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The Banner Says...

## Look Back, Act Forward



by Sean Cairney

relcome to December which is always a very busy month for people with all the festive celebrations that come with Christmas and Hogmanay. For many it is a magical time of the year, with the infectious joy of excitement that comes from kids who simply cannot wait to wake up on Christmas morning to see what is under the tree.

I hope the joy of Christmas reaches your home on Christmas day, however we must not forget those who may not have lots to celebrate this holiday season. Some will have lost loved ones this year making the Christmas lights that bit duller, whilst others will be alone without others to share the holiday season with. Reaching out to someone you know who doesn't have another to share the season with or may have lost someone important this year, it may just be the best gift you can give. Not one of monetary value but one that truly evokes the true meaning of the season.

## The 30th Anniversary of the Lockerbie Disaster

One group of people who have had their holiday season impacted for the last 30 years are the relatives and friends of those who perished both in the air and on the ground during the tragic Lockerbie Air Disaster. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1988 259 passengers and crew aboard Pan Am 103 left London Heathrow Airport bound for New York with plans for the upcoming Christmas to be with loved ones or start a new adventure, but those souls did not reach their destination. Instead, a terrorist bomb caused the jumbo jet to explode in the sky above Lockerbie, killing all on board, plus a further 11 residents in the Scottish Borders town as large sections of the plane crashed to the ground.

The sleepy town of Lockerbie was once home to Scotland's largest lamb market but has forever been linked to the terrorist attack which this month will mark its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The entire town and its surrounding communities were deeply affected. As the aircraft imploded it fell onto the Scottish town from a great height landing in several pieces and ripping roofs off homes and creating a large hole in the earth. Thousands of emergency workers from Lockerbie, the surrounding communities, across Scotland and throughout the United Kingdom responded and the town would never be the same.

In Dryfesdale Cemetery, on the outskirts of Lockerbie, there is a memorial garden that is a fitting and touching tribute to the victims of the 1988 Lockerbie Air Disaster.

#### **Cycle to Syracuse**

Recently five men completed a 3,238 mile journey called the "Cycle to Syracuse -- The Lockerbie Memorial Tour 2018" that began in Lockerbie in September, honouring those lives lost in the most remarkable way. On board Pan Am flight 103 were 35 Syracuse University students, the New York institution has since 1988 held an annual remembrance week to show support for all who suffered in the Lockerbie tragedy. The Cycle to Syracuse team chose to complete the journey that those people who boarded Pan Am 103 did not get the chance to complete and finished their journey at Syracuse University. On their cycle shirts the team had the very fitting slogan which "Look Back, Act Forward."

With each pedal taken the legacy of the victims of Pan Am flight 103 and in the town of Lockerbie have not been forgotten, and their lives have been celebrated for what they were before December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1988.

#### In this issue

Hogmanay is Scotland's holiday and this year the country will again awaken out of winter darkness to celebrate all the magic of this festive period. Scots make a bigger deal of Hogmanay than they do of Christmas and a New Year brings hope of things to come, whilst also honouring tradition. It is today one of the top destinations in the

world to ring in the bells and a further example of how Scotland does "Look Back, Act Forward".

Scots have travelled the world over and added to the stories of many nations. As Scots settled, they brought with them their customs and religion. A part of that legacy is the diverse selection of Scottish churches or Kirk's you can find around the world. Wander various cities or towns and a touch of Scotland can be found with a great story to tell, these buildings have not only added to the architectural wonder of destinations but have added to the social fabric of far flung Scottish outposts.

A further example of how far the reach of Scots has been is the story of a unique ship that is currently in Hawaii, with plans to bring her home to Scotland. *The Falls of the Clyde* turns 140 this month and is a rich part of Glasgow's "Clydebuilt" engineering history. The ship is the last surviving iron-hulled, fourmasted full-rigged ship in the world, and a campaign is underway to repatriate the tall ship from Hawaii to Scotland and you are invited to help bring her home to be transformed and refitted for 21<sup>st</sup> century use.

### A wonderful and peaceful holiday season

2018 has been a difficult year for *the Scottish Banner* as we have had to deal with both personal and business challenges. We however get a great deal of pleasure and pride from hearing from so many readers who tell us how much they continue to enjoy *the Banner* every month. I know many readers who pass on their paper to friends and family, who in turn pass on their copies to even more people, this is great way to introduce others to our publication.

However, for those who receive a copy from someone else on a regular basis, perhaps you can make a New Year's resolution to get yourself a subscription with us? Each copy or subscription that is purchased really does help us put together the publication, if each reader who is able to do so, supported us in this way it would greatly help us continue to keep providing the content which so many enjoy each month.

From all of us at *the Scottish Banner* we thank all our readers, followers, friends and advertisers for their continued support of what we do, and wish each of you a wonderful and peaceful holiday season ahead and as 2018 comes to a close may you "Look Back, Act Forward".

Do you have any comments about this month's editorial? Share your story with us by email, post, social media or at www.scottishbanner.com/contact-us



Gracing our front cover: Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations; Photo: Chris Watt/ Edinburgh Hogmanay.



# Free bagpipes on offer to young leaners in Scottish schools



he biggest free bagpipe loan scheme in the world is being set up by a Scottish schools' charity. The instruments are being loaned out for up to three years at a time to help boost the number of youngsters taking up Scotland's national instrument.

Already over 160 sets costing about £700 each are being played by pupils in schools from Orkney to the Borders – eventually 500 bagpipes will be available for loan at a total cost of over £350,000.

### Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust

The initiative is coming from the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust which is involved in 18 of Scotland's council areas supporting teaching of more than 2500 pupils each week.

Trust chief executive Alexandra Duncan said: "We recognise that the big cost of pipes is a barrier to people progressing with the instrument – hence the free loan scheme. The idea is to give our young players time to get to grips with the pipes and let them be certain of their ability before taking the plunge and buying their own."

### Build resilience, teamwork, friendships

Ms Duncan added that a lot of the Trust's work was being carried out in schools in disadvantaged areas where the cost of pipes is a real challenge to parents. Instruments are being sourced from a number of Scotland's leading bagpipe makers after a tendering process. "Piping and drumming is extremely popular with youngsters and too few are being

offered the opportunity to take it up in schools. Pipe bands help young people to build resilience, teamwork, friendships and confidence and to achieve better outcomes when they finish secondary education," she said.

One recently launched piping and drumming programme is centred on Whitehill Secondary School in the East end of Glasgow. The council's head of instrumental music services, Pam Black, said: "Historically Whitehill has been extremely difficult to get take up for instruments like strings and brass. The pipes and drums programme is oversubscribed with over 100 pupils wanting to join in. The take up is excellent and we have not had any dropouts."

Alexandra Duncan is inviting schools and councils to apply through the SSPDT website www.sspdt.org.uk for the free loan of pipes to support teaching programmes.



Scotland remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice 100 years on



he names of Scotland's World War One fallen have illuminated the Scottish Parliament as a mark of respect on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War. Scotland joined countries around the world in marking 100 years since the end of World War One. Known as 'the Great War' or 'the war to end all wars', the war led to the mobilisation of more than 70 million military personnel, resulting in one of the deadliest conflicts in all human history. Each year, people around the world come together on 11 November – the date the war ended – to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

This year, a special display was projected onto the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. The projection listed the names of every single person who died serving on behalf of Scotland during World War One. This unique illumination honoured the names of tens of thousands of men and women listed in Scotland's National War Memorial Roll of Honour, which included names of the nurses, munitions factory workers, Merchant Navy personnel, and overseas servicemen who fought on behalf of Scotland. In total 134,712 names were displayed, alongside images and designs that told the story of the conflict.



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## Scottish Weather: Winter



We'll come again, perhaps at a different season. I'd like to taste a Scottish winter just a little—just once.

I'd like to be here among some villagers during a lighter snow, visit a pub with them and share a glass or two of The Famous Grouse, then walk out to an easy wind and the ground still bare in spots.

I'd want to feel a few gritty flakes strike my skin, then watch them skid across an icy spot with a soft, whispery, sleety sound, and hear in local tones that ancient word "skift" which my dad used when I was a child, and which hasn't come to Twice a reunion, that moment—his soft Virginia voice in my ear and this harsh word from an early forebear who brought with him a few clothes, an axe, and a crazy-quilt language patched together from a dozen lands.

Even now I look ahead to home and winter, to a cold day with lowering clouds promising a change and a few grains of icy snow rasping across the frozen ground, when I can whisper in my father's voice, Now that's a skift of snow.

David Black Louisa, Virginia USA

#### Celtic missionaries

mind in sixty years.

In an article in the November edition of *the Scottish Banner* I note that there is a reference to St Columba as the first Christian missionary to Scotland. As St Columba arrived on Iona in 563 AD I would point out that the early Celtic Church had St. Ninian, born in 360AD evangelising the South West of Scotland where his Candida Casa is a place of pilgrimage today. He is acknowledged as Scotland's first saint.

Then there was St. Mungo, patron saint of Glasgow born 518AD, known for giving Glasgow its motto "Glasgow will flourish....."

St. Cuthbert was born later in 634AD and evangelised the Lothian region of Scotland and he made his mark with Melrose Abbey and the Holy Isle of Lindisfarne.

There are many more Celtic missionaries, but I will finish here. Best Wishes,

June Laws Little Mountain, Queensland Australia

#### Central Coast Scottish Spectacular





I took these photo's at the Central Coast Scottish Spectacular. Clan Donald, Nicol of Scorriebreac, Davidson and MacFarlane were featured.

Sydney Thistle and a number of other bands participated. The Highland Dancers and Scottish Country Dancers were also there. The raffle prizes were won by some locals and other country people. We wish to thank all those who gave their valuable time for the success of the day. We appreciated all who attended and wish you well. Come back next year, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Robert Findley* 

Knox, Scots, Canberra Burns Club,

Scottish Country Dancer Australia

#### **Helen Henderson**

Hello,

Don't know whether you can help me, I am looking for birth details of Helen Henderson 1850-1921, died in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

Parents Thomas Henderson 1836-1896 and Helen Moffatt 1830-1879.

She was married to an Englishman-James Thorton Fox 1852-1923 Rosemary Ryan Email: rosieryan42@gmail.com

#### The Return of Outlander



Loved, loved, loved your November edition cover! I am so glad *Outlander* has come back and each year gets more and more popular. I also really enjoyed reading

about *Outlaw King* which I will also be watching once my *Outlander* excitement comes down a bit (if that is possible)! I had no idea about this television event and look forward to learning more about my Scottish history.

Thank you Scottish Banner for a great read every month! Claire Carmichael Vancouver, British Columbia Canada

## FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Send your photos or letters via social media

#### Costello/Colenutt

Hi, I'm trying to trace family members related to Margaret (Maggie) Costello (married name Colenutt). She was married to Tom Colenutt of Shanklin, Isle of Wight. They had two daughters Mary (my mum) and Peggy (my aunt). Tom and Maggie, my grandparents lived in Shanklin until they passed away in 1975 and 1978. Peggy Colenutt remained in Shanklin until she passed away in 2002 - 2003. Peggy often used to visit my grandmothers family in Edinburgh or around that area. I would really like to contact any family members that might still be about in this area or any area of Scotland. If you can help, it would be really good.

Please feel free to message me (via Facebook).

Thank you, John Colenutt England

#### Colour of autumn



Lovely copper leaves at the Hermitage. Charles McGuigan Scotland

#### **Camusdarrach Beach**



Cottage with a fine view off the stunning Camusdarrach Beach, Arisaig. *Robert Gibb Scotland* 

#### **Stirling Castle**



Stirling Castle this afternoon looked stunning in full colour autumn is beautiful.

GN Photography
Clydebank, Scotland

#### Inverness



Lovely day for a stroll in Inverness! *Laëtitia* 

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## Hidden doorway revealed at Culzean caves



rchaeologists working for the National Trust for Scotland have uncovered the remains of a medieval doorway leading into the caves underneath Culzean Castle on the Ayrshire coast. The team of volunteer archaeologists were helping investigate the caves as part of one of the conservation charity's Thistle Camp working holiday. In addition to finding the doorway, results have been obtained that indicate the caves were occupied in the Iron Age.

#### Scotland's heritage

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Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeological Services for the Trust, said: "We are really excited about this discovery and the

results of the excavation so far. We knew there was a wall and doorway at the mouth of the Castle Cave but there was nothing at the entrance of the Stables Cave. A couple of stones on the surface suggested there might have been a wall. Imagine our surprise when we found two sides of a doorway surviving up to 8 courses high buried to a depth of about one metre. The doorway is quite wide, measuring 1.1m across and could have been secured with a draw bar. We have also just received a radiocarbon date from a sample taken last year which shows that caves were occupied in the Iron Age. The sample of charcoal from the lowest midden deposit in upper

chamber in Castle Caves was submitted to the SUERC laboratory and produced a date of 135 -325 AD. This is similar to a date from the Gazebo Court on top of the cliff above the cave but is the earliest dated evidence from the caves. Uncovering new finds like this helps us to inspire others to support us in our work to ensure Scotland's heritage is valued by everyone and protected now and for future generations."

Christine McPherson, Thistle Camp leader said: "We found lots of modern pottery, glass and some 18<sup>th</sup> century wine bottles. An iron strip may have been part of the door hinge or fittings." Lucas Merz, a volunteer from Berlin, said: "I've never done archaeology before. It has been a great experience. Working in the caves is very special."

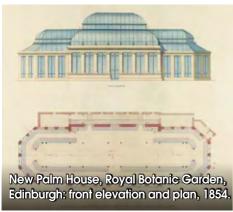
#### So many stories to tell

Every year hundreds of Thistle Camp volunteers get involved in carrying out vital conservation work that protects Scotland's national and natural treasures. Culzean Castle and Country Park, on the coast near Ayr, is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Scotland, yet few visitors realise that the famous castle was built over a warren of caves. There are two sets - one is below the Stables which is open to the public. The other is below the castle and has a stone frontage and barred entrances. Following recent archaeological investigations into the caves, the Trust is keen to improve access as part of the visitor experience at Culzean.

Ian Cornforth, Culzean Head Ranger said: "These results will help inform our interpretation of the Culzean and the human activity in the caves. There are so many stories to tell here and share with our visitors."

Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeology continued: "The stone walling that defends both sets of caves belongs to the medieval castle, probably dating to the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century. They were used as cellars for storage before Robert Adam converted the castle to the picturesque mansion in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. There are many tales associated with the caves that include ghosts, smugglers and hiding fugitives."

## Thousands of historical maps and plans released



ore than 2,400 historic maps, plans and drawings from National Records of Scotland (NRS) collections have been made available on the ScotlandsPeople website. Many of the maps show the changing Scottish landscape over time. They also record where people lived or worked, so they can throw light on ancestors' lives and even suggest new avenues for research. The maps and plans cover certain areas of Scotland, but not the whole of the country. They include both country estates and plans of towns and cities, including for example Glasgow.

#### Amongst the finest in the UK

Most of the maps and plans originate in the records of court cases, Scottish government departments, Heritors' records, as well as in private collections gifted to or purchased by NRS. The maps and plans collection is amongst the finest in the UK and contains the largest number of Scottish manuscript maps and plans held by any



single institution. Spanning four centuries, the collections cover both manuscript and printed topographical maps and plans. They are particularly strong in estate and railway plans; architectural drawings; and engineering drawings, particularly of ships, railway engines and rolling stock.

More maps and plans will be added to the ScotlandsPeople website and can be viewed at: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk





## **SCOTSPEAK**

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

"I'm delighted The National Burns has found its way home. I was immediately drawn to the book and knew I had to buy it. I can't believe a £2 charity book has found its way into the Murison Burns collection - it's a story I'd write myself."

Author Cassie Kennedy said after she purchased a historic Robert Burns book at a charity sale for just £2 in Kirkcaldy. The 1893 copy of *The National Burns* by Reverend George Gilfillan was donated to a Fife library's Burns vcollection.

"We have long held an ambition for the company to operate its own distillery and bottling operation in Glasgow and our proposals will bring whisky distilling back to the south side of the city. We will be creating welcome jobs and generating significant additional high-value exports - as well as becoming an additional high-profile tourist attraction for the city."

Cara Laing, Douglas Laing & Co's director of whisky, said as a planning application has been submitted to build a new a £10m whisky distillery on the banks of the River Clyde. The area which was once a commercial dock would include a visitor centre and bottling plant.

"We take a lot of inspiration from American vegan cuisine, and it's not unusual to see soft drinks like Coca-Cola or Dr.Pepper being used



we started thinking about how we could put a Scottish spin on that, which inevitably led us to Irn Bru. It might sound a little strange at first, but Irn Bru is one of those soft drinks that has a very distinctive taste, so if you combine it with the right flavours, there's a lot

in those dishes, so

of possibilities there. Suffice to say, after we roasted our first batch, we were impressed enough to want to add it to the menu."

Amelia Sulhunt, head chef at Glasgow's Serenity Now Café said as the restaurant has launched the world's first vegan sandwich made with Irn Bru. Irn Bru is Scotland's national soft drink and it is being used in the sauce of the sandwich which also includes cheese, pickles and mushrooms.

"Formula 1 is famous for solving problems faster than anything else. It might have taken two to three minutes to change a wheel in my day, now it takes two seconds. That's all happened by thinking outside the box. We want to find young progressive technologists in the medical field and bring them into Formula 1 before we place them in the best medical centres to try and find a faster cure. I'm very confident that that's going to be the case."

Scottish racing car legend Sir Jackie Stewart said as he wants to bring more technology into the fight against dementia. Sir Jackie's wife Lady Helen Stewart suffers from the neurological condition.



"Scotland's cities and their regions are the engines of our economy. That is why I can confirm that the Scottish Government has agreed to invest £200m in the Tay Cities Region, to deliver significant long-term economic benefits. A Tay Cities Region Deal of this scale has the power to build on the area's significant strengths and expertise. I expect City Region Deals to be funded on a

50:50 basis and I call on the UK Government to match our commitment and make this a £400m deal. The Tay Cities Region includes Dundee, Perth, Angus and the north of Fife. This investment will help the region continue to thrive and grow, fulfilling our ambitions for the region to be one of the most economically and culturally vibrant areas in the country and delivering benefits to the whole of Scotland."

