



Clan Bailey Happenings

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2011 Festival Season Has Started

Irish Day Celebration Draws Young and Old

Erin, Tennessee sounds like just the place for an Irish Day Celebration, and so it was on Saturday March 19 as young and old gathered to celebrate their Irish history.

According to local legend, the town was named by Irish railroad workers who were reminded of their homeland by the green hills and valleys of the area.

In 1963, the Houston County Chamber of Commerce, along with other interested citizens, hit upon the idea of an Irish Day Celebration, and the tradition has continued through the present.

A parade through town featured numerous floats and a (rather tall) leprechaun, and showcased the talents of local school bands.

The event was enlivened by country and classic rock music. A Lord High Mayor of the festival was chosen, and four people received Emerald Awards for 2011.

Manning a Clan Bailey Information Booth at this year's festival were Midwest Commissioner, Shawn C. Bailey; his wife, Brenda; and their



A lively leprechaun delighted young and old alike at the Irish Day Celebration in Erin, Tennessee.

daughter, Tabatha Moss.

A number of visitors to the tent asked questions about Ireland and Scotland, were offered small gifts, and tossed in their tickets for a free drawing. It was a disappointment that the winner never returned to claim their prizes, which included a 3-CD set of Irish Favourites and a T-shirt which reads "Made In America With Irish Parts".

Four Members Attend Burns Night Dinner

Four members of Clan Bailey attended the Burns Night Dinner at the Oregon City Highland Stillhouse in January.

In attendance were Denise Beasley, Eric Nielsen and wife, Heather, and Barry Andrews.

As part of the evening's entertainment, Barry sang *My Love Is Like A Red Red Rose*.

The master of ceremonies was well-known whiskey writer, Stewart Ramsey.

A Note From The Newsletter Editor

As with any society, the strength of Clan Bailey lies in the dedication and participation of our members.

I encourage everyone to consider submitting photos, articles, or just plain information on any relevant subject for the website and/or the newsletter.

As we are a pan-celtic society, I would especially like to see articles or information about the five "lesser known" celtic nations - Brittany, Cornwall, Galicia, Isle of Man, and Wales.

If you don't wish to write an article, send photos or information from events you attend. The important thing is to be involved in the activities of Clan Bailey, and more importantly, to have fun in the process.

All Members are welcome and encouraged to contribute

- Photos
- Articles
- etc

To our newsletter,

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Chief Approves New Website Design

Douglas B. Bailey, Chief of Clan Bailey has given his official approval of the new design of the Clan Bailey Website.

Recent visitors to the site were greeted by a totally new design and functionality.

The green-yellow gradient background remains, but the left side navigation panel is gone. In its place is a set of drop-down menus intended to give the website more room to expand.

More subtle changes in the site will make it more friendly to search engines. This should place us a little higher in search results, and help people locate our site more easily.

There is still work to be done on the new site. At the time of this writing, a few of the pages are still "Under Construction", and other updates are forthcoming.

We Really Don't Believe Stories Like These...

Two Scottish gents were having a chat over a pint one day. One of them, Angus, pulled out an impressive pocket watch to check the time.

"That looks like an expensive watch!" exclaimed his friend, Duncan.

"It is," replied Angus. "I got it from my uncle."

"Really?"

"Aye. He sold it to me on his deathbed."

A Scottish couple lived out on the moors far from town. One day the wife fell ill and told her husband, "I dinnae feel weell at a'. Go ye for the doctor."

"The doctor! Och! ye just need to sit doon a bit and rest. Ye've been on your feet a' day. Here, hae a seat on the bed."

So the woman sat on the side of the bed, but after a bit, she said, "I dinnae feel better at a'. In fact, I feel worse. I need the doctor."

Her husband said, "It's just because you're sitting up. Here, lie back a while."

So she did, but soon, she said, "I dinnae feel any better. I feel worse. Go ye for the doctor."

"Och! The doctor will just cost us money and probably tell us things we already know. Ye just feel poorly because it's late in the day and starting to grow dark. I'll light a candle for you."

So he took a wee stub of a candle from a drawer beside the bed, set it on

a stand, and lit it.

Soon again, the wife said, "I'm feeling worse yet. Go ye for the doctor."

Finally, her husband relented. He pulled on his boots and overcoat, and headed for the door. Stopping near the door, he asked, "Do you really think the doctor is necessary?"

"Aye!" she said. "I feel like I'm going to die!"

"Right then, I'm off to fetch the doctor, but uh.. If you should feel yourself startin' to slip away, try to remember to blow out the candle."

Neil and his wife Ina were walking in a shopping centre with their baby, when they decided to go into Mothercare for a look at some things. When they came back out they started to walk away, when Ina said, "Neil, that's not our baby".

Neil said, "Shut up and keep walking, it's a better pram!"

Jock was traveling by train seated next to a stern-faced clergyman. As Jock pulled out a bottle of whisky from his pocket the clergyman glared and said reprovngly, "Look here, I am sixty-five and I have never tasted whisky in my life!"

"Dinna worry, Minister," smiled Jock, pouring himself a dram. "There's no risk of you starting now!"

How many Scotsmen are needed to screw in a lightbulb? It's no that dark!



This Summer's Events Include
(But are not limited to)

Oregon Scottish Festival
Albany, Oregon
Sat Apr 9
Clan Bailey Presence
Not Yet Determined

Missouri Tartan Day
St. Charles, Missouri
Sat-Sun April 9-10
Clan Bailey Booth PLanned

Eugene Celtic Festival
Eugene, Oregon
Sat May 21
Clan Bailey Presence
Not Yet Determined

Illinois Highland Games
Itasca, Illinois
Sat Jun 18
Possible Clan Bailey Booth

Skagit Valley Highland Games
Mt. Vernon, Washington
Fri-Sun Jul 8-10
Clan Bailey Booth Planned

Portland Highland Games
Gresham, Oregon
Sat Jul 16
Clan Bailey Booth planned
Site of AGM

Pacific Northwest Highland
Games
Enumclaw, Washington
Sat-Sun Jul 30-31
Clan Bailey Booth Planned

***Enjoy the festivities!
And don't forget
to stop by the
Clan Bailey Tent
for a warm welcome!***