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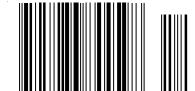
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The Banner Says...

Scotland riding a wave of history



by Sean Cairney

ost readers of the Scottish Banner live in places where something is considered old if it is not much more than a 100 years. Our new lands are full of tales of trials and tribulations as our ancestors began new lives in far off lands. However many of us live in lands which are considered "New World" in terms of development and progress and whose story is still very much unfolding.

This may be why so many of us are drawn to the story of Scotland with its rich and dynamic past and tales that date back much beyond our own stories. The history of Scotland is fascinating and often more dramatic than anything Hollywood could ever wish to script. There are multiple tales of gruesome warfare, harrowing events and struggles of power and wealth.

I recently spoke to a woman who was amazed that the hit TV show and bestselling book Outlander used real Scottish historical events throughout the storyline. She was shocked this could even be possible and then realised this is Scotland we are talking about and sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction. The "Outlander Effect" has today drawn thousands of people a year to Scotland to learn more about this historic nation. The benefits that Scotland's history has brought to this modern nation is immense with both the tourism and film industries riding the wave.

Return to the Ridings

Scotland's story, whilst not always pleasant, is so varied and unique it draws people to learn more, whether they be Scots or not. Scotland today champions its history with events

year round that celebrate its past. This month for example the Scottish Borders begin an annual celebration which dates back to the 13th century. The Return to the Ridings can be traced to when the border badlands were in constant upheaval during the long wars with England and because of the tribal custom of plunder and cattle thieving, known as reiving (the ancient word for robbing) that was commonplace amongst the major Borders families. These colourful celebrations begin this month and run through to August across 11 towns across the Scottish Borders region. If you happen to be visiting the area try and check out one of Europe's most unique events.

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Of course this is just one example of just how the story of Scotland is being preserved by Scots. Today historians, governments and academics are working hard to keep the story of a nation alive and available to both the wider community and the next generation using modern technology to ensure an accurate recorded story can be told.

In this issue

The medieval history of Scotland is being told by the passionate members of the Clanranald Trust for Scotland at the fortified village of DunCarron. What began as a dream to tell the story of Scotland to the wider community, simply scribbled on a beermat in a Edinburgh pub, has grown to a venue which is being used by international film and television productions, and whose members have learned ancient techniques to tell Scotland's story.

In a world of online shopping and flat pack furniture it is fascinating to hear of Scottish craftsmen using a 7,000 year old tree from the last ice age to make furniture. The Stone Age oak was protected by Scottish weather and cocooned by ancient peat bog and must make it one of the most unique options for furniture in the world.

The Battle of Culloden is an historical and defining moment in Scottish history. Few visit Culloden Moor outside of Inverness without feeling moved by the tale of tragedy and bloodshed. Today a new battle is taking place with those trying to protect this sacred land with the forces of modern expansion and developers wanting the land to build housing estates. I love the Highlands however I would not chose to live on a war grave and wonder what cost this form of progress will really be.

The Antonine Wall was built around AD142 in the reign of the Roman emperor Antoninus Pius. The Wall ran coast-to-coast across Scotland from the Clyde to the Firth of Forth. The Wall was the Roman Empire's most northerly frontier and today is still revealing its secrets some 2000 years later.

Certainly a more modern look at Scottish social history would be our discussion with Edinburgh cabbie and photographer Ryan Wells. Ryan has taken his love of people and photography and combined them to create a unique glimpse at the lives of residents and visitors to Scotland's ancient capital Edinburgh. I have never had a cabbie ask me for my photo and can only imagine the unique stories and connections that are made during these brief but fascinating interactions. Everyone has a story to tell and it is wonderful to see a project like this happen.

Historical Scotland

In high school I loved history and enjoyed learning about times past. However I did not realise history could be so exciting and impact todays current world. How you connect with the story of Scotland is up to you, we are thankful to hear from our readers that they learn so much about Scotland through our pages. Scotland has so many tales to still tell and whether they are discovered by a popular TV show, delving into the treasure trove of research material available or simply visiting Scotland and learning about a local character along the way, there is much to discover. Scots are very proud of their story, bloods, guts and all. We are fortunate to have a connection to a country which has much to teach, tell and inspire us-historical Scotland!

Do you have a favourite piece of Scottish history? Share your story with us by email, post or at www.scottishbanner.com/contact-us



Gracing our front cover: Preparing the Red Arrow at The National Museum of Flight at East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian.



A new future for the Silver Chanter Piping Competition



he Skye Piping Society and The National Piping Centre are pleased to announce that from this year, the Silver Chanter Competition will continue in Glasgow.

Cailean Maclean, Chairman of The Isle of Skye Piping Society said "While the Skye Piping Society is disappointed that due to rising costs and diminishing income we have had to sever our connection with the Silver Chanter Competition, we are delighted that through the support of the William Grant Foundation and The National Piping Centre a way has been found of ensuring the event's continuation at least for the next few years. It is

wonderful that this prestigious piping event has not been lost and we wish every success to The National Piping Centre in its stewardship of the Silver Chanter competition."

Landmark event in the piping calendar
Roddy MacLeod, the Principal of The
National Piping Centre added "The
National Piping Centre is pleased to take
on the running of this landmark event in
the piping calendar which has been a high
point in the solo piping season for the last
50 years. Through the generosity of the
William Grant Foundation and with the
support of The Isle of Skye Piping Society

we aim to preserve the traditions of the event which celebrates the music of the MacCrimmon composers. In 2018, the event will be held on the 4th of August at The National Piping Centre and from 2019 the event will be brought into the Piping Live! festival's portfolio of events."

Nick Addington Chief Executive of the William Grant Foundation commented "The William Grant Foundation remains committed to supporting piping as part of its increasingly broad charitable interests. Alongside ongoing funding for the Glenfiddich Piping Championships we continue to support a number of other solo piping competitions. At the request of both organisations, we are pleased to transfer the funding we had already pledged for this year's Silver Chanter to allow the National Piping Centre to organise a successor competition in Glasgow on the traditional date. We have pledged funding for three years, subject to a review after year two. The event has been held at Dunvegan Castle since 1967. This year's event will now take place at The National Piping Centre on Saturday 4th August. More details about tickets will be available shortly. The William Grant Foundation is interested in supporting a thriving contemporary cultural scene in Scotland rooted in its unique heritage and is pleased to enable this next chapter in the story of the Silver Chanter competition."

Whisky making returns to the Scottish Borders



hisky distilling has returned to the Borders after nearly 200-years. The Borders Distillery in Hawick officially opened on May 1, marking the revival of whisky production in the region; the last known distillery was in Kelso and closed in 1837. The Borders Distillery is owned by the founders of the Three Stills Company (TTSC) - George Tait, Tony Roberts, John Fordyce and Tim Carton (pictured) - who raised £10 million to build the distillery. Tim said: "It was five years ago that we came together to create a business plan that would spearhead the resurrection of an industry that had been lost to this region for generations. This is a seminal moment for our business. In addition to being the first Scotch whisky distillery in the Scottish Borders since 1837, we are now in a position to contribute to the growth of this fine industry." The distillery plans to employ 19 people and the barley sourced for distilling is entirely grown in the Scottish Borders. However, it will be a minimum of three years in cask before the first Borders Distillery single malt can legally be made available for sale.

The Paul McKenna Band CD reader giveaway



lasgow's The Paul McKenna Band have built a solid international reputation for their outstanding live performances and carefully crafted studio albums. Currently touring with their fourth album Paths That Wind, the band will finish their Australian tour at the National Celtic Festival in Portarlington from 8-11 June.

Front man Paul McKenna sees the world as verses and choruses, and for over a decade he has travelled the globe as a musician collecting the stories of everyday and exceptional lives. His bandmates Ewan Baird, Conor Markey, Robbie Greig and Conal McDonagh weave unique

melodies with traditional instrumentation. The Paul McKenna Band is touring in May & June, for more tour information and tickets:www.paulmckennaband.com/tour

The Scottish Banner is pleased to offer 5 lucky readers a chance to take home a copy of The Paul McKenna Band's Paths that Wind CD. To enter simply tell us what city the band come from by email: competitions@scottishbanner.com, via our website or post (sorry no telephone entries) our Sydney office, our full contacts can be found on page 2. Please ensure you include your full postal address and email/phone details. Winners will be notified directly, good luck!



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Send us your inquiries on life's little question marks.

Ever wanted to know what happened to your old pal from home, how to make your favourite Scottish meal, or wondered about a certain bit of Scottish history?

Bannockburn

Gosh, it hardly seems like four years ago since I returned to my native Scotland for a holiday. 2014 was a great year to go back as it was a homecoming year. We had the Commonwealth Games being held in Glasgow, the Ryder Cup being held at Gleneagles and with the referendum vote coming up Scotland was definitely brimming with anticipation and excitement. The biggest highlight as always is to see your family once more, I caught up with my father on the morning of 23rd of June and he politely asked where do you want to go? Without hesitation I replied "Bannockburn!", so off we went. The Bannockburn Visitor Centre was brilliant, the battle is historically presented using the very latest state of the art 3D technology in a format that really gives you a feel for this pivotal point in our history and outside it was so good to have my picture taken under the statue of King Robert the Bruce 700 hundred years to the very day of the battle commencing. The only thing the visitors centre never mentioned was the use of the Monymusk Reliquary (Scotland's equivalent to the Ark of the Covenant) which is now housed in the National Museum of Scotland, for those of you who may not know of its story I would like to share this poem I have written about it.

The Monymusk Reliquary
Of awe the jewels 'n finery, in Scotland's
land sae fair We've got a precious
little box, of wood and steel quite
rare Carried and cared for doon the
centuries, of Scotland's history's track
But this is nae ordinary trinket box, for
its St Columbo's Brechnebach!



A reliquary so precious, from Scotland's ancient past From a time of intercession, and when her history was cast Like the Ark of Covenant it was carried forth, to battles from Forglen Revered, believed, and trusted in, by Scotland's fighting men

So many finger prints on its exquisite frame, from craftsmen's days of old A montage of priceless antiquity and of Scotland's story's told With Pictish and Gaelic grand design's and forged from Iona's heart It's a master craft of metal work and of Hiberno- Saxon art

Clad in bronze and silver, with the ancient Celtic crest Brought by "the Bruce" tae Bannockburn, tae aid his victory quest With the precious relics of St Columba, inside this ornate shrine The Scottish army knelt and prayed, for intercession from the devine

As a hush fell over the Scottish troops, a wave of faith swept through In the spirit of strength and courage, they knew what they must do This point of contact tae The Lord, was felt in Scotland's sons And they fought on tae victory, on the fields of Bannockburn!

This ornate jewel of Scotland's past is still thair for Scots tae see As reminder of our distant past and how we came tae be Aye this ancient beacon of heavenly might, still gleams bright today Our precious piece of history,our Monymusk Reliquary. Andrew Heaney

Brisbane, Queensland Australiav

Robert Burns Essay Competition 2018 Australian Award Ceremony





On Friday 16th March, three Rochester Secondary College students received award certificates and medals from the Robert Burns World Federation after entering the 2017 Robert Burns essay writing competition which was based around the lines 'Thou, Liberty, thou art my theme' from the poem *On Glenriddell's Fox Breaking His Chain*.

Councillor Rod Fyffe of Bendigo and Jim Millar of the Bendigo and District Caledonian Society Burns Club presented the awards. All three students wrote well and demonstrated a good understanding of this year's theme. The winner of the 2017 competition was Grace Bubb a Year 10 student. Details of the 2018 competition will be available from the Robert Burns World Federation website later in the year. *Jim Millar*

Bendigo, Victoria Australia

Ed. note: Thanks for sending Jim and it is wonderful to see these students inspired by Robert Burns today.

Bobby Thomson

I have a suggestion for *This Month in Scottish History* for October. Bobby Thomson was born in Glasgow on October 25, 1923. In 1951, while playing for the New York Giants, he hit "The Shot Heard Round the World". It is one of the most famous homeruns in baseball history. The walk off

homerun won the pennant for the Giants, and put them in the World Series.

Thank you, Rich Dickson

Hamilton, New Jersey

Ed. note: Thanks for the suggestion Rich, another great Scot from history.

Culloden Battlefield

In 2014 I visited Culloden Battlefield, which was a heart tearing experience, and as I stood at the Cairn I shed a tear for the souls that were lost there, both Highlanders and government men. So when I read in your January issue they were seeking to build houses on Culloden I was shocked, I can understand why Inverness Council would approve, yes I understand people need housing, but considering it was the last massed conflict on British soil you would think from historical value they would not allow this. Look at Bannockburn, there is still debate where the battle took place, my ancestors are McDonald's and Farquharson's and I would not like there resting place disturbed. If Inverness Council want land to build houses, why don't they demolish Forth George and use that land, after all it was built to house Government troops so they could police the Highlands in fear of future uprisings, so come on ex-pats send a letter to Inverness Council showing your disgust.

Yours aye, Duncan Quinn Waikeke Island, Auckland New Zealand

The Gaelic language: Past and present

I refer to your article on the above subject in volume 41, the April edition of the Scottish Banner regarding the Gaelic language. The article claims that in past times this was spoken across all Scotland, and I would point out that this is not strictly accurate. Scotland was divided up over a number of peoples including Anglo Saxons who ruled the Kingdom of Northumbria running from the Humber to the Firth of Forth. They have left many words in our language still in use to-day. Their kingdom lasted from the 7th century until the 11th. Their language was an Old English Northumbrian dialect known as Early Scots.

Then there was the Scandinavian influence which introduced us to such words as Ness and Wick in the 12th and 13th centuries. As well as this there was Latin, Parisian French, Dutch and Middle Low German. The Doric of Mid Northern Scots refers to the Scots language as spoken in the North East of Scotland and there is an extensive body of literature, mostly poetry, ballad and songs in this language.

Also King David introduced a number of Norman knights to Scotland in the 11th century and gave them grants of land.

Among them was Robert de Brus, a name famous to all of Scottish background. He and the others would not have known a word of Gaelic.

James IV and I spoke the broad Scots as did his court, a language still used in

parts of Scotland to-day, not Gaelic, and his mother Mary Queen of Scots spoke French and English.

For my part my paternal ancestors who resided in Edinburgh for many many years were from an Anglo Saxon Norman French background and spoke pure English, although my grandmother who came from Glasgow spoke in the broad Scots tongue with a dash of French thrown in.

Yours, June Laws, Little Mountain, Queensland Australia

Scotland

I have written several songs, none of which have been published but thought your readers would like this one. I always enjoy reading *the Scottish Banner* and look forward to my wife receiving it.

Scotland

The symbols of Scotland, kilt, thistle and pipes, With the beauty of Scotland, they instil in us pride; Glens purple with heather, the lochs so serene, While the eagles and deer, we admire and esteem. We're inventive, resourceful, progressive and sound; A friend of all nations whom honour has bound; We're valiant in battle, of that we have proved, Our courage renowned and our spirit endures. For the spirit of Scotland in our hearts will reside, With honour and justice and courage and pride; Aye, Scotland will flourish, we're inspired and assured, By all its attributes and love that endures. Allan S Hamilton

Ed. Note: Thank you for sending in your first published song Allan, which sums up the magic of Scotland wonderfully.

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Lovely Loch Voil, worth a visit no matter what the weather. Robert Gibb Scotland

Loch Lochy



Loch Lochy looks stunning under a beautiful blue sky in Scotland. *Prim Morris Scotland*

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Exhibition prompts Scotland to rekindle its lost love of the world's oldest textile



Leading designers and artists explore the story of flax and linen – from powering the Industrial Revolution to providing a sustainable future.

rt, design and history have been interwoven to create a fascinating new exhibition that aims to rekindle Scotland's ancient love of linen. Our Linen Stories, which is accompanied by talks and other activities, was launched in May at the exhibition space at Custom Lane in Leith and will later tour Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Netherlands. It celebrates the role the cloth, and the flax from which it's made, has played in the past - telling tales of weavers and workers, of migrant skills, and of trade routes and industrial might. The exhibition also shows what is being done with these amazing materials today and how they can help us build a sustainable, innovative, high tech future.

In Scotland linen was present at every stage of life, you were wrapped in it at birth, dressed in it through life and were shrouded with it when you died.

The man behind the initiative is Edinburgh-based former GP John Ennis who says that Our Linen Stories will feature a series of historic, artistic and contemporary design firsts. Dr Ennis said: "When people think of Scottish textiles it's often tartans, tweeds and Paisley shawls that spring to mind. But linen should be up there too. Its role in the story of Scotland was huge but it's slipping out of history and at risk of being forgotten. Just as importantly Scotland is lagging behind some other countries in recognising that flax and related innovative composite materials can play an invaluable part in achieving our ambitions to build an

innovative, high tech, low waste future. *Our Linen Stories* brings together new artworks and the latest in product design with stories, songs, poetry and historical research to highlight what a powerful part they played in making the Scotland of today and how much they could contribute to the Scotland of tomorrow."

Scotland's first textile

In times past, the merchandising of processed flax and woven linen from the vast mills offering fine cloth, sacking, sailcloth and tarpaulin were the foundation for one of the Scotland's first banks – the British Linen Bank. The parts of the flax plants not used for linen allowed Edinburgh to create some of the world's biggest rope factories. From finance to industry, design and artwork, linen and flax have been integral to the lives of many Scots and another aspect of the project is to encourage people to come forward and tell their own linen stories.

A Sharing Centre has been set up on the website and community events will herald Our Linen Stories ahead of each tour stop, such as the Story tent in Leith Market where people were invited to share their stories, post online and included in the exhibition.