Scottish Infrastructure secretary Michael Matheson said that the Scottish Government has said it will invest £200m in the Tay Cities Region Deal, calling on UK ministers to match the amount. The deal will cover investment in Dundee, Perth, Angus and the north of Fife. It aims to create thousands of jobs over the next 10-15 years by focusing on skills, tourism, transport and innovation. Similar deals are already in place for other Scottish regions such as Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness and the Highlands.

"The creation of a satellite launch centre in Scotland is a unique and exciting project. We are very grateful to the Melness crofters for agreeing to work with us as we progress plans to make our vision a reality in Sutherland. We firmly believe that the spaceport will open up a host of new opportunities for businesses that want to become involved in the growing space sector. As part of our next steps, we'll be stepping up our communications and making sure local people know what the spaceport is likely to mean for them. It's understandable that people have concerns as well as hopes for such an innovative venture, and we will be making sure there are opportunities to meet and discuss all the issues, from jobs and other economic benefits, to safety and the environment."

Highlands & Islands Enterprise project director Roy Kirk said as local crofters back £17.3m spaceport proposals in a recent ballot. The A'Mhoine peninsula in

Sutherland was chosen by the UK Space Agency as a potential launch site for the nation's first spaceport, which could be the site for vertical rocket and satellite launches.

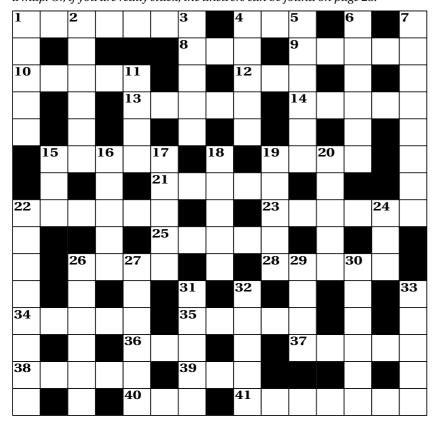


"We really need an iconic attraction in Aberdeen, because we are sorely lacking something to differentiate the city from others in Scotland, and the rest of the UK. When you consider the Eden Project in Cornwall, that totally transformed the entire region with the sheer volume of tourists it brings in, and something similarly unique and incredible as that would be equally transformative for the Granite City. Right now, we have no true idea of the scale of just how big the cruise tourism industry will be in Aberdeen once the harbour extension project is complete. But however large it turns out to be, allowing cruise tourists to catch a cable car directly into the centre, taking in spectacular views of the harbour and the fantastic granite skyline, would truly be incredible. And if this tourist attraction could also prove to be a reliable form of public transport for the city's residents, then that's twice as good. When I visited San Francisco, even though I really didn't need to, I absolutely had to go on the city's famous trams, and I think this could be the same in Aberdeen."

Andrew Martin, director of the Scottish Centre for Tourism at Robert Gordon University said that Aberdeen should adopt a world famous cable car system like San Francisco. The cable cars would connect the city centre to the beach and harbour area as a way to rejuvenate the city and be used both by tourists and locals.

## **SCOTWOR**

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) Skye's principal town (7)
- 4) Scotland's longest river (3) 8) Scots hill sounds legal (3)
- 9) Possessing more ability (5) 10) He's from Tayside (5)
- 12) A sound organ (3) 13) Marry on the run! (5)
- 14) Scottish measures (5)
- 15) Old wives' tale (5) 19) Grass cut by a scythe (4)
- 21) Inner Hebridean island (5) 22) Drying breezy Scottish weather (6)
- 23) Winchin' to a Scot (6) 25) Wear away (5)
- 26) This animal sounds expensive! (4) 28) Posing a danger (5)
- 34) Go over again (5) 35) Fruit of the oak (5)
- 36) Rooming house (3) 37) Gretna's altar! (5)
- 38) Move in! (5) 39) Snowy runner (3)
- 40) Female sheep (3)
- 41) In Scotland it's a lum (7)

- 1) Part of the Highland Dress (5) 2) The Queen! (6)
- 3) Town on the River Ythan (5)
- 4) Material river! (5)
- 5) Location of west Selkirk (6)
- 6) Gory! (6) 7) Erin national dance (5, 3)
- 11) Island on the Firth of Lorn (4) 15) Douglas's tree (3)
- 16) The surname of Robert (5) 17) It'll knock you out (5)
- 18) Resort on the Firth of Clyde(5) 19) Her stichwork sounds rancid (5)
- 20) Maintains (5)
- 22) Town on the River Nith (8) 24) An old refusal (3)
- 26) Wipes in Scotland (6) 27) Dominion (6)
- 29) St.Columba's isle (4) 30) Strathclyde river (6)
- 31) Kirk house (5) 32) Northeast dialect (5) 33) Awry in Scots (5)

#### Edinburgh continues to power Scotland's economy

dinburgh continues to **d** be the most prosperous UK city outside London according to new report produced by the City of Edinburgh Council. Edinburgh continues to attract and employ



a skilled workforce with more workers in highly skilled occupations than any other UK city, including London. While the figures also show a city where businesses flourish with five-year business survival rates of new businesses higher than most other UK cities. The Capital continues to represent 50% of Scotland's finance and insurance Gross Value Added (GVA) output and has twice the number of people working in finance and insurance than other UK cities - even exceeding London.

Edinburgh also remains one of the most visited tourist destinations with more overseas visitors than other UK cities (outside of London) and boasts the highest hotel occupancy (averaging 83.7%). The number of rail and air passengers have both increased by over a million in the last year and the Capital has the highest satisfaction rate with public transport in Scotland.

Cllr Adam McVey, Leader of City of Edinburgh Council, said: "Once again, the findings in this report demonstrate that the capital is prosperous, growing, successful and competitive in every way against other UK cities. Not only are our economic and business indicators some of the strongest outside of London – in some cases better – our environmental credentials remain strong too. Average wages remain higher than other UK cities along with opportunities for higher education and, unsurprisingly, our visitor economy is stronger than ever."

## **KINGS CASTLES AND**

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 "DURTY" WEE RASCALS few people in the Scot's Diaspora have a dormant folk memory awakened, then he shall be more than delighted.





#### The Qualie

Oor wee school's a rerr wee school, It's made of stane and plaister, The only thing that's wrang wi' it, Is its baldie-heided maister.

loved art, craft and drawing at primary school and I must have shown at least a little bit of talent because in one of my latter years at primary school I remember being allowed to sit in the storeroom, annexed to our classroom, so as to complete an entry for a Glasgow Schools' art competition. Whilst the rest of the class struggled on with mental arithmetic I sat in splendid isolation preparing my entry for the competition organised by Glasgow Corporation. I sat for hours using poster paints to produce a picture of the City of Glasgow's coat of arms, the designated subject matter. I didn't win the competition but it must have given my mum and dad some big ideas about my artistic talent.

#### **Glasgow School of Art**

I soon found myself enrolled for Saturday morning classes at the illustrious Glasgow School of Art, an institution made famous by its Charles Rennie Mackintosh architecture as well as by its talented former students. My sister's then boyfriend, Robert, a mathematics student at Glasgow University was deemed to be familiar with hallowed halls of learning and he took me to enrol. My big sister worked as a shorthand typist and wages clerkess during the working week but had an extra part-time job on Saturdays at Marks and Spencers on Argyll Street, so she couldn't come with us that day.

Once enrolled and with my fees paid, I was selecting and buying from the designated shopping list, all of the requirements for the course, from the art school's shop. We bought a set of paints in the primary colours, Robert reminding me that I didn't need every colour under the sun for nature, or at least the laws of physics, would allow me to make every other colour I needed from these half dozen I bought that day. I bought poster paints, water colour paints, sticks of charcoal, pencils of different hardnesses, chalk crayons, wax crayons and drawing papers of every texture known to mankind. I had everything I needed to become the next WY Macgregor, the father of the Glasgow School of painters, except for one thing-talent.

I enjoyed the classes, I liked the teacher, I got on fine with the other students and I learned a lot. I had even done one of the better paintings when

the subject was 'The Shipyard', but when it came to re-enrolment for the next term, I declined my parents' offer to pay for me to continue with the classes. What happened was that I had mixed with some very talented and artistic children and had quickly realised that

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most of these children had abilities in art, way beyond my own humble efforts. It was like sitting next to Albert Einstein when you were trying to do your best with some hard sums or maybe Michael Angelo in the sculpture class. I made the mistake that many working class children make. I saw drawing and painting, and for that matter sport, as school subjects, possibly leading to employment or some future success rather than as leisure pursuits to be enjoyed for their own sake, by people outside working life.

#### Life-changing examination

When the purpose of an activity is clearly simply to relax and enjoy yourself and not intended to gain skills for a future job, how good you are at the activity seems much less important. I had, nevertheless, realised with a child's rationale that my artistic talent was at best mediocre. My parents had to re-align their ambitions for their son toward a career as a painter and decorator and not toward the life of an artist in a garret in Paris.

Leithland Road Primary School took its pupil intake from the age of five and up until the age of twelve. At twelve it was time to sit the dreaded Qualifying Examination or the 'Qualie' as it was popularly known. This was the Scottish equivalent of the equally dreaded 'Eleven Plus' examination suffered by my cousins in England. Both exams were used to sort children into academic and technical streams at secondary school, but our teachers couldn't prepare us for this life-changing examination. It wasn't the kind of examination that you could prepare for. We were simply warned of

the approaching date on which we were to sit for the test without most of us really understanding that some of our future choices were being determined on that date. I remember nothing about what was in the test and perhaps more by luck than design was not overly worried on that fateful day. I was lucky and got an S1 pass which entitled me to an academic education under Scotland's meritocratic education system.

#### Most progressive schools

If I had been a year or so older I would have gone to Shawlands Academy and had at one time looked forward to the idea of going to the big school on a bus and feeling suitably grownup and important because of that. Shawlands Academy and Bellahouston Academy, where some of my relatives had attended, were the schools where the children destined for an academic education went to after sitting the 'Qualie.' It was not to be for me. In 1953, a new comprehensive school was built much nearer to home, Crookston Castle Secondary School. I started in 1955 and walked to school, but at least all of us living in Pollok walked to the same school. There was to be no creaming off of the brightest children onto the buses to the academies, for Crookston Castle was to become one of the first truly comprehensive schools in Scotland and true to the meaning of that term, unlike some of its English counterparts.

It was also soon to be recognised as one of the best equipped and most progressive schools in the country and I'm glad, with hindsight, that I became one of its earliest students. It was hardly a democratic system of education, but at least no matter what our academic abilities were, the curriculum offered to us was determined for the most part on merit and ability and no matter what talents we had or lacked, we were to be educated within the same social setting no matter what street we lived on.

Preparations for attending secondary school began by visits to Paisleys, the big military and school uniform outfitters at the Broomielaw. Sky blue shirt, grey flannel trousers, navy blue blazer with the school badge of thistle and castle were purchased, together with a blue tie, a scarf and pairs of socks all with bottle green navy blue and sky blue stripes. Of course there was also the sports and P.E. uniform of navy blue shorts, sky blue tee shirt and white sandshoes. With summer holidays and the end of school term coming on it was a good time to also get new brown, crepe-soled shoes and baseball boots as well. I had it all but I'm not sure how my mother managed to afford it. Goldbergs in the Candleriggs, and the big Cooperative Store in Kingston must have come to the rescue to help out with the 'lines' and the staggered payments for some of my requirements.



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**By: Ron Dempsey** 

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.



e must soon think of decorating the tree, gift giving and all sundry preparations for the season that puts a "panic in oor breastie". Santa "Mac" Claus is about to descend down the chimney or through the air conditioning duct to bring gifts to deserving children. In my part of the world it is snowing and seeing it takes me back to my childhood in Scotland. When after school it was already dark, and the shops were lit and showing their wares for Christmas.

#### Chocolate

One special place was the newsagent which sold a variety of other things sought by a nine-year-old. Christmas lights surrounded each window and in those windows some toys, but most intriguing was the colour purple. Purple meant chocolate in that so many of the selection boxes and Christmas stocking were made by Cadbury's who wrapped most of their products in this colour. Thus, to this child of fifties, purple meant chocolate. Christmas was so much simpler then

## New plan unveiled for Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Site



new plan for Edinburgh's Old and New Towns World Heritage Site has been launched which includes commitments to improve the quality of new development, better manage tourism growth, and deepen residents' awareness and understanding of the site among other actions.

The historic area, which was inscribed by UNESCO in 1995, covers most of the City Centre from Quartermile to Dean Village and from the West End to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The new plan, which runs for five years, is intended to protect and manage the 'outstanding universal value' of the site. After an extensive public consultation exercise during the summer of 2017 the plan was written by the partners responsible for the management of the site: City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh World Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland.

Among the 39 actions is creating 'place briefs' for redevelopment sites to set out the city's expectations in terms of quality and 'fitting in' with the historical context,

as well as improving local community engagement and plans to better explain and engage residents and schoolchildren with what is special about the site.

#### Vibrant capital city

Recent research has revealed that public understanding is generally low - for example, only 8% of 16-24-year olds in Scotland are aware that Edinburgh's New Town is part of a World Heritage Site. The Council recently granted the lease for the Tron Kirk on the High Street to Edinburgh World Heritage for use as a World Heritage Centre to help address this issue. The plan also commits the city to better manage tourism growth and covers areas such as the profusion of short-term holiday lets, issues over street cleanliness, especially during peak tourism periods, and the need for a broader tourism plan which builds on sustainable best-practice from other historic cities.

Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage at Historic Environment Scotland said: 'The Old and New Towns of Edinburgh are one of Scotland's six extraordinary and diverse World Heritage Sites. The opportunities and challenges facing Edinburgh as our vibrant capital city are complex and many, but this plan goes a long way to respond to these. We look forward to Edinburgh becoming an example of how best to manage our heritage in the context of a thriving urban environment."

but no less exciting. Under the tree was an unwrapped toy, an annual comic book with tags that said, "from Santa". We couldn't wait to go outside and play with the new acquisition and show them off to our friends who did likewise with theirs. We did get some chocolate in our stockings hung on the mantle along with some fruit and unshelled nuts. All these treats were treasured.

Here's hoping that you enjoy the season however, you celebrate it and spend some special time with family and friends.

#### St. Columba

There is another calendar event for Scotland in December with a religious significance to it as well. December 7<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of St. Columba, an Irish holy man credited with bringing Christianity to Scotland in the 6th century. While there were probably pockets of the Christian churches established in lowland Scotland it was in the isles and the north that came under Columba's sway.

Born in Donegal, Ireland he is thought to be the great great grandson of Niall of the Nine Hostages who ruled most of Ulster sometime in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Most of the Major Ulster clans have Niall as their forbearer. He must have a been a busy lad since many males of Ulster and Western Scotland claim descent from him and his DNA. In Irish, Columba's name was Colm Cille meaning dove of the church. Columba was devout and scholar of the Celtic church and took himself and some followers to the Island of Iona, where he established a monastery. Iona became his base for travels into the lands of the Picts of the mainland and the Hebrides. There he established churches where pagan Picts were converted. He died on Iona in 597.

His name lives on in the Scottish surnames MacCallum and Malcolm.

#### Coats of arms and clan badges Time to revisit the sometimes confusing area of heraldry. So many of us have links to clans or surnames that affiliated with family societies in Scotland. Here's

something that hopefully clarifies the use of coats of arms and clan badges.

In ancient times, when men went to battle covered in armour it was important to know who was who in a melee, not only for themselves, but for their followers. Originally, a lord would carry solid colour such as red or a simple device or charge such as a spread eagle, on his shield. As the centuries passed it became more complicated as younger sons went into the field with own altered devices of the family. Also, there was intermarriages of sons of one house with heiresses of other houses and the devices were halved or even quartered in succeeding generations to show all the houses. Some houses would have similar devices but in different colour schemes.

It became necessary to appoint a group whose job it was to record who owned what device and more importantly who was entitled to use it. In Scotland this group is the Court of Lord Lyon, King of Arms. There is also a Public Register of all Arms

and Bearings in Scotland, simply called the Lyon Register. This group can define the right to bear arms and also to assign arms whether familial, corporate or civic.

The mistake that some of us make is thinking that we can use the coat of arms from a chief of a Scottish clan or lord because we bear the same name. The Coat of Arms or the charges on the shield belong to the chief and to the chief alone. Even his family who may use it but must differentiate it by rules set down in the Lyon Court. It is improper, heraldically to be using the Coat of Arms for a clan unless given direct and written approval from the standing chief of the clan.

Normally, when one wants to show his or her adherence to a particular clan, they use a clan badge. The clan badge is pictured with a belt in a circle with the clan crest inserted.

The crest is the device or charge that was affixed on the helmet of a knight. This does confuse some people who confuse the name crest with the Coat of Arms, again the Coat of Arms is on the shield. They are two different devices. When you do find your clan badge, wear it proudly.

#### **MacNish**

Its no secret that I am an ardent fan of Scottish genealogy and have taken on many projects to help people in their quest to find their ancestry. While pursuing a family this is satisfying on its own for me, but there is a bonus in some of the surnames I uncover in these searches, which can prove to be unusual and interesting. The latest search I did for a friend some of which I don't believe I have addressed in column previously.

One was MacNish, often known as MacNeish. It is from the Gaelic MacNaois. MacNaois is a variation of the son of Aonghus, known in English as the personal name Angus. Another better-known form is the surname MacInnes and in Irish Gaelic as MacGuiness. Other forms include Neeson and MacNiece.

The major bearers of the name in Scotland were the Clan MacNish of upper Strathearn where they were almost exterminated by Clan MacNab in 1522.

Another name of Highland origin, MacBain or in Gaelic Ma a' ghille bhain, which often confused with MacBean. MacBean has another meaning, Macbheathain or son of the lively one. Clan MacBain is part of the Clan Chattan confederation and shares the motto: "Touch not the cat bot a glove."

Chief is James MacBain of MacBain. A new one for me in the friend's family lines was the name Wither or Withers. Two origins can be considered, one a Scandinavian personal name "Vithar" meaning wide messenger. The other is an Old English wither for twigs of willow, so for one who works or deals with willow branches.

A Merry Christmas and the best of the season each and everyone. Happy New Year and let your resolve be to find out whence you came, starting with that family tree you have been meaning to do.

