LAS VEGAS, THE BURNETT REUNION, GAMES AND GATHERINGS

As I have already said to many of those who came to Las Vegas and those who were unable to attend, I thoroughly enjoy my short visit. Las Vegas is certainly a cultural experience and very distant from our quaint surroundings of Deeside in Scotland.

It was a most impressive number of Burnetts and this confirms the growing strength of the House of Burnett and reflects the efforts of all who have made it a success. That includes early members George Mead and George and Barbara Kreider who were present. Also, with us was John Burnett whom we must praise for the magnificent coat of arms document which he had gone to such trouble to have created and which is now available. And certainly not least, Judge Gilbert and Julian Burnett and their families and who attended our first Gathering in 1992.

James C A Burnett of Leys

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SEARCHING FOR THAT ELUSIVE BURNETT/BURNET?

One frustration that, at some time, will probably afflict most who are attempting to put together the history of their family is that seemingly elusive individual or piece of information. On the basis of the adage that “a problem shared is a problem halved”(or in the case of family history even solved!) why not visit the Burnett Forum on this website?

Usefully divided into sections, the Forum may already contain messages from others researching the same family line and may provide the answer to your puzzle. If not, then post your own message & question and, who knows, you might even find some new relatives. Satisfaction not guaranteed but it is worth a try!

Eileen Bailey, Official Burnett Genealogist.

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POLITICAL REFLECTIONS

THE UK GENERAL ELECTION

Alexander Burnett fails to halt the Nationalist Tsunami – but watch this space....... More info on Page 9

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ABOYNE GAMES WEEK

30th July - 1st August

Croquet, Murder Mystery Night & Celiidh More info on Page 10
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Burnett Reunion in Las Vegas this past April was a success and a lot of fun. We had over 125 Burnetts who attended the Highland Games and, or the dinner. The many months of planning were worth the results. There are many to whom I owe a thank you so that is what I wish to devote this letter to.

Thank you to all the Burnetts who came. Especially interesting are those who traveled to a have “reunion” with members of their immediate family. I met parents and children, sisters and brothers, all meeting within the larger family of the Burnetts. Thanks as well to those who sent me their pictures from the Reunion.

To Leland and to my mother, Evelyn Kafura, thank you for the “seed money” to get the project started. Thank you to Leland for many of the raffle prizes at the Burnett Dinner. Thank you to him for driving the Chief and Charles to, and back from, the Highland Games each day.

Thank you to Holly Kafura, Evelyn Kafura, and Gloria Hansen for the sales of Crathes Castle books and Burnett mugs in the tent and raffle ticket sales at the dinner. Thank you to Chuck and Nancy Kafura for bringing 18 pounds of Wisconsin cheddar and Swiss cheese to use as snacks in the Burnett tent at the Games.

A special thanks to House of Burnett Board member, Chris Burnette, owner of Coulter & Payne Farm Distillery, of Union Missouri, for the Crop Circle vodka, moonshine, and bourbon.

(https://coulterandpaynefarmdistillery.com)
[Was known as Mad Buffalo Distillery]

To James Burnette, and John and Melissa Burnett for their help with registering Burnetts for the busses to the Games and making sure that everyone got back to the Golden Nugget. They were also most helpful in the Burnett tent at the Highland Games.

Lastly, and most of all, thank you to our Chief, James Burnett of Leys, and Charles J. Burnett, Ross Herald, for traveling so far to be with us for the Reunion. I know that it is very unlikely that neither of you will ever return to Las Vegas. Las Vegas is the exact opposite of everything that you are accustomed to at home. I can only hope that by now the trip is becoming more of a ‘fond’ memory.

Yours Aye,
Jackelyn A Daugherty

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings,

For those who were unable to make the Reunion in Las Vegas, you missed out on a Grand time. I want to congratulate our President Jackelyn Daugherty on a job well done. I did not get a final number of members who attended but my count was over 150. I did have a couple of problems, one was renting a car with no GPS but I only got lost once. The credit for that goes to our navigator Charles Burnett, Ross Herald Extraordinary. My Credit Card was also compromised but the bank caught it, so I was not out any money.

