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The Banner Says...

# Scotland out of this World



by Sean Cairney

**A**s international borders and travel slowly starts to get back to a version of normal we have all been missing, many readers will be considering plans to get them from A to B, or perhaps more likely for some readers from A, or B, to Scotland.

**SaxaVord UK Spaceport**

A form of travel of a whole other kind has been creating excitement in Scotland itself recently. Shetland Islands Council has approved an application to build a £100m spaceport at the Lamba Ness peninsula in Unst. The Shetland location for the SaxaVord UK Spaceport will be the UK's first vertical launch spaceport and will be used to launch small satellites into low-earth orbits and used by telecommunications, media, weather and defence organisations. The first launch is hoped to take place in the third quarter of this year with targets of up to 30 launches a year from Shetland, and the first orbital launch from UK soil.

**Space Hub Sutherland**

Blast off will also take place from the Scottish mainland as plans are also well underway for the £17.5m Space Hub Sutherland, which is also developing a vertical launch site on the A' Mhoine peninsula, in Sutherland in the far north of the country. Space Hub Sutherland aims to become the world's first carbon neutral spaceport and hopes to have up to 12 launches a year of small satellites.



SaxaVord UK Spaceport, Shetland. Photo: Shetland Flyer Aerial Media.

**Scottish Space Strategy**

It is not only the far north which has galactic plans. Glasgow Prestwick is looking to become Europe's leading space hub. The Ayrshire hub that many may have memories as a transatlantic passenger hub now wants by the end of 2023 to develop and operate horizontal space launch systems for small satellites, which would be the first in Europe to be able to do so.

**Scotland's space industry ambitions will have benefits across not only Scotland and the UK, but the world.**

These spaceports are part of the Scottish Governments Scottish Space Strategy project which is looking to place Scotland as a leader in commercial space development. The Scottish Government has ambitious plans to achieve a £4 billion share of the global space market for Scotland and create 20,000 jobs by 2030. It appears space employment is not as far away for some as the solar system is with a huge increase of 65% in the number of space related business now operating in Scotland since 2016, and twice as many people in the UK space sector work in Scotland rather than other regions.

**In this issue**

Returning back to earth, or at least the coast of Scotland, this month is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Stevenson. Though they were in fact related he is not to be confused with the famous writer Robert Louis Stevenson (*Treasure Island, Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, etc*) Stevenson made a name for himself as one of Scotland's great lighthouse engineers, designers and builders. Robert would go on to build Scotland's tallest, most northerly and westerly lighthouses and also one of his most famous, and the oldest surviving rock-built lighthouse in Britain, Bell Rock.

Hundreds of years in the making and many years of methodical research will see one of Scotland's largest Clans take a chief later this year. Clan Buchanan is now inviting clansfolk from across the globe to descend on Callander for the appointment of John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan as Chief of Clan Buchanan, the first since 1681. We featured the new chief in our pages back in 2020 and look forward to hearing about the inauguration events taking place in October.

There is a reason Glasgow is called the 'Dear Green Place' as the city boasts over 90 parks and green spaces. Every time I visit the city, I make sure some of my time is spent in one of the many great green patches which dot the city. Pollok Country Park is the city's largest and the only County Park to be found in Glasgow. Many will have visited the park as they visit the recently refurbished and reopened Burrell Collection museum and gallery. However, the leafy sanctuary also boasts some amazing gardens and includes the very stately and grand Pollock House.

**Lift off**

Whilst other locations across the UK are also looking to develop spaceports such as Cornwall and Newquay, parts of Scotland are being seen as favourable spots to launch small satellites missions and who knows if space tourism may one day follow. When people think of space perhaps Scotland does not come to mind, just yet, but with the potential of creating a multi-billion-pound industry and tens of thousands of jobs the term "lift off" can't come soon enough. Scotland's space industry ambitions will have benefits across not only Scotland and the UK, but the world.

For me I plan to remain firmly grounded on earth and hope soon to lock in that ticket to Scotland, a place that for me remains out of this world. 🇪🇸

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Gracing our front cover: The Buchanan and Lady Buchanan.

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## The Slate Islands



Easdale, Slate Islands. Photo: Michael Walsh, CC BY 3.0, via Wikimedia Commons.

What an interesting article by Judy Vickers in your May issue. I must admit I had not heard of the Slate Islands before, nor did I know Scottish slate was sent the world over. I really do enjoy the fact that even at my advancing age I still am able to learn much about Scotland and thank *the Scottish Banner* for always

providing something in each and every issue of interest. My grandparents came from Inverness many years ago and settled in Canada, firstly to Nova Scotia before making their way west to Alberta. I adore Scotland and I am not sure if my DNA is programmed to do so, or it is simply an ancient land I would have loved regardless and feel so lucky to have it in my bloodline.

Thank you again for such an informative and interesting publication, I certainly feel proud after reading each issue and know I am part of a very large international Scottish family who love the land of our ancestors and DNA!

Sylvia McKinnon  
Calgary, Alberta  
Canada

## The Percy Forbes-Leith of Fyvie Tiffany Window Memorial



The largest Tiffany stained glass window in Scotland is installed in a small village kirk. The memorial window was the gift of the American business associates of a successful Scottish steel magnate who lost his only son in the Boer Wars.

Alexander Forbes-Leith made a fortune in the American steel industry. He returned to his native Scotland and purchased Fyvie Castle and its estates. His youngest child Percy was born in 1881 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Percy joined the British Army and became a second lieutenant in the Royal Dragoons. His unit was sent to South Africa for the Boer Wars. While on active duty, he died of enteric fever in 1900. In 1901, Forbes-Leith commissioned a new granite memorial chancel for the local kirk, St. Peter's Church in Fyvie. Forbes-Leith's American business colleagues purchased from the Louis Comfort Tiffany Company in New York a large stained-glass window depicting the Archangel Michael. The plaque in the church notes that the window was in memory of Percy Forbes-Leith and that it was "Erected by his friends in the United States of America."

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## Hydro Ness lit up to commemorate Battle of Culloden

Hydro Ness and Ness Bridge were lit up in red and blue to mark the recent 276<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Culloden in April. Hydro Ness

on the banks of the River Ness, adjacent to the Holm Mills bridge, and Ness Bridge in the city centre were lit up to commemorate the Battle of Culloden, 276 years after the vicious battle which marked the end of the Jacobite Rising. Over the 276<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend, a number of events were also held at Culloden Battlefield itself. These included a special tour exploring the tactics, the role of the cavalry and artillery, and the impact of the conflict on local communities, as well as an event highlighting the consequences of the conflict and discussing the often forgotten perspectives of war. This was particularly relevant given what is currently happening in Europe.

Inverness was a key prize for the Jacobite and the Government armies, and the battle had a massive impact on Highland culture. The aftermath of the battle still resonates today and it's great that the links with the city were there in lights for all to see. The soon to be completed Hydro Ness generates and supplies over 500,000 kwh of green electricity annually to nearby Inverness Leisure, helping to offset the organisation's reliance on grid-supplied electricity and reducing the Highland Council's carbon footprint.

Eilidh Marshall  
Scotland

## NYC Tartan Day



It was so good to see the NYC Tartan Day Parade back on, as we too are getting our events back on track. The pandemic has really highlighted just how much the overseas Scottish community has on our very own doorstep. I try to attend a few

Scottish events throughout the year, and it is wonderful to see so many things coming back to the calendar page. I have been putting off going to Scotland and then Covid hit, and I will now be going in 2023. However I also see that there are many events I can also consider attending in North America and possibly New York City to experience this parade, we have nothing like it here and have no doubt I feel just as home with our US Scottish cousins as I do with fellow Scottish lovers here in Australia. Love my *Banner* every month, and would never be without it!

Karen F  
Melbourne, Victoria  
Australia

**Ed note: Thank you for Karen for your letter and hope you get to Scotland and beyond soon. Please see our website: [www.scottishbanner.com/events](http://www.scottishbanner.com/events) for Scottish events taking place across five countries.**

## Taking orders for Clan MacRae North American Tartan Fabric



It's official! We have submitted another order and the weavers are now weaving 45 yards of our Clan MacRae North American

tartan fabric. As a reminder, our tartan has symbolic meaning: "In our Society Tartan, the MacRae "Sett" is used, of course, as the basis of construction. The colours used were not randomly chosen, but have significance: The Base colour is the light blue with a white stripe as in the Saltire Flag. There is a somewhat darker blue/grey that symbolizes the Ocean crossed by "The scattered children of Kintail". Then we have the Strong-er blue that, in combination with the Red and White stripes, symbolizes the colours of "The Stars and Stripes" of our American Flag. Finally, the White Stripe is supported on each side by a lining of Gold. This represents the "Golden Opportunity" that this country has represented to its vast number of immigrants who came seeking a better and more prosperous life."

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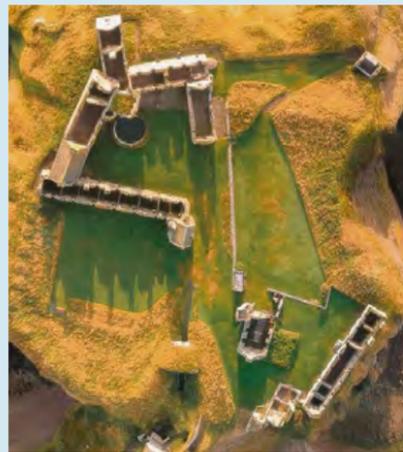
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# Robert the Bruce

**R**obert the Bruce was King of Scotland from 1274 until his death in 1329. He is famous for securing independence from England.

Bruce was born on 11 July 1274 into an aristocratic Scottish family. Through his father he was distantly related to the Scottish royal family. His mother had Gaelic antecedents. Bruce's grandfather was one of the claimants to the Scottish throne during a succession dispute in 1290 - 1292. When Alexander III died with no heirs the throne went to his daughter's child, Margaret of Norway who was then only three years old. In 1290, aged seven she began the journey to Scotland.

Unfortunately she only reached Orkney, where she died from an illness. Her death plunged Scotland into chaos and ultimately led to the wars of independence. The English king, Edward I, was asked to arbitrate between the claimants and chose John Balliol to be king. Both Bruce and his father refused to back Balliol because of their own claim and supported Edward I's invasion of Scotland in 1296 to force Balliol to abdicate. Edward then ruled Scotland as a province of England.

## William Wallace

Bruce then supported William Wallace's uprising against the English. After Wallace was defeated, Bruce's lands were not confiscated and in 1298, Bruce became a guardian of Scotland, with John Comyn, Balliol's nephew and Bruce's greatest rival for the Scottish throne. In 1306, Bruce

quarrelled with Comyn and stabbed him in a church in Dumfries. He was outlawed by Edward and excommunicated by the Pope. Bruce now proclaimed his right to the throne and on 27 March was crowned king at the traditional site of Scone. The following year, Bruce was deposed by Edward's army and forced to flee. His wife and daughters were imprisoned and three of his brothers executed. Robert spent the winter on the island off the coast of Antrim (Northern Ireland).

## The Battle of Bannockburn

Returning to Scotland, Robert waged a highly successful guerrilla war against the English, helped partially by the death of Edward I in 1307. At the Battle of Bannockburn in June 1314, he defeated a much larger English army under Edward II, confirming the re-establishment of an independent Scottish monarchy.

Two years later, his brother Edward Bruce was inaugurated as high king of Ireland but was killed in battle in 1318. Even after Bannockburn and the Scottish capture of Berwick in 1318, Edward II refused to give up his claim to the overlordship of Scotland. In 1320, the Scottish earls, barons and the 'community of the realm' sent a letter to Pope John XXII declaring that Robert was their rightful monarch. This was the *Declaration of Arbroath* and it asserted the antiquity of the Scottish people and their monarchy. Four years later, Robert received papal recognition as king of an independent Scotland.



The Franco-Scottish alliance was renewed in the Treaty of Corbeil, by which the Scots were obliged to make war on England should hostilities break out between England and France. In 1327, the English deposed Edward II in favour of his son and peace was made with Scotland. This included a total renunciation of all English claims to superiority over Scotland.

Robert died on 7 June 1329, near Dumbarton, of an illness that some historians believe to have been Leprosy. He was buried at Dunfermline. He requested that his heart be taken to the Holy Land due to a deathbed wish, but it only got as far as Spain. It was returned to Scotland and buried in Melrose Abbey. In 1920 the heart was discovered by archaeologists and was reburied, but the location was not marked. In 1996, a casket was unearthed during construction work. Scientific study by AOC archaeologists in Edinburgh, demonstrated that it did indeed contain a human heart and it was of appropriate age. It was reburied in Melrose Abbey in 1998, pursuant to the dying wishes of the King.

"No longer welcome in Edinburgh"  
Council sends clear message  
to Russian Ambassador

We stand with  
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**E**dinburgh Council has written to the Russian Ambassador in London to state that Russia's Consulate is no longer welcome in Scotland's Capital city. In line with the decision made by Council on 17 March, the strongly worded letter to Mr Andrei Kelin says the City of Edinburgh Council has severed all existing and future engagements with the Russian Consulate, until Russia withdraws from Ukraine. In it, the Leader clarifies that this move is a measure against Russia's war and it's ruler – and does not oppose Russian citizens, many of whom have expressed opposition to their country's territorial policies.

Commenting, Council Leader Adam McVey said: "Countless Russians around the world and here in Edinburgh have spoken out against this war – but it isn't these courageous people of conscience the Russian Consulate or Russian Ambassador stand for. Their offices represent Putin's tyrannical regime and the horrific war crimes being made against Ukraine. Our ties will be severed for as long as this illegal invasion persists and our solidarity will remain with the people of Ukraine, many of whom have fled their home country to seek refuge here in Edinburgh. We will continue to do everything within our power to ensure they feel safe, heard and welcome in our city from the moment they land."

# Remembering a Scottish First World War naval disaster



HMS Hampshire. Photo: Orkney Library and Archive.

**T**his month marks the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the First World War's worse naval disasters which took place just off the coast of Orkney and where more than 700 men died in the tragedy.

On 5 June 1916 Earl Kitchener, Britain's Secretary of State for War, was heading to Russia as part of a diplomatic and military mission to take part in talks aimed at boosting Russia's efforts on the Eastern Front. He set sail from the Royal Navy's base at Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands on board *HMS Hampshire*. However, at about 7:45pm, in a heavy storm, the warship hit a mine laid by a German U-boat just off Orkney's Atlantic coast. There were only 12 survivors with hundreds of lives lost. For many years it was thought that about 640 men died when *HMS Hampshire* sank. But research by Kitchener & HMS Hampshire Memorial Project volunteers has identified the names of 737 men who were lost.

## War grave

*HMS Hampshire*, a Devonshire-class armoured cruiser, built by Armstrong Whitworth, Elswick, was launched in 1903 and

went into service with the Royal Navy in 1905. She took part in the Battle of Jutland on 31 May 1916. Kitchener was a hero of the British Empire and in 1926 the Kitchener Memorial, a 48-foot high stone tower, was unveiled at Marwick Head, Orkney, overlooking the site of the sinking. The plaque on the Kitchener Memorial reads: "This tower was raised by the people of Orkney in memory of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener of Khartoum on that corner of his country which he had served so faithfully nearest to the place where he died on duty. He and his staff perished along with the officers and nearly all the men of *HMS Hampshire* on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1916."

The memorial recently was upgraded by the Orkney Heritage Society's Kitchener & HMS Hampshire Memorial Project to ensure the memory of the lives lost would continue for future generation and includes a commemorative wall, made with Orkney stone, which is engraved with the names of all 737 men lost, including Kitchener, listed alphabetically.

The *HMS Hampshire* today remains on the seabed less than 2 miles from the Orkney coast. The ship in 2002 was placed under official government protection as a war grave.

# Golf Trail launched in honour of golfing legend

## *The Old Tom Morris Trail is welcomed as a boost for tourism recovery.*



Dave Harris (left), with Bonnie Wee Golf tour specialist team Cam Howe (centre) and director Stew Morrison, display the Old Tom Morris Trail commemorative coins.

Golfers from home and abroad will be able to retrace the steps of the world-renowned Grand Old Man of Golf with the launch of The Old Tom Morris Trail, across some of Scotland's most spectacular and challenging courses, to commemorate the great man's unrivalled influence on the game. VisitScotland is supporting the attraction and welcomed the launch of the new 18-course golfing trail saying it would play a role in supporting the recovery of Scotland's international golf tourism in a hugely significant year for the sport in Scotland.

### Old Tom Morris was a huge figure in golf

St Andrews-born Old Tom is globally recognised as the most important person in the history of golf. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, he did more than any other to spread the

appeal of golf, travelling the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland designing course after course. The Old Tom Morris Trail has been created by Aberdeen-based luxury golf vacation operator Bonnie Wee Golf. Managing Director Dave Harris said: "Old Tom Morris was such a huge figure in golf. What better way to pay tribute to the legend than to create a unique trail in his honour? "It was something we felt inspired to do during the pandemic to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Old Tom's birth. We carefully selected some of the finest courses – some iconic and others hidden gems – that have all been designed or enhanced by Old Tom."