## Plaque unveiled honouring Scots who built the White House



group of Scots stonemasons who were instrumental in the construction of the White House have been honoured in their home city of Edinburgh. Alex Paterson, Chief Executive of Historic Environment Scotland (HES) was joined by Stewart McLaurin, President of The White House Historical Association to unveil the plaque at 66 Queen Street in Edinburgh. The building was one worked on by stonemasons John and James Williamson,

before they travelled to Washington D.C. to commence work on the US Presidential residence.

#### **Double Scottish Rose**

The Williamson brothers were among a group of six members of Edinburgh Lodge number 8 who travelled to the USA in 1794, and whose skilled craftsmanship would make its mark on the White House.

The stonemasons carried out elaborate carvings on the façade of the

structure, including the iconic 'Double Scottish Rose' which features on many different parts of the building.

Recently Charles Jones, Technical Conservation Skills Programme Manager and time served stonemason at HES, followed in the footsteps of the Williamson brothers when he was commissioned to carve a replica Double Scottish Rose by the White House Historical Association during a Symposium earlier this year. The replica is now on display in the White House Visitors Centre.

Skilled Scottish stonemasonry Alex Paterson, Chief Executive of HES, said: "Skilled Scottish stonemasonry was highly sought-after during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the important work undertaken on the White House demonstrates its lasting global significance. At HES, as well as highlighting the historic importance of Scottish stonemasonry, we are committed to keeping traditional skills alive. We are helping to sustain stonemasonry and other traditional craft skills in a range of ways: from our training and apprenticeship programmes, including our partnership with Forth Valley College and our dedicated Conservation Centre in Elgin, to the research and cutting-edge technology at the Engine Shed, Scotland's first building conservation centre.

"This plaque is a fitting tribute to the pioneering Scottish stonemasons of over two centuries ago, and I hope it will provide inspiration for our next generation of craftspeople to carve their names in history."

Extraordinary stonemason talent
Stewart McLaurin, President of the
White House Historical Association,
said: "The stone masons of Scotland
today are the legacy of great craftsmen
from the 18<sup>th</sup> century who came to
Washington and created the beautiful
carvings that we still see on the White
House. The Double Scottish Rose that we
see on every pilaster is a Scots wink from
those stonemasons and we were thrilled
to have a reminder of that extraordinary
stonemason talent."

The story of the stonemasons is explored in a new exhibition now on display at the Engine Shed in Stirling. The Scots Who Built the White House, housed at Scotland's building conservation centre, examines the role played by these Scottish stonemasons in the construction of one of most iconic buildings in the world, and how their legacy survives in modern Scottish stonemasonry. Exhibits on display include the 18<sup>th</sup> century masons mark book containing mason marks of both John and James Williamson, and the meeting minutes book where the trip was discussed, both on loan from Edinburgh Lodge 8. A replica of the Double Scottish Rose, carved by HES stonemasons, will also be on display.

The Scots Who Built the White House is now on display at the Engine Shed in Stirling until Friday 12 April 2019. Entry is free.



# Ambitious tower project takes Inverewe to 'new heights'



**The National Trust for Scotland has** revealed the first public sketches of its new proposed viewing tower at the award-winning Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross. The bold plans, which have been submitted to Highland Council for planning consent, would see an approx. 20m observation tower installed below the High Viewpoint overlooking Loch Ewe, deep in Inverewe Garden. If given the go-ahead, the tower would provide unique panoramic views for visitors with minimal impact on surroundings and could be used to host educational talks. The sustainable development plans mark the latest in a series of projects undertaken by the conservation charity to enhance the visitor experience at the heritage garden.

Simon Skinner, Chief Executive at the National Trust for Scotland, said: "Inverewe Garden has been earmarked as one of our priority projects over the next few years. It is part of our wider plans to spend £57 million enhancing the visitor experience and condition of heritage at the sites and properties in our care. As a result of the Gulf Stream meeting the Highlands, Inverewe Garden is a nirvana of unusual and wonderful plants and wildlife. This exciting project will create another fantastic dimension at the estate, providing visitors with a whole new experience and way to enjoy Scotland's national and natural treasures; all while helping us to establish the property as an international centre of arts and culture."

## Imaginative and inspiring arts destination

Clea Warner, General Manager at the National Trust for Scotland North West Region, added: "We've seen a surge in visitor numbers at Inverewe thanks to our recent investment including the renovation of Inverewe House, the development of the new Sawyer Gallery and Bothy Café, as well as new glasshouses. This next phase of development at Inverewe will make it an even more coveted place to visit while protecting the landscape now and for future generations to come."



Since 2016, Inverewe has developed a full and varied events programme aligned to a new museum and art gallery. This has resulted in a 30% increase in visitor numbers, partly

benefitting from the international success of the North Coast 500 tourist route, while enabling the development of a Highland Art community centred on showcasing work based on the inspirational garden and surrounding landscape of Wester Ross. The estate has received national recognition last year after being voted the UK's number one garden in 2017 and the Inverewe House project received the Gold Award in the Marketing Society Star Awards 2018 for the Interpretation of Inverewe House in recognition of the quality of the creative design and effectiveness in supporting the visitor experience.

Clea said: "Inverewe Garden is gaining a reputation as an imaginative and inspiring arts destination in its own right, with a thriving programme of cultural activity. We're pleased to be adding architecture to the list and have plans to make more enhancements with a new light and projection system."

Created in 1862 by Osgood Mackenzie and owned by the National Trust for Scotland since 1952, Inverewe Garden is located just to the north of Poolewe in Wester Ross. It covers some 20 hectares and holds a world renowned collection of trees, plants and flowers. Completion is slated for spring 2019.

## Record year for overseas visitors



Tisits and spending by overseas tourists in Scotland rose to its highest level on record in 2017. The ONS Travel Trends 2017 statistics showed the number of overseas tourists visiting Scotland rose by 16.9% to 3.2 million, while expenditure increased by 23% to £2.3 billion. The record figures were driven by European visitors who made 1.9 million visits to Scotland, a 17% increase from 2016, with spending rising by 36% to £1.1 billion. Across the UK as a whole the number of European visitors increased by 1% and spending fell by 1%.

A range of factors made Scotland an attractive place to visit in 2017 including events associated with the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, the Outlander effect and VisitScotland digital activity.

Heartbeat of the Scottish economy Tourism Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: "These figures show 2017 was a record year for overseas tourists visiting and spending money in Scotland, which is great news for the industry and our economy. Tourism is one of our most important industries, employing 207,000 people, creating jobs, supporting the local economy and building on our strong international reputation. As we get closer to the UK's departure from the EU, we will continue to do all we can to ensure people from across the EU and elsewhere are welcome to work in our tourism sector and visit our beautiful, vibrant country."

Malcolm Roughead, VisitScotland Chief Executive, said: "Today's figures herald a remarkable period for Scottish tourism, with overseas visits in 2017 reaching a record high. These outstanding results show that Scotland can compete on a global stage. Using our unrivalled beauty, rich history, pioneering partnerships and innovative thinking we are communicating with visitors from every corner of the world. Groundbreaking apps, creative digital campaigns and inspirational content means we can reach visitors and potential visitors at every step of their journey, informing the visitors of today and inspiring the visitors of tomorrow. Tourism is the heartbeat of the Scottish economy, causing a ripple effect which touches every industry and community, creating employment and economic growth. Buoyed by the success of today's figures we look forward to continue working with our partnerships across every aspect of the tourism industry to make sure Scotland is at the top of everyone's list to live and work, invest, study and visit."

## Celebrating Scotland's Wee Cinema



or many living in remote parts of Scotland it was their first experience of cinema. The operators of the Highland and Islands Film Guild, affectionately known as the "Men of the Wee Cinema" took the Big Screen to small communities up and down remote areas of Scotland.

The Film Guild, which was set up after World War Two, gave many Scots their first experience of seeing the world depicted on the screen from their own communities. Now to mark the end of the three-year University of Glasgow-led project, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), a reunion of the Film Guild operators, their friends and families has been held in Inverness.

The event shared the findings of *The Major Minor Cinema: Highlands and Islands Film Guild 1946-71* project which has collected people's memories of the operators' important and diverse work. The reunion was also an opportunity to see an original Film Guild Trojan van used by the operator, Vic Gall, to cover the Fort William area. The service was publicly funded showing films that were both educational and entertaining, but the service eventually folded due to the arrival of television and declining audiences in 1971.

#### A valuable service

Dr Ian Goode, a lecturer in film and television studies at the University of Glasgow, is leading the team of academics working on the three-year research and history project, said: "We thought it was fitting to mark the approaching end of this project with the Film



Guild operators and their families. The Wee Cinema is still widely remembered across the country but up until our project it has remained a mostly unwritten part of Scottish and British cinema history.

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"It feels right that we share our initial findings firstly with the unsung travelling operators of the Wee Cinema. These men delivered a valuable service to local communities in spaces such as school or village halls in all-weather to offer a unique cinema experience at that time. The journeys that were made by all concerned are a feature of how the Film Guild is remembered. We have now built up a rich oral history of memories of the Film Guild to ensure they are safe and secure for the future. And we hope to use our project to also reflect on the relevance of the Film Guild for today's community cinemas including The Screen Machine."

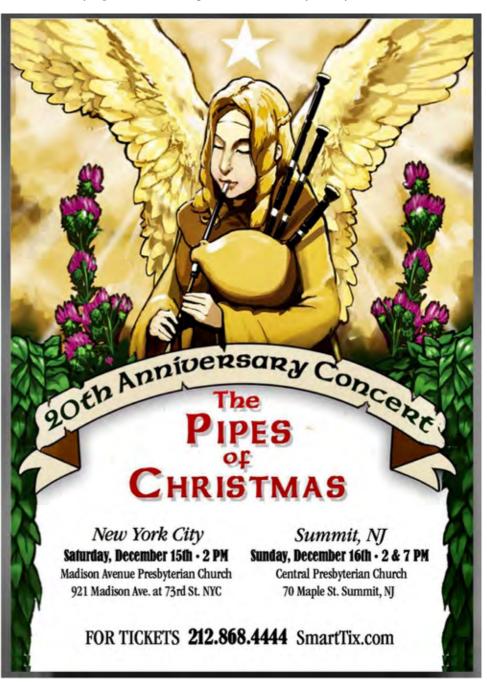
A wide variety of films were shown as part of programmes which were often aimed at a family audience. There would be Laurel and Hardy classics, newsreels as well as contemporary hits like James Bond films. The Film Guild also showed films like *Whisky Galore*, which has a particular appeal to audiences in the Highlands and Islands. In fact this film had a record box office for the Film Guild's history. For younger people it would have been their first experience of film and it would have been a real treat for children to go along.

Only experience of moving pictures
An Orkney resident recounted her
memories of the rural cinema scheme as
a 10 year old told the project: "It must be
remembered that, for almost everyone,
certainly the local children, this was, indeed,
our first and only experience of moving



pictures – the motion and the sound were magical, hypnotic, totally engrossing. The only thing, even remotely comparable, might be a 'magic lantern' show, which we occasionally enjoyed. I vividly remembered the anticipation, once we'd read the notice in Astley Cottage, our local shop, and ascertained which film would be showing. Of course, the next big hurdle was persuading our parents to allow us to go, to promise to work to earn the right to go, to argue that nine-pence wasn't all that much, really."

The formation of the Highlands and Islands Film Guild continued a pre-war initiative of the Scottish Film Council to make non-commercial cinema available to rural areas through the substandard gauge of 16mm. The Film Guild was proposed to improve leisure facilities for remote communities, forming part of wider economic and cultural initiatives to bolster community activity, cohesion and recreation.





reetings from Scotland where rain has been playing havoc with the drive. Eventually we decide to bring in a building firm and men with great diggers arrive to excavate and repair the holes. All this is done at great expense. But guess what? Two weeks later, the pot holes are back again...

It is a work in progress, as they say. With the leaves off the trees this is a good time to spot wildlife. A couple of barn owls live in the ruined building at the back of the stables. One morning we see two young foxes at the bird table, scouting around for scraps of food. Then there is the large boar found wandering on a local road. Happily, it is not found by me...

#### Wild boar

A plastic ear tag suggests this large, bristly member of the pig family belongs to someone. He is called Toby, but four hundred years ago these wild boars had no such fancy names. In those days these beasts roamed freely before being hunted to extinction. In 2009 the wild boar was re-introduced to the Highlands where it was hoped it would act as fourlegged lawnmower and chomp its way through the bracken.

## 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 Clan MacGregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, and is also an active member of Clan Armstrong, so their lives are interwoven with all things tartan. The couple have moved from the borderlands to the lowlands, home is now a white tower house between Perth and Dundee, although filming and writing takes Fiona all over Scotland.



Here in the Borderlands, wild boar is becoming a common sight. Some are kept on farms where they are reared for meat. Yet they are known for being great escape artists - and there are now so many of them roaming the countryside that they are in danger of becoming a pest.

This colourful creature has been a part of the Scottish landscape for hundreds of years - and it has been a favourite of kings. In the middle ages James V1 declared the pheasant a protected species.

Handle with care if you meet one. A wild boar can be one of the most vicious creatures on earth - and it may well mistake you for something else. This hefty snorting animal has good hearing and smell, but very poor sight.

Before the onset of synthetic materials wild boar hair was used to make toothbrushes, but today it has other uses. A cross between pork and beef, I am told that boar meat is delicious. And I know that pheasant is, if it can survive to adulthood...

#### **Pheasant**

This long-tailed game bird may have developed the knack of avoiding the guns. It can survive a long, hard winter; pheasants can dig a foot through the snow to find food. Yet this dizzy creature is often seen squashed on the highway. Sadly, it is the proverbial bird brain. You can slow down all you like - and you will still find a foolish fowl trying to hurl itself at your wheels.

You might imagine that it could find some sort of safety in a garden. Yet this month one of the MacNaughties proudly brings one into the house.

The Cocker Spaniel has a brown and purple feathered male in his mouth and he is reluctant to give him up. The MacGregor eventually takes possession and decides it has been dead for some time. In short, it is not deemed fit to eat, so out goes the bird whilst Barra gets a biscuit instead. Which for a dog is a poor consolation prize.

This colourful creature has been a part of the Scottish landscape for hundreds of years - and it has been a favourite of kings. In the middle ages James V1 declared the pheasant a protected species. These days, of course, pheasants are ten a penny - and pheasant shoots take place the length and breadth of Scotland. The chief regularly brings a brace home and we fry the breasts and make soup with the carcass. We should eat more of it – and we do. Visiting friends in Perthshire, we are served a delicious pheasant and chorizo casserole.

These days game is viewed as something of a delicacy in Scotland. Yet it was once commonplace on our dining tables. I once interviewed a veteran who had fought in the second world war. This former soldier spent time in a prisoner-ofwar camp and he told me how plain the food was - and how other prisoners hated eating it, because they were used to rich dishes. 'But I was alright,' he continued, 'because I grew up in the Scottish countryside and we didn't get anything fancy. No, we were used to things like grouse, salmon and pheasant...'

#### **Scotland visit**

Shortbread, not salmon, is served when my American cousin comes to tea this month. Allen Miller hails originally from Texas and he arrives with his wife and two American friends. Jim and Melanie are doing a brief tour of Scotland and here at MacGregor Towers, they find more to interest than tartan.

Jim is mad keen on anything to with Admiral Nelson. One of the chief's forebears, meanwhile, was Admiral Hardy who was Nelson's right-hand man at the battle of Trafalgar. The boys talk for hours. For my part, I discover that Melanie has Fairbairn ancestry. The Fairbairn's were a Borderland family who once rode with my lot, the Armstrong's. It's a small world, isn't it?

# Americans claim US Junior Solo Bagpiping and Solo Snare Drumming Championship Titles

he Twelfth Annual Balmoral Classic produced by the Balmoral School of Piping and Drumming began with major changes in the venue and programming. The weekend began on Friday evening with a special contra dance with bagpipe music provided by Balmoral Classic judges Dr. Angus MacDonald on fiddle, Donald F. Lindsay on border pipes and small pipes, Gordon Bell assisting with various percussion instruments with an ensemble also consisting of three fiddlers, keyboardist, guitarist, and uilliann, border, and smallpipe player.

#### The US Junior Solo Junior **Bagpiping and Solo Snare Drumming Championship**

A book, entitled The Balmoral Guide to playing the Bagpipes for Community Dances, was released at the event. The US Junior Solo Junior Bagpiping and Solo Snare Drumming Championship contests on Saturday were held in Bellefield Hall Auditorium of the University of Pittsburgh. Pipers were required to submit two MSR medleys (March Strathspey, & Reel) and two Piobaireachd, one of each to be selected by the judges for the contest. Drummers were required to submit one MSR medley and one Hornpipe and Jig medley. Thirteen pipers from seven



states plus Ontario and Scotland, and three drummers from New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania competed in the double event contests.

The Overall piping winner of piping contest was Charlie Morris of Agoura Hills, California. Charlie took first place in both contests, the March, Strathpey, Reel, and the Piobaireachd events and therefore had the highest overall points to win the Ralph and Patricia Murray trophy for the Overall Winner and a set of blackwood MacRae Bagpipes donated by MacCallum Bagpipes.

Tyler Destremps, with a 2nd in Piobaireachd, won the presentation set of aged imitation ivory blackwood bagpipes, donated by David Naill Bagpipes. Tyler received the David Naill set because of a Balmoral Classic rule

that says should the same contestant win both events, the set assigned to the winner of the Piobaireachd event set goes to the 2nd place contestant in that contest. Tyler is a student at Carnegie Mellon University and a member of the CMU pipe band.

#### **Results**

#### **Piping results: Overall**

- 1. Charlie Morris
- 2. Tyler Destremps
- 3. Duncan Winters
- 4. Kayleigh Johnstone
- 5. Elizabeth Knox

#### **Drumming results: Overall**

- 1. Shane Stapleton 2. Nicholas Moore
- 3. Connor Williams



The Overall winner of the snare drumming contest was Shane Stapleton of Deer Park, New York. Shane scored first in the MSR, and first in the Hornpipe/Jig contests. He was awarded the Henry Matthews Scholarship for two weeks at the 2018 Balmoral Summer session of his choice, a Premier HTS800 Premier Snare Drum donated by Henderson Imports of Traverse City, Michigan, the David Peet Memorial Trophy for the Overall Winner, and the St. Andrews Society of Pittsburgh Trophy for his first in the MSR. The weekend event finished on Sunday morning with a free presentation to about 20 attendees by Dr. Angus MacDonald of Glenuig, Scotland. Three Piobaireachd tunes on the list of 2019 Silver Medal tunes were covered: The MacGregor's Salute, The Battle of Strome, and Salute to Donald.