We had our last Reunion in the States in 2010. I for one would like to have Reunions more often. If we do this there are two things we must change. (1) We must have more members involved in planning and organizing the event. I just think too much was left for our President to do. (2) I don’t have the final cost of the event yet. We did get some donations but I know a lot of the cost came out of the House of Burnett Account. With this in mind we must start paying our dues on time. Since the Las Vegas Gathering was such a success I plan to add future Reunions to the agenda at our next Board meeting. If you have suggestions that would add to the discussion please let me know so I can pass them on.

At the Las Vegas Scottish Festival we met with a representative of St Kilts about getting a custom weave of Modern Burnett Tartan. Those who would like to have a Men’s Kilt or Ladies Kilt and don’t want to spend the $500 to $600 for a traditional Wool Kilt, this is a way you can get a kilt from $70 to $80. If this appeals to you let me know and I will give the necessary information.

I was at the Glasgow Kentucky Highland Games in early June and the House of Burnett won an award for the largest family in attendance. I will be going back to Kentucky for a Burnett Reunion on 15 Aug. I will be at the Wisconsin Games over Labor Day weekend followed by the Columbus, IN. Games and I have been invited to the First year of the Indianapolis Indiana Festival on 10 Oct. I will be trying to fit it into my schedule.

John Burnett will be the House of Burnett Representative for Grandfather Mountain NC. Games 9-12 July. If in the area stop by the Burnett Tent.
We are working diligently on getting House of Burnett representation at the Stone Mountain GA Games 16-18 Oct. and hope to know something by Game time this year. We are still looking for help at the Pleasanton CA. Games. If you can help let us know.

I still have over 40 members whose e-mails or home addresses that have failed. Please send me an update.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Summer.

Leland L Burnett
Secretary, House of Burnett

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IRISH FESTIVAL
FAIR PARK IN DALLAS, TEXAS
MARCH 6-8, 2015

Elma Ash

MILWAUKEE HIGHLAND GAMES
JUNE 6, 2015

Evelyn and John Kafura

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BURNETTS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

In War Cemeteries in the UK and other countries, there are officially marked graves of the many from the UK and Commonwealth who died whilst fighting in WW1 and WW2. Of course there are huge numbers who have no known grave and whose last resting place will probably never be known.

Looking specifically at the surnames Burnett & Burnet the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website at www.cwgc.org shows

WW1 Burnett - 309 and Burnet - 19 Total 328
WW2 Burnett - 155 and Burnet - 11 Total 166

For anyone searching for a specific war casualty, the CWGC website has a basic and an advanced search form. The information normally available for an individual is name, rank, service number, force in which they served, location of grave and reference number. In many, but not all, records there is also information about parents or spouse. There is usually a photograph of the cemetery and some have plans in which an individual grave reference can be located.

Eileen Bailey
Official Burnett Genealogist.

Although not a Burnett, (exceptions are made when there is a close family association), I would like to mention my stepfather’s brother, George Arthur Boyd-Rochfort, who was an Irish recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Arthur was 35 years old, and a second lieutenant in the Scots Guards during the First World War when the following deed took place for which he was awarded the VC. On 3 August 1915 between Cambrin and La Bassée, France, a German trench-mortar bomb landed on the side of the parapet of the communication trench in which he was standing close to a small working party of his battalion. Instead of stepping back into safety he shouted to his men to look out, rushed at the bomb, seized it and hurled it over the parapet where it at once exploded. This combination of presence of mind and courage saved the lives of many of the working party.

James C A Burnett of Leys
LAS VEGAS GATHERING
LETTER FROM CRATHES

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I made many new Burnett friends and the event was undoubtedly a great success, thanks largely to the organisation of Jacky and Leland with the assistance of others. It is safe to say that the House of Burnett goes from Strength to Strength. Since there are many pictures in photos on the website, I will refrain from adding many here. I am also most grateful for my "Bolo Tie" for which I am sure that I will soon find an occasion on which I shall proudly display it. I am very grateful for the hospitality which I received.

Charles Burnett
We were all so pleased that Charles Burnett was able to make it to Las Vegas. Ever since those who were fortunate enough to attend his lecture during the 2013 Gathering, I have been convinced that no better understanding of Heraldry can be acquired by means other than Charles's lectures or in a more enjoyable way. Whatever knowledge one has of the subject, you end up wiser and better for attending them.

