

# THE BURNETT BANNER

**Burnett Newsletter**  
**(including House of Burnett News)**

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## GREETINGS FROM CRATHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND 2016

Very best wishes to all Burnetts, their families and friends from all at Crathes.  
As often requested, herewith an update to include the grandchildren.



Tommy, Alexander, Hester, Vinny & Amaryllis



Serena

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## POLITICS

As I mentioned in the last Banner, Alexander is standing in the election to the Scottish Parliament in May 2016. The complex system includes proportional representation and allows for additional members to those who are first past the post in individual constituencies. Alexander is one of 10 Conservative candidates on the North East List from which the party would hope to have at least three elected. He is second on the list. Watch this space. The photograph is of Alexander with the Scottish Party leader, Ruth Davidson.



## BURNETT GATHERING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY - 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

The programme for 2017 Burnett Gathering at Crathes will contain a wide range of events and activities to appeal to all ages and interests. Although there are some which will be of particular appeal to Burnetts, there are many which will be of interest to others.

Since previous Gatherings have been rushed and particularly exhausting for those who have travelled from afar, we are planning to spread the programme over a whole week.

The programme will be planned so as not to disappoint, whether you come for the whole week or part of it or for those who have attended previous gatherings.

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## NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY HOB

Greetings;

Congratulations to John A. Burnett of Orange City, FL. and Chris Burnette of Saint Charles, MO., who were elected to a 3 year term on the Board of Directors.

On Dec. 5th at the Board of Directors meeting the Board elected the following to Executive Offices: President Jackelyn Daugherty, Topock, AZ., Secretary Leland Burnett, Sturgeon Bay, WI and Treasurer Mike Burnett, San Antonio TX.

I was able to add the Indianapolis Games to my schedule and John A Burnett and his wife Melissa again had a good turnout at Grandfather Mountain. They were also able to represent the Burnett's at Stone Mountain GA. Their report was that the folks were thrilled to see the Burnett's. The Burnett's were the Honor Clan at the Waukesha Wisconsin Games. We had a good turnout.

It is time to start planning for the 2016 year and if anyone wants to set up a tent at any of the games let me know. We will furnish a kit for the conveners, to be supplied by the House of Burnett. We will also give you advice on how it works.

We will have a House of Burnett Tent at the Central Florida Highland Games in Winter Springs Florida on 16 and 17 Jan. 2016. For you snow bird go by and say hello.

The House of Burnett is going to start planning a Gathering in Scotland in 2017. If you are interested in making the trip let me know so I can start making up a list. The date for being in Banchory would be from 31 July to Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. We have to have at least 50 persons to make the Trip.

We continue to look for articles, pictures, or questions for the Banner so, help us out and submit them.

I need to remind the Membership of two things, (1) I need E-Mail and home addresses to be updated. As of today I have 31 persons that I can't reach. (2) It is time to pay your dues for 2016.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a great 2016.

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## HOUSE OF BURNETT DUES

Dues are a subject no one likes to talk about but payment of dues are a necessity if we are going to continue to grow the House of Burnett. As of this time many members are delinquent in paying their dues.

The complaint has been that we don't send out dues notices, so everyone's dues are due in the month of Jan. This should help everyone keep track, plus there will be a dues notice in the Banner. If anyone has a suggestion on how to improve on this please let me know. Now we have 400 names on our membership list but only 200 or so are paying their dues. We do not want to shut anyone out, so if anyone has difficulty in paying dues let us know. If you don't know if you are delinquent contact me and I will sort it out for you.

I hope to hear from everyone soon.

**Leland L. Burnett**  
**Secretary, House of Burnett**

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## BURNETT GATHERING 31<sup>st</sup> JULY - 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

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There will be plenty which is new and a number of optional new tours to places of historical importance which may include Culloden, Cawdor Castle, Arbroath, Scone Palace and Balmoral in addition to the historical tours of Aberdeen and other local places of interest many of which will have a Burnett connection.

Some of the recreational activities such as Hunting and Salmon fishing will be available throughout the week and for the more or less active, current plans include a Theatrical performance, a Heraldic Lecture evening, Paintball, Go-Ape, Croquet, Scottish Country Dancing classes and Guided Walks and Tours. There will be lots more and especially for the young. For the final day we will have our marquee at the Aboyne Highland Games and in the evening enjoy a special Grand Ceilidh. Not least, there will be plenty of time to enjoy Crathes Castle itself and its world famous Gardens

Further details will be posted on the website and in the future Banners, but enquiries are welcome

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## HOUSE OF BURNETT

The Highland Games in Waukesha, Wisconsin



Waukesha, Wisconsin



Great-Granddaughter Caprice leading the Burnett's in the tartan parade.



Columbus, Indiana



HOB secretary, Leland Burnett, addressing the masses as he represents the House of Burnett as the honored clan at this year's event.