Dave set up Bonnie Wee Golf 20 years ago after working as a caddy for American tourists who couldn't get enough of Scotland's golf, in particular the challenge of links courses. Bonnie Wee Golf's range of luxury golf tours now attract more than 300 repeat clients, mainly from the US. Dave said: "The nature of our repeat business shows the allure Scotland continues to have for golfers who want to play some of the world's best courses. Everyone's travel plans were sadly put on hold for the last two years. Through the worst of the pandemic, we were repeatedly forced to postpone our clients' trips, but now Scotland is well and truly open for business, we know that the appetite for golf here is greater than ever. We are delighted and very excited to launch the Old Tom Morris Trail, allowing golfers to follow in his footsteps, and to demonstrate that Scotland really is worth waiting for."

### Golf is an integral part of Scotland

This year, Scotland plays host to the 150<sup>th</sup> Open Championships in St Andrews; the Scottish Open at Renaissance, East Lothian; the Women's Open at Muirfield; the Women's Scottish Open at Dundonald Links, Ayrshire; and the Men's Senior Open at Gleneagles. Alan Grant, VisitScotland's Senior Golf Manager, said: "Golf is such an integral part of Scotland, and this is a significant year for the sport as we look forward to achieving full capacity at these major events. The Old Tom Morris Trail provides an excellent focus for golf visitors – from home and overseas – to sample some of our most iconic golf courses, as well as those more off the beaten track. By featuring some hidden gems as well as traditionally well-known courses, the trail supports our responsible and sustainable tourism strategy, to spread the benefits of golf tourism across our regions. US golf tourists are hugely important to Scotland, and we would encourage tourism operators across the country to make a connection with golf to allow them to share in the benefits that this year will inevitably bring."

While some golfers may be tempted to complete the Old Tom Morris Trail in one visit to Scotland, it has been designed to encourage golfers to visit on more than one occasion to complete the tour, again supporting VisitScotland's strategic aims. Mr Grant added: "Visiting Scotland to play golf is a force for good. Playing sport in the great outdoors, relaxing and unwinding with friends, and enjoying the magnificent scenery and hospitality that our country offers, is an unbeatable proposition for tourists the world over."

### A colossus of golf

US-based golf historian Stephen Proctor, author of *Monarch of the Green: Young Tom Morris – Pioneer of Modern Golf*, said: "The trail is a brilliant idea and I'm sure it will be a smash hit for Scotland. Old Tom Morris was a font of wisdom; he truly was a colossus of golf. Back when golf was coming of age, he was the one you contacted if you wanted to build a new golf course or discuss a design. He was an honourable man and would charge £1 per day, plus expenses, to design a course. He was instrumental in spreading the Scottish game around the world, and it was his character that helped shape the reputation of golf as a game of honour. It is so wonderfully fitting that golfers from all over the world will now be able to retrace his steps. I can't wait to visit."

The official start of the trail is Askernish in South Uist, in the Outer Hebrides, and the official finish is Machrihanish on the Mull of Kintyre. The Tom Morris Bar & Grill in St Andrews will be the trail's halfway house. The Old Clubhouse Pub at Machrihanish will be the official 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. Each golfer will be gifted a unique Old Tom Morris Trail collector's edition commemorative coin for each of the 18 golf courses that they play, and those who complete the trail will be awarded a commemorative wall display for all 18 coins.

For more information see: [www.oldtommorristrail.com](http://www.oldtommorristrail.com)

# 900 ways to save Scotland's native plants

Photos courtesy of Roger Hyam/RBGE.



Cicerbita alpina.

Harsh winter weather was not enough to deter intrepid teams from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) as they put conservation theory into action, transplanting 900 plants of the endangered alpine blue-sow-thistle (*Cicerbita alpina*) into secret locations in the Scottish hills.

In a remarkable demonstration of how expert scientists and horticulturists, working together, can help support rare native species such as *Cicerbita alpina* in their struggle for survival, hundreds of plants were carefully transported from RBGE's Nursery and translocated into five carefully chosen sites, deep in the Cairngorm National Park.

Scottish conservation horticulturist Martine Borge explained: "The fieldwork took place this past Autumn in locations within the Mar Lodge Estate, Glen Feshie and Glen Lochay, Pitcastle Estate in the North-East of Scotland. It can be physically demanding work as the plants grow in steep mountainous areas. Occasionally,

these are only accessible safely with ropes. However, despite the challenges to the team, ensuring that these new plants are translocated to new, inaccessible mountain spots will give this beautiful and tenacious species its best chance of long-term survival."

### Rare plants

Now classed as Vulnerable and Near Threatened, *Cicerbita alpina* once grew more widely across the high woodlands and river courses of Scotland, but factors such as grazing and man-made changes to its habitat have pushed the species to the margins. The mountain plant now survives in only a few high, scattered and largely difficult to access populations in the Cairngorms. This has resulted in a loss of genetic diversity and increased inbreeding and the plant now has a lowered ability to reproduce and expand from its current locations.

Conservation geneticist Dr Aline Finger added: "Our Scottish conservation work helps us to better understand the causes of decline in species such as the *Cicerbita alpina*. This knowledge helps to inform our practical conservation work, allowing us to grow and multiply these rare plants and increase their genetic diversity. The translocation of plants is an incredibly important part of our conservation work as it helps to secure the survival of this species in Scotland by creating completely new, genetically healthy populations."

Preparations for each of the fieldtrips were meticulous. First, the roots of each plant were washed to remove all traces of soil and possible pathogens. They were then carefully packed, ready for transportation. The conservation teams were equally well-prepared with waterproof clothing, midge nets, climbing helmets and gardening gloves - essential equipment for days in the field.

Donnie Broad, Pitcastle Estate Manager added: "Around ten years ago, we initiated a habitat restoration project at Glenlochay and are really encouraged by the extent and diversity of herbaceous plants that are already establishing themselves – despite intensive grazing in the Glen over the last 200 years. The work of RBGE dovetails perfectly with our own project and we are privileged to work with Martine, Aline and the RBGE team by providing trial sites for the reintroduction of the rare Alpine blue-sow-thistle."



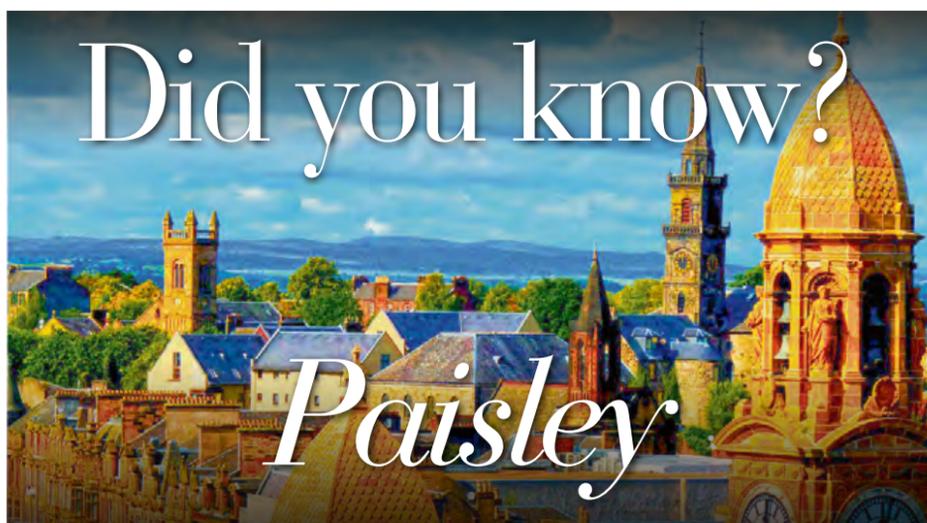
Dr Aline Finger and Martine Borge.

# Royal Mail launches Swap Out scheme for non-barcoded stamps



Royal Mail has announced the launch of its Swap Out scheme that will allow customers to swap their non-barcoded Definitive stamps for the equivalent value of barcoded stamps. Definitive stamps are the regular 'everyday' stamps featuring the profile of The Queen. In February, Royal Mail announced it is moving to barcoded stamps as part of the company's extensive and ongoing modernisation drive. The unique barcodes can facilitate operational efficiencies, enable the introduction of added security features and pave the way for innovative services for customers.

To date, Royal Mail has announced the ability for customers to watch and share exclusive videos – such as a specially created Shaun the Sheep video by Aardman, and a Mother's Day video - by scanning the barcoded stamps in the Royal Mail App. The new barcoded stamps will have a digital twin and the two will be connected by the Royal Mail App. The barcodes match the stamp colour and sit alongside the main body of the stamp, separated by a simulated perforation line. Non-barcoded stamps will remain valid to use until 31 January 2023.



# Did you know?

## Paisley

- Located just outside Glasgow, Paisley is Scotland's largest town with a rich history, especially in textiles.
- Paisley boasts the largest number of listed buildings anywhere in Scotland, except for Edinburgh, making the town a must-visit destination for architecture and design buffs.
- In 1834 over one million pounds worth of paisley shawls were produced locally, this is estimated to be around one billion pounds in today's money.
- At the height of their powers in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, there were more than 7,000 weavers in the town. As the fashion for shawls declined so too did the weaver population. To be replaced by the town's thriving thread mills.
- Built in 1883, Paisley's Coats Observatory is the oldest public observatory in Scotland. Perfect for stargazing, the observatory is home to a vast range of telescopes and a state of the art digital planetarium.
- At one time a Paisley-based company was responsible for making 90 per cent of the world's sewing thread? Paisley's thread exports and patterned shawls saw the town establish itself as a global manufacturing and textile powerhouse through local business J&P Coats Ltd.
- Paisley Gilmour Street railway station is the fourth-busiest station in Scotland with over five million passengers per year. This is more than Haymarket in Edinburgh, Aberdeen or Dundee.
- Paisley Abbey is more than 850 years old and contains the tomb of Marjory Bruce – daughter of Robert the Bruce? She died there while giving birth to the future Robert II of Scotland.
- Paisley was the location for the landmark 'snail in a bottle' legal case. A lady visited a local cafe, was served a bottle of ginger beer with a dead snail in it, fell ill and successfully sued the manufacturer, thus creating the modern concept of negligence.



# Tartan of the Month

## Canmore Highland Games Tartan

*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 are courtesy of the Scottish Register of Tartans (SRT).*

This tartan represents Canmore's Scottish roots, namely King Malcolm Ceann Mor and the Scots who worked the Canadian Pacific Railway and settled in this area.

Each colour represents an aspect of life in Canmore: green is for the evergreen forests, blue and yellow are for the sunny Alberta skies, black represents the coal mines, white for the winter's snow-capped peaks, and fuschia represents the mountain heathers and wildflowers. The colours were chosen to be both regional and historical.

The Canmore Highland Games tartan has been adopted as the town's official Scottish colours. The Canmore Highland Games began in 1991 and are held annually on the Labour Day weekend in the stunning Canadian Rockies. This tartan (SRT Reference: 10008) was designed by Dorothy Garen and registered in March, 2009.



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# SCOTSPEAK

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

*“When this cask was listed in our auction, we knew it had the potential to make history. To come across a cask of this age, quality and size is extraordinary in itself, enhanced by the fact the liquid was distilled at The Macallan which is reflected in the global attention the cask has attracted. It’s been incredibly exciting for everyone at Whisky Hammer to have represented what has become the most expensive cask ever to be sold at auction.”*

Daniel Milne, managing director of Whisky Hammer, said that a 374-litre cask, distilled at The Macallan in 1988, recently sold for a new world record. A US buyer spent over £1 million on the cask, which has been held in bond at the Macallan Distillery in Moray for over 30 years.



*“The installation of solar panels at one of Scotland’s most iconic historic sites is another step forward in our efforts to significantly reduce the carbon we generate across our estate. Edinburgh Castle accounts for 26% of our total carbon emissions and 18% of total electrical consumption across the properties in*

*our care, making it critical that we investigate ways to reduce this. It was crucial that the design plans took into careful consideration the historic, cultural and emotional significance of the War Memorial, involving close collaboration with the trustees. The final plans for the installation of these panels have been sensitively designed to consider the historic fabric of the building and the wider views of the War Memorial and Edinburgh Castle itself within the city and surrounding areas. By pioneering schemes such as this, we can demonstrate that historic buildings are part of the solution to reducing emissions and helping Scotland reach net-zero.”*

David Mitchell, Director of Conservation at Historic Environment Scotland (HES), said as Edinburgh Castle has unveiled its newly installed solar panels, part of HES’s continued programme to reduce energy use across the historic properties in its care. The solar panels have been installed on the roof of the Scottish National War Memorial, and the panels are not visible from any other vantage point within the site, city or surrounding areas.

*“I was brought up in a Gaelic household in Wester Ross and I think it’s important to keep our heritage alive. A lot of people, although they don’t speak Gaelic, love the Gaelic music and culture. It’s great that it’s been going for 70 years. It’s wonderful meeting people from all over the Highlands and Islands with the same interest. I just love looking forward to the choir every week.”*

Aberdeen Gaelic Choir member Mary Anne Kenyon said as the choir celebrated 70 years of making music. The choir has up to 80 members and was formed at a ceilidh in 1952. The choir plans to release a CD this year in honour of their milestone anniversary.



*“We are delighted to be able to share this new Orkney audio guide app which will enable the public to explore a host of famous sites across Orkney. With cutting edge PWA technology, not only does the app combine audio narration with high quality drone and 3D scan videos, but once loaded it also enables users to enjoy the guide without being reliant on mobile service, making it more accessible. In Scotland’s Year of Stories, this new digital tour, which brings to life the rich heritage of the islands in 90 stories, is a fantastic opportunity to present more of the islands’ rich archaeological and cultural history, told by a range of presenters, including Orcadian voices, our own site staff and leading specialists, to create a truly immerse way to explore the stories behind one of Scotland’s world heritage sites.”*

Andrew Burnet, Interpretation Manager at Historic Environment Scotland (HES) said as a new app has been developed which allows visitors to hear the stories of the Orkney Isles with a new digital tour featuring mesmerising drone footage and 3D scans, alongside tales from its 5000-year-long history. Members of the public can now explore 35 sites across Orkney, including those that make up the Heart of Neolithic Orkney UNESCO World Heritage site, and discover the stories that shaped them, from wherever they are, with a new digital tour from HES.

*“Scotland continues to punch above its weight – accounting for the largest share of UK food and drink exports – with an impressive 30% of total exports. It’s heartening to see an increase in Scotland’s food and drink exports as the industry begins to recover from the impact of Covid-19 and Brexit. We hope new*

*opportunities will help further increase sales of Scotland’s food and drink abroad. We will continue to work with Scottish and UK governments and partners from across the food chain to support the recovery and growth of our vital industry.”*

Food & Drink Federation Scotland (FDF) chief executive David Thomson said Scottish food and drink exports increased in 2021, despite Brexit and the global pandemic. FDF research concluded exports of whisky increased 18.7% to £4.6bn, whilst salmon exports rose by 20.6% to £735.6m. Exports were particularly strong to France and China.



*“It was really the end game of a civil war that had raged on and off for about 100 years. It was the sons of two kings that were fighting by proxy for their fathers – and the Hanoverians won. It’s been a community project that’s brought a lot of people together.”*

Golspie Community Council chairman Ian Sutherland said as a monument was unveiled to honour the 100 soldiers killed at the Battle of Littleferry on April 15, 1746. The battle, which saw Jacobite forces and local pro-government militia fight, took place a day before the infamous Battle of Culloden at Littleferry in Sutherland.

*“We are now working to create a fund that will offer support to organisations that reflect Sean’s interests and passions, and serve to keep his legacy of integrity, opportunity and effectiveness alive. These efforts will be focused in Scotland, where Sean was born, and the Bahamas, where he lived for over 30 years and adored like his homeland.”*

Stephane Connery, son of the late actor Sir Sean Connery, said that a Picasso painting valued at £15m and owned by the estate of Sir Sean Connery is to be auctioned off for Scottish charities. The Sean Connery Philanthropic Fund will donate money to charities both in his beloved Scotland and his home of over 30 years, the Bahamas.



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## SCOTWORD

Here is a wee Scottish crossword for you to try! If you’re stuck, answers can be found on page 26.

### CLUES ACROSS

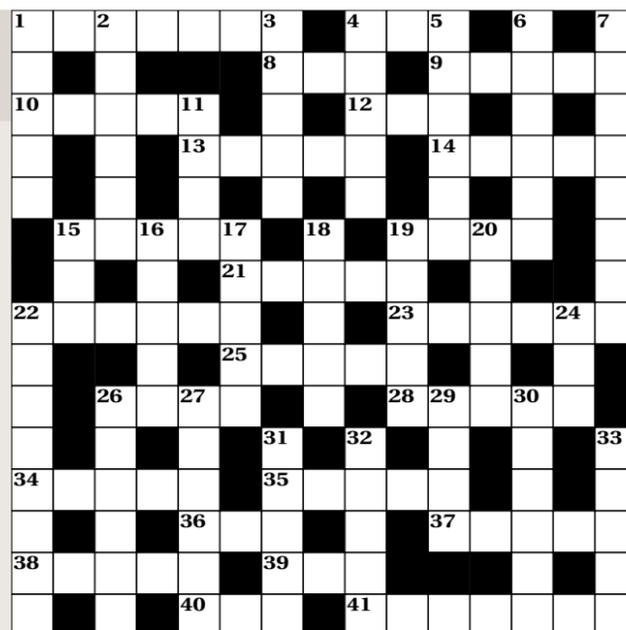
- 1) Skye’s principal town (7)
- 4) Scotland’s longest river (3)
- 8) Scots hill sounds legal (3)
- 9) Possessing more ability (5)
- 10) He’s from Tayside (5)
- 12) A sound organ (3)
- 13) Marry on the run! (5)
- 14) Scottish measures (5)
- 15) Old wives’ tale (5)
- 19) Grass cut by a scythe (4)
- 21) 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)

### CLUES DOWN

- 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) If I’ll knock you out (5)
- 18) Resort on the Firth of Clyde (5)
- 19) Her sfichwork 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)
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# Lynx to Scotland - Broad support for further discussions, says study



European Lynx (Lynx lynx) adult female in winter birch forest in Norway. Photo: © scotlandbigpicture.com

## 'Not now, but not never' – cross-sector group needed to examine barriers to lynx return.

There is sufficient appetite from a diverse cross-sector of rural stakeholders to examine whether potential barriers to a trial reintroduction of Eurasian lynx to Scotland can be overcome, says the first detailed study into the social feasibility of the species' return. The research, commissioned by the Lynx to Scotland project, spent a year consulting a wide range of national stakeholders and local communities in the Cairngorms National Park and Argyll.