There will be key examples of product design, such as skis from Perthshire, made using new generation composite materials derived from flax. Other exhibits range from baby slings to reading lamps.

Dr Ennis said: "This is a chance to see everything from art to innovative designs and products by 12 designers from Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Netherlands. Linen and flax are truly amazing – you can use them to sit on, read by, sleep under and even to ski. In this exhibition you can see, feel, read and hear about them all. Linen was Scotland's first textile and also played a vital role in the Industrial Revolution. We are all

essentially born of that period of national development. In Scotland linen was present at every stage of life, you were wrapped in it at birth, dressed in it through life and were shrouded with it when you died."

Did you know?

- For every litre of water used to manufacture linen it takes 1,000 litres to produce the same amount of cotton.
- Water from Duddingston Loch was used in the retting (rotting) of flax, part of processing.
- Jobs in the linen industry were gender-bound, with women getting the two smelliest, which included retting. The other was bleaching which, before the use of chlorine, involved soaking the cloth in urine and laying it out in bleaching fields, in the sunshine.
- Many of the Old Masters paintings were on linen.
- Some 60% of the growth in new materials is in composites and flax is an important contributor.
- The oldest surviving maritime linen is from one of the sails on Nelson's HMS Victory, and was made in Scotland.
- Dunfermline was renowned for fine "damask" linen, while coarse "brown" linen of the sort used in sacking and tarpaulin came from around Edinburgh.

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National Museums Scotland acquires a Red Arrows Hawk for the National Museum of Flight



he iconic aircraft has been donated by the Ministry of Defence through RAF Heritage and has gone on permanent display at the National Museum of Flight in East Fortune. It is the only Red Arrows Hawk on display in any UK museum. Built in 1980, the aircraft was used by the Red Arrows from 1985 until 2012.

It will sit alongside Concorde, an aircraft with which the Red Arrows displayed on many occasions, most notably when Concorde and the Red Arrows flew in formation over Edinburgh on 1 July

1999 to mark the opening of the Scottish Parliament. The newly acquired Hawk at the National Museum of Flight was the one flown on that day by the team leader, 'Red 1', Wing Commander Simon Meade who was today reunited with his aircraft.

Terrific addition

Dr Gordon Rintoul, Director of National Museums Scotland said: "The National Museum of Flight is home to one of the best and most varied aviation collections in Europe, and the iconic British Aerospace Hawk used by the famous Red Arrows is a terrific addition. We are grateful to the Ministry of Defence for this generous donation which is sure to be hugely popular with our visitors."

Aircraft manufacturer Hawker Siddeley (now BAE Systems) designed and built the Hawk as an advanced training aircraft for RAF fast jet pilots. The prototype first flew in 1974 and Hawks entered RAF service in 1976. More than 1,000 have been sold worldwide including to the UK, Canada, Australia, Finland and Zimbabwe. The Hawk T1 version is currently used by the RAF for fast-jet pilot advanced training. While it is used primarily in the advanced flying-training role, it is equipped to an operational standard and is capable of undertaking a war role.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Steven Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff said: "The RAF in Scotland has excellent links with National



Museums Scotland. In this, the RAF's 100th year, we seek to commemorate, celebrate and inspire. I can think of no better place than the National Museum of Flight for a Red Arrows Hawk to be displayed and help promote these themes."

The National Museum of Flight is located at East Fortune Airfield, East Lothian, For details see: www.nms.ac.uk/ national-museum-of-flight



— Did You Know? - Highland Games



- The Highland Games held each June at Ceres in Fife, the oldest free games in Scotland, began under a Charter awarded by Robert the Bruce in recognition of the villagers' support at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.
- · Many people participate in 'haggis hurling' in which a haggis is thrown. The contestant to throw their haggis the farthest wins.
- The first Highland Games in the USA took place in New York in 1836.
- In Scotland Highland Games season kicks off each May at the Gourock Highland Games (always the first of the year) and runs through September.
- The Braemar Gathering which take place during the first weekend in September, is the only Games attended annually by the British Royal Family.
- Prosser Scottish Festivals and Games in Washington, is renowned for the "Anvil Launch" wherein a blacksmith's anvil is launched into the air with a quarterstick of dynamite! An explosive way to mark the start and end of the Games.

- At the Bellingham Highlands Games in Ferndale, Washington, you can hunt the 'Nessie eggs', where mini watermelons are hidden around the park, the lucky hunters can swap their precious Nessie eggs for prizes. Let's hope the eggs are easier to spot than Nessie!
- Highland dancing competitions at Highland Games were male only until the late 19th century when the first females began compete. Today, 95% of entrants are female.
- · Snefjord Highland Games in Finnmark, Norway, are the most northern games in the world.
- · Richmond Highland Gathering in Tasmania, Australia hosts one of the most southerly games in the world.
- · At some Highland Games in France a giant champagne cork is tossed instead of a caber.
- · The Caledonian Club of San Francisco host the largest Highland Games
- · More and more communities across Europe are also rediscovering their Celtic heritage by holding their very own Highland Games, with more than 40 hosted in Germany alone.
- · The world record for the biggest bowl of porridge was set at the Cupar Highland Games in Fife in 2010. The huge breakfast of 690 litres of porridge cooked could feed 2,000 people and was more than double the existing record.
- · Highland Games have taken place in a variety of nations including Japan, Brazil and Indonesia

Kilmore Celtic Festival



t's that time of the year when one of the best places to be is in Kilmore, Victoria's Oldest Inland Settled Town. This is where real country living begins. The town embraces a rich heritage grown from its Celtic past plus the finding of gold, farming and even a bushranger or two.

The Kilmore Celtic Festival now celebrating twenty-two years, takes pride in presenting great local artists, many of whom have performed overseas.

Performing this year will be festival favourites, Claymore, Saoirse, Bric-a-Brac and The Folk Train. Joining them will be The Amazing McGillicuddies and the Likely Celts. For more information on all the performers check out our Website or find us on Facebook.

Although all venues are heated, rug up warmly, grab your friends and family, head to Kilmore to relax and enjoy a weekend of top entertainment.

The festival commences on Friday 29thJune and concludes on Sunday 1stJuly with the very popular Celtic Banquet.

A special guest this year will be Lord Malcolm Murray, the twelfth Earl of Dunmore, who lives in Launceston, Tasmania.

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Scotspeak is a selection of quotes which made headlines in Scotland last month on a variety of current Scottish affairs.

"We are delighted to have been able to engage with so many people. While we knew the public vote would be very popular, to have had more than 33,000 votes and over 21,000 for Hamish alone has been incredible. Of the choices put forward by our keepers, it was clear from the first day of voting that Hamish was going to be the runaway winner and we are delighted that Victoria's cub now has a name. Conservation is at the heart of what we do and Hamish's story is hopefully helping to raise awareness of the threats polar bears are facing in the wild as a result of climate change and more direct human activities."



Douglas Richardson at Highland Wildlife Park said that a public vote to name the first polar bear to be born in the UK for 25 years was overwhelmingly for Hamish, an ideal name for a polar bear born in the Highlands. The male cub was born in a special enclosure at the Highland Wildlife Park near Kingussie in the week before Christmas.

"The case for protecting peatlands for their wildlife, carbon and water management benefits is better understood but we have a long way to go to bring many of our peatland landscapes back into healthy condition so we can realise their benefits. The Trust is committed to helping deliver this strategy in Scotland; ensuring our gardens don't use peat based composts, protecting our moorlands from damaging fires and restoring peatland habitats on some of Scotland's best loved nature reserves."

Stuart Brooks, Head of Natural Heritage Policy at the National Trust for Scotland said as Scotland's largest conservation organisation and one of its biggest landowners the National Trust for Scotland is doing its part to conserve Scotland's peatlands. It has helped to develop the UK's first Peatland Strategy which sets an ambition to have 2 million hectares of peatland in healthy condition by 2040.

"We received a number of reports recently about members of the public picking up young lambs in the area and having their photos taken with them. This can cause distress to the mother."

Edinburgh park rangers said as people visiting the Pentland Hills have been picking up lambs for selfies, causing their mothers distress. Walkers, visitors and cyclylists to park have been touching newborns and even picking them up dung the recent spring lambing season.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support we've had from our fans for our final live shows. Aware that there is still high demand for tickets, we have been working hard with the concert promoter, LCC Live, to increase capacity generally and to confirm the stage and production details, which in turn have generated some extra tickets. The Last Dance is certainly going to be an emotional experience for us all: an event like non-other in our 45-year history. We look forward to sharing the experience with our incredible fans and special guests for two great evenings of live music."



Calum Macdonald of Scottish supergroup Runrig said as the band plan to play their final shows this summer in Scotland. Tickets to the Stirling gig have sold in minuted and the iconic rockers hope more can be made available for fans. Joining Runrig on stage for The Last Dance is multi-award-winning Gaelic folk singer Julie Fowlis and other special guests.

"We have an opportunity to build on the success of recent years and to ensure a faster rate of progress in the expansion of Gaelic education across Scotland. Glasgow City Council has a remarkable record with Gaelic education and the establishment of a third standalone school will provide capacity to meet growing demand from parents. Following the opening of Portree Gaelic School recently - the sixth in Scotland - we will continue to support and encourage the growth of Gaelic education."

Deputy First Minister John Swinney said as a third Gaelic school is to open in Glasgow. The third schoool in Govan will follow the successful launch of Gaelic schools in Glasgow's Glendale and Berkeley areas. The new school is expected to open in 2019 and give access children access to Gaelic from nursery to secondary school.

"We are thrilled that the plans for Wavegarden Scotland have been approved. We believe that this facility will deliver many benefits for the local community and for Scotland by offering world-class adventure leisure amenities alongside a wonderful country park, for walkers, runners and cyclists to enjoy. Alongside this, we expect to create up to 130 jobs and generate up to £11m for the local economy every year. Another very exciting aspect of Wavegarden Scotland is the opportunity to nurture surfing and sporting talent. With Scotland's own surfing team starting to make a mark on



the global surf scene, we hope to inspire the next generation of surfers, life guards, and active outdoor enthusiasts."

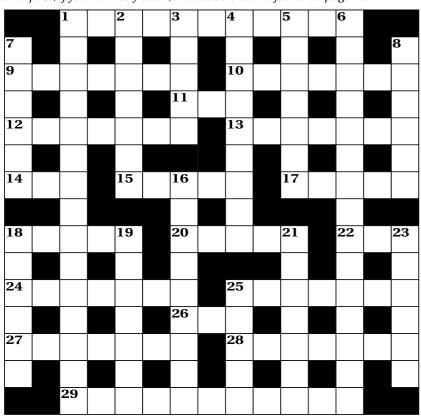
Andy Hadden, co-founder of developers Tartan Leisure Ltd, said as Wavegarden Scotland plans have been approved by Edinburgh City Council. The artificial surfing lake and leisure complex will generate 1000 waves an hour and be located on the outskirts of Edinburgh.

"It important that we stand up against this new development, which is a big test of the power of the new Culloden conservation area. It amazing that someone would come back with this plan given what we know about Viewhill Farm."

George Kempik, of the Stop Culloden Development campaign, said as development plans have been lodged with Inverness Council to build a holiday park within the Culloden battlefield boundary. The plans include 14 lodges and a 100 seat restaurant come after a 16 home development was granted at nearby Viewhill Farm, considered a war grave site by historians. Culloden Battlefield is the site of the last battle of the Jacobite Period, 16th April 1746.

SCOTWORD

Here is a fun crossword for you to try with a few of the answers to be found in Scotland! If you are in doubt, you may need a wee peek at a Scots dictionary or a map. Or, if you are really stuck, the answers can be found on page 26!



CLUES DOWN

- 1 Scotland.s Playground (7,4)
- 9 Village 3 miles south of Lochmaben (7)
- 10 Old Scots wall linings (7)
- 11 The gift of speech! (3)
- 12 Italians by Scots (7)
- 13 Run of the mill (7) 14 Provider of warmth (3)
- 15 But never last! (5)
- 15 But never last! (5)
- 18 Referee (5)
- 20 Regimental alternative to kilts (5)
- 22 Play 1 Across and get one (3)
- 24 Prettier in Scotland (7)
- 25 Erica.s flower (7)
- 26 North-east flower! (3)
- 27 Scotland.s emblem (7)

CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Colourful games attraction (8,7) 2 A Village 3 miles south of Crieff (7)
- 3 The last of the drink (5)
- 4 Village 1 mile south of Dalkeith (9)
- 5 Deer tops! (7)
- 6 Low range east of Dumbarton (10, 5.)
- 7 Wishaw location sounds like gunfire(6)
- 8 We islands (6)
- 16 The ship.s back (9)
- 18 Highland Dress accessories (6)
- 19 Old correspondence (7)
- 21 Marine winger (7)
- 23 Religious district (6) 25 Long-legged kin of 21 Down (5)
- 29 Valley running west to Loch Fyne (4, 7.)
- 28 Red cents! (7)

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By: Ron Dempsey

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Have a name that has you stumped? Scottish Banner readers can send in their name queries direct to Ron via the Scottish Banner via our website at www.scottishbanner.com/contact-us, by post or email:info@scottishbanner.com. Ron will do his best to help you with your name query and may just add that extra piece to your genealogy puzzle.



but I don't mind the passing of time to this point, as June is my favourite month. I love the fact that it harbours the longest day of year, here in the north. Let's have a look at what happened on this month in Scottish history. The 7th saw the birth of Charles Rennie Mackintosh in 1868. His Glasgow style of art became established at the beginning of the 20th century and was seen in paintings, architecture and furniture. The Willow Tea Rooms still stands today in Glasgow at 217 Sauchiehall St. While it has

gone through a few incarnations over the last century it has been re-established in similarity to the original with Mackintosh's unique styling of furniture.

On the 9th of June 597 Saint Columba died. Saint Columba was an Irish monk who settled with his monastic community on the island of Iona and from there made great inroads in bringing Christianity to the Scottish mainland and the islands. Irish monks like Columba were instrumental in spreading the gospel at the beginning of the Dark ages throughout Europe until the Catholic Church in Rome gained prominence.

Scotland third in the world for female political empowerment



cotland has ranked third in the world for political empowerment for women, and is significantly ahead of the rest of the UK. The World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2017 measures political empowerment by the number of women in parliament, in ministerial office and as head of government over time. Though Scotland was not included in the original report, analysts from the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) gathered Scotland's statistics and compared them to understand how we're doing in a global context.

Scotland follows Iceland and Nicaragua in terms of female political empowerment while the UK is ranked 13th.

There are 0.55 female MSPs for every one male MSP, making Scotland 27th

in the world in terms of the number of women in parliament. The UK is 38th.

For number of women to men in ministerial positions, Scotland ranks 7th while the UK is at 23.

MSP Linda Fabiani said: "100 years after some women gained the right to vote, women are still fighting for equal representation in politics. But this new analysis shows that Scotland is leading the way on women's representation - with Nicola Sturgeon as Scotland's first female First Minister leading a gender-balanced Cabinet. However, despite the huge progress made in the last century, we still need to go further to achieve true equality. We will continue to work towards a Scotland where every girl and woman can reach her full potential and we will always use every power at our disposal to reach that goal."

Lastly on June 28th Robert Stevenson was born in 1778. He established a momentum in bringing shipping safety to the Scottish coasts with his design and installation of lighthouses, some of which are still with us today. He also had a famous progeny being the grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson, a famous Scots author who is known for Treasure Island and other works.

There are equally important events in the month but I chose these as ones that struck a chord with me.

DNA

Before we go to my favourite thing where you write in with your name requests I wanted to mention a fun thing I did for myself. I submitted my sample of DNA for analysis to ascertain what my ethnicity is. It turns out I am 98 % tea & biscuits in other words, British and Irish. It is further broken down as 79% Irish, Scottish or possibly Welsh, so I am assuming that's my Celtic side. There is another 19% listed as British so again with an assumption that relates to Anglo Saxon and other sources. I was less than 1% Scandinavian which surprised me as I thought I would have more since my maternal side of the family is all in the Northeast. The real surprise was being 1% Finnish, I suppose many centuries ago a Baltic seaman sailed into Aberdeen and met bonnie Scots lass and decided to stay. Anyway I found it fun and if you are considering participating in one of these services do your homework of what are your expectations versus what is offered and the privacy policies of the companies offering the service.

McVey

Now to the letters and we received our share this month so here we go. From somewhere in North America, we received an email from Mr. David Cloyd McVey who is very much interested in his surname. He is of the opinion that it may have some Isle of Man origin. The name is Gaelic in origin and is from Mac Beatha translated as son of Life. In Ireland it is an east Ulster name and its various spellings include McVeagh, McVeigh and McVay. In Scotland, it is recorded as early as 1504. It appears that it is a name that appears originally to have been in both countries where ever Gaelic was spoken. As for the Isle of Man connections I can't account for it placement there, however at one time the Manx language was derived from the Old Irish. A generic term such as the son of Life would travel early in the Gaelic world. However, as I understand so many of Mac and Mc names seem to have been softened on the island. The mac in so many names were lost only holding to the last consonant to sound like a C, K, Q. Examples being Callister for MacAllister, Killip for McKillop etc.

McMoyle

Kim Stanley of Vancouver, British Columbia wants to know about her grandmother's maiden name McMoyle. Moyle is a version of maol is a form of bald but likely going back to the style of tonsure on a Celtic monk. Prior to the Roman Catholic Church coming to Ireland the Celtic church didn't have strict adherence to celibacy. Variations of the name include Moyle, McMoylan, and Mullins.