Norman Burnett's wedding
A major surprise for me was Norman Burnett’s wedding shortly before our banquet, to Judy

Norm was a member of the Burnett Society of the West Coast from long ago and reappeared into the world of the House of Burnett into Jacky’s tent at the Las Vegas games three years ago.

Norm also brought a number of members of his family for the wedding and the Burnett Reunion, including his sister Ruth Burnett Orendorff, his son, Thomas S Burnett and his wife Tracy Wickham from of San Jose, CA and their daughter Jessica who are in the picture below. We Burnetts should be very honoured that he chose such an occasion for his wedding and we wish them many happy years ahead.

Norm’s son Charles was the "Best Man", pictured below with Judy.

The "Maid of Honor" was Connie Leamy. Connie is Judy’s cousin and was Judy’s Maid of Honor. Charles Burnett and Connie Leamy were also the witnesses.

I did mention in my ‘address' at the dinner in Las Vegas, the form of future Gatherings at Crathes. During the last two Gatherings at Crathes, I have spoken briefly about the future of such events and I am frequently asked for the date of the next Gathering. Traditionally it has been every four years since 1992.

Many Burnetts may find 4 years is a long time to wait for such an event and many Burnetts visit Crathes each year. I have discussed with other local clans the creation of a joint programme of events that would appeal to all Clans and to all ages. It would be over a few days every year at the time of our local Highland Games at Aboyne which is always on the first Saturday in August. Unless an individual clan has a certain number of visitors, it is difficult to create such a programme in which there would still be some events for the Burnetts alone as there would be for the other clans. There would be no obligation to commit to every event in such a programme.

For 2015, as you will see elsewhere in this Banner, there are some events for Aboyne week and they include a Ceilidh for the evening after the games and an Inter-clan Croquet Contest. I had thought of an Inter-clan Paintball battle. Legislation attached to modern clan warfare may not permit swords and bullets, but it may allow croquet mallets and paintball pellets. Maybe this is for next time according to demand.
The above suggestion does not preclude a visit by a larger group in any year at that time. If the House of Burnett decide that they wish to bring a group of 20 or 200, we will make arrangements to suit. If only 2 Burnetts wish to come, we will always endeavour to ensure that their visit is worthwhile.

*James C A Burnett of Leys*

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**VISITORS TO CRATHES**

Bonnie Lane and her daughter Wendy Vankerkhove from Rochester came to Crathes in May. Bonnie gave me much genealogical information which I am sure is of interest. Bonnie’s ancestor, Robert Burnett was born in Kincardineshire in 1701 and believed to have been baptized in Banchory before emigrating with his family to the US and probably in 1702 or 1725. It may have been that Robert was a tailor in Banchory. We are investigating.

Shane and Lisa Huff and their daughters Isabella and Olivia came to Crathes in June with Shane’s parents Coy and Rita. They are from Arkansas and Lisa is descended from John Burnett (1610-1686 Rappahannock County, Virginia) and who was the son of Thomas Burnett the Merchant in Aberdeen.

I hope that they enjoyed their first visit to Crathes. Another reason for their visit was that Olivia and the Harrison High School choir performed at Galway Cathedral, CIT Cork School of Music, (photograph above right) and St Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin (along with various impromptu moments such as Kylemore Abbey Chapel, Rock of Cashel cathedral ruins), en route to Scotland.

*James C A Burnett of Leys*

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My family history, that I have been able to research, shows my Great-Great-Great Grandfather, Vincent Burnett, was born in the Richmond, Virginia area in 1802. I have not found any definitive proof of his father and mother’s names, however, her name may have been Mary.

Vincent married Nancy Butler, or Butter, (born in 1810 in East Tennessee) in 1828 when she was 18. In the 1840 Census, Vincent and Nancy are in Warren County, Kentucky. My Great-Great Grandfather, John, was born in 1830 in Tennessee. Vincent and Nancy also had other children: Thomas, born in 1828, Henry in 1833, Alchaney E. in 1839 and Louisa Jane Burnett in 1852.