It was organised by charities SCOTLAND: The Big Picture, Trees for Life and Vincent Wildlife Trust. Previous research suggests the Highlands has enough habitat – and roe deer, the animal's preferred prey – to support a population of around 400 wild lynx. But the charities behind the study say a successful reintroduction is more dependent on people's attitudes than the ecological science.

### Little-known species

As part of the new study, over 100 interviews were held as well as several online webinars and four community events, with extensive contributions from a range of groups including farmers, gamekeepers, foresters, conservationists, landowners, tourism operators and rural communities. Among the wide-ranging views, there was consensus for a participatory cross-stakeholder approach to further explore the benefits of and barriers to lynx reintroduction. The study recommends setting up a Lynx Action Group to build trust between stakeholders and address areas of disagreement over science and local knowledge, as well as the real and reasonable concerns of some stakeholders.

"When it comes to the return of the lynx, we're in the realm of not yet – but not never. Positively, this new research shows there is sufficient appetite amongst

different stakeholders to develop a more comprehensive understanding of this little-known species and the potential for its return to Scotland. The overall willingness across different sectors to engage in constructive and thoughtful discussions is heartening and very welcome", said Peter Cairns, Executive Director of SCOTLAND: The Big Picture.

The study showed that views about lynx reintroduction are far more diverse and complex than a simple 'for' and 'against'. Different perspectives were identified, with some supporting reintroduction because of the environmental and economic benefits, some against, and others who do not think lynx should be reintroduced now but are open to discussing the future potential.

### Solitary woodland hunters

Rarely seen, lynx are solitary woodland hunters that shy away from humans. The species is expanding in range and numbers across Europe, with successful reintroductions bringing ecological and environmental benefits to various countries, many of which are more densely populated than Scotland, and in areas of farming, hunting, forestry and tourism.

Steve Micklewright, Trees for Life's Chief Executive, said: "In weighing up the hows and whys of a trial lynx reintroduction, it's important to consider different stakeholder interests and legitimate concerns. Properly assessing and listening to all views is key for the proposed return of an animal that has been absent from Scotland for a long time."

The study assessed views around issues including suitable habitat and the quality of Scotland's woodlands, the potential for cost-effectively reducing the grazing impacts of woodland deer, and implications for sheep and for species such as capercaillie and wildcats. Other issues discussed included lynx behaviour in Europe, and ways of managing reintroduced lynx. In terms of barriers to any reintroduction, the overriding concern – including from a majority of farming stakeholders – was around the potential predation of sheep. There was consensus that exploring mitigations for this should be a priority.

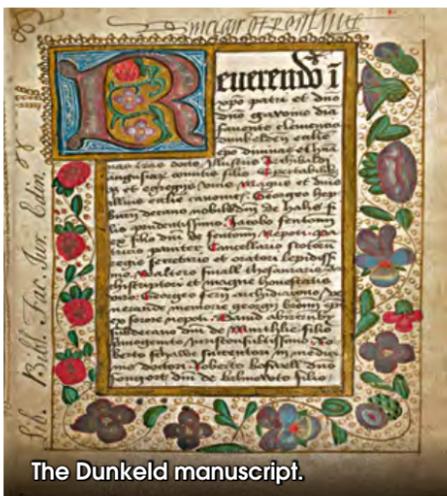
### Apex predators

"Overall, rather than sparking controversy, discussions around lynx reintroduction saw open debates which were passionate, robust and respectful, and contributed different views, knowledge and experiences," said Jenny MacPherson, Science and Research Programme Manager at Vincent Wildlife Trust, which led the study.

Separate research carried out for the Scottish Rewilding Alliance in 2020 found that 52% of people in Scotland support lynx reintroduction, with 19% opposed. Apex predators such as lynx are missing in the UK due to hunting and habitat loss. Lynx are known as a keystone species because they maintain balance and diversity in an ecosystem, and other species and the wider environment are affected by their absence.

**The Lynx to Scotland study was carried out between March 2021 and February 2022. For more details, see: [www.scotlandbigpicture.com/lynx-to-scotland](http://www.scotlandbigpicture.com/lynx-to-scotland)**

# Extremely rare medieval manuscripts now online



The Dunkeld manuscript.



Book of Hours.

Stunning illuminations, medieval doodles, zodiac medical material, and advice to 12th century Knights Templar on the 'superfluity' of beards and moustaches can now be viewed in an extremely rare collection of medieval and early modern manuscripts online.

The National Library of Scotland digitised a collection of more than 240 precious manuscripts, which are available to view on nls.uk. The work was made possible by a generous donation from Alexander Graham. With the Scottish manuscripts in particular among the rarest, the collection contains items ranging from the 9th to the 16th century, but a few later transcriptions of important texts are also included. The resource includes manuscripts on a range of subjects such as medical manuscripts, the rule of Knights Templar, and rare survivors of the Reformation.

Manuscripts Curator Dr Ulrike Hogg said: "This fascinating digitised collection is international in origin, though a large part of the volumes were written in Scotland. The survival rate of medieval Scottish manuscript volumes is generally low. For example, only one per cent of religious manuscripts of Roman Catholic use – many of which were systematically destroyed during and after the Scottish Reformation – are believed to still be in existence. It is difficult to estimate how many cultural treasures were lost during these times. The collection presented here includes a number of those fortunate survivors that have endured subsequent centuries. We're delighted to make these extremely rare pieces of history publicly accessible online."

### Medieval Scottish book production

#### The collection includes:

- A 15th century folded medical/zodiac almanac, which probably belonged to a doctor based in northern England. Folded up, it could be worn on the belt.
- A selection of historical doodles showing rich period detail.
- A 12th century manuscript of the Rule of the Knights Templar order, including advice on the 'superfluity' of beards and moustaches.
- A 15th century psalter written and illuminated at Culross Abbey, Fife
- A tiny 15th century Book of Hours from Italy with lavish gold illumination
- An early 16th century manuscript written and illuminated in Dunkeld.

Dr Ulrike Hogg adds: "The digital images provide a new opportunity to gain some insight into medieval Scottish book production. The interests, tastes and knowledge of medieval scribes can be seen in these images, as well as the development of the medieval Scottish book hand and styles of illumination. The collection reveals much information on later owners of the manuscripts, who annotated them or added irreverent doodles as the volumes passed through their hands."

The collection also includes volumes produced in England, France, Italy and northwest Europe, as well as Greece and Iceland. Many of these are finely decorated or of major textual significance.

**The collection can be viewed at *Early Manuscripts - National Library of Scotland: [www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk)***

### Scottish Borders cyclists race to stage in September



Over 100 of the world's best cyclists will race between Hawick and Duns when the Tour of Britain returns to the Scottish Borders later this year. The race's ninth visit to the Borders promises to be an unforgettable sporting spectacle, featuring some of the best backdrops that Britain has to offer and a first-ever finish in Duns. One year on from hosting its first stage start, Hawick will return to the Tour of Britain in September, and will once again be where the riders depart from. The 178-kilometre (110-mile) route will pass through Jedburgh, Kelso, Coldstream – all places familiar to the Tour – as it heads north east to visit the historic coastal town of Eyemouth for the first time, before turning inland for the finish in Duns.

Sam Smith, Scottish Borders Council's Chief Officer for Economic Development said: "We are delighted to be hosting the Tour of Britain again this year and have the whole of Stage Two in the area. Hawick was a fantastic stage start venue last year and it is great that we've managed to bring a stage finish to Berwickshire for the first time to showcase the region."

Hill-top finishes at Glenshee Ski Centre in Aberdeenshire and The Needles on the Isle of Wight will bookend the Tour of Britain, which returns for what promises to be a groundbreaking 18th modern edition in September.

# KINGS CASTLES AND “DURTY” WEE RASCALS

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



## The Haugh Hill

*Are ye saddled?-Aye.*

*Are ye bridled?-Aye.*

*Are ye ready for the call?-Aye! Aye! Aye!!!*

*Aff then an' awa!*

*An old rhyme used by children to 'guarantee' a fair start to a race.*

On the opposite side of the Barrhead Road from Househillwood Park lay the Haugh Hill. Haugh Hill meant 'the hill overlooking the meadows', the old meadows being now covered by the park and the land making up Leithland and Brockburn Roads and Leithland Road Primary School to the North. The Haugh Hill for us in the 1940's was several hectares of abandoned farmland, which had returned to grass and meadow. It remained enclosed by ancient farm tracks and hedgerows of Hawthorn. It was no sterile environment but instead a living, breathing and partly rural landscape. This living world, however, struggled to come to terms with the new houses and people beginning to encroach upon it. There was still an old farmhouse at Brockburn Terrace and there were still fields and farms around us to the west toward Crookston Road, the Hurllet and out towards the towns of Barrhead and Paisley.

On warm summer days, whilst chewing on the sweet sap from the grass and lying amongst the buttercups and daisies of the Haugh Hill we, children, could gently part the grasses and meadow flowers with small hands to peer into a tiny micro world of jungle and strange insect beasts. It was one of the wonders of childhood to crawl, commando-style, through these grasses on the Haugh Hill and still be able to hear the rustle of field mice, shrews and voles, to see butterflies fluttering above us and hear bumble bees buzzing over the pink briar roses and the white flowers of the rambling bramble bushes. Wolf spiders dragged around their silken sacks of eggs, and we heard the exuberant song of skylarks high above. The 'pink, pink' call of chaffinches sounded around us in the old hedgerows and in the young birch and rowan trees were blackbirds, thrushes, magpies and wrens.

### The birds

These and other birds still built their nests and laid their eggs, for the birds of the Haugh Hill were still to learn that their precious territories had been invaded by a new species, often crueller than their insidious enemy, the cuckoo. We had intruded into their essentially rural habitat and we were a greater risk to their nests, their eggs and their wide-mouthed, orange-beaked fledglings than the cuckoo. Most children, whilst guilty enough of scouting out for birds' nests, eggs and young birds, did try hard to protect what they had discovered. Nevertheless, by sharing the secrets of what they had found, many eggs ended up 'blown' and added to schoolboy egg collections.

These were furtively brought to school and kept hidden from the teachers. The little eggs lay neatly labelled in old chocolate boxes and shortbread tins on beds of cotton wool and straw. The labels and the colours of the eggs told of the destruction being wrought on the species on the Haugh Hill and places like it; Magpie, bluish green speckled with brown; Chaffinch, grey tinged with pink and brown blotches; Skylark, brown speckles and freckles; Great tit; large white spotted with light red; Robin, medium white speckled with light red and Wren, small white faintly speckled with red.

These and other attractive eggs were admired by all of us and especially by those of us banned from taking birds eggs by our parents. Nevertheless, I helped my friends put the pins in to make a very small hole at one end of an egg and a slightly bigger hole at the other end. I helped blow it to empty the pitiful contents onto the ground and place the precious empty egg onto its cotton wool bed, to be exhibited and treasured by a pal. Many of us were guilty of that and until we were old enough to understand what we were doing; it went on every spring, year after year. Our behaviours were destructive, even to Robin Redbreasts, those birds that we grew to admire and respect because they remained with us through the British winter whilst most others took off to warmer climes. We hated cuckoos, nevertheless, for they laid their eggs in the nests of other birds and it distressed us to find the broken eggs and often dead fledglings on the ground. We occasionally

even witnessed the bigger cuckoo fledgling elbowing out the others to take what was going from its unsuspecting foster parents. We were instinctively revolted by the cuckoo's parasitic approach to life yet were inadvertently doing much worse ourselves.

### The den

Of course, we buried dead birds and animals that we found on the Haugh Hill with full solemnity and respect, shrews, field mice and the occasional mole. Placed in cardboard boxes on a soft bed of grass these wild animals joined their pet cousins such as goldfish and budgerigars in our makeshift animal cemeteries. A group of five or six mourners with deadpan faces and closed eyes gathered around for an ecumenical service at a 'toty wee' gravesite. One of the mourners, usually a sensitive girl, said a modest prayer and uttered how sad we all were that Bimbo, the budgie, was no longer with us. She wished it happiness in flying the skies of heaven. Many a human resident of Pollok would have envied such a dignified and sincere send off. On the other side of the Haugh Hill, beyond the white concrete Trigonometry Point, marking the highest point on the hill, lay a sterile forest of planted pine trees, a lonely desolate place that held few attractions to adventurous children. Beyond the plantation conifers lay the Crookston Homes, a place that our parents gave us strict instructions not to venture toward, not because of any danger to us but because it was private property and we might be a nuisance to the old folk taking respite there.

The Haugh Hill conveniently had some builders' debris, bricks, slates, sheets of corrugated iron, planks of wood and other odd bits and pieces left behind after the house building ended. These were the materials used to build our dens. The roofs of our dens were always covered with insulating turf as if we were re-living some long-lost building technique of our ancient ancestors and never lost in Scandinavia. For a few days in summer a den became the centre and focus of our gang's activities. The den could turn into a scene of domesticity with people bringing homely items such as jam jars to hold wildflowers, an old blanket, a piece of linoleum, a piece of carpet, a board game and some comics. It could also easily turn into a war zone, a fortress with slit windows and camouflaged with bushes and grass. Within a day or so a gang from another street roaming into our territory would most often destroy our den, in our absence. It might then be re-designed and re-built again or more likely it would be abandoned until the next time we felt an inherent need to plan, design and build a new one.

IN SCOTLAND TODAY

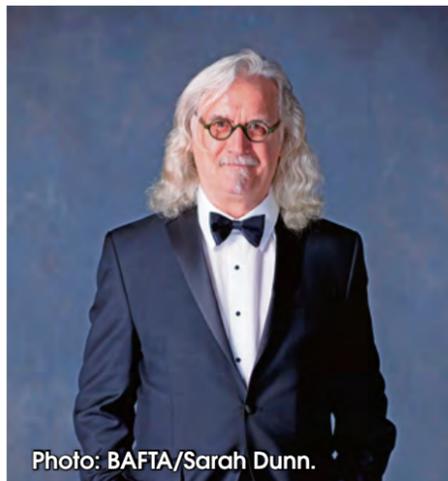


Photo: BAFTA/Sarah Dunn.

## Sir Billy Connolly CBE honoured with Fellowship at the 2022 Virgin Media British Academy Television Awards

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) has honoured award-winning and iconic comedian, actor, artist, writer, musician and presenter, Sir Billy Connolly, with the prestigious BAFTA Fellowship at this year's Virgin Media BAFTA TV Awards which took place in May. The Fellowship is the highest accolade bestowed by BAFTA in recognition of an individual's outstanding and exceptional contribution to film, television or games across their career. Fellows previously honoured for their work in television include Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders, Jon Snow, Sir Bruce Forsyth, Joanna Lumley, Melvyn Bragg, Michael Palin, Sir Trevor MacDonald, Sir David Attenborough, Dame Julie Walters, Ray Galton, Alan Simpson, Katie Adie and Joan Bakewell.

Sir Billy Connolly's first BAFTA recognition was in 1995 when he won the BAFTA Scotland Entertainment category for Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland. He has since received five BAFTA nominations, and has been presented with a BAFTA Special Award in 2002 and the BAFTA Scotland Outstanding Contribution to Television and Film in 2012. Sir Billy Connolly said: "I am deeply honoured. Fifty films and... I can't remember how many TV shows, as well as my stage comedy, added up to something that's a joy to look back on. A lovely thing. I have no regrets at all. I had no idea the Fellowship existed, but I'm told it's a big deal! (laughs). It's lovely to be recognised and to become a jolly good fellow."

Emma Baehr, Executive Director of Awards and Content, said: "We're honoured to be awarding Sir Billy Connolly with the 2022 BAFTA Fellowship Award. He has made a remarkable contribution to our industry from his first appearance on Parkinson in 1975, through to becoming a national treasure on stage and screen, adored by fans around the world. BAFTA is looking forward to celebrating this award with Sir Billy in due course and thanking him again for his phenomenal career in television."

