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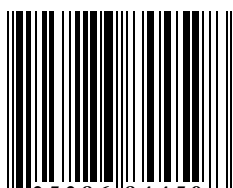
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The Banner Says...

The Great Women of Scotland



by Sean Cairney

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and takes place on March 8th. This had me thinking of the many great Scottish women we have featured over the years for a wide variety of accomplishments and for breaking many glass ceilings along the way. Having grown up around a very strong woman and with many strong female role models in my family and life I have always felt that myself, and the wider world, is so very lucky to have the incredible contributions of women.

Mary Sommerville

Most in the Scottish Borders town of Jedburgh in 1780 would not have expected the wee girl named Mary would go on to become a world leading scientist, mathematician and astronomer. Mary Somerville would receive very little formal education, however became a self-taught scientist, at a time when it was not considered possible for a woman to comprehend never mind teach science. In fact, the gender-neutral term 'scientist' was coined in 1834 and it was used to specifically describe Mary herself (thus making her the world's first scientist). Mary would go on to help find the planet Neptune and champion the rights of women in education, politics and society. In 1835 she was one of the first women to be elected to the Royal Astronomical Society and even has a crater on the moon named after her, as well as a variety of places here on earth.

The Edinburgh Seven

What some women did during their time has gone on to pave the way for generations of women to accomplish with much more ease and assurance. For example, seven pioneering women changed the

world at the University of Edinburgh in 1869- Sophia Jex-Blake, Isabel Thorne, Edith Pechey, Matilda Chaplin, Helen Evans, Mary Anderson and Emily Bovell were the first women to study medicine at any UK university. They endured many roadblocks including riots against them and a medical board who said that 'the poor intellectual ability and stamina of women would lower professional standards.' Sadly, the women were not awarded degrees from Edinburgh, but five would go on to get medical degrees in Europe and the group fought to allow future women to qualify as doctors in the United Kingdom. It was not until 1894 that the University of Edinburgh allowed women to graduate and the first doctors graduated in 1896. In 2019, the University of Edinburgh posthumously awarded all seven women the degrees they should have received all those years ago.

In this issue

Another pioneering woman which we feature in this issue is Dorothée Pullinger. Though born in France, Dorothée would grow up in Ayrshire, and became a prominent businesswoman and automaker. Her company Galloway Motors would begin production in the 1920s. The company produced a car, the Galloway, for Arrol-Johnston that was designed for women. Dorothée would become the first female Member of the Institution of Automobile Engineers and quite literally paved the road for women to enter the industry.

If you find yourself in the gentle countryside of the Scottish Borders perhaps you have noticed the beautiful Eildon Hills, located just outside Melrose. The Eildon Hills are an iconic part of the Scottish Borders landscape and if you have been lucky enough to make it to the top on a clear day, they offer commanding views of the surrounding districts. The Eildon Hills are also a reminder of the volcanic past of this stunning area and remain a focal point for visitors to enjoy to this day.

Shinty is considered to be Scotland's most historic sport and is a team game played with sticks and a ball. The games spiritual home is certainly in the Highlands of Scotland and today is still a very important part of local Highland communities.

The game is thought to pre-date Christianity and in Scotland was introduced by migrant Gaels from Ireland (bringing with them the game of hurling). Shinty was brought to North America by Scottish settlers and some have also suggested that it was shinty that would lead to the development of ice hockey in the continent. Regardless, this ancient Celtic game has a rich history in Scotland and is a key community sport for many.

Scottish witches

As we go to press with this edition it has been announced that Scotland's longest serving First Minister Nicola Sturgeon will be stepping down. Regardless of what side of politics you sit on it is interesting a woman has served in the role the longest and it certainly seems she gained more international media coverage than her predecessors ever did. Perhaps her spotlight on the world stage was due to some major events happening during her tenure such as Brexit, Covid, Scotland's response to the Ukraine war and planning for a new referendum.

The First Minister also strongly supported the petition, which was launched on International Woman's Day in 2020, demanding an official pardon for those (mainly women) accused of being witches under the then Witchcraft Act of 1563. This was at a time a woman could be called a witch for being different, single, poor, disabled or simply for being a woman. These women were also not allowed to speak in a court and were convicted on hearsay, dislike or rumour and then publicly executed. Last year First Minister Nicola Sturgeon formally apologised for the persecution of those accused of witchcraft, saying it was an "injustice on a colossal scale."

This finally was a wrong formally acknowledged that was done to women across Scotland, in a time we thankfully will not see again. ✨

Have you been shaped by a strong Scottish woman? Do you have a favourite woman from Scottish history? Do you have any comments from the content in this month's edition? Share your story with us by email, post, social media or: #ScottishBanner, #TheBanner

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Mary Sommerville as featured on The Royal Bank of Scotland £10 note.



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The Celtic sport of Shinty.
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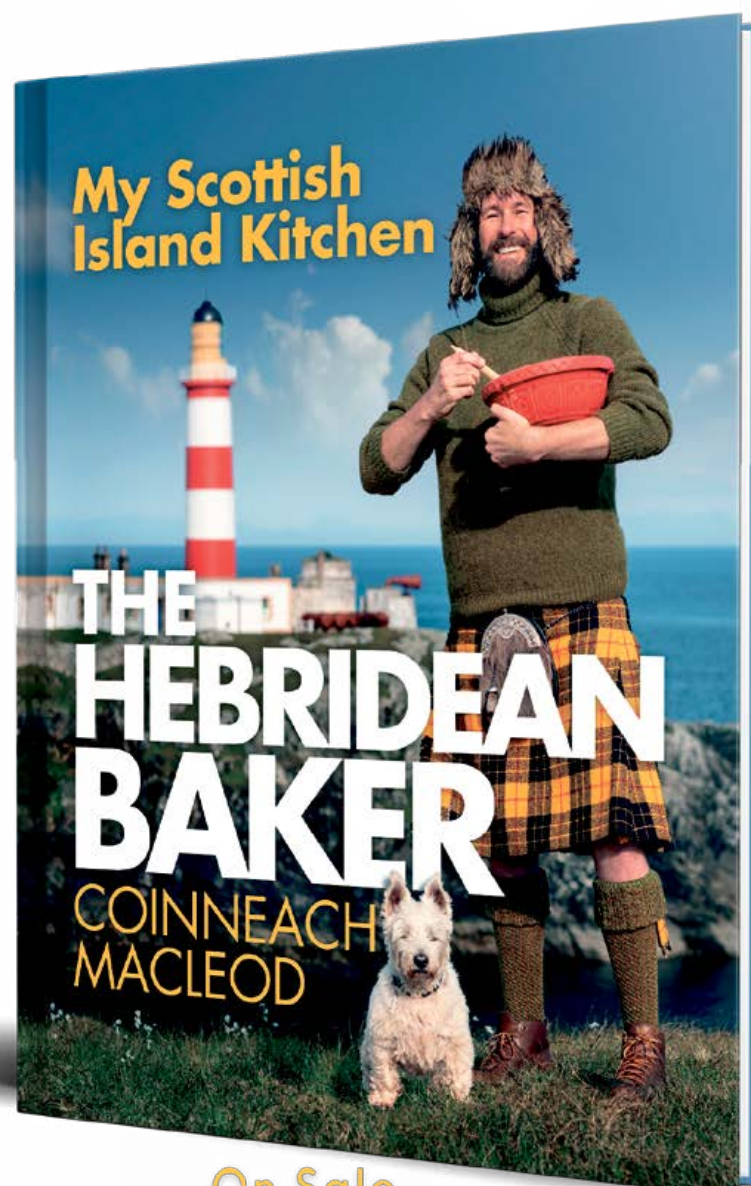
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Central Florida Highland Games



I have just returned from the States where I was honoured to be the Chieftain of the 45th Central Florida Highland Games and it only helped reinforce my belief that we native Scots underestimate the bonds going back generations among the Scottish diaspora, sometimes to our detriment.

Over the past few years, a number of Highland Games, including my own in Newburgh, Fife have been cancelled and are unlikely to return through a combination of red tape and apathy i.e. if there's not a fairground attached then there's nothing for the kids etc. There were 30K+ visitors to the Florida games and some strange and wonderful sights and tartans I've never seen before but one of my official tasks as Chieftain was to accept the salute of the many

clans as they paraded around the arena and the pride they all had in 'their' clan was palpable as was the enthusiasm of the kids as they marched alongside their family. I would be the first to admit that I didn't know what to expect and would also admit to being slightly sceptical about the whole thing however the enthusiasm was contagious, the pipes and drums of a very high standard and the athletes as good as I've seen anywhere. The backbone of my opening speech was built around the idea that whilst Scotland is a small country we have links going back centuries that spread around the world, this was born out when I was introduced to the Pipe Sergeant of Rosie O'Grady's Highlanders Pipes and Drums he was a young man who had attended the High School of Dundee which was established in 1239 by the Monks of Lindores Abbey, of which I am the current custodian, it's a small world!

*Andrew McKenzie Smith
The Lindores Abbey Distillery
Newburgh, Fife
Scotland*

Ed note: Thank you Andrew for your note and congratulations for being Chieftain at such a premier Scottish American event.

The Land of the Gordons



Being a regular reader of your *Scottish Banner* I find your article on *The Land of the Gordons* (the *Scottish Banner*, February, 2023) most interesting.

I know the area quite well having lived in Keith (actually Newmill village) adjacent to Huntly where I attended Keith Grammar School many years ago. Wonderful area to visit full of historical interest. My father was a Gordon Highlander and was recruited in Keith when I believe the recruiters knocked on doors calling for men to join the 1914/18 campaign. He fought at the Somme etc and luckily made it home to Keith after being gassed. Both sides of my family came from the Keith area and through Ancestry I have managed to trace back a long history.

You mention the River Isla where I used to watch my father fishing and used to play around some of the streams running into the river. Such happy memories of the area around Keith.

Please continue with your interesting articles.

*Thank you,
Ena Laing
Etalong Beach, NSW
Australia*

Ed note: Thank you for sharing your memories of a special part of Scotland with us.

Project about the link between Northern Americans identifying as Scottish or Irish-Scottish

Hello,
We are EM Lyon Business School students, and we are conducting a project about the link between Northern Americans identifying as Scottish or Irish-Scottish, because of their family ancestors, their origins or cultural affinity. This is a questionnaire about Scottish traditions and weddings. Because what you think is important to us, we would appreciate you to answer the questions below.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort you spend in providing us key information. We specify that all the information gathered here will completely be confidential. It will take about 5 minutes to answer.

The survey can be found at:
<https://sphinx-campus.com/d/s/i7x6ya>
**Panimba Elfried Zoungrana
France**

The Gaelic Society of Toronto Gaelic Poetry Contest



The contest is open internationally at either intermediate or advanced levels. All of the details can be found

here: gaelicsocietytoronto.com/farpais-bagraverdachd-ghagraveidhlig-gaelic-poetry-contest.html

Contest Details:

- The contest welcomes international entrants.
- There are 2 categories: Intermediate and Advanced - Advanced category welcomes both learners and native/fluent speakers
- There is no fee for the first entry. Additional entries are \$10 CAD each, a maximum of 3 entries per person
- The contest closes on World Poetry Day, March 21, 2023

Prizes:

- First prize in each category: \$150 CAD
- Runner-up prize in each category: a copy of two Canadian poetry books, Or a Mhaireas / Lasting Gold and Ràithean airson Sireadh / Seasons for Seeking.
- First-place and runner-up winning entries will be featured in our newsletters with the winning entries read at our virtual Ceilidh on April 21.

