with tiered servers full of sandwiches and sweets (\$24.95). Tea served from 11:00 – 4:00 pm. Please call for reservations. They also have a "British Aisle" with Custard powder, Branston, McVitties, etc. 105 S. Meridian, Puyallup; 253-445-8454

## A Letter from the Editor Diana Smith

We had a fun time at our November gathering. The musical group Sean Aon Deag played two sets for us, one before and one after tea. The two musicians (Andrew Anderson and Michael Graham) played guitar, harp, small accordion (concertina), bodhran drum. They were joined for one number by their female singer, Adrienne Kelley, singing a Robert Burns song. Everyone really enjoyed them and they stayed at the end a bit for a little jam with our bagpipers. They have a website (which is presently under construction) that will eventually list upcoming gigs; if you want to try to catch one, see: [Seanaondeag.com](http://Seanaondeag.com).

We were honored to have Chuck Cook give a tribute to our veterans for Veteran's Day. We have a number of veterans in the society, representing World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, and Iraq. We value their service to their country and thank them.

This month, for entertainment, we'll have Geordie's Byre. Some of you will remember when we've enjoyed their music in the past. They are a lively, toe-tapping, hand-clapping group that plays music from Scotland and other Celtic cultures. I guarantee that you'll like them.

I wish everyone a lovely Christmas and New Year's (Hogmanay). Of course the place to be for Hogmanay is in Edinburgh, but the Scots in Seattle will be celebrating this traditional Scottish holiday as well. For a little cultural and historical note on Hogmanay, please see the article under "Scottish News." It originated as a celebration of the winter solstice which evolved in ancient Rome from Saturnalia (where people celebrated completely free of restraint and inhibition). Later, the Vikings celebrated Yule, which later led to the Twelve Days of Christmas, or the "Daft Days" as they were sometimes called in Scotland. Each town in Scotland seems to have its own custom – in Stonehaven they made up balls of chicken wire, paper, sticks and rags. They set them on fire and paraded through the town, swinging their fiery balls. In the east coast fishing communities and Dundee, first-footers used to carry a decorated herring (a custom I'm inclined to emulate just for a laugh). So, in keeping with our history, have a good time with a beverage of your choice and a herring!

Diana

## MEMBER NEWS

**Jim Mentzer** has a new email address: [james.mentzer@handmadescot.com](mailto:james.mentzer@handmadescot.com)

**Carl Zimmerman** was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer; he has had surgery and is doing fine, recovering well at home and has recently returned to work.

## SOCIETY NEWS

The board will be working on new, updated, and specific descriptions of each board position. This will help when a new member comes to the board.

**Frances Crews and Gary Cosgro**, who are involved with the Scottish Terrier Rescue NW organization brought their Scotties in at the end of the gathering – Mickey MacMarvelous and StarShineLady\* both rescue dogs, and both members of the Douglas clan! They are very sweet little dogs. Frances and Gary are selling the Scottie calendar as a fund-raiser for the rescue group. Gary gave a short presentation to tell us about the organization. They have just rescued five dogs from a breeder who mistreated her animals and they are looking for good homes for them. One is a dear little female pup only a few months old. If anyone is interested in rescuing a dog, please let them know. Their email is [frangary1311@copper.net](mailto:frangary1311@copper.net); 253-535-0887. (\*Her name is derived from the song GOOD MORNING STARSHINE, from the 1967 musical HAIR – "Good Morning Starshine, You twinkle above us, We twinkle below....")