Sir Billy Connolly left school at 15 to become a welder at the shipyard in River Clyde in Glasgow. Honing his love for performance and music on the side, the young Billy soon decided to try his hand as a musician and a folk duo with Gerry

Rafferty called The Humblebums. But it was his ability to spin stories, tell jokes and hold an audience in the palm of his hand that truly set him apart as he forged a hugely successful career on television, as well as in film and on stage. As a young comedian, Connolly broke all the rules. He was fearless and outspoken - willing to call out hypocrisy wherever he saw it. However, his stand-up was full of warmth, humility and silliness too. His startling, hairy 'glam-rock' stage appearance - wearing leotards, scissor suits and banana boots - only added to his appeal. It was an appearance on Michael Parkinson's chat show in 1975 - and one outrageous story in particular - that helped catapult Billy from cult hero to national star. TV shows, documentaries, international fame and award-winning Hollywood movies then followed, and his standout 1985 TV special *An Audience With Billy Connolly*, reducing the audience to tears with his iconic incontinence trousers routine. Billy's pitch-perfect stand-up comedy kept coming too - for over 50 years, in fact - until a double diagnosis of cancer and Parkinson's Disease has brought his remarkable live performances to an end. Since then he continues to make TV shows, creating extraordinary drawings and writing. Connolly currently resides in the USA and was unable to attend the ceremony on 8 May to receive his award in person. A recorded acceptance message was played during the ceremony.

## Siobhan Mackenzie to be Team Scotland's Official Parade Outfit Designer for 2022 Commonwealth Games



Designer Siobhan Mackenzie and the Team Scotland tartan. Photo: Team Scotland.

Contemporary Scottish fashion designer Mackenzie has created a bespoke tartan, which will form a key part of the Opening Ceremony outfit worn by Scottish athletes and team members at the Opening Ceremony at the newly developed Alexander Stadium on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Black Isle born designer launched her self-named label in 2014, in a year which included a stint as an alteration technician at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Mackenzie was named Best New Scottish Designer 2016 and, after co-creating the outfits worn by athletes at the Gold Coast in 2018, will now lead the design of this year's ensemble. The tartan is inspired by colours synonymous with both Team Scotland and Birmingham 2022, and will be produced by the Lochcarron Mill in Selkirk. The full outfits will be revealed in the build-up to this summer's Games.

Mackenzie said: "I am delighted to be designing the outfits for Team Scotland's athletes and team members this summer. We want to bring a modern twist to the traditional formalwear, showcasing the best of Scotland with all eyes on our athletes at the Opening Ceremony. Sustainability is an important part of my approach and something that Team

Scotland were passionate about reflecting in the design, with all components manufactured locally and using traditional methods where possible. It's great to finally reveal the tartan design and I am looking forward to showing everyone the full outfits as we approach the Games."

Elinor Middlemiss, Chef de Mission for Team Scotland, said: "It is great for us to be working with a top-class talent in Siobhan. The Opening Ceremony is such a special occasion, bringing all Commonwealth countries together to kickstart the Games, and we want to make our athletes feel proud to represent their nation on the world stage. Our athletes panel have been involved from the outset in the design discussions and we hope the end result from everyone's efforts is a design that achieves that."

## Royal Navy WW1 mine victim found off Scotland after 105 years on seabed



HMS Jason sinking in 1917. Photo: Royal Navy.

A Royal Navy warship has been found by divers on the Scottish seabed - almost 105 years to the day it sank. Torpedo boat destroyer *HMS Jason* has not been seen since she struck a mine and sank off the island of Coll in the Inner Hebrides in April 1917. But after five years of research and surveying, the wreck of the *Jason* was found first on sonar - then confirmed by a team of divers who plunged 93 metres into the chilly waters. They found the warship in surprisingly good condition - but minus her bow, blown off when she struck the mine... ironically during a minesweeping operation in company with *HMS Circe*. The depth, weather and water conditions, the undulating seabed and the fact that dives are only possible at certain times of year have meant the wreck had not been found - despite *Jason's* loss being accurately documented, even photographed, at the time.

A sonar scan earlier this year suggested *HMS Jason* had been found - no other wrecks were known in the area - but it needed visual confirmation. At 93 metres down, divers had just 20 minutes to inspect the wreck before returning to the surface. They found tell-tale features of a warship: a pointed stern, a distinctive propeller, two 4.7in guns and Admiralty crockery. Among the dive team was Royal Navy officer Lieutenant Jen Smith who works at the Fleet's headquarters in Portsmouth. "There was excitement at finding the wreck, but that's quickly tempered by the fact that it's a war grave - 25 men died here. It's incredibly moving to think that no-one has seen the ship since her stern disappeared 105 years ago. Families knew the fate of the ship, but now they will know where she is and that can bring closure" she said.

Twenty-five men were killed but only one body was recovered - that of 25-year-old Stoker James Blackman from Southsea. The warship - built in 1892 as a torpedo gunboat but turned into a makeshift minesweeper - ran over a mine laid by German submarine U-78, part of a field

intended to block the Minches. She went down in little more than five minutes, enough time for three quarters of her crew to escape. Steps will now be taken to ensure *HMS Jason* is protected under UK law as an official war grave, allowing divers to visit - but not touch - the wreck, while the team who discovered the site plan to return to document the warship more thoroughly.

"Documenting the ship, showing people what she's like today is important to me. Naval war graves are often forgotten, as it's hard for people to remember what you can't see. Whilst land battlefields and cemeteries such as those in Normandy or the Somme can be visited by anyone, only a few of us can visit a shipwreck. So the more we can show, explain what happened to her and her sailors, the better. It's important to make sure those who served are not forgotten" said Lieutenant Smith.

## A National Memorial for Scotland's accused witches

A national memorial dedicated to those accused of witchcraft is one step closer to becoming a reality following a visit to a proposed eco-therapy wellness and leisure park development being undertaken by National Pride UK at St Ninians, near Kelty in Fife. The national memorial in remembrance of all women and men accused of witchcraft in Scotland has recently come back into focus in Scotland after the Scottish Government's posthumous apology to the thousands of people persecuted as witches in Scotland in March 2022.

National Pride directors, Irene Bisset and Andy Whitlock, hosted representatives from Remembering the Accused Witches of Scotland (RAWS) and local councillors to the site of its proposed eco-therapy park, St Ninians Wellness, at the site of the former opencast coal mine. Sara Kelly and Elizabeth McMann, trustees of RAWS, as well as councillors Mino Manekshaw, also a trustee, and Alex Campbell, attended the site visit. RAWS is a registered charity which aims to raise awareness of the over 4,000 individuals accused of witchcraft by the church and state in Scotland between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and to campaign for a national memorial to be erected in Scotland to memorialise and pay respect to those accused and killed.

Elizabeth McMann, trustee of Remembering the Accused Witches of Scotland (RAWS), said: "We set out to get a pardon from the state, an apology from the church, and a memorial to commemorate the accused witches in Scotland, as well as those throughout the world. Having visited St Ninians, we believe that this is an ideal place to put the much-desired memorial and it is especially relevant as a location given the major role that Fife played in pursuing those accused of witchcraft."

Sara Kelly, co-founder of RAWS, said: "St Ninians is a beautiful site and you can see its immense potential to host such a memorial. It fits in very much with our ethos of communities, the environment and that the people who we want to be remembered are in a respectful and beautiful place. St Ninians would be the ideal location, it is highly accessible, and is somewhere that anyone who is interested could visit on a regular basis. Educating the general public and school children as part of this is also very important to us."

# The World's Biggest Ceilidh comes to Glasgow this December



The world's biggest ceilidh will take place in The Ovo Hydro in Glasgow later this year. Entitled Hoolie in the Hydro, the night will feature some of the top musicians on the Scottish and Irish scene. The world-first event, which will take to the Glasgow stage on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022, has the potential to be the biggest night of traditional music to ever have taken place. Marking the first time an arena has been hired by an individual in the UK to showcase a night completely dedicated to traditional music, Hoolie in the

Hydro will be an iconic moment for the traditional music scene. This momentous showcase, as the genre takes over the country's biggest indoor arena, will be a watershed moment, with organiser Gary Innes hoping it will be the beginning of something special for the traditional music scene.

### World-first event

Hoolie in the Hydro organiser, broadcaster and musician Gary Innes said: "I appreciate that putting a show of this size and scale during the current times is a bold move,

but I also genuinely believe that traditional music has a place on the country's biggest stages. Someone always has to go first, and my hope is that Hoolie in the Hydro will pave the way for other traditional musicians to take the gamble and start booking shows on a similar scale. Once the door is opened and people see that it can be done, I don't see any reason why traditional music can't be showcased throughout the year on stages like The Ovo Hydro. This world-first event is set to be the biggest night of traditional music that Scotland has ever seen. I can't wait to have thousands of people join us for what's sure to be a serious party and a history-making moment."

Sparked by a Facebook post by musician and BBC broadcaster Gary Innes in early 2020, this unique concept has grown in momentum with unequivocal support from individuals both at home and abroad. The idea first hatched in January 2020 after Gary reached 20,000 likes on his Facebook page. To celebrate, he put out a slightly tongue in cheek post which said if half of the people who had 'liked' his page bought a ticket for the Hydro, they could have the world's biggest ceilidh. The likes, shares and support for the idea started flooding in so he decided to properly research and scope the idea, meeting with the venue and further gauging people's interest. The feedback was resoundingly positive so in early March 2020, Gary went ahead and booked Scotland's largest indoor venue.

The star-studded night of entertainment will showcase some of the biggest and best names on the Scottish and Irish traditional music scene, including famed *Caledonia* singer Dougie Maclean, Celtic-rock sensations Mànran, Ireland's Sharon Shannon Band, award-winning Scottish outfit Skerryvore and festival favourites Trail West. An All-Star ceilidh band will open the night and an unforgettable encore will welcome a host of special guests to the stage to finish this legendary night in extraordinary style.

**Hoolie in the Hydro will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and tickets are on sale now at: [www.sec.co.uk/events/detail/hoolie-in-the-hydro](http://www.sec.co.uk/events/detail/hoolie-in-the-hydro)**



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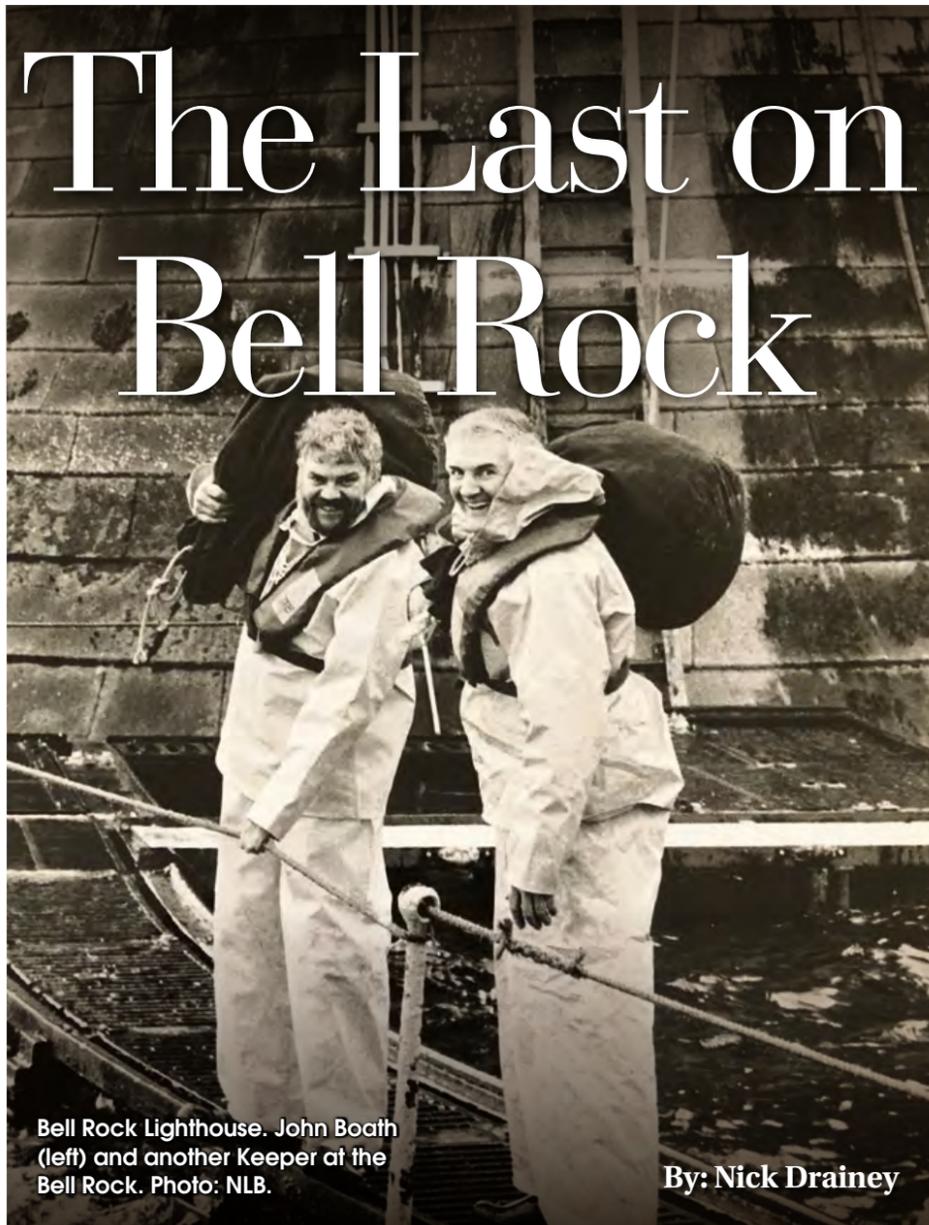




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# The Last on Bell Rock



Bell Rock Lighthouse. John Boath (left) and another Keeper at the Bell Rock. Photo: NLB.

By: Nick Drainey

***This month marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Stevenson's birth on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Stevenson was famous for designing and building many of Scotland's lighthouses for the Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) between 1794 and 1833. The last principal lighthouse keeper shares some of his unique memories of being on Robert Stevenson's most famous lighthouse, as Nick Drainey explains.***



John Boath in his garden with an old foghorn from Bell Rock Lighthouse.

“I liked the Bell but looking back I often think I must have been a bit of a nutcase,” says John Boath, the last Principal Lighthouse Keeper of the Bell Rock and the last person to turn off the light before it was automated. This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of its designer Robert Stevenson. Many say it is his finest work and it has been called one of the seven wonders of the industrial world. John Boath has another name for the 35 metre (115ft) tower 11 miles off the coast of Angus; he calls it a “vertical submarine”. It was tough on the Bell Rock, even for someone who had nearly two decades of experience as a lighthouse keeper. John, who first arrived at the Bell Rock in 1983, said not many fellow keepers would relish a posting to the Bell Rock. “The Bell Rock was a totally different environment. If anybody got the Bell Rock it was usually followed by an expression of ‘oh no!’ because it had such a reputation.”

## Rules lighthouse keepers had to follow

They worked four weeks on four weeks off. No running water meant no baths, and washing was kept to a minimum to save water. John adds: “You had a sponge down – water had to come in by ship in barrels so you had to be cautious with it. We didn’t have hot water – you had to boil a kettle and wash yourself down with a cloth.” John adds: “These lighthouses are pillars on rocks where you were basically inside for your four weeks, you didn’t get out. You can only get on it at an ebb tide. The rest of the time it is completely surrounded by water.”

And if the weather was bad when it was time to get off, you could be stuck on it for longer. “If we couldn’t get off the ship would go and anchor in St Andrews Bay to try on the next tide. They would probably try for about three or four tides and then the relief would be cancelled. Hopefully they would comeback in another two weeks. All lighthouses would carry an emergency food kit; corned beef and stuff like that.” Usual provisions which were sent on the same boat as the keepers included fresh vegetables and fruit but could best be described as basic. John says: “I used to take a bar of Cadbury’s and have one square a night.” There were some upsides: “At the top it is all glass and I used to go up there and sit and read. I used to have a deckchair and I could look out at the sea, it was all peaceful.”



Bell Rock Lighthouse and helicopter. Photo: NLB

Stevenson didn’t like ill-discipline and that was where the rules lighthouse keepers had to follow from then until John’s time came from. John says: “When Stevenson had built the Bell, some of the people who first manned it were people who had worked on the building of it – they were rough diamonds.”

## For over 200 years they kept the lights shining and saved countless lives at sea.

Stevenson seemingly didn’t like this and brought in regulations with uniform and discipline. You needed regulations. When Commissioners came round they used to wear white gloves and when they walked around they would wipe their fingers (over surfaces) to find dirt. I was a bit of a rebel but you accepted it.”

## Amazing feat of engineering

Away from the regulations, the longevity of the Bell Rock Lighthouse is all the proof John Boath needs that Robert Stevenson should be recognised for an amazing feat of engineering. “It speaks for itself, the fact it has been standing all these years.” It is the world’s oldest working sea-washed lighthouse. The long and treacherous reef on which it stands is close to shipping lanes for vessels plying the east coast and using the Firths of Tay and Forth. But Stevenson himself talked of a navigation history going much further back than the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and perhaps one that gave the rock its name. While an engineer to the Northern Lighthouse Board, he wrote: “There is a tradition that an Abbot of Aberbrothock directed a bell to be erected on the Rock, so connected with a floating apparatus, that the winds and sea acted upon it, and

tolled the bell, thus giving warning to the mariner of his approaching danger. Upon similar authority, the bell, it is said, was afterwards carried off by pirates, and the humane intentions of the Abbot thus frustrated.”

