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The Banner Says...

The spell of Scotland - Big benefits for Scotland on the small screen



by Sean Cairney

relcome to November which is proving to be a big month for Scotland and Scottish history. This month millions of people across the world will be enthralled with the story of Scotland with two major television releases, *Outlander* and the *Outlaw King*.

Regular readers of *the Scottish Banner* will certainly be aware of both productions as we have featured each in past editions. We again have more coverage this month as both shows will no doubt be gaining exposure across the world.

Outlander

Outlander is a phenomenon that has been thirty years in the making as US author Diana Gabaldon penned the first novel, having been inspired by a kilt wearing character in the show Dr Who, never knowing a television show would be created. Her best-selling books are sold in the tens of millions and available across the world. Clearly those of Scottish background have been instantly drawn to the story of Claire and Jamie Fraser as the time-travelling drama is laced with Scottish history which Gabaldon has researched so well.

However, this is more than a hit show, as hosting productions such as *Outlander* not only generates significant income for Scotland, but also boosts the Scottish screen industry by creating an opportunity to train the next generation of directors, producers, craft and technical crew.

A team of twenty Scottishbased trainees were selected for an intensive skills development training programme on Season 4 of the award-winning TV production, fifteen of which were taking their first step into the Film and TV industry. Working alongside highly experienced crew members on



location and in Wardpark Studios, Cumbernauld the trainees will develop skills in a variety of creative and technical roles.

The Outlander effect

The "Outlander effect" also has also had a positive sweeping impact across Scotland with tourism numbers increasing due to the show. Venues used have included Blackness Castle, doubling as the Fort William headquarters of Black Jack Randall, which has seen visitors rise by 182%. Doune Castle, doubling as Castle Leoch and home to Colum MacKenzie and his clan, saw numbers up an incredible 227%. *Outlander* tours have now begun across Scotland to cater for those who have a new-found interest in Scotland.

Why is this so important? The latest available figures show that spending by tourists in Scotland generates around £12 billion of economic activity for the wider Scottish supply chain and contributes around £6 billion to Scottish GDP, representing about five per cent of total Scottish GDP. The tourism industry in Scotland supports more than 217,000 jobs accounting for around 8.5 per cent of employment in the country.

Outlander is also encouraging more people to live and work in the Highlands thanks to a huge boost in interest created by the hit sci-fi series, which has had a positive impact on both the local job market and the housing market.

Outlaw King

This month Scotland's biggest budget feature film ever to be produced in Scotland by homegrown talent, will be released globally on subscription service Netflix. Outlaw King, tells story of Robert the Bruce, and is directed by one of Scotland's foremost filmmakers, David Mackenzie and features a cast principally of Scottish and UK leading actors alongside leading actor Chris Pine. The production which is set and shot entirely in Scotland, has also employed a large number of Scottish based craft and technical talent and utilised over 45 different locations including Craigmillar Castle (Edinburgh), Linlithgow Palace, Berwick Bridge, Talisker (Skye), Glencoe, Doune Castle, Mugdock Country Park (Milngavie), Coral Beach (Skye) and the Quiraing (Skye).

Film trainee initiative

Outlaw King has also hosted Scotland's biggest ever single film trainee initiative. 35 trainees have experienced working across the creative, technical and business areas of the production. Dedicated to nurturing the next generation of filmmakers, the programme reflects the aims of valuable similar initiatives taking place across Scotland working to develop a continuous flow of skilled and creatively ambitious craft and technical crew.

Both productions pull in some great star power, however arguably one of the biggest stars of the series and the biggest scene-stealer, is Scotland itself, with its stunning landscapes and historic buildings, towns and villages and of course it's incredible and brutal history used as a story line.

In this issue

Alongside our Outlander and Outlaw King coverage we also must never forget 100 years ago this month. November 11th is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which will recognise the significance of the end of the First World War, and the sacrifice made by so many men and women during the war. Scottish soldiers sat alongside those from many nations and today are still not forgotten. An example of remembering them is being shown by the small town of Wigtown, who are honouring hometown Victoria Cross recipient Sergeant Louis McGuffie.

For some it's a regular pilgrimage and for other it sits at the top of their very own bucket list. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a show like no other. Steeped in tradition and musical excellence we hear from Tattoo on this year's spectacular "The Sky's the Limit". Like the shows mentioned previously the Tattoo is also nurturing the next generation, with pipers and drummers from around the world invited to take part in The Pipers Trail.

St Andrews Day is on November 30th and celebrations will take place across the globe. As always you can find some listed on our events page and we wish all our readers a very Happy St Andrew's Day!

Great Scottish themed and made drama

So, as you sink into your favourite chair or perhaps binge-watch some of the great Scottish themed and made drama that is hitting our screens this month, consider just what a positive impact it will have for Scotland. More people will fall in love with Scottish history, as well as the film locations and want to visit. Also the great benefits to a variety of industries in Scotland, which will help the Scottish economy today and into the future.

With the release of the upcoming blockbuster *Mary Queen of Scots* to next enthral audiences in the cinema, Scots are certainly lucky our story is so great that it continues to be told to a wider audience, who no doubt will join us in falling under the spell of Scotland.



Gracing our front cover: Sam Heughan and Caitriona Balfe return in Season 4 of Outlander. Photo: Starz.

Scotland's first Tree Festival takes root

he wonderfully diverse world of trees is about to be celebrated for the first time, as the inaugural Scottish Tree Festival has recently launched. Organised by national garden tourism group Discover Scottish Gardens and supported by VisitScotland, the Festival will run to 2 December. Over 70 tree events will take place across the country showcasing beautiful, unusual, heritage, exotic and champion trees, as gardens and woodlands put their best branch forward in celebration of the nation's best trees.

Scotland's wonderful gardens and woodlands

Culminating in the UK's National Tree Week (24 Nov- 2 Dec), the Festival aims to encourage local audiences and tourists to get outdoors and discover Scotland's wonderful gardens and woodlands and celebrate the country's tremendous trees. In its first year, it has inspired participation from the National Trust for Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, as well as individual garden owners, nurseries and tree-related activity organisers.

The Living Collection at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh includes some of the finest trees in Scotland including Benmore's avenue of 150-yearold giant redwoods and Dawyck's historic Douglas firs. Planted in 1835, they were grown from original seed sent home by the famous plant hunter David Douglas. Logan's unusual 'Filo Pastry Tree', a specimen of Polylepsis australis,



has recently reached the finals of the Scottish Tree of the Year. This genus grows at a higher altitude than any other woody tree on the planet.

Diverse and rich heritage of trees Donald Rodger, Scotland's renowned arboricultural consultant, said: "Trees play a vital role in all of our lives, providing numerous health benefits as well as a sense of time and space. Scotland is fortunate in having a diverse and rich heritage of trees of all shapes and sizes, and which provide year-round interest in our gardens, parks and the wider countryside. Yet they are often overlooked or merely taken for granted. This new Festival will provide a superb opportunity to raise awareness of the value of trees and the indispensable role they play in our landscape, as well

as encouraging members of the public to actively engage with them across a varied programme of events."

Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive of VisitScotland, said: "Autumn is often one of the most beautiful times of the year to enjoy the Scottish outdoors as landscapes transform from rich greens to glowing oranges and reds. It is no wonder that our natural heritage remains one of the main reasons people visit Scotland. This fantastic new Festival provides a welcome boost for attractions and will help extend the tourism season beyond the busier summer months. It will also help raise awareness of Scotland's most stunning trees, gardens and estates. We are delighted to be working again with Discover Scottish Gardens, showcasing the rich assets, hidden gems and local stories of regions across Scotland."

For more information and events listings, please visit: www.discoverscottishgardens.org/events

Tartan of the Month Kansai St Andrews Society



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 (SRT).

This month millions of Scots around the world will celebrate St Andrew's Day on November 30th and we thought we would highlight this wonderful tartan created for Scots in Japan. Created for the Kansai Saint Andrews Society to facilitate the wearing of tartan and the kilt. The design has a likeness to the Kansai Highland Games Tartan Scottish Tartans World Register reference #2708. This tartan (SRT ref: 2844) was created in 2002 by Maude Robertson Ramsay.

Happy St Andrew's Day!

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

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Scottish Heavy events



Just a note to thank you for *the Scottish Banner*, I buy it from a newsagency in a small town in north western Tasmania, so your penetration is certainly widespread. I am a 75 year old retired whisky distiller and part time gym instructor with some 55 years' experience and still train for the heavy Highland events in our own gym five days a week (even though Tasmania has no Highland Games with heavy events any more).

Would love to compete at Ringwood, Victoria, Glen Innes or Maclean, NSW but the jolly old pension is not so kind, but I "follow" activities through their websites. Thank you again I'm sure *the Banner* is appreciated by many more than myself who live away from towns and cities where Celtic groups/organisations are active.

Many regards/tioraidh an-drasta, *Brian*

Tasmania, Australia

Ed note: Thanks Brian for your note and so great to see you continuing with your training and love of Scottish heavy events!

Pen pal wanted Hello,

My name is Jenni Ervin. I'm 17 years old, I'm female, I'm in college, and I live in Michigan, US. I'm of Scottish descent and I'm very interested in Scotland in general. I'm looking for a pen pal, a girl ideally about my own age, preferably from Scotland but anywhere in the UK would be fantastic!

I enjoy reading excessively, writing, and watching too many movies, especially Marvel movies. I have about a million other interests, too!

If you're interested, please write me at: Jenni Ervin 4723 Hasslick Road North Branch, MI 48461 United States of America Email: jennilovesdakota@gmail.com

My Story

I was brought up in Rosehearty a burgh with one of the oldest harbours in Scotland. It is a quiet little community on the Moray coast of Aberdeenshire. While a youngster in the 1940's and 50's I was enlightened with our strong cultural heritage. Speaking English with difficulty in school, but elsewhere broad Scots. Seeking out the legends and ghostly tales within the district and watching the fishing craft enter harbour with a heavy catch that everyone enjoyed.

Entertainment was a neighbourly experience and all had to contribute either by fiddle, pipes or accordion and the music filled our hearts with joy as these melodies were handed down through the generations and each told a story of old. Storytelling was a favourite of us children as we were regaled about heroes from our rich past. The most favoured was the life of our Alexander Lord Forbes of Pitsligo who had lived up the brae from Rosehearty.

He followed Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745 through to the fatal end on Culloden and remained the rest of his life dressed as a beggar on his own estate while the Hanoverian Dragoons hunted for him. His encounters with them were remarkable and he even helped them hunt for himself and was well rewarded for it too.

His story far outstrips *Outlander* the film. Today his castle lies in ruin seeking restoration but although Hanover's mark is on it the Laird's ghost still wanders there. We loved his legends that still live today. I and my friends were mystified with local stories of the ancient sites such as, Hanging Steen where unfortunate criminals were hung; the Dubh Gwite a ritual sacrificial site in the distant past then the Holy Healing Well which produced iron water and as youngsters told to drink its extraordinary healing power for the betterment of our health; and the Nine Maiden's Well with a long history deep into the past.

All this was imbedded in our cultural mind, in those early days of my youth. James Taylor

Ed note: Thank you James for sharing your story and some unique Scottish folklore with us.

Culloden Moor



I am writing in support of the letter written by Cheryl Bruce (*Scottish Banner*, July 2018) regarding the Building Development Application to build on Culloden Moor. How could the authorities even consider such a development in such a sacred place. Culloden Moor is a memorial to so many brave men who fought an lost against a much stronger enemy. So much blood was shed on this very spot which makes it sacred and should forever be preserved and respected as a memorial to the memory of those men whose lives were lost. Edith Traynor Rockingham

Western Australia

A skirmish with Clan midge
David Black's poem had me scratching
and laughing. It brought back the
horrors of my childhood in Glasgow. We
made frequent trips top Loch Lomond
and usually ended up in Rowardenan,
midge capital of the west. My sister
recently took her three grandchildren to
Glen Coe as they had never been there.
Their mother was horrified at the state
of them when they came home. The
90 million midges must have fed off
them. Needless to say the grandchildren
were not happy with granny either!
Carol Mitchell

Auckland, New Zealand

Ed note: Thanks Carol and the thought of midges must make you "itching" to get back to Scotland!

Boys' Brigade

Whilst browsing the October 2016 *Scottish Banner* regarding the founding of the Boys' Brigade, I recalled travelling by train with the three Dundee Battalions to Hampden Park, Glasgow. We, and boys from all over Scotland, filled the Stadium in 1958, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of this wonderful organisation. I wonder if any readers were there on that day? I was a Staff Sergeant (Piper). *Alec Beaton*

Melton, Victoria Australia (ex-Dundee, Scotland) E-mail: 2gargor@gmail.com

Vale Jeffrey Smith Coltrane



My mentor for Clan Moffat was Jeff Coltrane, who died in Winston-Salem on September 10, 2018. He encouraged me to attend my first Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain in 1991. He was a friend who supported my work with Clan Moffat. He will be missed.

Jeffrey Smith Coltrane, Jr., of Winston-Salem, NC died Monday, September 10, 2018. His interests included reading, he was a lover of books and classical music, and was keenly interested in history and genealogy. Mr. Coltrane was a member of a number or patriotic, historical and genealogical societies. These included the NC Genealogical Society in which he formerly served on the Board, a former member and Director of the Wake County Historical Society, a charter member of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society and Board member, a member of the Sons of

the American Revolution and Sons of the Revolution in the State of NC, serving on the Boards of both organizations. He was also a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the St. Andrews Society of NC, former treasurer of the Clan Moffat Society, and a member of the Clan Stewart Society.

Thanks,
Andrew Mackie

Ed note: Thank you for sharing Andrew and our condolences to all Mr Coltrane's family and those friends in the Scottish community.

FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Send your photos or letters via social media

Loch Ard



This morning's autumn sunshine at the lovely Loch Ard. Robert Gibb Scotland

Connell/Bailie

My Grandparents, Adam Connell and Minnie Baillie moved to Trail, BC, Canada around 1917 from Kirkintilloch. Wondering if any of the Connell or Bailie family still lives there? Sharon Connell Parker Canada

Love the Banner
I absolutely love the Scottish
Banner. My mom received it for
many years and when she passed I
started to receive it. Just LOVE it.
Robin Britt

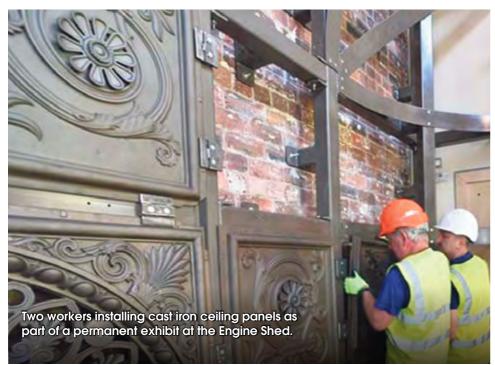
Bay City Rollers



After Mum passed away in April, I saw a *Scottish Banner* newspaper and decided to buy it in memory of her. (She came to Australia from Musselburgh in 1947 and married her pen friend.) There was a competition in it for 2 tickets to the 'Bay City Rollers' concert at Palms at Crown in Melbourne, and I won it. My Daughter and I went on Tues night. We both loved it. Thanks to *the Scottish Banner*. *Gael McKenzie Victoria, Australia*

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Rare 19th century cast iron ceiling goes on display



section of an important and highly decorative cast iron ceiling, made when Scotland was home to the world's leading architectural iron founders, has been officially unveiled at The Engine Shed in Stirling.

The ceiling, which originally comprised of 66 individual cast iron panels, measured 17 feet by 17 feet when assembled and weighed in at around two tonnes, was donated by Mr John Hogg of Morayshire. It was allocated to Historic Environment Scotland (HES) in 2016 through the Cultural Gifts Scheme – an initiative that allows significant works of art and

heritage objects to be donated and held for allocation for the benefit of the public. A section of 36 panels of the original ceiling will be on display at The Engine Shed.

George Smith & Co

Dating back to the late 1800s, the cast iron ceiling is from the showroom of the Glasgow-based Sun Foundry of George Smith & Co. one of the four key architectural founders of the period. A former employee of the famous Saracen Foundry, Smith established Sun Foundry in 1857. Examples of their work stretched throughout the British Empire, whilst

examples closer to home include the clock tower at Bridgeton Cross, Glasgow and the Grand Fountain in Paisley, which was recently restored.

After the firm ceased operations in 1889, the ceiling remained in place at the foundry's former building on Glasgow's Kennedy Street, occupied by the firm of Fyfe and McGrouther, until it was refurbished in 1990. After refurbishment the ceiling ended up in the far north of Scotland where Mr Hogg recognised its significance and was able to rescue it.

