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# Queen opens museum on site of Charles' and Camilla's wedding

The Queen visited the Prince of Wales's wedding venue recently, which has been partly converted into a museum.

In Windsor's historic Guildhall, Charles and Camilla exchanged their vows in 2005 in front of family and friends – except for the Queen, who did not attend.

On the ground floor of the 17th-century building, the monarch officially opened the new £800,000 Windsor and Royal Borough Museum.

The Prince and his wife were married in the Ascot room on the first floor.

It is believed to be the monarch's first visit to the historic landmark since 1951 when – as Princess Elizabeth – she opened the refurbished building.

The Ascot room is still used for wed-

ding ceremonies, and the Queen unveiled a plaque in the space to mark her visit to the Grade 1 listed building that is a stone's throw

from her Windsor Castle home. Rekha Goldsworthy, who was married in the Guildhall's council chamber, met the Queen after her daughter Natasha, nine, presented the royal with a posy.

The foundation stone of the Guildhall was laid in 1687 and

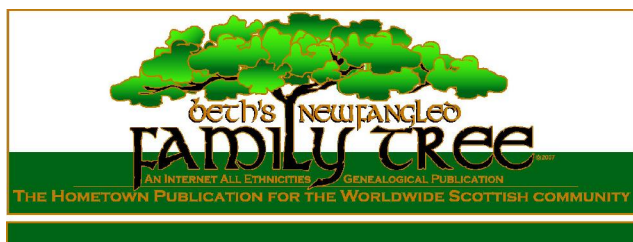
the extension in which the museum is housed was completed in 1830.

Earlier, the Queen officially opened the new practice of her Windsor GP and learned what life is like for patients also treated by her doctor.

Dr Jonathan Holliday, Apothecary to the Royal Household, is one of three partners at the medical centre, and holds a regular surgery at the castle



*Great new contest for our readers! See page 7 this section!*



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 Celebrations!

# *A letter from your editor* **Miracles DO occur if we will but listen!**

I believe that miracles happen to all of us each day.

I think my realization of miracles started with a long-time friend of mine.

She is proof of miracles for sure.

In her Sunday school class, the teacher asked that each person pray out loud for a miracle to change the world.

Around the room they went, "world peace" was asked for. Another prayed for "an end to hunger." The next person asked for "an end to suffering." Another asked for "better weather." Another asked for "an end to poverty," etc., etc.

When it was time for my friend's prayer, she said, "Lord, I need a Lexus. My car has over 250,000 miles on the speedometer and it's becoming unsafe for me. It now has to go to the mechanic almost every month with big and very expensive repairs. I can get in and out of a Lexus and they last for a very long time. Please Lord, I really need a safe and dependable automobile."

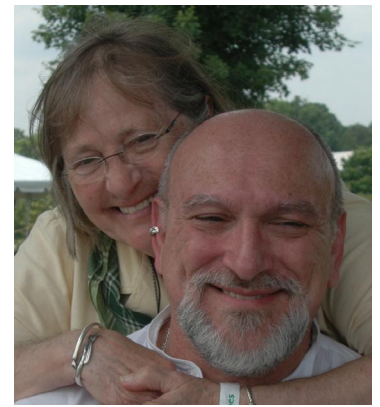
OH MY! The Sunday School teacher and the class members spoke all at once and chastised my friend for asking for something personal. The group severely spoke to my friend, who simply said, "I've always asked for what I truly need. My needs have always been taken care of."

With dignity, my friend stood straight and left the room.

The following day, my friend was away from home most of the day doing errands and grocery shopping and visiting her physician. She arrived home about 6 PM.

Living in the country, she stopped at the mailbox by the road in front of her house. Now, she says that what she found in the mailbox just paralyzed her and she sat there staring for at least half an hour, unable to drive the few hundred feet to her home.

She had gotten her mail and noticed an envelope from Social Security. In the envelope was a check for about \$10,000



and notice that her monthly check was to increase about \$500 per month. The explanation was that her former husband had died and these were her benefits from his Social Security.

Let's move to the following Sunday. My friend was sure to park her almost new Lexus just outside the Sunday School class. Eventually, someone in the class noticed the very nice car. My friend said quietly, "Oh, yes. That's the car I asked for just last week."

I call that a miracle.

