



MACMILLAN

**CREST BADGE:** *A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.*

**MOTTO:** *Miseris succurrere disco*  
*(I learn to succour the distressed).*

**GAELIC NAME:** *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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### President's Report for November, 2006

I have just recently returned home from an overseas trip when I was able to visit Nova Scotia for a few days. Nova Scotia of course means New Scotland which it was for many Scots when they had to leave Scotland because of the clearances. As you know there was a big migration of the Clan Macmillans in 1802 from the Fort William area to Canada. We were fortunate to find **Floraburn**, the home of Don and Marlene Macmillan [*photo pg 2*], south of Antigonish. They told us the family had lived there for several generations. Don has had time lately to collect papers, photos and so on of his family including information of his grandfather's brother, Alexander Stirling Macmillan, who was Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia for 5 years during World War 11.

Nova Scotia has major ice free ports at Halifax and Sydney. It was interesting to learn that Halifax played a big part in the cross Atlantic shipping in World War 11, and was the site of the very large explosion in 1917 when there was a collision between 2 ships in the harbour, one of which carried explosives and liquid benzene. It resulted in a mushroom cloud only exceeded in size by the atomic bomb at Hiroshima. Over 2000 people died.

Clan MacMillan International incorporating The Clan MacMillan Society of Scotland(1892) hosted a "MacMillan Picnic with Games" in July 2006 for clan members and Septname bearers. It was to be a fun day but also a meeting to discuss the future running of the combined clans.....Notice is given of the combined clans together with the Glenurquhart Macmillans, of a GATHERING in July 19th-23<sup>rd</sup> 2007, to coincide with "The Inverness Highland Games"..... Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Also in the Clan MacMillan magazine was an article by our genealogist, Graeme McKenzie, about the family tree of the MacMillans saying there is still some difficulty in tracing the line of descent during the 18th century because of the repetition of similar names and the phonetic spelling of same.

As well, a tribute to Lofty MacMillan was written [1917-2006]. He was an egalitarian man of Scottish descent, born in Nova Scotia. He worked in the coal mines and witnessed fellow workers perish from cave-ins and explosions. He pioneered the rise of the union movement and throughout his life fought for labour and human rights and received many honours for his work.

The June edition of the Clan MacMillan Society Journal from the Clan MacMillan Society of North America was interesting reading. It covers the events of the Gathering at Ontario, August 2005 and also many historical points.

The Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group has started a newsletter which will contain news of the 'comings and goings' of the Clans and societies. A calendar of events will help us all to keep in touch.

The contribution to the continuing interest in CMSA by June Senior cannot be underestimated and I want to thank her for the time and work that she does for our Clan. Also we appreciate the efforts of our Editor of the newsletter, Mick McMillan, the Webmaster, Kaye O'Reilly, Secretary Myrna Robertson and other committee members.

We all welcome the interesting letters and comments of our fellow members----keep them coming.

June Danks.

Clan MacMillan –A. G. M.

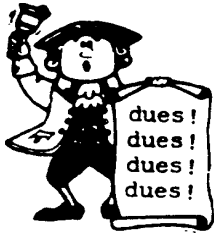


The above photo was taken at a very pleasant and informative A.G.M. 2006, with from left: June Danks [President], Dr. Liz Rushen [Guest Speaker], Kaye O'Reilly [Webmaster], &.June Senior [Treasurer]. Others present at the A.G.M. were Shirley Etheridge, Myrtle Beitlich, Mick & Mary-Anne McMillan and Kaye O'Reilly's daughter Mandy Fing.

Don and Marlene Macmillan, at their home "**Floraburn**" south of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada.

*[Taken by June Danks in 'Oct '06]*

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**Mrs. J. Senior, 41 Lincoln Ave, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150.**

Also, if you would like to receive this Newsletter by E-mail (a saving on postage costs), could you please include your E-mail address with your Subscription.

## COMING EVENTS [New Zealand]

For any members hoping to travel to New Zealand in the near future.