The design of the showroom ceiling is the same pattern as one commissioned for the Bengal Bank in India. The 175 feet by 45 feet iron ceiling for the building's Banking Hall was cast and produced by the Sun Foundry in 1879. The bank building was demolished in the 1980s. It appears that a second ceiling was made from the original wooden patterns to be showcased in the firm's Glasgow showroom.

Scotland's architectural and engineering heritage

Dr David Mitchell, Director of Conservation at HES, said: "We are delighted that The Engine Shed is able to help preserve such an important part of Scotland's architectural and engineering heritage. This ceiling is a significant example of Scottish ironwork that showcases the quality and importance of both the material and the scale of this industry in Scotland. We're grateful to Mr Hogg for his foresight and detective skills in realising the

importance of this piece. George Smith was an innovator and built his firm from very humble beginnings – I am sure he would be delighted at the esteem in which his work is now being held."

Mr John Hogg, added: "Created in celebration of the prestigious Bank of Bengal's 1879 Calcutta contract, today this is a most fitting 21Stcentury celebration of Scotland's great iron founding names and, in particular, of Glasgow's Sun Foundry design, pattern making, and moulding skills. Not only is Historic Environment Scotland's custody and impressive display here at the Engine Shed a triumph of conservation. It is a triumph for all those from the demolition contractor whose foresight saved every one of its sixty six castings from the scrap metal skip, to the providers of invaluable history and context at Glasgow's Mitchell Library and at the British Library in London, and to all those professionals who enabled the securing of its exhibition to such a wide audience."





SCOTSPEAK

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

"Those of us living on the mainland of Scotland can often take reliable supplies of electricity for granted. This has never been possible for the islanders of Fair Isle. The reality of having, for the first time in their history, 24-hour supplies of electricity presents exciting prospects for the Fair Isle community, who will not only benefit from access to a reliable electricity supply around the clock but also now have in place a new cleaner, greener energy system."

Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands Paul Wheelhouse said as the Fair Isle celebrated a renewable energy system which was launched, giving them a 24-hour power supply for the first time in the island's history. Previously the island, which is located between Orkney and Shetland, had access to power between 7:30am and 11:30pm daily.

"Our Thorough Bread beer came about through a discussion about the volume of bread that is wasted going to landfill here on the Isle of Bute. Because we are a tourist destination there needs to be enough bread made for all the weekend visitors. But if the weather is particularly bad and the visitors don't come, bread sales drop and that bread goes to landfill. The bread needs to be gathered and cut, then we toast it in our pizza ovens at the end of the weekend. The result was great. The beer had another depth of flavour brought by the toasted sugars in the bread. So now we have a really good tasting beer and it really took off in our tap room. Customers loved the circular economy story and loved the beer. But we didn't just get a great new beer with a great story out of this, it also opened up our eyes to the issue of waste. Because we are on an island with a defined border around us we are more aware of things that are brought on to the island need to be shipped off when no longer of use. So if we can reduce the amount we need to ship back off in the form of waste, we reduce our costs."

Bute Brew Company's Aidan Canavan said as the small island beer brewer has introduced making beer from leftover loaves of bread. The island's bread that would go to into waste is being used to replace some of the malt that's normally included in the brewing process. The bread beer has been a hit with both locals and visitors to Bute.



"After I won the speciality porridge category last year I have thought about winning the Golden Spurtle every day, so I am absolutely delighted. Great porridge needs three key things; love, patience and great ingredients."

Swedish porridge maker and winner of the 2018 World Porridge Making Championships, The Golden Spurtle, Per Carlsson said.

The event in Carrbridge looks for the best traditional porridge using just three ingredients – oatmeal, water and salt. For the first time in its 25 year history The World Porridge Making Championships awarded the coveted Golden Spurtle trophy to two competitors, Calle Myrsell and Per Carlsson both from Sweden as both recipes were deemed the best.

"It's nature and technology working in partnership to achieve a long term result. The conditions in the Dornoch Firth are perfect for the restoration of this native species.

Oysters were in this system up to 10,000 years ago and of course they were fished out over 100 years ago. Basically we're putting something back that was there previously."

Hamish Torrie, from the Glenmorangie distillery, said as extinct oyster reef restoration

has begun in the Dornoch Firth. Oysters were wiped out during the 19th century by overfishing. The distillery is partly funding the project as oysters help filter water and ensure effluent water from the distillery is cleaned.

"Our mandate to the people of Edinburgh is to implement a Transient Visitor Levy (TVL) within this council term, but we will be ready to go by next summer whenever the rest of other processes conclude."

Edinburgh Council leader Adam McVey said as Scotland's capital looks to charge a tourist tax of $\mathfrak{L}2$ per night. Council wants the tax to kick before next summer, the peak time for tourists to Edinburgh. The tourist tax is designed to raise $\mathfrak{L}1$ m per year for the city to spent on managing the impact of increasing numbers of visitors flocking to Edinburgh each year.

"I am delighted at this exceptional result. It is a great honour to have established a new world record, and particularly exciting to have done so here in Scotland, the home of whisky."

Bonhams Whisky specialist in Edinburgh, Martin Green, said as the world's most expensive bottle of whisky has sold for nearly £850,000 at auction in Edinburgh. The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 sold for £848,750 setting a new record at the auctioneers Whisky Sale in October.



"We feel that insufficient attention has been given to single track areas, particularly passing places. You also find a lot of tourists don't know how to drive on single tracks or use passing places. While speeding is a problem, so are those who drive too slowly, causing delays and frustration. There is a mixed balance to have with the NC500 as it has also been a huge economic success story, helping boost many businesses. Local hotels have been full all summer and it has had a big impact on the B&B trade and local shops."

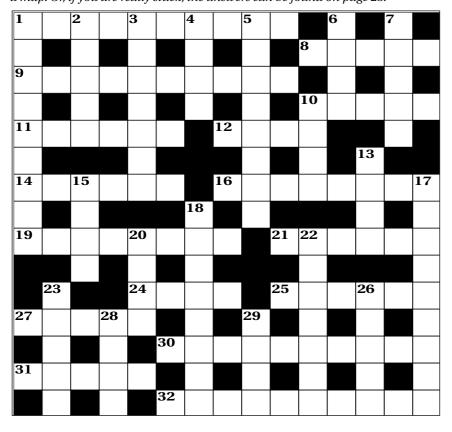
Jim Johnston, secretary of the Bettyhill, Altnaharra and Strathnaver Community Council, said as Scotland's Route 66, the 516 mile North Coast 500, has had its most visited year yet. With an additional 30,000 tourists travelling the route traffic congestion, accident and some crime have been reported along with a boost to the local economy of an estimated £9 million.

"As a result of a recent loss of employment, I've had a lot of time open up. I had been searching for Nessie on/off for the past few weeks, spending an hour or so a week on Google Earth as well as other places I like to visit in the App. I had seen some of the latest Nessie sightings and thought that I can definitely find a better image of her than that which I used for motivation to challenge myself to find her! Last Thursday at 9.45am, I had got my daughter off to school and began to search for Nessie when I noticed a cluster of pictures taken by an Underwater Earth Contributor all in one area near the Loch Ness Highland Resort in Fort Augustus. I noticed what I believe may be the creature known as Nessie – or at the very least what makes up for most of the accounts of Nessie sightings that residents/tourists are seeing and reporting."

US Nessie hunter Lisa Stout said as she has been hunting for the Loch Ness Monster using Google. Stout's has used Google Earth software to find a dark figure coming out of the water which cannot be explained. An estimated 200,000 people Google the Loch Ness Monster each month.

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 23!



CLUES ACROSS

- 1) January 25th (5)
- 8) Porridge, soup or meal!(5)9) From the Granite City (10)
- 10) Bitter to a Scot (5)
- 11) Destiny! (6)
- 12) Scots gorse bush (4)14) Pain lover (6)
- 16) Fish catchers! (8)
- 19) A round of holes (8)
- 21) Favourite food plant (6)24) Waterfall! (4)
- 25) Eat out! (6)
- 27) Sound of the pipes! (5)
- 30) Village near Falkirk sounds American (10)
- 31) Kirk official (5)
- 32) Big dinners! (10)

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Peninsula near Inverness (5, 4)
- 2) Smokes in Scotland (5)
- 3) Sorrow (7)
- 4) Columba's isle (4) 5) Scots lassies! (8)
- 6) A little Glaswegian! (4)
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Edinburgh to mark 100 years of Armistice

A Concert of Remembrance will be held in Edinburgh in a major commemoration of a century since the end of the First World War.



ands of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, Her Majesty's Royal Marines Scotland and Royal Air Force Central Scotland Pipes and Drums will feature in a stirring night of music reflecting on the events of the 'war to end all wars'. Musicians from the Royal Regiment joined the Lord Provost and Legion Scotland's Kevin Gray recently to announce the event, which will take place at Edinburgh Council's Assembly Rooms on Friday 9 November.

Narrated by Scottish actress Rose McBain (Monarch of the Glen) and starring singer and TV presenter Isla St Clair, whose Uncle was a First World War Commando, the one-off show will also feature Legion Scotland Sweetheart Amy Hawthorn, Scottish piperErin Ritchie, the soulful voice of Ibiyemi Osinaike and singer songwriters Alan Brydon and Stuart McLean.

We will never forget Lord Provost Frank Ross said: "This summer marks the centenary of the start of the Hundred Days Offensive and the final stages of the First World War, providing an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the toll the war took on the nation and the bravery of those who fought for us.In Edinburgh, we have been marking the anniversary year with several public commemorations, including the design of this summer's Floral Clock which blooms red for remembrance in Princes Street Gardens. Our Concert of Remembrance will be held to mark the end of the war. It will show our city's collective thanks to those who put their lives on the line and commemorate the centenary of Armistice. I hope the unique lineup rings it loud and clear that in Edinburgh, we will never forget.'

Legion Scotland Chief Executive,
Kevin Gray, said: "100 years ago
the First World War ended, and a
new world began. The example and
experience of those who lived through
it shaped the world we live in today. In
2018 The Royal British Legion Scotland
is leading the nation in saying 'Thank
You' to all who served, sacrificed and
changed our world. The Concert of
Remembrance is a key part of these
important commemorations and we
are extremely grateful to the Lord
Provost and the City of Edinburgh for
hosting this event."

The First World War took a devastating toll on Scotland. Of the 700,000 Scots who joined the forces, more than 100,000 were never to return home. Nearly every village, city and town in Scotland has some form of memorial displaying the names of their war dead and the Scottish National War Memorial is in Edinburgh Castle. It commemorates Scottish soldiers, and those serving with Scottish regiments, who died in the two world wars and more recent conflicts.

The Assembly Rooms are on George Street in Edinburgh and tickets can be ordered at www.usherhall.co.uk



Dedication of Glasgow's Irish & Highland Famine Memorial



lasgow has remembered those who suffered in the Great Famine and the enduring contribution of refugees and their descendants to the city's culture and character, at the unveiling of an Irish and Highland Famine Memorial.he memorial garden was opened beside the People's Palace, featuring plants and stone native to Ireland and the Highlands, the memorial interprets the journey made by refugees, forced to flee home.

It not only recalls the suffering and loss of thousands of refugees who came to Glasgow, but the trials they faced on their arrival. Most significantly, it also recognises their role - and that of their descendants - in shaping the modern city.

Deputy Leader of Glasgow City Council, Cllr David McDonald said: "Today, we acknowledge the part the Irish and the Gael played in shaping modern Glasgow. This memorial to a defining and desperate episode in Glasgow's history is a tribute and acknowledgement to those who experienced famine - along with those who followed and helped to build and shape this city and its unique character. It also offers an opportunity to reflect on how far we've come collectively as a city. The treatment of those who arrived on ships from Derry and Donegal and by foot or by cart from the Highlands was not always hospitable. However, 170 years on, we are privileged to be able to say Glasgow remains home to one of the world's great Irish diaspora - and a city proud to be home to more Scots Gaelic speakers than anywhere else in the country."

Famine ravaged huge swathes of Europe in the mid-1840s and millions died or were displaced over a number of years. Ireland suffered particularly badly and it is thought that more than a million people were forced to emigrate - with as many as 100,000 of them arriving in Glasgow. Thousands also arrived from the Highlands and Islands due to the blight, either settling in the city, or continuing their journey to the new world.



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.



ow that the ghouls, goblins and fair princesses have all settled down for another year we can go forward into November. Hallowe'en, originally hallowed evening refers to the evening prior to All Saints Day, which falls on November 1st. The early Christian church's answer to offset the pagan Samhain, the autumn festival in the pre Christian Celtic calendar. Today, little tykes traipsing from house to house to "trick or treat" have no idea that they are continuing a ceremony that goes back thousands of years.

Also in November another Scottish event, Saint Andrew the patron saint of Scotland has his day celebrated on November 30th at the very end of the month. There will be balls and dinners where more than one wee dram will be toasted to his memory.

Kilbey

Mr. Wilf Westall of Winnipeg, Canada wrote to ask about surnames in his family that he hopes have some Scottish origins or at least connections. Originally from Gloucestershire, England his mother's maiden name was Kilbey. Family lore

This is one time when the family story may just bear fruit. Many place names and subsequently surnames in north east England have the suffix "by" such as Crosby, Appleby etc. This is from an Old Norse word for village or settlement. So, someone named or a place name "Kil" gave the name to a place called Kilbey or Kilby.

Another name of interest to Mr. Westfall is the surname Haimes. An old Norman French personal name Hamo or Haimo and is from the Germanic haim meaning home. Funnily enough "hame" is the also home in the Scots dialect of English. This is the origin of such names as Hames, Haimes and possibly Hammond.

Turnbull

Mr. Albert Turnbull wishes to know about his own surname Turnbull. His Turnbull ancestry dates back to 1748 to John Turnbull.

Turnbull is one of those names that have romantic story to its origins. In 1315, supposedly a man named Rule got between the king, Robert the Bruce and a ferocious bull which was in full charge to gore the monarch. Rule managed turn the bull and saved the king. For efforts he was given the lands of Phillipshaugh and a new surname.

William Turnebul was the recipient of these lands, however, any documentation of the supposed act of turning the bull wasn't recorded until 1526 by Hector Boece, a period of two hundred years after the fact enough time to create and embellish the story. It may be a story created to explain the name rather than the reverse. Some suggest the name is for something who had great strength. Black in The Surnames of Scotland suggests it might be from and Old English personal name Trumbald. Other sources dispute this fact and say there is no proof that the two names are connected. It is simple to see that that Trumbald may have been rendered Trumbull at a later date and those been confused with Turnbull.

Our letter writer Mr. Albert Turnbull believes that all Turnbull's are related and after 40 years research has managed to substantiate his belief. He is willing to share his findings and this can be done by "googling" his name Albert Turnbull.

Rose/Rouse

Mr. Ray Parry of Lismore, NSW, Australia is a frequent contributor asking about all sorts of interesting surnames. These are no different. Mr. Parry asks about the surnames Rose and Rouse.

Rouse, Rowse, Rous or Russ are all straight forward in that they originate from the Old French word rous meaning red. One would assume that it stemmed from someone with red hair or had a ruddy complexion. Rose is a little more complex in that it has more than one origin. Simply, it was for someone who sold roses, or lived at the sign of the rose in their business or public house. Old German had a personal name Rothaid which in the Norman French became Rohese, Roese or Royce which easily became identified as Rose in Old English. Scotland has its own version

of the name in that there is a Clan Rose. The progenitor of this Clan was Norman in

origin by the name of de Ros.

By: Ron Dempsey

Clay

Chris Hendry was reading the Scottish Banner in Perth, West Australia when he decided to write. Chris was adopted but found the name of his natural parent and wondered about the origin of that name. The name is Clay.

This name is of the few self-explanatory names. Clay is for someone who held clay lands or work in clay. It is recorded as early as 1172 in England.

It could also be an Anglicization of the Gaelic name MacLay or MacLay where the Mac has been dropped. Irish or Gaelic can be difficult to translate and so sometimes a name in Gaelic can have more than one origin such is the case with MacClay. It has various spellings such as MacLay, or McLea. One version has it as MacAlee from the Irish Mac an Leigh, a medical person in Ulster. Another version is from Mac Duinnshléibhe better today as Donlevy. Parts of this clan supposedly left Ulster to settle in the Scottish Highlands and the named evolved into such variations as MacOnlea to MacLay.

Buckelewe

Mrs Danie Turner from Tallahassee, Florida has an aunt with the married name Buckelewe. This is a very different name with so very few holders of the name. The natural inclination to look at names such as Buckle, Buckler, or even Buckley. One source came up with a unique supposition which I quite like and feel that it has merit. There is an old Scots word cleugh which is means a steep valley or ravine and so many time the male deer or goat known as bucks are part of our geographic nomenclature. So a place like Buckcleugh would not be unusual in the name of a piece of terrain. There is in fact a place on the Scottish border called Buccleuch or Buccleugh. The family that held this were the Scott's of the Border's fame. The area was raised to a dukedom in 1663 when an illegitimate son of Charles II married the heiress, Anne Countess of Buccleuch.