My life has not been easy. Looking back, I had to have the "not easy" parts to make me appreciate the good things when those things have happened.

There was a day that I knew I could not live

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as I had been living for almost 34 years. I found myself in my kitchen crying. I just said, "I have read and been told that when there is something we cannot bear that we should ask for help. I cannot do this any longer. Please help me."

That was a Thursday. I did not realize it at the time, but my ordeal was over by Saturday. It took awhile, but a new life for me was beginning the moment I asked for help.

I'd call that a miracle.

During that next year and more, my friends held me in their loving arms with phone calls each and every night from literally all over the world. My friends wrote encouraging emails and cards and letters and made sure that I was making the huge transition secure in the knowledge that I was loved and cared about.

Another miracle.

On a trip home from Jacksonville, Florida where my beloved Miz Peggie and my Auntie Mildred lived, I exited I-75 at Valdosta for the last leg of my journey back to Moultrie, Georgia. The sun was shining and it was a achingly beautiful day. Suddenly, a voice in my head said softly, "Pull over and take a short nap."

I said, "I am not sleepy."

The voice said, louder this time, "Listen to me now. Pull over and take a nap!"

"OK," I said grumpily. I pulled into a church parking lot that was empty on a weekday and leaned the seat back and did go to sleep, but for less than five minutes.

"It's fine for you to go on now," said the kind voice in my head.

"Thank you," I said.

I had not driven a half mile when the

road curved and there before me was a great tractor trailer pulling one of those big tanks and according to the side of the truck, it was hauling gasoline. It was on its side completely across the road and the ambulance and sheriff's deputy's were just arriving. It was a bad, bad accident.

Without the Voice in my head, I could have easily been squished under that overturned truck and tanker trailer. Squished.

This happened to me. I KNOW it was a miracle.

I asked our Lexus friend why I was saved?

She said I would most likely never know. She said that maybe I would say something to someone and change their life for the better. Maybe I would simply grin at someone who needed to be grinned at. Maybe I would do something that would start a chain of something good. She said I was saved for an important reason and the why didn't much matter.

Years later, I know the reason that Tom.

The miracles continued. I put my house in Moultrie on the market on Friday. It sold at 8 AM Monday. I needed a house for my horses, cats and me. I found it in one day. More miracles.

Those of you who know me well, know how much I loved my grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald. She died the year I was 21 and I have felt her presence and have thought about her many times each day ever since.

I was concerned when I moved to Walhalla that my grandmother would not approve of my circumstances. I had bought

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my own house, but the movers had left boxes stacked higher than my head and I could not even get further than the front door. I put kitty litter and kitty food and water in the only available space by the front door...and started wrestling with it all. The cats disappeared into the rabbit warren of boxes...as I started to try and make order of the chaos.

Tom asked me to stay at his house while I was unpacking, since I couldn't get to the bedroom nor the bathroom nor the kitchen at my house.

I knew it was ok. Tom knew it was ok. Did my grandmother know it was innocent and ok?

I wasn't sure.

My grannie always told me, if I was a bad girl she would reach inside me, grab my big toe and turn me wrong-side-outwards.

I believed her then and I believe her now.

Tom's car was and is a Volvo station wagon. About sundown one day, I realized we had forgotten to get a gallon of milk when we were in town earlier.

I'll just run back to town and get the milk, I said.

I hopped in Dagmar's Volvo and drove the mile or so to the milk store. I bought two gallons of milk and put the two jugs in the back of the car.

We had the back seats down and so, without his chair, the back of Tom's car was huge. In the short drive home, both gallons of milk slid back to almost the tailgate.

I pulled into the carport and walked around the car to get the milk jugs. Oh

Oh, rats! I thought as I saw the milk had moved further back than I had loaded

them.

I stretched and reached the first gallon and sat it on the steps by the carport. As I stretched myself out to get the other gallon...that gallon of milk FLEW from the back of the car and landed on my foot so very softly and gently.

You can imagine how I felt. My eyes got big and my heart went into overdrive. Carefully, I picked up the jugs and with knees shaking, went into the house.

Tom, you won't believe what just happened! I shakily told him. His eyes got big.

I have to go look and see if there's something that would have caused this, I said. Bravely, I went back to the car to see if I could figure all of this out.