**Waipu Highland Games Monday & Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2007.** New Zealand.

There is a web site at [www.highlandgames.co.nz](http://www.highlandgames.co.nz) or [www.breambay.com](http://www.breambay.com) with more information.

This is a 2 day event next year, and there will be no host Clan. The theme is "A Salute to the Clans of Waipu" which will have a genealogy theme. This is a major Northland event with thousands attending to enjoy piping, dancing competitions, athletics events, the grand parade.

**Turakina Highland Games Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.** Turakina Domain, New Zealand.

There is a website at [www.turakinahighlandgames.co.nz](http://www.turakinahighlandgames.co.nz) for further information.

Turakina is a small village in the South of the North Island, just South of Wanganui on the road towards Palmerston North. The Games have been held here since 1864, that's 143 years.

**Paeroa Highland Games Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.** Paeroa Domain, New Zealand.

There is a website at [www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz](http://www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz) for further information.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo will be held in the Paeroa Domain again this year. Paeroa is on the Coromandel Peninsula, North Island.

## COMING EVENTS

**Maryborough Highland Games Monday, 1st January, 2007.** Maryborough.

There is a website at [www.maryboroughhighlandsociety.com](http://www.maryboroughhighlandsociety.com) for further information.  
Enquiries: Ph. [03] 5461 1289.

At Princes Park, Park Road, Maryborough. First held in 1857, this is the oldest sporting event in Australia. Apart from the athletic events including the Maryborough Gift, there are Highland Games, Street Parade, Pipe Bands, Stalls, plus an evening Concert and Fireworks Display.

**Berwick Highland Games Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.** Akoonah Park, Berwick.

There is a website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~narre/highlandgames.htm> for further information.  
Enquiries: Phone BH: [03] 9703 1161 or AH: [03] 9707 2093.

Activities on the day include Pipe Bands Competition, Solo Pipes and Drums Competition, Massed Pipe Bands at Closing Ceremony, Heavy Games, Haggis Throwing, Scottish Highland & Country Dancing, Clan Representation with Stalls and Displays, Black Scottish Terriers & West Highland Whites, Food and Drinks Available, Publicans Booth, Vintage & Classic car display, New Attractions, Flyball Dog Competition, Obedience & Agility Dog Demonstrations.

**Geelong Highland Games Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.** Queens Park, Newtown, Geelong.

There is a website at [www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au](http://www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au) for further information.  
Enquiries: Ph. [03] 9513 9301.

Music, Pipe Bands [Victorian Pipe Band Championship], Haggis Hurling, Children's Farmyard Nursery, Stalls, & Clan Tents. And much much more.

**COMING EVENTS** [cont'd]

**Ringwood Highland Games**

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.** Jubilee Park, Ringwood

There is a website at [www.ringwoodhighlandgames.org.au](http://www.ringwoodhighlandgames.org.au) for further information.

Enquiries: Ph. [03] 9876 4140.

Light & Heavy Games, Pipe Bands [massed Bands Display], Stalls, & Clan Tents. And much much more.  
[Free bus from Ringwood Station].

**Scottish Resource Centre**

The Scottish Resource Centre at The Celtic Club,

Level 2, 316 – 320 Queen Street, Melbourne.

Office hours: 10:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

The Co Ordinator Ian Murdoch would appreciate more helpers, so if you are retired and would like to help out for a few hours contact Ian on: [03] 9670 6766 or A/H [03] 9787 5961

# WANTED

*Descendants of*

## SCHOMBERG PASSENGERS

*There were 480 of them and their ship was wrecked at  
.Peterborough, Victoria, on 26 December 1855.*

*However, no lives were lost, and most of them settled in Victoria,  
and their children, and their children's children, and their  
children's children's children stayed here –*

**ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?**

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*A new book RACERS OF THE DEEP written by Ralph Neale  
which includes, four chapters about the  
SCHOMBERG*

*as well as many other episodes about Victorian maritime history  
will soon be published by Australian Scholarly Publishing.*

**IF YOU ARE A DESCENDANT OF A SCHOMBERG  
PASSENGER, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUTHOR WHO  
WISHES TO ARRANGE A RE-UNION**