**The Caledonians are invited** to the English-Speaking Union Christmas Ball on Dec. 12th. \$85 per person includes dinner with a glass of wine, dancing, and carol singing led by a Seattle Opera Guild singer, plus silent/live auctions and a raffle. While the event is black tie [includes formal kiltwear for gentlemen], some of us plan to wear Victorian/Edwardian evening outfits, and Caledonians are welcome to join us in your festive attire! Menu choices are: [1] bacon-wrapped scallops, or [2] duck a l'orange, or [3] roasted vegetable Napoleon. If you do not indicate an entree choice, you'll get duck. Checks payable to English-Speaking Union. Send checks and reservation requests to: Pat Wilson, c/o Wilcor, Inc. 4045 Seventh Avenue S., Seattle WA 98108. If you have questions, contact Loveday Conquest at [LLCONQUEST@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LLCONQUEST@GMAIL.COM)

# SCOTTISH NEWS

**Military presence at Edinburgh Castle may be scaled down** - The army's presence at Edinburgh Castle is to be reviewed amid growing concerns about Scotland's declining military prowess. Historic Scotland, which owns the castle, will meet senior officers to discuss scaling down the garrison that has been the most potent symbol of the British Army in Scotland for centuries. The government's heritage agency is examining the role of the castle, which serves as the HQ for the Royal Regiment of Scotland, arguing its main priority should be as a tourist attraction. A re-structuring of the army in Scotland could result in troops leaving the ancient fortress, which has been an active base since 1745.

**New Scotch whisky regulations** - Scottish Secretary Jim Murphy announced that new regulations which will require single malts to be bottled in Scotland had been laid in the House of Commons. The regulations, which came into force on November 23, mean that whiskies must carry category descriptions - such as "blended Scotch whisky" - to ensure drinkers receive clear and consistent information. Use of the term "pure malt" is to be banned, to prevent this description being applied to blended whiskies in a bid to make them appear superior to single malts.

**Amateur treasure hunter strikes £1m gold** - He used to sweep the roads at Scotland's biggest safari park, clearing lion dung from its roads, but now amateur treasure hunter David Booth could be in line for a £1 million fortune, after discovering a rare haul of Iron Age gold with his metal detector. In what has been described as an archaeological find of national significance, Mr. Booth found the treasure in a field near Stirling. The 35-year-old was taken aback when the beeping on his device revealed four torcs, or neckbands, three of which are in near perfect condition. Quite how well he will be rewarded remains to be seen. Under Scots law, the Crown has the right to claim any find, with any payments made at their discretion. It is anticipated, however, that he will receive somewhere in the region of a six-figure sum. Whatever the outcome, there is no doubting the value of the finds, which date from the 1st to the 3rd century BC - an era before the Romans invaded Britain. One of the necklaces is a ribbon torc, and appears to have been made from twisted Irish or Scottish sheet gold. Another is encrusted with small circles of gold wire and beads of gold that look like pearls, with two fine gold chains acting as fasteners. Dr. Fiona Watson, a research association at the UHI (University of the Highlands and Islands) Millennium Institute's Centre for History, described the torcs as of "huge significance". She added: "The neckbands are of such national significance that they must be kept in Scotland. In the past something like this would have gone to London, but there is no way they should leave

Scotland." Under the common law of Scotland, all treasure trove belongs to the Crown. Discoveries are valued by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, which accepts objects on the Crown's behalf, and arranges for them to be housed in public museums around the country, acting on the advice of the Scottish Archaeological Finds Advisory Panel.

**Chilling words that triggered the bloody massacre of clan MacDonald at Glencoe go on display as a national 'treasure'** - They were the words that launched one of the darkest episodes in Scottish history, remembered and resented to this day. Now the original handwritten order for the massacre at Glencoe "to fall upon the rebels ...and put all to the sword under seventy" goes on show in Edinburgh. Sent to Robert Campbell of Glenlyon, in 1692, the simple 20-line letter triggered the murder of 38 members of the MacDonald clan and is the centrepiece of an exhibition of cultural "treasures" at the National Library of Scotland. It is on display alongside other literary and historical landmarks, from a handwritten Robert Burns poem recently reclaimed from the US, to a Sherlock Holmes story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The Glencoe letter will be exhibited until early January, in low light conditions and with flash photography banned. The order, signed by Major Robert Duncanson, came after a proclamation requiring the chiefs of the Scottish clans to take an oath of allegiance to William III before the end of 1691. Alasdair MacDonald of Glencoe missed the deadline, providing the authorities with an opportunity to crush his clan. Forty women and children were said to have died after the killings from exposure, after their homes were burned. The massacre, when the Campbells were ordered to attack their hosts after enjoying their hospitality, became a rallying cry for the Jacobite cause, and inspired writers and artists from Sir Walter Scott to The Corries.