Merac

Ms. Ann Taylor of Elizabeth East, South Australia asks about a name that has ran through a few generations of males in her family. Merac is the name that has been used as a middle name. This one has me stumped with this spelling as there is no mention of it in my usual sources and references. However, while looking at familysearch.org there were quite a few listings for the name as a surname in births, weddings and deaths in Scotland. The closest I can see as a possible origin is the surname Merrick. This name has its origins in the personal Meuric a Welsh language version of Maurice.

Skilling

Mr. Hugh Skilling wrote asking about his own surname where his own family originated in the southwest of Scotland principally from Dailly in Ayrshire. In most cases with English and Scottish names that start with the letters Sk, it has a Viking derivation. This is also true of Skilling. I has various possible origins and meaning. Some sources have it as from sceala meaning summer for someone in that season and especially on mid-summer. Another from Viking and Old English for skell a verb meaning ringing as in bell ringing. There is also Scilling and MacScilling probably Gaelic adaptations to these names.

The other name that Mr. Skilling wished to discuss is Gunning with his family's interest in the name originating in Barr. There is an Irish version of the name in Ó Gunning from Ó Conaing found in county Offaly. The Irish probably borrowed from the English Gunning which is also Gunwin. It's origin from the Old English battle friend.

Conlan

Relatively new subscriber Ms. Iris Hunter-Conlan sent an email from St. Arnaud, Victoria, Australia asking about the last part of her name. Her Conlan ancestor arrived in Tasmania in 1862 and local records show him being from Lanark, Scotland. Family story suggests that the name originated in Ireland. This is a new name to me so I am looking forward to delving into this name.

The Irish derivation appears to be true. The name in Gaelic is Ó Caoindealbháin in Munster and Leinster. In Connacht it can be either Ó Conallián or Ó Coinghiolláin. In English it is sounded as Ó Conellan and now further softened to Conlan, Conlan, Quinlan and Kindellan. One explanation offered for a meaning is from the personal name Conell diminutive or little Connell.

It's a funny old world, in that we in the north are looking forward to some of the sun's warmth while I'm sure that our friends in the south will welcome a respite from the same this June. No matter where you are enjoy your June and stay safe and know that we love to hear from you, so drop us a line.

Edinburgh to mark the centenary of the first votes for women



he City of Edinburgh Council has passed a Motion in support of commemorations taking place this month to mark the centenary of the first votes for women. At a meeting of the Full Council in May, members

unanimously agreed to the temporary closure of East Princes Street to traffic on the afternoon of Sunday 10 June, when thousands of women and girls will take part in a mass procession through the Scottish Capital as part of PROCESSIONS 2018.

The move will allow those taking part to follow in the same footsteps as Scottish suffragettes, who famously marched along Princes Street in 1909 during a demonstration arranged by the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU).

Participants will be able to walk together wearing one of the suffragette colours - green, white or violet - and carry handmade banners in a parade featuring the East End of Princes Street, between the Mound and North Bridge, as part of the full route which will announced by event organisers. This mass-participatory event is produced by Artichoke and commissioned by 14-18 NOW.

Their work is not forgotten

Commenting, the Lord Provost said: "The closure of Princes Street is a major decision and one the Council does not propose often. As a major tram and bus route, and centre for retail and business, normal policy would be to avoid halting traffic as much as possible. But PROCESSIONS will be no ordinary day. This is going to be a unique historic occasion where thousands of women and girls from all backgrounds and parts of the country can walk together, not only in remembrance of Scotland's suffragettes, but in unity for further gender equality. I felt it was important to allow the route to take in the original street Scottish

women marched along 100 years ago and I am delighted to receive the backing of the rest of the Council today."

Female elected members for the City of Edinburgh Council (pictured) stood in support of the event wearing badges and purple shawls in Edinburgh City Chambers to raise awareness of the event, which is free to take part in. Registrations can be made in advance at www.processions. co.uk while the Council's Museum of Edinburgh will celebrate the contribution of Edinburgh's women to the suffrage movement and stage banner-making workshops as part of an exhibition 'Their work is not forgotten', 8 June - 14 October.

Councillor Amy McNeese Mechan, Vice Culture and Communities Convener, will be participating in the event. She added: "On 10 June, thousands of women and girls will unite in Edinburgh to process, carry banners and fly the flag for women's rights. Together, we will commemorate the incredible perseverance and bravery of those women who fought for the right to vote and marched through the city's streets.

"It will feel all the more poignant to walk along the same street Scotland's suffragettes marched down over 100 years ago. We want this to be the type of event people look back on with pride in the future and say, 'I was there'."

Isle of May opens for the season

uffins, the Isle of May's most popular annual visitor, have made a welcome annual return last month as the national nature reserve opened again to the public. A record-breaking almost 13,000 visitors came ashore to the Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) national nature reserve in 2017 for the chance to see thousands of spectacular seabirds, including the largest concentration of nesting puffins along the east coast; and learn about the island's cultural heritage.

David Steel, SNH's Isle of May reserve manager said, "This is an exciting time on the May, when we look forward to welcoming the season's first visitors, and our first seabirds' return, including the ever-popular puffins. In this, the Year of Young People, we'll also be working with a range of youth groups, with some of them meeting puffins for the very first time. There's a whole variety of events coming up this season, including family fun days and a weekend celebrating the island's seals. There will also be free, open access to the Stevenson ighthouse. My advice to visitors of all ages, is: for close-up views of truly characterful birds, book your place on a boat soon!"

The May

Known locally as 'The May', this small island sits on the edge of the Firth of Forth. The island's importance for seabirds has drawn scientists to its shores for many years and the May is home to the oldest continuously running bird observatory in the UK. The May is also a regular haunt for grey seals, often seen lounging on the

shoreline rocks. This island is a historical gem and has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries with an early island monastery. The May was also the site of Scotland's very first lighthouse, built in 1636, while the

current, castle-like lighthouse was designed by the engineer Robert Stevenson.

The May is open almost daily (weather dependent) until 30 September with boats sailing from Anstruther harbour. It's free to visit

the nature reserve, but you must take a boat trip to reach the island. Sailings are on the privatelyrun May Princess or Osprey of Anstruther from the Anstruther Harbour or through the Scottish Seabird Centre in North Berwick.







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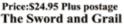
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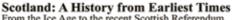
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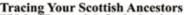


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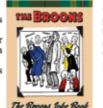


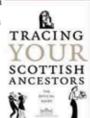


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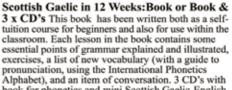












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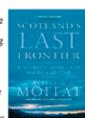
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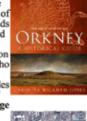
















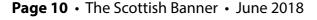












KINGS CASTLES AND "DURTY" WEE RASCALS

Australian Jim Stoddart was born in a Glasgow Tenement and raised in a Glasgow Housing Scheme 1943-1965. Jim will be taking readers on a trip down memory lane, of a time and place that will never be the same again, and hopes even if only a few people in the Scot's Diaspora have a dormant folk memory awakened, then he shall be more than delighted.





A Viking Life for Me

I said to my mother,
A ship they should buy me,
A fast one, many-oared one,
To go out with Vikings,
I'd stand in the stern there,'
Steer the dear sea-steed,
Hold on to her haven,
And hew this man and that man.
A translation of Egill Skalgrimsson's poem,
from Egill's Saga purportedly written by
Egill when he was aged 12.

ould-be Vikings like me did, of course, have to contain their enthusiasm. It would have hardly been appropriate to be shouting "It's a Viking life for me" at Sunday school. Miss Gillespie, my Sunday school teacher, had been one of those volunteers from the churches all over Scotland who had spent time on the island of Iona during hard-earned holidays helping to rebuild Iona Cathedral. This was upon the site of an earlier medieval abbey that replaced and stood upon the site of an even earlier monastery of St. Columba. Iona was a very special place in Scottish history and thought to be where the superb 9th century manuscript, the *Book* of Kells, began its life with the monks of Iona before being taken to Ireland for safe keeping from the Vikings.

No! It would not have been politically correct to talk about my Viking heroes with a woman who would have known all about these fearsome, wanton heathen who attacked religious sites such as Lindisfarne in Northumbria in 793 AD and Iona in 806 AD. She would have been very aware of the destruction, pillage and murder of innocent monks and priests in undefended farms and monasteries. Nor would she have been impressed with me making any kind of excuse regarding the plunder of priceless church treasures by mindless pagan thugs in these quiet places of beauty, solitude and reflection. I was hardly going to admit that if I had been born many centuries before I might have found myself joining up with such monsters.

Tarbet

When I went on bus runs with my parents to Loch Lomond, Arrochar and beyond I also learned to keep my mouth shut. As the coach drove past Loch Lomond and Tarbert, to stop in Arrochar for high tea and toilets my dad told me how the name Tarbet was found in many parts of

Scotland and was identified with places where people, mainly Vikings, were able to carry or roll their boats over narrow strips of land between lochs and rivers. This Tarbet my father explained joined Loch Long and Loch Lomond and was used to good effect by 'Haco', the Norwegian king and his Viking host prior to the Battle of Largs. My dad's story went like this, that 'Haco' (Haakon IV) sent Olaf, the King of Man, with a fleet of sixty long ships up the Firth of Clyde to ravage the shores of Loch Long and land at a place close to the head of Loch Long at Arrochar. The Arrochar men fought the Norsemen but were defeated causing the terrified population to flee through Arrochar to seek shelter and refuge away from this sea loch to the land-locked Loch Lomond.

Many people tried to protect themselves further by going on to the islands of Loch Lomond. Meantime the wily Norsemen dragged their longships on logs of Scots Pine across the narrow stretch of land and launched them on to the waters of Loch Lomond to plunder its shores and to hunt down the terrified families both living and seeking refuge there. They sailed down as far as present-day Luss. The day of the battle came to be remembered locally as the Black Monday of Arrochar while later Norwegian poets in their sagas commemorated with gusto the terrible slaughter that ensued on Loch Lomond. After hearing all that I could hardly tell my mother and father that if I had lived in the 'Viking Age' I might just have been tempted to run away from home and join these barbarous thugs and adventurers. And that was even after I learned from my parents that the massive Christmas tree that was erected each year in George Square was an annual gift from the people of Norway to celebrate centuries of good relations between our peoples. No! Still best to keep my mouth shut about these much older but very colourful Norwegians.

Viking character

Of course in all fairness to me, it was mainly the other side of the Viking character that had caught my imagination. It was their pioneering and adventurous journeys to the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and the mysterious and tantalizingly named Vinland that fascinated me most. But I think there would have been little point at that time in making excuses. I don't think that discussing the possibility that if my family

had all been born beside a very narrow strip of hard to cultivate land on a fiord in Norway, it would all have seemed okay, even to my parents.

I couldn't even raise my secret admiration of these warrior visionaries with my primary school teachers either. One of my favourite teachers, Mr Lauder, had served in the second World War, much less than a decade before and having often perused my father's red covered volumes illustrating the history of that war, I knew only too well that Hitler and his propagandist henchmen had exploited mythological Viking imagery for their own ends. I was sure that Viking 'fakelore' and 'Vikings in jackboots' would still be on the nose in Mr Lauder's books. Later in secondary school I was to learn that as well as the Norwegian Vikings taking over what most of us would accept as Scottish territory, their cousins, the heartless Danish Vikings had invaded and taken over two English kingdoms, Northumbria and East Anglia and destabilised two others, Mercia and Essex.

No! It still wasn't time to take up a position in support of these raiders, colonisers and settlers some of whose blood undoubtedly flowed in some of us 20^{th} century British people. It was best to keep my mouth shut on that topic in history lessons.

Nevertheless, back as a ten year old it was usually okay to run around Crookston Castle as Erik Bloodaxe yahoohing and pretending to hack off the heads of 'bad people' in archetypal derring-do, these

imaginary bad people often being the ancestors of some of the other children joining in our make-believe fights.

Treason

It would have been more politically correct, I'm sure, to pretend to be part of King Alexander's army and hack off the heads of these nasty and bloodthirsty Viking invaders and send them to Valhalla in bits. But unfortunately Viking warriors were often seen in the cinema as the dashing ones and the abused populations that they attacked rather weak and most often at their mercy. The Vikings had the exciting ships, the fine-honed weapons and the strength and force to fire any boy's imagination.

Nevertheless, to say too loudly to my childhood friends that I would have been overly keen to have roamed the seas with these Vikings, to have sailed to new lands with them, to have explored and settled these new lands with them might have been considered tantamount to treason in the 1950's. Such a confession might have raised a few eyebrows and maybe a few hackles as well. It would have been like cheering for the English team at Hamden Park whilst wearing a Scotland jumper. Best not to 'yahoo' too many strong Viking names then, on the battlements at Crookston Castle. Names such as Grimbald Battle axe and King Ragnar might not be accepted but others like King Sigurd, the Slobberer, Olaf Long-neck and Bjorn Twigbelly would have simply got a good laugh and not caused offence.

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Historic Dumfries House. Photo: VisitScotland.

reetings from Scotland – where I write this column under clear blue skies. We are staying with friends near Stranraer on the south-west coast of the country. It is near to where the ferries set sail for Northern Ireland and normally you hold onto your hat in this part of the world. But because the weather is so mild, on this occasion there is no wind. The sea across to Ireland sparkles in the late-evening sun. The yellow gorse bushes that dot the hills are as brilliant as I can remember.

When we arrive at the house we are refreshed with tea and ship's biscuits. For this place was once home to an eccentric Scottish admiral. He built it so he could look out over the waves, and with its long corridors and cabin-like rooms, its seascapes and telescopes it has a real navy feel. Each bedroom is named after a ship. The chief and I are put in a room with HMS Scarborough on the door.

As the sun starts to fade our host takes us on a tour of the gardens: the highlight the collection of rhododendrons and azaleas. These soaring specimens are a magnificent mix of rainbow colours. Some were planted decades ago by a greenfingered grandfather; brought home from

Lady MacGregor's Scotland

Lady MacGregor of MacGregor – otherwise known as British broadcaster Fiona Armstrong. Fiona is currently news reading for the BBC, but she also leaves the studio to report on all matters Scottish. Fiona lives in Scotland with her husband, Chief of Clan MacGregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, and is also an active member of Clan Armstrong, so their lives are interwoven with all things tartan. The couple have moved from the borderlands to the lowlands, home is now a white tower house between Perth and Dundee, although filming and writing takes Fiona all over Scotland.

mountainous places like Nepal; in the days when the intrepid traveller could safely pop a cutting or two in his suitcase...

It seems odd that plants from fareastern countries should thrive in Scotland, but they are hardy and they do seem to love the climate. However, these gaudy giants are dwarfed by the vast Eucalyptus trees that line the drive. Their silvery leaves glint in the last rays of light.

Dumfries House

And gardens are on the agenda when we visit Dumfries House. Now this stately home was made famous by Prince Charles – and if you come to Scotland, it is a must-see. But do not go to Dumfries town in south-west Scotland. For Dumfries House is a hundred miles north of that.

Dumfries House is, in fact, in East Ayrshire – and it was built in the 1750s by the 5th Earl of Dumfries. It was constructed by the neoclassical architect Robert Adam – and it was filled with furniture made by Thomas Chippendale, one of the top 18th century cabinet-makers. The house was handed down the generations, but a few years ago it was about to be sold and its contents dispersed. Prince Charles stepped in and helped raised the money to buy it. He put it into a Trust and it is now a visitor attraction, an eighteenth-century time capsule.

The plaster work on the ceilings is exquisite. Indeed, you get a cricked neck just wandering from room to room. But is the Chippendale furniture that really catches the eye. Dozens of mahogany fixtures and fittings that were a good investment. A chair that cost a few pounds in 1759 is now worth a million. A sideboard could fetch twenty times that sum if sent to auction.

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We go outside into the grounds where there is much to see, including a maze, an arboretum and a Chinese Bridge. This is my first viewing of the estate, but the chief has been here before; last year attending a kilted dinner held by Prince Charles in support of the Scottish tartan industry.

James Boswell

This time we are here for the world's only festival of biography and memoir. The Boswell Book Festival is named after the eighteenth-century writer James Boswell. Bozzy, as he was known, became friends with the English essayist and critic, Dr Samuel Johnson. Johnson compiled the definitive dictionary of the English language. Yet, despite his way with words, he was a rough and ready man – and someone rumoured not to like Scots. Indeed, on their first meeting Bozzy is said to have admitted: 'Yes, I come from Scotland, but I cannot help it.'

It was a disarming statement – and the pair would work and travel together. In 1773 they embarked on an infamous tour of the Scottish west coast islands. They were in search of tartan romance, but disappointment ensued. For the Highland uprisings had come and gone – and the days when a roaring clan chief walked out 'attended by ten or twelve followers, with arms rattling' were over. Our travellers expected to find the Laird of Sleat drinking whisky and roasting oxen over a fire. Instead Sir Alexander MacDonald told them he dared not carry many arms because the damp weather always made them rust.

My chief also leaves his weaponry behind for this modern day literary outing at Dumfries House. Not because of the weather. But because this is 2018. And one should not really be seen swinging swords in public places. Even if one is the MacGregor of MacGregor...

The 2018 British Pipe Band Championships



ver 4000 pipers and drummers descended on Paisley in May for the 2018 British Pipe Band Championships. The contest is the first of the five Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association (RSPBA) major competitions of this season. The British Pipe Band Championships are one of the most prestigious events in the world piping calendar. Over 150 bands travelled from across the UK and beyond to the St James' Playing Fields and was the third time Paisley has hosted the championships.