Mike Bullock, chief executive of the Northern Lighthouse Board, believes Robert Stevenson would have embraced automation, but he also praised the work of keepers like John. He said: “The departure of keepers was a poignant milestone and the end of an era. This unique profession wasn’t just a job, it was a way of life and for John Boath and for many others, automation marked the end of a long career. But as reliable technology became available to protect those at sea, automation was inevitable and if the great innovator Robert Stevenson could have automated lights from the outset, I am pretty sure he would have done so.”

And the legacy from Stevenson’s day lives on, according to Mr Bullock, who said the “role of the Light Keeper is never far from our minds”. He added: “For over 200 years they kept the lights shining and saved countless lives at sea. Their legacy lives on and I’d like to think we are seen as the modern-day custodians, looking after these wonderful structures for the next generation, keeping mariners safe and helping protect our precious marine environment from environmental damage.”

John Boath was the last man to turn off the light on Bell Rock before it was automated in 1988. “I just happened to be on watch that morning and switched it off. It was quite emotional. I had enjoyed my time at the Bell and I was very sad to leave.”



John Boath with the last bulb to be switched off at the Bell Rock Lighthouse before it was automated (he switched it off).



John Boath in front of the former lighthouse keepers’ cottages in Edinburgh, where he and his family once lived.



Bell Rock Lighthouse. Photo: Ian Cowe.

# Clan Buchanan to reunite as Chief takes the 'throne' after 340 years



The Lady Buchanan, The Buchanan and their children Rory and Lucy.



Wasson, Waters, Watson, Watt, Watters and Weir. In the modern day, these are known as affiliated families but were previously known as septs of the clan.

Clan Chiefs must be approved by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The Lord Lyon has full judicial powers to enforce use of heraldry and coats of arms in Scotland through the Lyon Court, the last surviving 'Court of Chivalry' in the world. Its powers are governed by an Act of the Scots Parliament from 1672. Many features of the inauguration ceremony come from a book by the late Lord Lyon, Sir Thomas Learney of Innes' who wrote *The Clans, Septs & Regiments of the Scottish Highlands*.

The inauguration events and celebrations will run from Friday 7 to Monday 10 October with event activities ticketed and requiring bookings in advance. This includes the Clan Chief Inauguration at Cambusmore Manor, Clan Parliament at Cambusmore Chapel and a golf tournament at Buchanan Castle Golf Course. Talks and tours of the estate will also be offered throughout the weekend.

**The Clan Chief Inauguration will take place on Saturday 8 October as part of a weekend celebration beginning on Friday 7 to Monday 10 October 2022. Tickets and further information are available at: [www.theclanbuchanan.com/inauguration](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/inauguration).**



**One of Scotland's largest and most ancient clans is preparing to reunite for the inauguration of the first Buchanan Clan Chief for over 340 years.**

Clan Buchanan is calling on clansfolk, affiliated families and supporters to gather for the historic occasion at its modern clan seat, the Cambusmore Estate in Perthshire, in October. The inauguration ceremony last took place in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and follows the appointment of John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan as Chief of Clan Buchanan. With a global community of over five million members, the chief will lead the first Clan Parliament in over 350 years to explore the future of Clan Buchanan and discuss how its traditions could be celebrated in the modern day.

## Scottish ceremonial traditions

The last Chief of Clan Buchanan was his ancestral kinsman, John Buchanan, who died in 1681 without a male heir. The upcoming ceremony will feature millennia-old clan inauguration rituals and a stone 'throne' carved by specialist Scottish craftsmen. New 'clan jewels' have also been meticulously reconstructed following years of historic research. These include the ancestral Sword of Leny, a white rod to symbolise clan justice and a falcon-shaped sguian dubh, the small knife traditionally worn with a kilt.

The inauguration will be the centrepiece of a weekend of celebrations in the picturesque setting of Cambusmore Manor in Callander, which is home to the chief. It will feature Scottish ceremonial traditions that have inspired scenes in *Outlander* and *Game of Thrones*, including a Clan Court and clansfolk kicking up their heels at a traditional Scottish ceilidh.

The Chief of Clan Buchanan said: "The clan has a thriving global community of more than five million people so

we're calling for Buchanans, affiliated families and supporters around the world to unite for this incredible moment in Buchanan history. For centuries our ancient clan was left without a Chief or Clan Parliament but this year we're finally gathering in Scotland. This is a chance to restore Scottish traditions that have been confined to the history books for hundreds of years, bringing them back with a thoroughly modern twist."

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## Decades of genealogical research

The Buchanan's appointment to lead the clan was the culmination of decades of genealogical research conducted by a renowned genealogist, the late Hugh Peskett, who famously traced President Ronald Reagan's Irish ancestry in the 1980s. While Clan Buchanan can be traced back to 1010 AD in Scotland, its global community includes members from across Great Britain, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

among many other countries. Over 120 affiliated family surnames are recognised as part of the clan including Watson, Morris, Richardson, Coleman, Gilbert, Walter and Harper.

They are represented by the world's oldest clan society, the Buchanan Society, which was established in 1725 to support members of the clan in times of hardship, and the worldwide Clan Buchanan Society International. David J. Byrne, President of Clan Buchanan Society International based in the USA, said: "We're eagerly looking forward to the inauguration of our new Chief, which will demonstrate to the world that Clan Buchanan is still a vital and thriving family with a shared history. What has been most encouraging to clansfolk scattered across the world is the Chief's modern approach, while still embracing our heritage and traditions. We've used this as an opportunity to renew pride in the history of Clan Buchanan alongside a new sense of purpose as we look to the future."

## Clan Chief Inauguration

The Buchanan is the manager of Cambusmore Estate in the Southern Highlands near Callander. He has four children with his wife The Lady Buchanan including heir apparent, Angus John Buchanan younger of that ilk, Bruce, Lucy and Rory. As well as those with the surname Buchanan, clansfolk also include those with Scottish roots and surnames such as Bohannon, Coleman, Colman, Cormack, Dewar, Dove, Dow, Gibb, Gibbon, Gibb, Gibson, Gilbert, Gilbertson, Harper, Masters, Masterson, Morris, Morrison (some only), Richardson, Rush, Rusk, Walter, Walters,

# THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

*Names & Places In The News From Today And The Past*

**1** - Dr Henry Faulds, who established the uniqueness of fingerprints, born in Beith, Ayrshire. **1843**

**1** - First Tay Rail Bridge opens. It was to collapse 18 months later in the Tay Bridge Disaster. **1878**

**1** - Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act of the Scottish Parliament establishes Bòrd na Gàidhlig to secure the status of Scottish Gaelic as an official language of Scotland. **2005**

**2** - Prince Henry St Clair (Sinclair) reputed to have landed in Nova Scotia, having sailed from Orkney. **1398**

**2** - James Douglas, 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Morton, beheaded in Edinburgh Grassmarket, accused of the murder of Lord Darnley. **1581**

**2** - Clothes rationing introduced as a war-time measure. The British government needed to reduce production and consumption of civilian clothes to safeguard raw materials and release workers and factory space for war production. It was not lifted until 1949. **1941**

**3** - James Hutton, founder of modern geology, born. **1726**

**3** - Poet Robert Tannahill born in Paisley. **1774**

**3** - The company formed by John Logie Baird televised the Epsom Derby which was then transmitted by the BBC. **1931**

**4** - First recorded inter-club golf match - between Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society and Bruntisfield Links Golf Club. **1818**

**4** - London's Wembley Stadium was vandalised by jubilant Scottish fans after a thrilling 2-1 victory over the Auld Enemy. Following the match, Scottish supporters invaded the pitch and caused an estimated £15,000 worth of damage. **1977**

**5** - An Act of the Scottish Parliament came into force "concerning the Office of Lyon King of Arms and his brether Heraldis" creating the best regulated system of armorial bearings in Europe. **1592**



**5** - The *HMS Hampshire* sank off the coast of Orkney. It was one of the First World War's worst naval disasters with the loss of 737 men, including the Secretary of State for War, Lord Kitchener. **1916**

**5** - Referendum held on British Membership of the European Community. In Scotland the vote was "Yes" 1,332,286; "No" 948,039. Turnout was 61%. Only Shetland and Western Isles had majorities against. **1975**

**6** - Thomas Blake Glover, founding father of Japan's industrialisation (including Mitsubishi) and Japanese Navy, born Fraserburgh. **1838**

**6** - Sir John A MacDonald, the Scottish-born Canadian statesman, died. MacDonald was considered to be the architect of the Confederation of Canada and served twice as the first Prime Minister of the unified Dominion, between 1867-73 and 1878-91. **1891**

**7** - Robert the Bruce died, at Cardross Castle, Dumbarton, aged 54. Bruce's heart was then taken to Melrose Abbey, with his body having earlier being buried at Dunfermline Abbey. **1329**

**7** - Sir James Young Simpson, pioneer of anaesthetics and chloroform, born. **1811**

**7** - Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the celebrated architect, painter and designer, was born. Regarded as one of the foremost British figures in the art nouveau movement, and as the principal exponent of the "Glasgow Style", Mackintosh was born in the Townhead area of the city. **1868**



**8** - Robert Stevenson, engineer, who constructed 18 lighthouses around Scotland, born Glasgow. **1772**

**8** - The Earl of Seaforth raised a regiment for the American War from the MacKenzie's and MacRae's of Ross-shire and Sutherland. **1778**

**9** - St Columba died on Iona. Columba founded a monastery on Iona which was to become one of the leading centres of Christianity in Western Europe, and the base from which Columba launched his successful mission to convert the Pictish nation. **597**

**9** - First US troops (over 10,000 men) disembark from *Queen Mary* on the River Clyde. **1942**

**10** - James Francis Stuart born. In honour of the "Old Pretender", this is known as "White Rose Day" in Jacobite circles. **1688**

**10** - Battle of Glenshiel, Jacobites with Spanish assistance, and government forces clashed. **1719**

**10** - Death of King George I and accession of George II. **1727**

**10** - Construction of the Forth and Clyde canal started. It was to take 22 years to complete. **1768**



**10** - The floral clock in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, began operation - initially driven by clockwork and with only an hour hand. Edinburgh's is believed to be oldest floral clock in the world. **1903**

**10** - Sir Jackie Stewart, three-times world motor racing champion, born in Dunbartonshire. **1939**

**11** - Marie of Guise, widow of King James V and Queen Regent of Scotland, died. **1560**

**11** - Battle of Sauchieburn during which King James III died attempting to subdue a group of rebel barons. **1488**

**11** - First oil pumped ashore from British oilfields in the North Sea. **1975**

**12** - Sir David Gill, Scottish astronomer, was born. Gill was noted for his measurements of solar and stellar parallaxes, which accurately revealed the distances of the Sun and other stars to Earth. He was also a pioneer in the use of photography to map the heavens. **1843**

**12** - Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust acquires the island. The community ownership group manage the island which has just over 100 residents and it is the second largest of the Small Isles after Rum. **1997**

**13** - Birth of James Clerk Maxwell, first Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge University. He created the electromagnetic theory of light. **1831**

**13** - Rate of price inflation reached 25% in the UK. **1975**

**14** - *Queen Mary, Aquitania, Empress of Canada*, and *Empress of Britain* arrive in the River Clyde with the first contingent of Australian and New Zealand troops. **1940**

**14** - John Logie Baird, inventor of the first television, died. **1946**

**15** - *Queen Mary* leaves Greenock, taking nearly 15,000 GI's home to US. **1945**

**15** - A second devastating major fire takes hold at Glasgow School of Art. The blaze that gutted the iconic Charles Rennie Mackintosh building and devastated the neighbouring O2 ABC concert venue. **2018**

**16** - Siege of Dunbar Castle by the English was raised. **1338**

**16** - Henry McLeish, Scottish Labour politician, was born. McLeish began his working life as a footballer for East Fife, but soon entered the political arena, serving from 1987 as MP for Central Fife. His career reached its zenith with his appointment as First Minister of the Scottish Executive, succeeding Donald Dewar. **1948**



**16** - Thomas Mitchell Morris or 'Old Tom Morris', the world's first professional golfer and the father of modern greenkeeping. He was a 4 time Open Champion, and was born in St Andrews, the home of golf. **1821**

**17** - Wolf of Badenoch burns Elgin Cathedral. **1390**

**17** - Charles Macintosh patented the waterproof cloth he was using to make raincoats. **1823**

**17** - Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned at the island fortress of Loch Leven Castle. She eventually escaped, never to step foot in Scotland again. **1567**

**18** - Pacification of Berwick, Charles I forced to withdraw from Scotland and recognise an independent Scottish Parliament. **1639**

**18** - Flora MacDonald met Prince Charles Edward Stuart and persuaded him to wear women's clothes as part of the escape plan from the Outer Hebrides to Skye. **1746**

**19** - Mary Queen of Scots gives birth to the future King James VI of Scotland and I of England. **1566**

**19** - Coronation of King Charles I at Holyrood. **1633**

**19** - "Day of Public Thanksgiving" on Restoration of Charles II as king. **1660**

**19** - Earl Haig, Commander in Chief of British forces 1915-18, founder of British Legion, born. **1861**

**19** - Sir J M Barrie, author of *Peter Pan* died. **1937**

**20** - Adam Ferguson, philosopher, historian, "Father of Sociology" born Logierait, Perthshire. **1723**



**20** - New Tay Rail Bridge opened, then the longest in Britain. The Tay Rail Bridge crosses the Firth of Tay and connects Dundee with the Fife. **1887**

**20** - First announcement of the discovery of high-grade crude oil in the North Sea. **1969**

**21** - Robert Napier, regarded as the "Father of Clyde shipbuilding" was born. He died on 23 June, 1876. **1791**

**21** - Scottish explorer Mungo Park reached the source of the river Niger in Africa. **1796**

**21** - More than 50 German warships were scuttled at Scapa Flow, Orkney. It was the single greatest loss of warships in history, and the sailors killed that day were the last fatalities of World War One. **1919**

**21** - Riverside Museum in Glasgow opens to the public. The purpose-built Museum replaced the previous home for the city's transport collection, at the city's Kelvin Hall and is located on the banks of the River Clyde. **2011**



**21** - The Peebles Hoard, comprising Bronze Age horse harness, a sword and other artefacts dating back to between 900BC and 1,000BC, is discovered in a field near Peebles in the Borders by a metal detectorist. **2021**

**22** - Malt Riots, Glasgow - against higher taxes imposed on Scottish malt. **1725**

**22** - At the Battle of Bothwell, the Covenanters were defeated by royal troops led by the Duke of Monmouth near Glasgow. Ideological differences among the Covenanters factionalised them, and the resulting disorganisation contributed to the ease of the Royalists' victory. Although deaths on the field were few, 200 were killed later. Of the 1400 captured or surrendered, another 258 were shipwrecked while being transported in The Crown of London. The battle features in fictional form in Sir Walter Scott's novel *Old Mortality*. **1679**

**23** - Charles II sailed into the estuary of the river Spey and signed the Covenant before going ashore. **1650**

**23** - Singer Kenneth McKellar born. McKellar died of pancreatic cancer, at the age of 82 in 2010. **1927**

**24** - The birth of Admiral Sir John Ross, Scottish Polar explorer. In 1818 he went in search of the Northwest Passage but turned back after exploring Baffin Bay. **1777**

**24** - Robert the Bruce defeated Edward II at Battle of Bannockburn. The battle was one of the most famous events in the wars of independence. It saw the Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, win a key victory over the English forces of King Edward II, despite being outnumbered two-to-one and facing what was regarded as the finest army in the medieval world. **1314**

**25** - David Douglas, explorer and botanist, born at Scone, Perthshire. In addition to the Douglas Fir, he brought back to Europe lupins, phlox, penstemon, sunflowers, clarkia, Californian poppy, mimulus, flowering currant, rose of sharon and mahonia. **1799**

**25** - Wallace statue unveiled at the Wallace National Monument, Stirling. **1887**

**25** - Lord Boyd Orr, biologist and Nobel Prize Winner, died. **1971**

**25** - Seven Scots, including John Stuart Forbes, were in the US 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry with General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. **1876**

**25** - The first Sherlock Holmes story by Edinburgh-born author Arthur Conan Doyle was published in the *Strand* magazine. **1891**

**26** - James IV crowned king at the age of 15 at Scone. He reigned until 1513 when he fell with the flower of Scotland's nobility at the Battle of Flodden Field. **1488**

**26** - Darien Company formed to set up a Scottish colony in Panama. **1695**

**26** - King George IV died, aged 67 (and William IV ascended the throne). George IV is reckoned to be Britain's fattest king. His favourite breakfast was two roast pigeons, three beefsteaks, a bottle of white wine, a glass of champagne, two of port and one brandy. **1830**

**27** - King James VI (aged 8) escaped from Castle Ruthven. **1583**

**27** - Robin Hall, Scottish folk singer and musician, was born. Hall achieved national fame in partnership with fellow Scot, Jimmie MacGregor, on the BBC TV show, *Tonight*. His hits included *The Mingulay Boat Song* and *Ye Cannae Shove Yer Grannie Aff a Bus*. **1937**

**27** - The Royal Navy's new aircraft carrier leaves its home port for the first time. *HMS Queen Elizabeth* - one of two new carriers being built at Rosyth dockyard in Fife at a cost of more than £6bn - is to begin sea trials. The ship passed under the Forth Bridge just before midnight. It is the largest warship ever built for the Royal Navy. The flight deck alone is the size of three football pitches. The ship can operate with a crew of 1,000 and 40 aircraft. The 65,000 tonne warship was the Royal Navy's first aircraft carrier since *HMS Illustrious* was scrapped in 2014. **2017**



**28** - The Forth and Clyde Canal opened. The 35-mile course from Bowling to Grangemouth is the longest of the Lowland canals. It was formally abandoned in 1962. Its re-opening in 2001 was part of the Millennium Link scheme, allowing waterway travel from Edinburgh to Glasgow by linking to the Union canal via the remarkable Falkirk Wheel boat lift. **1790**

**28** - Flora MacDonald and Bonnie Prince Charlie set sail from Benbecula to Skye. After Culloden, the Prince had a high price on his head. He came to Benbecula, and Flora helped him escape to Skye by disguising him as her Irish maid, Betty Burke. **1746**

**28-29** - Bannockburn Live celebrated in Stirling. Commemorating the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and celebrating the best of Scottish folk music, food and drink attracted visitors from around the world and a key event of Homecoming 2014. **2014**

**29** - Scottish actor Ian Bannen, was born. Bannen appeared in more than 60 British and American films. These include *The Flight of the Phoenix* (1965) for which he received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor. He died in 1999, aged 71. **1928**

**30** - Start of trial for murder of Madeleine Smith who was eventually found "Not Proven". The daughter of a Glasgow architect, James Smith, this most eligible of society ladies was accused in 1857 of murdering her alleged former lover, Emile L'Angelier. **1857**

**30** - James Loughran, Scottish conductor, was born in Glasgow. Loughran first came to notice when he won the Philharmonia Orchestra's Conducting Competition in 1961, and soon became principal conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. **1931**

# A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures Gala honours Outlander author Diana Gabaldon as Great Scot



Diana Gabaldon receives the 2022 Great Scot Award.

