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# Saltire Sentinel

Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Society of Richmond, Inc.  
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## Calendar

**Apr. 12 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting** at Henrico County's **North Park Branch Library**, 8508 Franconia Road (actually located on Parham Road, between Route 1 and Route 301). It is within a few minutes drive of both I-95 and I-295. We gather at **6:30pm** to socialize and the meeting begins at 7pm. Please bring food to share if you wish (*no alcohol*) (**Celtic Buffet!**). *\*Please note: Wil Phillips from the Williamsburg Scottish Festival will speak at the April meeting.* (Author Ian McCulloch had been scheduled to discuss his book but he had postpone it due to work obligations.) **After the meeting on April 12th, we are planning to head to the River City Diner, which is very close to the library, for an impromptu Pub Nite.** This will be to check out the restaurant to see if it would be a good place to schedule a real Pub Nite this summer. Details and directions will be available at the meeting.

**Apr. 15 Strawberry Hill Races;** Shuttle Buses run continuously from Richmond Raceway Complex to Colonial Downs and back from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**May 10 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting** at Church of the Holy Comforter (Monument Ave. at Staples Mill Rd.) We gather at **6:30pm** to socialize and the meeting begins at 7pm. Please bring food to share if you wish (**Celtic Buffet!**). Member **Curry Roberts** will speak about Meadow Farm, the future home of the State Fair of Virginia.

**May 27 Hanover Heritage Day** 10 am-4 pm at Hanover Courthouse;  
[www.co.hanover.va.us/pio/heritage/heritage.htm](http://www.co.hanover.va.us/pio/heritage/heritage.htm)

**Jun. 3 Ashland Strawberry Faire** 10am–5pm; a traditional celebration to promote the community and feature the strawberry harvest. It is held on the streets adjacent to the Randolph Macon College campus. The Faire is a free community, family-oriented event during which non-profit groups and churches raise funds and offer something for everyone. (SASR will have a booth.) There are vendors offering arts, crafts, plants, and antiques to the many thousands who attend the event.



Among the many attractions are two stages. They feature entertainment from brass and jazz bands, choirs, dancing, pipes and drums, to Little Miss and Little Mr. Strawberry contests and much more.

[www.ashlandstrawberryfaire.com/](http://www.ashlandstrawberryfaire.com/)

**Jun. 14 St. Andrew's Society Business Meeting** at Church of the Holy Comforter (Monument Ave. at Staples Mill Rd.) We gather at **6:30pm** to socialize and the meeting begins at 7pm. Please bring food to share if you wish (**Celtic Buffet!**). **Annual Elections will be held so be sure to attend!**

## Nominations Please!

Our annual election is coming up in June. Nominations are being sought for two board positions (3-year terms). Please submit nominations to Jeff Kelso [Jeff@JeffKelso.com](mailto:Jeff@JeffKelso.com) by the end of May. Please consider serving your society!

## Scottish Tourism Links

April is a good time to start planning for your summer vacations and Scotland is a great place to go. Muriel Gellatly is a Scottish-born travel agent here in Richmond (Muriel Gellatly Travel Ltd, 804-644-6187, 115 Shockoe Slip, Richmond, VA, no web site) and she says that while Scotland is not the first choice for most American tourists, it is the most popular return destination.

The primary web spot for you to begin your planning is <http://www.visitscotland.com/>, the official site of Scotland's National Tourist Board. It has all sorts of interesting articles including descriptions of various places of interest, special events, and even tourist offers. Be sure to check out their information on the various regions of Scotland.

Visit Britain (<http://www.visitbritain.com/VB3-en-US/index.aspx>) covers all of Great Britain with an understandable bias towards the English. You can even sign-up for email notification of upcoming events in Britain.

The highlight of late summer in Scotland is the Edinburgh Tattoo (<http://www.edinburgh-tattoo.co.uk/index.html>). This year it runs 4th - 26th August 2006. Great music and pageantry are presented on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. The site has information on many other activities to do in and around Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh International Festival (<http://www.eif.co.uk/>) is being held this year from 13 August - 3 September. Booking right now is advised; many of the events are filled as soon as tickets are available. The Festival promotes opera, classical music, dance and theatre, all in a fairly formal manner. If you want something a little different (as Monty Python might say), try the Fringe (<http://www.edfringe.com/>). Here you will find Jazz, Rock, performance art, comedy ... all in a very informal manner. The Fringe is held at the same time as the Festival and is probably a lot more fun.

If you are interested in historical places then you need to check out the National Trust for Scotland (<http://www.nts.org.uk/web/site/home/home.asp>). The Trust owns and/or manages hundreds

of historical and cultural sites throughout Scotland. The site will give you up to date opening times and help you design your itinerary. Membership is available online and is worth getting. You get free admission to all their sites (plus ones in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland managed by the National Trust of Great Britain), free parking, and gift shop discounts. Membership can easily pay for itself in one trip!