John married Mary Jane Allen in 1850 and then married Mary Jane Tygret in 1861 in Warren County, Kentucky. I have a big picture in the original oval ornate frame of John and Mary Jane Tygret, which was made around 1880. John was a farmer as was his father Vincent. John and both Mary Janes, as well as Mary Jane Tygret’s family are buried in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green, Kentucky. I have visited their graves, which are well marked.

John died in 1931 and Mary Jane Tygret Burnett died in 1890. John’s children were, Fannie K. born in 1863, James W. born in 1866, Charlie R. born in 1868, (my Great Grandfather), Augustus born in 1869, Lulie in 1874, and Warner Thomas born in 1876. All of the children were born in Warren County, Kentucky on John’s farm.


My Grandfather married Pauline Ausbrooks (both pictured top left) in 1914. John died in 1985 and Pauline died in 1978. They had one son, James Ray, born in 1917, who is my father.

Back to the Burnett to Burnettes name change. In 1942, my Grandfather and Great Grandmother got in a dispute or property. My Grandfather and Father had agreed to farm a second farm that my Great Grandmother and Great Grandfather had bought. They understood that the farm would be purchased from my Great Grandparents after they put in fences and cleaned the farm up from overgrown bushes and trees. Several area farmers were hired at fifty cents per day to work and clean up the farm, which was about 175 acres. After it was done, my Great Grandparents sent the Sheriff out with a notice that they were to be off the property in 30 days. They left in January 1943 and moved to another farm to be tenants.

They never spoke or visited from that day forward. Around that time, my Grandfather changed our names to Burnette from Burnett. He was so disgusted with his parents that he did not want to be associated with the Burnett name. In 1950, my Great Uncle Fred came over and told my Grandfather that his Father was dying and would not last too long. If he wanted to see him before he died, he should visit.

The next week my Grandfather, Father, and I went to the family farm. My Great Grandfather was on his deathbed and only lasted about two weeks before he passed. After that, we visited because my Great Grandmother wanted to see her Great Grand Children. I visited her and my Great Uncle Fred after they sold the farm and moved into a small house with about four acres near our farm. My Grandfather and Father purchased a 110-acre farm in Simpson County, Kentucky in 1946. My Father sold the family farm in 1987 and he and my Mother moved to a new house in Franklin, Kentucky. They lived there until they passed and we sold the property later.

James Burnette, Member, Board of Directors
MINTON CHINA PLATE WITH BURNETT INSIGNIA

I have been asked if I know anything of the provenance of this plate which is marked on the back with the Burnett of Leys insignia and decorated on the front with a Clumber spaniel, surrounded with decorative gold.

My research did not produce what I really wanted. However, the plate is by Minton, probably decorated by Henry Mitchell and dates circa 1870, with images after Landseer. A set of 18 plates painted with different animals (stags, cattle, dogs, sheep, goats, etc.) with identical borders was offered at Bonhams Auction House in London in 2011 but no results listed and no mention of any heraldic crests to the reverse.

So it looks like this was a service that could be ordered and stamped with the buyers crest if desired, rather than a special commission. However, it does appear that there is a lack of records which might tell us who commissioned them.

My source of information also found a record from Phillips selling a 15 piece dessert service, also similarly decorated and backstamped with the crest for Gavin Campbell, the 7th Earl of Breadalbane, which also bears stamps for a retailer in Edinburgh. This set was sold in 1998.

I did tell the owner of the plate that we do have a small range of Burnett merchandise and the plate is thought-provoking!

If any readers can shed any light on the origins of the plate, I would be pleased to hear from them.

James C A Burnett of Leys

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FAMOUS BURNETTS

It has been suggested that that there should be a presentation in the Family Room in Crathes Castle of Burnetts whose actions or achievements are celebrated or recognised in some way. As often as not, this may be marked by having a town, river, mountains or some such feature so named. Succinctly, they might be described as ‘famous’. It may be that any such description might also include ‘infamous’.