Tougher

Lastly, Ms. Alana Tougher is interested in her surname. In Irish the name is

Ó Tuachair meaning the descendant of the dear people. It has Anglicized as Tooher, Tougher and sometimes Tucker.

This month brought an interesting array of inquiries. We are always so pleased to receive them and address them. We hope you enjoy your November. It can such a mixed month in that there is possibility of a Highland ball on the 30th or there abouts to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. For those who don't know St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. Here in the north we are hopefully prepared for the cold months coming and pursue quieter events where we can "coorie doon" in a snug chair by the fire with a good book. In the south it will different in that it will time to take off that jumper and get bare feet in the sand.

We hope you enjoy it no matter how you spend it. Of course keep those letters and emails coming.

Did you know? St Andrews



- St Andrews was originally known as Kilrymont. Its name was changed many hundreds of years ago thanks to a monk who transported the relics of Apostle Andrew. The town's name was changed to honour the saint.
- It is the birthplace of golf, and the Royal and Ancient Club, which was created in 1754, has been the headquarters of golf ever since.
- Mary Queen of Scots was a member of the local golf club and many regard her as being the world's first female golfer. She started playing golf at St Andrews soon after her husband Darnley was murdered.
- A notable feature of this small town is the University of St Andrews. Founded in 1413, this institution is known to be the oldest university in Scotland, as well as being the third oldest university in the

- English-speaking world. Prince William is perhaps the university's most recent famous alumnus.
- The College Chapel contains the pulpit where John Knox preached, and in the grounds there is a thorn tree reputedly planted by Mary, Queen of Scots.
- St Andrews was at one time the ecclesiastical capital of Scotland. The 12th century Cathedral was the country's largest building for over 600 years, losing its title when Waverley Station in Edinburgh was built in Victorian times.
- St Andrews is one of the sunniest and driest parts of the UK - statistically, it is sunnier annually than London and drier than Paris.
- More than 230,000 rounds of golf are played on the seven courses in St Andrews each year. 45,000 of these are played on the Old Course alone.

Poppy exhibition to mark centenary of the end of the First World War



he centenary of the end of the First World War will be marked by an exhibition at the National War Museum in Edinburgh Castle on the history and significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Featuring loans from Poppy Scotland and the Lady Haig Poppy Factory The Poppy: A Symbol of Remembrance explores the origins of the symbolism of the poppy from the famous poem, In Flanders Fields by John McCrae through to the earliest adoptions of it as a symbol of remembrance, including examples from 1921, when the first 'poppy day' took place in Britain, and from 1926, when the first poppies were made in Scotland at the poppy factory established in Edinburgh by Lady Haig.

Patrick Watt, exhibition co-curator, said: "The First World War claimed many millions of lives. Soldiers, sailors and airmen died overseas and were buried there, in many cases with no marked grave. Without a body to bury, families could not observe normal

funeral practices. This, along with the sheer scale of the conflict, led to a new culture of grief, which was at once both national and personal and required symbolic representation. The poppy became that symbol, and gained an additional charitable function in the 1920s as their manufacture and sale became a way to raise funds for ex-servicemen and their families".

A ceramic poppy, one of 888,246 displayed at the Tower of London in the 2014 exhibition, *Bloodswept Lands and Fields of Red*, introduces the conclusion of the exhibition, which explores how the symbolic legacy of the poppy has become contested in recent years through what some see as its politicisation. A film at the end of the exhibition will present interviews giving voice to a range of contemporary perspectives on these issues.

Symbolic meaning

Elaine Edwards, exhibition co-curator said: "When the poppy was introduced in the 1920s, both its purpose and symbolic

meaning were clear and widely accepted. That core function has not changed in that poppies sold continue to raise funds for ex-service personnel and their families. However, it's fair to say that some perceptions and attitudes associated with the symbol of the poppy are more contested in the present day, both in the case of those who choose not to wear it because they disagree with what they feel it symbolises, and also in the way that some people and commentators respond to those who make that choice. That discussion is both interesting and relevant in relation to the historical context, and so we will present a range of those viewpoints in the exhibition through a series of filmed interviews."

A notable recent controversy came as FIFA, the world football governing body, ruled that the poppy was a political symbol and, as such, could not be adopted into the strips worn by the national teams of the home nations during fixtures occurring on Remembrance Day in 2016. In an attempt to reach a compromise, armbands were worn which included the poppy, and one of those will be on display.

The centenary of the First World War

The exhibition contains personal effects and correspondence of First World War servicemen, showing the impact the war had on families across the country. It will also explore the stories of American teacher Moina Michael, following whose efforts the poppy was adopted by the American Legion, and Frenchwoman Anna Guerin, who campaigned for the poppy to be adopted as an international symbol of remembrance. Earl Haig supported Guerin's idea of selling poppies to raise money for ex-servicemen

and their families, the charitable purpose which poppies still serve today. The first poppy day was 11 November 1921, and the poppies sold that year were made by women and children in the war-ravaged regions of Northern France. A factory was established in London in 1922 by Earl Haig, followed by the Lady Haig factory in Edinburgh which opened in 1926.

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The Poppy: A Symbol of Remembrance is the concluding element of National Museums Scotland's programme of commemorative activities marking the centenary of the First World War, which has included events, publications, education and schools workshops and two other exhibitions. It is part of the WW100 programme of events in Scotland and the First World War Centenary Partnership, a national and international programme led by the Imperial War Museum.

The Poppy: A Symbol of Remembrance will run at the National War Museum at Edinburgh Castle to 27 January 2019. Admission is free with entrance to the Castle.





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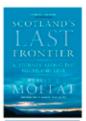
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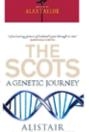




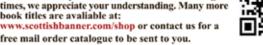












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Australian Jim Stoddart was born in a Glasgow Tenement and raised in a Glasgow Housing Scheme 1943-1965. Jim will be taking readers on a trip down memory lane, of a time and place that will never be the same again, and hopes even if only a few people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





Hard Nuts

To Talk of the weather's the folly o' men, For when rain's on the hill, there'll be sun in the glen. A Scottish proverb

ome street traditions we participated in had a somewhat imaginative and violent element to them. On such a day a small group of spectators would watch with uninhibited interest as a large but young combatant made a very public entrance to a gladiatorial contest. An autumn sun shone on this would-be fighter's shiny nut-brown skin. A smaller, older opponent would make a more furtive entrance, his skin dry, hardened and scarred, a veteran of fifteen or more of such schoolboy contests. A hushed silence came down as the youngster made a first move crashing against the older one using all of his superior weight. The taught string tightened but the older one's experience showed, as they both swung together on the makeshift ring, seesaw-like, taking the youngster's weight and absorbing

We eagerly sought out our large shiny horse chestnuts and when the fleshy husks were broken open the new clean shiny chestnuts were always a sight to admire.

the momentum of his attack. The older contestant having survived this first onslaught with no apparent damage made the boy coach and manager smile with satisfaction. The veteran readied for retaliation but in the tense excitement of the match none of us had noticed a crack, a wound, along the youngster's shiny skin.

Summoning every ounce of strength the veteran crashed accurately and forcefully against the young opponent, cracking open his handsome skin to suddenly expose creamy flesh. The spectators looked at one another and the coach looked worried as his prodigy took a second desperate swing against the older combatant. The veteran remained stoic and steady using the young contender's own momentum to do some damage. The

youngster cracked open, utterly destroyed with only a few shards of creamy flesh hanging pitifully against the rope. The veteran rested easily as his coach looked around the group of spectators seeking another challenger, another upstart to meet the test. "Righto, who's next, then?"

Conkers

That's what it felt like when we played conkers in the autumn. We eagerly sought out our large shiny horse chestnuts and when the fleshy husks were broken open the new clean shiny chestnuts were always a sight to admire. Unfortunately, in the contests to come such handsome combatants often proved to be all show and little action. It was more often the wee, dull chestnut, dry and wizened that proved to be the better combatant. Some of these champion chestnuts had multiple victories to their credit, having totally destroyed many shiny new ones along the way, with barely a scratch showing on their own hardened skins. The champions were presented proudly by their owners before a contest started announcing the chestnut's number of victories. Champion chestnuts, like Roman gladiators, were held in high respect by the rest of us.

"See this wan, it's a fifteener, so it is", said big John, proudly displaying his champion chestnut.

"Is it? Hey that's a good wan" George agreed, quite innocently.

"Oh aye, but you've been using vinegar or something on that one. That's why it's all black. And ye've had it in yer mammy's oven," contended James with some skepticism.

"That's okay, ye'r allowed to dae that", replied John, defensively.

"Aye but ye'r no allowed tae bring back a chestnut from last year so ye're no," joined Bertie immediately and with some authority. "I remember that wee black chestnut from last year, that's cheating so it is."

"Oh so you're feart tae take on ma chestnut - and don't be so daft - it's not from last year."

"No I'm not," answered James, as he took out from his pocket, his chestnut, a survivor of five well-fought contests.

"All right, you can go first" said big John as he steadied the wee dried up chestnut for the fight. Down came James's chestnut straight onto big John's fingers.

John screamed as he tucked his injured hand under his armpit. "Watch

what ye'r doing', ye daft eejit."

"Awe sorry", said James, quite sincerely "ah didnae mean that".

"Aye okay then, get ready."

Smashed to smithereens

Big John now carefully drew back his champion fifteener with his other hand. The string tightened as he steadied and aimed before bringing it down on the fiver. The champion was immediately smashed to smithereens. James's chestnut hardened enough by the autumn sun and its five victories was still supple enough to survive the smash. John's champion, even after its mysterious and secret preparation of vinegar, oil and drying in front of the fire, had dried out a bit too much. It had become too brittle and had lost its resilience. It had taken on one fight too many before retirement.

Aghast, John hurriedly gathered up the wee string with a tiny part of his champion still clinging pitifully to it, tears welling up but restrained for now.

"See you later boys; I'm away hame now for ma dinner."

John hurried off home to prepare a new contender, to seek future revenge for this disaster and his loss of face.

"Aye okay then, see you," we replied in unison. James's chestnut was now a sixer.

James Hughes

We got our chestnuts from the old farm lane down by Brockburn Terrace, from Househillwood Park and sometimes

from further afield at Roughmussel up at the Hurlet. There we had to go onto private land and run the risk of being chased by the landowner. The chestnuts, although plentiful enough, were eagerly sought after when the conker season started. It was on one such expedition seeking chestnuts that one of my best pals at school, James Hughes, was killed. He climbed too high up onto one of the large chestnut trees down at Brockburn Terrace in the company of some other lads. In the scramble to loosen the chestnuts he fell on to the old farm road and was killed almost instantly.

James lived opposite the gates to our primary school and our class lined the pavement as his small white coffin was carried to the waiting limousine on the day of his funeral. We accepted his death with sadness and loss but we also accepted it with the naïveté of childhood. We lacked that terrible understanding and pain of adulthood and an adult's sense of finality. We were never to see and play with James again but that hadn't really hit home yet. James's poor mother watched the rest of us grow up for some of us passed her house on our way to primary school and then to secondary school, nearly every school day, from the age of ten until we were eighteen. Seeing us grow from boys to young men must have been an extra source of sorrow to her, reminding her about her terrible loss and what might have been.

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reetings from Scotland which has been a wet and windy place of late. When Storm Ali hit six trees came down in the garden. I counted the trunk rings on one venerable oak and it must have been there for at least a century. Another casualty was a muchloved fifty-year old maple, its leaves turning a beautiful bright red. When it was standing it was so striking that the MacGregor spent a whole morning photographing it. Now it

It is upsetting, but you cannot fight nature - and we have since been busy clearing what we can. The chief is hands-on with a large chain saw whilst I pull smaller branches to the various bonfires that now dot the grounds. We will have to get in the tree experts to cope with the more daunting fallen specimens, but at least the newly-planted row of cherry blossom remains relatively unscathed.

The Highlands

lies forlornly on its side.

So forget about garden chaos, a Highland trip is planned. Yet, if we hope for better weather, it is not to be. Fishing tackle stowed, the MacNaughties' beds and biscuits packed, we drive north on another devil of a day. Windows are misting up. Wipers are going ten to the dozen.

Lady MacGregor's Scotland By: Lady Fiona MacGregor

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 $of {\it Clan MacGregor}, Sir {\it Malcolm MacGregor} of {\it MacGregor}, and is also an active member of {\it Clan Armstrong}, so their lives$ 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.



The car seems to aqua-plane along a flooded highway as we drive through Glasgow. At Loch Lomond small streams have burst their banks whilst overhead clouds threaten further inconvenience. At Glencoe great rivulets fall from the mountains. It is like white icing being drizzled along the sides of towering chocolate cakes. And it is here, surrounded by miles of moorland, that the heavens really open. The downpour is relentless and our valiant vehicle struggles to stay on the straight and narrow.

During our stay we meet the Cameron chief and he is charming. The Camerons were the first clan to fully support Bonnie Prince Charlie when he landed in Scotland – and they suffered greatly for their loyalty, losing both men and land.

We press laboriously on. One car we pass lies in a ditch. Others who are not in such a hurry hole up in laybys and wait for the worst to pass. But the chief and I have places to go to and people to see. We are

en-route to a historic town on the shores of Loch Linnhe. Fort William sits in the shadow of Scotland's highest mountain. Ben Nevis is the famous peak with its head in the clouds.

Here at Fort William are ski-runs and forest trails. Here is a distillery that tells the story of whisky production. We are staying with friends at a nearby house with a different claim to Highland fame. Fassfern stands on the shore of a loch and is central to the Jacobite story, because this is the place where Bonnie Prince Charlie spent the night after landing in Scotland and raising his standard in the 1745 uprising.

The White Cockade

Before setting forth the following morning, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, or the Young Pretender - it depends on your view as to what you call him - picked a white rose and stuck it in his blue bonnet. Two and a half centuries on, a white rose bush still grows outside the front door. They say it is the same one, but can such a shrub last for all that time? Maybe, maybe not. Whatever, this flower came to be known as the White Cockade. It would become the romantic symbol for the Jacobite cause and is an emblem that is still sported today.

By the time we get to Fassfern, of course, the roses have gone - because it is late autumn. Then the rain disappears and that

means the chief can get out into the wilds. He wants to climb a mountain and possibly shoot a stag. As the MacGregor puts on boots I urge caution. Here in the west Highlands we are in Cameron country and when tramping alien hills and glens a rival clansman must watch his back.

In the end, there is no need to worry. During our stay we meet the Cameron chief and he is charming. The Camerons were the first clan to fully support Bonnie Prince Charlie when he landed in Scotland - and they suffered greatly for their loyalty, losing both men and land. Indeed, they say the second Jacobite uprising might not have happened had it not been for the Camerons...

The current chief is Donald Cameron of Lochiel and he lives at Achnacarry Castle which is near Fort William and is a place with its own unique history. The original stronghold was destroyed by government troops after the Battle of Culloden and in 1802 a new castle was built in the Scottish baronial style. This vast pile became the seat of the chiefs and later, during the Second World War, it was also used as a commando centre, training not just British soldiers, but American and European troops, too. These men had to learn to be fighting-fit and their exercises included yomping over Highland hills and tossing tree trunks. Oh dear, we are back to those trees. Do not remind me...!

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Sheep join battle against invasive plant invader



A new woolly weapon is being deployed in the battle against giant hogweed on the River Deveron by the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative. A flock of a dozen sheep have arrived on location near Huntly (Aberdeenshire) to start the important work of munching through the invasive giant hogweed plants growing there.

Reaching heights of 2-3m, giant hogweed not only causes harm to our native wildlife by dominating sites and shading out native vegetation, but its sap is harmful to people and can cause serious and painful burns on contact with the skin. This makes mature and dense stands of the plants more difficult to remove - normally chemical spraying by trained and protected staff is the most effective treatment method. However, following an encouraging trial by the Deveron, Bogie & Isla Fishery Trust in 2013 grazing by sheep is being further investigated as a viable alternative.

The sheep suffer no ill-effects from the toxic sap and develop a taste for the plant, happily grazing it alongside other vegetation.

Effectiveness of grazing

Richie Miller, Director of the Deveron, Bogie & Isla Rivers Trust said: "The previous trial showed a significant reduction in seedlings, with no evidence of plants reaching maturity during the 3-year grazing period. This was a really inspiring and important outcome and this new trial will allow us to build on the previous findings and undertake more essential research to demonstrate the effectiveness of grazing in hogweed control."