Handing out the prizes as event chieftain was Renfrewshire's Provost Lorraine Cameron, who said: "Once again, the British Pipe Band Championships was a wonderful family day out and it was a pleasure to be part of it. It brings with it a massive audience from the length and breadth of Scotland and internationally, and that influx of visitors is worth a six-figure amount for the local economy. Today was also a chance for those visitors to explore Paisley and all it has to offer - hosting events like this is helping to establish us as a key destination within Scotland. It was also great to see our own school pupils get the experience of competing as part of a major championships - and showcase the musical talent we have here in Renfrewshire."

Ian Embelton, chief executive of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, added: "Today kicked off our annual calendar of majors and the standard of piping was top class – as you would expect from a field containing most of the world's top bands. Once again, Paisley and Renfrewshire made a great host and we look forward to bringing the event back here over the next three years."

Paisley has also been awarded the British Pipe Band Championships from 2019-2021.

The 2018 results were as follows:

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The 2018 Australian Celtic Festival



panish sounds and gourmet Breton delights were features of the 2018
Australian Celtic Festival celebrating Brittany, Galicia and Asturias.
Thousands of music, food and culture lovers turned out to experience the Festivals 26th year which was a great success.

Glen Innes Mayor Steve Toms commented, "The Australian Celtic Festival 2018 was a huge success with a festive, positive energy from so many visitors, quality performers and the very smooth running, underpinned by beautiful sunny weather. The Australian Standing Stones site provided such a unique setting for the Australian Celtic Festival. Juan Cordero playing the Asturian pipes and vocalist





Siobhan Owen provided a resounding sense of awe to the dawn flag raising ceremony on Saturday morning. Congratulations to Allan Fletcher who received the Triquetra Award for 20 years valued service to the Celtic Festival and the running of the Yard Dog Championships. Lara Gresham and her team of volunteers have again delivered an incredible event, estimated from previous years of contributing \$3.5 million to the Glen Innes Severn economy."

The Australian Celtic Festival takes place in Glen Innes, NSW and looks forward to celebrating Scotland on the 2-5 May 2019.For more details see: www.australiancelticfestival.com



Jurassic Scotland - A visit 65 million years in the making



inosaur fans rushing to see Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, as it hits cinemas this month, can then take a trip to Scotland to explore its many paleontological links and dino fun. Among Scotland's prehistoric discoveries, the Isle of Skye has unearthed many fascinating finds, including rare dinosaur prints from the world's largest dinosaur, the sauropod (which is said to have been 15 metres tall - over twice the size of the famous Tyrannosaurus rex!)

Scotland is home to a life-size skeleton cast of a T.rex at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. Also, in Glasgow the Hunterian Museum will delight dino hunters with Scotland's first dinosaur footprint; as well as the city's Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery, which has various fossils on display.

The journey doesn't end there: from hunting dinosaurs, to digging for fossils, read on for more suggestions and get planning for a journey back in time....

Playing with Dinosaurs, Perth **Museum and Art Gallery**

Playing with Dinosaurs is a fun-packed, interactive gallery which takes visitors on a journey to discover and play with dinosaurs. Games and activities create exploration, uncovering fossils, bones and clues - giving a fascinating glimpse into the world of

dinosaurs. Best of all, it's free! There will also be adults-only Dino Nights (with a silent disco) and scheduled talks with a dinosaur expert. The exhibition runs to 24th June.

T.rex at the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

The cast of the T.rex at the National Museum of Scotland has been taken from one of the most complete T.rex specimens in the world, which is held in the Museum of the Rockies in Montana, USA. It forms the centrepiece of the Animal World, a spectacular array of creatures from the past and the present day, including a great white shark, a hippo and a Triceratops skull. Peering out into the Museum's Grand Gallery, the T.rex draws people through into the six Natural World galleries, which tell the story of the formation of the earth and evolution of life on this planet.

Michaelswood **Dinosaur Trail, Shetland**

A popular picnic spot located in the village of Airth, the woodland area was developed in memory of Michael Ferrie, a young musician from the village who passed away from cancer in 1996. The area is a vibrant place with many interesting and enchanting features to entertain, educate and excite. The Dinosaur Trail consists of life-sized dinosaurs living out

their Jurassic existence among the trees. Visitors can read all about them from storyboards, developed by pupils from local schools. Look out for the Stegosaurus, Brontosaurus and the sabre toothed tiger.

Dinosaurs, Zombies and Dragons, **Bowhunter Archery, Inverness**

Bowhunter Archery offers a range of outdoor archery activities, including the chance to 'hunt' dinosaurs, zombies and dragons in their 3D target area. Suitable for everyone aged 8 and above, it offers a fun day out for the family or for groups of friends, all in the great outdoors. Sessions start from one hour and include tuition and equipment.

Fossil Hunting, Isle of Mull

Venture through the rugged coastline of Mull, to find the beautifully hidden cove of Carsaig Bay on the south of the island, to find traces of Jurassic activity. On a rocky platform east of Carsaig Pier and accessible by a track, there are considerable number of ammonite casts, some fairly large. Ammonites (marine molluscs) which are now extinct were found at a time when the dinosaurs roamed the land. Look closely at the rock formations further west within the bay and see that the beach is littered with examples of extinct Gryphaea (Oyster type mollusks) as well as Belemnites.

Dinosaur footprints, Isle of Skye



Around 170 million years ago, shortly after the supercontinent Pangaea began to break up, the land that is now Skye was part of a smaller subtropical island, far closer to the equator; replete with beaches, rivers and lagoons. Now famous for the Quiraing and the Fairy Pools, visitors can

explore traces of dinosaurs on the island of Skye, including the sight of 50 recently discovered tracks, some as big as a car tyre, from dinosaurs that roamed the island during the middle Jurassic period. The sauropod tracks are located on Staffin beach. This builds upon the discovery of other dinosaur footprints back in 2015.

It is recommended that visitors begin the journey at the Staffin Dinosaur Museum, which offers daily guided tours of the footprint sites, priced at £2 for adults and £1 for children. Please note that access to the footprints on the beach depends on time of day and tides, so consult with the museum before travelling. See www. staffindinosaurmuseum.com for more details and advice on visiting.

Dino Park, Dumfries

Ever wanted to come face-to-face with a 'real' dinosaur? Dino Park is a year-round attraction for children of all ages (and the young at heart) with realistic-looking replicas of the beasts that once walked the earth. Come along and take a tour of the park, head through the Dino Mine, hear a story in the Dino Den, and not forgetting a snack in the Dino Bite. Dino Dig also offers young aspiring Dr Alan Grants the chance to dig for replica dinosaur fossils and bones.

Dinosaurs and fossils at the **Hunterian Museum & Kelvingrove** Art Gallery & Museum, Glasgow

Dino fanatics should definitely trek to the Hunterian Museum at the University of Glasgow, if only to see Scotland's first dinosaur print, along with other dinosaur bones, including the Bearsden Shark. There is also a full size plesiosaur on display. In addition, the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum showcases a multitude of dino relics in its Creatures of the Past Gallery. The museum has 8,000 objects and dinosaur and fossil lovers will be pleased to know the collection includes a 2.6 metre skeleton of Stenopterygius, crocodilian remains and an almost complete shell of a Jurassic turtle.



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Dun Caron

Celebrating Scotland's medieval heritage



Visitors to Scotland often want to engage with her rich and dramatic history. The Clanranald Trust for Scotland came up with a unique idea allowing visitors to literally step into the past and built DunCarron, an authentic fortified medieval village in the Carron Valley. DunCarron has been featured in film and television and today teaches Scots and visitors to Scotland about the nations dynamic ancient history as Judy Vickers explains.

o say that it's been a battle to build DunCarron, a reconstructed medieval fort near the village of Denny, would be entirely accurate but possibly not in the sense that first springs to mind.



Take last year, for instance. The Clanranald Trust for Scotland, the organisation behind the village project, kicked off the year by recreating the Battle of Culloden for the time-travelling Jacobite TV series *Outlander* and finished 2017 by helping to stage the Battle of Loudon Hill for the Netflix film *Outlaw King*, about Robert the Bruce, due to be screened this autumn.

But this is how the Trust has raised the funds to build the fort, which is situated in Carron Valley – by hiring themselves out as combat performers to the film and television industry. Their success in that is evident in the impressive list of film and TV credits which have featured the fighting men and women of DunCarron, including *Gladiator*, *Robin Hood*, *King Arthur*, *The Eagle of the Ninth* and the 2016 version of *Macbeth*.

They've also appeared in a host of documentaries and even children's series, and have played everything from Vikings to space pirates. And the income from their celluloid work has raised a fair chunk of the £3 million needed to create the village and run it as a living museum.

Teaching Scotland's historyThe vision for DunCarron began more than 20 years ago, the dream of

Clanranald's chief, Charlie Allan – and started life as a drawing scribbled on a beermat. "It was in the World's End pub in Edinburgh, we were a group of guys mulling over the idea. They weren't quite getting it so I had to draw it for them on a napkin." His idea was to create a "living"



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museum with life-sized buildings and real people rather than glass cabinets, which would show people how life was lived in Scotland's past.

His vision was born out of his experiences at school. "At the time, teachers didn't teach Scottish medieval history or heritage, they didn't start until 1996, around the time I started the Trust. My teacher just glossed over the Celts and the Picts so I put my hand up and asked why we weren't learning more about the Picts, as they were an indigenous people. I was just fobbed off so I went to the library and began to investigate for myself."

As he got older, he toured historical sites in Scotland, then as an adult joined the merchant navy, travelled the world and found that many other countries and cultures did teach their young people about the local past. More determined than ever, he set up a group which went into schools teaching Scotland's history, from Celts to Jacobites. "It went down a storm," he says. That success spurred him on to create the village.

The vision for DunCarron began more than 20 years ago, the dream of Clanranald's chief, Charlie Allan – and started life as a drawing scribbled on a beermat.

With expert help from archaeologists and historians, a village based on an 11th century motte and bailey – a central building on a raised earthwork called a motte, with an enclosed courtyard called a bailey surrounded by a protective ditch and fence called a palisade – was designed.

The Carron Valley

The Trust was started in 1995 but without any funding, Edinburgh-born Charlie and his growing band of volunteers had to get creative in order to raise the money required to make their dream a reality and so the idea of members becoming experts in historical fighting techniques and hiring themselves out was born.

In 2000 the Trust obtained the long term lease of land in the Carron Valley – hence the name of the village – from the Forestry Commission and in February 2008 the first log of the palisade – the ten-foot fence which surrounds the village – was put in place.

Much of the work on the buildings, including longhouses, has been carried out by hand by a growing band of volunteers – there's now a branch in England and



associated groups and members around the world. And help has come from a range of sources – including a detachment of the Territorial Army which helped build ditches, and those ordered by courts of law to carry out community service. Reaching out to former members of the armed services and to young people with troubled backgrounds has been a key part of the plan.

"We have had no help from the government or the lottery but we have just steamed ahead and done it ourselves," says Charlie.

Helpful publicity has also come from Hollywood superstar Russell Crowe, whom Charlie met on the set of *Gladiator*. Crowe donated the medieval style giant battering ram which was a prop in the 2010 film *Robin Hood* and visited the fort in 2011.

Authentic medieval atmosphere

The construction is made as authentic as possible – the main entrance is narrow to stop any mass attack from enemies and is known as the Murder Gate, as in medieval times. If the fort was under attack, villagers would stand on the top of the gate and





throw missiles or pour boiling tar down. But in a nod to 21st century requirements, there is an extra, wider gate to allow vehicle access. Metal nuts and bolts, as well as chainsaws, have been used and the longhouses and roundhouses have more solid foundations than they would have done in centuries past.

But so authentic is the village that it is now used as a set location for many historic productions. And it is that authentic medieval atmosphere which the Trust hopes to recreate for visiting parties of school children and families at its public events, such as at the Spirit of DunCarron festival which takes place on June 16 and 17. Visitors can see medieval weapons and learn how they were used, blacksmith demonstrations, a medieval kitchen showing what was eaten at the time and archery, as well as seeing the two new mini longhouses which are nearing completion and hearing about the watchtower which is the next building project. At nine metres tall and four metres square it will be the tallest structure at DunCarron.

DunCarron, which will open full time to the public next year, is nearing completion. "We only need to raise another £200,000 which is not a lot considering we have already raised in excess of £2 million," says Charlie. His vision for the future is to see the village play host to "many, many" movies and to get involved and support other similar projects. "People take us seriously now we have a long record behind us." But above

all he hopes DunCarron will be giving hundreds of school children a taste of the past like no other. "Museums are brilliant but children can't touch things or feel things through glass cabinets." And he says he knows such experiences can really inspire youngsters because these days he meets volunteers at DunCarron or on film sets who were fired up to learn more about history by one of his school visits more than a decade ago. "They come up to me and say: 'I remember you coming in to talk to me at school'. I've dedicated the last 25 years of my life, unpaid, to this so that really validates everything I've done."

For more information on DunCarron see: www.duncarron.com





Edinburgh People Capturing life through a lens



For most you get in a taxi to go from A to B and that is it. However for one Edinburgh based black cab driver his work and love of photography have blended with each journey he takes across the Scottish capital. Ryan Wells took the time to speak to the Scottish Banner's Sean Cairney on how he has captured a snapshot of Edinburgh life through images of his passengers, both locals and visitors, creating a unique photographic journey through the lens of Edinburgh taxi driver.

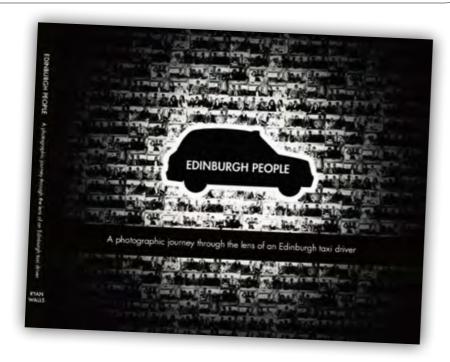


SC: Ryan thank you for taking the time to speak to *the Scottish Banner*. Can we begin with you telling us how you became to be an Edinburgh cabbie?

RW: I was made redundant for the second time in a year, this was a challenging time for myself and family, the UK was going through a recession. I had spent 18 years in sales, decided enough is enough, I needed a change of career. My dad is an electrician, I asked him about an apprenticeship, but he thought it wasn't a good time to get into the building trade, but suggested I should do by taxi brief, so I did. It took me about 8 months in total to learn all the Edinburgh Street names, pubs, hotels, places of interests and routes of course. I passed just in time for Christmas.

SC: Edinburgh is one of the most vibrant cities in the world. What have you learned about the ancient capital and its people by being an Edinburgh taxi driver?

RW: Edinburgh is two cites, August, festival time, the population doubles, from 500,000 to 1 million, there's roughly 3000 performances a day, the pubs and clubs have their licenses extended to 3am & 5am, the cities atmosphere is electric. Then you have the rest of the year, still gets its fair share of tourists and business people but nothing like August. I feel Edinburgh has everything London has to offer, but on a smaller scale, much easier to get from one side of down to the other. We have an amazing food scene, only London has more Michelin star restaurants, the art scene is unbelievable, the number of stand-alone amazing galleries we have for a population is mind blowing. The architecture of the city is both striking and beautiful, you have a castle and an old volcano within a mile from each other and the place reeks of history. As for the people, we are proud, innovative, and bursting with creativity. No longer is art confined to the middle classes, everyone is getting involved, from writing, music,



to painting and of course photography. Edinburgh is place where artists, writers and musician can thrive and share their talent in a supportive community.

SC: Has your work as a driver helped you discover some of the more hidden parts to Edinburgh than you previously never knew, and if so what has surprised you most?

RW: I enjoy driving around the old town, I just love the old buildings and streets. I think Deans Bridge surprised me the most, just how beautiful the area is and hidden from the hustle and bustle of the City Centre.

SC: You had no previous photography experience, can you tell us how you managed to think up the idea to incorporate a job that meets all walks of life to then asking your passengers for their photo?

RW: Well, that's not entirely true, I'll tell you from the start. When I first started driving taxis, it was Christmas time, busy, business was good, once January came, it was like a ghost town, remembering UK was just getting over a recession. I would be sitting in a taxi at night for long periods of time between fares. It was at this time I was flooded with plots, character, narrative, I thought I was going off my head. But what was happening was that my creative side of my brain was stared to wake up after all my stressful years in sales using my analytic side. I decided to start saving my £2 coins, and bought a new laptop. It's on this I wrote a 100-page play with the help of a tutor, then went to write short films. It was at this time, my wife's friend was having a baby, and asked if I would assist her husband on 12 weddings in the summer. I jumped at the chance, right in at the deep end, at the end of the summer, I managed to convince my wife

to buy a decent camera. Went on to work for my wife's clients, several marketing activities. After all this I wanted to do something for myself, a project with no stress or being told what to do. A group of us went to a music festival to celebrate my wife's birthday, it was this weekend I came up with the idea of Edinburgh People. That summer August 15th 2015 at 11:11, I asked Jan & Ian from Norfolk if they wanted to be part of my project, they agreed, Edinburgh People was born! I thought the Edinburgh Festival would be a great time to start my project, people are more open to the arts.

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SC: Ryan few would consider the back of black cab a perfect location for a photo shoot, can you tell what you feel it brings to your unique images? Also have many refused to have their photo taken?

RW: The back seat of taxi is the perfect back drop for me, everyone is equal in the back of a taxi, my back seat does care about your skin colour or where you're from, it sees no religion, political view, sexuality, poor or wealthy - everyone is equal. When I first started out, I didn't ask everyone, if you were having a bad day or upset or didn't



give me the time of day, I wouldn't ask. But of the 103 people I did ask, only 2 said no.