*Ralph Neale : 17 Carlyle Crescent, Mont Albert 3127. Phone: (03) 9890 0067 webpage  
– [www.scholarly.info](http://www.scholarly.info)*

# *Racers of the Deep*

## THE YANKEE CLIPPERS AND THE BLUENOSE CLIPPERS ON THE AUSTRALIAN RUN 1852 TO 1869

THIS BOOK covers the activities of the Black Ball and the White Star shipping lines from 1852 to 1869, when they provided the most frequent sailings between Liverpool and Australasia in some of the world's largest and fastest clipper ships and were a major factor in Australia's and New Zealand's development. Within its pages are remarkable sea stories which are not figments of someone's imagination but are backed up by reliable evidence, some of it only recently come to light (sources are provided).

There are stories about notable sea captains of the time: "Bully" Forbes and a thorough expose of how he wrecked the Schomberg, "Bully" Bragg and the burning of the Empress of the Seas, "Brave Charlie" Mc Donnell and the mighty James Baines, Samuel Reed and the mutiny on the beautiful Red Jacket. Strangest of all is the new evidence just discovered about how the Fiery Star met her end and the resulting accidental hero, who wherever he went for the rest of his life basked in undeserved glory.

Because these were all British-owned ships, we have previously accepted what British authors have written in years past about them as providing the last word. This book, the result of four years' painstaking research, has been written by an Australian from an Australian viewpoint, and now goes a long way towards completing the maritime history of this period.

These clippers brought an extraordinary number of migrants from Europe to Australia. Those researching their family history will find the passengers' experiences, both in saloon or steerage on a number of voyages, of particular interest. The two fleet lists give details of 146 ships of both shipping lines. The book has a glossary, diagrams, charts, a complete index, and 30 illustrations, many in colour. Available January 2007.

Author: Ralph P. Neale Ph: 9890 0067:17 Carlyle Crescent, Mont Albert 3127  
For information: Australian Scholarly Publishing Pty Ltd - [www.scholarly.info](http://www.scholarly.info)

### **Help Wanted**

McMILLAN Charles m Jane Russell in VIC 1856

Charles was the son of Charles McMillan and Elizabeth McKechnie of Argyllshire; he married Jane Russell in VIC AUS in 1856; and he died in Lubeck VIC 1897, aged 65y. Jane Russell was from Glasgow, she was the daughter of John Russell & Jane Wotherspoon and died in VIC 1928, aged 88y.

Taken from Victoria and Its Metropolis: Past and Present; page 114 M'Millan, Charles, (of) Lubeck, is a native of Argyllshire, Scotland, who came to this colony at twenty years of age. When he landed he started work in a quarry, and afterwards on the Yarra lighters. He then proceeded to the Ballarat gold fields, and stayed there for two or three years, doing well. He next went to Carngham, and remained there five years, with an interval of six months, during; which he visited New Zealand. Buying a piece of land at Stockyard Hill, he went into farming there for nine or ten years, meeting with fair success, bur sold out, and went to the Wimmera. He selected 300 acres in the parish of Ashens, and farmed it successfully. He also holds, through his wife, ninety acres, and runs thirty head of cattle and 400 sheep. In 1887 he cropped 100 acres.

A family tale has it that Charles arrived into Australia with his sisters Elizabeth & Janet about 1850. The captain was supposedly John Russell, Jane's father. Charles was 20y, Elizabeth 19y, and Janet 17y. No trace has been found of these sisters.

If you can help shed some light on the name of the ship the family arrived on and any information regarding the sisters I hope you will contact Mrs. Valmae McMillan Box 6, Nandaly, VIC 3533



### **Bettering their condition: female migrants to Australia from Scotland in the 1830s**

On 29 October, Dr Liz Rushen spoke to the Clan MacMillan AGM about the first scheme to bring women to the Australian colonies and provided fascinating information on the lives of some of our pioneering Scottish women. Her paper was based on her book, *Single & Free: female migration to Australia, 1833-1837*.