The new trial is supported by The University of Aberdeen who are monitoring the site to produce a full evaluation of the grazing project in terms of both the effectiveness and costs. This will help to determine whether this is a viable and cost-effective option for giant hogweed control in Scotland and, potentially, elsewhere.

Gaelic volunteer programmes launched



istoric Environment Scotland (HES) has announced Gaelic volunteer programmes at Dunstaffnage Castle near Oban and Arnol Blackhouse on the Isle of Lewis, as part of the launch of its Gaelic Language Plan 2018-2023. This is the first five-year Gaelic Language Plan developed by HES and takes into consideration feedback received from internal and external stakeholders, partner organisations, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and the public. During the 12-week consultation, over 200 people engaged with the heritage body on the Gaelic Language Plan. Through this plan, HES aims to acknowledge and promote Gaelic language and culture as an important and valuable part of Scotland's historic environment. Gaelic speakers, or those with an interest in Gaelic, are being

invited to develop and deliver bespoke tours for visitors to the historic sites. This forms part of HES' commitment to show the influence of Gaelic culture on Scotland's history and living heritage through its visitor experiences.

Engage visitors with Gaelic language and culture As part of the Gaelic Language Plan, HES will also launch a pioneering initiative at Urquhart Castle, near Inverness, which aims to engage visitors with Gaelic language and culture. HES will conduct audience research, and develop the inclusion of Gaelic into the overall site experience through learning, interpretation and retail. Alex Paterson, Chief Executive of Historic Environment Scotland, said: "Gaelic is a distinct and

unique part of Scotland's history and culture which attracts visitors from all over the world, contributing significantly to Scotland's economy. Currently, there is Gaelic interpretation at 29 of our sites throughout the country, from Glasgow to Aberdeenshire and the Isle of Lewis, which shows the extent of Gaelic's influence on Scotland's heritage and its relevance to our historic environment. Due to an increase in volunteers, we are currently developing and expanding our wider volunteer programme. These new opportunities at Dunstaffnage Castle and Arnol Blackhouse will help us continue to support volunteers across the country and empower communities and partners to engage with projects that promote the value of Gaelic culture to Scotland's past and present."

Shaped Scotland's history

Dr Coinneach Maclean, Historic Environment Scotland Board Member, said: "Gaelic language and culture has shaped Scotland's history and is an important aspect of our nation's heritage. Our Gaelic Language Plan demonstrates our commitment to maintaining and promoting Gaelic language and culture, and encourages future generations to explore Scotland's Gaelic heritage and history. We hope to build on the success of Historic Scotland's Gaelic Plan 2012-2017 where 4,000 school pupils and teachers benefited from our Gaelic learning programme and 45 Gaelic publications were published in Scotland."

It is a statutory requirement that HES creates and implements a Gaelic Language Plan as part of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 which seeks to secure the status of Gaelic as an official language of Scotland.



Did you know?

- In 2017/2018, 10,000 children up to the age of 18 went through Gaelic Medium Education or Gaelic learner education in Scotland which is an increase of 43% since 2011-2012.
- According to Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Gaelic is potentially worth in the region of £82m - £149m to Scotland's economy.
- · According to a survey conducted by VisitScotland in 2012, 51% of international visitors cited Gaelic culture as an interest or attraction to them to visit Scotland.









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By John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

The poem was written by a Canadian Medical Corps doctor, Major John McCrae, who was serving with a Field Artillery Brigade in Ypres. The death of one of his friends in May 1915, buried in the cemetery outside his dressing station, affected him severely and he wrote his poem as a way of expressing his anguish at the loss. Sunday, 11 November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). Lest We Forget.

Pipers honour fallen on centenary of Armistice



ustralian pipe bands will be part of an international commemoration on 11th November – the centenary of the Armistice being signed to end World War One.

Pipe Bands Australia and its state branches are co-ordinating involvement of hundreds of pipers across the nation playing the famous bagpipe tune When The Battle's O'er written by Pipe Major William Robb of the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders to honour more than 200 pipers killed in the war.

Australia's tribute is timed to coincide with the exact time the Armistice was signed and will take place at 5pm in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania, 4.30pm in South Australia, 4pm in Queensland and 2pm in Western Australia.

When The Battle's O'er

More than 100 locations have already been registered by bands and solo pipers, from war memorials and parks in rural and regional communities to the capital cities.

In Melbourne, a massed pipe band will play When The Battle's O'er at the Shrine of Remembrance wile massed bands will also perform at Western Australia's state war memorial in King's Park, the memorial in Adelaide and on Macquarie Wharf in Hobart.

The Armistice took effect five hours later when guns fell silent on the Western Front in France. A number of Australian pipers and drummers were among those to pay the supreme sacrifice in World War One and those who returned were instrumental in the establishment of many community bands after the war.



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Global celebrations of Scotland's national day

An A-Z of where to find the best parties and celebrations of St Andrew's Day around the world.



An A-Z of St Andrew's Day celebrations

Legend has it that the monk St. Regulus (or St Rule) was instructed to take St Andrew's remains to the 'ends of the earth' for safe keeping. It is fitting therefore that his feast day should be celebrated not just in Scotland, but in the farthest flung corners of the world.

They may not all be held on 30 November or run quite according to the traditional plan, but the various St Andrew's Day festivities all share one thing in common a celebration of everything that makes Scotland great.

Australia-With over 15 million Australians claiming some form of UK ancestry, its no surprise to discover that November is a busy month for the local St Andrew's Societies, among them the Toowoomba branch in Queensland which hosts a St Andrew's Night.

Brazil-Of course, not all of the countries in which St Andrew's Day is celebrated share Scotland's invigorating

climate. In Brazil, for instance, the St Andrew's Society of Sao Paulo marks the occasion with a picnic and BBQ.

Canada-Choose from St Andrew's Balls in Calgary, Toronto and Montreal, among others. To avoid sore toes on the night, many of the societies offer Scottish country dance lessons beforehand.

China-The Caledonian Society in Beijing holds a St Andrew's Day Ball in November. The celebrations combine Scottish pageantry, ceremony, music, dance and whisky.

Czech Republic-Party in Prague where the local Caledonian Club hosts a traditional Scottish ceilidh in November.

Denmark-Every year, the British Ambassador and his representatives attend the local Caledonian Society St Andrew's Day Ball in Copenhagen. The Society dates back to 1949 when it was established as a Scottish/Danish friendship society with the aim of deepening cultural understanding between the two countries. Over a dram or two of whisky no doubt!

Dubai-The Caledonian Society of Dubai holds a St Andrews Day Ball in November.

England- Events take place to honour St Andrew across England. London generally leads the way with events, dances and suppers.

France-Her Majesty's Ambassador to France holds a Scottish evening usually in December. The Ball has taken place in the chandeliered splendour of the Cercle National des Armes, Paris, in previous years.

Hong Kong-The Pipes and Drums of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Pipe Band often grace the St Andrew's Society Ball in November at The Hong Kong Football Club. You can also track down The Hong Kong Highlanders, an extremely active society formed by a group of expatriate Scots in 1988. They hold their St Andrews Dance in late November.

India-The British High Commission in Mumbai holds a St Andrews Day event in November.

Indonesia- The Java St. Andrew Society will hold a ball this year and includes special guests the Perth Pipe Band. The Society aims to celebrate Scotland and all things Scottish in Jakarta.

Italy- Make for the ancient capital where The Caledonian Society of Rome often holds a St Andrew's Day Ball in December.

Jordan-Join a 70-strong UK police contingent, plus a host of other revellers at the Embassy Club in Amman for a St Andrews Day party in November.

Netherlands-Given all the links, trade and otherwise, between the Netherlands and Scotland, it's no surprise to see The St Andrew's Society of The Netherlands host a Ball in November.

New Zealand-With many Kiwi's claiming Scottish ancestry there is always reason for Scottish celebration. Various functions can pop up nationwide.

Malaysia-Established in 1877, The Selangor St Andrew's Society is one of the oldest Loyal Societies in Malaysia. It holds a St Andrew's Day Ball in November.

Saudi Arabia-The British Consulates Caledonian Society often holds a St Andrews Day Ball in Jeddah.

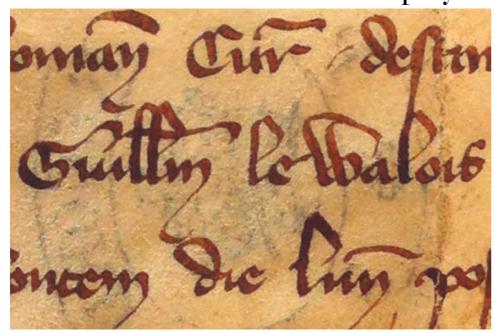
Scotland-Where better to celebrate St Andrew's Day than in the town named after him? Every year, St Andrews, the capital of Fife embarks on a week-long festival featuring some things you might expect, like Celtic music, ceilidhs and fireworks and others you would'nt, such as the magic and witchcraft.

Singapore- The Singapore St Andrews Society has an annual St Andrews Day Ball.

USA-Following hot on the heels of Thanksgiving, St Andrews Day Balls will be held throughout the length and breadth of the country, from St Louis and Baton Rouge to Cincinnati, New York and Washington.

Zambia-The Caledonian Society often holds a St Andrew's Day Ball in Lusaka.

Rare William Wallace letter displayed

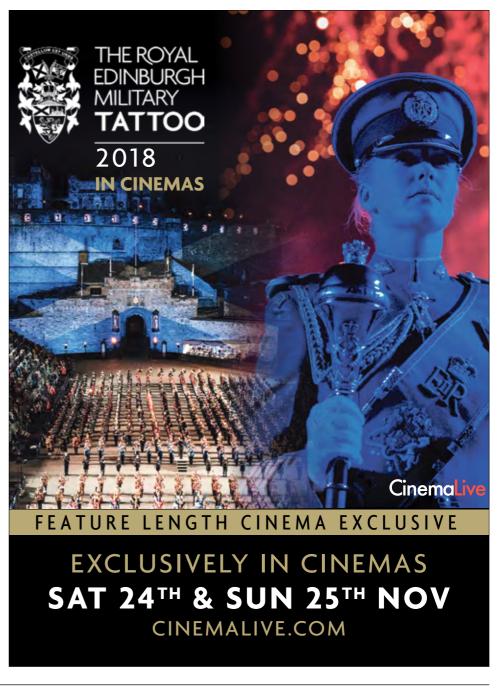


ne of only two surviving documents with a personal link to William Wallace has gone on display at National Records of Scotland (NRS) recently for Edinburgh Doors Open Day. The event offered people a chance to see the 700-year-old parchment letter, last displayed in 2014, which can only be shown rarely and under controlled conditions.

Explaining the letter's significance, NRS archivist Dr Tristram Clarke said: "Written in November 1300, the document offers a tantalising glimpse into a mysterious period of Wallace's career. King Philip IV of France wrote to his agents in Rome, commanding them to ask Pope Boniface

VIII to view William Wallace favourably. The letter proves Wallace played a role in the turbulent politics of medieval Europe, when the Pope was trying to encourage peace between England and France, and to challenge England's claim to control Scotland."

Wallace was eventually betrayed, captured by the English and executed in London in 1305. King Philip's letter was discovered in the Tower of London in the 1830s. In 2011 a panel of expert historians and archivists concluded it was likely to have been in Wallace's possession when he was captured. It is currently on loan to the National Records of Scotland from The National Archives in London.

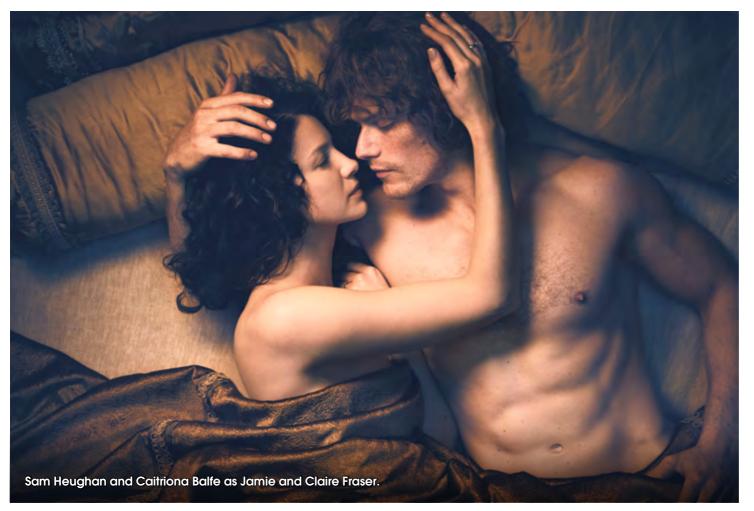




utlander fans across the world will be happy as "Droughtlander" will cease with the of the next television instalment of the hit show premiering this month. Season four of Outlander continues the story of time-traveling

20th century doctor Claire Fraser and her 18th century Highlander husband Jamie Fraser as they try to make a home for themselves in colonial America. We find the Frasers in North Carolina, in a place called Fraser's Ridge at yet another turning point in history – the cusp of the

American Revolution. As Claire and Jamie build their life together in the rough and dangerous backcountry of North Carolina, they must negotiate a tenuous loyalty to the current British ruling class, despite Claire's knowledge of the bloody rebellion to come.



Along the way, the Frasers cross paths with notorious pirate and smuggler Stephen Bonnet in a fateful meeting that will come back to haunt the Fraser family. Meanwhile, in the 20th century, things heat up between Claire and Jamie's daughter, Brianna Randall and Roger Wakefield, the historian who helped search for Jamie in the past. But as they grow closer, the young couple realize they have very different ideas about the future of their relationship. However, when Roger and Brianna search for proof that Brianna's parents reunited in the 18th century, a shocking discovery makes them both consider following in Claire's footsteps.

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Shooting for series four saw production shoot the mountains and rivers of North Carolina in Eastern Europe and four locations in Scotland double as 18th century America.

More series confirmed
Starz President and CEO Chris Albrecht, in association with Sony Pictures
Television, announced that the Golden

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Globe nominated STARZ Original series *Outlander* will premiere its fourth season this month, and have also announced that STARZ has renewed its hit series *Outlander* for two new seasons, taking the series through a sixth season. "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," said Albrecht.

Adapted from Diana Gabaldon's international best-selling books this will be a multi-book, 24-episode pick-up for *Outlander*. Seasons five and six will each play out over 12 episodes respectively and will be based on material from the fifth book in the *Outlander* series, entitled *The Fiery Cross*, as well as the sixth book in the series, *A Breath of Snow and Ashes*.

The fourth season of *Outlander* recently finished filming in Scotland at Wardpark Studios in Cumbernauld and will include 13 episodes based upon *Drums of Autumn*, the fourth of eight books in Diana Gabaldon's international best-selling *Outlander* series. The upcoming season continues the romantic adventures

of Claire (Caitriona Balfe) and Jamie Fraser (Sam Heughan). *Outlander* made a significant contribution of almost £70 million in film and TV production spend in Scotland last year, as well as employing around 300 crew in Cumbernauld and taking on nearly 100 trainees to develop their industry skills. In addition the show is brought a tourism boom to Scotland. Figures from the Moffat Centre's Visitor Attraction Monitor show the tangible effect the series has had on attractions in Scotland with many reporting as much as a 92% rise in visitors.

One amazing tale

Scottish star Sam Heughan told the Scottish Banner; "I feel such a responsibility with my association with this show. I feel so lucky we are filming in Scotland and not only are we bringing the landscape to screen but also the culture, the people, the language and the music alive. Scotland is definitely the reason Outlander has done so well."

Outlander series three averaged 5.8 million viewers per episode in the US alone and was the most viewed scripted



show by women after *Game of Thrones*. The show is also broadcast in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Ireland, Japan and across Europe.

The Outlander television series is the hugely successful drama based on Diana Gabaldon's eight-book Outlander series that has sold an estimated 30 million copies worldwide with all the books having graced the New York Times best-sellers list. The Outlander series was first published in 1991 and spans the genres of history, science fiction, romance and adventure in one amazing tale. Outlander follows the story of a married English combat nurse from 1945, who, while on a second honeymoon in Inverness, is mysteriously swept back in time to the 18thcentury Scottish Highlands. There she meets a chivalrous, young warrior, with whom she becomes romantically entwined and her past and future are inextricably linked.

Outlander Season Four returns globally in November, including on Fox Showcase on Monday November 5th.

Visit Scottish film locations

As Scotland marks the 130th anniversary of the birth of the Scottish "pioneer of television" John Logie Baird, VisitScotland has launched a TV Set in Scotland guide aimed at set-jetting TV fans. The 36-page book is available, free of charge, in attractions and VisitScotland iCentres throughout the country and for download at visitscotland.com. It delves into the animations, documentaries, dramas, sitcoms and soap operas which have been filmed in or inspired by Scotland over the past 80 years.