Indianapolis, Indiana



Parade preparation



## GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

John Burnett has kindly sent me plenty of photographs from the Grandfather Mountain Games. All are very grateful to John who represented the House of Burnett along with his wife Melissa McLean Burnett. Another Board member joining them this year was James Burnett and his wife Pat and they were joined by John Novotny, son of past president of House of Burnett, Phyllis Esler.

Many Burnett and Burnett descendants called in at the tent and a significant number of new members joined the House of Burnett



*John A. Burnett, Melissa McLean Burnett  
John Novotny, James Burnette & Gavin Blake*



*John A. Burnett, Travis, Eirene, Shantute, Brayden,  
Donna, Gary Burnette & James Burnette*



*Meredith, Allison, Pam & Courtney Morgan*



*John C. & Carole Burnett*



*Christina Gill and Greg Boyd*



*Jim & Angie Burnett Voltmer, Sandy & Jim Kelly*



## GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN cont



Lt. Col. William Carrol Ross  
descendant of Zulieme Burnett (CSA SC)



Glen & Natasha Griffin granddaughter of  
Deloris Burnette



Greg, Julian & Michael Edward



Brother's Daniel & Adam Burnette



James Preston Burnette &  
daughter Ashley Burnette



Ronald & Tammy Blake  
Ronald is past president of the House of Burnett



## GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN cont



*John A. & Melissa McLean Burnett,  
Pat & James "Jim" Burnette*



*Dana, Dee and Reagan Burnette*



*Lisa Green, whose Great-Great-Grandfather  
was Abraham Burnett*



*Congratulations to our House of Burnett tent neighbours and Melissa Clan McLean won the  
Clan of Excellence at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.  
Melissa Burnett joined them also in the parade of tartans*



## 43RD ANNUAL STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

John and Melissa also attended the 43rd Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival in October to represent the House of Burnett. We are most grateful to them and all who helped.

The week began the weekend began on Friday with tent setup followed by the Sponsors reception in the evening. There was a great turn out for the games, both Saturday and Sunday in spite of the very cool windy weekend. Temperatures around 39 each morning. There were a lot of visitors to the House of Burnett tent and they signed up two new members, Shelly Burnett of Hiram, GA. and her sister Melanie Burnett, of Cartersville, GA. Shelly and Melanie had a Burnett banner they had made for the Parade of Tartans and were very happy that the House of Burnett was represented. We had 12 Burnetts marching in the Parade of Tartans on the Sunday.



*Josh Burnette, his wife Marjorie & son Colton from Marietta, GA*



*Christina Spiker, Charlene Burnett, Melissa Burnett, Valerie Burnett & Laura Burnett*



*Josh, Colton & Marjorie Burnette, Shelley Burnett, Melanie Burnett,*



*Shelley & Melanie Burnett*

## DR. SWAN MOSES BURNETT

You may have heard of Frances Eliza Hodgson Burnett the famous novelist and playwright. Her most famous works include the children's books: *The Secret Garden* (1911), and *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (1886), among many others and several historical novels for adults and plays of several of her novels. However, her husband Swan was also a very accomplished Burnett.

Swan Moses Burnett was born in New Market, Jefferson County, Tennessee on March 16, 1847. When he was twelve, a knee injury left him lame for life and prevented him from active service in the Civil War. In 1866-67, he attended the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio and continued his education at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City from which he received a degree in medicine in 1870. For the next five years he practiced medicine as a general practitioner in Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1873, he married Frances Eliza Hodgson, and in 1875, he and his wife moved to Europe where Burnett spent the next two years in London and Paris studying ophthalmology and otology. This became his specialty when he returned to America in 1876 and settled in Washington D.C. In 1878, he founded the eye and ear clinic at the Central Dispensary. Also at this time, he became lecturer on ophthalmology and otology at Georgetown University, Washington and became ophthalmic and aural surgeon to the Garfield, Providence, and children's hospitals in the city. He became clinical professor in 1883, attained full professorship in 1885, and received his Ph.D. in 1890.



Largely considered a physician, his contributions to the field of anthropology are nonetheless notable both in his personal interests and in regard to his work as an ophthalmologist. He had a passion for Japanese art and culture and wrote extensively on the subject for the *Craftsman*, the *Connoisseur*, and the *International Studio*. Also during his time in Washington he conducted studies on how race influences the causation of diseases of the eyes and ears. These studies contain many original observations concerning the African-American population of Washington that had never before been recorded. These constitute a significant contribution to the field of anthropology, and Swan Moses Burnett is noted as such in the *American Anthropologists and Anthropology Newsletter* (September 2003).