SC: Many say a cabbie sees more of city than most. As a cabbie who travels with a lens do you feel you see your city and passengers in an even different way than most cabbies?

RW: I only see good in people, I try chat to everyone, I would even go on to say, I try and cheer them up if they are down, help them sort out any problems, or even choose where they go for a night out. I guess, passengers can see me like a hairdresser, they open up and tell me everything.

SC: Last year you published your own book and exhibited your images at an exhibition called *The Edinburgh People*. How exciting was for you to have your work shown to a larger public audience and did you ever think after taking that first image of passengers this would happen?

RW: If I'm honest I've dreamt about my project, I could imagine my work on walls, and I could see the book, I always had the design in my head. But I didn't imagine people to like it, I could not see people coming to my opening, commenting on Instagram, being interviewed on TV and radio. I could never imagine receiving a full page foreword from Irvine Welsh, whose work has inspired me for years, then to take him out for lunch to thank him... This year is looking even more exciting, Instagram is gathering momentum, I'm currently touring all the Edinburgh Libraries with a 3 week exhibition in each with a talk, trying to inspire other to be more creative, start or finish a project of hobby, giving them more of a balance in life, improving their wellbeing. I've got a big exhibition in

August again, and I have another in the Scottish Parliament at the end of the year, and this is only the beginning!

SC: And finally Ryan as an Edinburgh black cab driver you must know your city like few others. Can you tell us where you would recommend a visitor coming to Edinburgh should see or a hidden gem you recommend?

RW: Obliviously must check if I have an exhibition on, that's paramount they must visit, just kidding... One my favourite places in Edinburgh is the Modern Art Gallery, there is always something great on to see, the landscaped gardens are amazing, if its Sunday, there is a walk at the back along the water of Leith that takes you to the Stockbridge market, where you can enjoy the most amazing street food, the dumplings are a must. I think you must go on a ghost tour that take you underground, it's frightening. For coffee, my favourite is Baba Budan on East Market Street, they make their own donuts too, followed by Wellington Coffee on George Street, followed by Artisan Roast on Broughton Street. If you like ice cream you must try Mary's Milk Bar on The Grassmarket, it will blow your mind! And for cool easy places to eat that won't cost you the earth, there are the two boutique taco restaurants, El Cartel and Bodega, I know there not very Scottish, but you'll be in taste Heaven! The best pizza must be Civerinos and Slice!

For more details on the Edinburgh People project or book see www.edinburghpeople.com Instgram @edinburghpeople Citycabs +44 (0) 131 228 1211

Edinburgh People will be on display at Summerhall in Edinburgh from 2nd August-23rd September. Info: https://festival18.summerhall.co.uk





IN SCOTLAND TODAY



Outlander series 5 and 6 confirmed

The international Scottish television series Outlander has recently been confirmed two more series of 12 episodes each. The cast and crew are currently working on series 4 of the hit show which has amassed a global cult following. The Outlander stories are based on the best-selling books by US author Diana Gabaldon and follow Claire Randall (played by Caitriona Balfe), a World War Two nurse who is swept back in time from 1945 to 18th century Scotland, where she encounters Scottish soldier Jamie Fraser (played by Scottish actor Sam Heughan). The show has caused a boom for Scottish television and tourism as much of the series has featured Scottish locations. Starz television network CEO Chris Albrecht said:" Fans can rest assured their beloved Claire and Jamie will be back facing new challenges, adversaries and adventures in seasons five and six as we delve into American history and continue the story of the Frasers as they settle in the New World." Season 4 of the show will have an international release later this year.

Sunny Dundee



The future's so bright for Dundee that it's time to wear shades! It's a little-known fact that Dundee is the only Scottish south-facing city, regularly clocking up more hours of sunshine than any other in Scotland. A record number of visitors are expected to travel to Dundee this summer via rail, road, sea and air to enjoy a packed calendar of sporting events, outdoor concerts, cultural exhibitions, degree shows, and parades in the lead-up to the opening of Scotland's design museum, V&A Dundee, on Saturday, September 15.

The Sunny Dundee campaign delivered by Dundee – One City, Many Discoveries will see thousands of pairs of #SunnyDundee branded sunglasses given to visitors, locals, and businesses, with an invitation to explore Scotland's sunniest city and share their photographs using the #SunnyDundee hashtag on social media. "This is a hugely exciting time for Dundee," says Leader of Dundee City Council, John Alexander. "It might be Scotland's sunniest city, but according to the world's media Dundee is definitely one of the coolest places to be in 2018. The Wall Street Journal, Conde Nast Traveller, CNN, and Bloomberg are just some of the global names recommending a visit to Dundee this year. "Sunny Dundee is a great slogan to celebrate the city during such a significant year and will help promote the city's position as Scotland's ray of sunshine!"

The sunshine-yellow sunglasses will be available from locations across the city, including The McManus Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum, Dundee Contemporary Arts, the VisitScotland information centre in City Square and Dundee Airport.

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle get Scottish titles

Prince Harry has been made the Duke of Sussex on his wedding day on May 19th by his grandmother Her Majesty The Queen, Buckingham Palace announced. The royal groom was given a dukedom - the highest rank in the British peerage - to mark his marriage to Meghan Markle. Harry also received Scottish and Northern Irish titles, becoming the Earl of Dumbarton and Baron Kilkeel, and Meghan has become the Countess of Dumbarton and Baroness Kilkeel. When the couple are in Scotland they will be known as the Earl and Countess of Dumbarton. Prince Harry will be the third Earl of Dumbarton - a title that has strong military connections and one not used since 1749. Dumbarton is a town on the River Clyde, west of Glasgow.

All eyes on Rousay-Major international archaeology projects commence in Rousay, Orkney



The island of Rousay in Orkney is renowned for the wealth of its archaeology; so much so that it is known

as the Egypt of the North. Recently a team of archaeologists from around the world assembled on Rousay to help unlock some of the questions still remaining about the distant past of this mysterious place. The internationally renowned team from the Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Römisch-Germanische Kommission (DAI) based in Berlin, together with archaeologists from the University of the Highlands and Islands Archaeology Institute began the largest geophysics survey of the island to date. The first phase of the project will connect many of the sites researched by the UHI Archaeology Institute, the University of Bradford, and Historic **Environment Scotland.**

Professor Jane Downes, director of the UHI Archaeology Institute said, "We are very pleased and excited to be involved in this major international project on Rousay and we are looking forward to seeing the results from the cutting-edge geophysics technology that the team from DAI have brought with them. This will make a substantial contribution to the "Boyne to Brodgar" programme- an Irish/Scottish Neolithic research project. This fieldwork forms one of a whole series of projects happening on the island over the next two weeks including the 'Gateway to the Atlantic Workshop' that this week will bring together archaeological scientists working particularly on coastal erosion, climate change and heritage in the North Atlantic and Arctic, and the following week continues an archaeological survey involving experts from Historic Environment Scotland and UHI Archaeology Institute students. We are signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the DAI, for partnership working longer term. It is indeed an exciting time for archaeology in Orkney."

Dr Alison Sheridan (National Museums Scotland) and Professor Gabriel Cooney (University College Dublin) of the Boyne to Brodgar Initiative added that, ""We are absolutely delighted and honoured that the DAI team have come to Orkney to undertake their survey on Rousay. With this work, and the survey that they already carried out in the Boyne Valley in Ireland, the team are contributing enormously to the Boyne to Brodgar research initiative to understand Neolithic people, their monuments and their interactions in Britain and Ireland".

Bottlenose dolphin numbers stable in Moray Firth, with increase on east coast



The number of bottlenose dolphins using the Moray Firth Special Area of Conservation (SAC) off the coast of Scotland remains stable, according to a report published by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). This is the most northern resident bottlenose dolphin population in the world, and recognised as a major tourist attraction along Scotland's northeast coast, generating upwards of £4m per year for the local economy. Around 200 bottlenose dolphins call the coastal North Sea near Scotland home. More than half of these dolphins frequently use the Moray Firth, part of which is an EU-classified SAC to help protect these marine mammals.

The report indicates that although there is some variability in the numbers of dolphins using the Moray Firth SAC each year, the numbers appear to be generally stable over the long term. Additional monitoring indicates there is an overall increase in dolphin numbers on the east coast. The research, commissioned by SNH and carried out by the University of Aberdeen, also suggests dolphins use the SAC outside the summer months more often than was previously thought.

Despite these positive results, the North Sea's only resident bottlenose dolphin population is still considered to be vulnerable, though no change is suggested to their current favourable and recovered condition status. Stretching from the Moray Firth to Fife and further south, the population is relatively small and dolphins reproduce slowly. While many of the dolphins travel along the coast between these different areas, the population remains isolated.

Morven Carruthers, SNH Marine Policy & Advice Officer, said: "This is great news for the dolphins and for Scotland in general. We have been monitoring dolphins in the Moray Firth SAC for many years and it's been wonderful to see stability in their numbers. Dolphin watching is a beloved activity for locals and visitors alike throughout Scotland. It's great to see a growing bottlenose dolphin population on the east coast."

The Moray Firth SAC was designated in 2005 under the European Habitats Directive for bottlenose dolphins. It extends from the inner firths to Helmsdale on the north coast and Lossiemouth on the south coast.

Scotland's beaches - A shore thing this summer



et a bucket and spade at the ready, with stunning coastal views, white sands, waves that are surf-ready, and family-friendly activities, Scotland's beaches are where it's at this summer. Just add in some tasty fish and chips, an ice cream, and perhaps a sandcastle-building competition, and everyone can create holiday memories to last a lifetime (not forgetting four legged friends). Not sure which Scottish sands to explore? Read on for more information....

Island adventures

Luskentyre on the Isle of Harris is regularly included in lists of the most beautiful beaches and it's not difficult to see why: with miles of white sandy beach and clear blue water, visitors to the island may be forgiven for imagining they are visiting a Mediterranean archipelago. It is certainly one of the most spectacular beaches in the Outer Hebrides. Incidentally, anyone travelling to the Outer Hebrides can enjoy the unique experience of travelling by plane and landing at the beach airport at Barra.

St. Ninian's Isle in Shetland is a stunning tombolo (a natural sand causeway with sea on either side) on the west coast of Shetland, linking the South Mainland with the Isle. The beach itself is often compared to beaches in the Caribbean, and there is an archaeological site located on St. Ninian's Isle. If that

wasn't reason enough to visit, Shetland has been chosen as one of the places in the world with the best sunrises.

Calgary Beach on the Isle of Mull is ahaven of white shell sand and blue sea, a picture perfect impression of what a beach in the Hebrides should look like.

Similarly, the stunning beach at the Bay of Skaill on the west coast of Orkney should be on everyone's list of must-visit beaches, being as it is close to Skara Brae, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Coastal discoveries

Film-fans will recognise West Sands Beach in Fife from the opening scenes of the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*, set against a stirring Vangelis score. The beach stretches out for two miles, within walking distance of St Andrews town centre and world-famous golf courses.

For breath-taking tranquillity, it would be hard to match Achmelvich beach in Sutherland. Located on the now legendary North Coast 500 driving route, the unique morphology of the area means there are many nearby walks and climbs, including the famous Suilven, for those interested in hiking.

Family friendly

Kippford Beach in Dumfries and Galloway is the perfect seaside retreat for families located at the friendly town of Kippford,



near to Castle Douglas, on the Solway Coast. It is certainly unique as the beach is made up almost entirely of cockle shells. The coastal walk from Rockcliffe to Kippford is also a great addition to any trip.

North Berwick Beach in East Lothian has long been a favourite seaside escape for families, located only 25 miles from Edinburgh City Centre. With plenty of shops, cafés and the Scottish Seabird Centre close by, a trip to the beach at North Berwick is the perfect day out.

Who knew Aberdeen had dolphins? Yes, visitors to Aberdeen Beach might be lucky enough to spot one of the happy animals in the sea. Aberdeen is home to one of the greatest coastlines in the world. A 165-mile-long strip which includes golden sandy beaches, hidden caves and rugged cliffs. Described by National Geographic as 'one of the world's outstanding coastlines' thanks to its areas of natural beauty, featuring puffins, seals and dolphins, set against an unblemished backdrop of big skies and deep blue seas.

Surfers' paradise



Surfers' favourite Tiree is the most westerly island in the Inner Hebrides. Lovingly referred to as the 'Hawaii of the north', Tiree is perfectly placed to catch the swell from the North Atlantic, giving year-round, consistent waves to catch. The island's many white sandy beaches face every direction, so even if the waves aren't quite right for surfing on one bay, they're likely to be ideal on another. There are also plenty of local surfing schools to cater for all levels.

Thurso in Caithness is also an ideal place to hit the waves, as the northerly tip of the Scottish mainland is known for providing the most consistent and best quality waves.

Dog friendly beaches

With sand dunes, a golden beach and a shallow sandy bay, the beach at Applecross in the north Highlands is the perfect place for four legged friends to sniff about, allowing their owners to enjoy gorgeous views across to the Hebrides. In addition, Irvine beach in Ayrshire has plenty of grassy sand dunes and is far away from the road to let dogs off the lead. It's a popular spot for dog meet-ups and dog walking clubs. Finally, pups will have great fun splashing around at the beach at Luss in Loch Lomond, with their owners having plenty to choose from for dog-friendly cafés close-by, including the Coach House Coffee Shop.

For more information on things to do in Scotland visit: www.visitscotland.com

${\bf Tartan\ of\ the\ Month\ -}\ {\it The\ Battle\ of\ Bannockburn}$



The Scottish Banner is pleased to be offering the Tartan of the Month series highlighting a variety of different, unique and colourful tartans from around the world which are registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh. The Scottish Register of Tartans was established by an act of the Scottish Parliament in November 2008 and promotes and preserves information about historic and contemporary tartans from Scotland and throughout the world. Text and image use is courtesy of the Scottish Register of Tartans.

his month is the 704th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn which took place in Stirling on 24th June, 1314. The Battle of Bannockburn tartan (reference: 10788) has been designed on behalf of the National Trust for Scotland by Christine MacLeod, property manager of Weavers Cottage in Kilbarchan. Colours: red represents the sacrifice and the feeling between the opposing armies; caramel in fine crossed lines for the colour and texture

of old leather, wood, pikes and arrows; sage green for the carse at Stirling where the battle took place; deep blue to represent the very centre of the battle; red and gold for the clash of the two armies for the prize of the red and gold of the royal standard of Scotland.

The combined colours have produced a beautiful, strong tartan which tells the story of The Battle of Bannockburn. The first piece of this tartan has been woven in Weavers Cottage by Christine on the 200 year old loom. Visitors to Bannockburn are directed to the Weaver's Cottage to visit the loom where the tartan was first woven and meet Christine who designed the tartan and wove the first piece. Likewise visitors to the cottage will see the sample of Bannockburn tartan and be directed to visit the Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre in Stirling. A woven sample of this tartan has been received by the Scottish Register of Tartans for permanent preservation in the National Records of Scotland.

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Welcome to the Scottish Banner's Calling the Clans section. Our "Clansified" listing of Scottish Clans, Societies and Clubs. If you would like to add your Clan to these pages please contact your nearest Scottish Banner office for full details. Our address and phone numbers are located on page 2. If you are contacting your Clan be sure to tell them you saw them in the Scottish Banner and please support these great community organisations.

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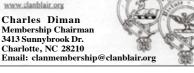
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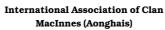
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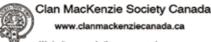


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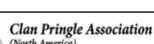
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IN THE SCOTTISH KITCHEN



Crispy herbed salmon

Ingredients:

600g/11/4lb. salmon fillet, with skin 4 lemons

splash white wine

2 tbsp. thyme leaves

2 tbsp. rosemary leaves

2 tbsp. dill fronds

300ml/½ pint olive oil

2 tbsp. chopped parsley Sea salt and cracked black pepper

Method:

Cut salmon in four and score the skin. Put in a non-metal dish.

Zest and juice two lemons. Halve remaining lemons.

Combine zest and juice with wine, thyme, rosemary, dill, one-third of the oil and half the parsley. Season.

Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Pour marinade over salmon and leave

for 30 minutes. Remove salmon, drain off marinade and fry, skin side down, for 1 minute. Turn and

seal other side. Lay salmon, skin side up, in a roasting tray, sprinkle with salt and roast for about 10 minutes or until just cooked through.

Put on serving dish, drizzle with remaining oil, sprinkle with remaining parsley and serve with lemon halves.

Tuna and bean salad

Ingredients:

80g/3oz. green beans, halved 160g tin tuna in water, drained 50g/13/4oz. red pepper, cut into dice 1 tbsp. fat-free dressing

Method:

Cook the beans in a saucepan of boiling water for 5 minutes, or until tender. Drain and place in a bowl of cold water. When they are cool, drain off the cold water and mix the beans with the tuna, pepper and dressing in a bowl. Serve.

Chutney

Ingredients:

2oz (50g) butter 1 large onion, chopped 2 dessert apples, peeled, cored and diced 6 tomatoes, chopped

1 tbsp. cider vinegar

1 tbsp. sweet mincemeat (see separate recipe) 2 tsp. dark brown muscovado sugar salt and pepper

Method:

Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the onions and cook for 10 minutes over a gentle heat.

Add the apples and cook for 2 minutes. Then add the rest of the ingredients and simmer gently for 10 minutes.

