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Calendar

Feb. 2 St. Andrew's Society of Richmond joint meeting with the Historical Society; 7:30 pm at Virginia House, 4301 Sulgrave Road. (details below)

Feb. 26 Ettrick Historical Society Burns Night (details below)

Mar. 9 St. Andrew's Society of Richmond Business Meeting, location TBA (We cannot meet at the church on Weds. During lent.)

Apr. 13 St. Andrew's Society of Richmond Business Meeting at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 4819 Monument Ave

Our February Meeting is with the Historical Society

Date, time, and place: Wednesday 2 February 2005 at 7:30 pm at Virginia House, 4301 Sulgrave Road (at intersection of Cary St. and Malvern Ave., turn onto Canterbury Rd which is the continuation of Malvern). Beyond the stop sign, bear to the right and Canterbury Rd. becomes Sulgrave Rd. Virginia House is on the left. Park on the street (do not block anyone's driveway).

Topic and speaker: "Captured by the Castle: Architecture, Gardens, and Life at Hatton Castle, Scotland," by Jayne James-Duff, owner and occupant.

This is a joint meeting of Richmond Branch of The English-Speaking Union of the U.S. and The St. Andrew's Society of Richmond. Guests are welcome. Free and open to the public as well.

Annual Robert Burns Evening

Ettrick Historical Society will be hosting its Fourth Annual Robert Burns Evening on Saturday, February 26 at the Ettrick-Matoaca Volunteer Rescue Squad located on River Road (Route 36) in Matoaca. **This is the Society's annual fundraiser.** The doors will open at 6:30 for socializing; the meal/program will begin at 7pm. Cost is \$10 per person; reservations and payment must be made in advance. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

This year we will be selling raffle tickets at \$2 each for a basket of British goodies valued at over \$50. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets when you make your reservation, please indicate how many.

Raffle tickets can still be purchased the night of the dinner.

If you were in attendance last year, you know a good time was had by all. If you weren't there last year, don't miss out this time - good food and a good time guaranteed! There will be entertainment and the menu is very Scottish - beef, tatties & neeps, cockie-leekie soup, peas, Yorkshire pudding, trifle, tea, coffee and of course the celebrated haggis. All the appropriate toasts will be made, singing and piping! You know you don't want to miss this!

Please make checks payable to:
Ettrick Historical Society
21101 Chesterfield Ave
Ettrick, VA 23803

If you have any questions or need directions, please contact Jeff or Mary Ellen Anderson at victoriaandalbert@comcast.net or by phone 804-526-8367.

February in History

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1st: .IMBOLC In the modern [Irish Calendar](#), Imbolc is variously known as the Feast of St. [Brigid](#) (Secondary Patron of Ireland) and Lá Feabhra - the first day of [Spring](#). The holiday is a festival of light, reflecting the lengthening of the day and the hope of spring. It is traditional to light all the lamps of the house for a few minutes on Imbolc.

4th, 1716: James VIII of Scotland escapes to France, concluding the Jacobite Rising of 1715.

5th, 1840: John Boyd Dunlop, Scottish inventor of the pneumatic tire was born.

1881: Thomas Carlyle, Scottish historian and essayist died.

7th, 1313: Robert the Bruce captures Dumfries. A good time to fly The Rampant Lion? ☺

8th, 1587: Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was executed by the English. Another good time to fly The Rampant Lion?

9th, 1292: The 1st Scottish Parliament assembles at Scone.

11th, 1847: Macvey Napier, a Scottish editor of The Encyclopedia Britannica, died.

13th, 1692: The Massacre of Glencoe

20th, 1436: James I of Scotland was assassinated.

1847: Scottish Potato Famine. At Wick, in Caithness, the crowd attempted to prevent the departure of a grain ship but was confronted by soldiers.

24th, 1303: The English invasion of Scotland was annihilated at the Battle of Roslin.

28th, 1912: The Scottish Home Rule Bill, patterned on the Irish model, was introduced in the English Parliament.