When the door opened and the dome light came on, I saw something shiny precisely in the middle of the back of the car. Shiny? Nothing had been there 2 minutes earlier. Nothing.

With a shaking hand, I reached for the shiny object. I burst into both tears and laughter when I realized what I was holding was my grandmother's thimble. I had played with it most of my life. It was dented and worn. There is not another one like it in this world. My grandmother's thimble!

I felt my grandmother's love surround me exactly like I had put on a big down coat.

I knew she understood. I knew that her love is always with me.

So, when times are hard I know there will be a way out. I surely do appreciate the good times. I truly believe in miracles.

Miracles have happened and will continue to happen to me. I do believe!

I'll bet they happen to you too.



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Glen Cathey has recently put up  
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and it is ready for you to join and participate.  
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2 cups brown sugar  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1/2 cup butter

Combine molasses, sugar, and vinegar. Bring to boiling point, stirring only until sugar is dissolved. Boil 2 minutes. Add butter, cook to 290\* or until syrup becomes brittle when dropped in cold water. Turn into greased (butter is better) shallow pan. Cool. Cut into small rectangles. Chill.

## Battle of New Orleans living history event coming Jan. 6-8

The annual Battle of New Orleans living history event will take place the weekend of Jan 6-8, 2012 at Chalmette National Battlefield.

The 93rd Sutherland Highlanders of course were part of the British army engaged against Andrew Jackson, and members of the 93rd Highlanders Living History Association have always taken part in this event since 1989.

The Park and Event information:  
<http://www.nps.gov/jela/battle-of-new-orleans-anniversary.htm>

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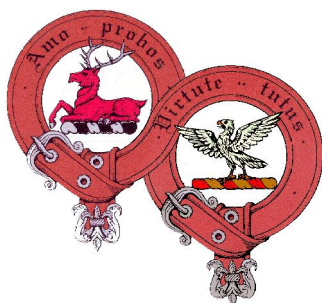
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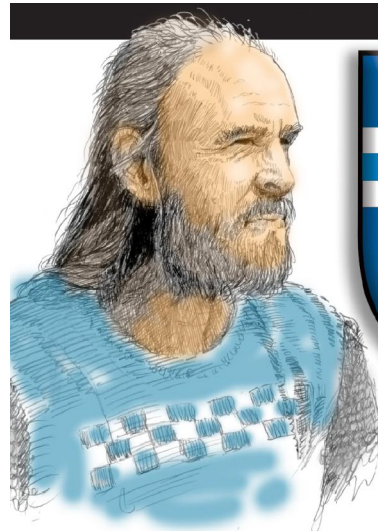
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Menu: Beef, Chicken, Fish, Vegetarian.