Scottish scones



Ingredients:

450g/1lb. self-raising flour 2 level tsp. baking powder 50g/1¾oz. caster sugar 100g/3½oz. butter, softened, cut into pieces 2 free-range eggs a little milk handful sultanas (optional)

To serve:

strawberry jam clotted cream

Method:

Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7. Lightly grease two baking trays.

Put the flour, baking powder and sugar in a large bowl. Add the butter and rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Crack the eggs into a measuring jug, then add enough milk to make the total liquid 300ml/10fl oz. Stir the egg and milk into the flour - you may not need it all and mix to a soft, sticky dough.

Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface, knead lightly and work in the sultanas, if using. Roll out to a rectangle about 2cm/3/4in thick.

Cut into as many rounds as possible with a fluted 5cm/2in cutter and place them on the prepared baking trays. Brush

the tops of the scones with a little extra milk, or any egg and milk left in the jug.

Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until the scones are well risen and a pale, goldenbrown colour. Lift onto a wire rack to cool. Eat as fresh as possible.

To serve, split the scones and serve with strawberry jam on the plain scones along with a good dollop of clotted cream.

Ginger alert

Ingredients:

40ml/11/2fl oz. whisky 2 tsp clear apple juice 1 tsp clear pear juice 20ml/1/2fl oz. fresh lemon juice 2.5cm/lin piece fresh ginger, peeled ginger ale, to top up apple slice, to garnish

Method:

Pour the whisky, apple juice, pear juice, and lemon juice into a cocktail shaker with a handful of ice. Grate the ginger into the shaker, then shake well. Strain into a highball glass filled with ice cubes. Top up with ginger ale and garnish with an apple wedge.

Shepherd's pie

Ingredients:

25g/1oz. dripping 1 large onion, finely chopped 2 tbsp. olive oil 500g/1lb 2oz. minced lamb

1 tbsp. plain flour 2 bay leaves

2 sprigs fresh thyme

1 anchovy, finely chopped (optional)

1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes

2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

450ml/16fl oz. chicken, beef or lamb stock salt and freshly ground black pepper

700g/11/2lb potatoes, peeled and cut into halves or quarters 55ml/2fl oz. milk 75g/3oz butter 1 free-range egg yolk

Method:

In a large saucepan, heat the dripping. Add the onion and cook for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large frying pan, heat a little olive oil and fry the mince, stirring, until browned all over. While the meat is frying, break up any lumps with the back of the spoon. Stir the onions and add the flour (this helps to thicken the juices) and stir. Mix well and add the bay leaves, thyme and the anchovy and stir. Add the chopped tomatoes, stock (keep a little aside, for putting into the mince pan to de-glaze the pan) and Worcestershire sauce. Add the cooked mince and then pour the stock mixture into empty mince pan, scraping off any bits of mince left in the pan. Pour the remaining stock into the pan containing the sauce mixture. Bring the mixture to the boil, adding a pinch of salt and pepper and let it simmer for about 45 minutes, stirring regularly. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. For the mash, boil the potatoes until tender (about 10 minutes). Drain, add the milk, butter and egg yolk, then mash until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the meat into a 1.4 litre/21/2 pint ovenproof dish and spread the mash on top, smooth over and mark with a spatula. Put the dish into the oven and cook until the surface is golden-brown.

Apple & Blackberry Crumble



Ingredients:

For the filling:

500g/1lb. 2oz cooking apples, peeled, cored and sliced 25g/1oz. butter 75g/21/2oz. caster sugar 250g/9oz. blackberries

For the crumble topping:

100g/3½oz. plain wholemeal flour 75g/2½oz. porridge oats 2 tsp. shony (powdered seaweed) 100g/3½oz. soft dark brown sugar 75g/2½oz. unsalted butter, chilled, cut into roughly 1cm/1/2in cubes 25g/1oz. sunflower seeds 15g/1/2 oz. pumpkin seeds

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. For the filling, put the apples, butter and sugar in a pan. Cook over a medium heat for about 10 minutes, stirring from time to time, until the sugar has dissolved and the fruit is just beginning to collapse. Taste and add more sugar if required. Stir in the blackberries and transfer the mixture to an oven dish and set aside.

To make the crumble topping, combine the flour, oats, powdered seaweed and sugar in a bowl. Add the butter and rub in lightly with your fingertips until the mix resembles coarse breadcrumbs.

Using a pestle and mortar or a small food processor, crush the seeds so they break down a little. Do not reduce them to a fine powder. Stir the crushed seeds into the crumble mixture.

Spoon the crumble mixture over the filling. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until golden-brown and bubbling. Leave to settle for about 10 minutes before serving.

Culloden under fire

The modern threat to one of Scotland's most important historic sites



Culloden Moor in the Scottish Highlands is one of the most historic, atmospheric and sacred places in all of Scotland. On 16 April 1746, the final Jacobite Rising came to a bloody end at the last battle ever fought on British soil with 1500 dead. Now a controversial plan to build houses at Culloden has been given approval despite the area being designated as a Conservation Area. A battle is once again taking place at Culloden as opponents argue that the sacred site is a war grave and the fight is now on to save this historic site as David C Weinczok explains.

he final stand of the Jacobites at the Battle of Culloden on 16 April 1746 was not just the end of the Stewart cause and the Highland way of life, nor is its importance confined to the well-known fact that it was the last major pitched battle fought on the soils of mainland Britain. Culloden forever



embedded itself into Scotland's sense of self, its fallout shattering its people into many pieces some of which were strewn across the globe. Over one fateful hour, enough men died to change the very fabric of the country forever.

It is with tremendous concern, then, that plans to develop housing in what is a historically significant part of the battlefield have very recently been approved. A possibility for several years, the development has now become a reality despite mobilising widespread local and international protest and condemnation. What does this mean for one of Scotland's most formative and sacred historic sites?

A quick history of conservation at Culloden

Although the battlefield was recognised as a place of tremendous national significance almost before the blood dried, it took until 1968 for it to be protected as a designated Conservation Area. While building within a Conservation Area is not prohibited, there

is a general presumption against any developments that adversely affect the character and/or appearance of the Area and extensive consultations are required.

Our understanding of what exactly unfolded on 16 April 1746 has evolved significantly since 1968, however. The original Conservation Area was concerned with the 'core battlefield', that is the area where the majority of the Jacobite and Government forces were arrayed and where the bulk of the fighting occurred. Suspicion that the violence of that day spread much further than this was confirmed by the Inventory of Historic Battlefields, established by Historic Environment Scotland in 2011 as a database of Scotland's nationally significant battles.

The findings of the Inventory led to the creation of the Culloden Muir Conservation Area in 2015, a protected area twice the size of the 1968 zone in which physical remains and archaeological evidence have been found or are likely to be found. Extending nearly as far as the

ancient Clava Cairns to the south and with a separate zone around Culloden House to the north, the 2015 Conservation Area reflects the reality that the Battle of Culloden was a brutal, messy affair with pockets of violence spreading out over the broad expanse of the moor. Jacobites were hunted down for weeks following the battle itself, and in the immediate aftermath many desperate men would have made their last stands far from the scene of the original carnage.

The Viewhill Farm development stands well within this boundary. It is distinctly possible that the Government line extended as far as Viewhill itself and that the site saw action, meaning the land now being developed is not only historically significant but also part of a sprawling landscape of war graves.

The development

In 2011 the property developer Kirkwood Homes Ltd. applied to the Highland Council to build a 16-unit housing development at Viewhill Farm, located just over 400 metres north of the Culloden Visitor Centre. The application was rejected by the Highland Council, however Kirkwood launched an appeal which was ruled in favour of by a government appointed reporter in 2014. The intervening years have seen a concerted campaign of protest against the development, garnering attention from international press and drawing support from prominent individuals including *Outlander* author Diana Gabaldon.

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Nonetheless – and in spite of dire concerns from historians and conservation bodies including the National Trust for Scotland – Kirkwood received final approval to build the units on 13 March 2018. Work on the site is now underway, with farm buildings having been demolished and opposition groups shifting focus to limiting the impact of the development on the integrity of the battlefield. This is likely to be significant, as the suburban-style detached homes shall also require roads and construction access that will amplify its impact on the historic environment of Culloden Moor.

The importance of the battlefield is clearly known to Kirkwood, who have seen fit to call the development 'Cairnfields', with 'Cairn' being an obvious reference to the cairn erected on the battlefield to the memory of those who died on the moor.

What could be lost

All of the above are tangible reasons why developments within Culloden Muir Conservation Area are damaging to our understanding and appreciation of a defining moment in Scotland's story. The intangible reasons are at least as important.

That terrible hour on 17 April 1746, when thousands fell in a hail of lead and steel, has seared itself into Scotland's national consciousness. A myth persists that Culloden is held up as a great romance, the noble last stand of Bonnie Prince Charlie and his stalwart Heilan' men. The reality is that Culloden is indeed spoken of with reverence, yet a distinctly sombre reverence. Dr Tony Pollard, Director of the Centre for Battlefield Archaeology at the University of Glasgow and host of BBC's Two Men in a Trench, is one of many experts to highlight both the historical and sentimental value of Culloden. "[It's] an incredibly sensitive site. The site is very important to a lot of people...it's almost a place of pilgrimage. There's a particular aspect to that landscape that you could quite easily destroy by building something that was unsuitable for that environment."

It is perhaps all too easy to imagine that we would never allow a place of such national significance as Culloden to be compromised. However, when it comes to major, nation-defining battles lost to expansion there are already several dead canaries in the coal mine.

The Battle of Bannockburn is perhaps the foremost example. The modern visitor centre brilliantly brings Robert Bruce's triumph of 7,000 against Edward II's 20,000 in 1314 to life, with an emphasis on 3D visuals, tactile displays and immersive technology. It is an innovative approach made necessary by the near-total loss of the battlefield itself, which is now mostly entombed underneath industrial estates, housing and modern roads. For those looking to trace the actions of the battle, which were as sprawling as they were dramatic, there are precious few opportunities to be had.

That is an irreversible loss on a national level, and one that could all too easily occur again if destructive precedents are permitted. In a talk at Culloden in April held at the behest of the National Trust for Scotland, Dr Christopher Duffy asked the question, 'Are we going to lose Culloden?' While stressing that some developments at historic sites will happen and that not every single site across Scotland can completely withstand the 21st century, he was unequivocal: "Destroying a landscape like Culloden is akin to burning an archive." As Caesar found out at Alexandria, once a few pages catch flame such fires can be impossible to extinguish.

Keep informed and get involved The period for members of the public to express their concerns about the developments at Culloden will have passed by the time this article is

published. There are several resources

that you can turn to for updates about the developments and measures being taken to oppose them and limit their impact. The main hub for information is the Group to Stop Development at Culloden website, (stopcullodendevelopment. weebly.com). Local groups such as the Inverness Outlanders are also raising awareness and posting updates through social media, and an online petition against the Viewhill development can be signed at www.change.org.

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MELBOURNE TARTAN FESTIVAL JULY 19-22

cots are coming to town with a four day Melbourne Tartan Festival showcasing Scottish culture and heritage. We Scots enjoy nothing better than gathering people together in celebration of our culture, sharing our love of literature, performing arts, good food, conversation, dance and of course, a 'wee dram'. The Melbourne Tartan Festival, a joint initiative of the Victorian Scottish Heritage Cultural Foundation (VSHCF) and Scots of Victoria Co-ordinating Group (SVCG), will run from 19th -22nd July.

With aims for Melbourne Tartan Festival to become an annual event on Melbourne's festival calendar and with support from the Scottish community, it will continue to grow in size and scope over the coming years. Planning is already underway for the 2019 Melbourne Tartan Festival, inspired by the success of The New York Tartan Festival, which began as a one day Tartan Day parade and is now a weeklong event in its' 20th year.

Variety of events

Pop up performances will be happening around Melbourne CBD from 15th – 22nd July, with a surprise 'flash mob'

pipe band performance on Sunday 15th. Time and venue of the performance will be announced on the Melbourne Tartan Festival Facebook page that morning. Festivities begin on Thursday 19th with Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club and a traditional high energy Ceilidh at the historic Abbotsford Convent. On Friday morning begin your Scottish family history research journey guided by experienced researchers at the Genealogy Day hosted by the Genealogical Society of Victoria.

Saturday night will be a grand affair with a black tie/kilt Gala Dinner at Melbourne Town Hall. Guests will be entertained by Victoria Police Pipe Band, Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, traditional Scottish singer Fiona Ross and Celtic rock band Claymore. This promises to be a night to remember. Sunday morning wear your tartan with pride to the Kirkin of the Tartan Service at The Scots' Church, Melbourne to commemorate the repeal in 1782 of the Act of Proscription. The festival will conclude with an afternoon recital by the City of Melbourne Highland Pipe Band.

To book tickets or find out more go to www.melbournetartanfestival.com.au

Centuries-old Scottish poetry brought to life



triking 18th century illustrations of poems by Allan Ramsay, Robert Burns and James Thomson are now on display at the National Library of Scotland. The exhibition encompasses items from the 1780s onwards when the collapse of the London copyright monopoly made way for the independent tradition of Scottish literary illustration. Professor Sandro Jung, Senior Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and *Rare Books* Curator Dr Anette Hagan cocurated *Illustrating Scottish Poems*.

Fresh interpretation

Anette Hagan said: "It was an exciting time for Scottish publishers. It allowed them to offer new representations of moments or scenes from the poems, and this industry thrived for the next 40 years. The books were produced in small format editions to allow people to carry them and read at every opportunity, and readers were able to enjoy a fresh interpretation of their literature and landscapes through the works of Scottish artists such as David Allan, Alexander Carse and Walter Weir. The

illustrations proved to be popular, and were later produced with the use of larger copper plates to provide both monochrome and colour prints that could be framed." Works on display at the Library include:

- Allan Ramsay's Gentle Shepherd
- Robert Burns' *Tam O'Shanter*
- Early editions of James Macpherson's Ossian cycle
- James Thomson's The Seasons

World's leading centres for the study of Scotland and the Scots

The National Library of Scotland is a major European research library and one of the world's leading centres for the study of Scotland and the Scots - an information treasure trove for Scotland's knowledge, history and culture. The Library's collections are of world-class importance. Key areas include digital material, rare books, manuscripts, maps, music, moving images, official publications, business information, science and technology, and modern and foreign collections. The Library holds more than 26 million physical items dating back over 1000 years in addition to a growing library of e-books, e-journals and other digital material. The collection includes more than four million books, eight million manuscripts, two million maps and more than 45,000 films and videos. Every week the Library collects around 3,000 new items.

Illustrating Scottish Poems is on display at the Library on George IV Bridge, Edinburgh until 17 June 2018.

More information about the display see: www.nls.uk

SCOTTISH BANNER EVENTS

Having a Clan event? Know of a highland games? Know where the pipes will be playing? Let Scottish Banner readers know of Scottish events both near and far with the Scottish Banner events page.

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AUSTRALIA

JUNE 2018

2 Wingham, NSW - Clan Davidson Society In Australia AGM

This year CDSA will be holding their AGM as part of the Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival. 5.00pm in the Services Club. Info: Geoff Davidson 0417 240 187.

3 Rochedale, QLD - Piobaireachd Group Queensland Social

Piping event. Info: Jack Brennan

brennanjack@optusnet.com.au

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5 Milton, QLD - Brisbane Smallpipe Session Piping event. Info: Malcolm McLaren on (07)

Piping event. Info: Malcolm McLaren on (07) 3820-2902 or mrmclaren@bigpond.com 8 - 11 Portarlington, VIC - The National Celtic Festival

Held over the June long weekend the festival offers a broad and diverse range of arts experiences that capture the Celtic culture in its many interpretations within the Australian setting. Info: 0473 345 870 or www.nationalcelticfestival.com

9 Ipswich, QLD - The Ipswich Gathering of the Clans Ipswich's premier Celtic event, held annually since 1991 and includes the Queensland Pipe Band Championships with a day filled with markets, fun and entertainment at Limestone Park. Info: www.ipswichthistle.com

9 Norwood, SA - Seymour College Pipe Band-Reflections

A musical celebration of traditional and contemporary Scottish music at Norwood Concert Hall. Info: scpbconcert@gmail.com

15 Red Hill, QLD - Community Ceilidh

Bring your friends and family for a night of joyful dancing to Brisbane's premiere Scottish ceilidh band at Red Hill Community Sports Club, 22 Fulcher Rd. Info: www.facebook.com/CeilidhClan

16 Batemans Bay, NSW - The Sounds of Scotland Concert

Join The Canberra Burns Club Pipe Band for their all new concert "The Sounds of Scotland". Featuring a mix of Scotland's favourite tunes and modern classics at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. Info: www.bcpb.com.au

16 Norwood, SA - Amazing Grace The Concert Presented by the City of Adelaide Pipe Band at the Norwood Concert Hall, 175 The Parade. Info: www.bass.net.au or 131 246.

17 Townsville, QLD - Townsville Tartan Day

The day the Scots of Townsville and everyone who loves all things Scottish come together for a free community event in conjunction with the Cotters Market. 'Tartan Day' is an International event that celebrates the lifting of the English ban that prevented the wearing of tartan from 1746 to 1782. Info: Marie 0413456542 or mlg7@optusnet.com.au

17 Melbourne, VIC - Celtic Piping Club Session Piping session, 2pm - 5pm, upstairs at the Exford Hotel, 199 Russell St (cnr Little Bourke).

Info: email@celticpipingclub.com

23 Sydney, NSW - Scots on The Rocks - Chaotic Ceilidh Featuring music by ARIA Award winning Chris Duncan & Catherine Strutt, it will be a night of energetic and popular dances. Includes supper (BYO alcohol) in The Rocks.

