



WALLACE 700 ASSOCIATION

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013

WALLACE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY 2013.

This years ceremony has now been fixed for 27th July. The date coincides with the Aberdeen Tartan Day as well as the Aberdeen International Youth Festival, which will make for a larger more colourful procession which once again will be led by three Pipe bands. It has always been our aim to get 100 folk out wearing their Tartan [or someone else's, it doesn't matter] with pride. Last year we registered fifty three different tartans, with the pipe bands each counting as one. It doesn't have to be full highland dress, a kilt, shirt, shawl, scarf or even a swatch of Tartan [which we can supply to pin on] You do not have to be Scottish to sport one of the eight thousand different Tartans registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority,

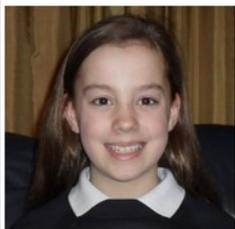
JANICE REAVELL. A Lass of many talents,

Janice is well known for folk singing and a more recently an interest in Blues music Janice, began teaching singing workshops at Folk Festivals throughout Scotland and later



taught guitar accompaniment for 'Feis Rois' in 1991. Since then Janice has been a regular tutor at the 'Adult Feis' teaching song and harmony and anything goes "Song Extravaganza". She has tutored for Scottish Culture and Traditions in Aberdeen supporting experienced singers to build their own repertoire, individual and gain performance skills for solo and group singing.

EILIDH SIMMERS, is a 12 year old pupil at Keith primary school who has a keen interest in verse speaking and singing and in 2012 she was voted 'The Young Burnsian of the year' As well as being a student at her local performing arts school, her busy life also includes playing the piano, violin and other interests include hockey swimming and athletics.



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ANNUAL WALLACE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY— SATURDAY 27th JULY SCHOOLHILL ABERDEEN.

12.15pm Pipers welcome.

Dr. Hugh Hepburn.

13.40pm Kintore Pipe Band

Welcome: The Very Rev'd., Dr A.E. Nimmo

Recitation.

Eilidh Simmers.

Annual Wallace Address:

J. Derrick McClure

The Declaration

Herald: Ian Hamilton

Abbott : Jim Allison

King Robert Bruce and Barrons by Medieval Realm

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Lord Provost George Adam & Lord Aberdeen.

Floors: O the Forest

Pipe Major Bruce Lobban

"Freedom Come Aa Ye"

Janice Reavell.

Dedication.

Rev'd Stephen Taylor of the Mither Kirk of St Nicholas.

Scots Song; and Recital;

Youth Festival/Burns project Participants.

13.30pm Beating Retreat.

Kintore Pipe Band.

Any late changes will be shown on the

website.

OUR SALTIRE WREATH. For over 12 years now Eric, pictured left and Betty White [both founder members] have



scoured Upper Deeside to fill two plastic bags with sufficient flowering heather to construct our Annual Wreath. In turn the

heather was passed to Moira MacAuley [photograph below] of Blossoms the Florist, Rosemount, who has free of charge used her skills to produce a wreath of some distinction and robustness which retained its appearance, against wind and gale on the statue plinth for may weeks after the ceremony. However after twenty one years Moira is retiring and Blossoms will close at the end of May. All is not lost. Moira has very kindly indicated she is willing to carry on making the wreath at her own home, providing Eric and Betty can continue supplying the frame and the floors.



We very much welcome the wealth of cultural events from across the world, which will be brought to Aberdeen with this years International Youth Festival. Prominent amongst those represented will be youngsters from our twinned Cities of Regensburg & Gomel. It has always been incumbent upon us to return the compliment by displaying examples of our own culture at its very best. Our Ceremony programme certainly does that with piping, recitation, oration, song and pageant of the highest order.