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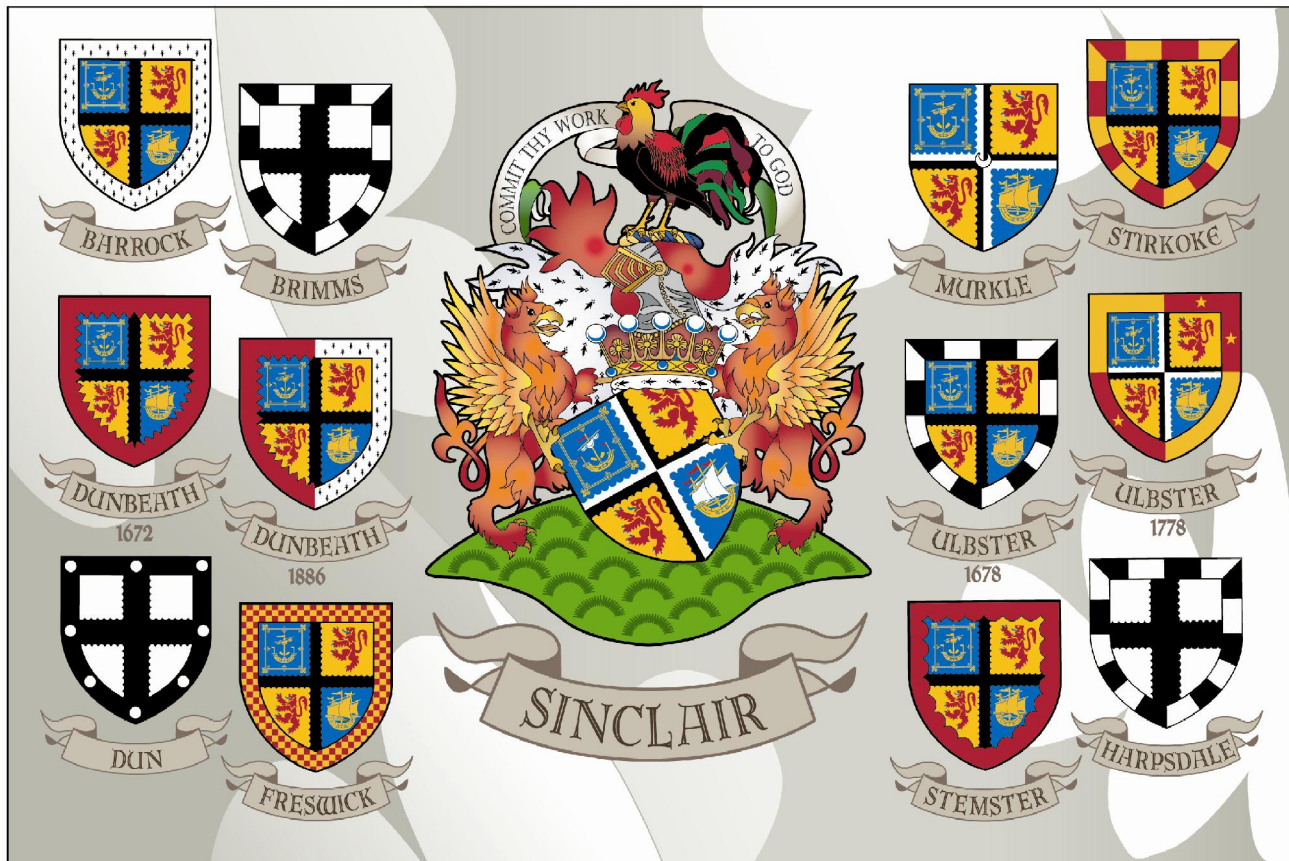
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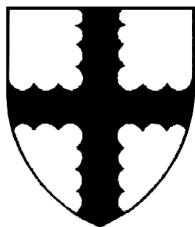
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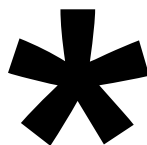
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# **Discovered: The tool could potentially “set back our known history”.**

## ***Pre-Ice Age handaxe found on Orkney***

**An “incredibly rare” pre-Ice Age handaxe which may have been used to kill woolly mammoths, has been found on an Orkney beach.**



The Palaeolithic - or Old Stone Age - tool, which could be anything between 100,000 and 450,000 years old, is one of only ten ever to be found in Scotland. The axe, which was found on a stretch of shore in St Ola by a local man walking along the beach, is the oldest man-made artefact ever found in Orkney.

The stone tool, which is around five-and-a-half inches long, has been broken, and originally would have tapered to a point opposite the cutting edge, but at some point in time, the point broke off and someone reworked the flint to its present straight edge.

Orkney-based archaeologist Caroline Wickham-Jones, who has studied the axe, described its discovery as “incredibly exciting”.

Ms Wickham-Jones, who a lecturer in archaeology at Aberdeen University, said: “This axe is definitely older than 100,000 years - so

old it’s become geology.

“It was made and used an incredibly long time ago - pre-Ice Age - and whoever made it would have been familiar with animals long since extinct - the woolly mammoth, for example. I find that really mind-blowing.

“If it really comes from Orkney, it would change our understanding of the whole of Scotland. It would set back our known history from 14,000 years ago to at least 100,000 years ago.

“The problem is that we cannot tell if it in fact is from Orkney or Scotland. As it was found on a beach, without anything else from that era, there are several options on how it got here.

“It might have been ballast of a sailing ship - which could have come from anywhere and which could have dropped it here last week, or 200 years ago.”