Tickets \$35pp. Info: 0435 154 433 or www.sotr.org.au/chaos

29 - 7 Sydney, NSW - Scottish Week 2018

A celebration of Scots heritage and culture in Australia with Honoured Guest – Grant Guthrie Davidson of Davidston and Madam Davidson. Events include: Burns Supper evening, Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Parliamentary Lunch in remembrance of Tartan Day and More. Info: www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au

JULY 2018

1 Fremantle, WA - Scottish Heritage Centre of WA Kirking of the Tartan

The Kirking of the Tartan church service is being held at 2pm at Scots Church, Cnr Parry Street & South Terrace. This is an important event which celebrates Scottish traditions and culture. For bookings for the afternoon tea to follow in the church hall (\$5 a head), phone 08 9457 1945 (Shirley Oliver) or 08 6142 2269 (Helen Cole).

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6 Hobart, TAS - CoHHPB Winter Gathering Presented by the City of Hobart Highland Pipe Band with bagpipes, whisky tasting and fun at the Hobart Function and Conference Centre. Info: niall@hfcc.com.au or 0418 107 175.

7 Fremantle, WA - International Tartan Day Ball

Presented by The Scottish Masonic Charitable Foundation of WA Inc with music, food and friendship. A night where people of the community can come together as one and enjoy some Scottish traditions at the Esplanade Hotel. Info: 0433 707 716 or www.smcfwa.com.au

7 Aberdeen, NSW - Aberdeen Highland Games Fun for all the family with Clans, Highland and country dancing, pipe bands, Tartan Warriors, Kilted Dash and more. One of Australia's top Scottish events at Jefferson Park. Info: 02 6540 1300 or www.aberdeenhighlandgames.com

8 - 15 Shoal Bay, NSW - Australia Winter School RSCDS Hunter Valley Branch is hosting the 43rd Australian Winter School at Shoal Bay. Come and enjoy a fun filled week of Scottish country dancing with great teachers and musicians. Info: www.hyws2018.com

11 - 2 Nationwide - The Bay City Rollers featuring Les McKeown

One of Scotland's top music exports returns for a nationwide tour of Australia as part of the World Hits Tour 2018. Info: www.metropolistouring.com

14 Mackay, QLD - Mackay Bluewater Fling 2018 Hosted by Mackay & District Pipe Band with pipe bands, highland dancers, and lots of fun at Bluewater Quay. Info: www.mackaypipeband.com.au

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19 - 22 Melbourne, VIC - Melbourne Tartan Festival Celebrate Scottish culture at a variety of Scottish themed events across the city. Info: 0417 125 013 or www.melbournetartanfestival.com.au

21 Brisbane, QLD - International Tartan Day Free event at King George Square with massed piped bands, Scottish Highland and Country dancing, music and vocalists and Scottie Dog mascots. With Clans, Scottish food & wares and more. Info: www.aussie-scots.org.au

23 Toowong, QLD - Pipers Society Jimmy Durham Memorial Solo Competition

2/4 March competition for young players who have not previously won the event at Regatta Hotel. Info: www.pipebandsqld.org

NEW ZEALAND

JUNE 2018

1 Auckland - Scottish Celtic Music Group Monthly on the first Friday at St Luke's Church,

130 Remuera Rd. All instruments welcome to read through favourite Scottish tunes and dance sets. Info: John Hawthorn: john.hawthorn@xtra.co.nz.

2 - 3 Hamilton - Waikato-Bay of Plenty Region Queen's Birthday Weekend School

Scottish country dance events, ceilidh and more at Diocesan School for Girls, 660 River Rd. Info: www.rscdsnzb.org.nz

will be across the road in the Otago Polytechnic

G Block. Info: www.piping-dancing.org.nz

2 - 3 Dunedin - Otago Centre Queens Birthday Weekend Solo Piping and Highland Dancing Competitions Piping & Highland dance competitions and events at University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic. Highland Dancing will be at the University of Otago College of Education Auditorium. Solo Piping

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8 Auckland - Scottish Fiddle Club Fiddle Club Night 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM at St Luke's Church, 130 Remuera Rd. Info: www.freewebs.com/aucklandscottishfiddleclub

18 New Plymouth - Norðan - Celtic Harp & Nordic Fiddle

The Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic inspire the music of the duo Norðan, Tory Island in the Northwest of Ireland, the Hebridean Island of Staffa, the Shetlands, Lofoten in the East, Iceland in the North and right in the middle: the Faroe Islands at 4th Wall Theatre, 11 Baring Tce. Info: 0800 484 925.

22 - 24 Invercargill - Under 16 Years New Zealand Highland Dancing Championships Highland dance competition and events at Centre Stage, Don St. Info: www.piping-dancing.org.nz

28 Wellington - Happy 150th Birthday Charles Rennie Mackintosh

Retired VUW School of Architecture Associate Professor David Kernohan enjoys extolling the work of this internationally known Scottish Architect and artist who designed the Glasgow School of Art and other buildings and their furnishings; completed the concept of Glasgow's Willow Tearooms (reputedly the first tearooms in the world), and was part of the group who designed 'the Glasgow Rose' with the Victoria University of Wellington Scottish Interest Group. Info: www.wellyscots.wordpress.com

29 Auckland - Ceilidh Club

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12 - 15 Ashburton - 18 & Over and Under 18 New Zealand Highland Dancing Championships

Highland dance competition and events at Ashburton Trust Event Centre,211 Wills St. Info: www.piping-dancing.org.nz

13 Auckland - Scottish Fiddle Club Fiddle Club Night 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM at St Luke's Church, 130 Remuera Rd. Info: www.freewebs.com/aucklandscottishfiddleclub

13 Wellington - Whisky Tasting Evening Have a dram at the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, 103 Oriental Parade. Info: www.rpnyc.org.nz

20 - 21 Waipu - Art 'n Tartan Wearable Art Awards A wearable art event celebrates heritage, community, and creativity, using tartan as a symbol of connection at Waipu Celtic Barn. Info: www.waipumuseum.com

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28 Wellington - Film: The 39 Steps (based on John Buchan's book published in 1915)

"It's not much of an exaggeration to say that all contemporary escapist entertainment begins with The 39 Steps." In 1935 Alfred Hitchcock, drawing on characters and situations created by the action novelist he adored, concocted a classic movie-thriller recipe, starring the then-current heartthrob Robert Donat, also a young Peggy Ashcroft. (B&W of course: not a 'scary' Hitchcock film!) with the Victoria University of Wellington Scottish Interest Group. Info: www.wellyscots.wordpress.com

Answers to Scotword on Page 7

Across: 1)Hampdenpark, 9) Hightae, 10) Wattles, 11) Gab, 12) Tallies, 13) Average, 14) Sun, 15) Least, 17) Serfs, 18) Judge, 20) Trews, 22) Cap, 24) Bonnier, 25) Heather, 26) Dee, 27) Thistle, 28) Roubles, 29) Glenkinglas.

Down: 1) Highland Dancing, 2) Muthill, 3) Dregs, 4) Newbattle,

5) Antler, 6) Kilpatrickhills, 7) Shotts 8) Islets, 16) Afterdeck

18) Jabots, 19) Epistle, 21) Seagull,

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1 - 24 Glasgow - West End Festival

Scotland's largest multi-cultural festival held in the west end of Glasgow encompassing over 400 events in over 80 venues. Info: www.westendfestival.co.uk

2 Shotts - Shotts Highland Games

Traditional Highland games featuring Highland dancing, a pipe band competition and heavy events. Info: www.shottshighlandgames.org.uk

2 Helensburgh - Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games

Traditional Highland Games with the great Clann an-Drumma tribal group at Helensburgh Rugby Ground. Info: www.helensburghandlomondgames.co.uk

3 Markinch, Fife - Markinch Highland Games

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9 - 10 Dumbarton - The Rock of Ages

Join historians at the foot of the rock to relive some the rich history from the west coast of Scotland at Dumbarton Castle, Castle Rd. Info: www.historicenvironment.scot

10 Ardrossan - Ardrossan Highland Games

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16 Edinburgh - Edinburgh Whisky Festival 2018 Over 100 whiskies from all over Scotland and the

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17 Aberdeen - Aberdeen Highland Games
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22 Bo'ness, Falkirk - Fish and Chips on a Steam Train
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29 - 30 Isle of Gigha - Isle of Gigha Music Festival

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29 - 1 Newcastleton, Scottish Borders -Newcastleton Traditional Music Festival

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30 - 1 Portsoy, Aberdeenshire - Scottish Traditional Boat Festival

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The Aberdeen Highland Games



¶he 19th annual Aberdeen Highland Games will be held on Saturday 7th July, 2018 at Jefferson Park, Aberdeen, New



South Wales. The Honoured Guest on this occasion will be Dr Wej. Paradice. It is a great opportunity to become part of this unique event of Scottish tradition in the Upper Hunter Valley an area founded by Scots, the early settlers of the region. The Games begin at 0900 with the Massed Pipes & drums, a stirring experience so early in the morning. Throughout the day you will see numerous bands perform as well as displays of Highland and Scottish Country Dancing and the Australian Defence Force Federation Guard.

Track your forebears

The Tartan Warriors will, throughout the day, amaze you with their feats of strength with the lifting of the Stones of Destiny, tossing the Caber and the Sheaf Toss. This event is a great crowd puller.



The Games will also have on hand many stalls selling Scottish and Celtic items, other stalls will provide a variety of food styles that will suit all. There will be a great representation of the Clan Societies and other information stalls that will be able to provide a wealth of knowledge that will, in many cases, help you track your forebears.

On the Saturday evening the Committee will be running a traditional Ceilidh at the Scone High School MPU. Tickets are limited and you will need to get in early. In the afternoon following the Games a Quintet Pipe Band Competition will be run in the Aberdeen RSL Club, Moray Street.

You should take time and visit the web site www.aberdeenhighlandgames. com or the Games Facebook page for further details. From the web site

you will be able to book and purchase tickets, a great and easy way to purchase your entry, at a reduced rate.

All enquiries to inquiries@ aberdeenhighlandgames.com or phone the Scone Visitor Centre on (02) 6540-1300.



Scotland's stones-A star attraction



s the Avengers prepare to prevent Thanos from capturing the infinity stones in the latest Marvel blockbuster Avengers: Infinity War. Scotland's own precious stones are capturing the imagination of visitors, VisitScotland can reveal.

Scotland is home to 1233 sites occupying standing stones, among the most ancient in Europe, and 352 sites featuring a Pictish symbol stone - more than you can shake a world-destroying gauntlet at.

Visitor numbers up

And the national tourism organisation can reveal that sites of some of the country's most well-known stone attractions are proving as popular with visitors as the fictional cosmic gems

are with the Titan warlord, with visitor figures showing increases of up to 45% over the past five years.

One of the most recognisable collection of standing stone sites, the 5,000-year-old Calanais Standing Stones on the Isle of Lewis, saw a 20% increase in visits to its visitor centre between 2013 and 2017.

UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, which features The Stones of Stenness (considered the earliest henge monument in the British Isles) and The Ring of Brodgar, saw 25,501 visits to its visitor centre at Maeshowe last year - a 7% rise from 2013.

Edinburgh Castle, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels (the Honours of Scotland) and the Stone of Destiny (the Coronation Stone), has seen visits rise an incredible 45%, from 1,420,027 to 2,063,709, over the same period.

The figures come from the Scottish Visitor Attraction Monitor, which is collated by the Moffat Centre, based at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Scotland's ancient past

Avengers: Infinity War, is the latest instalment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which was partially filmed on location in Edinburgh last year. Starring Robert Downey Jr, Scarlett Johansson and Inverness-born Karen Gillan among others, the film sees Earth attacked by Titan warlord Thanos who is intent on finding the Infinity Stones - six stones which hold cosmic power - to place in his gauntlet and allow him to rule over the universe.

Jenni Steele, Film and Creative Industries Manager at VisitScotland, said: "We're delighted that Scotland's ancient past continues to enthral our visitors. Marvel's infinity stones aren't the only must-see stone attractions this year and you don't need a world-conquering army or super powers to capture our fascinating objects. Avengers: Infinity War marks an exciting time for film tourism. Many productions have been shot in Scotland recently and they provide some great opportunities to promote the locations to visit and inspire fans to see them for themselves. We can't wait to see Edinburgh and locations such as Waverley Station, the Royal Mile and Cockburn Street feature on the big screen, as the Avengers battle it out in one of the year's biggest blockbusters."

For more on Scotland's standing stones, go to www.visitscotland.com/about/history/ standing-stones

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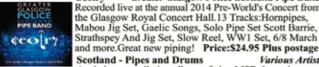


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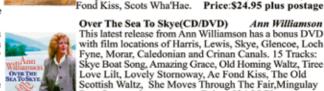


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Names & Places In The News From Today And The Past

- 1 Dr Henry Faulds, who established the uniqueness of fingerprints, born in Beith, Ayrshire. 1843
- 1 First Tay rail bridge opens. It was to collapse 18 months later in the Tay Bridge Disaster. $1878\,$
- 2 Prince Henry St Clair (Sinclair) reputed to have landed in Nova Scotia, having sailed from Orkney. 1398
- 2 James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton, beheaded in Edinburgh Grassmarket, accused of the murder of Lord Darnley. 1581



- 2 Clothes rationing introduced as a war-time measure. The British government needed to reduce production and consumption of civilian clothes to safeguard raw materials and release workers and factory space for war production. It was not lifted until 1949. 1941
- 3 James Hutton, founder of modern geology, born. 1726
- 3 Poet Robert Tannahill born in Paisley. 1774
- $\bf 3$ The company formed by John Logie Baird televised the Epsom Derby which was then transmitted by the BBC. $\bf 1931$
- 4 First recorded inter-club golf match between Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society and Bruntsfield Links Golf Club. $1818\,$
- 4 London's Wembley Stadium was vandalised by jubilant Scottish fans after a thrilling 2-1 victory over the Auld Enemy. Following the match, Scottish supporters invaded the pitch and caused an estimated £15,000 worth of damage. $1977\,$
- 5 An Act of the Scottish Parliament came into force "concerning the Office of Lyoun King of Armes and his brether Heraldis" creating the best regulated system of armorial bearings in Europe. 1592
- $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{5} \text{ Adam Smith, author of } \textit{The Wealth} \\ \textit{of Nations} \text{ born Kirkcaldy. } \textbf{1723} \end{array}$
- $\bf 5$ Referendum held on British Membership of the European Community. In Scotland the vote was "Yes" 1,332,286; "No" 948,039. Turnout was 61%. Only Shetland and Western Isles had majorities against. $\bf 1975$
- 6 Thomas Blake Glover, founding father of Japan's industrialisation (including Mitsubishi) and Japanese Navy, born Fraserburgh. 1838
- **6** Sir John A MacDonald, the Scottishborn Canadian statesman, died. MacDonald was considered to be the architect of the Confederation of Canada and served twice as the first Prime Minister of the unified Dominion, between 1867-73 and 1878-91. **1891**
- 7 Robert the Bruce died, at Cardross Castle, Dumbarton, aged 54. Bruce's heart was then taken to Melrose Abbey, with his body having earlier being buried at Dunfermline Abbey. $1329\,$
- 7 Sir James Young Simpson, pioneer of anaesthetics and chloroform, born. $1811\,$
- 7 Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the celebrated architect, painter and designer, was born. Regarded as one of the foremost British figures in the art nouveau movement, and as the principal exponent of the "Glasgow Style", Mackintosh was born in the Townhead area of the city, 1868



 $8 \hbox{ - Robert Stevenson, engineer, who constructed } 18 \\ lighthouses around Scotland, born Glasgow. 1772$

- 8 -The Earl of Seaforth raised a regiment for the American War from the MacKenzies and MacRaes of Ross-shire and Sutherland. 1778
- 9 St Columba died on Iona. Columba founded a monastery on Iona which was to become one of the leading centres of Christianity in Western Europe, and the base from which Columba launched his successful mission to convert the Pictish nation. 597
- 9 First US troops (over 10,000 men) disembark from $\it Queen\,Mary$ on the River Clyde. 1942
- 10 James Francis Stuart born. In honour of the "Old Pretender", this is known as "White Rose Day" in Jacobite circles. $1688\,$
- 10 Battle of Glenshiel, Jacobites with Spanish assistance, and government forces clashed. 1719
- 10 Death of King George I and accession of George II. $1727\,$
- 10 Construction of the Forth and Clyde canal started. It was to take 22 years to complete. 1768