On a personal note, let me say that traveling in Scotland is a blast. I have been there several times. The first time was with a carefully orchestrated guided tour. The last time we only had plane tickets and a car rental pre-arranged; every day we would strike out in a different direction based on our fancy and what folks had suggested. Each town has a Tourist Information Centre where you can arrange lodging for the night (there is a nominal one pound fee for the service). I have stayed in nice hotels, country manor B&Bs, and small, private home B&Bs, all arranged by the Tourist Information people. The people are friendly, speak English (with a wonderful accent), and love Americans. Driving on the other side of the road is interesting but not that all difficult.

-- Jeff Kelso

## International Summer School of Scotland

The International Summer School of Scotland has been set up to address the needs of 14-18 year old students from Europe, America and the Far East. They run a three-week summer program offering, SAT, IB, English Language and Leadership tuition, combined with Golf, Theatre, Debating and Film electives.

Also, through their Scottish Universities Experience they aim to encourage students to consider Scotland as the destination for their undergraduate degree.

The International Summer School of Scotland combines learning and fun-filled adventure with a rich cultural experience, designed to introduce

students to the beauty, culture, and Universities of Scotland.

The all-inclusive fee for the three-week experience will be £2190 (about \$3,800), which covers:

- Tuition
- Accommodation (full board)
- Course material and equipment
- Trips & Excursions
- Evening activities and midweek and weekend tips
- Cultural events
- The 2006 Highland Adventure
- Transport between St Andrews and Edinburgh or Glasgow Airports

For more information, go to <http://www.summerschoolscotland.com>.

-- Jeff Kelso

## **New Standing Orders Adopted**

The Board adopted a set of Standing Orders at our March 1 meeting. The first of which requires the posting of all standing orders on the web site (done) and in the newsletter.

### **Standing Order #1**

All Standing Orders will be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Newly approved Standing Orders will be published in the Society's newsletter. All Standing Orders will be made available for public viewing on the Society's web site and will be included in any Membership packet.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #2**

The President of the Society is authorized to spend up to \$100 at a time for the purchase of floral arrangements, cards, food, *etc* to be sent in the name of the Society in an expression of sympathy for the death of a close family member of a member of the Society or of a member. The President will inform the Board at the next meeting of the Board and the Treasurer is to reimburse the President upon presentation of receipts.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #3**

The Society shall not buy any product or service from a member of the Society or close family member of a member of the Society unless it can be shown that the product or service is being sold at the member's cost without any markups. Any such purchase will require an approving vote by the Board of Directors.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #4**

The Treasurer of the Society is authorized to pay the cost of meal and beverages for any guest speaker when the meeting where the speaker is making the presentation is a dinner meeting. The Treasurer may also pay for the meal and beverages of a guest speaker's spouse if approved by the President. The Treasurer will inform the Board at the next meeting of the Board. Such total cost not to exceed \$50.00.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #5**

An *ad hoc* committee of the Society can only spend money on products and services that are previously authorized by the Board and for the amount authorized. The Treasurer will reimburse expenses incurred only for expenses which were authorized and for which original receipts were provided. The Board may, in extraordinary circumstances, authorize the Treasurer to reimburse expenses, which were not previously authorized upon written submission to the Board.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #6**

The President of the Society is the sole public voice of the Society; no other member of Society is allowed to speak for the Society on any issue at any time except with the express prior consent of the Board.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #7**

Minutes of meetings of the Society shall consist of:

- The date and place of the meeting with the starting and ending times;
- A list of those attending a Board meeting;

- A brief summary of reports presented;
- The exacting wording of all resolutions made with the vote summary.

The Minutes are not to be a *verbatim* recording of the meeting but a summation. The Secretary at the next meeting will present the Minutes subject to amendment and approval. The Minutes will be made available for public viewing on the Society's web site and will be made available at the next meeting.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #8**

The President shall appoint an acting secretary anytime that the Society's Secretary is not present at a meeting of the Board or at a Regular meeting of the Society. The Acting Secretary will present the minutes of the previous meeting, if such is available. The Acting Secretary will take minutes of the meeting and convey them to the Secretary and the President of the Society within one week of the meeting.

*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

### **Standing Order #9**

The Treasurer, or their designee, and at least one other Member of the Board shall review and account for all valued physical and financial assets of the Society on a periodic basis and especially when a special event has occurred that would or could impact them. These assets include but are not limit to cash taken in, invoices and/or receipts for goods, tickets used for events, and any merchandise purchased or donated for Society use. This report of accounting shall be in writing, dated, signed, and become part of the Society's records.