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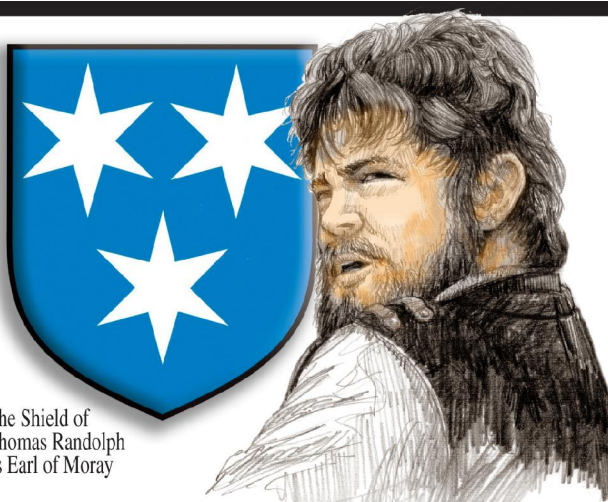
**'I cannot change the direction of the wind,  
but I can adjust my sails  
to always reach my destination...  
So if I understand my position in life,  
I can change my condition in life'**





As Britain wasn't an island at that time - nor were the Orkneys - and the conditions in Scotland were much the same as anywhere else, I find it very likely that people were living here.

The problem is that glaciers of the later ice-age have changed the Scottish landscape and therefore it is much harder to find any proof of



The Shield of  
Thomas Randolph  
as Earl of Moray

Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army.

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their existence here than it is for instance in England, which wasn't covered in ice.

I don't think the axe is made on the islands as there is not enough flint here to produce such a big block of stone. But it would be possible that they had taken with them from somewhere else, or traded it with other people.

That would explain why it was reworked after it was broken, instead that they just made a new one. I fear we're never going to be able to give the definite answer to this question, but it is absolutely worth to do more research on it. A site visit will be first on the agenda.

Julie Gibson, County Archaeologist for Orkney, said she had never expected to find such an incredible thing in Orkney.

She said: As it was found by itself on a beach, we have to remain sceptical. We cannot just assume it was dropped by a local guy following a mammoth. There is always a corner of doubt - just because we don't have any proof of Stone-Age people living here, it doesn't mean they didn't. We'll definitely are going to take a careful look at the shore bank to see if we can find any proof that the axe could be made and used here.



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Declared unruly by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

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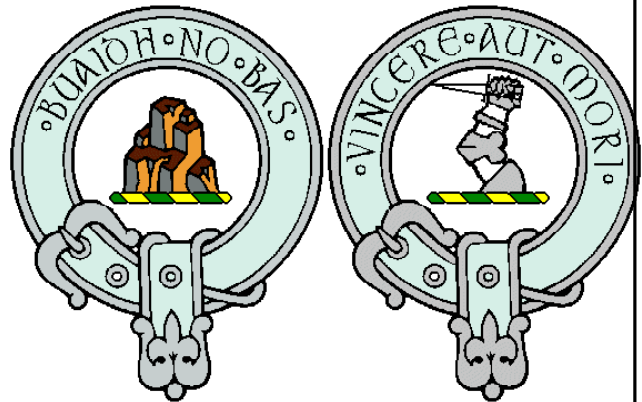
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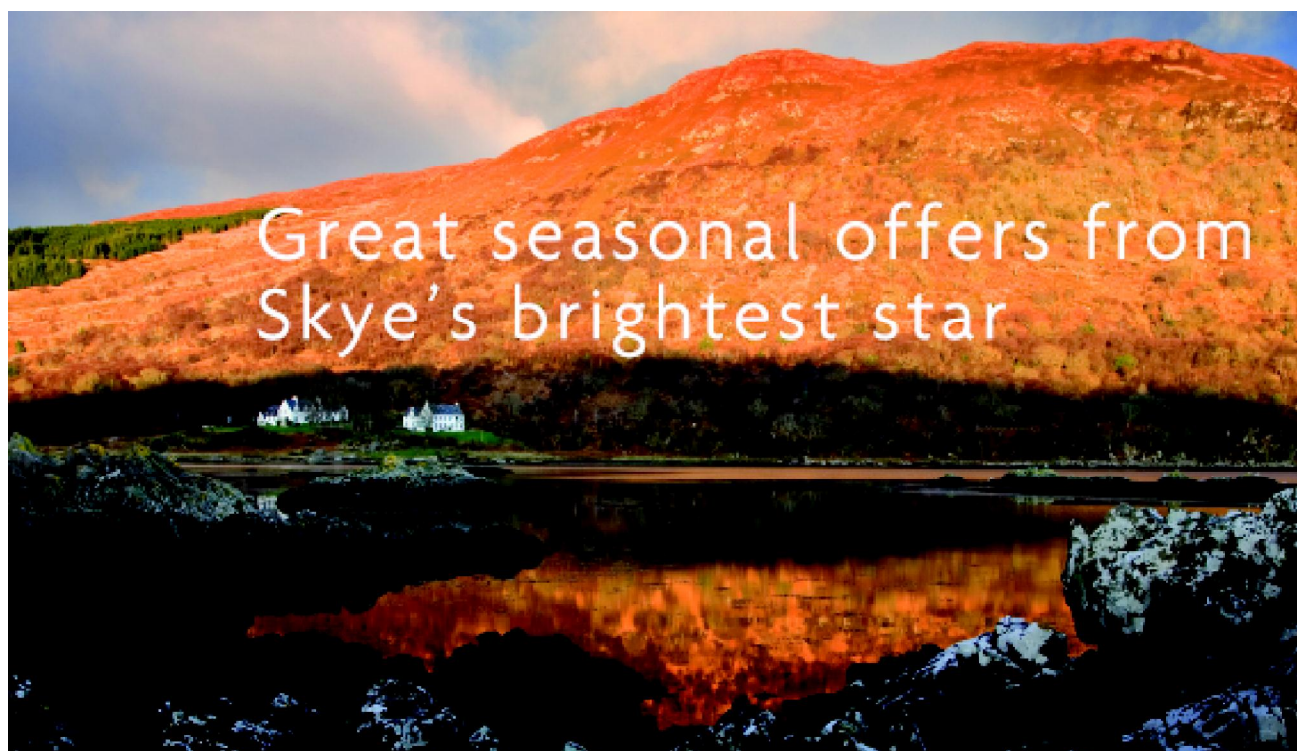
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# The mystery of the black pearls