For more information on the Balmoral Classic see: www.BalmoralClassic.org

## Shining the spotlight on Mary Queen of Scots

### New after-dark event at Craigmillar Castle celebrates Mary Queen of Scots.

Castle in a new light at a new after-dark event 'Spotlight on Mary' last month. 'Spotlight on Mary' illuminated the castle's dark corners, where Mary Queen of Scots' nobles plotted to get rid of her husband, Darnley – their infamous plan becoming known as 'the Craigmillar Bond'. Through intense light projections and vivid recreations, visitors got a glimpse of the lords' murderous schemes as they toured the castle and heard the dark plot unfold.

A central figure in Scottish history Craigmillar Castle, one of over 70 staffed Historic Scotland attractions managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES), was famously used by Mary Queen of Scots in 1566 as a safe haven.

Gillian Urquhart, Events Manager at HES, said: "Mary Queen of Scots is such a central figure in Scottish history. She lived in turbulent times, and we wanted to capture some of the atmosphere of conspiracy and tension which surrounded her. Craigmillar Castle was the setting for some of the most critical moments in her life, so we couldn't think of a better place to hold this new, exciting event. This is the perfect opportunity for visitors to see the Castle transformed by light, and imagine how it looked when Mary stayed here."

This event, run in partnership with Double Take Projections, will whet the appetite for the new Mary Queen of Scots film, due to be released in 2019. Steven McConnachie, Creative Director at Double Take Projections, said: "We're using very high powered projectors, which will project backdrops and characters onto the castle, with live actors in front of them. We researched how the spaces might have looked in the past, and are using projection technology to bring the ruins back to life. We were lucky to have fantastic research and descriptions of parts of the Castle such as Darnley's Room. This has enabled us to create projections that really showcase how the castle might have looked."

#### Royal guest turned prisoner

Queen Mary's Room, on the first floor of the tower house, is where Mary Queen of Scots is said to have slept in 1566. But it's more likely that she had a multi-roomed apartment when she stayed at Craigmillar, probably in the east range.

Owner Sir Simon Preston was a loyal supporter of Mary, who had appointed him Provost of Edinburgh. Ironically, he would become her jailer for her first night as a prisoner after her capture in 1567. Mary was taken from his townhouse in the High Street to Lochleven Castle the next day.





## Staffa shines with new archaeologic discoveries



team of archaeologists working with conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland have discovered the first clear evidence for human activity during the Bronze Age on the dramatic Hebridean island of Staffa.

The Isle of Staffa, and its best-known feature 'Fingal's Cave', is one of Scotland's most significant heritage sites. Upon its 'discovery' by Joseph Banks in 1772, it quickly became established as an early tourist destination and has been an inspiration to some of Europe's most important cultural figures, including Wordsworth, Mendelssohn, Turner, Verne and Hogg (the last two compared the cave to a giant harp).

Intense interest in Staffa during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries arose from romantic conceptions of the past, the geological oddity of its columnar basalt formations and the wealth of folklore and oral tradition focussed on the island, including

the tales of Fionn mac Cumhaill, a hunterwarrior in the mythologies of Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

#### Middle Bronze Age

However, despite Staffa's prominent position in the romantic imagination, it has remained a largely unknown quantity archaeologically – until now. During trial investigations in 2016, a small pit feature was uncovered, this contained a single sherd of decorated prehistoric pottery. This summer, a larger trench was excavated which revealed the western side of a clear structure defined by a series of ditches and pits cut into a distinctive underlying yellow clay subsoil.

A radiocarbon date for a burnt grain of hulled barley from the 2016 feature (provided by the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre SUERC in East Kilbride), indicated that it came from between 1880-1700 BC, which demonstrates that people were visiting, and probably living, on the island in the

Middle Bronze Age. Further quantities of distinctive decorated prehistoric pottery were recovered from the feature with this newly discovered Bronze Age date.

This work was undertaken as part of the Historic Archaeology Research Project, Staffa (HARPS). This project aims to directly address an important gap in our archaeological knowledge of one of Scotland's best-known maritime landscape features through a combination of archaeological excavation, Reflectance Transformation Imaging, photogrammetric survey and audio programs.

The project is a partnership between the National Trust for Scotland, the Glasgow School of Art's (GSA) School of Simulation and Visualisation, and the Universities of Glasgow and Stirling, with funding support from the Trust's London Members' Centre and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

#### **Prehistoric activity**

Derek Alexander, the National Trust for Scotland's Head of Archaeological Services said: "This is our fifth season out at the island to investigate its past. Each time we go there we add another little piece of the jigsaw. This is a really significant find. It seems likely that people in the past were just as curious about their surroundings as we are. We can only imagine what Bronze Age people may have thought of the geological marvel that is Fingal's Cave. Our next objective is to understand whether this evidence represents domestic occupation on the island or something a bit more ritualistic."

Stuart Jeffrey, Reader in heritage Visualisation at GSA, added: "These finds are really important, enabling us to push our knowledge of human activity on the island back thousands of years. The ways in which Staffa has excited the modern creative imagination must surely have had echoes in the past. This new evidence clearly shows significant prehistoric activity on the island and allows us to start thinking about how that activity relates to Staffa's stunning landscape and geology. Being able to unravel the already amazing story of Staffa even further is an exciting and tantalizing prospect. There is a growing archaeological interest in Staffa and the HARPS project supported by presentations at international archaeological conferences in the UK and Germany as well as at the Association of Critical Heritage Studies meeting in China next month."

### Did you know?



- Staffa National Nature Reserve lies six miles west of Mull in Argyll and Bute.
- The island was gifted To the National Trust for Scotland by New Yorker Jock Elliott Jr in 1986 in honour of his wife's 60th birthday. Staffa has been uninhabited since 1800.

## The Falls of Clyde-A Scottish Homecoming

A campaign is underway to repatriate tall ship from Hawaii to Scotland. The Falls of the Clyde turns 140 this month and is the last surviving iron-hulled, four-masted full-rigged ship, and the only remaining sail-driven oil tanker in the world. Plans are under way for the Falls of the Clyde be rebuilt to go back to sea, carbon free. The ship will be used for education at sea, as a fair trade cargo carrier, for adventure holidays and ocean plastic collection and recycling at sea.





he Falls of Clyde was built in 1878 (in Port Glasgow) and was one of eight sister ships named after the waterfalls of Scotland. She is now the sole survivor and is currently afloat in Honolulu, Hawaii. However, she is more than just a piece of Scottish history and heritage, she is a testament to the power of Scottish shipbuilding as, after 140 years, she is still steady and still floating.

But, there's a problem, she has fallen into disrepair and the Hawaiian authorities had planned to sink her. Glasgow based group 'Save Falls of Clyde International' was formed by David O'Neill, with the aim of stopping her being sunk and bringing her home to Scotland to be rebuilt and sailing again.

After lengthy negotiations, the group have managed to convince authorities to work with them to help bring her home and rebuild her, so she can sail around the world again and group have ambitious plans for her.

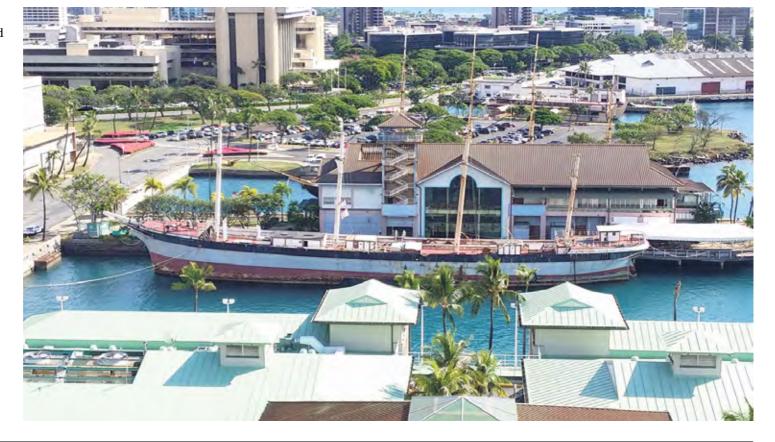
Scottish Maritime Heritage
In her day this unique, four masted, iron hulled ship was (and is) a symbol of Scottish Maritime Heritage and is a vessel that embodies the term 'Clyde build'. Launched on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1878 (at the Port Glasgow shipbuilder A.E. Russell) she was the first of 8 ships to bear the 'Falls' name (along with Afton, Bruer, Dee, Earn, Etterick, Foyer's, Garry and Halladale). They signalled the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century ship design; making way for the new innovations of steel and steam power for use in larger merchant vessels.

Yet, these ships were to be the last of their kind; iron hulled giants with four masts.

Ordered by Glasgow Merchants Wright & Brackenridge - she was to sail to India, Pakistan and China. At that time, she was one of the fastest sailing ships built; rounding the horn many times in her life. Her future was set when she ended her life as the world's only sail powered oil tanker (converted in 1907) to carry Molasses and oil between San Francisco and Hawaii.

But many people ask why? Why this ship? Well ships like the *Falls of Clyde* opened the seaways for the new designs of the British Merchant Fleets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century - fast steamships and turbine powered innovators of their day. They allowed Britain to become the seafaring, trading capital and supplier of goods worldwide that put the Great in Britain. She is also the last in the family as her seven sisters were either lost in wartime WW1/WW2 or at sea in terrible storms.

Additionally, she bears the name of a great Scottish river; a place that built the maritime nation Scotland had become. The Clyde starts above the Falls of Clyde (near Lanark,) down through to the heart of Empire (Glasgow) and beyond sweeping out to the sea at the lower Clyde. Where many grafted and toiled and many died, to build these great ships, but what's left, what's left to remember and honour them?



## Fly the flag for Scotland's engineering ability

After 140 years this beautiful ship is still afloat, and she is a credit to those world leaders in ship design and technology, a survivor and the last of her kind. She is a symbol of a time of great innovation, ingenuity and engineering as well as a piece of history that can't and shouldn't be forgotten.

Save Falls of Clyde International Director David O'Neill said: "Our vision is to have her restored to sea going condition so that she can once again fly the flag for Scotland's engineering ability. She will

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become a symbol of Scotland's lead in the world of new eco-technologies, alternative propulsion and electrical power systems. This eco-friendly ship will proudly announce her heritage credentials down to her last nut and bolt.

"Strathclyde University Marine Engineering final year students are tackling a new propulsion system such as Hydrogen power, akin to Ferguson Marines own innovations. She will not become a museum piece but instead she will show the durability and innovation of Scottish Engineering. She will be sympathetically restored and will be fit for purpose, but she will be an ambassador abroad for all things Scotland! All whilst using the latest technologies to sail the seas safely. She will offer opportunities to many from disadvantaged communities' and across the lifestyle spectrum, (including the disabled) from across the U.K. and abroad.

"For education opportunities, there will an on-board education program.

This program will offer students (from 15 years +) a once in a lifetime opportunity as they will get to explore the world whilst learning. Along with their conventional courses, students will learn about all

aspects ship life as they develop key skills such as teamwork, leadership and communications skills (to name a few). Furthermore, the students will also learn about shared responsibilities as they discover new countries and cultures as they have the adventure of a lifetime. We plan to run courses at an equivalent high school or first year university qualification level. Students will have the opportunity to grow and develop their own interests but at the same time will learn about the marine environment and its importance to our future.

#### Pride of Scotland

"Along with the on-board education program - we will seek to carry Fairtrade Cargos within third world countries and more. We plan to take education ashore - to those communities that grow the coffee or make the Rum, Gin or Chocolate. Helping those communities with infrastructure or education projects that they will identify. This will strengthen links culturally and commercially, as well as benefitting communities and businesses here in Scotland. We aim to provide the first carbon free cargo service from Scotland!

"Sail experience adventures will also be offered as a travel experience to paying guests. These travel experiences will be like no other as guests will learn what life at sea is all about! From climbing masts (in all weather), setting sails or learning how to manoeuvre a sailing ship, they will experience the real sailors' life as they travel the world and meet lifelong friends.

"There is, of course, the travel opportunities involved in this type of journey; paying guests can either stay for part of the journey or for the whole voyage. Ultimately, they will be sailing on one of the rarest ships on the ocean - a four masted, Scottish built, tall ship.

"I believe we have shown that, once transformed, the *Falls of Clyde* can pay her way and be self-sufficient by moving cargo, educating tomorrow's students and carrying fee paying passengers. We will also carry members of the community who would never receive such an opportunity for such a life changing character-building experience.

"This is not an impossible task, it has been done before with ships in far

poorer condition than the *Falls*. Ships like Australia's *James Craig*, San Diego's *Star of India*, San Francisco's *Balclutha*, New York's *Wavertree*, Galveston's *Elissa* and Glasgow's *Glenlee* are just a few of the many successful restoration projects.

"The *Falls of Clyde* will become the pride of Scotland and indeed the maritime pride of the U.K., not a static exhibit like

the *Glenlee* or the *Great Britain* but a living breathing leviathan, a survivor, built (and rebuilt) on the Clyde."

The Falls of the Clyde intends to leave Hawaii in February 2019 for Scotland. You can keep up to date on this incredible project and support it by visiting: www.facebook.com/savefallsofclyde/ or email savefallsofclyde@gmail.com



## The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band-Scotland Tonight

he Sons of Scotland Pipe Band welcomed many friends and fellow Celtic artists to the Shenkman Arts Centre in Ottawa for their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Scotland Tonight showcase and it was just spectacular. The band had a rare visit from piping comedian Johnny 'Bagpipes' Johnston who flew in from British Columbia, and he set the stage alight with his great playing and humour. The choirs of the Ottawa Catholic School Board, over 100 people in total, performed traditional songs of Scotland that were beautiful and haunting; they invited the Pipe Major to play the *Dark Island* with them from the audience, and it was so memorable. The highland dancers of the Katharine Robinson, Sherry Sharpe, and the Champagne Schools expertly danced both traditional and choreographed pieces that had the audience clapping along –

they were all just excellent performers. We are looking forward to next year's show already – our best to you!

Bethany Bisaillion Pipe Major, The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band Ottawa, Canada

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## Hogmanay top 10 facts



Find out why a visit from a dark-haired man on New Year's Day is good luck, along with some other fascinating facts about Scotland's Hogmanay.

- 1 Hogmanay is the Scots word for the last day of the year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner.
- 2 Nobody knows for sure where the word 'Hogmanay' came from. It may have originated from Gaelic or from Norman-French
- 3 Historically, Christmas was not observed as a festival and Hogmanay was the more traditional celebration in Scotland. The winter solstice holiday tended to be at New Year when family and friends gathered for a party and exchange presents, especially for the children.
- 4 'The Bells' is the phrase used to describe the midnight hour when New Year's Eve becomes New Year's Day.
- 5 Burns' Auld Lang Syne is sung to celebrate the start of the New Year at the stroke of midnight, not just in Scotland but in many English-speaking countries.
- 6 The Guinness Book of World Records lists Auld Lang Syne as one of the most frequently sung songs in English. The song is sung or played in many movies, from It's a Wonderful Life to When Harry Met Sally.
- 7 To sing Auld Lang Syne, a circle is created and hands are joined with the person on each side of you. At the beginning of the last verse, everyone crosses their arms across their breast, so that the right hand reaches out to the neighbour on the left and vice versa. When the tune ends, everyone rushes to the middle, while still holding hands.
- 8 An important element of Hogmanay celebrations is to welcome friends and strangers, with warm hospitality and of course a kiss to wish everyone a 'Guid New Year'. The underlying belief is to clear out the vestiges of the old year, have a clean break and welcome in a young, New Year on a happy note.
- **9** 'First Footing' the 'first foot' in the house after midnight is still very common is Scotland. To ensure good luck, a first footer should be a darkhaired male. Fair-haired first footers were not particularly welcome after the Viking invasions of ancient times. Traditional gifts include a lump of coal to lovingly place on the host's fire, along with shortbread, a black bun and whisky to toast to a Happy New Year.
- 10 To first foot a household empty-handed is considered grossly discourteous, never mind unlucky!

# Edinburgh's Hogmanay

Although 1 January 2019 marks the start of the year in which Scotland may leave the EU, the nation remains part of Europe and so Hogmanay 19 will be a celebration of the continental ties and shared history and culture. Every year Edinburgh welcome's the world to ring in the New Year in the home of Hogmanay and celebrate our cultural connections with the world. 2019 is the time for Scotland to celebrate its ties with Europe.



mages courtesy of Edinburgh's Hogmanay.



orget Times Square in New York, if there's one place you've got to experience celebrating the New Year - it's at Edinburgh's Hogmanay. The Street Party and Concert in the Gardens are perhaps the best-known events, where, on 31 December, the headline act plays in the gardens and the whole of Princes Street is lined with live bands on different stages. Expect dancing in the streets, and street performers mingling with the crowds.

Come midnight a huge fireworks display will take place above Edinburgh Castle as mass renditions of Auld Lang Syne break out. Other events in the run up to the New Year include The Torchlight Procession down the Royal Mile on 30 December, and the Candlelit Concert in St Giles' Cathedral, Ceilidh Under the Castle, and familyfriendly Burns Afore celebration on 31 December. Come 1 January, there's still plenty happening, including the

traditional Loony Dook – a fundraising dash into the freezing waters of the Firth of Forth at South Queensferry!

#### **History**

Hogmanay is the Scottish celebration of New Year, and is said to have its roots in the Viking winter solstice celebrations. Informal Hogmanay gatherings have long taken place in town and city centres across Scotland. For over 25 years Edinburgh has hosted the Street Party which has, at times, been the largest in the world. In 2017 the three-day event drew 165,994 people from 80 different countries, with 75,000 attending the Street Party alone. Previous acts have included Rag'n'Bone Man, Biffy Clyro, Texas, Primal Scream and Madness.

On 30 December 2000, 1,914 people danced the popular ceilidh dance *Strip the Willow* on George Street in Edinburgh as part of Edinburgh's Hogmanay, and the act was recognised as a Guinness World Record.