Of the nearly 3000 women who came to Australia under the scheme administered by the London Emigration Committee (LEC), Dr Rushen has been able to identify 97 Scottish women (4% of the whole). Liz explained that the smaller number of Scottish women on the LEC ships was partly due to the difficulty in transporting the women to Gravesend, the port from which the English ships departed. While many Scottish women applied to emigrate there were not enough to fill a complete ship and those who did finally emigrate were transported by steamer down to London.

The largest contingent of Scottish women emigrated on the *Canton*, arriving in Sydney in September 1835. On board were 30 Scottish women, including the McArthur & Forster families. At the head of the McArthur brood was the widow of an army lieutenant, accompanied by her two married sons, their wives and the sister of one daughter-in-law, 17 year-old Jane Kirby. Mrs. Forster was also a widow, who emigrated with her 10 children. Liz was able to identify only one girl with the surname MacMillan/McMillan: Ann, who migrated to Sydney on the *James Pattison*, from Ireland, in February 1836.

Liz described the lives of many of these Scottish women who were brave enough to migrate to the Australian colonies in the very early days. However, they faced public censure and judgements were made about their suitability as immigrants. The individual women's stories illustrated a wide diversity of experiences, and Liz showed that when their narratives are set alongside each other, patterns begin to emerge: distinct patterns of early marriage, their choice of marriage partner most frequently being to a skilled artisan. Many worked alongside their husbands to support their families and improve their economic position. Some were widowed early and quickly re-married; others raised their families without the support of a marriage partner. Some of the women made great leaps in social mobility but the proportion of 'notable' women was small and atypical of the experiences of the majority. Some left no imprint on colonial society after arrival. Others did not survive the translocation - whose criminality, inability to cope, or early death prevented them from realizing their emigration hopes.

While some examples painted a somewhat bleak picture of Scottish female immigrants, Liz indicated that there were some very enterprising Scottish women on board the female emigrant ships and some women were able to make a good go of colonial life, like Jane Nixon. Emigrating on the *Canton* as a 19 year-old from Edinburgh, Jane was a general servant, the daughter of the late Thomas Nixon, a hatter. On arrival, Jane was employed by Mr. John Struth, a flour mill operator, of Black Wattle Swamp. Eighteen months later, four Sydney newspapers proclaimed the marriage of Jane to one of his relatives, Alexander Struth, who was also a millwright and engineer. In 1843 Alexander and Jane established a flourmill at Port Fairy, and raised their family of 13 children in the Warrnambool district.

Harriet Barfoot emigrated as a 12 year old girl on the *Amelia Thompson*, with her step-father, Uppington Barfoot, a carver and gilder, and mother, Mrs. Sarah Gilbee, a midwife. In 1848 the family moved to Melbourne where Uppington set up as an auctioneer and Sarah worked as a midwife, having trained under Dr Thatcher in Edinburgh. Uppington was killed in an accident in July 1855 and Sarah was left with several children. In mid 1856, Sarah Barfoot resumed the use of her first married name of Gillbee and was appointed as the first matron of the Melbourne Lying-in Hospital (now the Royal Women's Hospital). Mrs. Gillbee's firstborn son, William, had trained as a doctor in Edinburgh. He was appointed to the Melbourne (General) Hospital in about 1853. Well-known, he was the first surgeon in Australia to apply Listerism. Harriett did not marry and died in South Yarra in 1886, aged 58.

By the middle of the century, the female immigrants were dispersed throughout New South Wales and to the newly declared states of Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. The attraction of gold and the opportunity to select their own land to farm were powerful incentives to draw the women and their husbands away from the towns and more settled districts of the colonies in search of fulfillment of their emigration expectation of material success. It was a period of rapid colonial development and some of the LEC women were linked to these significant and economically explosive times. As pioneers, they had to be resourceful and many immigrant women contributed to the development of their adopted country by working alongside their husbands and raising large families.