With thanks to *Fesse Chequy*, publication of the Clan Stewart Society in America

A rope of black pearls, first strung in 1533, journeyed through reigns and across lands for nearly 400 years. Purchased in Italy as a sort of bridal trousseau to impress the French Courts, Catherine de Medici, Queen Consort of France, presented the rope to her future daughter-in-law, Mary Queen of Scots.

Seen to the left, the pearls are tied around Mary's neck...and in other portraits show that they drop to encircle her waist.

Mary loved pearls; her many royal jewels were of gemstone and pearl settings and her

clothing and veils were also adorned with seed pearls.

As the tragedy of Mary's life unfolded, she found herself prisoner of her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I of England. Fearing for her royal jewels, Mary requested her half brother, the Earl of Moray, to take her treasures, some to be in trust for future Queens of Scotland, others to be kept for her son, James.

A traitorous scoundrel at best, the Earl, in quest to finance a plot to rid the country of Mary, put the rope of pearls up for sale.

They were sought after by the previous owner, Catherine of France, and the envious Elizabeth. The pearls fell to the ownership of Elizabeth I of England.

From Elizabeth's purchase, the pearls became part of the Crown Jewels, to be fought and argued about.

They appeared again at the coronation of Queen Victoria in 1901, who wore them several times. Much to the despair of the Royal Footman, the rope of pearls eventually broke, scattering beneath the horse hooves and carriage that the Queen was entering. Although it was reported that they were all collected, they have not been seen since.

More of Mary's pearls still exist. As the history goes, Mary Stuart spent the night at Castlemilk house the eve before the battle of Langside, May 13, 1568. On her departure, she left a pearl bracelet with Archibald Stewart and his wife, Janet, daughter of the Stuarts of Minto, after part of Castlemilk was destroyed in retaliation for housing the ill fated queen.

That bracelet was on display at the 2011 Clan Stewart Society in America AGM and remains in the private collection of family heirlooms of Clan Stewart Society in America member, James Stuart Stevenson.



**Monika Becker** is a German-trained alternative health practitioner (the German title is *Heilpraktikerin*) with 10 years experience. She is trained in Acupuncture, DORN Therapy, Iridology, Kinesiology, Hypnotherapy and Shiatsu. She is also a Reiki Master.