#### The world's festival city

Edinburgh is the world's festival city with internationally renowned festivals year-round and Edinburgh's Hogmanay kicks them off at the beginning of every year.

Underbelly was awarded the contract by City of Edinburgh Council to produce Edinburgh's Hogmanay in 2017 and this is the second event under its direction. Underbelly was born out of Edinburgh, at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2000, and is well-known in Edinburgh already for its purple cow shaped Fringe presence and a successful 5 years of Edinburgh's Christmas.



#### Inviting the world

Charlie Wood and Ed Bartlam, directors of Edinburgh's Hogmanay, said: "Edinburgh's Hogmanay is all about inviting the world to come on in and celebrate the end of one year and the start of a new and as we move from 2018 to 2019, there's no better time to celebrate Scotland's cultural ties with Europe. And it's going to be quite the celebration.

Scottish artists from Franz Ferdinand and Gerry Cinnamon on 31 December, Capercaillie on 1 January to writers sending love letters to Europe in Message from the Skies will celebrate alongside European artists including Meute, Snap!, Carlos Nunez, Transe Express and Compagnie des Quidams. We're once again putting young people at the heart of the Torchlight

Procession following the nationwide engagement programme #ScotArt, and with Bairns Afore returning on 30 December and our free family ceilidh First Footers on 1 January, we're confident that Edinburgh's Hogmanay offers something for everyone."

Edinburgh's Hogmanay takes place 30 December 2018 - 1 January 2019. For details see: www.edinburghshogmanay.com

Loony Dook 2019



hat will you be doing on January 1<sup>st</sup>? Having a long lie and nursing a wee bit of a sore head following the previous night's festivities perhaps, or figuring out which New Year's resolutions you'll actually keep this year?

There's one New Year traditional in Edinburgh that's a guaranteed hangover cure, as well as an opportunity to raise thousands of pounds for charity. The Loony Dook in South Queensferry is a great way to kick off 2019 while brushing aside the Hogmanay cobwebs. For more than 30 years, hardy souls have braved the elements to enjoy a dip in the freezing waters of the Firth of Forth.

#### **Dookers**

The Loony Dook continues its New Year's Day tradition at South Queensferry. In the shadow of the Forth Bridges, the dippers in fancy dress, scantily clad or even fully clothed from the night before will brave the chill to raise money for charities while shaking off their Hogmanay hangover. Dookers will march the length of South Queensferry High Street led by

The Noise Committee drummers as part of the Dookers' Parade, before launching themselves into the freezing Firth of Forth.

Not quite up for the challenge yourself? Spectators are welcome to cheer on the Dookers at various points along the route or down on the beach. £1 from every ticket bought is donated to the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea. Every day of every year, people of all backgrounds get into danger in the water. The Dook depends on when tidal conditions are favourable and a very unique way to begin the new year in Scotland.



The Loony Dook 2019 will take place at South Queensferry on 1 January 2019, 12.30pm. For more details see: www.edinburghshogmanay.com



#### IN SCOTLAND TODAY



# Go ahead for new bridge to transform Clyde Waterfront

A major project to transform the Clyde waterfront, connect communities and bring thousands of jobs and investment to the regional economy has taken a significant step forward. Scottish Government ministers have approved the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside project. It is expected to create more than 2300 jobs and inject £867million into the regional economy, ranking it one of the top performing economic growth projects in the Glasgow City Region City Deal.

The project will see construction of the first opening road bridge over the River Clyde, linking Renfrew and Yoker. It has been designed by leading engineering consultancy Sweco working with Kettle Collective, the award-winning architects behind the Falkirk Wheel.

The crossing will greatly improve access to employment, education, health and leisure for communities on both sides of the river and increase access for businesses to more customers and suppliers.

It also includes new roads, walkways and cycle routes into a 150-acre site next to Glasgow Airport being developed into a manufacturing district, which has already attracted two national innovation centres, the National Manufacturing Institute for Scotland and a major centre revolutionising medicines manufacturing.

"This is fantastic news for the entire city region and for Scotland," said Renfrewshire Council Leader Iain Nicolson, welcoming the waterfront planning decision. Councillor Nicolson added: "The completed project and subsequent regeneration has the potential to deliver a significant economic boost to the Glasgow City region. Current businesses will gain access to more customers and suppliers, while new companies and developers will be attracted to locate to the regenerated waterfront. Communities on both sides of the Clyde will benefit from greatly improved access to their work, to education and to hospitals through the new connections which will also help reduce congestion and improve journey times. It builds on the development of the new manufacturing district which will bring thousands of new high skilled jobs and training opportunities to Renfrewshire and the wider region and

help secure the future of Scotland's vital manufacturing industry."

There has been strong support for the project during extensive engagement over a two-year period, with surveys signalling 90 percent backing for the plans. Public engagement helped identify the preferred bridge location, guaranteed environmental enhancements and ensured all new roads come complete with pedestrian walkways and cycle lanes.

Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside is one of three Glasgow City Region City Deal-funded projects in Renfrewshire alongside the Glasgow Airport Investment Area project, which will deliver the underpinning infrastructure behind the new manufacturing district and the flagship Airport Access Project, creating a direct rail link between Glasgow Airport, Paisley Gilmour Street and Glasgow Central Station. The £1.13billion City Deal is an agreement between the UK Government, Scottish Government and eight local authorities to deliver improved infrastructure, create new jobs, tackle unemployment and drive innovation and growth.

and Exhibitions in particular, provide a catalyst for further long-term economic benefit. The focus now is to secure funding support for the project which will be of significant benefit to Glasgow, Scotland and the UK's economy".

Glasgow Chamber of Commerce chief executive Stuart Patrick said: "The SEC constantly secures a stream of major

It is widely recognised that events drive immediate economic benefit of scale for cities and countries. Conferences

executive Stuart Patrick said: "The SEC constantly secures a stream of major conferences and is an enormous asset to the city, keeping Glasgow firmly on the world stage. But in a highly competitive sector venues must constantly evolve, and this imaginative planned expansion will help ensure the city's share of the conference and exhibition markets continues to grow."

The application is the next step following a previous feasibility study which was carried to establish viable options for upgrading and expanding the campus, principally to facilitate further growth in the Conference and Exhibition sectors. It was also supported by a robust business plan and economic impact study as the rationale for the new facilities.

#### Draft public realm design unveiled for Edinburgh's George Street and New Town



Plaza areas, people-friendly spaces and a dedicated cycleway are among potential new features for Edinburgh's George Street and New Town public realm design project.

The George Street and New Town (GNT) project aims to design a vibrant street environment that is safe for all users – one which significantly enhances its use for pedestrians while prioritising active travel and accessibility. Cars could also be banned or restricted along George Street.

Lesley Macinnes, transport and environment convener at the City of Edinburgh Council, which is driving forward the project said: "The GNT project is widely recognised as a crucial catalyst to re-invigorating George Street and adjoining New Town streets for the present day but is also fundamental to ensuring the area can easily adapt in the future as the city of Edinburgh continues to evolve. The concept design aims to create a worldclass space that respects and enhances the World Heritage Site. It seeks to make the First New Town a safer and more vibrant area by opening up central places to more people and enhancing the current setting and position of the street's statues to make greater feature points of them. The drop-in sessions will now help gauge the appetite for a range of a proposals, amongst which are the potential introduction of greening, trees and new seating areas to the street, in addition to the creation of a segregated cycle lane and much enhanced pedestrian space."

An online survey about the concept design will be available until January 25, 2019.

Glasgow SEC submits planning application to create global facility for world class events



Hot on the heels of the hugely successful development of The SSE Hydro, The Scottish Event Campus (SEC) has applied for planning permission in principle (PPIP) for a major expansion of its facilities with a vision to create a unique global event campus capable of taking the World's top conferences, exhibitions and events.

The £150-£200m project includes a dedicated entrance to the west of the Campus and additional multi-purpose meeting and circulation spaces with panoramic views of the city and River Clyde. It is estimated that in a mature year the new facilities would generate £123m of economic benefit to the Glasgow area, £106m to Scotland and £71m to the UK. This would be in addition to the £400m of impact for Glasgow, £227m for Scotland and £136m for the UK generated annually from the existing facilities. It is estimated that economic payback for the tax payer will be between 5-7 years.

Billy McFadyen, Finance & Development Director, SEC said: "The SEC currently offers Glasgow and Scotland a solution to stage Conferences of varying sizes. However, competition worldwide is robust and constantly evolving. In order to maintain this level of success we need to invest in our product to ensure we have the best facilities. The plans for this expansion will fulfil this and create a truly unique UK Event Campus which will be world class. During the past two decades, Glasgow and the SEC have succeeded in the conference market and strong, city-wide partnerships have been instrumental in securing business.

## The Glenfiddich Piping Championships 2018



**▼**he Glenfiddich Piping Championship took place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry. It was a fantastic day of music with some outstanding tunes and great stories. This year the first father and son to compete in the same year were part of the event with Alex and Bruce Gandy, Dr Peter McCallister had come to the event after coming up through the amateur ranks with the CLASP league, then turning professional in 2009 and the first husband and wife team to judge were on the bend. Murray and Patricia Henderson were MSR and Piobaireachd judges respectively.

After and outstanding day of playing, Finlay Johnston came 1<sup>st</sup> overall, in Piobaireachd and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MSR events, Finlay is an instructor at The National Piping Centre in Glasgow.

#### Livestream

This year's Balvenie Medal recipient was Cristiano Bicudo from Brazil, who has spent more than three decades pioneering the instrument in his home country. He was inspired to play in 1982 and since then has set up pipe bands and provided a learning platform for children from the favelas of Sao Paulo to inspire a new generation to learn the instrument.

The livestream of the event was once again remarkably popular, with people from all over the globe tuning in, including Uruguay, Brazil, New Zealand and Canada.

#### Full results are:

#### Overall

1st Finlay Johnston 2<sup>nd</sup> Callum Beaumont 3<sup>rd</sup> Stuart Liddell 4<sup>th</sup> Angus MacColl  $5^{\mbox{th}}$  Alex Gandy

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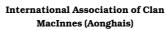
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#### **DECEMBER 2018**

1 Toronto, ON - RSCDS Toronto Family Christmas Dance Scottish country dance event with music by Don Bartlett & The Scottish Heirs at Crescent School, Bayview Ave. Info: www.dancescottish.ca

#### 6 Montreal, OC - Scotland in 3D

Most people are astonished to discover that 3D was the most popular format of photograph in 1860! Peter Blair will introduce you to stereoscopy and, using 3D images from his new book, will take you on a virtual reality tour of Scotland via the main Victorian tourist hot spots. Follow in the royal footsteps of Queen Victoria, and meet local heroes from Robert the Bruce to Andrew Carnegie and even Andy Murray. Prepare to be astounded by Victorian ingenuity and the beauty of Scotland. 3D glasses will be provided at Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: www.standrews.qc.ca

9 Vancouver, BC - The 55th Annual Gleneagles Ball Dance to the music of the Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra in the beautiful Ballroom of the historic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch before dancing and a decadent dessert buffet afterwards. Info: https://rscdsgleneagles.org/2018gleneaglesball

#### 10 Vancouver, BC - Vancouver Royal Scottish

Country Dance Branch Christmas Ceilidh The Vancouver Branch dancers invite you to join them for a fun evening of easy dancing and entertainment. Come and dance with us and join in the Ceilidh if you would like to share your talents, everyone welcome. Info: www.rscdsvancouver.org

12 Toronto. ON - Glenview Christmas Dance Have you ever wondered how Santa stays fit enough to do his job? He Scottish dances of course. Come get into the holiday spirit dancing to the music of The Scottish Heirs Duo at Glenview Presbyterian Church, 1 Glenview Ave. Info: www.glenviewscdg.org

#### 16 Montreal, QC - St Andrew's Society of Montreal Children's Christmas Party

There will be food, games, presents and Santa Claus at Black Watch Armoury, 2067 Rue de Bleury. Info: www.standrews.qc.ca

#### 25 Nationwide - Happy Christmas Wishing all our readers and friends a very

Happy Christmas and festive season!

31 Toronto, ON - Glenview Hogmanay Dance and Ceilidh Start 2019 off on the right foot, join your friends for an evening of dancing to Scotch Mist. Bring and share refreshments at the end of dancing prior to midnight at Glenview Presbyterian Church, 1 Glenview Ave. Info: www.glenviewscdg.org

#### 31 Nationwide - Happy Hogmanay The Scottish Banner wishes all our readers and friends a very Happy Hogmanay and best $\,$

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Join the Scottish Society of Ottawa for a free New Year's Celebration - Scottish style - at the Aberdeen Pavilion,  $Lans downe\ Park, the\ largest\ Hogman ay\ celebration$ outside of Scotland! The evening starts with the Great Scot! Kidzone, featuring Highland and Scottish Country Dancing and other fun family activities. At 7:00 p.m., revelers will celebrate midnight in Scotland with a huge balloon drop, followed by brilliant music from The County Lads, Searson, Còig, The Mudmen as well as the Ottawa Caledonia Pipes and Drums. End the night and greet 2019 by gathering in fellowship to sing Auld Lang Syne, then head outdoors for a fabulous fireworks display over the Great Lawn at midnight. Info: https://ottscot.ca/hogmanay

#### JANUARY 2019

#### 1 - 31 Ottawa, ON - OttScot Festival

The Scottish Society of Ottawa wants to emphasize our role and mission in further connecting people in our city with Scottish culture, folklore and history through the 2019 OttScot Festival. This month-long celebration will be kicked off with Hogman-eh!, and feature the Great Canadian Kilt Skate, our Gala Burns Supper & Ceilidh and a number of community organization partnership events through January 2019. Info: https://ottscot.ca/ott-scot-festival

13 Winnipeg, MB - The Great Canadian Kilt Skate Indelibly Scottish and undeniably Canadian. It speaks to the Scottish contribution to Canada's multicultural heritage, a chance to nurture your inner Scot. A spirit of Scottish fun and fortitude, and wear Canada favourite colour - tartan! At Seven Oaks Sports Complex 725 Kingsbury Ave. Info: www.kiltskate.com

19 Montréal, OC - Great Canadian Kilt Skate Indelibly Scottish and undeniably Canadian. It speaks to the Scottish contribution to Canada's multicultural heritage, a chance to nurture your inner Scot. A spirit of Scottish fun and fortitude, and wear Canada's favourite colour – tartan! At Natrel Skating Rink, Vieux Port, 333 Rue de la Commune O. Info: www.kiltskate.com

19 Ottawa, ON - Gala Burns Supper & Ceilidh Celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns, Scotland's national bard with The Scottish Society of Ottawa. An evening of revelry, haggis & whisky at Shaw Centre, 55 Colonel By Dr. Info: Sherry Sharpe at burns@ottscot.ca or 613-762-4134 or see https://ottscot.ca/burns-supper-ottawa

#### 24 Montreal, OC - St Andrew's Society of Montreal Burns Supper

An evening to celebrate Robert Burns at the Mount Royal Club. Share a wee dram with friends, enjoy a traditional Scottish meal (with a gourmet flair) and raise your glasses in a toast to the lads and lassies. Info: www.standrews.qc.ca

24 Toronto, ON - A Traditional Robbie Burns Supper Presented by the Toronto East Rotary Club with traditional Scottish Fare including Haggis, Cock-a Leekie Soup, Neeps & Tatties, Steak Pie and Tipsy Laird. Cash Bar featuring wine, ale and a variety of Scotch whiskies at the Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre, 4 Credit Union Dr. Info: www.torontoeastrotary.com

#### 25 Nationwide - Happy Burns Night

Celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Scottish poet Robert Burns. The tradition of the Burns Night Supper was first held in 1801 by the poet's friends, five years after his death.

25 Calgary, AB - Calgary Burns Club Burns Supper The Calgary Burns Club holds the memory of Robert Burns and the fellowship arising out of that memory to be one of the most important aspects of being Scottish Calgarians, the event will be at the Telus Convention Centre. Info: www.calgaryburnsclub.com

#### 26 Cobourg, ON - Burns Supper & Dance Join the Cobourg Highland Games Society and be entertained by the Lindsay Rose Highland Dancers,

The Cobourg Legion (Police) Pipe Band and Madman's Window Celtic Band. Get your dancing shoes on, and join us for some traditional Scottish dancing, and let's have a Ceilidh. Info: www.cobourghighlandgames.ca

#### 26 Ottawa, ON - Burns Ceilidh 2019

A 128 year tradition carried on by the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band. Our evening includes a buffet dinner - with the address to the haggis - silent auction, cash bar, pipes and drums and highland dance entertainment - ceilidh music by Occasional Pudding and more at St Joe's Church Hall, 174 Wilbrod St. Info: www.sospb.com

#### 26 Rockwood, ON - The Guelph Pipe Band Burns Supper The night will include: The address to the haggis, toast to the laddies and laddies, a live Ceilidh band, a performance by the Guelph Pipe Band, Scottish Country dancing as well as Highland dancers at Rockmosa Community Hall, 110 Rockmosa Dr. Info: www.guelphpipeband.com

26 Saskatoon, SK - The Great Canadian Kilt Skate Indelibly Scottish and undeniably Canadian. It speaks to the Scottish contribution to Canada's multicultural heritage, a chance to nurture your inner Scot. A spirit of Scottish fun and fortitude, and wear Canada's favourite colour - tartan! Info: www.kiltskate.com

26 Halifax, NS - The Halifax Burns Club Burns Supper Celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the world's greatest romantic poet with music, poetry and good fellowship in the name of the bard at the Delta Halifax. Info: www.halifaxburnsclub.org

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27 Toronto, ON - The Great Canadian Kilt Skate Indelibly Scottish and undeniably Canadian. It speaks to the Scottish contribution to Canada's multicultural heritage, a chance to nurture your inner Scot. A spirit of Scottish fun and fortitude, and wear Canada's favourite colour – tartan! At Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St W. Info: www.kiltskate.com

#### USA

#### **DECEMBER 2018**

1 - 1 Dedham, MA - St. Andrew's Dinner Gala All proceeds benefit the Scots' Charitable Society scholarship fund at the Holiday Inn. Info: Alan McCall 857 919 1583 or alanmccall461@hotmail.com.

