

THE BURNETT BANNER

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BURNETT GATHERING Monday 31st July - Saturday 5th August

As reported in the March Banner, the Gathering is attracting a record attendance. Whilst this has provided some logistical challenges with some minor amendments to the programme, there is no reason why the enjoyment of the visit and the experience should be impaired.

We have had to cancel the Estate Tour but have added the Archaeological Walkabouts which will now be conducted by Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeological Services for National Trust for Scotland.

HONOURS FOR CHARLES BURNETT

As most readers will know, Charles Burnett, former Ross Herald, whom many of those coming to the Gathering will meet and whose lectures we will enjoy, is frequently and deservedly bestowed with honours.



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A NEW LOOK FOR THE CRANNOG



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NEWS FROM HOLYROOD



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BURNETT MERCHANDISE

We have amended the range of Burnett merchandise to accord with demand. We have had to stop the production of certain items due to the size of minimum requirements and also because our nearly in-house producer, Chris Engel has retired. These reductions include some golf items, but we have added a number of others including Mugs and Tea Towels which feature Vinny Burnett's design (see Page 3) and also Tartan Flat Caps and Tams. Chris Engel also printed the Family Trees but we have now sourced another printer.



NOTE FROM THE HOUSE OF BURNETT SECRETARY

Greetings,

If we don't get washed away here in Wisconsin from all the rain we have been getting, I will see a lot of you in Scotland. It always a thrill to meet old friends as well as meeting new ones. I will be heading for Scotland 28 July and will meet many of you on the Bus.

Jim Burnette and I manned the House of Burnett at the Glasgow KY Games. I had Lunch with the Chief of the Games at noon Friday followed by the Ceilidh where we introduced the House of Burnett to the Chief of the games with our torch held high. The weather report said rain Saturday and Sunday but it held off until we closed the games on Sunday, then they had a torrential down pour of about 7 inches in 2 Hours. Put the first week end of June 2018 on your Calendars. We are scheduled to be the honor Clan at the Glasgow Games. We need a big turnout.



Jim Burnette will be at the Grandfather Mountain Games in July 2017 and in Oct at Stone Mountain GA. Please stop by and give him some support.

I will be in Kentucky at a Burnett Reunion on 19 Aug. I will have a House of Burnett tent at the Wisconsin Games Sep 1, 2 and 3rd and will represent the Burnett's at the Columbus Indiana Games on 9th and 10th of Sep.

I again appeal to members to sponsor a Burnett tents at Scottish Games in your area. We will help you get started.

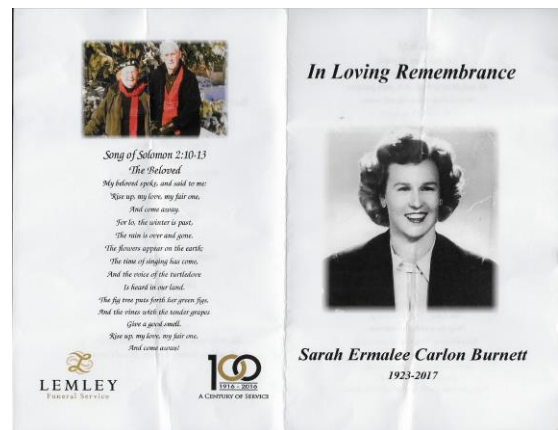
We continue to need articles for the Banner. If you have anything of interest please send them to me. If anyone is interested in taking over as Secretary of the House of Burnett let me or the President know. I have had this position for 12 years and am getting (Old) or as they say in Kentucky where I grew up a little long in the tooth. I know most of you are more Computer literate than I.

Yours Aye

Secretary, House of Burnett
Leland L. Burnett

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST SARAH ERMALEE BURNET

Although I did not know her, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Erma Burnett, the mother of Mike, Treasurer and longtime major contributor to the House of Burnett. Below is an obituary for Erma and from which it can be seen that she enjoyed a long and full life. The photograph below was taken from the Order of Service which was attended by Jim Burnette.



James C A Burnett of Leys

Sarah Ermalee Carlton Burnett passed away on March 28, 2017, at the age of 93 years. Erma was born on May 12, 1923 to Walter and Blanche Carlton of Hattieville, Arkansas, the third-oldest of twelve children. She graduated from Wonderview High School in 1941, where she was presented with the "I Dare You" Award and was also recognized as the outstanding female athlete. Immediately following high school, she attended the Draughn School of Business in Little Rock, Arkansas. Later that year, during World War II, she began working for the FBI in Washington, D.C. under J. Edgar Hoover as a fingerprint expert in the Identification Division. While in D.C., she served as a captain on the FBI women's basketball team.