He was a teacher at Washington Postgraduate Medical School as well as president and fellow founder of the Emergency Hospital (1881) along with Dr. Louis Marple and Dr. James E. Morgan. There he founded a memorial library (The Lionel Library) in

honor of his son that died early in life. Burnett was elected president of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia in 1889. He was a contributor to the *American Journal of Ophthalmology* and a collaborator on the *National Medical Dictionary*. Burnett was a prolific writer. Some of his principal works include: A translation of E. Landolt's *Manual of Examination of the Eye* (1879); *Study of Refraction from a New Viewpoint* (1905); *A Theoretical and Practical Treatise on Astigmatism* (1887); the section on Diseases of the Cornea and Sclera in *De Schweinitz and Randall, American textbook of Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat* (1899); *The Principles of Refraction in the Human Eye*, based on the *Laws of Conjugate Foci* (1904); as well as 64 distinct articles on the diseases of the eye and ear. In addition to this, Burnett was a member of many prestigious organizations, which included the *Anthropological Society*; the *American Ophthalmological and Otolological Society*; the *Washington Academy of Sciences*; and of the *Philosophical Society*.

Swan Moses Burnett was a physician whose skills as a surgeon and researcher earned him the respect of his peers in colleagues. He had a kind and open manner and a clear and concise lecturing ability that made him a compelling speaker and an impressive teacher.

Burnett was divorced from Francis Hodgson in 1898 and married Margate Brady in 1904. He died of chronic myocarditis on January 18, 1909, and survived only by his second wife and his son Vivian.  
Birth: Mar. 16, 1847

New Market, Jefferson County, Tennessee, USA  
Death: Jan. 18, 1906

Washington, District of Columbia, District Of Columbia, USA

Parents: John Monroe Burnett and Lydia Ann (Peck) Burnett.

Married FRANCES ELIZA HODGSON in 1873. Frances Eliza Hodgson Burnett (1849 - 1924) Frances Hodgson Burnett was a famous novelist and playwright. Her most famous works include the children's books: *The Secret Garden* (1911), and *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (1886), among many others and several historical novels for adults and plays of several of her novels.

Children:  
Lionel Burnett (1874 - 1890)\*  
Vivian Burnett (1876 - 1937)\*

\*Calculated relationship

Burial: Unknown

Adapted from: Marc Thayer, III, on findagrave.com

*J Daugherty*



## VISITORS TO CRATHES

It is not often that we are able to welcome a honeymoon couple to Crathes in November. However, I was fortunate enough to be able to spend a little time with newlyweds Kelsey Ogilvie and Seth Johnson from Florence County, South Carolina. Kelsey is eight generations down from Joseph Burnett of Virginia and who was born in 1743. As Kelsey's ancestry also includes Ogilvie, this provided another good reason for coming to the north east of Scotland.



*At Crathes*



*And at Grandfather Mountain*

## CRATHES WATER WHEEL

Our eagle-eyed ranger, Thys Simpson, recently spotted this water wheel outside the Alford Heritage in Aberdeenshire Centre. We don't know where it came from but possibly from the Old Mill of Hirn Steading as it is so tall. He had a second guess that it may have been from the former joiner's workshop near the Burn O Bennie where it may have powered a joiner's workshop. Local readers may be able to help.



*James C A Burnett of Leys*



## WEDDINGS ETC

Both Burnetts (and non Burnetts) may be interested to know that recent work at Crathes has made the Castle a great venue for weddings. The combination of the Castle and the Gardens and the newly refurbished Horsemill can provide a memorable setting for a wedding as well as other event to celebrate.

If any Burnett is considering such an event at Crathes, please let me know and I would be pleased to assist to enhance the Burnett association and to make your stay enjoyable and memorable. For further information for weddings, contact the National Trust for Scotland



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## A SPIDER?

We have a framed account for the glazing of the House of Crathes, (the Castle), dated 1656 and which I have noted in an earlier Banner.

Recently, I noticed that a spider was fervently trying to get at the "B" of Burnett through the glass and clearly not understanding the properties of that material. Maybe some transmigrated soul. If so, was he or she trying to attack or embrace me?



I shall probably never know. Maybe Sir Alexander overlooked to settle the account.

*James C A Burnett of Leys*

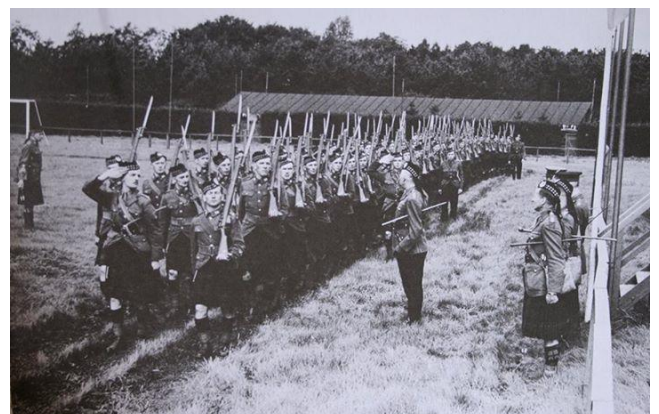
## BANCHORY PIPE BAND NEWS

Rob Brownfield, the Drum Major, has updated me on the activities of the Band which is clearly flourishing. I hope that we can persuade the members to do something a little special during our next Gathering. Although numbers dipped a little mid-year, they are on the up again and the band had a good turnout for the Armistice Sunday parade. There are around 25 in the band, (with only one non-Burnett kilt!) with a further 8-9 learners in the side-lines.