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The Isle of Cumbrae Distillers

Thank you *Scottish Banner* for your

article on the all-female owned Isle of Cumbrae gin distillers. Every time I am in Scotland I marvel at the huge range of Scottish gins available and I am sure to always bring a bottle (or two!) of some great Scottish gins back with me. I hope my Scottish ancestry is not wiped clear as I confess to not really liking whisky, but gin is such a lovely way to end a day. I was not familiar with the Cumbrae gin but will be sure to seek it out when I get back later in the year. Your cover was also a real stand out, I soon realised it was a stunning gin label.

The Banner continues to offer us readers a great variety of stories and is my # 1 source for Scottish events and I would not be without it.
*Sarah Carmichael
Port Washington, NY
USA*

Ed note: Thank you Sarah and we hope you get to enjoy a taste on your visit. Our February cover is the first time in our history to feature artwork such as this on the cover.



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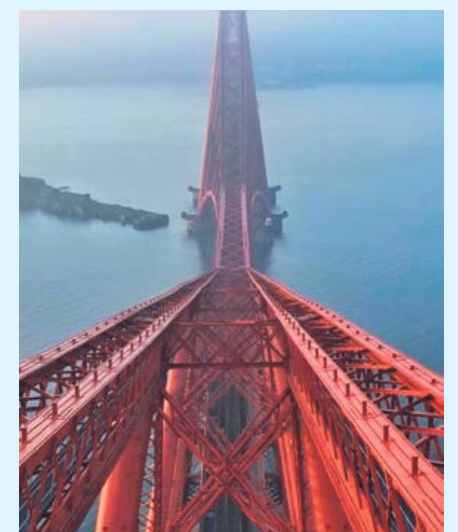
Stirling Castle as the sun was setting over the city this late afternoon
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Corpach Pier



Stunning winter day at Corpach Pier, on the Caledonian Canal.
Mik Coia

Scotland's 'ice age' pinewoods on knife-edge, says first major study in 60 years

Most of Scotland's globally-unique Caledonian pinewoods are on a 'knife-edge' and could become the last generation in a line stretching back to the last ice age, says the first major study into their health for over 60 years. A four-year analysis by Trees for Life found that high deer numbers, spread of non-native conifers, lack of long-term management, and emerging impacts of climate breakdown are major threats to the pinewoods' survival. The woodlands form a rich habitat found nowhere else in the world, and some are thousands of years old. They are home to declining wildlife such as red squirrels, capercaillie and crossbills.

An alarm bell for Scotland's Caledonian pinewoods

Urgent action needs to include dedicated and easily accessible long-term funding, so private landowners can save and restore their pinewoods and look after them in the future, says Trees for Life. The rewilding charity is also calling for full implementation of proposed national

measures to reduce deer numbers, as well as action to allow the pinewoods to expand into cooler areas – such as higher up mountains – in response to climate change. "Our findings are an alarm bell for Scotland's Caledonian pinewoods, which are such an important part of the country's culture and environment. The majority of the surviving fragments are now on a knife-edge, and bold action is needed to save them from being lost forever. A landscape-scale approach backed by the Scottish Government is urgently needed to save, expand and connect up these precious woodlands before it is too late" said Steve Micklewright, Trees for Life's Chief Executive. Only some 42,000 acres of the original pinewoods survive. Over the past four years, Trees for Life assessed the state of 72 of the remaining 84 fragments, which are scattered across the Highlands from Loch Lomond, northwards to near Ullapool, and eastwards to Glen Ferrick near Aberdeen.

In one of the most comprehensive surveys of the pinewoods ever undertaken, the team carried out detailed studies of more than 1,200 half-acre plots in total across the sites. Scotland's national tree, the Scots pine, was found to be in serious decline at a quarter of the plots. Deer are having serious impacts in around two-thirds of the plots, by eating pine saplings, stripping important vegetation, and causing some pinewoods to be replaced by birch. High impacts from artificially large deer populations are the main barrier to the



pinewoods' recovery. Non-native conifers, originally planted in the 1950s, are still present in a third of the plots. Mainly Sitka spruce, these crowd-out and slowly kill Scots pine – a risk which increases year-on-year, with mature conifers an acute threat to Scots pine and other native trees.

The Caledonian Forest

"In the worst cases, the pinewoods have suffered non-native conifer planting or fire followed by grazing pressure, with the impacts of climate breakdown a growing threat. These pinewoods should be playing a key role in Scotland's fight-back against the climate and nature emergencies, but right now most are on their last legs. It's not too late to turn this around, but that means seriously stepping-up restoration and

rewilding action," said Trees for Life's Senior Ecologist James Rainey, who led the study.

The Caledonian Forest once covered much of the Highlands, but following centuries of deforestation just some 2% of the forest remains. Trees for Life's Caledonian Pinewood Recovery Project is the first major study of its kind since 'The Native Pinewoods of Scotland' by HM Steven and A Carlisle was published in 1959. Work by the then Forestry Commission Scotland in the 1990s mapped the sites in a Caledonian Pinewood Inventory, but this did not comprehensively assess the health of the pinewoods.

The new report, Caledonian Pinewoods: Findings from the Caledonian Pinewood Recovery Project, is available at: www.treesforlife.org.uk.



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"We know that there are lots of incredibly talented chefs and bakers all over the Highlands, and Visit Inverness Loch Ness, along with fellow Destination Management Organisations, is keen to promote our region as a fantastic place to eat and drink. The Highland Shortbread Showdown is a great way to do this with the grand final at Inverness Cathedral being free for anyone to attend and full of samples of food and drink from across the region. This competition is aimed at all businesses not just bakeries - whether you're a receptionist in a hotel or teaching people how to kayak - this is open to everyone who works in, owns or runs a Highland business, if you think you have what it takes to bake the best shortbread. Let the baking commence!"

Michael Golding, CEO of Visit Inverness Loch Ness (VILN), said as VILN has launched the Highland Shortbread Showdown, a competition for tourism businesses across the Highlands to enter their version of the

region's favourite biscuit for the chance to be crowned the ultimate winner. The Highland Shortbread Showdown will take place March 25th at Inverness Cathedral.

"We are delighted that the 2022 Mòd saw such an increase in attendees as we returned to a full-scale event. It is such a vital festival in the calendar of the Gaelic community and one that we know year on year has a massive cultural and economic impact on host towns and cities across Scotland. Perth was no different, with the Mòd generating a sizable economic boost to the city and surrounding areas, as well as stimulating interest in Gaelic language and culture. An Comunn congratulates everyone involved in the 2022 Royal National Mòd and we are very much looking forward to this year's 2023 event in Paisley. We hope to see a continued upward trajectory in participants and visitors as we head to Renfrewshire this October."

Allan Campbell, An Comunn Gaidhealach President, said the recent Royal National Mòd 2022, which took place in Perth in October 2022, saw a £2.5 million uplift to the area's economy, with 98% of spending taking place in the Fair City over the cultural festival's nine days. The 130-year-old event, which celebrates Gaelic language, music, and culture featured a variety of incredible competitions, performances, workshops and activities, providing a huge social and cultural boost to Perth. This year's Royal National Mòd will be held in Paisley between 13-21 October.



"The opening of Inverness Airport Railway Station is fantastic news for the region as it will not only improve accessibility but also help deliver economic and social benefit to the area. Our aim for Scotland to be recognised as a globally recognised responsible destination includes a long-term commitment to increase promotion of public transport and active travel. This new station will enable visitors to easily transfer from the airport to the station by bus, walking or cycling and then into the city by train - or onwards to further explore this beautiful region."

Chris Taylor, VisitScotland Destination Development Director, said at the opening of the new Inverness Airport rail station, which will provide links to the key cities of Aberdeen and Inverness. It provides another route to the airport in addition to the existing regular bus service and includes an upgraded active travel path linking with the airport terminal.

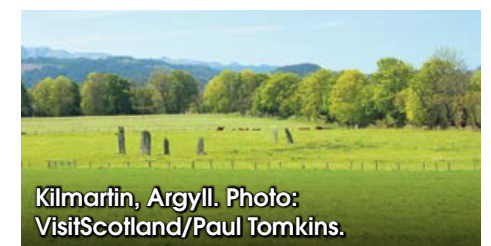
"Scotland's peatlands are iconic and an integral part of Scotland's cultural and natural heritage. In good condition, they also play a vital part in our response to the climate and nature emergencies, and our ambitious targets to be net zero by 2045. Peatlands do all of this whilst reducing the risk of flooding and providing a natural filter to improve drinking water quality. That's why the Scottish Government is so passionate about peat and are investing £250 million to restore 250,000 hectares of peatlands over a 10 year period to 2030. The Flow Country achieving UNESCO World Heritage Site status would help give us an international platform to promote the natural beauty of Scotland's landscape - and the importance of restoring and protecting it. And I wish the best of luck to all working on this important bid."

Scotland's Minister for Environment and Land Reform Mairi McAllan said as the campaign to secure World Heritage Site status for Scotland's Flow Country has entered a new phase with the formal submission of the formal nomination dossier to UNESCO. The milestone triggers the next steps in the bid process, which will see inspection visits to the 190,000-hectare region

by UNESCO officials during 2023 enabling a decision on whether to award the accolade of World Heritage Site status taken next year.

"This is absolutely wonderful news and something that members of our community have been asking for over a long period of time. We are more than delighted that the Up Helly Aa Committee have listened to folk who want the festival to be inclusive."

A Up Helly Aa for Aa, a group campaigning for gender equality in the Lerwick Up Helly Aa, spokesperson said as women joined the fire festival procession for first time this year. The Lerwick Up Helly Aa Committee last year decided to relax the long-standing custom of only allowing males to take part in the procession, for the very first time in its 142-year history.



Kilmartin, Argyll. Photo: VisitScotland/Paul Tomkins.

"From ancient stone circles and enigmatic rock art to the early medieval Capital of the earliest Kings of the Scots, Kilmartin Glen has some of Scotland's most important and intriguing prehistoric archaeological sites, not to mention amazing ancient artefacts. We are absolutely delighted that this wee corner of Scotland has been recognised as being amongst some of the most fascinating places to visit. Kilmartin Museum has been caring for Argyll's archaeological collections for more than 20 years, and we'll be showcasing the Glen's archaeology in the new Museum when it opens later this year. We are sure that everyone to comes to explore will receive a very warm welcome."

Dr Sharon Webb MBE, Director and Curator, Kilmartin Museum said as Kilmartin Glen in Argyll has been named as one of the *New York Times*' 52 top places go in 2023. Spanning 5,000 years, Kilmartin Glen, which surrounds the village of Kilmartin, is best known for its ancient monuments which include standing stones, a henge monument and a 'linear cemetery' comprising five burial cairns, several of which are decorated with cup and ring marks. The travel list celebrates the area's many archaeological monuments, naming it as 'one of the most significant prehistoric sites in Britain'.

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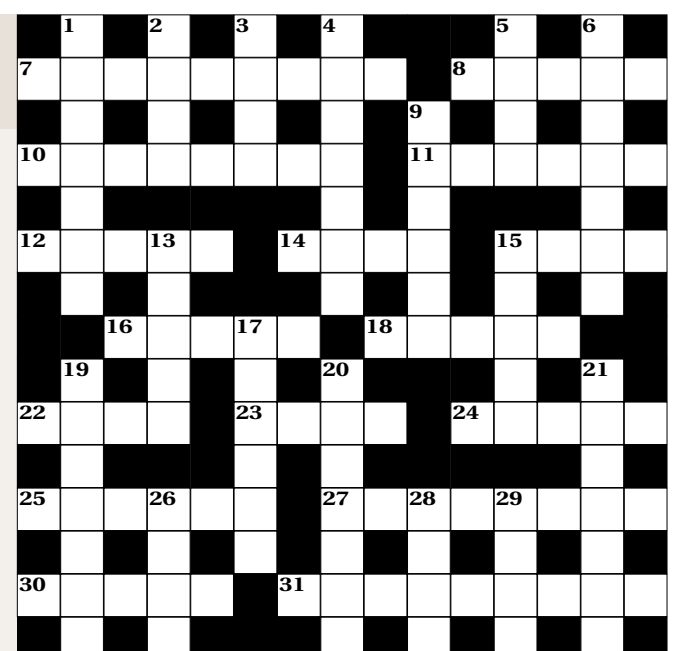
- 7 The home of golf (2, 7).
- 8 Cross that rallied the Jacobites (5).
- 10 Lying flat to a Scot (8).
- 11 Hills near Melrose (6).
- 12 Village north of Falkirk (5).
- 14 Scottish mountains (4).
- 15 Old Scots halfpenny (4).
- 30 Fife fishing town (5).
- 18 Town south-east of Elgin (5).
- 22 Large bay on Scotland's south coast (4).