Featuring shows such as *Outlander, Taggart, Hamish Macbeth and Downton Abbey* the guide takes visitors to Scotland across the country to see hwre their favourite show was shot.

The latest figures show that spend on film and TV in Scotland in 2017 reached £95 million – the highest level since records began – and a £26 million increase on the previous year. There has been more than a 300% increase in spend over the past decade.

Jenni Steele, Film and Creative Industries Manager at VisitScotland said; "The list of television shows and locations featured in TV Set in Scotland is not exhaustive, but this fun and informative guide, which contains firm fan favourites alongside little-known gems, serves as a starting point for visitors wishing to explore the many onscreen locations and nearby attractions. The impact of filmmaking in Scotland goes far beyond production spend. Scotland's appearances on TV have the potential to reach huge global audiences and, with research finding that one in five visitors are inspired to visit after seeing it on-screen, the opportunities for the tourism industry are immense."





IN SCOTLAND TODAY



Student catalogues treasure trove of comics

An American student was delighted to find rare comics, some dating back to the 1800s, amongst thousands of comics she catalogued at the University of Dundee.

Hailey Austin says she has found comic gems including *Punch* magazine, first issues of rare DC and Marvel comics, as well as drafts and proofs of early DC Thomson comics amongst the materials donated to the University's Archives.

Hailey, a 24-year-old PhD student from Colorado, said that the mammoth task of cataloguing the majority of the collections took over three months but she would happily do it all over again because of the value these comics hold. "The university houses a huge collection," said Hailey. "They are not only historically significant but invaluable for students and enthusiasts, especially those studying comics here in Dundee. We have Punch comics from 1895 donated by the late Stephanie Wolfe Murray - the pioneering female publisher who founded Canongate. These sit alongside thousands of DC comics donated to the University by famous Scottish comics writer Grant Morrison. We also have a sizable amount of comics scripts, a unique resource."

Not content with creating the detailed online catalogue for the huge collection, Hailey also led the creation of *Chronicle: The Archive and Museum Anthology* – a 40-page comic telling 13 different stories behind the donations and inspired by the comics collections in the archives as well as the large collection of original comics art in the University's Museum Services.

Digital-first census for 2021



For the first time in 2021, people in Scotland will be encouraged to fill out their census questionnaire primarily online, with support and help available for those who need it.

'Plans for Scotland's Census 2021',

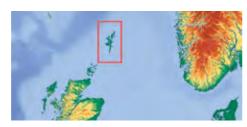
published by National Records of Scotland, lays out proposals for how the census will be conducted and the questions it will ask.

Under the proposals, the census will ask new questions, including whether the respondent is a veteran. It is also proposed that questions on sexual orientation and transgender status and history will be asked. As set out in 2018-19 Programme for Government, a Bill will be introduced this parliamentary session to allow sexual orientation and transgender questions to be asked on a voluntary basis.

The report also gives details of what consultation, tests and stakeholder engagement have been conducted to help shape the proposed questions so far. The final proposed questions will be laid before the Scottish Parliament for agreement before the census takes place.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop, said: "For more than 200 years, Scotland has relied on the census to underpin national and local decision making. The census is the only complete source of whole population information about Scotland. By encouraging and assisting people to complete their census online, and asking questions which reflect a modern, inclusive Scotland, these proposals ensure the census will continue to be a vital source of information for decades to come."

New law puts Shetland outside the box



Shetland has been freed from its box as new legislation comes into force banning boxing off the islands on official maps. The Shetland mapping requirement section of the Islands (Scotland) Act stipulates the islands "any map of Scotland, the Shetland Islands must be displayed in a manner that accurately and proportionately represents their geographical location in relation to the rest of Scotland."

Shetland MSP Tavish Scott, who campaigned for the change, said: "There is no excuse now for the Scottish Government, its agencies or others to put Shetland in a box. The box is closed. It doesn't exist, whether that be in the Moray Firth or east of Orkney. Shetland is now in the right place. It is ridiculous that I had to change the law to make this happen but so be it."

He said island-proofing duty the new law introduces - ensuring the islands are recognised in any law or government regulation - must work, arguing at the moment this is not happening. The legislation also means a National Islands Plan will be developed aiming to increase sustainable economic development and community empowerment.

Islands Minister Paul Wheelhouse said: "The Scottish islands have contributed and continue to contribute hugely to our culture and heritage and with this Act now starting to take force, will now have the opportunity to contribute even further to their own and our collective futures. They have very distinctive needs so the Act introduces a number of measures to ensure there is a sustained focus across Government and the wider public sector to meet the needs of island communities now and in the future. On a more visual front, it ensures Shetland will no longer be 'boxed off' on maps which has been a cause of irritation to those living in Shetland."

Scottish house prices outperform rest of UK



Glasgow house prices are on the rise. The average price of a property in Scotland has risen more this year than in the rest of the UK. The latest publication of the monthly UK House Price Index shows the average price of a property in Scotland in August 2018 was £153,309 – an increase of 4.1% on August 2017. This compares to a UK average of £232,797, which saw an increase of 3.2% over the same period.

The biggest price increases were in West Dunbartonshire (11.9% to £110,867), Inverclyde (9.8% to £112,550) and City of Glasgow (8.9% to £136,353). Decreases were recorded in City of Aberdeen (4.0% to £161,063), Aberdeenshire (2.5% to £188,426), Scottish Borders (2.5% to £152,576) and East Ayrshire (1.7% to £97,696).

Major gas find off Shetland
Oil and gas giant Total has made a large
UK gas discovery at its Glendronach field,

off the coast of the Shetland Islands in the North Sea. The company said that initial tests on the prospect verified good reservoir quality, permeability and well production deliverability. Total estimates the capacity of the Glendronach prospect to be around one trillion cubic feet (1tcf) of gas. Glendronach could also be developed very quickly at low cost by tying the field to existing infrastructure at the Edradour field nearby.

Total's exploration and production division president Arnaud Breuillac said in a statement: "Glendronach is a significant discovery for Total which gives us access to additional gas resources in one of our core areas and validates our exploration strategy."

The company added that the discovery will boost the longevity of the West of Shetland gas fields, including the Laggan, Tomore, Edradour and Glenlivet prospects, and that of the Shetland Gas Plant. Combined, the West of Shetland fields supply around 7% of UK gas consumption.

Lottery funding for Antonine Wall project



A project to promote the rich history of the Antonine Wall has received £980,000 funding from the National Lottery.

The Rediscovering the Antonine Wall project will use the money to raise awareness of the 63km World Heritage Site - part of which runs from Castlecary to Croy in North Lanarkshire.

The wall marked the most northerly point of the Roman Empire and council areas it passed through - West Dunbartonshire, Glasgow, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire and Falkirk - have joined forces with Historic Environment Scotland to bring its fascinating story back to life.

The additional funding will be used to support the £2.1million project for the next three years.

The group plan to place replica distance markers based on the Roman originals at five sites along the Wall with information about its history. There will also be Roman themed playparks, designed in association with local schoolchildren, created at other sites near to the wall so children and young people can explore and play while finding out about the Wall.

A programme of 30 community projects, including a Scouts Big Roman Camp Out and a Roman-inspired community garden, will take place throughout the five authorities. This will allow the project team to engage with hard to reach groups and highlight that the Antonine Wall is for everyone. The Antonine Wall, which runs across Central Scotland, was the most northerlyfrontier of the Roman Empire nearly 2,000 years ago.

This month The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will hit the big screen in Australia and New Zealand for the first time. Audiences will enjoy a 90 minute programme of 2018's show, 'The Sky's the Limit'. The world renowned Tattoo is full of pageantry, military precision, innovation, storyline, music and more and one of the top live experiences in the world. Lynsey Fusco from The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo took the time to speak to the Scottish Banner's Sean Cairney on what highlights were part of this year's Tattoo, how audiences can get a taste of the Tattoo in cinemas and just why Edinburgh Castle is a perfect back drop to the annual extravaganza.





mages courtesy of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

SC: Lynsey thanks for taking the time to speak to the Scottish Banner. Can we begin with you telling us briefly the history of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo?

LF: The first Tattoo took place in 1950 and there were just eight items in the programme but to date, we've welcomed 40,000 performers from more than 50 countries and are classed as the best-known military tattoo in the world. Nowadays, it showcases music, dance and precision display against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle – our amazing home during August – with more than 220,000 in the audience.

SC: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is one of the world's top live performances with a program that varies each year. Can you tell us about some of the highlights of the 2018 Tattoo?

LF: This year the Tattoo celebrated 'The Sky's the Limit' with more than 1,200 international performers, including Malawi and Oman to the Czech Republic and the USA, as well as show favourites,



the Massed Pipes and Drums and the Tattoo Dance Company. We also had participants from Australia, including The Manly Warringah Pipe Band, Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band and from WA, Scotch College Pipe Band. The 90-minute performance took audiences on a journey through man's greatest achievements and also celebrated the RAF centenary and Scotland's Year of Young People.

SC: For those that did not make it to the Tattoo this year in Edinburgh, there is a fantastic opportunity to see it on the big screen. Can you tell us how this initiative came to be and will that be a permanent offer going forward?

LF: We are constantly working to deliver innovative ways for our audiences to see the show and are testing cinema as a way to reach audiences that perhaps aren't able to make the live experience. We're definitely hoping to continue to roll out the initiative. Like any big production that you can't see in person, the big screen is a great alternative with superior sound quality and visuals.

SC: The next Tattoo is never far away. Can you give us a snapshot of how far in advance the team works on any future edition of the Tattoo?

LF: We're always planning! We work a few years in advance so are always juggling a few shows at any one time. It's great to see the creativity and talent out there.

SC: The Tattoo is known for its world-class performers sourced from across the globe. However, Edinburgh Castle also plays a starring in the role as the perfect backdrop. What is it about the Castle Esplanade setting you to feel makes the Tattoo such a unique live experience?

LF: There really is no other place like it! The venue is filled with history and tradition yet when the Tattoo takes place it's all lights, camera and action and it's great to see the spectacular sights of one of Scotland's best-loved attractions so alive. Add our cast of 1,300 plus the audience of 8,800 means there is a real buzz in the arena and around the city.

SC: And finally Lynsey, if possible to answer, what is your favourite part of the Tattoo? And what suggestions do you have to those planning to come to Edinburgh to see it?

LF: That is not an easy one to answer! However, there is something particularly amazing about the Lone Piper moment. A brief hiatus from the stirring sounds of the pipes and drums and buzzing international acts, when the audience is hushed to hear the emotive sounds of Scotland's national instrument. It can be quite emotional, even for a seasoned Tattoo-goer!

Reader Giveaway

The Scottish Banner is pleased to be offering one double pass, courtesy of Cinema Live, to screenings of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on Saturday November 24th or Sunday November 25th at participating cinemas in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. To enter simply tell us what the theme of this year's tattoo was by email:competitions@scottishbanner.com, via our website at www.scottishbanner. com/contact-us or post (sorry no telephone entries) our Sydney office, our full contacts can be found on page 2. Please ensure you include your full name and email or phone details. Winners will be notified directly, good luck!

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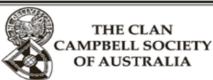
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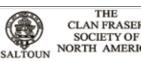
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NOVEMBER 2018

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9 - 11 Beechworth, VIC - Beechworth Celtic Festival Bands will play at various locations across the weekend with the Old Gaol Tattoo within the walls of the Old Beechworth Gaol. Info: www.beechworthcelticfestival.com.au

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25 Newcastle, NSW - Modern Piping comes to Newcastle The New South Wales Pipe Band Association is proud to present Lincoln Hilton. Modern Piping a movement geared towards pushing the boundaries of pipes at Mex Club, Mayfield. Info: secretary@nswpba.com.au

 $26\,Toowong, QLD-Queensland\,Highland\,Pipers$ Society Social & Jack McCandlish Memorial Contest At the Walrus Bar, Regatta Hotel. Info: 07 3397 4512.

30 Woodville, SA - St Andrew's Night Social

Celebrate St Andrew's night with the Bydand Scottish Country Dance Class, enjoying a program of tartan and placename Scottish Dances at St Margaret's Church Hall, cnr Port Road and Woodville Rd. Info: www.rscdsadelaide.org.au

30 Red Hill, OLD - Community Ceilidh

Celebrate St Andrews Day! 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

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30 Wongawallan, QLD - St Andrews Scottish Evening Celebrate St Andrews Day with live pipes, food and fun at the Fox & Hounds Country Inn. 7 Elevation Dr. Info: 07 5665 7582 or www.foxandhounds.net.au

30 Perth.WA - Saint Andrew Society of Western Australia 2018 St Andrew's Day Ball

This year's ball, as well as celebrating St Andrew's Day, celebrates the 80th anniversary of the St Andrew Society of Western Australia, which was formed with the express purpose of celebrating St Andrew's Day back in 1938. The 2018 ball will be held in the Grand River Ballroom at the Pan Pacific Hotel at 207 Adelaide Terrace. Info: www.saintandrew.org.au

30 Brisbane, QLD - Society of St. Andrew of Scotland (Qld) 71st Annual Men's Dinner Celebrate the Patron Saint of Scotland with bagpipes, song, haggis and more at Pullman Hotel, King

George Square. Info: www.standrewsociety.com

DECEMBER 2018

 ${\bf 1}\ {\bf Dayles ford, VIC\ -\ Dayles ford\ Highland\ Gathering}$ Enjoy a wee bit of Scotland, the event includes a Street March, then a full days drumming, piping and dancing at the picturesque Victoria Park. Info: www.daylesfordhighland.com

2 Ipswich, QLD - Piobaireachd Group Queensland Social Piping event at Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Hall, Cnr Lion & Moffatt Sts. Info: 07 3397 4512.

15 Khancoban, NSW - Khancoban Carols Pipes and DrumsNew

Presented by Tumbarumba Pipe Band and Khancoban Alpine Inn. A free evening of Celtic and Christmas music, including pipes culminating in Massed Pipe Band performances throughout the evening. Info: Joanne Lorimar 0417 219 743.

15 Sydney, NSW - Celtic Christmas

Crafts & Traditions Workshop Learn about Christmas traditions in the Celtic countries. Write a Christmas greeting in your medieval or modern Celtic language of choice. Hosted by Australian School of Celtic Learning at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts 280 Pitt t. Info: www.celticlearningcomau.wordpress.com

22 Thornbury, VIC - A Celtic Christmas

Scottish rockers Claymore are bringing together some of their musical mates for a special evening of entertainment with fantastic special guests Colin Lillie, Saoirse, the Hawthorn City Pipe Band and the Glenbrae Celtic Dancers at The Thornbury Theatre, 859 High St. Info: 03 9484 9831 or claymore@netspace.net.au

25 Nationwide - Happy Christmas

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31 Nationwide - Happy Hogmanay The Scottish Banner wishes all our readers and friends a very Happy Hogmanay and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019!