Once again we are delighted to have the company of Medieval Realm's participation in the enactment of the reading of the Declaration of Arbroath. Possibly the largest re-enactment group in Scotland. They proudly boast authentic style clothing, tents, armour and display authentic combat techniques. For more information on Medieval Realm, check out their informative and colourful web site www.medieval-realm.co.uk. Their appearance in costume is always a wonderful, colourful sight. The following is their programme for the remainder of this year. Open Day Kirkcaldy museum, 9th June - Tewksbury 13/14th July - Jousting Tournament at Castle Fraser 20/21 July - Fort George Inverness 10/11 August - History Festival Chatelherant 17/18 August Nyborg, Denmark 14/15th Sept CASTLE FRASER September 13-14th.

ABERDEEN HIGHLAND GAMES.

We have again been granted a charity space by the A.C.C., to erect our publicity gazebo. If the weather is kind and more often than not it has been, attracting ten to fifteen thousand spectators, we can expect to raise in excess of £300 which goes towards the cost of our annual ceremony. It is also a great venue for handing out our leaflets, publicising our event to the many North East folk. The hundreds of foreign visitors we meet, from every corner of the world are unlikely to be around for the Ceremony in July, but they are fascinated by Scotland's history and in particular the story of William Wallace. Eric, Betty and John are quite happy to erect the gazebo at the crack of dawn, but really need help during the day. **If you can spare an hour or so between 11am and 4pm do give John Mackay a ring on 01224681345 for an entry pass.**



CLAN WALLACE SOCIETY WORLD WIDE.

We extend our congratulations to Lawrence Slight of Florida on his election to the presidency of the Clan Wallace World Wide Society. Lawrence has agreed to continue the tradition of becoming one of our trustees and takes the place of retiring President, Bob Wallace. We also wish to take this opportunity to record our thanks for the C.W.S.W.W.'s annual donation of \$400 which is of great Assistance in defraying the ever increasing Ceremony costs.

First of all a sincere apology to Mrs Joyce Mitchell for the incorrect spelling of her grandfathers name, in the last newsletter. His correct name is Alexander MacKilligan and as previously stated he was a freelance Photographer and Feature writer with the Aberdeen Journals. The photographs were taken at Schoolhill during Theodore



Napier's visit to Aberdeen which I believe must have been in or around 1892/3. Having been intrigued with the old and the new, I have played around with one of Alexander's photographs and one of my own and though not entirely happy with the result I hope you enjoy the comparison. I am sure Alexander would have been just as interested to see how well the Wallace Statue has survived and how the City skyline has changed.

After some 10 years as editor of this newsletter it is becoming more difficult [age has a little to do with it too] to find fresh material and photographs. Any help in any shape or form would be much appreciated. I can be contacted at "jim1allison@yahoo.co.uk" or 01224890747, I also take this opportunity to draw your attention to our website at www.wallace700assoc.co.uk. The Web site was opened on the 1st May 2011 and at the last check on 6th May this year we had registered 3030 hits.

We wish to record thanks to Ian Hamilton and Lindy Cheyne of the Leopard magazine who have been true and faithful friends of the Association since the beginning. We wish them a very long and happy retirement.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT. Without your generous annual support we would not be able to stage the Annual Wallace Ceremony to the current high standard. We sincerely hope that our efforts are worthy of Scotland's Guardian and that you will continue with your contribution. *Enclosed are renewal slips [and where appropriate I urge you to endorse gift aid, The Chancellor of the Exchequer gave us £340 last year at no cost to you.]* Should you wish to set up a standing order, please contact the Secretary, who will forward the appropriate form.

The Wallace Association is a non-political Charitable body registered Charity No. SC 034208 which exists to advance the education of the public about the life of William Wallace. As a charity we are dependant on subscriptions and donations to enable us to continue with our annual Wallace Commemoration Ceremony. Please make sure you have paid your subscription for this year and at the same time why not make it Direct Debit and then you don't have to rely on your memory. Subscriptions are reasonably priced at £10 per individual and £12 per family. To make a Direct Debit please contact John Mackay, 6 Cairn Walk, Cults, Aberdeen, AB15 9TF. Contact can also be made through our web site www.Wallace700assoc.co.uk