- 23 Chimney flue (4).
- 24 A few Scots (5).
- 25 A Scots gutter (6).
- 27 Scottish family members (8).
- 30 Fife village near Cupar (5).
- 31 A capital location (9).

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Village on Skye (7).
- 2 Extremely Scottish! (4).
- 3 Old drinks! (4).
- 4 Be uncertain (7).

- 5 Turn quickly in Scots (4).
- 6 Soaking wet (7).
- 9 Monster attraction (6).
- 13 Inner Hebridean island (5).
- 15 Woman's old cap (5).
- 17 Port west of Kilmarnock (6).
- 19 Village north of Poolewe (7).
- 20 Strathardle location (7).
- 21 Getting your own back (7).
- 26 The last word (4).
- 28 Female relative (4).
- 29 Scots seasoning! (4).



Ken your country



The town of Wick.

How well do you know Scotland? To test your knowledge, we have assembled ten fun questions on its geography, history and culture - but if you get stumped, the solutions can be found underneath. Good luck!

- 1) Eilean Donan Castle, near Kyle of Lochalsh, was the seat of which clan?
- 2) Who are the Atholl Highlanders?
- 3) Where in Scotland is the Scottish Tartan Museum?
- 4) Is the town of Wick on the north coast of Scotland or the east?
- 5) The Stone of Destiny was returned to Scotland in which year? a) 1995, b) 1996 or c) 1997?
- 6) Which two firths meet where the city of Inverness stands?
- 7) Where in Scotland is Gordonstoun School?

- 8) Who formed the Thin Red Line during the Crimean War?
- 9) Name the four islands which go to make up the Small Islands?
- 10) How did Boat of Garten get its unusual name?

Answers

- 1) The MacRaes.
- 2) The Duke of Atholl's private army.
- 3) Comrie in Perthshire.
- 4) East, just south of John O' Groats.
- 5) b) 1996.
- 6) The Moray Firth and the Beaully Firth.
- 7) Near Lossiemouth in Morayshire.
- 8) The 93rd Highlanders.
- 9) Rum, Canna, Eigg and Muck.
- 10) It was the site of a long defunct ferry across the River Spey.

Tartan of the Month

Welsh National Tartan

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Saint David's Day or the Feast of Saint David, celebrates the patron saint of Wales, and is celebrated on March 1st across Wales.

According to *World Tartans* the decision to adopt a tartan was taken by a Welsh society formed in Cardiff in 1967.

Its aim was to emphasise the Welsh bonds with other Celtic countries, most of whom appeared to already have their own tartan.

Colours represent the Welsh flag - red dragon on a green and white background. Nomindex notes 'Made for Frasers of Perth. Specimen from D.M. Richards 1967. D.C. Dalgliesh specimen 1968. Colours named as crimson and sage green.' Lochcarron swatch. This tartan (SRT reference: 1523) was designed by Don Richards and registered in January 1967.

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Scotland's new home for silversmithing offers a thriving future for an ancient craft



A new home for silversmithing in Scotland

The workshop's Master Silversmith is Ryan McClean, who made the beautiful cake-top decoration for the Queen's 2022 Platinum Jubilee celebration cake and whose work is included in the V&A permanent collection. Ryan, originally from Morar, has been based in Sheffield (a hub of UK silversmithing), but seized the opportunity to return to Scotland when the Marchmont opportunity arose. He said: "I really wanted to come here because Marchmont has such a creative community, the workshop is going to be fantastic, and it will be such a great environment to work in. I also hope that having a new home for silversmithing in Scotland will help raise awareness and interest in the craft."

The SGT is Scotland's national charity for silversmithing and jewellery and The Marchmont Silversmithing Workshop will be a major contribution to its work as a champion of education and development across the gold and silversmithing sector. Ebba Goring, SGT Chief Executive, added: "We believe that a thriving silversmithing sector will make a valuable contribution to Scotland's worldwide reputation as a centre for culture, craft and creativity. The workshop will help strengthen and build on this reputation by providing a national home for silversmithing. This is a place where some of the finest contemporary established and early career silversmiths will be able to carry forward Scotland's world-renowned and ancient traditions in new and

exciting ways. Right now it's incredibly difficult to establish a fully equipped workshop with everything that businesses need to develop and thrive – this will be a place where makers can benefit from being part of an inspirational creative community."

The Marchmont Silversmithing Workshop will provide regular opportunities for the public to discover more about working with precious metals, to meet the makers and purchase beautiful, contemporary silver. Marchmont House is a 1750 Palladian mansion near Greenlaw in the Scottish Borders. The house has one of the finest Georgian and Arts & Crafts interiors in Scotland.



A new home for silversmithing in Scotland aims to secure a thriving future for one of the country's great and most ancient traditions. The Scottish Goldsmiths Trust (SGT) is establishing The Marchmont Silversmithing Workshop as a national centre where up to five silversmiths at a time can design and create stunning pieces from precious metals. Thanks to a generous bequest it is being fully equipped with the entire collection of tools, machinery and books built up by celebrated Scottish master silversmith Graham Stewart, of Dunblane, who died in 2020. These include the tools used to create a magnificent sculpture, based on the Honours of Scotland, which the Queen presented to the Scottish

Parliament on the opening of its new building in 2004, and which is the starting point for tours of the building.

The SGT convened a panel of acclaimed silversmiths to select four exceptional tenants for the workshop, with the final bench being reserved for short-term residencies. They will be part of a wider creative community, based at Marchmont House in the Borders, which is dedicated to carrying forward the spirit of the Arts & Crafts Movement. Three of the silversmiths are already living on the great estate, near Greenlaw, and have been helping with the transformation of the 19th century former kennels which is being transformed into the new workshop.

Scotch whisky exports over £6bn for first time



"During a year of significant economic headwinds and global supply chain disruption, the Scotch Whisky industry continued to be an anchor of growth, supporting investment and job creation across Scotland and the UK.

The enduring strength of Scotch Whisky as the UK's leading food and drink export is its global appeal to consumers who recognise the quality of the spirit, with production increasingly grounded in sustainable practices as we continue to reduce our impact on the environment by investing in the future. Passing £6bn in export value for the first time is a milestone, and testament to the work of our member companies and the tens of thousands of employees across Scotland and the UK supply chain who make Scotch Whisky a global success story of which we are rightly proud.

In 2022, the industry benefited from the full re-opening of hospitality businesses in key global markets, as well as the return of global travel retail which opens such an important window for Scotch Whisky to business and leisure travellers. Exports were also boosted by the continued premiumisation trend, with consumers attracted to high-quality spirits like Scotch Whisky, now often enjoyed in longer serves as well as the more traditional dram."

Global exports of Scotch Whisky grew to more than £6bn for the first time in 2022, according to figures released by the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA). In 2022, the value of Scotch Whisky exports was up 37% by value, to £6.2bn. The number of 70cl bottles exported also grew by 21% to the equivalent of 1.67bn. The Asia-Pacific region overtook the EU as the industry's largest regional market, with double-digit growth in Taiwan, Singapore, India and China as the post-Covid recovery continued.

While established EU markets such as France, Germany and Spain continued their post-pandemic bounce-back with strong growth in 2022, India replaced France as the largest Scotch Whisky market by volume. Despite double digit

growth, Scotch Whisky still only comprises 2% of the Indian whisky market.

SWA analysis shows that a UK-India FTA deal which eases the 150% tariff burden on Scotch Whisky in India could boost market access for Scotland's whisky companies, allowing for an additional £1bn of growth over the next five years. In North America, the United States continued its recovery following the impacts of tariffs on Single Malt Scotch Whisky to again be the industry's only market with exports valued over £1bn. Both Mexico and Canada also saw growth, underlining the importance of securing further market access wins through the renegotiation of the UK's Free Trade Agreements with both countries. Commenting on the figures, Chief Executive of the SWA Mark Kent said:

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Craigievar Castle to turn pink again



Craigievar Castle in Aberdeenshire is said to have inspired Walt Disney's Cinderella Castle.

The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) has begun a major conservation project to protect Craigievar's fairytale pink exterior for future generations, the Pink Again fundraising campaign has launched to support the work. A major conservation project to protect and future-proof the famous pink exterior of Craigievar Castle in Aberdeenshire against damage from rain and climate change began this year. This follows a painstaking three-month build of scaffolding that, when laid end to end, stretches three times the length of Edinburgh's Princes Street. The iconic pink castle, said to have inspired Walt Disney's Cinderella Castle, has also donned a seven-storey pink mesh for the coming months. This will provide protection while the skilled and careful restoration of the

stunning pink harling is carried out. Craigievar Castle's harling was successfully replaced in 2009. However, the impact of changing weather patterns caused by climate change means that this additional conservation and maintenance work is needed to ensure the building can withstand the increasingly wet and extreme weather. The current programme of conservation work, named the Pink Again project, will reinvigorate the pink tones of Craigievar's walls with multiple coats of a special recipe of limewash. Also included in the repairs, which are expected to take 12 months to complete, are masonry restoration, roof work, maintenance to interior plasterwork and conservation of the lower enclosing (or 'barmkin') wall. Visitors will be treated to a grand reveal in spring 2024, when the new

exterior is unveiled. Craigievar's beautiful grounds will remain open to visitors throughout the work, and there will be signage onsite where people can read more about the project and its impact.

Iain Hawkins, NTS Regional Director for the North East, said: "Craigievar holds a special place in the hearts and minds of the local community, across Scotland and indeed globally, thanks in no small part to the castle's famous pink exterior, which was introduced in 1824 by Sir John Forbes. It's our duty to ensure that this much-loved castle is protected against climate change in a way that is sympathetic to the natural environment and heritage of this magnificent building, and supportive of our Nature, Beauty and Heritage for Everyone strategy. As a conservation charity, we rely on voluntary donations and membership support to care for and share special places like Craigievar Castle, so we have launched the "Pink Again" fundraising campaign to support this vital work. If you want to help us keep this enchanting castle safe from rainwater ingress and ensure that visitors can continue to fall in love with Craigievar for many generations to come, please consider donating to our campaign. We can't wait to unveil this fairytale castle's refreshed pink walls in 2024 and can assure our visitors, supporters and members that all the hard work will be very much worth it'.

To donate see: www.nts.org.uk/campaigns/pink-again

Did you know?



Throughout the last few centuries knitted products were made up in characteristic patterns which would help identify drowning victims? Aran and Fair Isle sweaters and jumpers were usually knitted in distinctive patterns so that if people were drowned their relatives could identify the bodies by their personal knitwear. Each family had their own distinct patterns so they could be identified by their woollen garments. Taking the infamous Tay Bridge disaster as an example, one of the victims was recognised by his socks, which were knitted by his aunt.