The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's annual gala, A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures, drew tartan-clad philanthropists to New York City's The Metropolitan Club in April, when American author Diana Gabaldon was honoured as the 2022 Great Scot. Gabaldon's bestselling *Outlander* novels have brought the romance and drama of Scottish history to life for more than 50 million readers worldwide. They are also the inspiration for the Starz television series of the same name. The presentation of the Great Scot Award was the highlight of the event, which this year raised \$375,000 to support the conservation of heritage sites in the care of the National Trust for Scotland, including Culloden Battlefield and Robert Burns' birthplace.

Actors Sam Heughan and Graham MacTavish, stars of the Starz television series *Outlander*, presented the award to Gabaldon virtually from the United Kingdom, where they were filming.

MacTavish noted, "Now it's true that Diana herself is not Scottish, but I don't think any of us can deny that Diana has done more than almost anyone to promote Scotland, its history and culture, on the world stage over the past decade. For that reason, I think, and I am sure you will agree, that Diana is surely an honorary Scot – and now a Great one at that."

In accepting the award, Gabaldon made humorous and heartfelt remarks about the origins of her first novel, public reaction to the series, and her unanticipated role in preserving Scottish culture. Gabaldon had never been to Scotland before writing *Outlander*, and she shared that the Gaelic phrases used in her early books came directly from a Gaelic-to-English dictionary. After a Scottish scholar suggested as much, Diana developed a close relationship with him and incorporated more authentic phrasing in her later novels. Today, the *Outlander* series is recognized as contributing to a revival of interest in the Gaelic language and Highland culture.

## An evening in true Scottish fashion

Kirstin Bridier, Executive Director of the Foundation, noted the parallels between Gabaldon's role in promoting Gaelic and the work of 20<sup>th</sup> century American folklorist Margaret Fay Shaw who, together with her British husband John Lorne Campbell, made early audio and video recordings of

daily life in the Hebrides in order to capture the language, folksongs, and traditions of the islands before they were lost to time. Providing access to Shaw's remarkable collection, which is housed in her former home on the Isle of Canna, southwest of Skye, is the focus of the Foundation's fundraising efforts this year.

A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures was chaired by arts philanthropist Naoma Tate, whose great-grandfather was a master stonemason at Drumlanrig, home of the Duke of Buccleuch. Mrs. Thomas H. Hubbard and Jeannie Redpath Campbell Becton served as honorary co-chairs in recognition of their leadership support for the Isle of Canna over the past decade. Guests were welcomed with a cocktail hour, including tastings by The Macallan, the official whisky of NTSUSA, and Rock Rose Gin, a multi-award-winning gin created by Dunnet Bay Distillers and with music by Skye Trio and Special Guests. A silent auction featured opportunities to stay at luxury hotels The Fife Arms and Schloss Roxburgh; Scottish textiles from Begg X Co and Araminta Campbell; fishing with Orvis; jewelry from Edinburgh's Hamilton & Inches; and a signed, hardbound set of the entire *Outlander* series.

Alasdair Nichol, Chairman of Freeman's auction house and a frequent appraiser on PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*, charmed 200 guests with a rousing live auction that included a week-long stay at Tulach Ard, a

Highlands country house lovingly restored by ANTA designers Lachlan and Annie Stewart; a bronze maquette of sculptor Andy Scott's *Equus Altus*; and an exclusive 50cl replica of *The Intrepid*—officially the world's largest bottle of whisky. In true Scottish fashion, the evening culminated in a cèilidh, at the end of which guests joined hands to sing Robert Burns' *Auld Lang Syne*.

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Chair of NTS USA Helen Sayles, CBE, Diana Gabaldon, and NTS USA Executive Director Kirstin Bridier.

## New research reveals the resilience of Scots pine trees to drought



The effect of extreme drought on Scots pine trees has been examined as part of a University of Stirling study, which could have implications for climate change efforts across the world. The research – led by Tom Ovenden of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and published in the British Ecological Society's *Journal of Ecology* – considered how resilient Scots pine trees are to extreme drought events.

Scots pine is the cornerstone of Scotland's Caledonian pinewoods and is a critically important species, both ecologically and economically, in the UK and across Europe. The new research provides a significant understanding of its vulnerability to, and recovery from, drought – a particularly important topic as drought events are expected to increase in intensity, duration, and frequency due to climate change.

Mr Ovenden, a PhD researcher in Biological and Environmental Sciences, said: "Unlike most existing studies, we

looked at the impact of drought on tree growth in the longer-term – across a post-drought period of nine years. That allowed us to develop a fuller understanding of what happens to tree-level and forest-level growth after drought at an annual resolution. Crucially, we documented a pattern of compensatory growth in the latter stages of the nine-year post-drought period we considered, after the trees had already recovered. As a result, some trees actually grew faster during this post-recovery period than would have been expected if drought had never occurred – meaning that the wider forest also recovered some of its lost biomass. Our documentation of mature trees going through a period of 'catch-up' growth to recover their lost biomass is one of the first research studies to do so. If this mechanism is more widespread in other species and locations, it could have profound implications for the estimated loss of carbon and wood that we currently ascribe to extreme drought events globally."

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## Scottish Fish Pie

**Ingredients:**

For this recipe you will need a large ovenproof dish, about 2.5 litres/4 pints 7fl oz capacity.

**For the poaching stock:**

600ml/20fl oz. fish stock  
50ml/2fl oz. anise flavoured liqueur, such as Pernod  
1 small onion, roughly chopped  
1 small fennel bulb, roughly chopped  
2 celery sticks, roughly chopped  
1 bay leaf  
few sprigs fresh parsley

**For the filling:**

500g/1lb 2oz. haddock fillet (or other white fish of your choice), skinned and boned  
250g/9oz. salmon fillet, skinned and boned  
250g/9oz smoked langoustines

**For the saffron mash:**

1.5kg/3lb 5oz floury potatoes (such as King Edward), peeled and cut into large chunks  
salt and black pepper  
100ml/3½fl oz double cream  
pinch of saffron  
50g/1¾oz unsalted butter

**For the sauce:**

40g/1½oz. unsalted butter  
40g/1½oz. plain flour  
300ml/10½fl oz reserved poaching stock (from above)  
100ml/3½fl oz double cream

2 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon  
salt and black pepper

**Method:**

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. For the poaching stock, place all the ingredients in a large pan and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer. Add the haddock and salmon to the stock, pressing them down gently into the simmering liquid. Poach the fish for a few minutes, or until just cooked. Strain the mixture, reserving all the liquid. Pick out the stock vegetables and bay leaf and discard. Leave the fish to cool. Put the strained poaching liquid into a clean pan. Bring to the boil, and boil until the volume of liquid has reduced by half. You will need 300ml/10½fl oz of the reduced liquid for the sauce. Set aside. For the mash, put the potatoes in a large pan. Cover with cold water, add a little salt and bring to the boil. Cook for 15–20 minutes, or until tender.

Meanwhile, to make the sauce, melt the butter in a pan. Stir in the flour to form a roux. Let this cook over a medium heat, stirring frequently, for 2–3 minutes. Take off the heat and gradually add the reduced poaching liquid, a ladle at a time, beating well after each addition to create a smooth sauce. Return to the heat and cook, stirring often, for about five minutes. Finish the sauce by adding the cream, tarragon and some salt and pepper. Drain the potatoes well and set aside. Heat the cream, saffron and butter gently in the potato pan, until the butter has melted, then take off the heat and pass the potatoes through a ricer into the pan (or just tip them in and mash).

Season with salt and pepper to taste and stir to combine. Flake the cooked fish over the base of your ovenproof dish, taking care to remove any bones as you go. Scatter over the langoustines. Pour over the sauce. Top with the mash, smooth it down and then mark into a scallop pattern with the tip of a pallet knife, or the handle of a large spoon. Bake for 25–30 minutes, or until golden-brown on top and bubbling all the way through. If your assembled pie has cooled down, it may take longer. Serve with buttered peas.

## Cream of Carrot and Coriander Soup

**Ingredients:**

2lb/1kg chopped carrots  
1 medium-sized potato chopped into very small pieces  
2 large, chopped onions  
3oz/75g sweet sherry  
5fl oz./ 150ml chicken stock  
2 tbsp. chopped fresh coriander  
Salt and pepper (to taste)  
2 tbsp. cream  
Some fresh coriander, small amount of grated carrot and cream for decoration.

**Method:**

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the onions. When soft, add the carrots and potato and mix with the butter. Cook very gently for a few minutes. Add the sherry, salt & pepper. Put lid on and cook gently for 15 minutes. Add the stock and simmer until potato and carrots are soft. Stir in the coriander, turn off heat. Cool slightly and liquidise the mixture. Add in the cream slowly and reheat until nice and hot to serve. Garnish with swirl of cream, some grated carrot and a couple of coriander leaves.

## Arbroath Toasties

**Ingredients:**

6 oz. /175g smoked haddock (or Smoked Cod/Halibut)  
6 oz./175ml milk  
½ oz./15g plain (all purpose) flour  
1 oz./25g strong, hard, grated cheese  
One egg (separated into white and yolk)  
Salt, pepper, freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
4 slices of buttered toast

**Method:**

Heat the smoked haddock in quarter pint/ 150ml/two-thirds cup of the milk in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat, cover and cook for about five minutes or until the fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove the fish with a fish slice and flake. Mix the flour with the rest of the milk and then stir into the milk in the saucepan. Bring to the boil and cook for two minutes, stirring continuously until thick. Stir in the cheese, egg yolk and flaked fish. Season to taste with salt, freshly ground black pepper, then heat through. Whisk the egg white until it is stiff and fold in with a metal spoon. Put the toast on a grill rack and spoon the fish mixture onto each slice of toast. Place under a hot grill until it is lightly browned. Serve immediately.

## Bannockburn Cocktail

**Ingredients:**

1 nip whisky (whiskey/bourbon)  
1 dash Worcestershire sauce  
1 dash tomato juice  
slice lemon

**Method:**

Pour into a cocktail glass and garnish with a slice of lemon.

## Cheese scones



**Ingredients:**

225g/8oz. self-raising flour  
pinch of salt  
55g/2oz. butter  
25g/1oz. mature cheddar cheese, grated  
150ml/5fl oz. milk

**Method:**

Heat the oven to 220C/425F/Gas 7. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Mix the flour and salt and rub in the butter. Stir in the cheese and then the milk to get a soft dough. Turn on to a floured work surface and knead very lightly. Pat out to a round 2cm/¾ in thick. Use a 5cm/2in cutter to stamp out rounds and place on the baking sheet. Lightly knead together the rest of the dough and stamp out more scones to use it all up. Brush the tops of the scones with a little milk. Bake for 12–15 minutes until well risen and golden. Cool on a wire rack.

## Chocolate And Raspberry Brownies



**Ingredients:**

350g/12oz. dark chocolate (55–60% cocoa solids)  
250g/9oz. unsalted butter  
3 free range eggs  
250g/9oz. dark muscovado sugar  
110g/4oz. plain flour, sifted  
1 tsp baking powder  
pinch of salt  
175g/6oz. fresh raspberries

**Method:**

Preheat the oven to 170C/325F/Gas 3. Butter a 23cm/9in square cake tin. Melt the chocolate and butter together, then cool slightly. Whisk the eggs until thick, then gradually add the sugar and beat until glossy. Beat in the melted chocolate mixture, then gently fold in the flour, baking powder and salt. Pour just over half the mixture into the prepared cake tin. Scatter over the raspberries, then cover with the remaining mixture. Bake in the preheated oven for about 40 minutes or until the surface is set. It will be cooked when a skewer into the middle comes out with just a little mixture adhering. Remove the cake to a wire rack, and allow it to rest for about 20 minutes. Cut the cake into squares and remove them from the tin when cold.

# RMS Metagama



**D**id your family come to Canada from Scotland in the 1920s? The BBC is looking for stories around Scottish immigrants who travelled across the Atlantic on the *Metagama* and other vessels.

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# Beyond The Burrell

By: David McVey



Pollock House. Photo: VisitScotland.



Glasgow Highlanders.

In spring there will be a few of the teddy bear-like calves. The path starts to drop downhill to the left and suddenly you're faced with the stunning frontage of Pollock House.

The Maxwell family have been linked with this area as far back as the 13<sup>th</sup> century but it was in the 1740s that a series of smaller pre-existing houses (or castles) were replaced by the present building, commissioned by Sir John Maxwell. The legendary William Adam is known to have drawn up plans for a house here but it's unlikely that his designs were followed. The original house was a simple, four-storey structure outside but more lavish inside, with extensive decorative plasterwork.

**Pollock Park is Glasgow's largest. It was voted Europe's Park of the Year in 2008 but it didn't start out as an urban park.**

In the 1800s the family line was merged with the Stirlings of Keir and the combined name of Stirling Maxwell was adopted. Sir William Stirling Maxwell (1818-78) was an expert in, and collector of, Spanish art. From his time onward the house became a focus for Spanish paintings and what's now known as the Stirling Maxwell Collection is one of the highlights of a visit to Pollock House. There are two El Grecos on display.

Sir John Stirling Maxwell (1866-1956) inherited the estate in 1878 and was responsible for enlarging the house by adding two wings; you'll probably start your visit in the east wing, in the breath-



Pollock House and Gardens.

taking library. This Sir John (the eldest Maxwell or Stirling Maxwell was always John) sat as a Glasgow MP, was chairman of the Forestry Commission from 1929-32 and was involved in the formation of the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) in 1931. A crucial meeting to discuss the formation of the Trust, involving Sir John and other Scottish grandees who included the Duke of Atholl and Sir Iain Colquhoun of Luss, took place in Pollok House, in the Cedar Room. You can visit the Cedar Room, which resembles a small comfortable lounge in a Victorian hotel. Sir John was the Trust's President from 1944 until his death in 1956. It's fitting, then, that the house should now be in the care of the NTS.

Pollok House's splendid tearoom occupies a space below stairs in the servants' corridor. Some of the other aspects of servant life are presented in various rooms off the main corridor. In Sir John's time in the early 1900s, his family (of three) were looked after by around fifty servants!

## Pollock Estate

The full glory of Pollok House, though, is only visible when you step outside and stroll down to the White Cart Water, and stand between the house and the fine 18<sup>th</sup> century stone bridge over the river. The house is stunning from here, a soaring but attractive presence above the formal gardens.

Pollok Park is still often referred to as 'Pollok Estate' by local people. The park was, indeed, part of the Pollok House

Estate, but then so was much of Glasgow far beyond the park, now long disappeared beneath houses and shops and roads and railways. The house and estate were given to the people of Glasgow by the Stirling Maxwells in 1966 along with the art collection, though the family retain ownership of the books in the library. More recently the management of the house was transferred by the city to the NTS.

Pollok House's stable block is now being refurbished and will soon provide a home for the city's Clydesdale horses. Away from the house, the park includes woodland, fields and river as well as a golf course and other recreational areas. There are trails for walkers, cyclists, runners and horse riders. It's very easy to imagine yourself in some far distant stretch of rich Scottish countryside, at least until a nearby tower block appears between the trees. Many will go there in the coming months intent only on seeing the Burrell Museum and its astonishing collection. But there is more to Pollok Park than The Burrell.



Pollock House.

In March 2022 Glasgow's world-famous Burrell museum, The Burrell Collection, welcomed visitors once more. Originally opened in 1982 (and ceremonially opened by the Queen the following year), it had been closed since 2016 for an extensive programme of renovation to repair faults and enlarge the available display space.

