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BART'S BULLETINS From the AGM



This is Bart. Bart is a young Highland calf, who was born on April 15, 2015, on the Ferrier farm south of Sedgewick, Alberta, in Canada. Sedgewick is 120 miles southeast of Edmonton where the Ferrier family settled 101 years ago when they arrived from Scotland. Bart's mother died when he was born, so he had to be hand fed at first. Bart's caretaker is Jarrett, nephew of Jeannie Ferrier, membership secretary of The Caledonian Society of Hawaii. Jarrett's children also help take care of Bart. With good care, Bart is thriving.

We imagine that the young Highland calf might be in communication with his young peers in Scotland. Perhaps, then, Scottish calves could relay bits of news from Scotland to Bart and thus to us in Hawaii. Maybe Bart passes along bits of news to Jarrett, and Jarrett calls Jeannie in Hawaii. We're calling the column "Bart's Bulletins," keeping us informed of happenings in present day Scotland. The items in this newsletter were shown in a Power Point presentation put together by Brian Richardson & Lillian Cunningham for the Caledonian Society Annual meeting held June 25th at Treetops Restaurant. Items were read by folks who attended the meeting. We hope you enjoy it too!



#1 RECORD GOOSE MIGRATION



Every winter some 372,000 pink-footed geese—90% of the world's population—travel from Greenland and Iceland to winter in Scotland, North-West England and East Anglia. Preliminary counts suggest that record numbers have visited Scotland this year. Medium-sized and grey with a short, pink bill and pink legs, the birds begin arriving in mid-September, with October and November often the peak months. Individual flocks are often spectacular such as 66,000 at Loch of Strathbeg in Aberdeenshire and almost 80,000 last year at Montrose Basin Wildlife Refuge. *Scottish Life*, Spring 2016
Pink-footed goose www.animalspot.net

#2 WELCOME TAE SCOTLAND'S FIRST SUPERMANNIE!

He's big, ginger-haired and BLUE. Named after the Scottish flag, Saltire is the world's newest comic book superhero, traveling through time to protect Scotland and its people from villains across the centuries. "This book is a genuine competitor to Batman and Spiderman and it's illustrated by some of the most talented artists in the country," said author John Ferguson. The first book, called "Invasion," tells the story of the legendary 9th legion and its attempts to expand the Roman Empire to the North to the land of Saltire. This graphic novel has been translated into both Gaelic and Scots. The second novel, called "Annihilation," a two-part graphic novel, is set in the Dark Ages. Books are available online from Diamond Steel Comics. *Scottish Life*, Spring 2016



Saltire #1 Invasion www.comicbookkid.co.uk



Chieftain's Column: From the Craig

We just finished our annual new members' picnic, and I am always amazed at the interesting facts our members disclose. We truly have interesting people in our organization. This is a very informal and relaxing event. Who would have thought, for example, that one of our members lost his pants during a dance demonstration?

I am frequently asked about what is happening with our National Historic Landmark ship *Falls of Clyde*. The Caledonian Society has a long history of having events aboard the ship and in participating in work projects. One reason I was asked to join the group that eventually became Friends of Falls of Clyde is because I am Chieftain of our organization. We are currently being challenged by the Harbors Division to make our goal of raising the funds to get the ship into drydock and proving that the ship is safe to be in the harbor. We need people from all over the community to become supporters (sign up on our website www.friendsoffallsofclayde.org) and make any amount of tax deductible support that you can. Slainte, Bruce

Saturday, September 24th: Scots Plantation Families--Hawaii, Maui, Kauai **Place & Time To Be Announced!**

Member News

July Birthdays Neil Abercrombie, David Baine, Bruce Bonbright, K.C. Collins, Michael Cruickshank, Jeremy McOuat, Brenda Reichel, Debbie Sanders, & Fran Wiebenga Killough.

August Birthdays Teresa Bell, Kevin Bogan, Janet Cole, Brian Flynn, Christopher Haig, Kent Reinker, Nanci Munroe, Jim Putnam, Kurt Reichter, Sean Shields, Nancy Smiley, Rose Mary Thompson, & Marcia Wright.

Welcome New Members Jodi Beardon, Chris Carr, Akemi Donachie, Hugh & Vivian Fraser, & Sloane English Struse.

SERG Recipient Colleen Patton Checks in

Colleen Patton has been a two time recipient of our SERG award, both times going to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, the Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye to further her interest in Gaelic. She has since moved to the University of Arizona, working on her PhD in linguistics.

From Colleen, Now on the Island of Islay:

"I started in London to see friends, then went to Glasgow to present at a language planning conference. From there I went to Skye with my Gaelic teacher Muriel Fisher, and a prof. from U. Nevada at Reno

(Ian Clayton) to do video documentation of Gaelic on the island. We spent two weeks traipsing around the island to visit with elderly speakers and record their conversations and stories with Muriel. There was also a Gaelic research conference (Rannsachadh na Gaidhlig) - the same one that the Caledonian Society sent me to two years ago! I just arrived on Islay yesterday and am settling into the ICCI. Everyone's very kind and welcoming! I'll be here for 5 weeks, and then will go to Mull to do more recording with help from a local fellow who speaks and sings in Gaelic and knows a group of older ladies we'd like to record."

Note: The SERG award (Scottish Education Research Grant) is open to young people, 18-26 years of age, for study particularly related to Scotland. Awards of up to \$2000 may be given each year to students to undertake and complete a project to learn something about Scotland or Scottish history or culture. The award is granted by the Awards Committee in the Spring of each year and should be completed during the following summer or academic year. Contact Lillian Cunningham at lillianc@hawaii.edu for more information.

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