In 1946 Erma returned to Arkansas. She married her best friend and high school sweetheart, Dr. Thomas David Burnett, on July 5, 1947 – a double wedding with dear friends Ford McReynolds and Louise Simons. The newlyweds moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Dr. Burnett completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Hillcrest Hospital. In 1949, Dr. Burnett joined the Armed Services as a Captain in the Medical Corp of the U.S. Army and was stationed in Osaka, Japan. Erma travelled by ship from San Francisco to Japan to join her husband, and later lived by herself in Japan when Dr. Burnett was called to serve in the Korean conflict.

In 1950, Erma and Dr. Burnett returned to the United States from Japan and settled in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, where Dr. Burnett built a medical clinic with his

childhood friend, Dr. Walter Cale. While Dr. Burnett established his medical practice, Erma lovingly raised their three children – Mike, Betty Ann and Jim Tom.

Erma was active in the children’s activities including PTA, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Sapulpa High School Band Boosters, and sports. She was an active member of PEO, Chapter G, and served as chairperson of the Sapulpa Charity Ball. Erma was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Sapulpa where she served in many volunteer roles including teaching Sunday School.

Erma and Dr. Burnett moved to Denver in February of 2006 to be near their family. They spent time traveling and loved watching their grandchildren participate in many sporting and cultural activities while growing into fine young adults.

Erma loved her family, the Oklahoma Sooners, the Arkansas Razorbacks and sports (particularly football, baseball, basketball and golf). She loved reading when her eyes were willing. And, she loved to go shopping – even til the end.

Erma is survived by her children: Mike (Vicki Ginn Burnett) of San Antonio, Texas; Betty (Dr. Herb Jacobs) of Denver, Colorado; and Jim of Lakewood, Colorado; grandchildren: Adam (Beth) Burnett of Eagan, Minnesota; Ben (Ellen) Burnett of Belton, Texas; Annie (Chad) Peter of Houston, Texas; and Sarah Jacobs of Denver, Colorado; great-grandchildren: Emily and Kate Burnett, Owen and Wyatt Burnett, and Stuart Peter; sister Melba (Don) Dietrick of Falling Waters, West Virginia; brothers John E. Carlton of Fort Smith, Arkansas and Ancel Carlton of Morrilton, Arkansas; sister-in-law Lois Carlton of Conway, Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Erma was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Thomas David Burnett; her parents, Walter and Blanche Carlon; sisters Margaret Evelyn Chastain Edwards, Francis Carlon, Mildred Sue Carlon, and Jean Himes; and brothers Raymond Carlon, Jim Carlon, Robert Carlon and Gilbert Carlon.

Erma was one of a kind. She was so special in so many ways to so many people, and was loved by all.

Services were held Friday, April 7, 2017, at 1:30 P.M. at the Baptist Church in Hattieville, Arkansas. Burial followed at Oakland Cemetery in Atkins, Arkansas, under the direction of Lemley Funeral Service of Atkins. Pall bearers were Adam Burnett, Ben Burnett, Chad Peter, Herb Jacobs, Tommy Carlon and David Carlon

BRIDGETT FORBES BURNETT

Readers will recall the sad loss of Bridgett Burnett which we reported in the last December Banner.



Mark Burnett Palumbo, Bridgett’s son has kindly send me this picture which will be of interest to Burnetts and anyone who has visited Crathes.

Ann Woolworth, Bridgett’s mother’s best friend from her school days at Stanford hall, began work on a needlepoint tapestry eight years ago. The design for the tapestry came from a painting of one of the nine nobles on the ceiling at Crathes Castle in Aberdeenshire. Ann began the project eight years ago as a gift to Bridgett. This is a picture of Mark Burnett Palumbo with the needlepoint.

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BURNETT MERCHANDISE



THE GLASGOW KY GAMES



House of Burnett
2017 Glasgow Highland Games
Glasgow, Kentucky



Representatives of the House of Burnett
parade past the Chief of the Games as
Leland Burnett salutes.



Secretary Leland Burnett with friend Portia
heading to Lunch with the Chief



Jim Burnette sends this of Debbie Sandler who
stopped by the tent. She is also going to the
Gathering with her friend, Pat Garr,
who is a history teacher.