NEW ZEALAND

NOVEMBER 2018

2 Auckland - Scottish Celtic Music Group Monthly on the first Friday at St Luke's Church, $130\,\mbox{Remuera}$ Rd. All instruments welcome to read through favourite Scottish tunes and dance sets. Info: John Hawthorn: john.hawthorn@xtra.co.nz

3 Upper Hutt - Upper Hutt Highland Gathering Scottish Highland Gathering in the Park - bring your family for a fun-filled day of music, dance and activities. Including Highland Dancing, bagpipes, Scottish Swordfighting, Archery, Highland Cows, Clan tents and more at Harcourt Park, Akatarawa Rd. Info: www.eventfinda. co.nz/2018/upper-hutt-highland-gathering/upper-hutt

9 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

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10 Christchurch - Hornby Tattoo

A Celtic Tattoo celebrating Armistice Day at the "Castle" upstairs at the Hornby Club, 17 Carmen Road, Hornby. Info: www.facebook.com/ Hornby-Tattoo-2018-1648046535271709/

10 Hororata - 8th Annual Hororata Highland Games A brilliant day of Scottish celebration at New Zealand's largest Scottish event with pipe bands, athletics, Scottish

dance, Clan lane and more at Hororata Domain. Info: Cindy Driscoll 021 366 606 or www.hororatahighlandgames.org.nz 17 Auckland - Auckland Highland Games & Gathering

A range of activities from traditional and contemporary Scottish culture at Ellerslie Event Centre, 80 Ascot Ave, Remuera. Info: www.

auckland highland games. word press.com24 - 25 Nationwide- The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Cinema

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will hit the big screen in Australia for the first time. Audiences will enjoy a 90 minute programme of 2018's show, 'The Sky's the Limit'. The world renowned Tattoo is full of pageantry, military precision, innovation, storyline, music and more and one of the top live experiences in the world One weekend only. Info: www.cinemalive.com

25 Christchurch - Kirkin o'Tartan

Join the Canterbury Scottish Heritage Council in the St Andrews Chapel, St Andrews College, 347 Papanui Road, . Join the Scottish Heritage Council in this annual event which will, for the first time, be held in the rebuilt college chapel. Info: www.scottishsocietyofnz. com/canterbury-scottish-heritage-council.html

30 Auckland - Ceilidh Club

St Davids in the Fields Church, 202 Hillsborough Rd. All are welcome to play, dance, or even call ceilidh dances and certainly just to watch. Info: learnScotsfiddle@gmail.com

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30 Dunedin - St Andrew's Day Celebration Dougall Mackay will be onsite to mark St Andrews Day complete with bagpipes to bring life to Dunedin's Scottish heritage as he pipes his way through Toit OSM – Galleries. Info: 03 477 5052 or toituosm@dcc.govt.nz

DECEMBER 2018

1 Christchurch - Christchurch Casino Highland Day Annual Highland Day Contest run by the Canterbury Caledonian Society Grade One Pipe Band commences at 11am. To be held in the grounds of the Ilam Homestead. Info: Secretary Kim Robertson kim.robertson@outlook.co.nz

2 Wellington - Shetland Society of

Wellington Christmas Party
At Pipe Band Hall, Newtown, 12.30pm. Info: www.shetlandwellington.org.nz

7 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

8 Palmerston North - Jenny Mair Highland Square Day Upwards of 20 highland pipe bands and scores of contestant solo bagpipers, solo drummers and highland dancers will converge on The Square. Info: jennymair@xtra.co.nz

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28 - 5 Nelson - RSCDS NZ Branch Summer School Nelson 2018/19

The RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc. extends a warm invitation for all Scottish country dancers to attend the Summer School. Info: www.dancescottish.org.nz

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SCOTLAND

NOVEMBER 2018

1 - 4 Edinburgh - Spotlight on Mary

Learn about the fate of Mary Queen of Scots' husband Lord Darnley. Experience Craigmillar Castle in a new light as the story of the infamous Craigmillar Bond is brought to life through illumination and projection. Listen in on the dark plot of 1566 and encounter key characters as you tour the castle and hear of the fate that befell Mary Queen of Scots' husband Lord Darnley. Info: www.historicenvironment.scot

1 - 30 Oban - Scottish Tree Festival: Autumn Colours/Ardtornish Estate

This is a lovely time to visit the garden, burning bright in the autumnal sun. A procession of red, yellows and oranges heralds the approach of Autumn in the garden, with species of Enkianthus, Cotoneaster, Aronia, Cercidiphyllum and Oxydendrum providing spectacular autumn foliage and fruit colour; whilst Prunus x subhirtella 'Autumnalis' and Eucryphia provide floral interest. Info: www.ardtornish.co.uk

$2-4\ Perthshire-The\ Perthshire\ Amber\ Festival$

A variety of music events with Dougie Maclean and friends including; music sessions, a triple Cabaret Amber, a big Dougie concert at Perth Concert Hall, and a Farewell $Concert/Event.\ In fo: www.perthshireamber.com$

2 - 3 Aberfeldy - Aberfeldy Festival

Community festival with film screenings street entertainment, storytelling, workshops and fireworks alongside a bumper line-up of bands. Info: www.aberfeldyfestival.com

9 Edinburgh - Glasgow Phoenix Choir: Celebrate Christmas

The Glasgow Phoenix Choir is delighted to be performing a concert in the Freemasons' Hall in Edinburgh for one of their most enjoyable concerts of the year. Info: www.phoenixchoir.org

9 Edinburgh - Concert of Remembrance

Organised by the Royal British Legion Scotland in partnership with City of Edinburgh, to say thank you through music and song, to those who served, sacrificed and changed our world during the First World War. Narrated by Rose McBain and featuring Isla St Clair, The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, The Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland, Royal Air Force Central Pipes and Drums and more at the Assembly Rooms. Info: www.usherhall.co.uk

10 Glasgow - Glasgow's Whisky Festival Glasgow's festival of the national tipple returns for a

10th year, with more than 60 stands featuring whisky, gin, rum, other spirits and whisky at Hampden Park. Info: www.glasgowswhiskyfestival.com

16 - 18 Edinburgh - Scots Fiddle Festival

One of the most prestigious and nourishing events on the fiddle music calendar. Info: www.scotsfiddlefestival.com

20 Glasgow - Neil Oliver: The Story of the British Isles in 100 Places

Neil Oliver talks about the incredible places he's seen across the UK and his unique view of British history at Theatre Royal, 282 Hope St. Info: www. atgtickets.com/venues/theatre-royal-glasgow/

24 Pitlochry - St Andrew's Dinner Dance

Celebrating our Patron Saint at Atholl Palace. A superb night of traditional dance, featuring the famous Michael Philip Scottish dance band. Info: www.athollpalace.com

27 Edinburgh - Café Ceilidh: St. Andrew's Day Celebration

Afternoon of music with the Scots Music Group

at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High St. Info: www.scottishstorytellingcentre.com

30 Findhorn - Karen Matheson Live Widely recognised as the haunting vocals of Celtic

supergroup Capercaillie, Karen has been called the finest Gaelic singer alive today and honoured with many awards at $Universal\ Hall\ Arts\ Centre.\ Info: www.karenmatheson.com$

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Across: 1) Burnsnight, 8) Pease, 9) Aberdonian, 10) Snell, 11) Kismet, 12) Whin, 14) Sadist, 16) Trawlers, 19) Eighteen, 21) Lentil, 24) Rain,

31) Elder, 32) Beanfeasts.

Down:1) Black Isle, 2) Reeks, 3) Sadness, 4) Iona, 5) Heathers, 6) Wean, 7) Psalm,

17) Saltcoats, 18) Heritage, 20) Tirl,

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25) Picnic, 27) Skirl, 30) California,

10) Snow, 13) Peat, 15) Dogs,

28) Reel, 29) Girn

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Show your Scottish pride with this brand new jute bag style. In a lovely purple tartan design with webbed handle.

H: 30cm, W: 30cm, D: 20cm



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Tartan Scottie Jute Bag

This sturdy bag comes with a tartan Scottie pattern, handle and gussets.



Royal Stewart Jute Bag

This sturdy bag comes in Scotland's most famous tartan design-the Royal Stewart and includes inner key purse for coins and keys. Webbed handle.

H: 30cm, W: 30cm, D: 20cm



The Multi Scottie Dog Canvas Bag

The sturdy canvas bag comes with a lovely pattern of Scottish Terrier Dogs. Includes an interior key/coin pouch and strong black webbed handles.



Highland Cow and Calf Canvas Bag

A lovely design of a Highland Coo mother and calf. With sturdy black webbed handles. H: 30cm, W: 30cm, D: 20cm



Tartan Stag Jute Bag

This sturdy new bag comes with a tartan Scottish stag pattern, handle and gussets. H: 30cm, W: 30cm, G: 20cm



Single Westie Jute Bag

A lovely image of a Westie dog with red jute fabric and black webbed handles. H: 30cm, W: 30cm, D: 20cm



Scottie Dog Single Canvas Bag

This sturdy bag comes with a classic pattern of a Scottish Terrier dog with sturdy handles.

H: 30cm, W: 40cm, D: 12cm



Thistle Jute Bag

This sturdy bag comes with a lovely pattern of Scottish thistles. With purple tartan gusset and purple webbed handle. H: 30cm, W: 30cm, D: 20cm



Scottie Single Jute Bag

Jute is a strong plant fibre and this lovely bag features a wee Scottie dog, with red webbed handles and trim and black gusset.

H: 30cm, W: 30cm, G: 20cm



Slainte Mhath Jute Bag

Raise a glass to this unique jute bag with black handles and orange detail. H: 30 cm, W: 30 cm, D: 20cm



Highland Coo Jute Bag

This sturdy bag comes with a colourful pattern of bonnie Highland coo's.

H: 20cm, W: 30cm, D: 14cm



Westie Jute Bag

This sturdy bag comes with a colourful pattern of playful Westies.

H: 20cm, W: 30cm, D: 14cm



Multi Scottie Jute Bag

Jute is a strong plant fibre and this lovely bag features a pack of wee Scottie dogs, with red webbed handles and trim and black gusset. Also includes an inside key and coin zip pouch.

H: 30cm, W: 30cm, G: 20cm



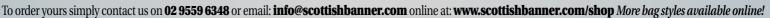
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H: 30cm, W: 30cm, D: 20cm



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Lights, camera, action: Scotland's £3 million production fund



ith 2017 a record year for Scottish film and TV production, Creative Scotland – the national arts body – has just launched a new £3m production fund. The new Broadcast Content Fund, open to Scotland-based production companies, will award between £10,000-£500,000 to create distinctive high-quality projects for TV, digital and streaming platforms that promote our culture, creativity and diversity to the world. Complementing the production fund, a new dedicated partnership, Screen Scotland, will also be launched to deliver enhanced support for all aspects of production in Scotland.

Screen Scotland is a joint initiative between Creative Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Funding Council, with £20 million in funding from Scottish Government and the National Lottery.

Big ambitions

Isabel Davies, the British Film Institute's current head of international, joined

Screen Scotland as a director in September. Screen Scotland also recently announced a £600k fund to support film festivals. Robert Wilson, Chair of Creative Scotland said: "I'm enormously proud to be announcing this significant moment in the development of Scotland's screen sector. Building on the sector's achievements to date, these latest announcements deliver further on the promise to increase funding, build stronger relationships at home, in the wider UK and internationally, and increase capacity."

Record-breaking year

The new announcements follow a recordbreaking year for film and television production in Scotland. In 2017, spending reached £95 million – the highest since records began – and a £26 million increase on 2016. Spending in the sector has surged by more than 300% over the past decade.

Alongside international hits such as Outlander, Scotland also provides locations, and production know-how for Avengers: Infinity War, Netflix's Robert the Bruce biopic Outlaw King – which will opened recently at the Toronto International Film Festival and screens on Netflix this month; and the latest big screen retelling the life and death of Mary Queen of Scots.

Other major productions shot in Scotland last year include; Patrick Melrose, The Cry, The Victim, Tell It to The Bees, Freedom Fields, Keepers, Aquarela, Wild Rose, Ordeal by Innocence, We Don't Talk About Love, Anna And the Apocalypse, Beats, Only You, and The Party's Just Beginning.

Home grown talent

As well as attracting more international productions, Screen Scotland aims to develop and retain behind the camera talent in Scotland. With our universities already producing a stream of work-ready graduates, incoming productions have a wealth of local talent to choose from.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, said: "I'm delighted to welcome Screen Scotland, a vital component in our wider vision for Scotland's screen sector. It aims to attract, retain and develop talent and businesses here. Scotland has the talent and the opportunity to grow its TV sector and the job of Screen Scotland is to make sure we seize the moment."

Some regions are already seeing those benefits. By February this year, Highland Council's film unit had received 200 filming enquiries – a new record – with the figure already 19% ahead of the previous financial year.

Big screen boost

Filming in Scotland also boosts the wider economy. Film and TV productions and, increasingly, shoots for new media including online and gaming, are a significant contributor to the Scottish economy. During a shoot, local businesses benefit from cast and crew spending on services such as accommodation and catering.

Research by VisitScotland shows that in key overseas markets as many as 16% of visitors were influenced to come to Scotland after seeing the country on screen. Traditionally famed for wild and dramatic landscapes, Scotland's cities also prove attractive to film-makers, either 'playing' themselves, or doubling for more expensive locations. With a wealth of native production talent, dedicated studio spaces, with more in the pipeline, and a history of telling great stories, Scotland is ideally placed to play a starring role in forthcoming productions.



Public dig uncovers evidence of 17th century attack at Castle Fraser



ver 400 members of the public took part in archaeological excavations at the National Trust for Scotland's Crathes Castle and Castle Fraser recently. At both locations the work was supervised by the conservation charity's archaeologists and a team of dedicated archaeological volunteers. The 'come and have a go' approach proved very popular with families and attracted both first timers and seasoned diggers.

Focus on the 17th century

Dr Daniel Rhodes, Trust archaeologist said: "Last year at Castle Fraser we found a 16th century silver coin but this year the evidence appears to focus more on the 17th century. Two copper alloy coins were found, one each at Crathes and Castle Fraser, and both appear to be coins called Turners (2 pence) of Charles I from 1632-1639. The mid-17th century was a volatile time in the north-east. Following a peaceful surrender, the Marquise

of Montrose camped his royalist army at Crathes in 1645. And sometime between 1653 and 1655 Castle Fraser was attacked by Oliver Cromwell's General Monk as he supressed royalist supporters. The concentration of broken window glass around Castle Fraser may be a result of this destruction."

In addition to the coins and glass, artefacts recovered by the excavation included 19th century pottery, but also quantities of 18th century wine bottles, roof slates and nails. A number of pieces of chipped flint suggest prehistoric activity in the area although a squared off piece was clearly a gun flint, from a flint lock musket. Dr Rhodes said: 'It is great to see so many people come out and take an active part in their heritage. In addition to the protection and promotion of our properties, the Trust is keen to provide engaging experiences and the recent excavations have proved a major success in involving the public in what we do, for the love of Scotland."



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IN THE SCOTTISH KITCHEN - ST ANDREW'S DAY MENU



Cullen Skink

Ingredients:

1 tbsp. olive or vegetable oil 1 leek, well-rinsed, chopped and cut into rough 2cm cubes 1 litre fish stock 200g waxy potatoes, peeled and cut into roughly 2cm cubes 300g undyed smoked Scottish haddock fillet 1 bay leaf Freshly ground pepper 2 tbsp whipping cream Chives, roughly chopped

Method:

Warm the oil in a pan. Add the chopped leek, cover and gently cook for a few minutes until soft. Add the stock, bay leaf, potato and haddock. Season lightly with black pepper. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes.

Remove the haddock from the pan with a slotted spoon. When the fish is cool enough to handle, remove any skin and bones, then flake the haddock back into the pan.

Blend a ladle full of the soup in a liquidiser and return to the pan. Stir in the double cream and simmer for another 2-3 minutes. Add more black pepper if necessary, then sprinkle with the chopped chives and serve.

Serve with chunks of fresh wholemeal or granary bread.

Rosemary Roasted Scotch Lamb

Ingredients:

Leg of Scotch Lamb weighing 1.8kg A couple of stems fresh rosemary 6 baking potatoes about 1.4kg, peeled 1 onion, sliced 2 cloves garlic, sliced 1tbsp olive oil 34pt lamb stock

Method:

Preheat the oven to 240°C/475°F/ Gas 9. Season the lamb with freshly ground pepper and roast in a medium roasting tray in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Lower the heat to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Remove the lamb from the tray and pour off the excess fat.

While the lamb is roasting, heat the oil in a pan, add the onions and cover and cook for 5 minutes till soft. Remove the cover from the pan, add the garlic and rosemary and cook for a further 5 minutes. Remove the onions from the pan.

Lay a layer of potatoes into the roasting tray and lightly season with black pepper. Lay 1/3 of the cooked onions onto the potatoes, repeat this process until you have three or four layers of potatoes and onions.

Bring the lamb stock to the boil and pour over the potatoes, press down with a spoon till the potatoes are all submerged.

Place the lamb on top and return to the preheated oven and continue to cook for 3 hours.

The lamb should be meltingly tender and the potatoes and onions should have absorbed the stock and lamb juices.

Skirlie mash



Inaredients:

1kg/2.2 lbs. floury potatoes 85g/3oz. butter 2 onions, finely chopped 50g/1.76oz. pinhead or medium oatmeal (not flakes) 6 tbsp. double cream handful curly parsley, chopped

Boil the potatoes until very tender, about 20 mins. Meanwhile, make the skirlie. Heat the butter in a frying pan, add the onion and cook for 10 mins until golden and soft. Add the oatmeal and stir until the butter is absorbed and the mix looks dry. Continue cooking until the skirlie is toasted, stirring (skirling round the

pan) all the time for 5 mins, but do not let it catch and burn. Remove and keep warm. Drain the potatoes, return to the hot pan and mash really well. Beat in the cream, parsley and skirlie, then season to taste. Serve immediately before the skirlie softens.

Cranachan

Ingredients:

570ml/1 pint double cream 85g/3oz. porridge oats 7 tbsp. whisky 3 tbsp. honey 450g/1lb. raspberries fresh mint, to garnish

Method:

Toast the oats in a frying pan, being careful not to burn them.