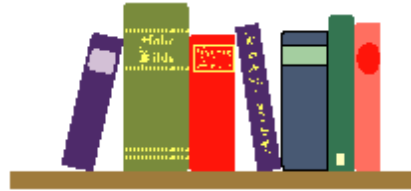
*Adopted on 1 March 2006*

-- Jeff Kelso

## **Calling All Photographers**

To be more precise: photographs. We are looking for pictures of members and past SASR events. We want to create a photo album to display at all events to give potential members an idea of what the society is all about. Please

write names, dates and a small description on the back of each picture. Bring the pictures to the next several meetings. Hopefully we can have this completed by the October Highland Games. If you'd like to have your pictures returned please let us know. We will then have copies made. Please direct all donated pictures and questions to Steve Bruce at 350-9973 or [gotkilt@comcast.net](mailto:gotkilt@comcast.net).



## **Books for the Celtic Soul**

### **The Celtic Way of Prayer**

The Recovery of the Religious Imagination  
Ester De Waal, Image Books, 1997, isbn: 0-385-49474-6

### **Sounds of the Eternal**

A Celtic Psalter  
J. Phillip Newell, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2002, isbn: 0-8028-0513-2

### **Islands of Storm**

James Charles Roy, Dufour Editions, 1991, isbn: 0-8023-1293-4

### **The Celtic Soul Friend**

Edward C. Sellner, Ave Maria Press, 2002, isbn: 0-87793-967-5

### **Celtic Parables**

Stories, Poems, & Prayers  
Robert Van De Weyer, Northstone, 1998, isbn: 1-896836-25-9

### **Celtic Blessings**

Prayers for Everyday Life  
Ray Simpson, Loyola Press, 1999, isbn: 0-8294-1344-8

### **Celtic Daily Light**

A Spiritual Journey Through the Year

Ray Simpson, Kevin Meyhew Ltd., 2003, isbn:  
1-84417-099-3

-- **Gordon Duffus**

## April in History

1<sup>st</sup>, 1820: 'Scottish Insurrection of 1820'  
begins.... good name (?)

2<sup>nd</sup>, 1958: Mary Balfour, Clydesdale labor  
organizer died

3<sup>rd</sup>, 1603: Clan MacGregor is 'banned' by an  
act of James VI

John Napier, inventor of logarithms was  
born

4<sup>th</sup>, 1880: William Russell Flint, Scottish  
landscape artist was born.

5<sup>th</sup>, 1820: Caithkin Braes, the first battle of  
The Scottish Insurrection of 1820

6<sup>th</sup>, 1320: Declaration of Arbroath

1985: Willie McRae, Secretary of The  
Scottish Nationalist Party dies...believed to  
have been assassinated.

7<sup>th</sup>, 1767: Henry Bell, Scottish steam-power  
pioneer was born.

9<sup>th</sup>, 1139: Second Treaty of Durham. King  
David I of Scotland 'recognized' by the  
Normans. Hi, I'm David. Hi, I'm Norman.

12<sup>th</sup>, 1700: Abandonment of Scotland's only  
overseas colony at Darien (New Caledonia),  
isthmus of Panama (The Darien Disaster).

1820: Scottish rebels storm Greenock  
prison, freeing five members of the Scottish  
Provisional Government.

13<sup>th</sup>, 1996: George Mackay Brown, Orkney  
poet and novelist died.

14<sup>th</sup>, 1582: The University of Edinburgh was  
founded. Take that, Yale!

15<sup>th</sup>, 1710: William Cullen, Scottish physicist  
was born.

16<sup>th</sup>, 1746: The Battle of Culloden... the end of  
the Stuarts and the beginning of the end for the  
clan system.

17<sup>th</sup>, 1341: Edinburgh Castle taken back from  
the English, reversing English encroachments  
against independent Scotland.

1882: The Battle of the Braes, on Skye.  
The beginning of the Scottish 'Crofters' Wars'.

20<sup>th</sup>, 1934: The Scottish National Party is  
founded.

26<sup>th</sup>, 1711: David Hume, Scottish philosopher  
was born.

27<sup>th</sup>, 1852: Robert Lochore, Scots poet, died.

-- **Gordon Duffus**

## Folk in the Grove Concert 4/29

**John Turner**, 10-time winner of the US  
National Scottish Fiddling Championship, will  
perform on **April 29** at Grove Avenue Coffee  
and Tea Company, 5802 Grove Ave., (corner  
of Libbie and Grove). Tickets \$14.00 in  
advance/\$16.00 at the door. For tickets and  
info. call 647-7856 or visit

[www.richmond.folkmusic.org](http://www.richmond.folkmusic.org)



## Newsletter Contributions Please!

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