#### 1 Chicago, IL - 173rd Feast of the Haggis Join Chicago Scots for a night of great food, live entertainment, celebratory toasts and more at the Chicago Cultural Center. Info: www.chicagoscots.org

1 San Fancisco, CA - 2018 St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco's 155th Annual Banquet & Bal Featuring the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers, The Prince Charles Pipe Band and accompanying Highland Dancers at Marine's Memorial Club & Hotel, 609

#### Sutter St. Info: www.saintandrewssocietysf.org 7 Campbell, CA - A Celtic Christmas

A festive holiday chorale with Celtic music and dance. Orchard City Community Chorus in Concert with: Santa Clara County Sheriff Pipes and Drums San Jose School of Highland Dancing Soloists and more at Campbell United Methodist Church 1675 Winchester Blvd. Info: www.orchardcitychorus.org

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#### 8 Marshfield, MO - Celtic Christmas Concert A free Christmas concert featuring the traditional Celtic

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#### 9 Los Angeles, CA - Saint Andrew's Society of Los Angeles St Andrew's Day Celebration

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#### 9 Viejo, CA - A Celtic Christmas: Eric Rigler & Dirk Freymuth The "World's Most Recorded Piper" Eric Rigler (Outlander,

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#### 13 Webster Groves, MO - St. Louis St. Andrew's Society Social Night

A social night to give people a chance to meet officers and fellow members to answer any and all questions they have about the society, everyone is welcome and can bring guests too at Weber's Front Row, 8169 Big Bend Blvd. Info: www.stlstandrews.com

#### 15 New York, NY - Pipes of Christmas

20th Anniversary of NYC's favorite Celtic Christmas concert. From the bold sounds of the bagpipes and the harmonious blending of brass, strings and percussion, to the poetic and lyrical words that complement them, the Pipes of Christmas is a festival for the soul at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 921 Madison Ave. at 73rd St. Info: www.pipesofchristmas.com

#### 16 Summit, NJ - The Pipes of Christmas

20th Anniversary of NYC's favorite Celtic Christmas concert. From the bold sounds of the bagpipes and the harmonious blending of brass, strings and percussion, to the poetic and lyrical words that complement them, the Pipes of Christmas is a festival for the soul at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St. Info: www.pipesofchristmas.com

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#### **JANUARY 2019**

18 New York, NY - The 24th Burns Night Gala Celebration Honor and celebrate Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns, in words and music with The American-Scottish Foundation A wonderful evening in true Scottish style and tradition at the University Club. Info: www.americanscottishfoundation.com

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Experience traditional highland athletics, dance, art, music, culture, food and a Gaelic spirit. Presented by The Scottish-American Society of Central Florida at Central Winds Park, Info: www.flascot.com

#### 25 Nationwide - Happy Burns Night

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#### 25 Bethlehem, PA - Robbie Burns Night

Celebrate the life and times of Scotland's most famous historical figure, Robbie Burns. Come dressed in your best Scottish or Formal Gear to honor the occasion at McCarthy's Red Stag Pub, 534 Main St. Info: www.redstagpub.com

#### 26 Charleston, SC - Burns Supper

Come celebrate the birth of Robert Burns with the Scottish Society of Charleston. A night of good food, good drink, and good fellowship at Daniel Island Club, 600 Island Park Dr. Info: www.charlestonscots.org

#### 26 Los Angeles, CA - Saint Andrew's Society of Los Angeles Burns Supper Celebrate Robert Burns with food, music, poetry

and fun. Info: www.saintandrewsla.org

#### 26 Sarasota, FL - 25th Sarasota Highland **Games & Celtic Festival**

Gather up your family and friends and come discover the rest of your Clan at Sarasota County Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: www.sarasotahighlandgames.com

#### 26 Hollywood, FL - Robert Burns Supper

The Scottish American Society of South Florida invites you for a Dinner, Concert & Dance at the Orangebrook Golf and Country Club 400 Entrada Dr. Info: 786 205-5350 or www.sassf.org

#### 26 Washington, DC - 2019 Scottish Universities Burns Night & Ceilidh

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#### **SCOTLAND**

#### DECEMBER 2018

#### 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

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#### 29 Ayr - The Red Hot Chilli Pipers

A unique brand of 'bag rock' (that's bagpipes plus rock, if you were wondering) with stirring tunes and energetic performances. Expect everything from 'Flower of Scotland' to Coldplay's 'Clocks', via AC/DC and Deep Purple at Ayr Town Hall. Info: www.redhotchillipipers.co.uk

#### 30 - Jan 1 Edinburgh - Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2019 Edinburgh's Hogmanay is one of the world's greatest

New Year celebrations. Three days of spectacular events, as Scotland shows the world how to celebrate Info: www.edinburghshogmanay.com

#### 31 Edinburgh - Hogmanay Hoolie

Celebrate the beginning of 2019 with a seven-course banquet, dancing until 5am and a champagne reception with a view of the Edinburgh Castle fireworks for the bells at Ghillie Dhu, 2 Rutland Place, Info: www.ghillie-dhu.co.uk

#### 31 Stonehaven - Stonehaven Fireballs Ceremony Welcome in the new year with friends and family watching

as a troupe of revellers parade up the High Street swinging  $\,$ balls of fire around their heads which create patterns in the air and light up the dark skies: and for which the finale is looping the fireballs into the Harbour. This is followed by a powerful firework display, seen from all over town. Info: www.stonehavenfireballs.co.uk

#### 31 Nationwide - Happy Hogmanay

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#### 31 Stirling - Stirling's Hogmanay Bring in the New Year on Stirling Castle Esplanade

with live music. food and a spectacular fireworks display. Two celebrations will take place at the castle; an early family-friendly fireworks event, which will be followed by a later Midnight Hogmanay celebration featuring live music performances and fireworks at midnight. Info: www.stirlingwinterfestival.com

#### 31 Pitlochry - Hogmanay at Atholl Palace

Celebrate Hogmanay at Atholl Palace enjoying the Highland setting, the blazing log fires, the delightfully relaxing surroundings, the many years of experience on hand and that special atmosphere for the big night. With Hjaltibohoga, Ceilidh dancing and from Buck's Fizz Brunch and Mulled Wine, you will create memories to last a lifetime this Hogmanav at Atholl Palace. Info: www.athollpalace.com/hogmany

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## The Kirk Abroad



By: Kenny MacAskill

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hilst watching the world go by in Holyrood Park I struck up a conversation with a retired Church of Scotland Minister. His parishes had included Israel which reminded me of the extent of the Kirk abroad. As Scots over the years have moved around the globe the Church has followed, many with the diaspora, some with the military and others for particular reasons relating to the location. All though have a remarkable story to tell and are part of Scotland's story.

Some churches were established by the expat community and evolved with them. Many are Presbyterian but not necessarily directly affiliated to the Church of Scotland. Chicago, for example, has a church on the Magnificent Mile often described as the Scots Kirk though not formally Church of Scotland. Many communities around the world especially in North America are likewise, affinity but not affiliation.

However, actual parishes were also established by the Church of Scotland. They're part of the International Presbytery which has eighteen congregations, in fifteen countries and on three continents. They're diverse and vastly different in so many ways. Paris, Rome, Brussels, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Geneva, Lausanne, Lisbon, Budapest, Costa del Sol, Gibraltar, Malta in Europe. Trinidad and Bermuda in the Caribbean and Colombo in South Asia. In addition, there are associated churches in Bochum, Germany, Nicosia, Cyprus and Jerusalem.

#### Military links

Some like the Costa Del Sol are modern incarnations providing for those who've moved in recent years, following the sun more than seeking work. Others though have been established far longer and much

deeper history. A few years ago, I spoke to another Minister who had served in Malta who gave me the fascinating story of the Kirk on the Mediterranean islands.

It was created for Scots soldiers, sailors and merchants serving or passing through the strategically located isles and in many ways typical of those with a military base background. In the early 1840s a leading Scots lawyer ventured

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there to advise on the islands legal system. Noticing that the Black Watch were billeted there, he was concerned about the lack of a Presbyterian Minister. On his return he raised the issue with his local Presbytery and consequently funds were speedily raised to provide one.

Though distant from Scotland it was still subject to the effects of the Disruption when the schism in the Church erupted shortly after. Malta followed its sponsoring Edinburgh Kirk in leaving the established church and remained a Free Church outpost until the 1929settlement saw many, including it, re-join.

Military links though even predated the British Empire's establishment which Scots soldiers played no small part in it. Some Kirks such as Nicosia and Gibraltar, as well as Malta, are redolent of that Imperial military expansion. Others though saw their genesis long before that. The Amsterdam Kirk dating back to the Scottish Brigade in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century which served Elizabeth 1 of England in her wars with the Spanish. Indeed, a Scots Brigade existed for 200 more years with the Dutch.

Before then many settled, marrying locally and in 1607 a church was therefore provided for Amsterdam's English-speaking community in. It remains the oldest Church of Scotland in Europe and the third oldest church building in the city. Scots were only part of the congregation though and were joined by many English dissenters.

Some of them departed initially to a church in Leiden, before returning to Plymouth in England. It was from there that they departed on the Mayflower for the new world. For the Pilgrim Fathers are recorded in the Dutch church they once shared with their Scottish brethren.

Amsterdam's not the only Scots Kirk in the Low Countries. Scotland's trading links with that part of the world were extensive then and Rotterdam was established only a few years later in 1643. Providing for the Scots merchants, sailors and soldiers regularly passing through, it wasn't just spiritual needs but pastoral ones that the Kirk ministered to. It was extended in 1722 to provide for widows and orphans.

Scotland's ecclesiastical history
There's another city with its Kirk older still
that's rooted in Scotland's ecclesiastical
history. Geneva after all was where
John Calvin preached the gospel that
resonated in Scotland and resulted in

the reformation. The spiritual site of the Kirks theology, it was the city where John Knox also preached. Today, services still meet in the Auditoire de Calvin and the building renovated in the 1950s, dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century where Calvin and Knox thundered from the pulpit. When Presbyterianism was struggling to take root in Scotland and persecution abounded many Scots, including Knox, took refuge there, along with others from many lands.

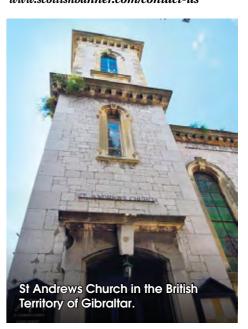
Nowadays it's not Scots Presbyterian refugees that the Kirk is providing sanctuary for but those fleeing other lands. In Malta, as in some Scots parishes, the Church hosts a refugee project for migrants of a different kind and in a different age.

Another fascinating history is the Scots Kirk in Paris which has existed since the 1850s, as with others in the likes of Rome and Lausanne. They were all established with the Scots community that was expanding with commerce, though now many of the congregation are of other nationalities. Its most famous Minister was Donald Caskie, better known as the Tartan Pimpernel, during the Second World War. When Germany occupied Paris, he had left for Marseille to work in a Sailors mission as his hostility to fascism was well known. Under the cloak of his ministry he helped the French resistance in getting allied soldiers and airmen out of occupied France.

The brave Ministers efforts were spotted though and he was due to be executed, his life saved by a local German Pastor remonstrating on his behalf. Caskie returned to the Paris Kirk after the war but later retired back to his native Scotland, living despite his endeavours to the age of 81 and buried in his native Islay.

So, every Kirk like every Burns statue tells a story of the Scottish Community that founded it and the lives the congregation led.

Have you visited or perhaps attend a Scots Kirk or international church connected to Scotland? Share your story with us by email, post or at www.scottishbanner.com/contact-us



# Papers of the exiled Stuart kings published online for the first time

Unparalleled collection of original documents reveals the personal lives and political ambitions of the Stuarts and their Jacobite followers.

major new digitisation programme announced in November will provide unparalleled insight into the social, military and personal worlds of the exiled Stuart dynasty and their Jacobite followers, as they fought to regain the thrones of Scotland, England and Ireland between the late 17<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The Stuart and Cumberland Papers project has made accessible online a total of 245,000 documents from the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle. The project has been undertaken in partnership with Gale, a Cengage Company, a leading provider of educational technology for libraries. Digitised over a period of 18 months, the papers are now available as part of Gale's State Papers Online programme and can be acquired by academic institutions and libraries worldwide to offer researchers and students a unique window into this turbulent period of European history.

#### The Old Pretender

The Stuart claimants to the throne were the descendants of James II (James VII of Scotland), who was forced from the throne and replaced by his Protestant daughter Mary II and her husband William of Orange during the Glorious Revolution of 1688. From then until the death of the last Stuart heir in 1807, the Stuarts were exiles in Europe, at the head of a complex network of Jacobite supporters at home and abroad.

The Stuart Papers bring together the private and diplomatic correspondence of James II; his son, James Francis Edward Stuart, nicknamed the Old Pretender; and his grandson, Charles Edward Stuart, better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie; as well as telling the story of their wives and mistresses, loyal followers, courtiers and spies. A significant proportion of the papers are wholly or partly in cipher, often with the translation written above each line.

In July 1745, Bonnie Prince Charlie sailed from France to Scotland with plans to raise a Jacobite army against the Hanoverians and regain the throne for his father. By April 1746, the two sides were preparing to meet at Culloden Moor. A memorandum in the Stuart Papers written by General Lord George Murray details the combat orders issued to the exhausted Jacobite troops: 'It is required & expected that each indeviduall in the Armie as well officer as Souldier keeps their posts that shall be alotted to them, & if any man turn his back to Runaway the nixt behind such man is to shoot him. No body on Pain of Death to Strip the slain or Plunder till the Batle be over. The Highlanders all to be in Kilts, & no body to throw away their Guns; by HRH Command.'

#### The Battle of Culloden

The Jacobites suffered a catastrophic defeat at the Battle of Culloden, and Bonnie Prince Charlie fled to France. In



a letter dated 28 April 1746, the Prince wrote to his Scottish Chiefs, justifying his reasons for leaving Scotland and asking them to conceal his departure for as long as possible. He wrote, 'When I came into this Country, it was my only view to do all in my power for your good and safety, This I will allways do as long as life is in me, But alas! I see with grief, I can at present do little for you on this side the water, for the only thing that can now be done, is to defend your selves, 'till the French assist you…'

Two months later, in one of the most personal letters to be found in the Stuart Papers, Charles's father, James Francis Edward, wrote to him to discuss the failure of the 1745-6 rebellion. The Prince urged his son: 'Do not for Gods sake drive things too far, but think of your own safety, on which so much depends; Tho' your Enterprize should miscarry, the honor you have gaind by it will always stick by you, it will make you be respected & considerd abroad.' While the majority of the letter was dictated by the Prince to his Secretary, the last sentence was added in the Prince's own handwriting: 'Adieu my dearest Child I tenderly embrace you & am all yours once more God bless and protect you, James R.'

#### Historic treasures

Digitised alongside the Stuart Papers are those of William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, the second surviving son of George II, who was a key figure in the Hanoverian monarchy and Captain General of the British Army between 1745 and 1757. In 1746, he was also appointed Ranger of Windsor Great Park, a role he retained until his death in 1765. By making available these two distinct but historically related collections, The Stuart and **Cumberland Papers project offers** unique perspectives into both the Jacobite risings and the methods used by the ruling Hanoverian monarchy to suppress them.

An account by Lord Charles Cathcart, Aide-de-Camp to the Duke of Cumberland, describes the British victory at the Battle of Culloden, and includes sketches showing the order of the battle. He describes how the Hanoverian forces, 'after leaving 1,000 dead' on the battlefield, pursued the fleeing Jacobites and 'cut 1,000 to pieces', as well as taking several hundreds of French prisoners.

Oliver Urquhart Irvine, The
Librarian & Deputy Keeper of The
Queen's Archives, said, "The Stuart and
Cumberland Papers project forms part
of our ongoing commitment to make the
historic treasures of the Royal Archives
as widely accessible as possible through
digital technology. We are grateful to
our partners at Gale for enabling us to
make this invaluable resource available
online, giving students and scholars
from around the world the opportunity
to explore these compelling original
documents first-hand."

Seth Cayley, Vice President, Gale Primary Sources, said; "The history of the exiled Stuart Court, with all of its intrigues, larger-than-life personalities and thwarted ambition, is revealed in intricate detail through these documents and papers of court life and politics. The digital availability of the Stuart and Cumberland Papers in State Papers Online will enrich 18<sup>th</sup> Century Studies research around the world. Gale would like to thank the Royal Archives for collaborating on this milestone project."

The papers will be available via the Gale website.

## Did you know? - The Royal Yacht Britannia



- On 16 April 1953, *Britannia* was launched from the John Brown & Company shipyard in Clydebank, Glasgow.
- During 44 years in Royal service *Britannia* sailed the equivalent of once round the world for each year, calling at over 600 ports in 135 countries.
- The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh worked closely with interior designer Sir Hugh Casson to create both a functional Royal Navy vessel, and a sumptuous Royal residence.
- *Britannia* was designed to double as a hospital ship in wartime, but never served this purpose.
- The Queen chose deep blue for *Britannia's* hull, instead of the more traditional black.
- She was the last ship in the Navy where sailors slept in hammocks. This stopped in 1973.

- Unlike any other ship, Britannia was captained by nine Admirals and latterly a Commodore. The full crew comprised of 220 Yachtsmen, 20 Officers, three Season Officers and on Royal Tours, a Royal Marines Band of 26 men.
- She was the only Navy ship to have its own 24 - hour laundry, manned by its own crew, where temperatures sometimes reached 120F.
- Shouting was forbidden on the Ship.
   Orders were given by hand signal to preserve the tranquillity.
- *Britannia* is the only place you can see the bedroom of a living British monarch.
- Four Royal honeymoons took place on board, including Prince Charles and Princess Diana's in 1986.
- Britannia opened her doors as a tourist attraction in 1998 and is berthed at Ocean Terminal in the Edinburgh suburb of Leith.

#### IN THE SCOTTISH KITCHEN



## Honey-glazed gammon/ham

#### **Ingredients:**

For cooking the gammon:

2kg/4lb 8oz. unsmoked boneless gammon/ham joint, tied 2 onions, halved 2 carrots, unpeeled, cut into 5cm/2in pieces 2 celery stalks, cut into 5cm/2in pieces 4 bay leaves 12 black peppercorns small handful cloves

#### For the glaze:

4 tbsp runny honey 4 tbsp English mustard

#### Method:

Place the gammon joint into a large lidded saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to the boil over a high heat. Drain the water from the saucepan, add fresh cold water, the onions, carrots, celery, bay and peppercorns and bring to the boil once more. Reduce the heat, cover with a lid and simmer the gammon and vegetables gently for 20 minutes per 500g/1lb 2oz. (If your pan is not quite large enough to cover the joint completely, turn the gammon over halfway through the cooking time.)