And a bit of military history. Whilst researching a Great Uncle (Lieutenant Claude S Brownfield, 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons), Rob came across the photograph dated September the 9<sup>th</sup>, 1939

It is of my grandfather, Major-General Sir James Burnett of Leys, inspecting members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders at Stonywood Park, Aberdeen. Many of these men were later transferred to the 7<sup>th</sup> Gordons, based in Banchory. From what he can gather, this inspection was prior to the Battalion being divided into those old enough to be sent to France, to serve in the 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Division, which was the first Territorial Division to cross over to France in 1940. Those under the age limit who were transferred to 7<sup>th</sup> Gordons, a TA unit based in Banchory. You had to be 18 to be deployed and 16½ to join, which suggests that a great many in the photo were under 18 as around 1/3<sup>rd</sup> transferred to 7<sup>th</sup> Gordons.



*James C A Burnett of Leys*



## THE END OF AN ERA

The racing story comes to an end, when Jane Cecil, my brother Henry's widow, who has continued to train over the last 2 years, had her final runner in Great Britain. Her horse, Hamelin, was sadly caught on the finishing line in a listed race at Kempton Park. Jane enjoyed multiple Group 1 success with Frankel's brother Noble Mission after taking over at Warren Place, in addition to many other winners, but the historic stables have now been sold and she has retired from training.

A reporter wrote how he was reminded of how Frankel, probably the finest flat racer of all time, kept his trainer Henry Cecil going long after cancer might have claimed him. With that wonderful animal, Cecil was like a great composer trying to finish his masterpiece before darkness fell. The Frankel story is at the extreme end of a struggle millions face every day. He goes on to say that his article is not the sort of piece which he would usually be inclined to write. The charge of self-indulgence is not one with which he would want to lumber himself. But if it helps anyone to believe that setting targets, or finding things to look forward to on the other side of illness, is a good idea, then it is worth casting a little light on a private experience.



The book has closed on one of the greatest of sporting stories.





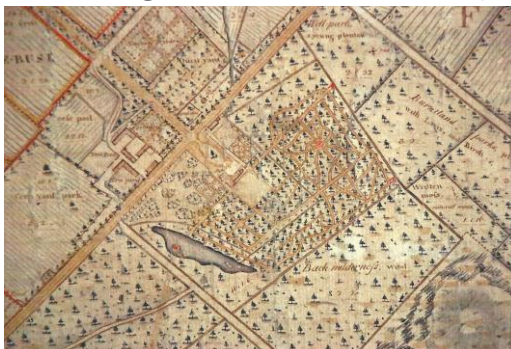
## GEORGE BURNETT 18TH CENTURY LANDSCAPER

In the history of British horticulture much has been written of the design achievements of "Capability" Brown and others in creating outstanding landscapes in numerous large estates. None the less admirable were the unsung efforts by many landowners in Scotland who sought to make a long-lasting enhancement to the environment of their great houses.

When, in 1729, George Burnett became the 3rd Laird of Kemnay on the death of his father, Thomas Burnett, he inherited several financial burdens arising out of the wording of Thomas's will. Although Thomas had undertaken some tree-planting during his lifetime, it would appear that much of the land surrounding Kemnay House was moss - marshy land where many of the people of Kemnay had the right to cut peats for fuel. In spite of the burdens, George set about designing and completing an ambitious landscaping plan.

In 2009, using material which he located in the Kemnay archives such as day-books and surveys & plans compiled in 1759, 1790 and 1792, Duncan A. Downie, a resident in the village of Kemnay, published a booklet in which he detailed the achievements of George Burnett as a landscape designer seeking to beautify the lands around his house.

Information from the day-books showed not only



the varieties and quantities of trees and other plants purchased for the designs but also records of individuals who were employed to carry out the work and the rate at which they were paid. The later surveys & plans showed the extent to which George, who died in 1780, had been successful in his work.

Readers of the Burnett Banner may recall that Edition 10, published in June 2010, contained an item on the "Diary of Janet Burnett" which had been published by a descendant. In her diary she detailed many aspects of the Kemnay gardens and recorded the weather experienced in the area. Janet Burnett nee Dyce was the second wife of George Burnett and obviously shared his great interest in horticulture.

"George Burnett Landscape Designer" by Duncan A. Downie is available from Aberdeen & North-east Scotland Family History Society. ref LP037 priced £5 plus postage. Email address [anesfhs.org.uk](mailto:anesfhs.org.uk)

Eileen A. Bailey

## LORD "ROMEO" MONBODDO

In an extract from John S. Harford's "Recollections of William Wilberforce" ( MP for the County of York) published at that time, the Carlisle Journal of 27th May 1864 highlighted the fact that, in the garden of Mr & Mrs Garrick's villa in Hampton Court, Lord Monboddo had astonished his fellow guest, Hannah More, with whom he was walking, by making a declaration of love and offering her his hand and heart.