Naturally, the first weeks of reopening, which partly coincided with the Easter school holidays, saw vast numbers converging on the shiny new Burrell. I've been there and it's still a jaw-dropping experience, unforgettably showcasing the enormous, eclectic collection of art and artefacts amassed by Glasgow shipowner Sir William Burrell, and subsequently gifted to the city. However, the crowds are likely to continue as we move across the summer months and as travel restrictions are relaxed. I'd suggest putting the Burrell aside for now, until numbers plateau a little. The Burrell has a leafy location in Pollok Park, and there are other good reasons for going there.

## Glasgow's largest park

Pollok Park is Glasgow's largest. It was voted Europe's Park of the Year in 2008 but it didn't start out as an urban park. It didn't start out as urban at all. In the 1700s this was all countryside and, in some parts, it feels like countryside still. The best way to arrive is by train to Pollokshaws West Station from Glasgow Central; an electric shuttle bus runs from there to the park and its attractions, but I prefer to walk. Once you pass the Burrell car park you have fields on either side in which graze Glasgow's very own herd of Highland cattle.

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Dougal	MacDougal	MacDougal
Dougle	MacDougle	MacDouglie
Dugal	MacDugal	MacDouglie
Dowall	MacDowall	MacDowall
MacDowell	MacDowell	MacDowell
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MacCulloch	MacCulloch	MacCullagh
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MacHowell	MacHowell	MacHowell
MacKichan	MacKichan	MacNameil
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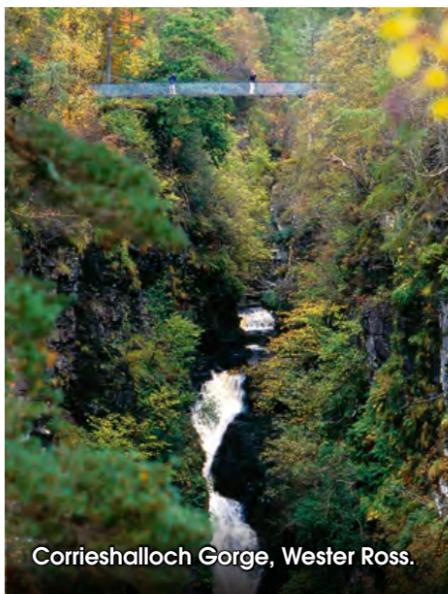
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# National Trust for Scotland woodlands to be part of Ancient Canopy to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Mar Lodge Estate, Aberdeenshire.



Corrieshalloch Gorge, Wester Ross.

The National Trust for Scotland is delighted that four of its woodlands have been chosen as part of a nationwide network of 70 Ancient Woodlands to be dedicated to The Queen in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. The Queen's Green Canopy recently announced the network of 70 Ancient Woodlands and 70 Ancient Trees across the United Kingdom which will form part of the Ancient Canopy to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service. The initiative was launched by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, who is Patron of The Queen's Green Canopy, under one of the Ancient Tree dedications - the old Sycamore located at Dumfries House in Scotland. His Royal Highness is also the Patron of the National Trust for Scotland.

## Four of the conservation charity's woodlands have been selected

Four of the conservation charity's woodlands have been selected to be part of the network:

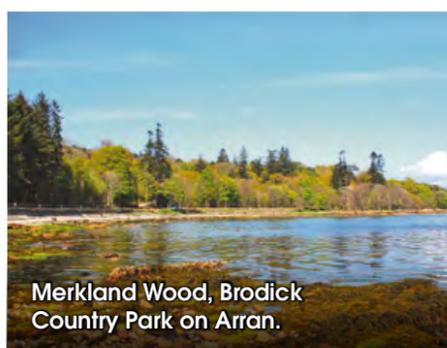
Coille Mhòr at Balmacara in Wester Ross, an excellent example of Scotland's Rainforest, a type of temperate rainforest that is severely threatened globally (sometimes known as Atlantic or Celtic rainforest). Its ancient oak trees and many other tree species combine to support scarce and important lower

plants like lichens, bryophytes, ferns and mosses. The site also plays host to a nationally significant assemblage of dragonflies and damselflies.

Corrieshalloch Gorge, Wester Ross is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and National Nature Reserve designated for its Upland Birch Wood as well as its incredible geomorphological features. The hanging wood that clings to the gorge side has a wide range of tree species including birch, hazel, aspen, sessile oak, rowan, which elm and guelder rose. It is rich in woodland plants including wood anemone, wood sorrel, sanicle, blue bell, primrose, wood mellick, water avens, golden saxifrage, and mosses, liverworts and ferns.

**Established over hundreds of years, the chosen woodlands and trees represent the diverse canopy of the four nations, it is a celebration of our living heritage.**

Mar Lodge Estate, Aberdeenshire includes Caledonian pinewoods and birchwoods and native woodland plantations, the Mar Lodge Estate woodlands sprawl across several glens, forming part of the 30,000 ha Mar Lodge Estate, the largest National Nature Reserve in the UK. Its oldest tree dates back to 1477. The estate's woods accounts for around 5% of Scotland's remaining Caledonian Pinewood.



Merkland Wood, Brodick Country Park on Arran.

Merkland Wood at Brodick Country Park on Arran is part of a nationally significant wider historic designed landscape surrounding Brodick Castle, which dates back to at least 1703. The mature woodlands were established in two phases between 140 and 240 years ago. It is made up of sessile oak, European larch, ash, Scots pine, beech and silver fir. The woodland supports the endangered red squirrel, as well as otters and badgers. Dead wood is retained to help support a myriad of insect life and to provide bat roosting and bird nesting habitats.

## Ancient natural spaces

Stuart Brooks, Head of Conservation and Policy at the National Trust for Scotland said: "We are very honoured that four of our most important woodlands have been selected to be part of this celebration. They are a wonderful demonstration of the diversity of woodland habitats that the Trust has in its care, from the rare Atlantic rainforest of Wester Ross, the dramatic Corrieshalloch Gorge and the ancient pines at Mar Lodge to the species rich Merkland Wood on the isle of Arran. Unique in their make-up and character, these woodlands have stood for centuries, contributing to Scotland's biodiversity, absorbing carbon and benefitting us all with their nature, beauty and heritage. Our charity is proud to play its part in protecting them now

and for the future, and through our regeneration and management work, will ensure that they continue to thrive for many more centuries to come."

Established over hundreds of years, the chosen woodlands and trees represent the diverse canopy of the four nations, it is a celebration of our living heritage. All the woodlands and trees have a story to tell. Some are famous specimens and others have a local significance. These ancient natural spaces hold significance and meaning for so many people in many different ways. They are symbols of community pride, places to connect socially and vital spaces for health and wellbeing activities.

By sharing the stories behind the ancient woodlands and trees, as well as the incredible efforts that are made to protect them, The Queen's Green Canopy aims to raise awareness of these treasured habitats and the importance of conserving them for future generations.



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# The Montreal Highland Games 2022: OPEN in so many ways



Photo: Jason Baines, Guinness World Record holder for caber tosses will be competing at the 2022 Games in Montreal. Jason set a new record with a phenomenal 161 tosses in one hour in August 2021. Photo courtesy of: Peter Matulina.

By: Marilyn Meikle

Communications Coordinator, Montreal Highland Games

Participants and attendees have been waiting two long years for the return of The Montreal Highland Games. Wait no more! The Games will OPEN on the grounds of the Douglas Hospital, Sunday, July 31, 2022 after a hiatus due to COVID regulations.

Expect enthusiastic crowds, the warmth of sunshine, the sound of pipes and drums, and cheers from the stands as the Games host the Canadian Scottish Athletic Federation OPEN Championships - the preeminent competition for Heavy Athletes. Will records be broken? Will new champions be crowned?

Scott MacKenzie, President of the organization, is thrilled to see the Games back live and in person. "We held an online edition of the Games in 2021", says Scott, "but we can't wait to bring together Montrealers of all backgrounds to celebrate Scottish sport, music and culture. Nothing beats seeing the massed bands march across an OPEN field!" MacKenzie is grateful for the support of returning sponsors and patrons whose financial commitment to the Games keep entrance costs at a minimum and permit organizers to run a shuttle bus service from the closest Métro station directly to the site.

## The sounds of Scotland in Montreal

The Celtic Mile will be OPEN with vendors offering an assortment of Scottish fare. There will be fiddle contests. Plenty of opportunities to meet with Clans who welcome members with OPEN arms, and of course the Family Village with bouncy castles and Wee Games for the kids! Tiny cabers, rocks and wee hammers being tossed by children outfitted in kilts – the perfect photo opportunity for parents of all cultures. Medieval combat will return as competitors swing their axes in a quest for glory. Kilts will swing too as dancers compete in flings on the Highland dance stage.

The friendliest competition of all will be the Tug of War in support of the Douglas Hospital. All funds raised support mental health initiatives - donations can be made via the Games website.

Ever-popular band Mariner's Curse, leads the entertainment in the Ceilidh Tent for an eclectic afternoon of Celtic and Canadiana music. A more sublime atmosphere can be found in the Patrons' Pavilion just across the green where a full Scottish lunch will be served by the Burgundy Lion Pub. OPEN your senses to the sights and the sounds of Scotland in Montreal! Join in the Montreal Highland Games - they are sure to be "pure dead brilliant".

For full details see: [www.montrealhighlandgames.com](http://www.montrealhighlandgames.com)



## Inspection programme underway to assess Scotland's national heritage assets



Craigmillar Castle.

**An inspection programme designed to assess the condition and the impact of climate change on some of Scotland's most significant heritage sites is getting under way.**

Historic Environment Scotland (HES), the public body responsible for 336 historic buildings and sites, is rolling-out the new programme of tactile condition surveys in response to concerns over the deterioration of high-level masonry caused by several combined factors, including the materials used during construction, age, physical location and climate change. Inspections and sample surveys conducted by HES last year uncovered

a range of decay on high-level building fabric, creating a risk of falling masonry and potential injury. To protect staff and visitors, access has been restricted at many of the affected sites, though every effort has been made to enable visitor access where this can be done safely.

HES has created an indicative prioritisation which will inform the inspection schedule, with considerable preparatory work already underway. Priority will be given to surveying sites where it is difficult to fully mitigate all risks to public safety such as where the nature or location of a site presents a particular challenge or where adjacent land owned by a third party may be affected. Sites where access restrictions are having a significant adverse community and economic impact will also be prioritised this year.

### Caring for these historic assets

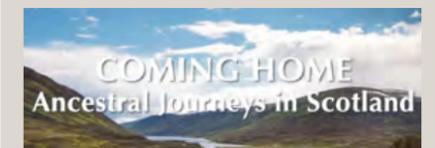
The surveys will provide a detailed and accurate picture of properties' condition and will inform a subsequent programme of repairs, conservation work, adaptation measures, interventions and new ways of caring for these historic assets. The surveys are being undertaken by specialist HES technical staff and will be literally "hands on".

Dr David Mitchell, director of conservation at HES, said: "This is a major programme of activity taking place across

Scotland, involving a new approach to inspections and new skills requirements for our teams. Our changing climate since the 1960s has accelerated the natural process of decay and the nature and location of some properties makes them particularly susceptible. Our response to this situation requires us to evolve our approach and what we are finding will increasingly become an issue for many building owners across Scotland. We have developed an approach to allow us to prioritise sites based on health and safety first and foremost, as well as the benefits that properties generate for local communities. It is important to note that conclusion of a survey does not necessarily mean a property will re-open in full or in part right away, it is entirely dependent on what we find. Once a site is assessed and we have an indication of what the issues are, we will then make decisions on what happens next."

While surveys and subsequent remedial work is taking place, HES is exploring alternative visitor experiences. This includes partial access at some of the sites, where it is safe to do so, and opening up interior spaces with safety corridors and viewing platforms. HES is also creating more interpretative signage and performances, exploring the use of innovative technology and new audio tours, videos and trails to augment the visitor experience for 2022.

Coming Home – New video from the Scottish Council on Archives



Tracing your ancestors in Scotland can be an emotional experience for any diaspora Scot, and there are many experts on hand in Scotland to help you on your journey of discovery to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors. *Coming Home – Ancestral Journeys in Scotland* highlights how Scotland's rich collection of archives held by local authorities, national bodies as well as small heritage and community groups tell the stories of the people who have left Scotland over the last four hundred years. There are about fifty million people world-wide who claim Scottish ancestry from Australia and New Zealand, through Europe to the USA and Canada. John Pelan, Scottish Council on Archives Director said: "Scotland's archives tell our stories, enrich our lives, connect us with the past and give us a sense of identity. Whether searching online or visiting an archive in person the ancestral tourist can learn an extraordinary amount of detail about their ancestors' lives and the place where they once lived. Our film, *Coming Home – Ancestral Journeys in Scotland* gives a hint of some of the amazing material to be found in Scotland's many archival collections. We are delighted to launch the film in 2022 – the Year of Stories."

You can view it at: [www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/ancestral-tourism/](http://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/explore/ancestral-tourism/)



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## Canada

### JUNE 2022

#### RSCDS Toronto Dancing in the Park 7-28, Toronto, ON

Come and join the fun at Edwards Gardens every Tuesday in June. Each evening features at least two audience participation Scottish country dances. Give it a go, or just enjoy the music, and the spectacle. Info: [www.dancescottish.ca/The\\_Park.html](http://www.dancescottish.ca/The_Park.html)

#### Georgetown Highland Games 11, Georgetown, ON

A fun filled day of piping, dancing and heavyweight athletes, surround by friends and family at Georgetown Fairgrounds. Info: [www.georgetownhighlandgames.com](http://www.georgetownhighlandgames.com)

#### St. Andrew's Society of Toronto Spring Dinner 17, Toronto, ON

Join us for a night of fine dining courtesy of Chef John Higgins and his staff at The Chef's House. The focus for the dinner is modern Scottish cuisine. Info: [www.standrewstoronto.ca](http://www.standrewstoronto.ca)

#### ScotFestBC: The British Columbia Highland Games 17-18, Coquitlam, BC

Pipe bands, Clans, entertainment and more at Lafarge Lake Park, just steps away from the Lafarge Lake-Douglas Station. Info: [www.scotfestbc.com](http://www.scotfestbc.com)

#### Cobourg Scottish Festival & Highland Games 17-18, Cobourg, ON

A full traditional Highland Games with Friday Night and Saturday Night Ceilidhs at Victoria Park. Info: [www.cobourghighlandgames.ca](http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca)

#### Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival 17-19, Moncton, NB

Features Highland dance, pipe, drum, and pipe band competitions as well as dozens of workshops & demonstrations covering everything from Gaelic language and song to falconry and sheep dog herding to historical elements, and more at the Hal Betts Sportsplex. Info: [www.monctonhighlandgames.com](http://www.monctonhighlandgames.com)

#### Water Valley Celtic Festival 18, Water Valley, AB

Celtic music and more. Info: [www.watervalleycelticfestival.org](http://www.watervalleycelticfestival.org)

#### Kingsville Highland Games 25, Kingsville, ON

Pipe bands, Scottish dance, Clans, entertainment and more at Kingsville's beautiful Lakeside Park. Info: [www.facebook.com/kingsvillehighlandgames](http://www.facebook.com/kingsvillehighlandgames)

#### 75th Red Deer Highland Games 25, Red Deer, AB

Highland dancing, piping and drumming, heavy events, shortbread competition and more. Info: [www.reddeerhighlandgames.com](http://www.reddeerhighlandgames.com)

#### Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo 25-July 2, Halifax, NS

The 2022 Tattoo will feature talent from around the globe, including the Heeresmusikkorps Neubrandenburg (German Army Band Neubrandenburg) from Germany, the IMPS Motorcycle Display Team from the United Kingdom, and the Vancouver Police Pipe Band from British Columbia at the Scotiabank Theatre. Info: [www.nstatattoo.ca](http://www.nstatattoo.ca)

### JULY 2022

#### Happy Canada Day 1, Nationwide

Wishing all our Canadian readers, advertisers and friends a very Happy Canada Day!