Lightly whip the cream until it reaches the soft peak stage, then fold in the whisky, honey, oatmeal and raspberries.

Serve in dessert glasses garnished with a few raspberries and mint.

Oat Biscuits



Ingredients:

2 cups of Scottish oats 11/2 cups of plain flour 4 oz. of margarine or butter 1 generous tbsp. of honey ½ cup of sugar 1 flat tsp of baking soda 1 tbsp. of water Pinch of salt Powdered sugar

Method:

Mix the ingredients:

Add flour, baking soda, sugar and salt to a mixing bowl Hand mix until blended Add Scottish oats, melted butter and honey Hand mix the mixture Add water if the mix is a wee bit dry

Bake the biscuits:

Hand roll the mixture into small balls Place balls on a baking sheet Press down on each ball with a fork Bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes **Final presentation:**

Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes Transfer biscuits from the baking sheet to a plate Sprinkle with powdered sugar Enjoy!

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) 400g can of chopped tomatoes

St. Andrews Day

Celebrate this St Andrew's Day with a traditional dinner using some of the finest recipes from Scotland's natural larder. Sample some great Scottish food and drink on November 30th with your friends and family and enjoy a St Andrew's Night!

2 tsp Worcestershire sauce 450ml/16fl oz. chicken, beef or lamb stock salt and freshly ground black pepper For the mash:

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, then add the flour (this helps to thicken the juices) and stir. 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. 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/2½-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.

Mary Queen of Scots

Ingredients:

1 lemon quarter Caster sugar 2-3 ice cubes 30ml/1fl.oz. scotch whisky 15ml/1/2fl.oz./1 tbsp. Drambuie 15ml/1/2fl.oz./1 tbsp. green chartreuse 1 cocktail cherry

Method:

Rub the rim of a cocktail glass with the lemon then dip the rim into caster sugar to coat. Allow the frosting to dry.

Crack the ice (but don't crush it into too small pieces) and place in a shaker together with the Scotch, Drambuie and Chartreuse.

Shake well and strain into the frosted cocktail glass. Spear the cherry onto a cocktail stick and use to decorate.

Next generation of pipers invited to blaze the international trail



ollowing the success of its first global tour, young pipers and drummers from across the world are being called upon to join
The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo's esteemed house band, Pipers Trail. The recruitment appeal, which offers young people the opportunity to tour with the band and perform at international occasions throughout the year, including the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo, comes following the completion of the band's recent successful expeditions where they took in first-time visits to Germany, Norway, Czech Republic and China.

A global network of Scottish piping and drumming performers Pipers Trail was developed by The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2014 to establish a global network of Scottish piping and drumming performers that can play traditional and contemporary music, with a focus on excellence and performance amongst the next generation.

After their success as a key part of the Massed Pipes and Drums in last year's Edinburgh Tattoo, the band, led by former Director of Army Bagpipe Music Major Stevie Small, kicked off its worldwide journey in September of last year at the Dusseldorf Tattoo. In their first combined performance outside of Scotland, Pipers Trail were joined by the Tattoo Dance Company and Hjaltibonhoga, the finest Scottish fiddlers from Shetland, with 36 pipers and drummers, 36 dancers and 24 fiddlers showcasing the best of Scottish traditional music and dance.

In March of this year, the band played a central role in The British Embassy of the Czech Republic's celebration of

British culture. Performing for the British Ambassador, the Czech Minister of Defence and the Czech Speaker of the House, the Pipers Trail provided a flavour of Edinburgh in August. Over the last six months the Pipers Trail has also visited Oslo for a performance at the Norwegian Military Tattoo in April to a record crowd of 16,300; completed a debut concert performance with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in Edinburgh and Glasgow for 'Gene Kelly - A Life in Music'; and then in June, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for youngsters Ross Walker (22) from Dundee and Shona Duncan (23) from Duns when they represented the Tattoo at the Third Silk Road International Exposition in Xi'an.

Jointly organised by the three most influential Chinese State bodies in international trade, National Development and Reform Commission; Ministry of Commerce and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, the exposition is the biggest commercial cooperation platform between East and West China.

Skills of excellence

The visit to China comes as the Tattoo revealed its intent to continue the company's growth, reaching ever-larger audiences at home and abroad through an ambitious international expansion programme including a visit to China by 2020. Stevie Small, Project Officer at Pipers Trail, commented: "The popular appeal of the pipes and drums has never been stronger, both in appreciation of the music and the considerable talent in the bagpipe, drums and traditional

dancing here in Scotland and abroad. The key reason to launch the band was to form a capability for piping, drumming, Highland dancing and fiddling to a level that can not only draw the skills of excellence for the Edinburgh Tattoo but also for global occasions that provide our young members with once-in-alifetime opportunities to better their skills and exposure in the piping world. As with every art form, it's important that we are always encouraging the next generation to come through the ranks. The opportunities which this presents are huge, from international tours and of course performing at the world-renowned Edinburgh Tattoo during August. We're excited to meet the new recruits.'

The current Pipers Trail members finished off their global tour on home soil taking part in the President's March at Royal Highland Show. The President's March is a procession of musicians taking place in the world famous Main Ring in the grounds of Ingliston. It remembers the regions which the agricultural show would have been hosted in former years and marks the final salute of the current President who steps down from his post in front of 2,000 spectators.

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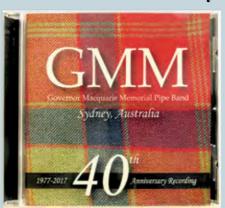
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THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

Names & Places In The News From Today And The Past

- 1 Bank of Scotland founded by an Act of the Scotlish Parliament. 1695
- 1- Scotland made a serious bid to enter the lucrative English sea-trading market. The Company of Scotland Trading to Africa and the Indies issued a subscription list to stockholders in London. Later known as The Darien Company, £300,000 sterling was quickly raised, but London merchants saw it as a threat to their own East India Company. They put pressure on the King, and the English subscriptions were withdrawn at the behest of their government. 1695
- 2 Tom Johnston, one of Scotland's best known Secretaries of State, born in Kirkintilloch. 1881
- 3 Queen Elizabeth officially opened an underwater pipeline to bring the first North Sea oil ashore. 1975
- 3 Liz McColgan won her first marathon in a record time. 1991
- 3 The Scottish expedition to Darien landed at 'New Caledonia'. The expedition left Leith on the 12th July 1698, heading for the isthmus of Panama. The enterprise began in 1695 when the Scottish Parliament passed an Act for the establishment of the 'Company of Scotland Trading to Africa and the Indies'. 1698
- 4 Birth of King William III. 1650



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{5} \text{ - Opening of the original Mitchell} \\ \text{Library, Glasgow, now the largest public} \\ \text{reference library in Europe. } \textbf{1877} \end{array}$



- 6 Celtic Football Club formally constituted in Calton, Glasgow, to alleviate poverty in Glasgow's East End parishes. The first Celtic Park was established on a vacant lot next to St Mary's Church. 1887
- 7 Writer and World War Two garrison commander Eric Linklater died in Orkney. $1974\,$
- 8 Scholar and philosopher John Duns Scotus died. His dry subtleties led to the word "Duns" or "dunce" meaning dull and incapable of learning. Beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993. 1308
- **9** In Edinburgh, Sir James Young Simpson delivered Wilhelmina Carstairs while chloroform was administered to the mother, the first child to be born with the aid of anaesthesia. **1847**



9-The Royal Yacht Britannia left the Clydebank shipyards to begin her speed trials. Built by John Brown's shipbuilders, she was famously luxurious and entertained countless dignitaries in opulent style. The Britannia carried the royal family on more than 1000 visits to over 600 countries. Today she is moored at Ocean Point, Edinburgh. **1953**

- 9 Dorothy Dunnett, the cult Scottish novelist, died. The writer of intricate and meticulously researched historical novels, she attracted a devoted following with her multi-volume sagas. 2001
- 10 Journalist Henry M Stanley found the missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone with the classic "Dr Livingstone, I presume?" 1871
- 11 Armistice Day, marking the end of hostilities in World War I. The guns were finally silenced on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Though Scots made up only 10% of the UK population at the time, a total of 147,609 Scottish people were killed during the war, a fifth of Britain's total dead. 1918
- 11-Today is Martinmas, Scottish Quarter Day. The feast of St Martin of Tours was traditionally the day for slaughtering livestock and salting it for preservation through the winter.
- 12 St Machar Day, patron saint of Aberdeen.

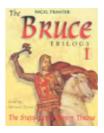


- 12 Edinburgh University first admitted women to the study of medicine. Sophia Jex-Blake and her friend Edith Pechy were the first to attend the prestigious medical school. Though Jex-Blake passed her exams, she was not allowed to graduate as regulations prevented women from actually serving on the wards. 1869
- 13 King Malcolm III (Canmore), last of the Celtic kings was killed at the Battle of Alnwick. Succeeded by Donald III. 1093
- 13 The birth of Robert Louis Stevenson, author and poet, in Edinburgh's New Town. His books included *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. He died in Samoa, aged 44. 1850
- $14 \hbox{ Speed limit for horseless carriages} \\ was raised from 4mph (2mph in towns) to 14mph. 1896$



- 15 Statue to Greyfriar's Bobby, who stayed by his master's grave for 14 years was unveiled. 1873
- 15 The Stone of Destiny was finally returned to Scotland. Legend has it that the stone is a relic from the Holy Land and once belonged to the biblical Jacob. From an early date the kings of Scotland were inaugurated sitting on a royal chair with the stone in its base. In 1296 Edward I removed the stone and installed it at Westminster Abbey. It remained there until it was kidnapped by Scottish nationalist students in 1951. They managed to hide the stone in Scotland for four months until it was found and returned to Westminster. It was moved from there to Edinburgh Castle in 1996 amid much celebration. 1996
- 16 Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show opened in the East End Exhibition Buildings, Duke Street, Glasgow. 1891

- 16 James Macpherson, the famous fiddling freebooter, was hanged at Banff. The town clock was said to have been advanced to forestall a messenger carrying a reprieve for his hanging. Legend has it that before the notorious outlaw musician was hanged for sheep and cattle stealing he treated the crowd to one of his own compositions, *Macpherson's Rant*, and then broke the fiddle over his knee. When Burns heard of the tale he wrote the song *Macpherson's Farewell*. 1700
- 17 David Livingstone reached Victoria Falls in Africa. Livingstone was born at Blantyre, south of Glasgow and went on a mission to reach new peoples in the interior of Africa and introduce them to Christianity. 1855
- 18 Sir David Wilkie who later became a wellknown painter of historical and religious works as well as portraits, was born near Pitlessie, Fife. 1785
- 18 Robin Hall, the Scottish folk singer and musician, died. Hall achieved national fame in the sixties along with fellow Scot, Jimmie Macgregor, on the BBC TV show, *Tonight*. Hits included *The Mingulay Boat Song* and schoolboy favourite, *Ye Cannae Shove Yer Grannie Aff a Bus.* 1998
- 19 King Charles I born. 1600
- 20 James Bruce, 8th Lord Elgin, the Scottish Liberal statesman and diplomat, died. During his career he served as Governor-General of Canada, 1847-54, and India, 1862-63 and was special envoy to China and Japan. During a visit to China he burnt down the emperor's famous Summer Palace in Beijing, destroying thousands of priceless works of art, in order to intimidate the emperor and force him to sign an unratified treaty. 1863
- 21 King James VII married Mary of Modena. 1673
- 22 Birth of Mary of Guise, the French Queen Consort of James V. She was regent of Scotland during the minority reign of her daughter, Mary, Queen of Scots. $1515\,$
- 22 Jack McConnell elected First Minister of Scotland, succeeding Henry McLeish who had resigned. 2001



- 23 Historical novelist Nigel Tranter born in Glasgow. He was the most prolific Scottish writer of all time, writing mainly factual and fictional books related to Scottish history and was also a columnist for *the Scottish Banner*. 1909
- 24 David II (aged 7) crowned at Scone. 1331
- 24 The Scots army defeated at the Rout of Solway Moss. King James V had sent a huge force of 10,000 men into England which was defeated by an English force under the command of Sir Thomas Wharton. James died shortly afterward, and was succeeded to the throne by his baby daughter, Mary, Queen of Scots. $1542\,$
- 25 General Tam Dalyell raises a regiment to suppress Covenanters which later became the Royal Scots Greys. 1681
- 25 Helen Duncan the last person to be jailed in the UK under the British Witchcraft Act of 1735 was born. 1897
- 25 Steel magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie born in Dunfermline. Carnegie became a powerful businessman and a leading force in the American steel industry. Carnegie believed that the wealthy had an obligation to give back to society, so he donated much of his fortune to causes like education and peace. 1835

- 26 Death of John McAdam, inventor of "macadamisation" road surface with a smooth hard surface with a camber to ensure rainwater rapidly drained away. 1836
- 26 Elsie Inglis, the Scottish nursing pioneer and suffragette, died. Inglis is perhaps best remembered for her role in the First World War, where, convinced that women could play an active role in the conflict, she led volunteer medical units of women who served in France and in Serbia, where Inglis herself was taken prisoner. Winston Churchill wrote that Inglis and her nurses "would shine in history". 1917
- 27 The greatest storm on record hit Britain with the loss of 8,000 people in 24 hours. 1703
- 27 The first deaths from an E.coli outbreak in Lanarkshire were reported. The outbreak was subsequently traced back to a butcher's shop in the town of Wishaw, and by early 1997 twenty people, mostly senior citizens, had died, making this the world's worst outbreak of E.coli poisoning. 1996
- 28 Battle of Rullion Green on the Pentland Hills, south-west of Edinburgh, in which the King's army led by Sir Tam Dalyell defeated the Covenanters, 1666
- 28 W.Oliver Brown, the candidate for the fledgling National Party of Scotland (NPS), polled 4,818 votes in the Renfrew East By-Election. In doing this he became the first NPS candidate to save his election deposit. The National Party of Scotland amalgamated with the Scottish Party in April 1934 to form the modern Scottish National Party/SNP. 1930
- 29 Margaret Tudor, daughter of Henry VII of England was born. She later married King James IV of Scotland in the "Union of the Thistle and the Rose". It was due to her bloodline that King James VI of Scotland was able to inherit the crown of England in 1603, after the death of his cousin, Queen Elizabeth I. 1489
- 29 Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons granted its charter by King James VI. 1599
- 29 Thomas Edison demonstrated the phonograph publicly for the first time. 1877



30 - St Andrew's Day (or in Scottish Gaelic 'Là Naomh Anndrais') – celebrate the patron saint of Scotland. St Andrew, according to Christianity's teachings, was one of Jesus Christ's apostles, the twelve followers chosen by him.



- 30 Stone of Destiny, stolen from Scone by King Edward I of England in 1296, returned to Scotland and installed in Edinburgh Castle. The stone had previously been taken from Westminster Abbey in London by university students in 1951. 1996
- 30 World's first international football (soccer) match, Scotland V England at West of Scotland Cricket Ground. Result was 0-0. 1872
- **30** *HMS Vanguard*, Britain's biggest and last battleship, was launched at Clydebank. **1944**

Erskine and University of Glasgow archive project goes online



ascinating historical records featuring the admissions registers of soldiers cared for by Veterans' Charity Erskine after the First World War has gone online. Erskine partnered with the University of Glasgow to catalogue and preserve the records of Erskine Hospital in Renfrewshire. Now thanks to the University Archives Service and a team of volunteer indexers, the data from the 1916-1936 Erskine Hospital admissions has been fully digitised. Erskine took these digitised records and incorporated them into an online and fully searchable resource on their website.

Erskine Hospital - then called the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers - was set up in 1916 to treat soldiers who had suffered the loss of a limb during the war.

A portal to the past

Erskine Chief Executive Steve Conway said: "The details of every soldier and sailor admitted to The Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers during the First World War were recorded

in leather bound books which included the nature of their injury, where they were serving when injured and their unit, so we have a fascinating insight into the history of the patients admitted to the hospital. We can also see that many had return visits for treatment or the fitting of artificial limbs as their wounds healed. We are delighted that, thanks to the painstaking work by the University, relatives can now research our records about members of their families injured in the First World War from the comfort of their own home."

The creation of the hospital was driven by Sir William Macewen, one of Scotland's most pre-eminent surgeons. He was also Regius Professor of Surgery at the University from 1892 to 1924. The Erskine/University partnership to digitalise the hospital admissions is the result of research into Sir William Macewen's connections with Erskine by Professor Tony Pollard. Professor Pollard, the University's Professor of Conflict History and Archaeology, said: "The Erskine records are quite remarkable and we are delighted that we could help to bring them to a wider audience. This online database is a portal to the past for many families and



researchers. There are hundreds of personal stories of ordinary men who came back from war injured and broken. These are tales of endurance, rehabilitation and retraining to return to civilian life. And the admissions records also provide an insight into the development of prosthetics and care of war casualties post conflict." But for the families searching out their ancestors First World War story, it will give them online access to their relatives' admissions records including details of injuries, recovery and in some case retraining at the hospital workshops.