Leland Burnett and James Burnett

MILWAUKEE HIGHLAND GAMES

Thanks to Jacky Daugherty for these pictures taken at the Milwaukee Highland Games, June 3, 2017. They included her brother John Kafura, and Nicole Zimmerman and her husband, Bernie Nicole is the House of Burnett's new Board of Directors member. She also visited the Hay tent. Clan Hay has on more than one occasion shared the Burnett Gathering Ceilidhs at Woodend Barn



LAS VEGAS HIGHLAND GAMES

Emily and her brother Zachary Christopher at the Las Vegas Highland Games. Emily became a member of the House of Burnett. Both live in New Mexico but were in Las Vegas competing as drummers. Zachary is dressed in their band uniform Tartan, Clan Wallace.



BATESVILLE ARKANSAS GAMES



THE CRANNOG ON LOCH OF LEYS

Many Burnetts coming to the Gathering have expressed a wish to view the Crannog. This is the man-made island on the Loch of Leys and on which Burnard (Burnett) first lived on arrival in the area and which is noted in the 1323 charter by King Robert the Bruce. This included "*lacum de Banchory cum insula ejusdem or the 'lake (loch) of Banchory with the island within it'*". Historic Scotland restricted access to the Crannog itself as it is classified as a listed monument. However, that restriction does not prevent a presentation of the history of the Island and of Crannog and which will justify the visit.

The Crannog was previously in the property of the Wauchopes, who were known to be holders of land on Deeside in the reigns of Alexander I and Alexander II (1107-1449). There is an unauthenticated report that Alexander Burnard not only received land but also took possession of the crannog, a fortallis, which had been built by the Wauchopes and of which they were dispossessed by King Robert. This became the Burnett home and probably for the next 100 years or more.

The Crannog underwent some thorough research two years ago and as reported in the Banner. This was carried out by Michael Stratigos, who is shown below here with the Leys Estate Ranger, Thys Simpson. Readers who have recently seen the Crannog or photographs of it, will have noticed that it has been hard to identify the actual crannog because of the foliage which has grown up around it. Thys has seen to this and the success of his endeavours is clear from the 'before' and 'after' photographs. This allows the shape of the Crannog to be discerned more clearly. Thys has also constructed handrails for the various steps *en route* to the spot where the Crannog can be best viewed.



James C A Burnett of Leys

VISITORS TO CRATHES

The most recent visitor to Crathes has been David Burnett. David comes from Kentucky although currently works as a Nurse in Oregon. His family has a record of medical association, his father, Dr Eric and grandfather, Dr Clem both being in that profession. The family line is that of Johnne Burnett, grandson of John Burnett of Leys, and who sailed to Virginia in 1635.



I was very pleased to meet with Jim and Betty Lou Burnett from Nashville



I recently met Andrew and his son, Nathaniel Burnett, at our office at the Banchory Business Centre. The picture behind them is by Lord Huntly and was his first painting after he decided to return to that activity after a break of several decades. I thought that it be good for that location. What I should have thought of more carefully was that it is the artist's vision of Shelley's poem Ozymandias and that the inference of the picture is that great monuments, such as are in Egypt, don't last for ever. Maybe tens of thousands of years, but not for ever. Not an ideal message for our building company.



Andrew, whose father is Jesse Patrick Burnett, and Nathaniel, come from Indianapolis and were in the UK for Andrew's sister's wedding in Oxford.

James C A Burnett of Leys

VISITORS TO CRATHES FROM AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

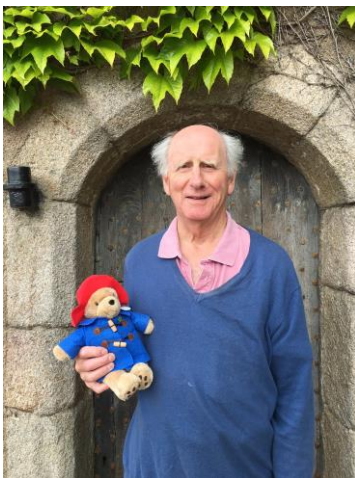
Bill Burnett and daughters, Natasha Kimlin from Brisbane, Queensland and Amy Williams from Wellington.

I had been in communication with Bill's brother, Bob, a few years ago, when their father, Raymond, was 90, I sent them a copy of *The Holly and the Horn* because Raymond was so interested in Burnett family history. As a keen genealogist, their father, latterly with Bob's assistance, has compiled what Eileen Bailey and I agree is a very well assembled family history.