If readers have any suggestions as to anyone who might qualify to be included in this presentation, please can you send me details of your proposal to info@leysestate.co.uk

James C A Burnett of Leys
THE UK GENERAL ELECTION
POLITICAL REFLECTIONS

With the huge surge in the vote of the SNP, Alexander (pictured right with UK Prime Minister David Cameron) had to be content with second place in the General Election for our constituency of West Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire. The Nationalist vote reflected less the issue of independence than the vow to use the power of that party to obtain a better deal for Scotland. Such an aspiration is hard not to support in the absence of strong party allegiance. However, Alexander increased the Conservative share of the poll substantially (28.8%) from the previous election and, had it not been for the popularity and record of the sitting Liberal Democrat member, Sir Robert Smith, it would have been a very close run contest.

However, Alexander has benefitted considerably during the past year and has announced that he intends to stand for the Scottish Parliament next year in the Scottish Parliamentary Election. Although his first consideration is for the constituents who may elect him, he is committed to remove the dangers of Nationalism.

THE SANDPIPER TRUST

The Sandpiper Trust was set up following the death of Sandy Dickson in 2000. Sandy was the nephew of Claire Maitland whose husband Robin is senior partner in Strutt and Parker in Banchory, the land agents who manage the Leys Estate. Robin and Claire have lived at Crathes for the past 30 years and they and their family have become very much part of Crathes and our life.

Whilst the aim of the Sandpiper Trust is to promote and support initiatives that help improve immediate care in Scotland, Sandpiper Bags have also now been used throughout Europe.

See more at www.sandpipertrust.org/

Ironically, Robin has been seriously unwell in Aberdeen for the past six months and we wish him well and a speedy recovery. Close to where he now is and by coincidence, is the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Sanctuary, where visitors to the hospital can find peace during their visit. The Sandpiper Trust has recently been responsible for the installation of a magnificent stained glass window in the Sanctuary and we are very pleased that Crathes features as the central feature in the magnificent work.

James C A Burnett of Leys
ABOYNE GAMES WEEK

Inter-clan Croquet Contest
Thursday 30th July 6pm - 8pm
Crathes Castle Lawn

All local clans are welcome to this unique event which we hope will be repeated annually. The game will be Golf Croquet. Tuition as required, full instruction and equipment will be provided by the Crathes Croquet Club.

If any Burnett would like to participate, please contact info@leysestate.co.uk

Murder Mystery
Friday 31st July
Druminnor Castle, Rhynie, Huntly

Clan Hay are also hosting a Murder Mystery at Druminnor Castle on the eve of the Games. Interested parties should contact Pam Rotherhoe-Hay, see details on poster below.

Aboyne Games
Saturday 1st August
Aboyne Green

Any Burnetts who are planning to come to Crathes around the end of July are welcome to call at our tent.

Grand Ceilidh
Saturday 1st August
MacRobert Hall, Tarland

Burnetts will also be welcome at the Grand Ceilidh at nearby Tarland in the evening and we would be pleased to join up with them. The Ceilidh is being organised by Clan Hay and tickets acquired from Pam Rotheroe-Hay, see details on poster below.

Any Burnetts who intend to go, might let me know also. info@leysestate.co.uk

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**CLAN HAY PRESENT**

**Death in the Highlands – A Murder**

**Mystery Evening at Druminnor Castle**

Tartan Ties - Supported by Visit Scotland

Friday 31st July 2015.

At 7pm

Scotland. The birthplace of haggis, whisky and the Loch Ness monster. A land of untamed beauty, wide open skies, seabird encrusted cliffs, sandy beaches and dark, foreboding mountains. A land that is rich in wildlife and culture; lochs, Highlands, Lowlands and islands.

Nested amongst the Outer Hebrides in the far flung west, beyond the isle of Arran, lies the small, almost forgotten island of Kvetta.

This rural community has enjoyed peace and tranquility for many years. However, tonight, for the first time in 75 years, this island is involved in a scandalous murder.

Tickets £50 which includes a three course dinner and wine.

For further details or to book, contact Pam Rotheroe-Hay:

pam.rotheroe-hay@hotmail.co.uk

Phone - 07777672059

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**CEILIDH**

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MACROBERT MEMORIAL HALL

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Dancing to live music 19:30 – 23:30

(All dances will be walked through)

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YOUNGSTERS

Whilst one youngster, (we have to include a grandchild), is shy of the camera, (and that is about all), another is quite content to be photographed. Carol Adams, the tenant at Baldarroch Farm has diversified her livestock from the more traditional to peacocks, dogs and llamas. Here is the latest newcomer to this world. Some readers may have come across Baldarroch (The Holly and the Horn. Page 284) which was supposed to have been visited by the Devil in the form of a poltergeist.