Remove the gammon from the water and set aside to cool for 15 minutes. (The cooking liquid can be strained and reserved for making soup for another time.)

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6 and line a large roasting tin with kitchen foil.

Use a small knife to remove the rind from the gammon joint, leaving as much of the fat intact as possible. Score the fat in a diamond pattern, and push a clove into the centre of each 'X'.

Place the gammon into the foillined roasting tray, ensuring that the sides of the foil come halfway up the joint to contain any roasting juices.

For the glaze, mix the honey and mustard together and brush half of it evenly over the gammon, including one side of the joint. Roast in the centre of the oven for 10 minutes, then take the joint out and brush the top and remaining side with the rest of the glaze. Return the gammon to the oven for a further 10–15 minutes, rotating the tin so that the opposite side of the gammon faces the back of the oven.

The gammon is ready when the fat on top is glossy and golden brown. Cover loosely with foil if the top begins to look too brown. Remove the gammon from the oven and set aside to rest for 15 minutes before carving.

Pour any juices that have collected in the kitchen foil into a small pan, and warm through gently.

Carve the gammon, serve on a large platter and spoon over the warmed juices.

#### **Christmas Mince Pies**

#### **Ingredients:**

225g/9oz. plain flour
2 tsp ground cinnamon
140g/5oz. chilled butter, cut into cubes
55g/2oz. ground almonds
25g caster sugar
1 egg, yolk only
55g/2oz. golden marzipan
170g/6oz. vegetarian mincemeat
2 tbsp sherry
caster sugar, for sprinkling
cream, custard, or brandy butter, to serve

#### Method:

Put the flour in a blender with the cinnamon. Add the butter and blitz to form fine breadcrumbs. Add the almonds, sugar, egg yolk and 2-3 tbsp of cold water and blitz to form a soft dough. Knead the dough briefly on a floured surface, then wrap in cling film and chill for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, chop the marzipan into small pieces. Stir into the mincemeat, along with the sherry.

Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Thinly roll out the pastry and cut out twelve 7.5cm/3in rounds. Place the rounds in a greased 12 hole tart tin. Divide the mincemeat between the pastry cases.

Cut out 12 stars and place one on top of each tart. Bake for 20 minutes until the pastry is golden and cooked through. Transfer to a wire rack and sprinkle with caster sugar. Serve with cream, custard or brandy butter.

#### **Black Bun**



#### **Ingredients:**

For the pastry: 300g/10½oz. plain flour 75g/3oz. lard, cubed



This month gather friends and family around and eat perhaps a bit more than you should, and celebrate Christmas and Hogmanay with a great range of food and drink. From our table to yours-Happy Holidays!

75g/3oz. butter, cubed pinch salt ½ tsp baking powder 1 free-range egg, beaten, for glazing For the filling: 200g/7oz. plain flour 300g/10½oz. raisins 300g/10½oz. currants ½ tsp. ground ginger ½ tsp. ground cinnamon ½ tsp. ground allspice ½ tsp. mixed spice ¼ tsp. ground black pepper 100g/3½oz. dark muscovado sugar 100g/3½oz. mixed peel, chopped ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda 2 tbsp. whisky 1 free-range egg 3 tbsp buttermilk

#### **Method:**

For the pastry, sift the flour into a bowl and rub in the lard and butter until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the salt, baking powder and four tablespoons of cold water and mix to a soft dough. Turn out and knead into a ball. Wrap in cling film and leave to chill in the fridge while you make the filling.

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4 (fan 160C).

For the filling, mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl.

Line a 900g/2lb loaf tin with baking parchment. On a lightly floured surface, roll out two thirds of the pastry to a rectangle large enough to line the tin. Drape into the tin and press up against the sides. Spoon the filling into the tin, pressing down to compress.

Roll out three quarters of the remaining pastry to a rectangle large enough to cover the tin. Dampen the edges of the pastry with water and press the pastry lid on top to seal. Trim the edges and crimp using the tines of a fork. Roll out the remaining pastry, along with any trimmings, and use to make a bow to decorate the top, then attach with a little water.

Glaze with beaten egg and bake for two hours. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the tin before turning out.

#### Christmas biscuits

#### **Ingredients:**

100g/3½oz. unsalted butter, softened at room temperature 100g/3½oz. caster sugar 1 free-range egg, lightly beaten 1 tsp vanilla extract 275g/10oz. plain flour To decorate 400g/14oz. icing sugar 3-4 tbsp. water 2-3 drops food colourings Edible glitter

#### Method:

Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl until pale, light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined. Stir in the flour until the mixture comes together as a dough. Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface to a thickness of 1cm/½in. Using biscuit cutters or a glass, cut biscuits out of the dough and carefully place onto the baking tray. To make into Christmas tree decorations, carefully make a hole in the top of the biscuit using a straw. Bake the biscuits for 8-10 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to harden for 5 minutes, then cool on a wire rack.

For the icing, sift the icing sugar into a large mixing bowl and stir in enough water to create a smooth mixture. Stir in the food colouring. Carefully spread the icing onto the biscuits using a knife and sprinkle over the glitter. Set aside until the icing hardens.

#### Sherry trifle



#### **Ingredients:**

1 packet trifle sponges, broken into 5cm/2in pieces ½ packet of amaretti biscuits or 150g/5oz macaroons or ratafias 150ml/5fl oz. sweet sherry 1 tbsp cognac 4 tbsp blackberry or raspberry jam 450g/1 lb. fresh blackberries 450g/1 lb. fresh raspberries 85g/3oz toasted flaked almonds 600ml/1 pint ready-made custard For the syllabub topping 125ml/4fl oz. sherry 2 tbsp brandy 1 lemon, juice only 55g/2oz. caster sugar 425ml/15fl oz. double cream freshly grated nutmeg To garnish 2 oranges, grated zest only 85g/3oz. flaked almonds

#### Method:

Lay the sponge pieces and biscuits in the base of a deep glass dish. Spoon over the sherry and cognac and leave to soak in for a few minutes.

Warm the jam until it is runny then pour over the soaked sponge and biscuits. Sprinkle the fruit and flaked almonds on top then pour over the custard.

To make the syllabub topping, place the sherry, brandy and lemon juice into a bowl and stir in the sugar until it dissolves.

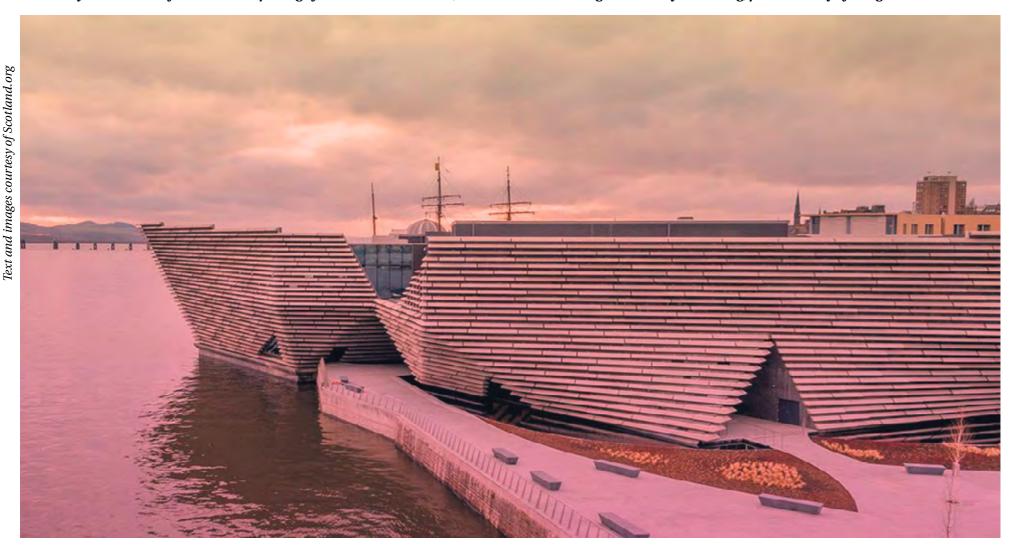
Pour in the cream with a pinch of nutmeg. Whisk together using a wire balloon whisk until it holds its shape. Don't over-whisk, or whisk too vigorously, as the cream may split.

Spoon the syllabub over the trifle and chill, preferably overnight.

Just before serving, scatter with the grated orange rind and/ or flaked toasted almonds.

## Dundee: Scotland's Designer Destination

With all eyes on Dundee for the recent opening of the new V&A museum, it's worth remembering that the city has a long, proud history of design and innovation.



undee's new Victoria & Albert
Museum of Design (V&A) – the
first to be opened outside of
London – is the centrepiece of
a £1bn waterfront regeneration scheme.
It's hoped that the stunning new building
can do for Dundee what the Guggenheim
Museum did for the Spanish city of Bilbao.

Situated on the River Tay, the city of Dundee is synonymous with many iconic brands and industries. From the world-famous Dundee marmalade that you spread on your breakfast toast and the classic comic books every British kid grew up with, to ground-breaking life-sciences research and many of the world's most popular video games – we have Dundee to thank for all these, and much more.

#### **Humble beginnings**

There's a reason Dundee is designated as the UK's first UNESCO City of Design – as far back as the early 1800s, Dundee thrived on the production of linen fabric. Fast forward 50 years and you come across the 'jute revolution', when Dundee became the world's largest exporter of jute fabric. This fabric was used in everything from wrapping commercial and domestic products, to providing the covers for the wagons of America's old west.

The technical skills developed in Dundee to run the city's many spinning mills were called on again many years later. This was to be a technology transfer that would first change the face of the city, and then the entire world. Huge inward investment saw companies like National Cash Register (NCR) and Timex descend on the city. Perhaps biggest amongst these new faces was Sinclair – the developer and manufacturer of one of the world's first home computers.



Out of that microelectronics boom came a new generation of computer innovators, makers, programmers, coders, designers and dreamers: the players had now become the creators. The city's universities were quick off the mark, too, with Dundee College of Art starting a ground-breaking digital animation course, and Abertay launching the world's first degree in computer games design.

From small beginnings, in bedrooms, garages and industrial estates, Dundee's young, tech-savvy games pioneers would soon have the world playing alongside them. Start-up companies such as DMA, VIS Entertainment and Rockstar eventually went on to launch such global hits as Lemmings, State of Emergency and Grand Theft Auto.

#### Riverside reinvention

Soon, the city's former mills – once dangerous, noisy and dirty places – were being repurposed as warehouse apartments, sleek new HQs for start-up businesses, museums, and gallery spaces.

Dundee's riverside and dockland areas were also witnessing a sea change. First, in 1986, came the return of the Dundee-built *RSS Discovery*. The stunning, tall-masted ship was responsible for carrying famed explorer, Captain Scott, on his first voyage to the Antarctic. By 1992, she took pride of place at Discovery Point – a custom-built dock and award-winning visitor centre.

Success generates success and, before long, the city was attracting a new generation of ambitious entrepreneurs and computer games pioneers, all eager to get their hands on the controls. This has continued on to this day, and Dundee now accounts for an impressive 10% of the UK's digital entertainment industry.

#### **Changing city**

The city gained fresh impetus and new momentum with the arrival of the Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA) centre, a beacon for emerging artistic and design talent. In 2014, the city was rightly acknowledged for its contribution to medical research, comics, and the gaming industry, being named the UK's first UNESCO City of Design.

Young Dundonians, once eager to escape to Edinburgh, Glasgow, or further afield, began to realise that they could build a life, career and world-beating businesses right on their own doorstep. Soon, Dundee began to attract a whole new set of international fans too. In 2015, *GQ* magazine named it the 'Coolest Little City in Britain' and in 2018, America's *Wall Street Journal* named the city as 5th on its Worldwide Hot Destination List.



#### Size matters

The city's relatively small size is one of its strengths; people know each other, so networking is easy. The people you work and do business with are the same people you meet in the city's busy pubs, clubs and restaurants. Dundee also boasts the highest number of students per head of population of any city in Scotland. This means that there's a constant stream of graduates looking to make their mark in the city, to reinvent and reshape it for tomorrow.

Today, the city's creative industries produce an annual turnover of £190m and provide employment for 3,000 people. When you consider that the population of Dundee is just 150,000, you can see the importance of the cultural sector to the city's economic wellbeing.

#### The world is watching...

Now, Dundee has stepped up to the mark again, with the opening of the new V&A. The £80m riverside project, designed by renowned Japanese architect, Kengo Kuma, marks the next step in Dundee's story.

The new museum is expected to attract an extra half a million visitors to Dundee in the first year and 300,000 each year after that. Perhaps it's time you discovered Dundee for yourself – it's not just an attractive city to visit, but also to live,work and study in.

## THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

Names & Places In The News From Today And The Past

1 - The first volume of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*was published in Edinburgh, edited by William Smellie. 1768



- 1 First lighthouse in Scotland opened (at Kinnaird Head, Fraserburgh). It was built by Thomas Smith and Robert Stevenson. 1787
- 1 Hurricane-force winds caused widespread damage. 1966
- 2 Mary Slessor, West African missionary, born in Aberdeen. 1848
- **3** Robert Louis Stevenson died in Samoa. **1894**



- 3 His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen opened and soon became the city's leading centre of entertainment. 1906
- 4 King William I (Lion) died at Stirling and was succeeded by his son Alexander II. 1214
- $\bf 4$  Treaty of London, releasing James I from his 18 years captivity in England.  $\bf 1423$
- **4** Essayist and historian Thomas Carlyle, best known for his *History of the French Revolution* born in Ecclefechan. **1795**
- 4 Cartoon character Desperate Dan first appeared in the  ${\it Dandy}\ comic.\ 1937$
- $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{5} \text{ King Francis II of France, husband} \\ \text{ of Mary Queen of Scots, died. } \textbf{1560} \end{array}$
- 5 Death of Sir Robert Watson-Watt, the Brechin-born inventor of radar. 1973
- $\begin{array}{c} 6 \text{ King Alexander II crowned} \\ \text{at Scone.} \ 1214 \end{array}$
- **6** Charles Edward Stewart's entry into Derby. **1745**
- 6 The Battle of Dryfe Sands took place near Lockerbie, Scottish Borders, resulting in many casualties, it was a battle between the clans of Clan Maxwell and Clan Johnstone. Many were wounded by downward sword strokes known as "Lockerbie Licks". 1593
- 7 The birth of Henry Stewart, Lord Darnley, the Anglo-Scottish aristocrat and second husband of Mary, Queen of Scots. Mary married Henry, her first cousin, on the 29 July 1565, to be the uncrowned "King Henry". Darnley was the second husband of Mary and father of King James VI of Scotland and James I of England. He was assassinated in February 1567 by person unknown, although Mary's third husband James, Lord Bothwell, was seriously implicated in the murder. 1545



- 8 Mary, Queen of Scots, born Linlithgow Palace. The only surviving child of James V and Mary of Guise, Mary ascended to the Scottish throne following her father's death when she was only six days old. Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England for her complicity in a plot to murder Queen Elizabeth I at the age of 44 years. 1542
- 9 King Malcolm IV, King of Scotland, died at Jedburgh Castle.  $1165\,$
- 10 King Edward VIII abdicated and King George VI acceded to the throne. 1936
- 10 The death of Duncan Forbes of Culloden, the Lord President of the Court of Session. As a prominent Whig, like many Scots Forbes supported the Hanoverian cause and used his influence to dissuade a number of clans from joining the Jacobites. 1747
- 11 David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope born. 1781
- 11 Architect and artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh died. 1928
- 12 Anne of Denmark, wife of King James VI, born. 1574
- 13 William Drummond, poet, born. Drummond was one of the first notable Scots poets to write exclusively in English after the Union of the Crowns in 1603. 1585
- 14 James V died at Falkland Palace. Mary Queen of Scots succeeded him.  $1542\,$

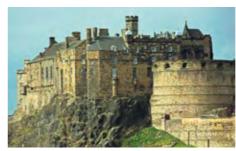


- 14 Glasgow District Underground opened, powered by electricity. 1896
- 14 Will Fyfe, comedian, died. 1947
- 14 University of Stirling instituted by Royal charter. 1967
- $15\,\text{-}$  The Zoological Society of Glasgow was founded on this day.  $1936\,$
- 16 Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland. Cromwell was the only invader of Scotland to conquer the whole country. 1653
- 16 Thomas Blake Glover, founding father of Japan's industrialisation (including Mitsubishi) and Japanese Navy, born Fraserburgh. 1838
- 17 Marriage contract between James IV and Margaret Tudor signed by King James. 1502
- 17 Lord Kelvin, scientist and inventor, died. 1907
- 17 Petrol rationing was imposed following the Suez crisis and the closure of the canal. 1956

- 18 Many Scottish historical records were lost when the ship Elizabeth of Burntisland sank off the English coast. The records had been taken to London by Oliver Cromwell and were being returned to Edinburgh. 1661
- 18 Society of Antiquaries founded. 1780
- 18 Death penalty for murder was formally abolished in Britain. 1969
- 19 *The Scotsman* newspaper moves to new offices at North Bridge in Edinburgh, remaining there until 1999. 1904
- 20 First General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.  $1560\,$



- **20** Entertainer Andy Stewart was born in Glasgow. Stewart is perhaps best known for his STV show, *The White Heather Club*, which began in 1960, and his songs *Ye Canna Shuv Yer Granny Off A Bus* and *Donald Where's Yer Troosers*. He died in 1993. **1933**
- 21 Robert Liston, who was born in Linlithgow in 1794, performed the first operation in a British hospital using anaesthetic (ether). 1846
- 21 Pan Am 747 blew up and crashed at Lockerbie, Dumfries, killing 243 passengers, 16 crew and 11 Lockerbie residents. The Pan American jumbo jet bound for New York was blown out of the sky by a terrorist bomb and crashes onto the Scottish town of Lockerbie killing all 259 passengers and 11 people on the ground. 1988
- 22 James Edward Stuart, the Old Pretender, son of James II, the deposed Catholic King of England, arrived at Peterhead in north-east Scotland to lead a Jacobite rebellion. 1715
- 22 Pop mega-star Madonna married movie-producer Guy Ritchie at Skibo Castle, putting Dornoch into the media spotlight. The couple has since divorced but helped create a Scottish wedding boom. 2000
- 23 Samuel Smiles, writer and author of *Self Help*and *Lives of Engineers*, born. 1812
- 23 Major outbreak of cholera in Scotland. 1831
- 24 King William I (Lion) crowned at Scone. 1165