Waulk this way with homespun harmonies



Once a month, during most of the summer season, visitors to Auchindrain, Scotland's last remaining 'living museum' township, are in for a real treat when the ladies of Sgioba Luaidh Inbhichluaidh (Inverclyde Waulking Group) make a tuneful appearance. Together since 2000, this ten-strong band of sisters has performed their traditional Gaelic waulking music at Auchindrain for 15 years and have travelled the length and breadth of Scotland, as well as further afield, demonstrating their impressive harmonies.

Waulking, the final stage in the long and laborious process of producing homespun tweed woollen cloth, is the perfect rhythmical process for a song according to Frances Dunlop who heads up the group: "The genesis of Sgioba Luaidh Inbhichluaidh was way back in 1981, when I first went to a summer school in Stirling University with Anne Lorne Gillies. I had sung in Gaelic choirs for many years, but over several years

under Anne's guidance I came to appreciate traditional Gaelic song - and my life was transformed! Gradually I became more familiar with waulking songs, but it was a long time before I plucked up courage to suggest to Greenock Gaelic Choir that some of us might sing them together and so the group came into being. Our very first performance was in December 2000 when we had a 10 minute spot at the choir's annual concert. There are currently ten of us in the group, two of whom, besides myself, are founder members. Most of us hail from Greenock, Port Glasgow, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay in Inverclyde but others come from further afield such as Dunoon and Barrhead. We are always on the look-out to welcome new members and have amassed quite a large repertoire of songs over the years."

Fulling the cloth

Frances continued: "Waulking or fulling the cloth, was practised widely but we believe that only in Scottish Gaelic culture

was it accompanied by singing. It's a very ancient tradition with some of the songs being centuries old. They've been passed on orally and transformed into many differing versions, which adds to the interest but can also be quite frustrating deciding which version we prefer! Most of the songs are loosely structured: in order to make a song last long enough for the work, lines might be imported from another song or perhaps a few lines of improvisation could be thrown in. One woman sings the verse of one or two lines. It seems effortless but takes a lot of skill and practice to get the timing exactly right! The rest join in the chorus, which in the oldest songs are composed of meaningless vocals. Later songs may have some words in the chorus as well. The waulking would begin with a slow song, increasing in speed as the cloth dried, and the women got warmed up. In Uist and Barra, after being waulked the cloth was rolled up, and patted to smooth it out to the accompaniment of a clapping song (oran basaidh) which was a fast, cheerful song, sometimes an improvised 'pairing off' song when the names of those present would be linked with local young men.



"Waulking was an important part of female culture, so women wishing to compose a song often adopting the waulking style. The songs come straight from the heart and are full of passion but utterly without sentimentality. Waulking died out a few decades ago but these songs are worth preserving. They need to be 'worked' in order to bring them to life. The whole process is very therapeutic. In the songs you can express your every emotion; the hypnotic thumping of the cloth on the table helps to release all your tensions and frustrations and it is very good exercise! In the company of your friends you can have a gossip and talk over problems. It's great 'female bonding' and cheaper than counselling!" added Frances.

Auchindrain Historic Township, situated on the A83 between Inveraray and Lochgilphead in Argyll & Bute, is currently operating in 'winter mode' until the end of March 2023. Visitors can explore Scotland's last township from Monday to Friday (10am to 4pm).

For more information: www.waulk.org and www.auchindrain.org.uk.



IN SCOTLAND TODAY



Scotland's First Minister to resign

Nicola Sturgeon has announced her intention to resign as First Minister. The First Minister said: "Being First Minister of Scotland is, in my opinion, the best job in the world. It is a privilege beyond measure - one that has sustained and inspired me, in good times and through the toughest hours of my toughest days. Since my first moments in the job, I have believed that part of serving well would be to know - almost instinctively - when the time is right to make way for someone else. And when that time comes, to have the courage to do so. In my head and my heart I know that time is now. I am announcing my intention to step down as First Minister and leader of my party. I will remain in office until my successor is in place. I have been First Minister for over eight years, and I was Deputy First Minister for the best part of eight years before that. These jobs are a privilege but they are also - rightly - hard. And, it is only possible to give absolutely everything to a job of this nature for so long. Given the nature and scale of the challenges the country faces, I feel that duty, first and foremost, to our country - to ensure that it does have the energy of leadership it needs, not just today, but through the years that remain of this parliamentary term."

"We are at a critical moment. The blocking of a referendum as the accepted, constitutional route to independence is a democratic outrage. But it puts the onus on us to decide how Scottish democracy will be protected and to ensure that the will of the Scottish people prevails. I am firmly of the view that there is now majority support for independence. But that support needs to be solidified - and it needs to grow further if our independent Scotland is to have the best possible foundation. To achieve that we need to reach across the divide in Scottish politics, and my judgement now is that this needs a new leader. It has always been my belief that no one individual should be dominant in any system for too long. But, as a leader, while it's easy to hold that view in the abstract, it is harder to live by it. I consider this decision to be the right one for me, my party and the country."

Nicola Sturgeon, who is also the leader of the ruling Scottish Nationalist Party, plans to remain an MSP for Glasgow Southside (a seat she has held since 2011) until at the next Holyrood election. Sturgeon has been an MSP since 1999 and is the longest-serving Scottish First Minister ever and the first woman to hold the position.

200-year-old barley could be the toast of modern whisky



Scotch whisky could be in for a revamp from a 200-year-old barley crop. Experts from Heriot-Watt's International Centre for Brewing and Distilling (ICBD) are working with Holyrood Distillery in Edinburgh to find out whether old species of barley could create distinctive new whiskies. Over the next six years, they'll test at least eight heritage barley varieties and provide the scientific evidence needed to classify the flavours and aromas they bring to a dram. Dr Calum Holmes, International Centre for Brewing and Distilling, Heriot-Watt University said, "There's hope that using these heritage varieties of barley might allow for recovery of favourable aroma characteristics."

200-year-old Chevallier is one of the varieties they'll be distilling. It was the most popular barley in Britain for 100 years but fell out of favour when tax rules changed. They'll also test Hana, which was originally grown in Czech Moravia and was used to make the first blond Pilsner lager in 1842. Golden Promise is from the 1960s and grows predominantly on the east coast of Britain, from Angus down to Northumberland. It is best known as the barley behind the iconic Macallan bottlings from the sixties. The team hopes that the research will create new single malts for Holyrood Distillery and increase knowledge and awareness about the positive traits of heritage barleys.

Dr Calum Holmes from Heriot-Watt's ICBD said: "New varieties of malting barley are developed regularly to improve processability and agronomic traits, and it's not uncommon to find some predominate the industry for a period of time. However, there's increasing interest within the malting and distilling industries to explore a role for older barley varieties. There's hope that using these heritage varieties of barley might allow for recovery of favourable aroma characteristics into distillate and some have also displayed

potential resilience to stresses that might be expected from a changing climate."

Holmes and his team will be exploring the impact of using heritage barley varieties on malt and distillate quality. The work will focus on the interplay between grain production and composition and the impact on distillery processing efficiency and distillate aroma volatile profile.

Marc Watson, head of spirit operations at Holyrood Distillery, said: "We're a young distillery and that means we have the freedom to experiment and be playful. We decided to try making some mashes and distillations with Chevallier. It was fascinating. The first thing we noticed was an oilier mouth texture, it had a great mouth feel. We think there are clear sensory differences with using heritage barleys, but we wanted to back it up with science. Luckily, we have the world-famous Heriot-Watt right here in Edinburgh, and this is the second time we're working with them. Understanding what each heritage barley brings to the flavour, mouth feel and aroma of whisky means we can design incredible drams. It's using innovation to bring back characteristics that have been lost by switching to newer varieties of barley, flavours and aromas that haven't been present in whisky for decades if not longer."

Controversy at iconic St Andrews site



Ongoing maintenance works around the historic and iconic Swilcan Bridge area at the Old Course in St Andrews is gaining international attention from the golfing world. The St Andrews Trust who manages the course have said the ongoing works are solely focussed on the turfed approach area to the bridge, which regularly falls into disrepair due to the significant foot traffic by tens of thousands of golfers and countless other visitors seeking to have their photograph taken at the landmark. The Trust now is facing the issue of wear and tear in the area and are seeking to resolve it the best way possible to ensure the bridge remains accessible for all golfers and visitors throughout the year.

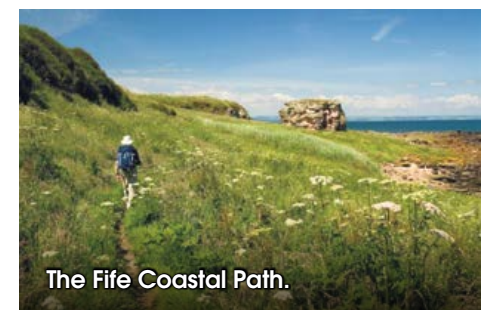
A statement from St Andrews Links Trust said: "The exploratory works around the approach to and from the Swilcan Bridge had been undertaken as part of ongoing attempts to mitigate the issue of significant wear and tear to the turf. In recent years we have identified and trialled a number of solutions, with the primary ambition always to find something that is both adequate for the amount of foot traffic for such a popular location whilst being in keeping with its surroundings. The stonework at the approach and exit of the bridge was identified as one possible long-term solution, however while this installation would have provided some protection, in this instance we believe we are unable to create a look which is in

keeping with its iconic setting and have taken the decision to remove it.

We have also taken on feedback from many partners and stakeholders as well as the golfing public and we would like to thank everyone who has been in touch for their contribution to the issue. The widespread attention and commentary is indicative of the regard in which St Andrews is held around the world and we are conscious of our role in preserving this heritage while recognising its hallowed grounds have continued to evolve to meet demands for more than 600 years."

Long before golf became a focus the Swilcan Bridge was used by shepherds to herd their livestock in the area.

Fife Coast and Countryside Trust clean up at 'Washroom Oscars'



Fife's public toilets are among the best in the UK, according to judges of the Loo of the Year Awards 2022. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT), which manages 15 public toilets on behalf of Fife Council, was delighted to lift the UK trophy for Public Toilets at the 'Washroom Oscars' in Birmingham. A team from FCCT attended the ceremony where they also won the UK Market Sector Award for Beaches (Harbourmaster's House, Dysart) and were listed in the Local Authority Public Toilet Premier League. FCCT also lifted Scotland national awards for ECO Friendly Toilets (Craigmead in the Lomond Hills), Local Authority Entries, Beaches (Harbourmaster's House), Car Parks toilets (Elie Harbour) and for Washroom Cleaner of the Year, which went to the FCCT in-house cleaning team. The awards celebrate 'away from home' washrooms and all entries are judged on over 100 criteria following an unannounced visit by a Loo of the Year inspector. The judging criteria includes décor, fixtures and fittings, security, air quality, signage and overall standards of cleanliness and management. FCCT manages public toilets on Fife Coastal Path and inland including Aberdour, Dysart, the Lomond Hills, Kingsbarns and St Andrews.

Robbie Blyth, Head of Operations at FCCT, said: "Our success in these prestigious awards reflects the hard work, commitment and dedication of our small team. Their job was especially challenging last year thanks to the great summer weather and popularity of staycations. This is our 11th Loo of the Year Awards, but we won't sit back and relax. We're always working to improve public toilet provision in Fife and look forward to opening a new toilet block at Elie Ruby Bay in time for Spring." This is the 35th anniversary of the Loo of the Year Awards, and Washroom Cleaner of the Year, which recognise the very best washrooms in the UK and Ireland and set the standard for toilet facilities 'away from home'.



Eildons - view from atop Eildon Mid Hill to Eildon Wester Hill including lochan.

Eildon Hills

Icons of the Scottish Borders



Eildons - view of Melrose from atop Eildon Hill North.