THE DEIL AT BALDARROCH

“Afore the fire folk couldna sit for fear,
For peats and clods cam’ bunging ben the flear;
The parson cam’ and gained the house wi’ prayer,
But still the clods were thuddin’ here and there.
The spoons an’ dishes, knives an’ forks,
They frisked aboot as light as corks,
An’ cups an’ ladles joined the dancin’,
An’ thro’ the house a’ gaed prancin’”

From “The Deil at Baldarroch” by William Walker about curious goings-on at Baldarroch Farm, on Leys Estate, in 1838-39. The ‘de’il’ was later said to be a servant girl!

ISLA’S BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND

Readers may have read in Banner No 23 September 2013 of the fundraising for our great niece, Isla Cecil, who so sadly died in November 2012. The objective was to establish a fund to focus on High Risk childhood brain tumours and it has been so very well supported. Team Isla (pictured) finished April’s London Marathon.

My nephew Mikey found the race very testing but reports that “at about mile 15, I asked her (Isla) to stand behind me and give me a much needed push. Something I asked of her then each mile thereafter and I have no doubt she was helping me every step of the way. The above was key to getting me to the finish in 3hrs 48 mins. My whole body is definitely feeling the effects today and I will be firmly hanging up my marathon trainers after this - never again...Give me a bike over running shoes any day!”

Generous support allowed Team Isla to raise more than £25,000 for Isla’s Brighter Future Fund.
TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH RECIPES

Edinburgh Fog

Edinburgh used to be known as "Auld Reekie" (Old Smokie) in the days of coal fires - Robert Louis Stevenson, who was a sickly child, used to complain about it in the 19th century. Here is a recipe for a rich, sweet dessert which recalls those days. The original recipe used almond flavoured "ratafia" biscuits/cookies but as these are not easily available, almond flavoured cookies or macaroon biscuits or similar can be used.

Ingredients:
Half pint double cream
One ounce castor (fine granulated) sugar
Two ounces small macaroon biscuits
Almond essence
Drambuie liqueur to taste
One ounce flaked almonds

Method:
The cream should be whipped until it is stiff and the sugar added to your own preference. Crush the macaroon biscuits and mix well with the cream. Add a few drops of almond essence and Drambuie liqueur (or rum, whisky or brandy) to taste. Serve well chilled as a luxury dessert.

Marmalade Cake

Mrs Janet Keiller made marmalade for the first time in Dundee in 1797 when her husband bought a cargo of oranges that were going cheap, after a Spanish ship had been forced into the harbour in a storm. So it is not surprising that marmalade features in a number of Scottish recipes. Here is one for a marmalade cake.

Ingredients (with US conversions in brackets):
8 oz self-raising flour (One cup all-purpose flour with baking powder)
2 beaten eggs
3 oz caster sugar (Three rounded tablespoons granulated sugar)
4 oz margarine (4 rounded tablespoons)
1 drop vanilla essence (vanilla extract)
2 tablespoons orange marmalade
1 teaspoon orange rind, finely grated
2 tablespoons milk
Pinch of salt

Method:
Sift the flour and salt into a bowl and rub in the margarine until the mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar, half the orange rind and then add the eggs, marmalade, milk and vanilla. Mix well to achieve the consistency of thick batter. Grease a 6 inch round cake tin and bake in the centre of a pre-heated oven at 350F/175C/Gas Mark 4 for around one hour and twenty minutes until golden brown. If you have one, you can check with a skewer until it comes out clean. Sprinkle the rest of the orange rind on top and allow to cool for a few minutes before you turn out on a wire rack to cool.

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MY REMEMBERER

My forgetter’s getting better
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke.

For when I’m ‘here’ I’m wondering
If I really sh’d be ‘there’
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven’t got a prayer!

Often times I walk into a room,
Say “what am I here for?”
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say “Hi” and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, “who was that?”

Yes, my forgetter’s getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it’s driving me plumb crazy
And that isn’t any joke.

P.S. Send this to everyone you know . . . because I don't remember who sent it to me!

J**B