In 2002 she moved from Munich, Germany to England and works in her own practice in Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Her treatments are based on a unique holistic approach and treat each person as an individual. One of her favourite sayings is that *only when the mind is balanced, is it possible to treat the body with lasting success*.

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# Did Mozart Get Enough Sunlight?

**Monika Becker**

## New research on Vitamin D deficiency

Metabolic researchers in Graz, Austria and San Francisco, USA assume that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart would have lived longer, hadn't he been so averse to light. They reason: Because Mozart composed mainly at night, he must have suffered from a serious Vitamin D deficiency. This might have caused his immune system to fail, and this resulted in the fact he was prone to diseases of the heart, circulation and kidneys. He died December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1791, only 35 years of age.

Holistically orientated physicists raise an alarm: Those who spend a big part of their lives in the office, at school or on the settee have a high risk of Vitamin D deficiency. This is due to the fact that they do not get enough sun light and therefore are ill more often. Research has shown that a variety of diseases ó e.g. Alzheimer's, diabetes, depression and coronary diseases and even cancer ó could effectively be related to a Vitamin D deficiency.

So, how much Vitamin D do we really need?

Its level should be between 30 -100 nanogram per millilitre (ng/ml). Levels below 11ng/ml in Toddlers and Babies can indicate a high risk for rickets.

The average adult should get around 2000 to 4000 IU per day, either through supplements (cod liver oil, tablets) or *produced* by the sun via the skin.

Especially people with a limited exposure to day light, such as the elderly who are confined to their beds in an old people's home, people with restricted movement (morbidly obese, patients suffering from osteoporosis) should improve their intake accordingly.

# Let's move to Scotland! Here's a HOUSE FOR SALE

A detached family house in an idyllic rural location some 6 miles from the centre of Perth in superb landscaped gardens of about 0.9 acres with views over open countryside. The house was newly built some 12 years ago partially using the original stone from the mill and blends traditional features with modern design and comforts.

The accommodation is spacious and versatile and incorporates many traditional and distinctive features in a layout designed to suit modern family lifestyles, comprising reception hall, lounge, conservatory, study/bedroom 6, dining room/bedroom 5,

open plan kitchen, family room and dining area, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, three

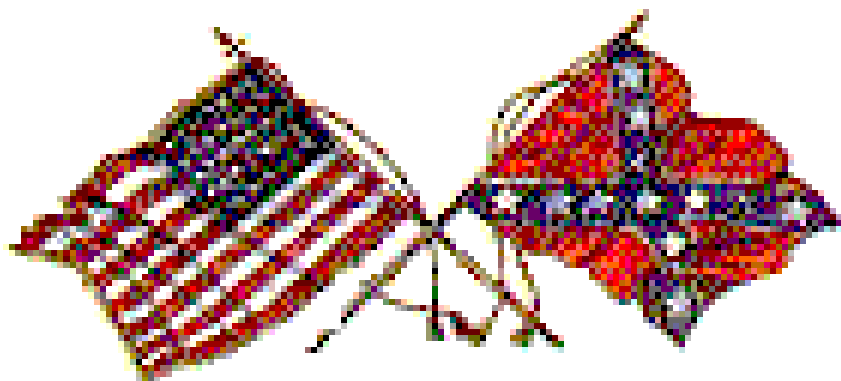
further double bedrooms and family bathroom. Detached stone fronted garage and separate timber garage.

The property is in immaculate condition throughout, with a high standard of fittings.

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Burn Den is a detached family house in an idyllic rural location. Situated in the historic Perthshire parish of St Martins it is

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### House for sale, *continued from page 27*

around 10 minutes drive (6 miles) from the centre of Perth. The area is steeped in history with Scone palace, the ancient coronation site of the Kings of Scotland, only a few miles away. Old maps from the 1800s show the site of MacBeth's castle as being on land close to the house.

Positioned on what was the site of the old estate water-powered sawmill the house was newly built some 12 years ago using the original stone from the mill, particularly in the front elevation. It was specifically designed to sympathetically blend into the surrounding grounds and countryside. Being relatively new it has the advantage of the perfect blend of old stone character and modern insulation. The accommodation is spacious and versatile and incorporates many traditional and distinctive features in a layout designed to suit modern family lifestyles.