Hills are so often described as 'focal points' in a landscape. But what happens when the hills are shapeshifters? Such is the way of the Eildon Hills, whose three highest peaks are perhaps the most recognisable and beloved landmarks of the Scottish Borders. Their shadows touch, quite literally, upon the remnants of ages past that altogether shaped the identity of the area. In the low winter sun, the shadow cast from Eildon Hill North breaches the boundaries of the vast, and almost entirely vanished, Roman fort of Trimontium astride the River Tweed. It has also been noted, only quite recently, that the Midwinter shadow of Eildon Mid Hill very nearly touches the high altar of Melrose Abbey.

Most would say that there are three Eildons – Eildon Hill North, Eildon Mid Hill, and Eildon Wester Hill. There is, however, a fourth, aptly called 'Little Hill', nestled at the edge of a shallow valley on the western edge of the range between Eildon Mid and Eildon Wester hills. Still, from most perspectives it is the three highest peaks that dominate. Depending on where you stand, even this is subject to change. The tendency of these hills – so sudden and magnetic in their otherwise low-lying and placid surrounds – to become three, two, or even one has bolstered belief in their magical quality. Seen from the west and south, for instance from high ground above Sir Walter Scott's home of Abbotsford or the Minto Hills, they stand as triplets, with Eildon Wester stretching away from the others. From the north, as at the old monastic site of

Gattonside, Eildon North and Mid hills appear as twins, with perspective playing tricks as to which is the highest (Eildon Mid Hill comes out on top, barely, at 422 metres compared with Eildon North's 404). From the east, the three become one as Eildon Hill North seems to engulf them all.

Hollow hills

In the realm of legend, the Eildons are 'hollow hills'. Much like Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh, they are said to contain a vast, magical realm within, inhabited by fairy folk and the sleeping warriors of Arthur who will one day awake at the sound of a great horn to sweep evil from the land. Also like Arthur's Seat, the Eildons are the remains of a volcanic range which fundamentally shaped the landscape they loom over today. Their hollows were long ago filled in by powerful geological forces. Much more recently, people have filled them with stories. One such story is of Thomas the Rhymer, one of the Borders' most enigmatic sons. In lore he has gone down as a man of prophecy and mystery.

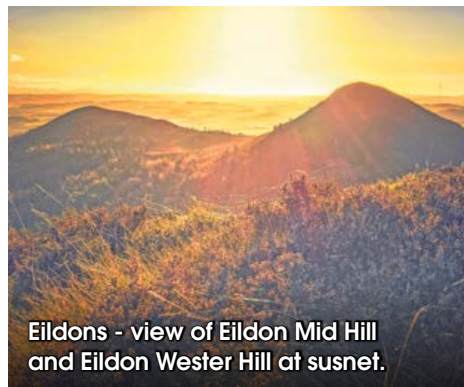
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In life he was a 13th century multilingual seeker of knowledge steeped in Welsh literary traditions (though he wrote in English) who came to own a small tower house in what is now Earlston. One of his most famous prophecies was that the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea would one day meet in the middle of Scotland. This arguably became true upon the completion of the Caledonian Canal. Another was that only a dead man could take Roxburgh Castle. In 1460 King James II of Scotland was killed besieging Roxburgh Castle when his own cannon burst its barrel, though the castle did indeed fall soon after.

Thomas' gift of prophecy was given to him by the Queen of the Fairies. While resting beneath a tree at a site now marked by a small monument called the Rhymer's Stone, Thomas was beckoned by the Queen to join her in her kingdom within the Eildons. Such was the wealth of this hidden kingdom that the teeth of sheep grazing on the Eildons' slopes were said to turn yellow from gold dust! A series of otherworldly wonders presented themselves on the way, including a red river representing the amount of blood shed on earth in a single day and an orchard filled with apples grown out of all the curses people uttered aloud. The Fairy Queen presented him with one apple which gave him a tongue that could never lie, and so Thomas of Ercildoun became the Rhymer.

The greatest hilltop settlements in Scotland

More tangibly, Eildon Hill North was once among the greatest hilltop settlements in Scotland. Though almost nothing aside from much-reduced earthen ramparts are visible to the naked eye, the broad summit was once entirely enclosed by a wall containing nearly 500 huts borne on wooden platforms. During the Bronze and Iron Ages it could support upwards of 3,000 people, 500 more than the population of modern Melrose. Recent excavations unearthed evidence that Eildon Hill North was fortified well into the Early Medieval Period, with the invading Northumbrians of the 7th century referring to it as 'Aeled-Dun', 'Fire Hill'.



Eildons - view of Eildon Mid Hill and Eildon Wester Hill at sunset.

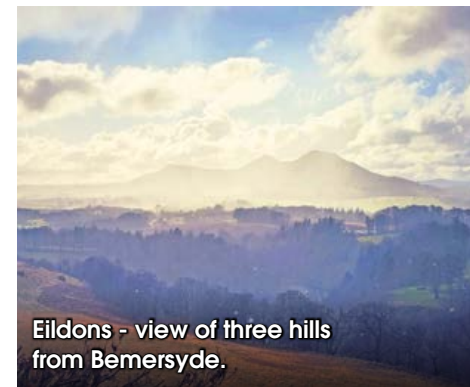
All this overlooked Trimontium, a sprawling legionary fortress that saw intermittent use by various waves of Roman would-be conquerors for three centuries. Astonishing finds including glittering metal cavalry helmets, hoards of gladius swords and other panoplies of war, and bronze wine jugs have been recovered from the fields of crops which now conceal this remnant of Empire. Like the dot at the bottom of a question mark, Eildon Hill North is punctuated by small dip, all that remains of a Roman watch tower. What was the relationship between this mighty native hilltop haven and the legionaries in its shadow? Many Roman objects have turned up in sites occupied by local tribes and vice versa, so it was not all 'us versus them'. Still, there are many questions which the Eildons yet hold the answers to.

The best way to know the Eildons is to walk them. Each is formidable in its own way, yet more than worth the effort. The summit of Eildon Mid Hill can seem almost sub-Arctic, scree-scattered and blasted by winds with tiny conifers eking out from the thin soils between stones. Eildon Wester Hill, with its steady path towards the Eildons' furthest outstretched point, feels like a south-facing pulpit overlooking the fertile lands leading to the Cheviots and England beyond. From atop Eildon Hill North, the architectural wonder of Melrose Abbey far below seems like little more than a doll's house, putting our earthly and spiritual ambitions into perspective. A strangely still lochan, its waters too murky to reveal their depths and its intrigue enhanced by its absence from the OS map, rests by Little Hill. Set within the amphitheatre of the Eildons, the romantic in me wonders what treasures might have been deposited in its depths long ago by the people of the hills. In every sense of the term, there are many Eildons.

Their meaning transforms with each person's motivations for seeking them, and even their appearance shifts with each new approach. What do the Eildon Hills hide? Nothing less than the stories and histories we scatter across their slopes.



Eildons - Eildon Hill North viewed from Eildon Mid Hill.



Eildons - view of three hills from Bemersyde.

By: Judy Vickers

Shinty

Scotland's Ancient Sport



The Camanachd Cup.

Images courtesy of the Camanachd Association.

As a sport, its fortunes have often reflected the ups and downs of life in the Highlands where it is played, from Celtic myths, through the Scottish diaspora and the decimation of young men during World War One to the challenges of modern rural life. And those with a passion for shinty – camanachd or iomain in Gaelic – will be hoping that particular tradition continues as the stick and ball sport looks to a future with more young people and women playing, and stronger ties to the Gaelic language, the native tongue in many of the areas where it still flourishes. This month the game's 2023/24 season gets going, with 53 teams across six men's divisions and 25 women's teams playing for glory and the chance to win one of several trophies, the most prestigious of which is the Camanachd Cup with its final played in September.

A community-based game

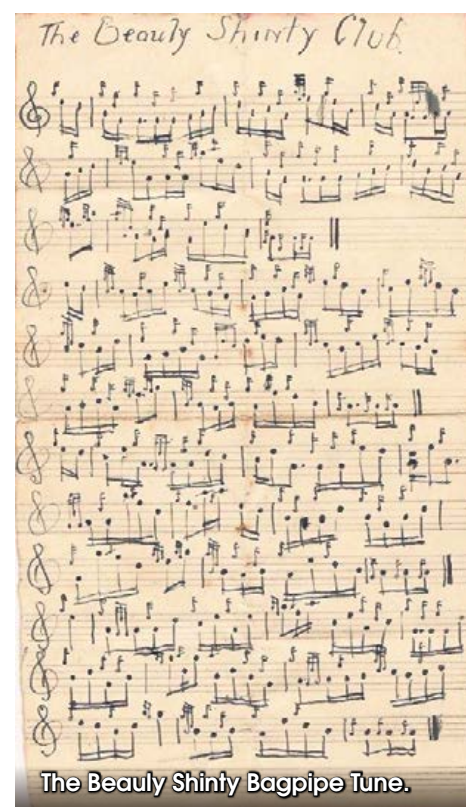
Thousands across the Highlands, from islands such as Skye, and the west in Argyll up to Badenoch, where the mighty shinty clubs of Kingussie and Newtonmore rule, are involved in the game. Yet the sport takes a back seat compared to football or rugby in terms of headlines, even in Scotland. Camanachd president Steven MacKenzie says that it's probably down to the fact the sport is still a community-based game.

"We are pretty much a village sport, they are generally small communities playing, but it is a big deal within the Highlands." As it's an amateur sport, talented players don't disappear off to the big cities with juicy sporting contracts, so in many ways shinty is still the sport it has been for centuries with community pitted against community for honour and pride.

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In fact, shinty's origins are lost in the mists of time. "We go right back to Celtic mythology," says Steven, referring to an ancient legend about the game from Ireland. Shinty has common roots with the Irish sport of hurling – the sport was brought over by Irish settlers to Scotland centuries ago and while the sports have developed differently over the years they have enough in common for shinty and hurling teams to play each with adapted rules in international games. And the Irish warrior hero and demi-god Cú Chulainn gained his name thanks to the sport. According to Irish mythology, he was known as Sétanta until the day Conchobar, the king of Ulster, saw the young boy playing hurling and was so impressed he invited him to a later feast. Unfortunately, by the time Sétanta finished his game and arrived for the feast, the host Culann has loosed his enormous guard dog, which promptly attacked the approaching Sétanta. To save himself, he hit a mighty shot with his hurling stick and drove his hurling ball down the creature's throat, killing it. As Culann is upset at the loss of his dog, Sétanta promises to stand in as his replacement guard until he can raise a new guard dog. And after that, during all his adventures, he is known as Cú Chulainn, meaning Culann's hound.

While there probably weren't many mythological giant hounds to deal with, shinty could be quite a ferocious affair in times gone by, with no strict rules on the number of players – it's now 12 a side for the men's game and ten for the women's.



The Beauty Shinty Bagpipe Tune.



The Camanachd Cup.

Matches were village against local village, often on a holiday or feast day – New Year was a particular focus. Rules began to be made more uniform once the Camanachd Association, the governing body for the sport, was created in 1893 but a match could still be quite a lively affair, as Dr Isabel Frances Grant, the founder of the Highland Folk Museum in 1935, now located in Newtonmore, reported as she gathered anecdotes about Highland life. “To watch shinty at its liveliest one must see a match between the teams from two neighbouring and rival districts. The speed is terrific. The spectators, all local people, are whipped up to vociferous animosity against the opposing side. Casualties are borne off the field (sometimes including spectators hit when the ball flies wide) but they generally soon rise to re-engage in the conflict. After a cup-match the winning team carries the trophy home in triumph, and it is filled and refilled with whisky by a public-spirited hotel keeper and carried up and down the village street every passer-by being given a sip out of it.”