**Opportunity Knox for Hogmanay** - The Scottish Reformation was one of the most significant turning points in Scottish history, triggering a revolution that shaped the course of the nation for centuries. The Reformation, which saw firebrand preacher John Knox's movement assume political and religious power across the country, is to be the theme for Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations; the theme will be "reformation, renewal and resolution". It is said that the Reformation was the single most important point in Scottish history. The formal historical date for the Reformation in Scotland was August 5, 1560, the day the old Scottish Parliament recognized it in an act. A month prior the Treaty of Edinburgh was signed, which led to the withdrawal of French troops and the eventual fall of the Catholic Church in Scotland. The Reformation effectively led to the banning of the celebration of Christmas. That led to people holding a celebration in Edinburgh at New Year and is what

makes the city unique as the home of Hogmanay. Part of the Reformation's objectives was having a separation between church and state in Scotland. The Church of Scotland will organize their own plans to celebrate the work of the Church over the centuries.

**Edinburgh to host Armed Forces Day** – It will be a civic event on a scale unseen in Scotland's capital since the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999. The city is to become the focal point of a UK-wide celebration of Britain's armed forces on June 27, 2011. Thousands of people will be urged to take to Edinburgh's streets for an all-day festival expected to feature a spectacular military parade along the Royal Mile, fly-overs, the visit of warships and other naval vessels, and an all-day concert in Princes Street Gardens. The castle is also expected to play a central role.

**Protecting the Lorne Sausage** - Scottish butchers have called for the Lorne Sausage to be given protected status. The country's meat industry wants the square sausage to be added to the list of foods with a Protected Geographical Indicator (PGI). The move would mean it could only be branded 'Made in Scotland' if manufactured to a set recipe. Parma ham, Arbroath Smokies and Melton Mowbray pies are all products which are currently protected under the PGI. The origins of the Lorne Sausage are unclear, however it's believed that it was named after Glasgow comedian Tommy Lorne. The theatre performer, who died in 1935, was famous for his catchphrase "sausages are the boys". Others claim it takes its name from the area of the Firth of Lorne on the west coast.

**Council backs down on Spotted Dick name change** - A council which changed the name of Spotted Dick on its canteen menu has been forced into a u-turn. Flintshire Council renamed the desert Spotted Richard earlier this month to avoid "childish comments" being made from a customer. However the authority was bombarded with letters of complaint from across the UK. Spotted Dick will now be back on the menu under its proper and proud name. Catering staff, irritated by the childish comments of one regular customer over the name of this famous pudding, simply changed its name from Spotted Dick to Spotted Richard to avoid repeat comments and further embarrassment. Spotted Dick is a steamed suet pudding containing dried fruit, and is thought to have originated in the middle of the 19th Century. The "spotted" part of the name refers to the currants, which resemble spots, and "Dick" is believed to derive from the word dough.

**Scottish men buy larger condoms** - Scottish men buy larger condoms than their counterparts south of the border. Supermarket giant Tesco reported that more of its extra-large condoms had been bought in Glasgow than anywhere else in the UK. The new condoms – 10mm longer and 1mm wider than the standard version – went on sale at Tesco earlier this month. Ni-

cola Evans, Tesco's healthcare buyer, said: "Demand for extra-large condoms has been a success, especially in Scotland. In the last year there has been a very strong demand for a larger-sized condom and the sales prove that there is a market for them in the UK. At the moment they are on sale in 430 stores across the UK but we hope that they'll be on sale in more stores in the near future." The extra-large condoms, made by Durex, are sold in packs of 12 costing £9.53.