Hannah More, clever and witty, philanthropist, poet, playwright and social reformer, was highly influential in effecting the Abolition of the African Slave Trade.

This occurred in around 1779 when Hannah More was some 30 years younger than his Lordship who was born in 1714. The 1864 extract reports that his advances "met with a positive refusal " and that later, on returning to the drawing-room, he had amused Mrs Garrick by telling her what had occurred adding "I am very sorry for this refusal; I should have so much liked to teach that nice girl Greek".



This was obviously not the only romantic offer made by James Burnett, Lord Monboddo, as other sources indicate that, on his annual visit to London in 1782, he made several proposals to Mrs David Garrick who was, by that time, a widow. All of his advances were firmly rejected however and he was still a widower when he died in 1799. Obviously she had no wish to become a scholar of Greek!



Eileen A. Bailey



## CRATHES CASTLE WARTIME HOSPITAL

Crathes Castle was a military convalescent home during the Second World War. The attached record shows that it had 30 beds. My only clear memory of the time was that one of the patients had a luminous rabbit which glowed in the dark.

To mark this important period of its history, the Castle recently hosted 'Christmas on the Home Front' emulating its days as a hospital for servicemen during World War II.

Staff at the 16th-century estate wore 1940's clothing, while lindy hopping – an old style of dance which evolved in the early 20th century – took place at the Horsemill. Throughout the castle there was vignettes representing scenes which there would have been at the time. Bertha Forbes, who for many years has been a guide at Crathes and whose mother was a Burnett, is shown in her nurses uniform and the Great Hall returned to being a ward. The kitchen was operating as it used to be 70 years ago – and I have to say as I remember it well because it changed little over the following 20 years. There is a film which was shot by one of the patients and which was shown on television about 30 years ago. I happened to see that programme and bizarrely I saw, for the first time, moving images of my father, uncle and great-grandmother, none of whom I can recall because they died when I was very young, for the first time.

*James C A Burnett of Leys*

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## WARTIME REMINISCENCES

I remember little of the time of the war although I do possess some reminders of life at Crathes during my early years there.

Milk came not from the supermarket in a tetrapack. There was dairy on the estate and milk was delivered most mornings in glass bottles which were later returned. No inefficient recycling! The post was brought by the chauffeur every morning from the Crathes station shop and post office in the leather bag. No idle emailing. The factor collected rents in this little leather case. No home banking transfers from the laptop. And then was afternoon tea. The mug and teabag have long since replaced the silver teapot and heraldic tea cosy. When the telephone rang and my grandparents were in the garden, the message was relayed through a conical loudspeaker which is sadly no more. No mobile telephone. That the caller had to wait ten minutes or more to engage in conversation was an accepted inconvenience.

Times have changed since from what seems like yesterday.



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## DEATH MARK STONE

Visitors to Crathes may have seen this stone at the Milton Gallery, an apt location because of its history. This stone appears to be Stone no 1 as described in a report by Robert Murdoch – Lawrence, Aberdeen 1916 and now in the Special Collections Department in the Sir Duncan Rice Library in Old Aberdeen



This Stone is of hard diorite (blue heathen). It is an equal armed cross in a circle. In the centre of each of the 4 portions is a small circular dot or hollow. It is said to have originally stood near Cannieshill at the site of the old drove road leading down to the ford on the Dee and about half-a-mile distant from the Milton. Traditionally said to have been a “dead mark” or “death mark”.

There is another stone of grey granite and low down on the outside east wall of the Gallery.



There is reputedly a third stone which it has been said is in a pile of stones about ½ mile distant from the Milton but, despite searches, has yet to be located.

The meaning of the stones is open to speculation, but the style of the cross is not common. They probably date to the seventh or eighth century A.D testifying to ecclesiastical activity, perhaps even to an early monastery at

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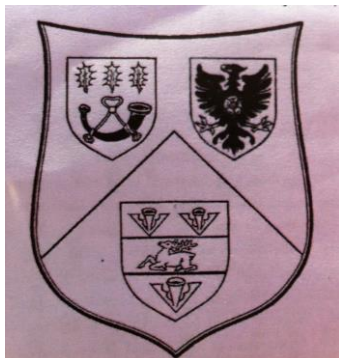
## BURGH HERALDRY

As many readers may know, with the assistance of Gordon Casely, a friend and heraldry expert, we are seeking to have heraldry reintroduced to our town of Banchory in addition to its newly designed logo. Banchory has been under the authority of a Community Council since 1975 prior to which it was a Royal Burgh and governed by a Burgh Council. Historically, it is less simple.

A burgh of barony was a type of Scottish town (burgh). Burghs of barony were distinct from royal burghs, as the title was granted to a landowner who, as a tenant-in-chief, held his estates directly from the crown. (In some cases, they might also be burghs of regality where the crown granted the leading noblemen judicial powers to try criminals for all offences except treason). They were created between 1450 and 1846, and conferred upon the landowner the right to hold weekly markets. Unlike royal burghs, they were not allowed to participate in foreign trade. In practice very few burghs of barony developed into market towns.