Helps to bind communities together

But the early 20th century also brought tragedy. Many Highland and island communities saw their populations of young men wiped out by the First World War and shinty, with its ranks of young fit men, was hit hard. One battle in particular cut a devastating swathe – the Battle of Festubert in France in May 1915. Among the 16,000 British soldiers killed in ten days of fighting in that battle were the cream of both the 1913 and 1914 Camanachd Cup winning teams. In 1914, the Camanachd Cup was won by Kingussie, still today one of the biggest teams in shinty. Five of the 1914 team failed to come home, including the captain, William MacGillivray. The 1913 winners, Beaulay, lost 25 men, including the captain Alastair Paterson and his brother Donald – hit by a sniper during the battle after stopping to tend to two wounded men. But the story of Donald, a 23-year-old lance corporal and noted piper, has a touching aftermath. “Years and years later his niece found his pipes and a tune he had written for Beaulay Shinty Club during the war,” says Steven.

The bagpipes, still with blood on them, had been retrieved from the battlefield and sent back to Donald’s family along with a tune he had somehow managed to write while in the trenches and stored away. It was a poignant moment when the song was first performed, more than 80 years after it was first written. The pipes are now played by a descendant of Donald.

The game also helped to sustain those sent to war - camans were sent out to troops in the Second World War and it was played by captured prisoners of war, including Stalag IXc

(a German prisoner-of-war camp for Allied soldiers in World War II). And the Scottish diaspora helped to spread shinty further afield as Scots brought the game to their new homes – ice hockey is said to have been started by Scottish immigrants to Nova Scotia who started playing the game on skates on frozen lakes.

In the 19th century it was widely played all across Britain – the English football team Nottingham Forest was founded by shinty players and the Manchester Camanachd Club was formed in 1875 -before football and rugby took over and it returned to its Highland heart.

The difficulties of finding jobs and housing in the Highlands in modern times, leading to rural de-population especially of young people, hits shinty as much as any other part of Highland life. But Steven says shinty also helps to bind communities together. “We need to retain families who will have children growing up in the area, we have to hold on to them. Shinty plays a large part in maintaining our rural areas – our youth grow up and represent their communities and people take a great pride in that.”



The Lovat Shinty Cup in 1895.



Beaulay Shinty Club, winners of Camanachd (Scottish Championship) and McTavish Trophies, 1912/13. A. Ross, W. Gardiner, D. Paterson, H. Smith, D. McDonald, J. Campbell, J. MacRae, A. McKillop, H. Campbell, M. McDonald, A. Paterson (Capt.), S. Forsyth, A. McDonald, F. Urquhart, S. Forsyth, D. Campbell, S. Campbell, A. Skinner.

What is Shinty?

The game starts with the throw up – the referee throws the ball into the air at the centre of the pitch and two players grapple for it in the air with their sticks. The object is to get the ball into the opposed side’s net by dribbling it, passing it or hitting it through the air – unlike hockey, the stick is allowed above shoulder height and shoulder-to-shoulder tackles are allowed. But bashing your opponent’s stick with your stick is called hacking and is a foul.

Helmets are now mandatory for under-17s and will soon become so for senior players, with many already adopting them. Even so, the game has a reputation for a high injury level compared to other sports which Steven says is somewhat undeserved. “That’s more a media reflection of people who don’t know the sport. It’s very skilful, people learn to protect themselves with the stick as well as learning how to hit the ball.”

The stick is known as a caman, coming from the word cam, Gaelic for crooked, referring to the bend at the end. Once made from whatever wood was available locally, often ash – though reportedly even from kelp on some of the islands – they are now usually laminated hickory made by a small band of specialist makers. “It is a craft industry,” says Steven. “They are usually making sticks for the community they come from.” As they are not factory produced, camans can be slightly different sizes and shapes but since the 1920s, all camans must be able to pass through a two-and-a-half inch diameter ring, which the referee used to carry with him.

THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

Names & Places In The News From Today And The Past

1 - The Advocate's Library (known as the National Library of Scotland since 1925) opened by its founder, Sir George Mackenzie, the Lord Advocate in Edinburgh. **1682**

1 - Actor David Niven was born, roles included *The Pink Panther* and *Around the World in Eighty Days*. Niven had claimed several times that he was born in Kirriemuir, but according to his birth certificate, was born in London. **1910**

1 - Scots voted in favour of Devolution, but failed to reach the required 40% of the population in favour of implementing it - due to 36% of the electorate not voting. **1979**

1 - Authorities confirm the first case of the global COVID-19 pandemic in Scotland, the index case of coronavirus being a traveller having returned from Italy. **2020**

2 - King Robert II born in Paisley, the first monarch of the House of Stewart. He was the son of Marjorie Bruce, daughter of Robert the Bruce, and Walter, High Steward of Scotland. Robert acted as regent three times during the reign of his uncle, David II, and acceded to the throne in 1371. He died in 1390 and was succeeded by his son Robert III. **1316**

3 - Robert Adam, architect, died. Among his many works were Culzean Castle, Fort George, The Town House, Inveraray and Glasgow Trades Hall. **1792**

3 - Alexander Graham Bell born Edinburgh. Bell was scientist, inventor, engineer, and innovator who is credited with patenting the first practical telephone and died in Nova Scotia, Canada in 1922. **1847**

4 - Sir Henry Raeburn, renowned for painting the portraits of many of the citizens of Edinburgh, born. **1756**



4 - Forth Rail Bridge opened by Prince of Wales. The bridge spans the Firth of the River Forth to link Fife to Edinburgh by railway, was the world's earliest great multispan cantilever bridge, and remains one of the longest. **1890**

4 - Jim Clark, Formula I World motor racing champion, born Fife. **1936**

5 - King David II born. **1323**

5 - Flora Macdonald, who helped to save Prince Charles Edward Stewart during his flight after the defeat at the Battle of Culloden, died in Kingsburgh, Skye (in the same bed in which Bonnie Prince Charlie had slept during his escape). **1790**



5 - *The Maid of the Loch* paddle steamer was launched, she was built in Glasgow and was the largest ever vessel to be built for an inland waterway in Britain, this was also the last of a series of steamers to sail on Loch Lomond, dating back to 1818. **1953**

6 - King James II decreed in an Act of Parliament that there should be regular target practice and military parades and that "football and golf be utterly cried down and not used". This was the first time that the games had been mentioned in Scottish documents. **1457**



6 - Scotland's first radio broadcast took place. The broadcast took place from Rex House, 202 Bath Street in Glasgow. By the summer of 1924, stations had opened in Edinburgh and Aberdeen, and, by the eve of the Second World War, over 90% of the Scottish population were served by BBC transmitters. **1923**

7 - The world's first golf club was founded in Edinburgh. The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers held their first meeting on Leith Links and petitioned the Edinburgh Council to provide a silver club for competition. **1744**

8 - Kenneth Grahame, author of *The Wind in the Willows* born in Edinburgh. **1859**

8 - The *Oor Wullie* cartoon strip first appeared in *the Sunday Post*. **1936**

9 - David Rizzio, Mary Queen of Scotland's secretary, murdered by Lord Ruthven in the Palace of Holyrood. **1566**

9 - *Wealth of Nations* by Adam Smith published. **1776**

9 - Scottish faith healer John Alexander Dowie died in Illinois, USA. Edinburgh born Downie believed in the power of prayer only for curing ailments and banned followers from eating certain food, drinking and smoking. **1907**

10 - St Kessog, the Irish missionary in the Lennox area and southern Perthshire, was killed. Kessog was Scotland's patron saint before Andrew, and his name was used as a battle cry by the Scots. Son of the king of Cashel in Ireland, St Kessog is said to have worked miracles, even as a child. **560**

10 - Birth of James Herriot, author of *All Creatures Great and Small*. **1916**

11 - The birth of Binkie Stuart, the child film actress, in Kilmarnock. Born Elizabeth Alison Fraser, she was hailed as Britain's answer to Shirley Temple and enjoyed huge fame as a child star. **1932**

11 - Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, died. **1955**

12 - The last salmon was caught in the River Kelvin. The salmon population in the river had been in decline due to the rise of industrial pollution in the area. However, in February 1999, after £43 million of investment, salmon again spawned in the river and anglers were allowed back. **1852**

12 - Miner's strike at Polmaise Colliery. It is the first mine in Scotland to witness a walkout of its workers. **1984**

13 - Death of poet and historian John Barbour, author of *The Bruce* recounting the history of King Robert I. **1395**

13/15 - Blitz of Clydebank by German Luftwaffe. **1941**

13 - Authorities confirm the first death from COVID-19 in Scotland. **2020**

14 - The birth of Scottish lawyer, Dame Margaret Kidd. Not only was Kidd Scotland's first woman advocate, but she was also the first woman King's Counsel in Britain and the first woman to plead before the House of Lords. **1900**

14 - First television programmes broadcast in Scotland. **1952**

14 - Stirling is granted city status in the United Kingdom by the Queen to mark her Golden Jubilee. **2002**



14 - Perth is granted city status in the United Kingdom following competition amongst candidate places to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II, becoming the seventh Scottish city at this date. **2012**

15 - Sir George Mackenzie of Rosehaugh founded Advocates' Library "equipped with works written by lawyers". **1689**



15 - The end of two nights of heavy German bombing of Clydebank. The Clydebank Blitz, as it became known, destroyed a third of the buildings of Clydebank, leaving 35,000 people homeless. A thousand German bombers were used in the raid and the devastation of the town was so complete that only eight buildings remained entirely unscathed after the bombing. To further compound Clydebank's misery, only two enemy planes were shot down. **1941**

16 - King Robert the Bruce convened his first parliament, at St Andrews. **1309**

16 - Death of Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, chief of the Fraser clan. He developed the Commando force in the British army and was active in the Dieppe Raid (1942) and the D-Day landings (1944). **1995**

16 - U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May formally rejects Nicola Sturgeon's second Scottish Independence Referendum timetable for Autumn 2018, or at least before Brexit negotiations are concluded. **2017**

17 - Treaty of Edinburgh between King Robert I and Edward III which recognised Scotland's independence, ending the 30 years of Wars of Independence. **1328**

17 - Scotland won Rugby "Grand Slam" at Murrayfield Stadium- the first time in 59 years. **1984**

18 - Earl of Leven raises a Border regiment to hold Edinburgh against the Jacobites. It later becomes the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In 2006, the Kings Own Scottish Borderers Regiment was amalgamated with the Royal Scots to form the Royal Scots Borderers, which became the 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland. **1689**

19 - King Alexander III died after crossing the river Forth to Fife at Queensferry. **1286**

19 - David Livingstone, missionary and explorer, born Blantyre. **1813**

20 - King Malcolm IV born. **1141**



21 - National Gallery of Scotland opened in Edinburgh. It is located on The Mound in the heart of the capital. **1859**

21 - Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh opened, becoming the home of Scottish rugby. Scotland marked the occasion by beating England 14-11 and winning their first Grand Slam. Unfortunately, the Scottish rugby team have only managed to repeat this success twice more, in 1984 and 1990. **1925**

22 - Neil Gow, first of a famous family of fiddle players and composers, born at Inver, near Dunkeld, Perthshire. **1727**

22 - Last fully public hanging in Scotland - that of Joseph Bell in Perth. **1868**

23 - The Free Church of Scotland settlement at New Edinburgh, New Zealand was founded under Rev Thomas Burns, a nephew of the poet Robert Burns. The settlement later became Dunedin, one of the largest towns in the country, and one which still retains a distinctive Scottish character. **1848**

23 - Roddy McMillan, the Scottish stage and TV actor, was born. His credits include the TV series, *The View From Daniel Pike*, and the play, *The Revellers*. However, he will be most fondly remembered for his portrayal of Para Handy, the captain of the *Vital Spark* in the much loved television series of the 1960s. **1923**

24 - Union of the Crowns of England and Scotland on the death of Queen Elizabeth I and the succession of King James VI of Scotland. **1603**