**Songs from The Sound of Music the best teenager deterrent** - Youth club organisers have found a new weapon to drive out teenagers who overstay their welcome – songs from The Sound of Music. Staff at the Hilton Community Centre in Inverness took to playing numbers from the musical after some youngsters became reluctant to leave at the end of the weekly youth club. They have found that by playing songs from the 1960's Julie Andrews hit the youths have been far more willing to leave at the 10pm closing time. Classical music has also been deployed, including The Ride of the Valkyries by Richard Wagner, and nursery rhymes are being kept in storage for use if necessary. John Finnie, SNP councillor for Inverness, said the fact teenagers were unwilling to leave was a tribute to the success of the club, which regularly caters to around 80 people. He said: "It is all very light-hearted, but it's also having the desired effect – the young people are not hanging about for any encores."

**Galloway Forest Park** has become one of the first places outside the U.S. to be awarded the status as "dark skies park" by astronomers at the International Dark Skies Association. This large forest area in southwest Scotland is one of the best places on earth to view the skies at night, with millions of stars visible on a clear night.

**Scots vs Wallabies** – Scotland's rugby union side beat Australia for the first time in 27 years winning 9-8.

**You wouldn't Adam and Eve this cash point (not Scottish news, but I just had to include it)** - A cash machine operator has introduced Cockney rhyming slang to a number of its cash machines in east London. People using the Bank Machine cash points will be able to opt to have their prompts and options given to them in rhyming slang. As a result, they will be asked to enter their Huckleberry Finn, rather than their Pin, and will have to select how much sausage and mash they want. Those who want to take out £10 will have to ask for a speckled hen, while the machine may tell users that it is contacting their rattle and tank, rather than bank. The rhyming slang prompts will be available from five ATMs in east London for three months. Ron Delnevo, managing director of Bank Machine, said: "Whilst we expect some residents will visit the machine to just have a butcher's [look], most will be genuinely pleased."

## CD REVIEW

**Susan Boyle's I DREAMED A DREAM** – I just had to buy this and I was not disappointed. In fact, it's even better than I had expected it to be. Susan sings some lovely songs, with her clear, sweet voice. Every song is a delight, the clarity of sound is really good, and the phrasing and back-up musicians add depth to her presentation. I liked her choice of songs – everything from the Mick Jagger/Keith Richards song "Wild Horses" (a beautiful rendition, the best I've heard), to "Cry Me a River", including "Amazing Grace" and her signature tune, "I Dreamed a Dream." This CD is bound to go platinum and I highly recommend it to everyone. We all remember when she was such a sensation on Britain's Got Talent last year, and I've been looking forward to her album ever since. She has risen above being a Scottish novelty to a professional singer in her own right. (This CD is available on Amazon for \$9.99.)



**Geordie's Byre** performing at the Caledonian Society last year.



**Sean Aon Deag** performing at last month's gathering.



**Chuck Cook**, wearing Service Ribbons and his Scottish American Military Society patch, made a presentation commemorating Veteran's Day at our November Gathering.

## TEA

Thank you to Susan Walker, Cathy Osborn, Stephanie Sprinkle, Kathy Bowie, Victoria Vegors, Frances Crews, Philip Junkins and others for tea in November. For December we have Bonnie Munro, Stephanie Sprinkle, and Dorothy Leo.

I want to apologize for spelling Frances's name wrong. (I spelled it Francis, and it is Frances) and wanted to thank her for all the help she has provided in the kitchen. (And Diana apologizes for not proof-reading closely enough!)

## DUES

The subject of dues was discussed and voted upon at the October Gathering prior to the potluck. The board proposed an increase to \$35 for individuals (with \$5 earmarked for charity and education) and \$45 for families (with \$10 earmarked for charity and education). This proposal passed unanimously and goes into effect for the 2010 dues year.