Over 300 such burghs were created with the last in 1846. Of these, five were on Deeside and included Leys (Banchory) with the charter granted by King James III in 1488. From 1833 inhabitants of such burghs could form a police burgh governed by elected commissioners. In some cases the existing burgh continued to exist alongside the police burgh. Remaining burghs of barony were abolished in 1893 by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892. Where a police burgh had been formed it absorbed the burgh of barony. In the case of Banchory, this was in 1885. In other cases the burgh was dissolved. From that date there was no practical difference between burghs of barony and other police burghs, though a distinction was still sometimes made. For instance, in 1957 Lord Lyon introduced distinctive "burghal coronets" to be displayed above the arms of burghs matriculated by his office: a "coronet suitable to a burgh of barony" was a red mural crown, whereas that for a police burgh was blue in colour.

All burghs were abolished in 1975 by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. However, hereditary feudal titles formally attached to the lands have been preserved, and are still recognized by the British crown today. The arms of the Burgh of Barony for Banchory are shown here. They comprise the arms of Davidson of Inchmarlo and Sir Thomas Burnett of Leys (d. 1783) impaling that of his wife, Catherine Ramsay of Balmain. The fact that the eagle on the Ramsay arms has only one head is



commented upon by the 3rd Marquess of Bute, who wrote on the arms of baronial and police burghs of Scotland. He states that the eagle of the Ramsays suffers from the same inconvenience as the Duchess of Milan, who received a proposal of marriage from King Henry the Eighth, but felt herself obliged to decline it, on the ground of having only one head, and being therefore unable to afford to lose it!

Anciently, a baron had right of "pit and gallows" (imprisonment and execution) in his burgh of barony. The laird or baron possessed burghal rights somewhat in the manner of a clan chief, or elder, or community leader. People came to him for settlement of civic and criminal matters, and such events created the baron's court (where he was attended upon by his baron bailie (business manager) and baron sergeant (personal policeman). Banchory, (originally Leys), was a burgh town of barony, with the laird dispensing local rule, in charge of administration, and meting out justice. It might amuse or be of interest, that to

one of the neighbouring burghs of barony, (Kincardine o'Neil), a seemingly necessary benefaction was made by Isobel, Countess of Fife. This was a "cock-stool and ducking -pond" so that female "scolds and limmers" might be suitably punished for gossiping and spreading tittle-tattle – a worthy cause which would doubtless find its supporters today!

A baron may have ancestrally held seats in the (old) Scottish Parliament (Usually a baron did, but terms varied). Baronial courts probably died out before Queen Victoria. However baronial symbols, (baron bailie and sergeant), continued to be shown within heraldry until 2004 when the Scottish Government ensured that all such feudal vestiges were swept away. A feudal baron may continue to show a cap of maintenance above the shield although post-2004 barons may not do so.

I am grateful to Gordon Casely for the most of information above.

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## BEEKEEPING AT CRATHES

Susan Bennett, a volunteer guide at Crathes Castle garden, reveals how beekeeping was important to Crathes. Susan writes:

Whilst researching the history of the Crathes garden, I came across a couple of references to bees in the mid eighteenth century which I thought might be interesting to the beekeepers at Crathes today. The first comment comes in a letter written from Andrew Burnett in Edinburgh to Robert Burnett, son of Sir Alexander 4th baronet of Leys. The letter, written on 4 October 1750 is mostly about legal matters. Andrew, possibly a cousin, begins:

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 1st instant this morning and am glad that you have got me a Beescape for without it I should have made a bad breakfast all winter.

At this time most of the bees were killed off in the autumn in order to get the honey and wax. It conjures up a good picture, the skep in the carriage or cart bumping its way over the hills to Edinburgh, and Andrew's pleasure at the thought of honey on his porridge and toast. Surely there would have been some leakage from the skep?

The other reference to bees comes in 1760 when Thomas, the 6th baronet, inherited Crathes. 'Five old skeps', 'six skep broads' and 'a beehive in the gairden' are listed in an inventory of household furniture. Presumably the broad will be the board that the skep stands on.

The garden at that time was less ornamental, with a kitchen garden in the southern part of the walled garden. The fruit trees and bushes, and the many varieties of beans that were grown would have provided an abundance of nectar and pollen.

The shrub shown here growing in the Double Shrub Border is *Viburnum henryi* which is very attractive to honey bees. We think that this shrub is one of the original viburnums chosen by Sir James Burnett who lists it in his 1937 planting book in this location. The lily, *Cardiocrinum giganteum* was a favourite of Sir James's wife, Sybil Crozier Smith. Between them James and Sybil made a huge contribution to the walled garden; he by introducing a diversity of shrubs, and she by her interest in design and herbaceous flowers.



Burnett, George, The family of Burnett of Leys, (New Spalding Club, Aberdeen 1901) 1760 inventory p295-315

Crathes Papers, Special Collections University of Aberdeen AU MS 3361 2/107

As part of our winter tasks at the association apiary at Crathes we've been sterilising our supers and extracted frames. Sulphur dioxide fumes will kill all stages of wax moth and will stop pollen from going mouldy.