24 - An estimated one million people watched the *Queen Mary* leave the Clyde for the first time. However, the sailing did not quite go to plan: despite extensive dredging having taken place, the liner ran aground twice on the way to Gourock. **1936**

25 - King Robert I ("The Bruce") crowned at Scone. Bruce was crowned by Bishop William de Lamberton in front of the banner of the kings of Scotland, wearing royal robes which had been hidden from the English. **1306**

25 - The Commercial Bank of Scotland was founded in Edinburgh by John Pitcairn, Lord Cockburn and others. **1810**

26 - Car driving tests introduced for the first time. **1934**

27 - King Robert II crowned at Scone. **1371**

27 - King James VI died at Theobalds Park, Hertfordshire and buried at Westminster Abbey. Succeeded by his son, King Charles I. **1625**

27 - Scottish chemist Sir James Dewar, inventor of the Dewar Flask, which later became known as the Thermos flask, died. **1923**

27 - David Coulthard, Grand Prix racing driver born in Twynholm, Dumfries and Galloway. **1971**

28 - King Robert the Bruce captured Berwick on Tweed. **1318**

28 - The Scots Guards Regiment was formed when King Charles I issued a commission to the Marquess of Argyll, Chief of Clan Campbell, authorizing him to raise in Scotland a regiment of 1,500 men. The King's 'Lyfe Guard of Foot' became the Scots Guards. **1642**

29 - The Royal Society of Edinburgh incorporated by charter. **1783**

29 - Longannet, Scotland's last deep coal mine, closed, ending centuries of mining tradition. The Fife mine was put into liquidation after being flooded on the 23rd, when a dam separating old workings from new seams under the river Forth collapsed. **2002**

30 - Edward I of England sacked the Scottish town of Berwick. The English army destroyed the town and decimated the population of around 15,000. This act was retaliation for the widespread carnage perpetrated in the north of England, and what Edward considered to be the treacherous stab in the back of the Scottish-French alliance. Berwick was rebuilt by Northumbrians, and the Scottish-English border forever after remained north of this town. **1296**

30 - King James I captured by English near Flamborough Head on his way to France. **1406**

31 - General Patrick Gordon was born. Gordon led a remarkable life. Upon leaving Scotland, he entered the Russian army as a major and soon rose to become a close advisor to Russian Tsar, Peter the Great. Gordon rose to the rank of General-in-Chief and was made an admiral of the Russian navy. **1635**

31 - Scottish Regalia (crown, sceptre and sword) saved from invading army of Oliver Cromwell by James Granger, minister at Kinneff, Aberdeenshire, after they had been smuggled from Dunnottar Castle which was under siege. **1652**



31 - Buchanan Galleries shopping mall opened to the public in Glasgow city centre, part of Glasgow's Style Mile shopping precinct. **1999**

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Leek soup

Ingredients:

For the vegetable stock:

1 carrot, grated
1 onion, grated
2 sticks celery, grated
2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
salt and pepper
stalks from a small bunch of parsley

For the leek soup:

olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
200g/7oz floury potatoes, peeled and chopped into cubes
350g/12oz celeriac, peeled and chopped
1 sprig thyme, leaves only
4 leeks, finely sliced
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 small bunch chives, finely chopped

Method:

To make the stock, put the grated carrot, onion, celery and garlic into a large heatproof bowl. Add a pinch of salt and pepper and pour over 1 litre/1¾ pints of boiling water. Set aside to steep for 10-15 minutes while you prepare the soup. Heat a large heavy-based saucepan or casserole dish over a medium heat. Add a dash of oil and, once hot, add the onion, potatoes, celeriac and thyme leaves.

Cook over a medium heat for 10 minutes, or until the vegetables have softened. Strain the stock through a sieve into the pan of celeriac. Simmer gently for 10-15 minutes until the celeriac is nearly tender. Add the leeks, cover the pan and cook for a further 5-7 minutes, or until the leeks are wilted and tender but still bright green. Remove from the heat and blend in batches until really smooth. (Blend for a minute or longer for a really velvety texture.) The soup can be stored in the fridge or frozen at this stage. Transfer the blended soup to a clean pan. Reheat the soup if necessary, taste and season with salt and pepper to taste. To serve, spoon into bowls and garnish with chopped chives.

Irish beef stew



Ingredients:

1½kg/3lb 5oz. stewing beef, cut into cubes
175g/6oz streaky bacon
3 tbsp. olive oil
12 baby onions, peeled
18 button mushrooms, left whole
3 carrots, cut into quarters or 12 baby carrots, scrubbed and left whole
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tbsp. chopped thyme
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
10 cloves of garlic, crushed and grated
425ml/15fl oz. red wine
425ml/15fl oz. chicken or beef stock

For the roux

50g/2oz butter
50g/1¾oz flour
champ, to serve

Method:

Brown the beef and bacon in the olive oil in a hot casserole or heavy saucepan. Remove the meat and toss in the onions, mushrooms and carrots, one ingredient at a time, seasoning each time. Place these back in the casserole, along with the herbs and garlic. Cover with red wine and stock and simmer for one hour or until the meat and vegetables are cooked.

To make the roux, in a separate pan melt the butter, add the flour and cook for two minutes. When the stew is cooked, remove the meat and vegetables. Bring the remaining liquid to the boil and add one tbsp. of roux. Whisk the mixture until the roux is broken up and the juices have thickened, allowing to boil. Replace the meat and vegetables, and taste for seasoning. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with champ.

Welsh Rarebit



Ingredients:

50g/2oz. flour
50g/2oz. butter
250ml/9oz. strong beer, warmed
250g/9oz. strong cheddar, grated
2tsp. English mustard
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
black pepper
4 large slices granary bread

Method:

In a small saucepan melt the butter and make a roux with the flour. Cook for a couple of minutes, stirring to prevent the roux from burning. Stir in the warm beer by degrees, until you have a thick but smooth sauce. Add the grated cheese and stir until melted. You should now have a thick paste. Mix in the mustard and Worcestershire sauce and season well with black pepper.

Lightly toast and butter the bread, then pile up the cheesy mixture on each slice. Cook under a hot grill for a few minutes, until browned and bubbling.

Cornish Heavy (Hevva) Cake



Ingredients:

500g/1lb 1oz. Self-raising flour
250g/9oz Butter
360g/13oz. Mixed dried fruit
180g/6oz. Sugar
100ml/3.5 fl oz. Milk

Method:

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F. Line a medium, square cake tin.

Rub the butter into the flour until it's the texture of fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar and fruit and mix well. Add the milk and mix to a soft, stiff dough.

Press into the cake tin, pushing down firmly in the corners. Score the top of the cake with a sharp knife, making criss-cross diagonal lines.

Place in the middle of the preheated oven and bake for 35-40 minutes, or until golden brown and a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and while still warm, brush with milk and give a generous sprinkling of granulated sugar. Allow to cool and cut generous slices.

We celebrate our Celtic cousins of Cornwall, Wales and Ireland who will be celebrating St David's, St Piran's and St Patrick's Day this month. People in Wales and those of Welsh origin celebrate the life of their patron saint, St David, and the Welsh culture on March 1st. Saint Piran's Day is celebrated each year on 5th March as the national day of Cornwall. The Irish Saint Patrick will be celebrated across the world on March 17th by the Irish community. As our Welsh cousins would say, Iechyd da or good health!

Irish soda bread

Ingredients:

170g/6oz. self-raising wholemeal flour
170g/6oz. plain flour
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. bicarbonate of soda
290ml/½ pint buttermilk

Method:

Preheat the oven to 400F/200C/Gas 6. Tip the flours, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a large mixing bowl and stir. Make a well in the centre and pour in the buttermilk, mixing quickly with a large fork to form a soft dough. (Depending upon the absorbency of the flour, you may need to add a little milk if the dough seems too stiff but it should not be too wet or sticky.) Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead briefly. Form into a round and flatten the dough slightly before placing on a lightly floured baking sheet. Cut a cross on the top and bake for about 30 minutes or until the loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Cool on a wire rack.

Irish coffee



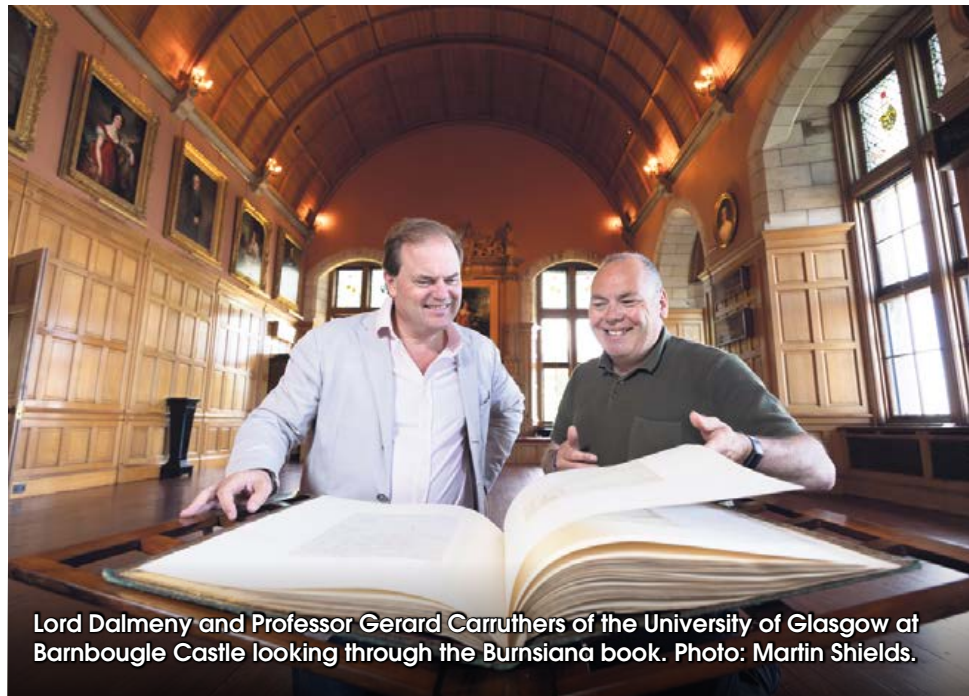
Ingredients:

A good measure of Irish whiskey
1 tsp. brown raw cane sugar
1 heaped tbsp. whipped cream
hot strong coffee to fill the glass

Method:

Use warmed coffee glasses and add the whiskey. Add the sugar and dissolve in the whiskey. Add the coffee and stir well. Float the whipped cream on top and serve.

University of Glasgow reveal fascinating insight into Robert Burns domestic life



Lord Dalmeny and Professor Gerard Carruthers of the University of Glasgow at Barnbogle Castle looking through the Burnsiana book. Photo: Martin Shields.

An astonishing discovery found at a 13th century Scottish castle has shed new light on the day-to-day domestic life of Robert Burns and his family, academics at the University of Glasgow have revealed. The academics from the University's Centre for Robert Burns Studies were invited to Barnbogle Castle near Edinburgh by the Rosebery family to look at a collection of rare Burns manuscripts and books collected by one of their ancestors. While at the castle undertaking research for the Oxford University Press edition of *The Works of Robert Burns* they were shown an "unexpected bonus" of a book labelled simply *Burnsiana*. The book - which includes Burns letters, memoranda, and trades bills - has now been loaned by the Rosebery Family to the University to allow for more detailed study and research.