## SCOTTISH HISTORY

Robert Stevenson (8 June 1772–12 July 1850), born in Scotland, was a civil engineer who was the first person to incorporate the idea of alternating lights in lighthouses, innovating the choice of light sources, mountings, reflector design, the use of Fresnel lenses, and in rotation and shuttering systems providing lighthouses with individual signatures allowing them to be identified by seafarers. His design thus prevented many shipwrecks; this idea was taken up by future lighthouse builders throughout the world.

Stevenson also was responsible for the construction design of the Bell Rock Lighthouse (built 1807-1810), in the North Sea in Scotland, built on a sea-washed rock. Lighthouses on rocks like these had been built before, but they didn't last very long; his design incorporated some new features which made the base more sturdy and, in fact, is still standing today. The masonry work on which the light house rests was constructed to such a high standard that it has not been replaced or adapted in almost 200 years. His design proved to be so good that future lighthouses were based on this one.

## D-DAY BAGPIPER FETED

A bagpiper whose skirls egged on the troops in the 1944 D-Day landings is to be immortalized in Normandy with a three-meter bronze statue on the beach where he came ashore. Bill Millin, from Dawlish in Devon, but originally from Glasgow, came under heavy German fire during the landings. Now 86, he was presented with a model of the statue when a delegation from the Colleville-Montgomeory visited the care home where he lives.

An Englishman is being shown around a Scottish hospital. At the end of his visit, he is shown into a ward with a number of patients who show no obvious signs of injury. He goes to examine the first man he sees, and the man proclaims:

*Fair fa' yer honest, sonsie face,  
Great chieftain e' the puddin' race!  
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,  
painch tripe or thairm:  
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace  
as lang's my arm*

The Englishman, somewhat taken aback, goes to the next patient, and immediately the patient launches into:

*Some hae meat, and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it,*

## RAFFLE

Phil and Cora Howard are doing the raffle now. If you have donations or questions, or comments on the raffle, you can email or phone them (425-398-9073; tavy2000@aol.com; corahoward@comcast.net). We always appreciate donations of Scottish items.



Our board – from left to right: Bill McFadden, President; Mike Nelson, Social Director; Susan Walker, Secretary; Carol Garman, Second Vice-President; Don Moore, Parliamentarian; Bonnie Monroe, Chaplain; Allan (Porter) Patten, Trustee; Diana Smith, Trustee. Not pictured – Denise Chitwood, Treasurer; Jim Mentzer, First Vice-President.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Bonnie has sent a get well card to Carl Zimmerman. She would like to remind members that if anyone is sick or is having surgery, etc., to let her know so she can send a card.

## HUMOR

*But we hae meat and we can eat,  
And sae the Lord be thankit.*

This continues with the next patient:

*Wee sleekit cow'rin tim'rous beastie,  
O what a panic's in thy breastie!  
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,  
wi' bickering brattle.  
I wad be laith to run and chase thee,  
wi' murdering prattle!"*

“Well,” the Englishman mutters to his Scottish colleague, “I see you saved the psychiatric ward for the last.”

“Nay, nay,” the Scottish doctor corrected him, “this is the Serious Burns unit.”



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**Dancing:**

Mondays, 7 p.m. at The Phinney Ridge Community Center. For information call Fraser 206-784-5943

**Gatherings:**

- When - Second Friday of each month except July, August and September.  
Where - Lake City Presbyterian Church  
3841 N.E. 123<sup>rd</sup> St. Seattle WA.  
Directions - From Lake City Way proceed east on 123<sup>rd</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>. Park in the Church parking lot.  
Time - Set-up at 6.30 p.m.  
Social Hour at 7:00 p.m.  
Business meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Entertainment and raffle at 8:00 p.m.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Dates of the Caledonian gatherings for 2009-2010:

January 8	April 9
February 12	May 14
March 12	June 11

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