- 10 The floral clock in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, began operation initially driven by clockwork and with only an hour hand. But it was the first of its kind in the world. $1903\,$
- 10 Sir Jackie Stewart, three-times world motor racing champion, born in Dunbartonshire. $1939\,$
- $11\,\text{-}\,\text{Marie}$ of Guise, widow of King James V and Queen Regent of Scotland, died. $1560\,$
- $11\,\textsc{-}$ Battle of Sauchieburn during which King James III died attempting to subdue a group of rebel barons. $1488\,$
- $11\,\textsc{-}$ First oil pumped ashore from British oilfields in the North Sea. $1975\,$
- 12 Sir David Gill, Scottish astronomer, was born. Gill was noted for his measurements of solar and stellar parallaxes, which accurately revealed the distances of the Sun and other stars to Earth. He was also a pioneer in the use of photography to map the heavens. 1843
- 13 Birth of James Clerk Maxwell, first Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge University. He created the electromagnetic theory of light. $1831\,$
- 13 Rate of price inflation reached 25% in the UK. 1975
- 14 Queen Mary, Aquitania, Empress of Canada, and Empress of Britain arrive in the River Clyde with the first contingent of Australian and New Zealand troops. 1940
- $14 \hbox{ John Logie Baird, inventor of } \\ the first television, died. 1946$
- $15 \hbox{-} \textit{Queen Mary} \ \text{leaves Greenock, taking} \\ \text{nearly 15,000 GI's home to US.} \ 1945$
- $16 \hbox{ Siege of Dunbar Castle by the} \\ English was raised. \\ 1338$
- 16 Henry McLeish, Scottish Labour politician, was born. McLeish began his working life as a footballer for East Fife, but soon entered the political arena, serving from 1987 as MP for Central Fife. His career reached its zenith with his appointment as First Minister of the Scottish Executive, succeeding Donald Dewar. 1948
- 16 'Old Tom Morris', one of golf's first professional players and 4 time Open Champion, was born in St Andrews. 1821
- **17 1390** Wolf of Badenoch burns Elgin Cathedral.
- $17 \hbox{-} Charles \ Macintosh \ patented \ the \ waterproof \ cloth \ he \ was \ using \ to \ make \ raincoats.} \ 1823$



- 17 Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned at the island fortress of Loch Leven Castle. She eventually escaped, never to step foot in Scotland again. $1567\,$
- 18 Pacification of Berwick, Charles I forced to withdraw from Scotland and recognise an independent Scottish Parliament. 1639
- $18 \hbox{ Flora MacDonald met Prince Charles} \\ Edward Stuart and persuaded him to wear \\ women's clothes as part of the escape plan \\ from the Outer Hebrides to Skye. 1746$
- 19 Mary Queen of Scots gives birth to the future King James VI of Scotland and I of England. 1566
- $\begin{array}{c} 19 \text{ Coronation of King Charles} \\ \text{I at Holyrood.} \ 1633 \end{array}$
- 19 "Day of Public Thanksgiving" on Restoration of Charles II as king. $1660\,$
- 19 Earl Haig, Commander in Chief of British forces 1915-18, founder of British Legion, born. 1861
- 19 Sir J M Barrie, author of *Peter Pan* died. 1937
- 20 Adam Ferguson, philosopher, historian, "Father of Sociology" born Logierait, Perthshire. 1723



- 20 New Tay Rail Bridge opened, the longest in Britain. 1887
- $20\,\text{-}\,\text{First}$ announcement of the discovery of high-grade crude oil in the North Sea. $1969\,$
- 21 Robert Napier, regarded as the "father of Clyde shipbuilding" was born. He died on 23 June, 1876. 1791
- $21 \hbox{ Scottish explorer Mungo Park reached} \\ \text{the source of the river Niger in Africa.} \\ 1796$
- 21- More than 50 German warships were scuttled at Scapa Flow, Orkney. It was the single greatest loss of warships in history, and the sailors killed that day were the last fatalities of World War One. 1919
- 22 Malt Riots, Glasgow against higher taxes imposed on Scottish malt. $1725\,$
- 22 At the Battle of Bothwell, the Covenanters were defeated by royal troops led by the Duke of Monmouth near Glasgow. Ideological differences among the Covenanters factionalised them, and the resulting disorganisation contributed to the ease of the Royalists' victory. Although deaths on the field were few, 200 were killed later. Of the 1400 captured or surrendered, another 258 were shipwrecked while being transported in The Crown of London. The battle features in fictional form in Sir Walter Scott's novel Old Mortality. 1679
- 23 Charles II sailed into the estuary of the river Spey and signed the Covenant before going ashore. 1650
- 23 Singer Kenneth McKellar born. McKellar died of pancreatic cancer, at the age of 82 in 2010. 1927
- $24 \hbox{ The birth of Admiral Sir John Ross,} \\ Scottish Polar explorer. In 1818 he went in search of the Northwest Passage but turned back after exploring Baffin Bay. 1777 \\$

- 24 Robert the Bruce defeated Edward II at Battle of Bannockburn. The battle was one of the most famous events in the wars of independence. It saw the Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, win a key victory over the English forces of King Edward II, despite being outnumbered twoto-one and facing what was regarded as the finest army in the medieval world. 1314
- 25 David Douglas, explorer and botanist, born at Scone, Perthshire. In addition to the Douglas Fir, he brought back to Europe lupins, phlox, penstemmon, sunflowers, clarkia, Californian poppy, mimulus, flowering currant, rose of sharon and mahonia. 1799
- $25 \hbox{ Wallace statue unveiled at the Wallace} \\ \hbox{National Monument, Stirling.} \\ 1887$
- 25 Lord Boyd Orr, biologist and Nobel Prize Winner, died. 1971
- 25 Seven Scots, including John Stuart Forbes, were in the US 7th Cavalry with General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. $1876\,$
- $25 \hbox{ The first Sherlock Holmes story by} \\ Edinburgh-born author Arthur Conan Doyle \\ was published in the \textit{Strand} magazine. 1891$
- 26 James IV crowned king at the age of 15 at Scone. He reigned until 1513 when he fell with the flower of Scotland's nobility at the Battle of Flodden Field. 1488
- 26 Darien Company formed to set up a Scottish colony in Panama. 1695
- 26 King George IV died, aged 67 (and William IV ascended the throne). George IV is reckoned to be Britain's fattest king. His favourite breakfast was two roast pigeons, three beefsteaks, a bottle of white wine, a glass of champagne, two of port and one brandy. 1830
- 27 King James VI (aged 8) escaped from Castle Ruthven. $1583\,$
- 27- Robin Hall, Scottish folk singer and musician, was born. Hall achieved national fame in partnership with fellow Scot, Jimmie MacGregor, on the BBC TV show, *Tonight*. His hits included *The Mingulay Boat Song* and *Ye Cannae Shove Yer Grannie Aff a Bus.* 1937
- 28 Queen Victoria crowned at Westminster Abbey. 1838
- 28 Flora MacDonald and Bonnie Prince Charlie set sail from Benbecula to Skye. After Culloden, the Prince had a high price on his head. He came to Benbecula, and Flora helped him escape to Skye by disguising him as her Irish maid, Betty Burke. 1746



- 28-29 Bannockburn Live celebrated in Stirling. Commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and celebrating the best of Scottish folk music, food and drink attracted visitors from around the world and a key event of Homecoming 2014. 2014
- 29 Scottish actor Ian Bannen, was born. Bannen appeared in more than 60 British and American films. These include The Flight of the Phoenix (1965) for which he received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. He died in 1999, aged 71. 1928
- 30 Start of trial for murder of Madeleine Smith who was eventually found "Not Proven". The daughter of a Glasgow architect, James Smith, this most eligible of society ladies was accused in 1857 of murdering her alleged former lover, Emile L'Angelier. 1857
- 30 James Loughran, Scottish conductor, was born in Glasgow. Loughran first came to notice when he won the Philharmonia Orchestra's Conducting Competition in 1961, and soon became principal conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. 1931

Crafting Stone Age Oak



An oak tree that fell 7,000 years ago, when Scotland was occupied by a few stone age hunter gatherers, is being used by a Scottish furniture maker and Cumbrian potters to create beautiful craft work. In this case the tree is likely to have been a victim of rising water levels when glaciers in northern Europe were melting after the end of the last Ice Age. After falling it was trapped in cold, dark, wet, mineral rich and airless conditions that combined to stop it rotting. Today skilled craft makers are thrilled by the opportunity to work with the ancient tree as Nick Drainey explains.



Then the mighty oak last spread its branches under the sun, the only humans in the sparsely populated land near what is now the border between Scotland and England would have been hunter-gatherers perhaps seeking shelter from the elements in a country not long freed from the glaciers of the Ice Age. It finally toppled on to the forest floor in a time before metalwork and even farming were introduced to Scotland and is older than the ancient peat bog which eventually enveloped it.



Now it's wood, turned black with peat and age, is being turned into bespoke furniture by one of Scotland's finest craftsman. And because of the oak's size – it is seven metres long - there is a rare opportunity to create a large piece of furniture, such as a dining table. But for those who can't afford the price tag of a minimum of £10,000 for an individually crafted prehistoric table, the oak and some pieces already crafted from it have been put on show in the studio where the wood will be transformed.

The oak was discovered last year near the Solway coast in an area of peatland being drained for farming. Experts have dated it to around 5000BC, as it must pre-date the peat bogs which then formed in the area after that and where oaks trees would not grow. Awardwinning furniture-maker Daniel Lacey has been carrying out the tricky job of drying out the saturated wood and is now turning it into pieces of bespoke furniture. "It is one of the rarest timbers on the planet. You only find bits of it now and again. A lot of it in Britain is found in East Anglia and most pieces even there are quite small," he says. "You spend a lot more time thinking and planning before you do anything to it than you do

with other wood because it does feel so precious. I am very privileged to work on something that old," says Daniel, from his workshop in Langholm.

Bog oak

Bog oak is often compared the world's most expensive tropical hardwoods, not just because of its rarity but also because as the wood dries, it shrinks and becomes very dense. The tannin in the peat reacts with its minerals and iron content to create the black colour which slowly seeps through the wood – because of this, only trees which have been encased in peat for a lengthy period will be completely black and no two trunks will ever be exactly the same colour.





Bog oak is found in England, Ireland, Russia, Serbia and Croatia and has been highly prized throughout history - Scottish sgian-dubhs were often made of it, as was the Russian king Peter the Great's throne.

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So precious is the wood that even Daniel's off-cuts are being burned and the ash used by Cumbrian ceramicists Miles-Moore Ceramics as a glaze for their pottery. "No-one has ever used that before but the mineral content gives off great colours," says Daniel, 41.

"You look at the patterns in the wood and it leaves you wondering what happened to it to make those patterns. There are a couple of seven and a half thousand year old worm holes - it's little things like that which are fascinating," he says.

Anne Crone, project manager with AOC Archaeology, said bog oak has been found in Scotland in recent years, including along the Solway, in Argyll and central Scotland - and that in years gone by it had been used as roofing over cottages in the Highlands. "But we don't find it as much now because we not draining or digging up peat bogs any more. So it's probably there but we don't find it very often. It has a reputation as a very hard wood, which is due to its immersion in peaty, acidic water for millennia."

And she said having a dining table made out of prehistoric wood would be more than unusual. "I don't think there are many people out there with such a thing, if there is anyone!"

The personal touch handcrafted wood

Daniel was born in Northumberland but grew up on a on a livestock farm near Newton Stewart in Galloway, where his love of wood was nurtured. By his teens he had his own workshop and tools and was even getting commissions from his school teachers. After he left school there was no other career for Daniel, other than that of a professional furniture maker. He only uses native timber and 95 per cent of it is local, but sourcing it is not simple. He says: "There is very little managed hardwood



forest in the UK. It's a mixture of random phone calls saying there is a tree down such as sycamore and ash.

"Generally you can use all hardwoods but I like to avoid too many knots, so I'm looking for fairly clean trees, to see if can I get something out of it. I have a small mobile sawmill, I can go out to the tree, decide what I want to do with it and plank it up there and then. The amount of time to dry out the wood varies between species and how thick the boards are but anything from under a year to five years." That process is mainly done in the workshop where there is a dehumidifier.

For Daniel the personal touch handcrafted wood can have is one of the best things about his work. He says: "My favourite thing is where someone has a tree blown down or taken down for an extension in the garden and I

make a piece of furniture commissioned especially for them. I had one commission, the client had climbed the tree as a kid and hoped his own children would climb it but the tree died. This was three or four years ago, we made blanket chest boxes so the children enjoyed the tree in a different way."







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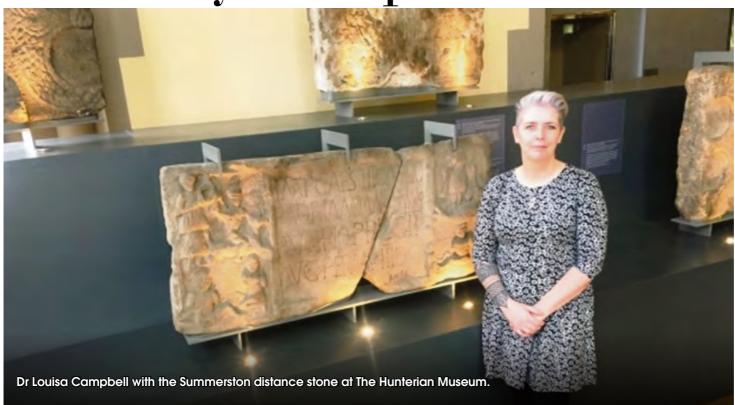
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University of Glasgow research finds red and yellow paint on Antonine Wall



University of Glasgow archaeologist using cutting edge technology on remnants of the Antonine Wall has shown parts of it were painted in bright colours. Dr Louisa Campbell's research, which has used x-ray and laser technology to analyse parts of the Roman Empire's most northwestern frontier, showed it was painted with vibrant red and yellows. Dr Campbell, a postdoctoral fellow in Archaeology at the University, looked at pigments applied to Roman sculpture, with a focus on distance stones from the Antonine Wall. She said these vibrant coloured stones were Roman propaganda against the indigenous local communities: "The public are accustomed to seeing these sculptures in bland greys, creams, white (for marble) and don't get the full impact that they would have had on the Roman and indigenous audiences 2000 years ago. These sculptures are propaganda tools used by Rome to demonstrate their power over these and other indigenous groups, it helps the Empire control their frontiers and it has different meanings to different audiences."

Loyalty to the Emperor

Dr Campbell said that some of the colour sculptures tell stories of different Roman legions and their loyalty to the Emperor as well as their part in the construction of the Antonine Wall, one of Scotland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. She added: "The distance stones tell us how many feet were built by each legion and are dedicating their allegiance to the Emperor Antoninus Pius. These sculptures are unique to the Antonine Wall and the best preserved example of frontier statuary from any Roman border. They were embedded

The Antonine Wall is a
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Forth and the Clyde.

into prominent positions on the wall (probably crossing points at militarised forts) for full visual impact. The colours would have been a very powerful addition to bring these scenes to life and aid in the subjugation of the northern peoples."

Her project - Paints and Pigments In the Past (PPIP) is part funded by Historic Environment Scotland (HES)'s Archaeology Programme. The aim of the project is to identify the colours of paint pigments applied to the sculptures from the Wall and then to recreate an authentic palette of colours to allow them to be physical and digitally reconstructed.

Painted for maximum impact

Patricia Weeks, Antonine Wall Co-ordinator at HES, said: "We are delighted to have been able to fund Dr Campbell's work and to see these exciting results emerge. Knowing how colour was used by the Romans to tell stories and create impact is a huge leap forward in understanding these sculptures. The information will now be used as part of our partnership 'Rediscovering the Antonine Wall' Heritage Lottery Fund bid to propose a recreated distance slab in full colour. We will also work on innovative digital methods of recreating the stones in colour that can be used for interpretation both out on the original find sites, and in the galleries at the Hunterian Museum."

Most of the examples available were discovered between the 17th and 19th centuries, and are on display at the University's Hunterian Museum. Dr Campbell said: "Many contain exquisitely carved scenes of combat, religious practice and architecture. It is likely that the sculptures were originally painted for maximum impact. However over the course of time the paint has faded and only trace elements are left. It has been an incredibly exciting opportunity to work with the Hunterian collections and use cutting-edge scientific instruments to undertake non-destructive analysis of important cultural objects."

Innovative work

As well as The Hunterian, Dr Campbell has also visited other collections for sampling, including the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, the Yorkshire Museum in York and the Great North Museum in Newcastle upon Tyne. The Antonine Wall is a Roman Frontier built in the mid-2nd century AD which crosses Scotland between the Forth and the Clyde. Using non non-destructive

in-situ analysis using pXRF (portable X-Ray Flourescence) and Raman Spectroscopic analysis, for the first time has been able to look at archaeological remnants that have been subjected to environmental process which have impacted the survival of viable samples. However, the work has confirmed polychromy on these sculptures and a restricted palette dominated by reds and yellows is evidenced.

There is a clear format to the application of pigments in the Roman Empire with specific colours expected to appear in certain contexts, eg reds in letters and Roman cloaks and military standards, different colours of red depicting spilled blood of indigenous captive warriors and ochres probably applied in layers to provide life-like skin tones, as evidenced on marble statuary. There is even evidence for red on the beak of the Roman eagle which Dr Campbell suggests symbolises the eagle feasting on the flesh of her enemies. A base layer of gesso was applied to the stones in the first instance which was then painted onto, but conservation practices appear to have negatively impacted the survival of these exquisite sculptures. This is innovative work that has not previously been attempted. It presented some challenges which have now been mitigated and the next phase of the research seeks to determine whether other stone statuary, including Pictish symbol stones and other early medieval sculpture was adorned in colour.

Did you know?



- The Antonine Wall, which runs across Central Scotland, was the most northerly frontier of the Roman Empire nearly 2,000 years ago.
- Running from Old Kilpatrick on the west coast to near Bo'ness in the east, the Antonine Wall was around 37 miles (60km) long and crosses five modern local authorities. It would take you around 12 hours to walk the whole length of the wall.
- Along the wall were probably about 20 forts: three at each end and one every two miles between.
- Unlike its stone-built southern neighbour, Hadrian's Wall, the Antonine Wall was mostly built out of turf, laid on top of a stone foundation and fronted by a wide and deep ditch.
- Around 7,000 soldiers were stationed on the Antonine Wall. Soldiers came from countries as far away as modern Syria, Spain and Algeria. But was only occupied for about a generation before being abandoned in the AD 160s.