All of this is provided in a lovely site extending to about 0.9 acres with views over open Countryside. The secluded gardens are extensive and beautifully landscaped with sweeping lawns leading down to the St Martins burn which runs through the grounds. The Burn is spanned by two private bridges which provide access to the extensive grounds sloping to the north of the house. These extend well beyond the main garden offering lovely walks and views as far as Schiehallion over 30 miles away.

*We've been looking at houses for about five years and have enjoyed the search! Real estate listings turn out to be almost as interesting as reading cookbooks! (If you are a bookaholic like both of us.) It occurred to me that the readers of this publication might enjoy seeing a few houses for sale in Scotland.*

*I'll bet that more than a few of our readers have thought about moving to Scotland! We've toyed with the idea of moving to the Highlands or to Celtic Brittany...but thoughts of our beloved cats and horses, quickly changed our minds.*

***Would you like to see a house or two each issue of BNFT? Just email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) and let me know what you think. Your ed.***

Page 28 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree Section A January 2012



Back view of the house shown on page 27.



## Gordon Taylor, composer, musician

### *See our free contest on page 7*

Gord Taylor has always walked a different path than most. Gord started performing at age 10 with The Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band and began composing when he was 13. From age 14 to 19, he and Matt MacNasty (of the Real McKenzies) began playing together in pubs and clubs, usually in exchange for drinks. Throughout his musical career, he's toured Canada, the USA, Europe, and Asia. His stories of life on the road include uninvited and sometimes risky performances in bars and pubs from Scotland to Japan.

Gord has published three music books. The first, in 1993 with East Coast piper, John Gillis, and the second, in the year 2000, released as a private collection of tunes. In 2008 The Sherbrook Music Company published a third collection of Gord's original tunes called "One Tone over the Line (Sweet Mhairi)". Gord describes it as "a beast of a book" containing over 130 melodies, harmonies and production pieces, some of which can be heard as mp3s listed in the Media section of this website.

These days you can still catch Gord playing his 1945 Robertson bagpipes, but increasingly you're more likely to hear his combination of classical, Spanish and heavy guitar.



# Giant Pandas at Edinburgh Zoo



A big welcome to Edinburgh's newest residents! Giant pandas Tian Tian (meaning 'Sweetie') and Yang Guang ('Sunshine') arrived at Edinburgh Zoo on Sunday 4th December. The long-awaited unveiling has resulted in a surge of advance bookings from visitors. The black and white bears will go on show to the public from Friday 16th December, following a series of private viewings for zoo staff and members of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. They will be the first pandas to live in the UK for 17 years and will live in separate enclosures.

Visitors are not being charged extra to see the pandas, but due to the high demand, time-ticketing is in operation with visitors able to select a visiting time in half-hourly intervals, subject to availability. Visitors are being encouraged to pre-book their panda viewing online when purchasing Zoo entry tickets. Around one third of panda tickets will also be put aside for visitors coming to

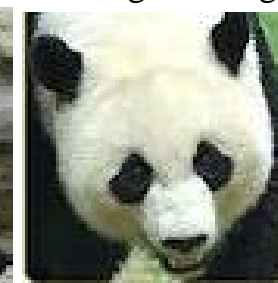
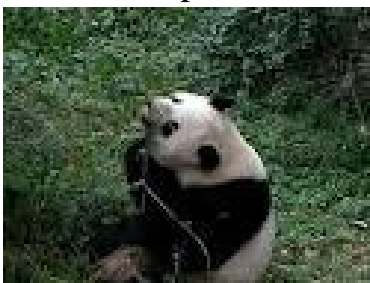
the zoo, available on a first come, first served basis.

Hugh Roberts, Chief Executive at Edinburgh Zoo, said: 'We are witnessing unprecedented levels of interest in viewing opportunities for our newest arrivals, which proves what a global draw the giant pandas are going to be for the Zoo.'

'We have invested heavily in systems for the giant panda arrival and a lot of careful planning has gone into our ticketing strategy. Our aim to allow a steady flow of visitors through both viewing areas of the enclosure throughout the day, whilst maximising the visitors' panda experience.'

'We want as many people as possible to view our giant pandas in a comfortable and accessible environment, and our advance-booking system will allow us to do this.'

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