#### 2022 Embro Highland Games 1, Zorra, ON

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#### Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games 1-3, Kincardine, ON

On the shores of beautiful Lake Huron and under the shade of mature trees in Victoria Park, the 22nd anniversary event will include local and international artists, Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing and Heavy Athletics competitions, Celtic vendors, Clan representation, Bairns' (children's) program, and more. Info: [www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca](http://www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca)

#### Almonte Celtfest 2-3, Almonte, ON

Celtfest is a weekend of Ottawa Valley and Celtic entertainment, performed in the natural amphitheatre of Gemmill Park. Info: [www.almonteceltfest.com](http://www.almonteceltfest.com)

#### Antigonish Highland Games 8-10, Antigonish, NS

Scottish Heavy Events, Piping and Drumming, and Highland Dancing competitions and more. Info: [www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca](http://www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca)

#### The Festival of the Tartans 14-17, New Glasgow, NS

New Glasgow Highland Games is celebrated every year with a four-day program that is sure to bring out the Scot in everyone. Info: [www.festivalofthetartans.com](http://www.festivalofthetartans.com)

#### Cambridge Scottish Festival 15-17, Cambridge, ON

Waterloo Region's only Scottish Festival - experience a wee taste of 'Scotland on the Grand'. Info: [www.cambridgescottishfestival.ca](http://www.cambridgescottishfestival.ca)

#### Orillia Scottish Festival 15-17, Orillia, ON

A celebration of Scotland in Orillia. Info: 705-325-8442 or [www.scottishfestival.ca](http://www.scottishfestival.ca)

#### New Brunswick Highland Games 21-24, Fredericton, NB

Workshops, entertainment, competitions and provide visitors an opportunity to learn more about Scottish heritage. Info: [www.highlandgames.ca](http://www.highlandgames.ca)

#### The Okanagan Military Tattoo 23-24, Vernon, BC

A heart stirring musical extravaganza featuring pipers, drummers, musicians, military bands, marching troops, multicultural dancers, First Nations, and singers of all ages at Kal Tire Place. Tickets: 250-549-SHOW (7469) or info: [www.okanagantattoo.ca](http://www.okanagantattoo.ca)

#### TAC Summer School 24-31, Calgary, AB

Welcoming, supportive classes for dancers of all levels. Daily classes, evening social dances, formal ball and banquet. Evening after-parties, ceilidh, silent auction at Mount Royal University. Info: [www.tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school](http://www.tac-rscds.org/index.php/tac-summer-school)

#### Glengarry Highland Games 29-30, Maxville, ON

In the course of the day, more than 50 pipe bands are put through their paces to decide the North American Pipe Band Championships, more than 200 dancers defy gravity in the Highland Dance competition and giants hurl telephone pole-sized cabers and 50 pound iron hammers around the infield. Info: [www.glengarryhighlandgames.com](http://www.glengarryhighlandgames.com)

#### Montreal Highland Games 31, Montréal, QC

Every year, the Games brings together Montrealer's of all backgrounds to celebrate Scottish sport, music and culture at Douglas Hospital. Info: [www.montrealhighlandgames.com](http://www.montrealhighlandgames.com)

### AUGUST 2022

#### Goderich Celtic Roots Festival and College 1-7, Goderich, ON

The ultimate Celtic experience on the shores of Lake Huron. A week of musical madness including week-long workshops for children and adults, a three-day traditional music festival, and a rural outreach concert series. Info: [www.celticfestival.ca](http://www.celticfestival.ca)

#### Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games 12-14, Fergus, ON

Pipe bands, Clan village, Scottish dance, entertainment and more at one of Canada's largest Scottish events. Info: [www.fergusscottishfestival.com](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com)

#### Margaree Highland Games 14-16, Margaree, NS

One of Cape Breton Island's most exciting summer events, the games blend traditional heavy events with bag piping & highland dancing, running races, children's games and much more. Info: [www.margareehighlandgames.com](http://www.margareehighlandgames.com)

## USA

### JUNE 2022

#### Glasgow Highland Games 3-5, Lucas, KY

The 2022 Glasgow Highland Games are cancelled. Info: [www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

#### Milwaukee Highland Games 4, Wauwatosa, WI

Wisconsin's original and oldest traditional Scottish Highland Games at Hart Park, 7300 Chestnut St. Info: [www.milwaukeehighlandgames.org](http://www.milwaukeehighlandgames.org)

#### Garrett County Celtic Festival 4, Friendsville, MD

A Celtic celebration at Friendsville Community Park, bonnie banks of the Youghiogheny River. Info: [www.gccltcfestival.com](http://www.gccltcfestival.com)

#### Utah Scottish Festival & Highland Games 10-12, Salt Lake City, UT

A great weekend of Scottish events presented by Utah Scottish Association at Utah State Fair Park 155 North 1000 West. Info: [www.utahscots.org](http://www.utahscots.org)

#### Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games 11-12, Blairsville, GA

Highland dancers, Scottish athletes, family clans, bagpipes and drums and traditional musicians come to celebrate their heritage. Info: [www.blairvillescottishfestival.com](http://www.blairvillescottishfestival.com)

#### The Scottish Festival & Highland Games 17-18, Italtasca, IL

A variety of Scottish activities and attractions from the iconic caber toss to the largest bagpiping and drumming championship in North America. There is truly something for everyone with Highland Dancing competition, children's activities, dogs of Scotland, a British Car show, a Celtic rock stage, knobbly knees contest, whisky tasting, genealogy and much more. Info: [www.chicagoscots.org](http://www.chicagoscots.org)

#### Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games 18, Prosser, WA

Central Washington's only Highland Games. Info: [www.prosserscottishfest.org](http://www.prosserscottishfest.org)

#### Ohio Scottish Games 24-25, Berea, OH

A celebration of Scotland, including the US National Scottish Harp Championship, at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 19201 E. Bagley Rd. Info: [www.ohioscottishgames.com](http://www.ohioscottishgames.com)

#### San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans 25-26, San Diego, CA

Experience the wonder, and traditions of Scotland at Bregle Terrace Park. Info: [www.SDHighlandGames.org](http://www.SDHighlandGames.org)

#### Tacoma Highland Games 25, Tacoma, WA

A celebration of Scottish culture at Frontier Park. Info: [www.tacomagames.org](http://www.tacomagames.org)

#### Alaska Scottish Highland Games 25-26, Palmer, AK

Featuring all things Scottish-Bagpipes, Heavy Athletics, Celtic Dance, Drumming, Kilted Mile, Scotch Tasting, Historical Demonstrations, Musical Guests and more at Alaska State Fairgrounds. Info: [www.alaskanscottish.org/highland-games](http://www.alaskanscottish.org/highland-games)

#### Round Hill Highland Games 26, Lakeville CT

A wee bit o' Scotland will be at Lime Rock Park for a fun-filled day of Scottish activities. Info: [www.rhhg.org](http://www.rhhg.org)

### JULY 2022

#### The Highland Echoes Show 7-10, Boone, NC

Attend a theatrical performance telling the story of Scotland in the 1700s and the movement of the Scottish people to places all over the world - The Scottish Diaspora story. All the legends, mystery, and history that surround our Scottish heritage - our community. This is your story and our story, and we express it the way those before us expressed their stories...through the arts. This event will also be livestreamed. Info: [www.gmhg.org/shows](http://www.gmhg.org/shows)

#### Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 7-10, Linville, NC

Thousands of kilt-clad Scots make their way to MacRae Meadows for their annual gathering and games. Info: 828 733-1333 or [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.org)

#### Payson Scottish Festival 8-9, Payson, UT

Highland Dance, Highland Athletics, and bagpipe competitions. Listen to Celtic music and dance at Payson Memorial Park, 300 S Main St. Info: [www.paysonscottishfestival.org](http://www.paysonscottishfestival.org)

#### Pinewoods Sessions 2022 8-16, Plymouth, MA

Presented by Boston Branch, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in the woods of Plymouth for Scottish dancing beneath the tall pines. You'll enjoy dance and music classes during the day and a dance party every night, plus after-parties, auctions, ceilidhs and more. Info: [www.rscdsboston.org/pinewoods-scottish-sessions.html](http://www.rscdsboston.org/pinewoods-scottish-sessions.html)

#### Skagit Valley Highland Games 9, Mount Vernon, WA

Solo bagpiping and drumming competitions, bagpipe bands, fiddling, traditional Scottish athletics, Scottish Highland dancing and more at Edgewater Park. Info: [www.celticarts.org](http://www.celticarts.org)

#### Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival 16-17, Monterey, CA

Live music performers, bagpipe competitions, Celtic cuisine and more at Monterey County Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Rd. Info: [www.montereycelticfest.com](http://www.montereycelticfest.com)

#### Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival 16, Northampton MA

Celebrate Scotland at Look Park. Info: [www.glasgowlands.org](http://www.glasgowlands.org)

#### Portland Highland Games 16, Gresham, OR

A Scottish experience featuring incredible Scottish pipe bands, dancers and athletes at Mt. Hood Community College. Info: [www.phga.org](http://www.phga.org)

#### Elizabeth Celtic Festival 16-17, Elizabeth, CO

Celtic music, food, dance, piping, Scottish Heavy Athletics, local artisans, Living History Reenactments, and find your family clan at Casey Jones Park. Info: [www.elizabethcelticfest.org](http://www.elizabethcelticfest.org)

#### Maine Celtic Celebration 22-24, Belfast ME

A full weekend of Celtic music, culture and workshops on the harbor in Belfast. Info: [www.mainecelebration.com](http://www.mainecelebration.com)

#### Dressed to Kilt 23, Long Island, NY

A Scottish evening of fashion and fn. This year's fashion show theme will be: "Dress for Adventure-From the Highlands to the Hamptons". The show will be held at the Mill Neck Manor Estate on the Gold Coast of Long Island about 20 miles from NYC with proceeds to the Navy Seal Foundation. Info: [www.dressedtokilt.com](http://www.dressedtokilt.com)

#### Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering 23-24, Enumclaw, WA

Bringing Scotland to the Pacific Northwest for over 70 years through the skirl of the Pipes and Drums, the beauty of Highland Dancing, the brawn of Scottish athletics, and the sharing of clan history. Info: [www.sshga.org](http://www.sshga.org)

#### Dayton Celtic Festival 29-31, Dayton, OH

Saturate your senses in the sights, sounds, and tastes of our Celtic heritage at Riverscape MetroPark. Info: [www.daytoncelticfestival.com](http://www.daytoncelticfestival.com)

### AUGUST 2022

#### St. Andrew's Society of Detroit 173rd Highland Games 5-6, Livonia, MI

The Highland Games is a celebration of Scottish culture and heritage at Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Rd. Info: [www.highlandgames.com](http://www.highlandgames.com)

#### 65th Spokane Scottish Highland Games 6, Spokane, WA

A celebration of Scotland at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, 404 N. Havana St. Info: [www.spokanehighlandgames.net](http://www.spokanehighlandgames.net)

#### Minnesota Scottish Fair 6, St Paul MN

Largest gathering of Minnesota Scots. Info: [www.mnscottishfair.org](http://www.mnscottishfair.org)

#### 79th Annual Central New York Scottish Games & Celtic Festival 13, Syracuse, NY

Pipe Band competition and Celtic activities at Long Branch Park on Onondaga Lake. Info: [www.cnyscottishgames.org](http://www.cnyscottishgames.org)

## Scotland

### JUNE 2022

#### Ardrossan Highland Games 12, Ardrossan, Ayrshire

Ardrossan has hosted a Highland Games since 1979, at Ardrossan Academicals Rugby Football Club. Info: [www.ardrossanhighlandgames.org.uk](http://www.ardrossanhighlandgames.org.uk)

#### Strathmore Highland Games 12, Glamis

In the glorious grounds of Glamis Castle in Angus for a truly Scottish day out. Info: [www.strathmorehighlandgames.co.uk](http://www.strathmorehighlandgames.co.uk)

#### Sir Jackie Stewart Classic 18-19, Lauder

The major new motoring event will showcase the career of three-time Formula One World Champion, Sir Jackie Stewart OBE, featuring live motorsport action and an award-winning classic car show, all in aid of Race Against Dementia at Thirlestane Castle in the Scottish Borders. Info: [www.sirjackiestewartclassic.com](http://www.sirjackiestewartclassic.com)

#### Aberdeen Highland Games 19, Aberdeen

The Games will return to Hazelhead Park, full traditional event. Info: [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/highlandgames](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/highlandgames)

#### The Royal Highland Show 23-26, Edinburgh

The Royal Highland Show is an annual event, showcasing the best of food, farming and rural life at Ingliston in Edinburgh. Info: [www.royalhighlandshow.org](http://www.royalhighlandshow.org)

#### Piping Inverness 25, Inverness

The all-day event incorporates the European Pipe Band Championships, and will see an influx of pipe bands, their supporters, Highland Dancers as well as tourists to Bught Park. Info: [www.pipinginverness.com](http://www.pipinginverness.com)

#### Ceres Highland Games 25, Ceres

Ceres Games are the oldest free games in Scotland. Info: [www.ceresgames.co.uk](http://www.ceresgames.co.uk)

# Langholm Moor deadline extension agreed for community's at-risk nature and climate bid



**W**ith one of the UK's largest community-led nature and climate projects hanging in the balance, agreement has been reached between a community in Dumfries and Galloway and one of Scotland's biggest landowners to allow more time to raise funds from major donors. Led by local charity The Langholm Initiative, the town of Langholm is battling to raise £2.2m for a community buyout

of 5,300 acres of Langholm Moor from Buccleuch Estates, and so double the size of the new community-owned Tarras Valley Nature Reserve.

Despite hopes for a £1m donation from a major funder – and a surging public crowdfunder attracting donations from thousands of people from across the world – there were fears the project could face a £450,000 shortfall at the original 31 May deadline.

Buccleuch has now offered an additional two months for The Langholm Initiative to pursue donations from large funding bodies, meaning the total funds now need to be raised by 31 July. “This timely support from Buccleuch gives us breathing space to ensure our landmark project for people and planet doesn't fall at the final hurdle. It highlights the value of the positive working relationship we've developed over the past few years. Despite the wonderful outpouring of support from people worldwide, there was a real risk we might have been some £450,000 short on deadline day – putting at risk our ambitious plans for tackling the nature and climate emergencies while boosting community regeneration. We now need all the support possible to get this historic buyout over the line and safeguard this land for future generations” said Jenny Barlow, Tarras Valley Nature Reserve's Estate Manager.

## Globally important peatlands and ancient woods

The Tarras Valley Nature Reserve was established last year, following the successful first stage of what is South Scotland's biggest community land buyout. This saw the community defy the odds to raise £3.8 million to buy 5,200 acres and six residential properties from Buccleuch in March 2021.

Benny Higgins, Executive Chairman at Buccleuch, said: “We're pleased to be able to extend the timescale for the Langholm Initiative to raise the funds necessary to make this second-phase community buyout a reality. We have worked closely with The Langholm Initiative in recent years and have been impressed by their tenacity, vision, and cooperation to bring their plans to fruition. We hope this additional time will help them in their quest to double the size of Tarras Valley Nature Reserve and build on the success achieved so far.”

On the reserve, globally important peatlands and ancient woods are being restored, native woodlands established, and a haven ensured for wildlife including hen harrier, short-eared owl and merlin. Community regeneration and creating new jobs through a nature-based approach is a central aim of the project. Langholm was once a thriving textile centre, but the industry has declined in recent years. Leading charities backing the buyout include Borders Forest Trust, John Muir Trust, Rewilding Britain, RSPB Scotland, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Trees for Life, and the Woodland Trust.

*The Langholm Moor buyout's public crowdfunder has almost reached its initial target of raising at least £150,000 towards the £2.2m needed. It can be supported at: [www.bit.ly/LangholmMoorAppeal](http://www.bit.ly/LangholmMoorAppeal)*

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# Andrew Carnegie's gift that keeps on giving



In 1835, Andrew Carnegie was born into a humble, handloom weaving family in Dunfermline, Scotland. In 1848, the Carnegie family sold up what belongings they had and emigrated, in poverty, to Pittsburgh in America. The emigration was due to a downturn in Handloom Weaving. While Andrew's father struggled with the changes and



new ways, Andrew, now 12 saw his new life as a huge opportunity. From Cotton Factory worker, he moved through various career moves but always on an upward direction. Moving through various industries, it was the making of steel that Andrew became 'King Steel', amassing his wealth. Already wealthy and prospering greatly, it was in 1901 his greatest wealth came when he sold his steel holdings to Julius P. Morgan for \$400,000,000, which made him 'the world's richest man'. Then he started his hardest work – giving away his fortune!

### The Glen

Many towns and cities all over the world had benefit from Carnegie's money funding libraries, public baths, etc. However, it was to the town of his birth, the City and Royal Burgh of Dunfermline, that received the greatest number of gifts.

In 1881, he funded the first Carnegie Public Library in the world. Later, in 1902, he bought a private estate on the westward side of town, called 'the lands of Pittencrieff' from the then owner, Colonel Hunt for £45,000. Andrew then opened the 75 acres as a public place and through his Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, developed the park. Carnegie remarked: "The Glen was the greatest gift he could have given to his birth town." Since 1902 the park, The Glen, has provided young and old a place to enjoy walking along the many paths and many hours of childhood playtimes. This was Andrew's vision for his greatest gift. While still fully open 365 days a year, the operation and maintenance of The Glen has been carried out faithfully by the local authority, but times are changing. The number of gardeners has dwindled, costs are rising and budgets have become tighter.

### The Friends of Pittencrieff

To help out, a group of local people formed 'The Friends of Pittencrieff' with the aim of supporting the local authority by having volunteers lend a hand and keep the area in good order. The 'Friends' are self-funding or apply to various bodies for project specific grants. One recent grant funded project was to buy plants for the rockery in the middle of the park. The Friends of Pittencrieff have a number of projects in mind to enhance the Park. These projects will enable the local authority to concentrate on the care of the formal gardens and greenhouses.

The Glen is steeped in Scottish history with such places as King Malcolm's Tower Ruins, the building of which was at the very epicentre of Dunfermline's foundation in around 1059. William Wallace hid out in caves to avoid capture from the English Army and of course, most famous of all, is that within the nearby Dunfermline Abbey, there is the grave of King Robert the Bruce.

*If you or family members have memories of times past walking or playing in Pittencrieff Park and would like to support the on-going work of the Friends of Pittencrieff, please visit: [www.friendsofpittencrieffpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofpittencrieffpark.org.uk)*



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