29th, 1288: The Scottish Parliament makes it legal for women to propose marriage to

men..... the beginning of Sadie Hawkin's Day.

-- Gordon Douglas Duffus

Strawberry Hill Races— A special opportunity for SASR

The St. Andrew's Society of Richmond has been offered the opportunity to use a private Skysuite at Colonial Downs for the 73rd running of the Strawberry Hill races on April 16, 2005. The Strawberry Hill Races are presented annually by The State Fair of Virginia as part of its annual roster of events and promotes its mission to support youth and education by raising funds for its Youth Scholarship Program.

The Skysuite is offered to us as a non-profit organization and our only commitment is to purchase at least 15 shuttle passes/tickets for the races. For a very limited time, the shuttle passes/tickets are at a discount rate of \$25.00. The pass includes shuttle bus service from the RIR complex to the races and back as well as a ticket to the races. The Shuttle Buses run continuously from Richmond Raceway Complex to Colonial Downs and back from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Race day. For those preferring Strawberry Hill's unique and popular Carload transportation/admission option, Shuttle Passes in this offer can be exchanged at the rate of 4 Shuttle = 1 Carload. So, if you have 4 people and want to drive to Colonial Downs, you may do so. For those of you who have not been to the Strawberry Hill races at Colonial Downs, private cars are not allowed unless you have purchased the carload pass. This is due to parking restrictions at the site. So, the only way to get there is either by carload pass, or by purchasing a shuttle/ticket pass and riding from RIR.

Skysuites are located on the private Fourth Floor of the Colonial Downs Clubhouse, offering all-weather, climate controlled enclosed viewing of the Races, with private balcony, seating, bar/refrigerator/serving

area, plenty of room for entertaining and a private restroom. We are also allowed to bring in our own food and beverages to the skysuite. So, we can set up our usual Celtic buffet.

Special credentials will be issued to provide access to this private area. Skysuites provide a direct view of the finish line, homestretch and entire racecourse. Of course, you may also hang out around the racetrack with other friends who are enjoying the races, if you wish.

The St. Andrew's Society will receive a listing in the Race Program and we will also have the opportunity to display our banner on the highly visible skysuite rail.

If you have never been to the Strawberry Hill races, this might be your opportunity to check it out. It is always a lot of fun--one of Richmond's premier social events of Spring. And, if you have been in the past, you know how much fun it is.

So, you can see this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a day at the races with our SASR friends. As I mentioned, the passes are limited and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. So, if you wish to participate in this event, please let me know by email and send your payment to SASR at our PO Box 3972, Glen Allen, VA 23058 ASAP.

If you have any questions about this, please let me know and I will get answers for you. Thanks.

-- Beverly Cochrane

Memorial Near Ground Zero

There is a remembrance garden/walkway being constructed near ground zero. Peggy Brown, a spokeswoman for the British Memorial Garden, said the garden would be a fitting tribute to the British people killed in the terrorist attacks.

She said: "There has been a great deal of

interest and pride from Scotland not only in contributing the stone but in terms of the design. There will be no names or a cross in the garden but instead the 67 British victims will be honoured by an intricate design of the gilt finials, the pointed tops of the railings, which will be decorated in four different designs to honour the four different components of the United Kingdom.

Due to customs regulations, none of the plants in the half-acre garden, which will be located three blocks from Ground Zero, will come from Britain." But a piece of Scotland will find its place there. The stone used for a sculpture and decoration in the garden comes from Morayshire and Caithness.

-- from "The Scotsman" April 6,2004

Recipes Anyone?

If anyone wants to submit a recipe for the new cookbook, please email or mail me with it. Thank you! email: Lisa7454@att.net or mail to

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Contributions?

Please send them in!

Please send any articles, music/book reviews or information on upcoming events (of a Celtic nature) to **Lennie Geipel** at geipel@mac.com or PO Box 2663, Glen Allen VA 23058 by the end of February. Thank you.

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