One of five Scottish bounty women to emigrate on the Amelia Thompson, Christina Banks was a 19 year-old housemaid from Edinburgh. Employed by Mrs. Ferguson of Launceston as a general servant, five months after her arrival, she witnessed the marriage of fellow emigrant, Elizabeth Morrison. When she married Charles Cook three years later, Christine asked Isabella Innes, a fellow Scottish Amelia Thompson emigrant, to be her witness. Christina married Charles Cook at the home of James Stuart, according to the rights of the Church of Scotland. In the 1848 census of Launceston, the family, which by this time comprised three children, is listed as living in a wooden house, with two servants. The family eventually extended to nine children. Christina raised the children of their eldest son, Charles, after his wife died. One of Christina's grandchildren, James William Butler, married Mary Dureau, the granddaughter of Bridget Connell, who had also emigrated on the Amelia Thompson.

Liz demonstrated that to understand why these women came to the Australian colonies, the processes by which they were able to emigrate, the reception they received and the decisions they made once in the colonies, is to understand an essential element in the development of Australian society in the early years of free settlement.

Dr Liz Rushen can be contacted on [rushen@ozemail.com.au](mailto:rushen@ozemail.com.au), or for further information on the London Emigration Committee ships, have a look at her website [www.rushen.com.au](http://www.rushen.com.au).

## SINGLE & FREE

*Female migration to Australia, 1833-1837*

Elizabeth Rushen

**NEW!!!**

**SECOND EDITION**

**including easily-searchable listing of passenger names**

Between 1833 and 1837, around 2700 women received assisted passage to Australia under a British government initiative financed by the sale of crown lands in the colonies. This book reveals the organisation of the London Emigration Committee, under which the scheme operated, as well as examining the lives and experiences of the enterprising women who sought to 'better their condition' in the colonies.

The second edition of this highly-acclaimed book has an improved text with colour plates, and an easily-searchable index of names of all the women who emigrated under this scheme.

*The greatest strength of this volume lies in its meticulous and wide-ranging research on every possible aspect of the lives of these women that might conceivably be traced through the voluminous records of colonial Australia. ... Yet this book is by no means a dry catalogue of statistics, for Rushen has used her material to reconstruct a host of life histories, garnished by those whose personal testimonies have survived.*

*Rushen has written a book of interest to historians of colonial Australia and to genealogical researchers alike.*

Dr Kirsten McKenzie, University of Sydney  
JAS Review of Books

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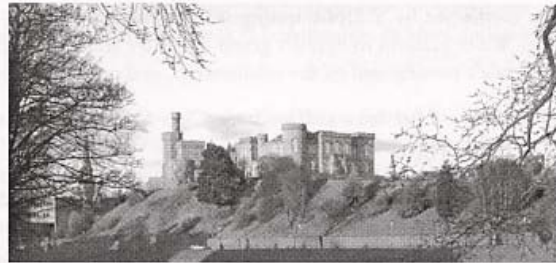


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***Gaidhealtachd 2007***  
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**Clan MacMillan International**  
incorporating *The Clan MacMillan Society (1892)*  
in association with the **Glenurquhart Macmillans**  
will be holding a mini-gathering from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

This is to coincide with *The Inverness Highland Games (21-22 July)*  
featuring the return to Scotland for the first time in 12 years of  
*The World Highland Games Heavy Championships*  
- see [www.invernesshighlandgames.com](http://www.invernesshighlandgames.com)

The "Highland 2007" events surrounding the games will include  
concerts, ceilidhs, an International Tattoo (23-27 July), and  
*The European Pipe Band Championships (28<sup>th</sup> July)*  
- see [www.highland2007.com](http://www.highland2007.com)

**Clan MacMillan events will hopefully include a dinner,  
the launch of Graeme's new book *The Macmillans in Glenurquhart*,  
a one day tour of Glen Urquhart, Strathglass and Glen Affric, and  
events, such as Voyageur canoe paddling from Loch Ness to  
Inverness, to raise money for**