Key historical asset

Moira Gallie from Canonbie in Dumfries and Galloway accessed the records of James Henderson, her maternal grandfather who lost his right leg in 1918, through staff at the University's Archives Service before it was digitalised. Mrs Gallie visited The Erskine Home to help official launch the new online admissions records for Erskine and meet with both Mr Crawford and Professor Pollard. Mrs Gallie said it will be great for other families to easily access for themselves their own relative's

records. Through the records Mrs Gallie learned her grandfather had retrained at the hospital as a shoemaker after he lost his leg. Moira said: "I am delighted to hear that the database of Erskine admissions is now being put online for anyone to access. It is a great resource. It meant so much to my family and I to find out more about my grandfather's time at Erskine Hospital. It was fascinating to put another piece of the puzzle back into his life story."

The new online resource has great potential to provide a foundation for a new analysis of the practice and impact of military medicine on British society, particularly in relation to prosthetics. The cataloguing undertaken also opens up new avenues of research into the impact of the charity's work in supporting veterans through the 20th century. In its Centenary year of 2016, Erskine partnered with the University of Glasgow to work on a variety of projects which gave a fascinating insight into the history of Erskine.

A key historical asset is the admissions register, covering the period from 1916 to 1936. The University received a grant from the Wellcome Trust to conserve and digitise the admissions register to make it widely available to researchers. Thanks to volunteer indexers from the Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society the data from 1916-1936 was fully digitised. Erskine took these records and have made them freely available for the public to search on their website.

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n figures published recently, National Records of Scotland estimate there were 900 Lentenarians living in Scotland in 2017. This is an increase of 45 per cent from the estimate of 620 in 2007, and is over five times as many as when records began in 1981.

The largest estimate for centenarians in Scotland was in 2016, when there were 920 centenarians.

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Outlaw King tells the untold, true story of Robert the Bruce who transforms from defeated nobleman to outlaw hero during the oppressive occupation of medieval Scotland by Edward I of England. Despite grave consequences, Robert seizes the Scottish crown and rallies an impassioned group of men to fight back against the mighty army of the tyrannical King and his volatile son, the Prince of Wales. Filmed in Scotland, Outlaw King, is a period drama which follows Robert the Bruce's battle to regain control after being made an outlaw by the King of England for taking the Scottish Crown. Outlaw King recently premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and will be released globally on Netflix on November 9th.

cotland early 14th century, Robert the Bruce' life is transformed over the course of an extraordinary historic year as he battles to become the King of Scotland. The journey is a bloody rollercoaster and often seemingly impossible as the Outlaw King fights to regain control with his small group of supporters against the might of the King Edward I of England's army.

Outlaw King opens with Robert among the Scottish nobles having to submit to the occupying English King, Edward. In a further move to control Bruce and his family a marriage to Elizabeth de Burgh, the daughter of Edward's ally, is arranged. Crippling taxes, relentless force, men and boys being coerced under obligations of the feudal system to fight for King Edward feed a rising rebellious emotion amongst

the Scots. Key events trigger change: the death of the family patriarch Bruce Senior, the brutal demise of former rebel leader William Wallace, and finally the murder of Robert's rival John Comyn.

With the help of the Scottish Church - including Bishop Lamberton - Robert resolves to become king and try to unify a divided country - many of whom do not want more war and are opposed to him because of their own blood ties. After a swift coronation before word could reach the Church in Rome to result in excommunication for his actions, Robert the Bruce, both king and outlaw, with his loyal followers then face extreme challenges to secure the throne. With his brothers, and brothers-in-arms including the fierce James Douglas and Angus MacDonald, they not only have to rally support from

the in-fighting Scottish nobles but also face the might of the English army led by the ruthless and ambitious Prince of Wales and the vicious Viceroy of Scotland Sir Aymer de Valence.

An unchivalrous surprise attack results in a devastating defeat at Methven followed by further battles with not only English forces but internecine attacks from rival Scots Lords - it seems an impossible mission but determination and local tactical intelligence result in a bloody triumph and make this one of the greatest comeback stories of history.

A life that changed the history of a country

Outlaw King illustrates the turbulent story of Robert the Bruce's extraordinary journey from defeated noble to murderer to king to outlaw for the first time on film. For director David Mackenzie, Outlaw King is an incredibly personal project. He and his creative producer Gillian Berrie had been discussing a film about Robert the Bruce for years when they came across James MacInnes' script in 2012, which provided the starting point for Outlaw King. "I was looking for a chance to do a medieval film set in Scotland that aspired towards the elemental power and the poetic realism of Tarkovsky's Andrej Rublev, which is one of my absolute favourite films. Initially I was interested in St Columba, who came from Ireland and introduced Christianity to Scotland. But then I came to the conclusion that Robert was the elephant in the room, the Scottish national hero, who

was almost too dangerous to touch - a real hero for sure, but a complex one. So we took the plunge!" said Mackenzie.

He continued; "One of the biggest challenges was to work out how to tell such an epic story within the timeframe of a film. We soon realised our initial thoughts of a broad life story with several epic battles and vast timespans was

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not going to work. The complicated history from the death of the Scottish King Alexander III in 1286 through to submission of all Scotland's feudal lords at the siege of Stirling in 1304 - which is where in the end we decided to start our story - is enough to fill several films. And of course Robert's epic battle at Bannockburn in 1314 needs a film in its own right (a sequel perhaps?). But I couldn't shake the feeling that the period between 1304 and 1307 was where the most extreme things were happening - and this is what we have focussed on. We conflated some characters and events in



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the interests of drama and time, but we have broadly been very faithful to the recorded history or this timeframe."

The writing team focused on trying to get the drama out of the history and build strong characters which would come alive for a 21st century audience. Mackenzies continues; "It was a pivotal time in Scotland's tempestuous history and effectively the existence of the country was at stake. In removing the crown and all Scottish regalia (including the Stone of Destiny, the traditional crowning seat of all Scottish kings) Edward was basically trying to subsume Scotland into England. William Wallace and his armies had tried and failed to fight this and Edward had basically won. It was only the Scottish Church, who were using every influence they had to try to prevent their absorption into England's church, and Robert's dawning realisation that Edward had played his family with false promises that the crown would be conferred on them once things settled down that prevented this from happening. Unlike Wallace, Robert eventually prevailed through both war and politics and his struggle led to Scotland's recognition again as independent kingdom (both by the English king and importantly the Pope). But it was not without great cost and sacrifice to himself and his supporters, against overwhelming odds."

"Robert the Bruce's transformation from noble to outlaw came to a dramatic head in early 1306 when Robert met John Comyn, his rival claimant to the Scottish crown, at Greyfriars Church in Dumfries, to discuss possible plans to oppose Edward's occupation. An argument broke out between the two when it became clear that Comyn intended to betray Robert to Edward for treason. Robert murdered Comyn. This was an act of sacrilege that led to Robert's, (and then his followers') excommunication by the Pope (a major

thing in those days) and the wrath of King Edward who had assumed Scottish submission and compliance to his occupation. This set in motion the tumble of events that led Robert down his path" says Mackenzie.

From King to desperate outlaw in one night

"Robert was inaugurated as king by the Scottish bishops (Scottish royals did not have coronations) who unilaterally absolved him of his great sin before the Pope could react. But his destiny soon took a devastating turn when the forces he had been gathering were defeated at Methven by Valence in a surprise night-time attack and reduced to just a handful of men. He goes from King to desperate outlaw in one night. The fact that he somehow manages to claw his way back is what makes the story so extraordinary," Mackenzie observes. "He went from being one of the richest men in England and Scotland to becoming a complete outlaw - living on the run, hounded by Edward's army with no one but a few loyal supporters on his side. And yet he persisted, like the spider constantly rebuilding its broken web in the children's myths about him we grew up with. And eventually he succeeded.'

Lead actor Chris Pine said; "This has elements of a classic action hero story: the underdog who rises to overcome incredible odds, a David and Goliath tale if you like. As an American playing a Scottish icon, it was nerve wracking. I researched and read a lot - but medieval history does not relate

the nuances of the man. Many written accounts are embellished for the exultation of this Scottish hero. He was complex – driven in part by political ego but he also made many selfless decisions for the good of his country and initially he lost land, his wealth and his family all in the service of his people. Finding the essence of the man who could do that was key."

While the American actor was unfamiliar with the history of the character, he was captivated by the compelling, dramatic story. It is a tale that played to Mackenzie's interests as a filmmaker and allowed him to investigate the tenuous bridge between hero and anti-hero, told in a way that is both epic and intimate. Honour, loyalty, tyranny, friendship, love, loss - all inform the story of Robert the Bruce. Mackenzie intended to depict the life and times of Robert the Bruce in an epic but realistic way. During development, Mackenzie and his team consulted numerous historians, medieval advisors, Robert the Bruce's direct descendants and meticulously researched the minute details of daily life. Vital to establishing the medieval world was not just the look of it but the sound of it, from accents to music.

He said; "The costumes are inspired by the limited images from drawings and tapestries that survive - and some clothes of the time discovered preserved in bogs. The production design was based on extensive research of the period. Many of the scenes had live music in, which would have been the reality of the time. The landscape both as a place to fight for and as a source of shelter is a major element in the film. The rain and the bogs and the midges would have done almost as much to sap the occupying forces morale as Robert's raids - and of course the soul of a country and its people often comes from its climate and environment."

Scottish landscape

The land itself was inextricably linked to Robert the Bruce's struggle. The craggy beauty of the Scottish landscape is almost as much a character as the people in the film – its wild, unspoiled mountains, beaches, islands and lochs are deeply connected to the Scottish people. Moreover, Robert the Bruce and his forces use it to their advantage. A raging river becomes a dangerous but effective escape route, a high cave is a hideout, a bog field serves as a natural trap for their foes, the remote Scottish Isles become a refuge. As Robert the Bruce liberates each

occupied castle, his troops burn them down so the occupying host can't retake them. The structures are irrelevant. It's the land that is meaningful and their best weapon. Outnumbered by a highly experienced and well-armed force, Robert the Bruce and his men must use the terrain and their ingenuity to gain any advantage.

Outlaw King shot for 65 days, spanning 45 different locations all over Scotland; some even doubled for London, such as Glasgow University and Dunfermline Abbey standing in for Westminster. The production deliberately earmarked the months during which to film Outlaw King, as Makenzie observes: "Late summer and autumn is the sweet spot of the Scottish weather when the countryside is at its most visually breathtaking – our film is a record of a beautiful time of year in Scotland during which we had all the weather - rain, wind, fog, storms and fabulous sunshine but we have been blessed with the right weather at the right time."

The film's settings also included some of Scotland's most iconic historical sites such as Linlithgow Palace, Craigmillar Castle, Dunfermline Abbey, Glasgow Cathedral, Tullibardine Chapel, Borthwick Castle, Doune Castle, Blackness Castle and the University of Glasgow. "This film had to use the Scottish landscape and I hope the film has distilled some of the raw beauty of the place much of which has changed little in the last 700 years" said director David Mackenzie.

All this faithfulness to detail and to the legacy of Robert the Bruce made history come alive for the production, as actor Chris Pine points out: "This story has so much heart – it is was such a special time for me. The violence is really violent, the love is beautiful, the country is stunning – an event movie and certainly a pivotal experience for me."

Outlaw King will be released globally on Netflix on November 9th.







The small town of Wigtown in Dumfries and Galloway is looking to honour a young Scottish soldier whose brave and heroic actions 100 years ago earned him the prestigious Victoria Cross, an honour Sergeant Louis McGuffie never knew of as he was killed soon after in battle. Wigtown will now commemorate its hometown hero who may have been killed in World War 1 but has not been forgotten as Nick Drainey explains.

mid the horror of the First World War trenches and with his platoon commander dead, Sergeant Louis McGuffie took control and single-handedly entered German dugouts, evading bullets and capturing more than 20 of the enemy. It didn't end there and when he saw guards escorting British prisoners away from the front line he dashed towards them, disarmed them and rescued his comrades. His daring exploits won him the Victoria Cross but a week later he was killed by an exploding shell and he never knew of the honour he had won.

An extraordinary thing for an ordinary guy

Now, a memorial to the 25-year-old soldier has been unveiled in his hometown in Galloway, 100 years after his brave actions.

Mike Morley, who his written a book with historian Jack Hunter about the war hero, said: "He did an extraordinary thing for an ordinary guy. Had we not written the book very little would have been known about McGuffie because there is very little left on official records about him. With so few Scotsmen actually winning the Victoria Cross in the First World War (74 out of 627 went to Scottish servicemen) it is important to recognise their contribution, particularly as it is 100 years since the First World War ended.'

Little is known about the young Louis's early life, other than it was far from privileged - he had a basic education and left school at 13 when he became a general labourer. He enlisted at the age of 21 with The King's Own Scottish Borderers when the war broke out, like many of his friends from the town.

Those ranks of friends had thinned over the years but McGuffie survived an injury in Gallipoli in 1915, and served in Africa and the Middle East before ending up, in autumn 1918, with his battalion on the frontline near Wytschaete in Belgium, fighting amid trenches where earlier that year a young Adolf Hitler had been a runner.

The fateful day was September 28, 1918.

The citation for his Victoria Cross was reported by the London Gazette in December 1918. It read: "For most conspicuous bravery and resourceful leadership under heavy fire near Wytschaete on 28th September, 1918. During the advance to Piccadilly Farm, he, single-handed, entered several enemy dugouts and took many prisoners, and during subsequent operations dealt similarly with dugout after dugout, forcing one officer and twenty-five other ranks to surrender. During the consolidation of the first objective he pursued and brought back several of the enemy who were slipping away, and he was also instrumental in rescuing some British soldiers who were being led off as prisoners. Later in the day, when in command of a platoon, he led it with the utmost dash and resource, capturing many prisoners. This very gallant soldier was subsequently killed by a shell."

He was laid to rest at Zandvoorde British Cemetery, near Ypres.

The Louis McGuffie **VC Memorial Gardens**

Mr Morley says his bravery would have meant a lot to the town at the time. He said: "I think he used his own initiative; he was under heavy fire and single-handedly took several dugouts and he did this several times through the day and rescued some British soldiers as well. He seemed to take control of his platoon as well.

"He didn't know he had been recommended for the Victoria Cross and a week later he was killed by a shell burst."

His mother Catherine went to Buckingham Palace to receive her son's Victoria Cross, her trip paid for by a local whip round. On her return, a town band met her at the station and a parade and civic reception was organised.

Louis' father, Edward, died in 1917 from a cerebral haemorrhage while his brother Robert was wounded six times and lost an arm in the war.

When, in 2014, the Westminster Government said a paving slab would be laid in the hometown of all who were

given the Victoria Cross in the First World War the community council decided they wanted to do more. Therefore, with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund, a new archway was commissioned from local artist and sculptor John Sloan for the town's gardens which have been renamed the Louis McGuffie VC Memorial Gardens.

Pride felt by the community

There was already a war memorial in Wigtown and a plaque to Sgt McGuffie in the County Buildings but Mr Morley says his sacrifice had been "largely forgotten".

In the book he wrote with Jack Hunter, Louis McGuffie VC - The Story of Wigtown's War Hero, he wrote: "When news reached

Wigtown of both Louis's valour and his death the town rallied around his widowed mother. Townsfolk helped pay for her trip to Buckingham Palace to receive the Victoria Cross in Louis's stead and, a few years later, proudly displayed a memorial plaque to him. The pride felt by the community has, I hope, been re-ignited today.

"Louis's bravery also touched on individuals within his family. I was privileged to meet a veteran of D-Day who had driven, at the age of 90, from his home in Lanarkshire to Wigtown to find out who the hero in his family was. He had grown up with stories of Louis McGuffie and his Victoria Cross but had never been able to find out how he was related. It turns out that he was a descendent of Louis's father's first wife. He went home grateful for a mystery solved."

Events marking his valour took centre stage at the recent Wigtown Book Festival and his Scottish regiment paraded in his memory. Colonel Angus Loudon, President of the

King's Own Scottish Borderers Association said the VC awarded to Sgt McGuffie was still a source of pride to soldiers a century later.

He said: "He did not even know he had been awarded the VC before he died. People like Sgt McGuffie were selfless in their disregard for their own safety in pursuit of looking after their own comrades. VC winners were invariably doing something to help or inspire others and they showed tremendous courage and total lack of regard for themselves.

"The accounts of their gallantry are remarkable, and the soldiers of today take great pride in being associated with them."



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