Raymond and his parents moved to Auckland in 1923 and settled in Belmont, Takapuna. He enlisted in the 2NZEF in 1940, (falsifying his age to do so), and saw action in Egypt before being taken prisoner at Tobruk. Raymond has excelled in many sporting activities, and joined the NZ Army Regular Force in 1951 until he retired in 1971. He was awarded a BEM in the 1961 Queen's Birthday Honours. In 1971, Raymond and his wife, Nancy, migrated to Australia.

Raymond is 96 this September and he and Bob are continuing to research and compile their family history, and also writing several memoirs covering his childhood, his war years and his post war years. So much more to come. They are very pleased with the additional information that Bill and the girls managed to collect on their trip.



P.S. Tasha and Amy insisted upon the Paddington Bear photograph (Banner filler!)

James C A Burnett of Leys

SUSAN AND DON BURNETT

Below, a note from Susan and Don Burnett, although she exaggerates the extent of my contribution to their visit. Susan sent some photographs of their visit and I thought that this one of the Castle from the Rose Garden, with the Viburnum, (var *Plicatum Marveisii* and *Tomentosum* for the experts), at their best, was deserving of inclusion in the Banner together with that of Don and Susan in the Great Hall. They are currently living in Grottaglie in Italy during Susan's work in Supply Management with Boeing.



"Don & I live in Washington State near Seattle in a city named Auburn. Don is retired on pension and I work for The Boeing Company (for a few more years). Because of my work currently in Italy, travel in Europe became more affordable. We are very pleased to have been able to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary with a trip to visit Castle Crashes – this was a longtime dream of ours and we will return. If possible we will bring our daughter Jennifer, her husband Brad and two grandson's Cash and Lucas, along with our son David, so they too can see a part of the family history.

We so appreciated the time Jamie took taking us thru Crathes and giving us the insider perspective of life there. All of the insight to the family history and what living thru the changes must have been like, certainly wet our appetite to learn more about our Heritage. One of the highlights of our visit was a tour of the estate gardens with Chris Wardle the head gardener – we highly recommend this as his knowledge is simple amazing. The gardens are exquisite!"



James C A Burnett of Leys

NEWS FROM HOLYROOD

The Westminster Parliament General Election results



may have been disappointing for the Conservatives in England, but they were a triumph for non-Nationalist parties in Scotland. The Conservatives made substantial gains which included the Constituency in which Crathes lies and several neighbouring areas. Alexander and Victor played their part in

assisting these victories.

The profile and credibility of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party has certainly been raised.

In a shadow cabinet reshuffle, Alexander's role has advanced to be Business, Innovation and Energy and Deputy Business Manager. He has also been promoted to membership of the Finance Committee and he now shares an office section with the Chief Whip

Pictured are Alexander Burnett, David Mundell, The Scottish Secretary of State and Alexander, Marquess of Aberdeen at Royal Highland Show of which he was President

James C A Burnett of Leys

CRATHES SCHOOL DUX MEDAL

An old pupil of the Crathes Primary School recently contacted the Head Teacher to pick her brains with regard to Crathes School history. She had been contacted by a New Zealand gentleman called Michael Stephen, son of Leslie Robert Stephen who attended Crathes School in the late 1940s or early 1950s. Mr Michael Stephen was about to visit Scotland was proposing to gift his late father's Dux Medal to the school but he would have been pleased to know a little about his father's time at Crathes. So far, through the archivist services, it was established that the medal was presented to Leslie



Stephen on 2nd July 1953 by Lady Burnett of Leys, but the exact origins of the medal seem hard to pick up from the log books.

This may not be a usual Burnett Banner subject. The result has been that Stephen will know a little more about is father's time at the School which all of our children attended as did or do Alexander's and Vinny's. Hester the youngest is still at the school. Consequently, it is not entirely inappropriate to feature Stephen and Hester and the medal which Hester's great-great grandmother had presented to Stephen's father. Whether or not Hester has yet to be awarded such a medal as the School Dux, is still to be established.

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CHARLES BURNETT

Charles Burnett is the President Emeritus of the Heraldry Society of Scotland and in April, he was presented with this magnificent portrait in oils by the distinguished artist, Max Scotto, pictured here with his wife, Yvonne.



Charles and I met a few weeks ago in Aberdeen in preparation for the Aberdeen tour during the Gathering. I enquired as to tartan of the tie which he was wearing to be advised that it was the University of Dundee of which he an Honorary Teaching Fellow and hence entitled to wear their tartan. The photograph on the front pages shows this. We met again more recently and I am pleased to say that, sartorially, he was more suitably attired as can be seen here.



James C A Burnett of Leys