Macmillan   
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Register your interest with CMIC now by post or email ([clancentre@clanmacmillan.org](mailto:clancentre@clanmacmillan.org))  
to receive details of the final programme and booking form for dinner and tour. Please  
note all other events will be Pay As You Go, and that travel to and accommodation in  
Inverness will be responsibility of participants – get help from [www.visithighlands.com](http://www.visithighlands.com)



## WEB NEWS

Visit The Clan M'Millan Society of Australia's Website at:

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WELCOME PAGE - Gives you information about us with contact information for the committee

M'MILLAN B.D.M'S - Spare M'Millan birth, death and marriage certificates

CEMETERY INDEX'S - Index's of M'Millan's in Australian cemeteries as well as search options

VIC. DEATHS 1921-1985 - An Index of M'Millan's who died in Victoria between 1921 & 1985

VIC. MARRIAGES 1921-1942 - An Index of M'Millan's who married in VIC between those dates

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN B.DM.'S - Historic, birth death & marriage index's of M'Millan's in SA

W. A. BDM'S - Search online for your family in Western Australia up till 1905

TASMANIAN PIONEER INDEX - An Index of M'Millan BDM's in Tasmania to 1899

SHIPPING - Kaye Morris' Shipping lists, plus links for online searching for Victoria and NSW

PARISH EXTRACTIONS - Lists of M'Millan names in some Scottish Parish's

MEMBERS INTERESTS - This is a page for you to list your interests and hopefully gain contacts

LINKS - Local and International. Internet research links, to help in tracing your family history

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH - Contact details for the New Zealand branch of Clan M'Millan

All of the above pages offer members of the Clan M'Millan Society of Australia the opportunity to link your email address to any of the names in the indexes. This could then enable you to further your family history thru contacts via the Internet.

The pages also give you the contact details for acquiring the certificates mentioned  
VIC BDM'S can be found here: [http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/servlet/bdm\\_home](http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/servlet/bdm_home)

### **Charges for Victorian Certificates have recently risen**

Downloading an uncertified image of a Historical entry still costs \$Aus17.50cents.

A certified certificate posted to you now costs \$Aus25.80cents.

Births can now be checked online till 1924 (originally 1920)

There is a charge of 99cents per page viewed (20 results)

### **WEB SITES OF INTEREST**

Descendants of Hector McMillan - Monaro Pioneer

<http://www.cooma.nsw.gov.au/monaropioneers/mcmillan-h.htm>

Electric Scotland - Put 'McMillan' into their Google search and see what comes up

This one concern's Angus McMillan

[http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/mcmillan\\_angus.htm](http://www.electricscotland.com/history/australia/mcmillan_angus.htm)

Happy surfing, Kaye O'Reilly

### **Christmas message**

Amidst the swirl of the Yuletide, amongst the glitter of tinsel and conviviality, the happiness of togetherness, the excitement of children & the restoration that comes from a few days away from our usual routines, we take a moment, or sometimes the moment takes us, to flit through the corridors of our minds and hearts. There we share the sweet reflections and poignant remembrances of our loved ones who have passed from this sphere of life.

There is an old Scottish saying: "Every man dies three times. The first is when his heart beats no more. The second is when his body is laid to rest. The third and final death comes the day his name is spoken for the last time."

I have heard this saying from several sources, the latest noted in the Carmichael Newsletter of 31 January 2004 - thanks to them for the prompt.

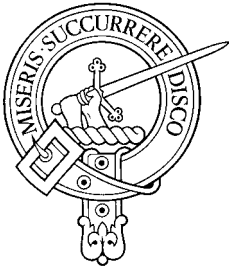
As part of the merry band of those who seek to knit families past & present closer together, with the sharing of our company & research, I bid you all a blessed Christmastime as the year ticks over from 2006 to 2007. May you realize some of your heart's desires in the coming New Year. *DEBRA VAUGHAN*



*A Celtic Blessing  
for you  
at Christmas*

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
The wind be always at your back,  
the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rain fall soft upon your field,  
And, - until we meet again, -  
May Almighty God hold you  
In the hollow of his hand*

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