We made stacks of six supers, each with a full complement of frames with drawn comb. On top of this we placed an empty super to accommodate a sulphur burner. The joints between the boxes were sealed with masking tape, and for each stack we prepared a roof by using masking tape to seal off the two air vents.



If you place the burner directly on top of the frames, you'll find that a smelly sulphurous residue leaks out and runs onto the tops of the frames and down the combs, ruining them. The way to avoid the problem is to put the burner in a metal takeaway tray, which will contain any run off.

Once everything is ready, it's time to light the bottom of two sulphur sticks and pop them in the can. Then quickly put the roof on. Leave the stack for seven days before dismantling and storing. Sulphur fumes are extremely dangerous and should not be inhaled. Make sure you follow the safety instructions that come with the sulphur sticks.

**Susan Bennett**

## LEFTOVER TURKEY & HAM PIE

*By Paul Hollywood (The Great British Bake Off)*

### Ingredients

For the quick rough puff pastry

400g/14oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting  
pinch of salt

65g/2¼oz chilled butter

160g/5¾oz frozen butter

### For the filling

45g/1½oz butter

2 large leeks, washed and roughly sliced

1 orange, juice and finely grated zest only

50ml/2fl oz medium sherry

3 tbsp plain flour

500ml/18fl oz chicken stock (or 250ml/9fl oz leftover gravy and 250ml/9fl oz stock)

1 heaped tsp wholegrain mustard

600g/1lb 5oz leftover turkey meat, cut into bite-sized pieces

250g/9oz leftover ham, cut into bite-sized pieces

2 tbsp roughly chopped tarragon

200ml/7fl oz single cream

1 free-range egg, beaten for egg wash

salt and white pepper

### Preparation method

For the pastry, mix the flour and salt together in a bowl. Rub in the chilled butter using your fingertips. Gradually add enough cold water to form a dough (about 150-180ml/5-6fl oz).

Lightly dust the work surface with flour and roll the dough into a rectangle. Grate 60g/2¼oz of the frozen butter over the bottom two thirds of the dough. Fold down the top third and fold up the top third as if folding a letter. Turn by 90 degrees and roll out again. Repeat, adding the remaining frozen butter and fold as before. Rest in the fridge for 30 minutes before using.

For the filling, melt the butter in a large frying pan over a medium heat and add the leeks to the pan with the orange juice, zest and sherry. Cover and cook gently for 6 minutes, stirring occasionally until the leeks are just tender. Remove the lid and increase the heat, reduce the volume of liquid until you are left with a few spoonfuls of buttery liquid. Sprinkle the flour over the leeks and stir to mix evenly. Gradually stir in the stock and simmer for 5 minutes until the sauce has thickened slightly. Add the mustard, turkey and ham and stir. Finally add the tarragon and cream. Season to taste with a little white pepper and salt.

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.

Pour the pie filling and sauce into a 1.2-1.5 litre/2-2½ pint pie dish and allow to cool. If you have a pie funnel, put it in the middle of the filling.

Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured work surface to about 5mm thick. Cut a 2cm/¾in strip of pastry.

Brush the rim of the pie dish with egg wash, then place the pastry strip onto the rim and brush it with more egg wash.

To make the pie lid, cut the remaining pastry a little larger than the dish and lift it into place (use the rolling pin to help you). Make a steam hole to expose the funnel (if using). Press the edges to seal then trim away any excess. Re-roll any trimmings and use them to make decorations. Brush the pastry with egg wash, arrange any decorations on top of the pie and brush these with egg too.



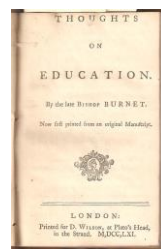
Bake for 35-40 minutes until the pastry is risen and golden-brown. Allow to cool slightly before serving.

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## FROM THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION 1761

The things he is to learne are, first discretion, how to converse, to be silent, to choose friends, to find out peoples humours; how to gain love, and the like. These he must be well directed in; for now he learne to be a man, and live among them. The Proverbs will doe well for his: and for humane writers, the best I know is the son of Sirach.

He must also be taught to speak properly, and promptly: and for this cause he should begin to write essaies upon everything, to use himselfe, while he is alone, to discourse upon any subject; for this is the best way to smooth his stile, and to replenish his mind with good thoughts and fancies. Now how necessary this is for all is easy to guesse, but chiefly for noblemen, who by ane elegant expression shall become the more considerable bot in parliament and counsel. Wee see the chieffe in all states have been the greatest orators, as all histories assure us.