- $24 \text{Edinburgh Castle surrendered} \\ \text{to Oliver Cromwell.} \\ 1650$
- 24 General George Wade was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the British army in Scotland after he had reported on the need for military roads in the country. 1724

- 24 Writer and geologist Hugh Miller died. 1856
- 25 Stone of Destiny removed from Westminster Abbey. Used as the coronation stone of the Scottish kings from the 10<sup>th</sup> century, the stone was removed by four Scottish university students whose story became a book and movie. The ringleader Ian Hamilton is a former contributor to *the Scottish Banner.* 1950
- 25 Christmas Day becomes a public holiday in Scotland. It was abolished in 1640. 1958
- 25 The Jacobite army reached Glasgow. The military campaign to return a Catholic Stewart king to the throne in place of the Hanoverian Protestant King William III. 1745
- 26 Alexander III, the King of Scots, was married to Margaret, the daughter of Henry III, King of England, in York. 1251
- 27 King Charles I, imprisoned at Carisbrooke Castle, reached an agreement with the Scots who offered military aid in exchange for a promise to establish Presbyterianism in England (but only for three years). 1647
- 27 Premiere of J M Barrie's play  $\it Peter\, Pan$  at the Duke of York Theatre, London. Barrie was born in Kirriemuir in 1860. 1904
- 28 The Tay Bridge disaster occurred. 75 passengers were killed when the structure collapsed under a train during a storm. 1879
- 28 Scotland's famous outlaw, Rob "Roy" MacGregor, died. He was immortalised in Sir Walter Scott's novel, Rob Roy. 1734
- 28 James IV who liked to gamble played 'bylis' (similar to billiards) with a man described in records as "John Anderson that wantis the feit and handies". There's also a note mentioning that the king gave Anderson 14 shilling. 1501
- ${\color{red} 29 \text{ Charles Macintosh, who patented} \\ \text{waterproof fabric, born in Glasgow. } {\color{red} 1766} \\$
- 29 William Ewart Gladstone, UK Prime Minister on four occasions, born 1809. 1809



- 30 Rangers' first match at their new Ibrox Stadium. It was a 3-1 victory over Hearts in the Inter-City League. 1899
- 30 The Albion Motor Company was established. At first the firm made motor cars and commercial vehicles, but from 1913 concentrated on the latter. 1899
- 31 Prince Charles Edward Stewart, The Young Pretender, was born in Rome. Known as "Bonnie Prince Charlie", after the Gaelic pronunciation of his name, he led the 1745 Jacobite attempt to overthrow the Hanoverian monarchy. Bonnie Prince Charlie or the Young Pretender, was the son of James, the Old Pretender. 1720
- **31** 72 killed at Glen Cinema Fire, Paisley. **1929**
- $\bf 31$  The farthing coin (a quarter of an old penny) ceased to be legal tender.  $\bf 1960$

# Stirling home to Scotland's 'Best Building 2018'

he Engine Shed in Stirling has been awarded three prestigious accolades in its first year of opening. As well as being named one of the best new buildings in Scotland at the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) 2018, The Engine Shed was awarded 'Best Building 2018' and 'Best Use of Stone' at the Stirling Society of Architects Design Awards 2018. The Engine Shed, run by Historic Environment Scotland (HES), is Scotland's dedicated building conservation centre, serving as a central hub for building and conservation professionals and the general public.

#### **International profile**

Development began in 2013 to revitalise and extend the original building, with the Engine Shed opening to the public in July 2017. The RIAS Awards judges said: "The judges were unanimous in their view that this was an outstanding project."

Dr David Mitchell, Director of
Conservation at Historic Environment
Scotland said: "We are very pleased that
the Engine Shed has been recognised
as one of the best new buildings in
Scotland. The conservation centre was
built using traditional materials in a
contemporary way and sympathetically
making the most of the original building.
The response from visitors and users of
the building has been great and in its first

year of operation has gained significant international profile for what the Scottish sector does in research and education around traditional buildings. One of our own architects designed the building and the project team worked very hard to deliver our aspirations."

#### About the structure

The Engine Shed is a single storey building with sandstone walls and a slate roof, with a glazed clerestory window that runs the full length of the building. Steel roof trusses that span the width of the building support the roof. Inside the

historic building is a single large space, into which the lecture theatre for the building conservation centre has been installed as a pod – similar to the way in which large railway stations house shops and cafés. Originally the train track entered the shed, and elevated platforms ran along one or both sides. As part of the restoration, the floor has been taken down to the original level and the rails and platforms removed.

The Engine Shed is free to visit for members of the public from Monday -Saturday, 10am - 4pm. For details see: www.engineshed.scot



## Johnston Press goes into voluntary administration

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Jobs and newspaper titles at Johnston Press have been saved after the company was bought by creditors. Newly formed company JPIMedia announced it had acquired the publisher after it put itself into administration. As part of the transaction, creditors have agreed to inject £35 million of new money into the business and reduce its net debt level by £135 million.

John Ensall, Director of JPIMedia said: "In the absence of another financial solution being available for the business, we are pleased to have reached this agreement to acquire Johnston Press, to protect the value of the business, preserve jobs and allow for the uninterrupted publication of its websites and newspapers.

"As part of this transaction we have reduced the level of net debt very significantly and invested £35m to put the business in a far stronger financial position. We look forward to working with the management team as they embark on the next chapter in Johnston Press's story in the media sector, with the resources to support local and national journalism and embrace the digital future."

One of Britain's biggest publishers, Johnston Press had more than 200 titles in print and online, including the *i, The Yorkshire Post* and *The Scotsman*, which has been publishing for over 200 year's.

## Buckle up for Scotland's first glamping plane

here's more good news for flight fanatics, as the tiny Stirlingshire village of Thornhill is set to become home to Scotland's only plane glamping experience.

A Scottish farmer who put Thornhill on the map by converting a Royal Navy Sea King Helicopter into glamping accommodation, has added a Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer to his fleet. Martyn Steedman has lofty plans to transform the classic high-winged plane into a

holiday home. Designed and built in Prestwick in 1959, Twin Pioneers were Scotland's most successful aircraft of the era. Their unique design meant they were able to take off and land within an area of just 30 metres by 275 metres.

Martyn said: "G-APRS, or Primrose as she is affectionately known by those who flew her, was one of last flying Twin Pioneers in the world. She faithfully served on civilian and military missions for nearly 50 years, before being retired because of

her ageing wing struts. We're delighted to be bringing her back home Scotland where we'll convert her into a first-class glamping experience. We're sure that like our Sea King she'll attracts tourists and aviation enthusiasts alike, which is great news for the rural economy and local jobs."

#### First class upgrade

The distinctive red, white and blue plane has an impressive 76ft wing span and comes complete with engine, full cockpit and 14 passenger seats. Martyn's first job will be to reassemble the aircraft, which will have had its wings and tail removed for transportation. He said: "We're hoping it'll just be like a giant Airfix model, just with lots of bolts and bit less glue."

Once manoeuvred onto the Mains Farm Wigwams site, Primrose will be given a first class upgrade. Her passenger seats will be removed to make way for a bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. There are also plans to light up the field at night like a runway.

Martyn hopes the conversion will be plane-sailing: "We'll be drawing on our experience of converting the helicopter and preserving as much of the interior as possible for future generations to enjoy, including the stunning two-seater cockpit. Primrose will turn 60 next year, so we're hoping to get her into tip top shape for her big birthday. We'd love to track down the team who built her and involve them in her transformation."

## Tartan of the Month *Edinburgh's Hogmanay*



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).

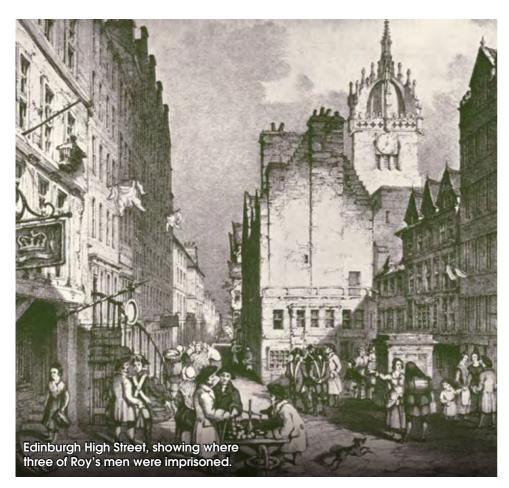
his tartan has been designed for the Underbelly Edinburgh Hogmanay celebrations. It will be used in various items of merchandise including staff uniforms. Edinburgh's Hogmanay tartan was designed by Brian Halley (SRT Reference: 11967) and registered on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.



By: Eric Bryan

# Gilder Roy, The Bonnie Boy A Highland Highwayman





ilder Roy was born in Perthshire circa 1624 to a Highland family. His father died as he came of age and left him an estate of about 80 marks annually. Rejecting the counsel of his friends, Roy took over management and burnt through the estate in roughly a year and a half. He then lived off money from his mother until his extravagancies caused her to cut him off. In his desperation, Roy's rejoinder was to slit his mother's throat with a razor while she slept, loot the house, and set fire to it.

Roy became a wanted man in his native Highlands, so he escaped to France. In the Basilica of St Denis, Paris, Roy attempted to rob Cardinal Richelieu during high Mass. He was spotted in the act by the King who was attending, and so he created a subterfuge on the spot, drawing the King into the 'joke'. Once the cardinal discovered he'd been robbed, the King went into hysterics, and Roy slyly returned the money (a variation of this story has Roy stealing a gold watch from a woman sitting near him, while drawing her suitor into the supposed harmless caper).

Spain was next on Roy's itinerary. In Madrid, he disguised himself as a porter of the Duke of Medina-Celi, walked into the duke's house with some accomplices during a feast, and made off with a trunk which contained valuable pieces of plate.

#### Home to the Highlands

After spending about three years roaming, robbing and scamming on the Continent, Roy returned to Scotland and kitted himself out as a highwayman. He performed in this capacity with gusto, gathered a crew of likeminded bandits around him, and became feared throughout the country.

People grew reluctant to venture onto the roads unless they travelled in large groups. In areas such as Angus, Athol, Baquahan, Lochaber, Mar, Moray, and Sutherland, Roy used a two-pronged approach to generate income: He extorted protection tributes from the country people by promising their safety on the roads; in order to convince those disinclined to pay, he drove off their cattle.

One of Roy's early highway victims was the Earl of Linlithgow. The 'knight of the road' relieved the earl of a diamond ring, a gold watch, and eighty gold pieces. More high-profile prey came in the form of Oliver Cromwell. Cromwell sailed from Donaghadey, Ireland to Portpatrick, Scotland. Roy was prowling Galloway when he heard Cromwell had landed.

Gilder Roy, on his own, ambushed Cromwell and his two servants on the road to Glasgow. Cromwell, seeing the odds were in his favour, refused the highwayman's demands, and the opponents broke into a fire-fight for almost fifteen minutes. Roy then fled, and Cromwell's party pursued for nearly half an hour.

Roy turned about and shot Cromwell's horse from under him, breaking the rider's leg, and put a bullet through the skull of one of his servants. Roy reportedly sent Cromwell packing on an ass, with his legs tied against the beast's body (another version of this account replaces Cromwell with an anonymous "gentlemen", with a similar outcome).

As his triumphs mounted, Roy grew more confident, and more depraved. Beyond highway robbery, Roy and his banditti began to murder those who resisted, and to set ablaze the homes of those who had slighted him.

#### Hanging a judge

Three of Roy's gang were eventually captured and imprisoned in Tolbooth, Edinburgh. The outlaws escaped, but were caught again and cast into Glasgow gaol.

## Gilderoy

Scottish poet Thomas Campbell (1777-1844), inspired by the original ballad, composed his own lines on Gilder Roy:

The last, the fatal hour is come, That bears my love from me: I hear the dead note of the drum, I mark the gallows' tree!

The bell has tolled; it shakes my heart: The trumpet speaks thy name; And must my Gilderoy depart To bear a death of shame?

No bosom trembles for thy doom, No mourner wipes a tear; The gallows' foot is all thy tomb, The sledge is all thy bier.

O Gilderoy! bethought we then So soon, so sad to part, When first in Roslin's lovely glen You triumphed o'er my heart?

Your locks they glittered to the sheen, Your hunter garb was trim; And graceful was the ribbon green That bound your manly limb!

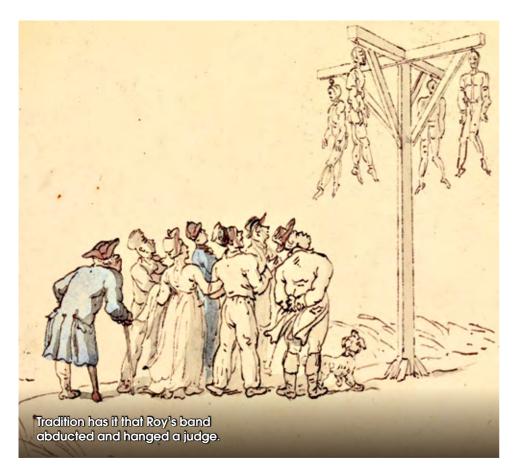
Ah! little thought I to deplore Those limbs in fetters bound; Or hear, upon the scaffold floor, The midnight hammer sound.

Ye cruel, cruel, that combined The guiltless to pursue; My Gilderoy was ever kind, He could not injure you!

A long adieu! but where shall fly Thy widow all forlorn, When every mean and cruel eye Regards my woe with scorn?

Yes! they will mock thy widow's tears, And hate thine orphan boy; Alas! his infant beauty wears The form of Gilderoy.

Then will I seek the dreary mound That wraps thy mouldering clay, And weep and linger on the ground, And sigh my heart away.



The men were hanged outside the city gates, their bodies left to rot where they swung on the gallows.

Gilder Roy swore retaliation, and he and his band exacted their revenge in the most direct mode: They set their sights on the judge who oversaw the proceedings of his fallen comrades and waylaid him in his coach on the road to Aberdeen. The brigands stripped and bound the coachman and two footmen and drowned them in a pond. They robbed the judge of all he carried, shredded the coach, and killed the four horses which pulled it.

Roy's band abducted the judge to a wood, and tied him fast to a tree. Deep into the night, they carried the man to the gallows where the remains of Roy's men swung. This was a four-point gallows, with an iron hook at each end to which a rope could be secured. The bandits threw a cord over the available hook, and hanged the judge then and there.

Roy's wasn't satisfied with this act in itself; he wanted the government to know who the judge's hangman had been. To this end, he sent a letter to the ministers of state informing them of this fact.

The judge's execution and Roy's letter propelled the legislature to investigate ways to crush Gilder Roy and his mob.

An attorney named Jennet pressed for a hang-first, judge-later law to be implemented against highwaymen. This unjust law was authorised supposedly unanimously by the government, and led to the hanging of highwaymen on the spot when captured, with trials sometimes held post-execution!

#### **Betraval**

The government offered a one-thousand mark reward for the seizure of Roy. One of Roy's mistresses, Margaret or Peg Cunningham, found the offer too tempting, and she betrayed the outlaw: The next time he visited her, fifty men encircled her house. When Roy realised who had informed on him, he raced into Margaret's bedchamber and murdered her with a knife.

When the men advanced, Roy fought like a mad devil, killing eight of them. But he was overcome, captured, and taken to the castle of Edinburgh. They put him in

## The Ballad of Gilder Roy

There are several versions of *The Ballad of Gilder Roy* which vary in the number of stanzas and details of language. Here follows a modernization of the ballad, which also leaves out several stanzas:

Gilderoy was a bonny boy, had roses on his shoon, His stockings made of the finest silk, his garter hanging down; It was a comely sight to see, he was so trim a boy, He was my joy and heart's delight - my handsome Gilderoy.

O such a charming eye he had, his breath sweet as a rose, He never wore a Highland plaid but costly silken clothes; He gained to love of ladies gay, and none to him were coy, Ah, woe is me! I mourn the day for my dear Gilderoy.

My Gilderoy, that love of thine, good faith! I'd freely bought, A wedding gown of Holland fine with silken flowers wrought; And he gave me a wedding ring, which I received with joy, No lads and lasses e'er could sing like me and Gilderoy.

While we together both did play, he kissed me o'er and o'er, Good day it was, as blithe a day as e'er I saw before; He filled my heart in every vein with love and mickle joy - But when shall I behold again my handsome Gilderoy.

'Tis pity a man should e'er be hanged for taking women's gear, Of for pilfering a sheep or calf, or stealing cow or mare; Had not our laws been made so strict I ne'er had lost my joy, Who was my dearest heart's delight - my handsome Gilderoy.

At Leith they took my Gilderoy, and there God wot, they tried him,
They carried him to fair Edinburgh, and there God wot, they hanged him;
They hanged him up above the rest, he was so trim a boy,
My only love and heart's delight
- my handsome Gilderoy.

Thus, having yielded up his breath, in a cypress he was laid,
Then, for my dearest after death, a funeral I made;
Above his grave a marble stone I fixed for my joy,
Now I am left to weep alone for my handsome Gilderoy.

chains and threw him into the dungeon, without food or water for three days. Then, deprived of a trial, he was dragged under heavy guard to Edinburgh's market-cross, and hanged from a thirty-foot high gallows. Shortly thereafter, the authorities took down his body and chained it to a forty-foot high gibbet, between Edinburgh and Leith.

There is a romantic tradition telling of other adventures of Gilder Roy, and that he came from the once-outlawed Clan Gregor. Soon after his death, a young woman sympathetic to Roy composed a ballad telling of his life's final chapter. The ballad became famous, and lamented Gilder Roy as "bonnie", "handsome", "dear", and "winsome".

This is a far cry from how Roy is described in Catalogue of English and American chapbooks and broadside ballads in Harvard College Library: "The wonderful life of Gilder Roy, a noted murderer, ravisher, incendiary, and highwayman." The details of the truth are buried in history.