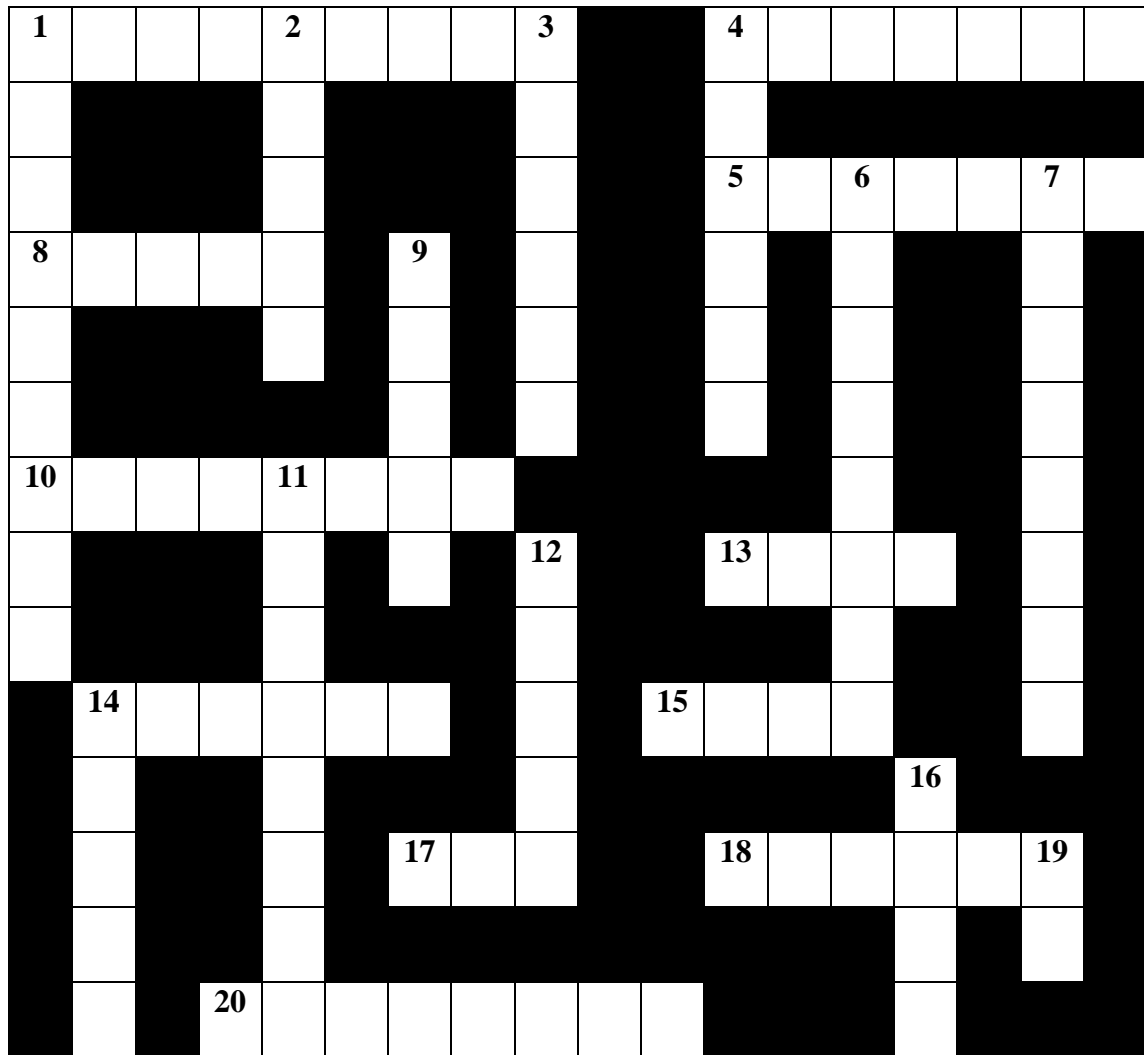


For study, if he retain and improve in what he hath acquired, I should burden him no more: yet if he be of a composed mind, and moderate spirit, to look differently into chymistry, will be a huge addition to his other parts, and may oblige him to love home, and seek a retired life; which is always the best choice; none being ever so fit for publick affairs, as they who shun them, and seek privacy. But if he be of a hot brain, and forward in his acting, this will more prejudice than profit him, and may intangle him so as to ruin his estate, and fill his head with doting fopperies. At this age therefore study should be used as a recreation.

**Bishop Gilbert Burnet**



## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



### Across

1. Day of Jesus' birth (9)
4. Santa has to climb down it (7)
8. Time of day when Santa delivers presents (5)
10. Animals that help pull sleigh (8)
13. One guided the Wise Men (4)
14. Husband of Mary (6)
15. Put lights on it at home (4)
17. Where you must be early on Christmas Eve night (3)
18. Hang one on your door at Christmas (6)
20. Put around the presents (8)

### Down

1. Fruit used for sauce to go with turkey at Christmas (9)
2. Man in red (5)
3. Place where Jesus was born (6)
4. Sung at Christmas (6)
6. What you do to house and tree at Christmas (8)
7. Given to family at Christmas (8)
11. Month of Christmas (8)
12. King at time of Jesus' birth (5)
14. Born at Christmas (5)
16. Mother of Jesus (4)
19. Santa says it three times (2)