Burnsiana is part of the library of the former 19th century Prime Minister, Archibald Primrose, 5th Earl of Rosebery, 1st Earl of Midlothian, who during his lifetime amassed an excellent library which he kept mainly at Barnbogle. A keen collector, historian and writer, Rosebery was an admirer of Scotland's national poet and did a great deal in his lifetime to protect and celebrate Burns' legacy. So far, the Glasgow experts who are carrying out a major project - Editing Burns for the 21st century, led by Professor Gerard Carruthers, have uncovered a completely new "game changing" set of evidence on the building of Burns' six apartment Ellisland Farmhouse as well as bills and receipts which show the domestic economy overseen by Jean Armour of not only his farm but his last home in Dumfries.

Superb collection

Professor Gerard Carruthers, the Francis Hutcheson Chair of Scottish Literature at the University and a world leading Burns expert, said: "We are so grateful to the Rosebery family for giving us access to this superb collection and in particular for lending us *Burnsiana* to delve even further into the materials held within it. The book contains a full set of evidence for Burns' construction of Ellisland, previously

unknown, including quantities of nails, floorboards and door frames. Here we have the minutiae of Burns constructing his first family dwelling as an adult, building both a house and a home." He added: "But it also paints a fascinating picture of life at Ellisland including bills for shoes, buttons and buckles to clothing materials like corduroy, calico and linen. It shows Jean Armour's domestic economy including what foods they were growing at Ellisland with receipts for seeds including cabbage, beans and linseed to quantities of beer and honey consumed. This material is a real game changer for our knowledge of Ellisland and its future conservation."

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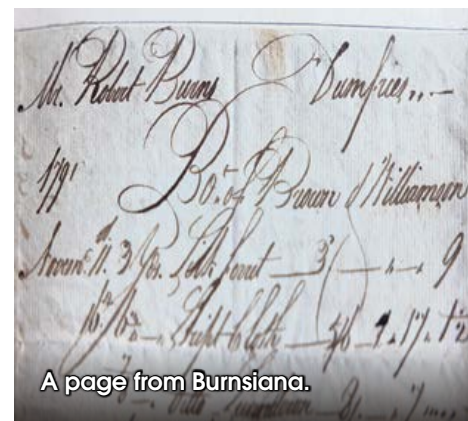
Dr Pauline Mackay, Co-Director of the Centre for Robert Burns Studies and Chair of Burns Scotland, said: "This exciting discovery is particularly timely as the Robert Burns Ellisland Trust look to re-develop the home Burns built into a heritage site for the 21st century. It will also enable us to contemplate further how we might use XR (Extended Reality) technology to compose and access important Burns-related sites, and to illuminate their evolution from the eighteenth century to the present day." The building receipts are from 18 September 1788 to 30 May 1789 and are titled "For Materials for a House at Ellisland". They are from Thomas Boyd, who built the farmhouse and outbuilding, and charters the construction of Ellisland Farm over the course of eight months. Burns was especially creative during the years he lived at Ellisland writing a quarter of his songs and poems including *Auld Lang Syne* and *Tam o' Shanter*.

Scotland's national poet

Lord Dalmeny and Lady Jane Kaplan, the children of the 7th Earl of Rosebery and great-grandchildren of Archibald Primrose the 5th Earl, have been instrumental in supporting the Centre for Robert Burns Studies research into their family's collection. Lord Dalmeny, who is the chairman of Sotheby's auction house in the UK, said: "The 5th Earl, my great-grandfather, rebuilt Barnbogle, which is only a short walk from our family's Dalmeny House, into the ultimate "shed at the bottom of the garden" which included six libraries. He was a keen collector and historian, with a passion for reading and learning and some of his vast book collection, including *Burnsiana*, are still housed at Barnbogle." Lord Dalmeny added: "My great-grandfather was a Robert Burns enthusiast and admirer who during his lifetime amassed a wonderful collection of Burns materials and artefacts. This enthusiasm for Burns is well documented in the 5th Earl's writings and speeches. But it is only through the expertise of the team at the University of Glasgow that today we realised the full significance of the *Burnsiana* book collect by my great grandfather - a significance we are sure the 5th Earl would have known but unfortunately this knowledge died with him in 1929. It is very exciting for his family to continue our great grandfather's

work helping ensure that Burns' legacy is protected for further generations. It is marvellous to see that 226 years after his death, Burns scholars continue to reveal new and fascinating details of the life of Scotland's national poet."

Robert Burns took over the lease of Ellisland Farm on Whitsun 1788. But he did not begin farming work until 11 June 1788. Ellisland had no farmhouse or farm buildings and Patrick Miller provided Burns with £300 to build one, construct the byre, cart shed, etc. and to stock the farm and enclose the fields. Robert had formally married Jean Armour on 20 March, 1788. While Robert lived on the farm, his wife Jean and their two-year-old son Robert would not move into the farm until June 1789. The family moved to Dumfries House from Ellisland in 1791.



A page from Burnsiana.

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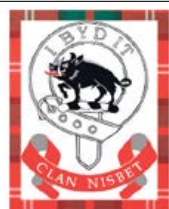
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Scotland's best-selling cookbook author returns to the US to serve up the Hebrides on a plate



Caledonian Cream, Posh Mince & Tatties to a Flying Scotsman, First Footers Martini to Empire Biscuits and a chapter of festive recipes to light up your Christmas table. This book is filled with treats to make every Scot and lover of Scotland flock to their kitchens!

A breath of fresh Scottish island air to your kitchen

The book tour will take Coinneach to Washington DC, Boston, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Fort Collins, CO and Chicago, with further dates and cities being announced soon. "I'm so excited to be visiting the US again, I have loved sharing my passion for Scotland and the Hebrides across America and can't wait to meet friends, old and new at my book events. There will be island stories, some Gaelic songs and the chance to meet myself and Peter", said Coinneach in advance of his trip across the Atlantic.

From his granny's recipes to bakes from Scandinavia, this book is filled to the brim with dishes to explore, stunning landscapes, and Gaelic words of wisdom to bring a breath of fresh Scottish island air to your kitchen. There is something for every home cook and baker in this lovingly crafted collection of homemade delights. Coinneach MacLeod was born and raised on the Isle of Lewis, the most northerly of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. Inspired by traditional family recipes and homegrown



produce, he has motivated his worldwide followers to bake, forage, learn Gaelic, enjoy a dram or two of whisky, and to seek a more wholesome, simple life. Along with his partner Peter and their Westie pup

Seoras, Coinneach's aim is to bring the best of the Scottish islands to a worldwide audience.

Tickets can be purchased for the events at <https://hebrideanbaker.com/tour>

Virginia International Tattoo 2023 - A Tribute to Military Families



The most international cast ever, with performers from nine different countries - including Ukraine!

The 2023 Virginia International Tattoo will feature the largest international cast to date, April 20 - 23 in Norfolk, Virginia. Nine countries will bring their awe-inspiring performers to Norfolk and be a part of the largest spectacle of music and might in the United States. Performers from Australia, Latvia, New Zealand, Singapore, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and more will join the cast in what is sure to be an emotional and inspirational Tribute to Military Families. As the Tattoo's Producer/Director, J. Scott Jackson said: "Imagine if Hollywood decided to create an old fashioned epic motion picture with a patriotic theme and

you had a chance to see it performed live. You would have: A huge cast, stunning costumes, intricate choreography, a dramatic musical soundtrack, moments of sheer spectacle, stirring pride and patriotism, something to make you laugh, something to make you cry, 2 hours that flew by way too fast and a really good villain. Replace the villain with 125 bag pipers and drummers and you have the 2023 Virginia International Tattoo."

What is the Tattoo?

The centuries-old tradition of Tattoo originated as a signal from drummers instructing Dutch innkeepers near military

garrisons to "Doe den Tap-too" or "turn off the tap". Hearing the call "Tap-too" soldiers would return to their barracks for an evening roll call. The ensuing parade of soldiers evolved into a military marching band performance now known worldwide as "Tattoo." The Tattoos seen across the world today are ceremonial performances of military music by massed bands.

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Each Tattoo is influenced by the culture of the country they represent. Fans of these massed spectacles of music and might flock to the world's great Tattoos: Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland, Basel Tattoo in Switzerland, and Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Canada. But the greatest Tattoo in the United States, and rivaling the largest in the world, is the Virginia International Tattoo.

The Virginia International Tattoo is located in the Coastal Virginia city of Norfolk - home to the world's largest Navy base, NATO's only North American headquarters, and the largest population of active duty and retired military in the United States. With "home port" in these waters, it is no surprise that the Tattoo is widely known as the most patriotic in the world.

Tickets and Information: www.vafest.org, by phone at 757-282-2822, or in person at the Virginia Arts Festival Box Office located at 440 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA 23510. **Attending the Virginia International Tattoo When:** Thursday, April 20, 7:30 pm, Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 22, 7:30 pm, Sunday, April 23, 2:30 pm. **Where:** Scope Arena, 201 E. Brambleton Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia. **Stay up to date:** Follow the Virginia International Tattoo on social media platforms @VaTatt and subscribe to the Virginia International Tattoo YouTube page for the latest and greatest content, behind-the-scenes, cast takeovers, and more.



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Canada

MARCH 2023

Scottish Studies Virtual Lecture 6, Virtual; event

Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh. The Future of Football Architecture? Focusing on Edinburgh's Tynecastle Park, the key issue is the survival of historical inner-city sports arenas and the quest to make football architecture more sustainable. The talk also highlights the importance of Archibald Leitch, the Scotsman who defined modern football architecture more than any other individual in the UK. The talk will briefly address some cultural connections between Scotland and the Norwegian south-west coast, where the guest speaker grew up. Info: www.eventbrite.ca/e/tynecastle-park-edinburgh-the-future-of-football-architecture-tickets-513100937717

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Monthly Cèilidh – Comunn Gàidhlig Toronto 17, Virtual event

Comunn Gàidhlig Toronto is inviting you to a Zoom Cèilidh. Join us to speak and learn Gaelic, enjoy cultural fun and activities, share a story, song or dance and help grow our Gaelic community together. Info: gaelictoronto@gmail.com or www.gaelicsocietytoronto.com/friday-night-ceilidh.html

CelticFest Vancouver 17-18, Vancouver, BC

Two-day festival back at the Vancouver Art Gallery in a celebration of Celtic culture. Info: www.celticfestvancouver.com

West End (Toronto) SCD Workshop 25, Toronto, ON

Scottish Country Dance workshop and tea dance includes two morning classes, lunch, tea dance & light refreshments. Minimum age 14 yrs. Guest teachers from London, U.K. and Ottawa, Ontario will each teach a basic class and a challenging class with local musicians providing music at Humberwood Community Centre, 850 Humberwood Blvd. Etobicoke. Option of attending tea dance only. Pre-registration required. Visit <http://dancescottish.ca/whats-On-Near.html> for more information about class structure, teachers and fees.

Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band Spring Fling 25, St Catharines, ON

Featuring Niagara Highland Dance Academy, Rince na Tiarna Adult Irish Dancers, Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band and featuring vocalist Codi Feller at Merritton Community Centre 7 Park Ave. Info: www.facebook.com/niagararegionalpolicepipeband

Robbie Burns Dinner and Fundraiser 26, Welland, ON

Support the dancers of Tara's School of Highland Dance as we celebrate the life of Robbie Burns with a night of Scottish eats and dancing at Royal Canadian Legion 383 Morningstar Ave. Info: tara_olah@hotmail.com

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society 26, Winkler, MB

A great mix of country dancing and step dancing at PW Enns Centennial Concert Hall 783 Mountain Ave. Info: www.winklerconcerthall.ca

25th Annual Lethbridge Scottish Country Dancers Workshop & Ball 31-April 2, Lethbridge, AB

Lethbridge SCD will now celebrate their 40th anniversary and 25th workshop and ball at Lethbridge Signature Sandman Inn, 320 Scenic Dr. Info: www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org

APRIL 2023

On the Road to Holland 2, Ottawa, ON

Join the RCMP Pipes, Drums and Dancers for an afternoon of music and dance as they prepare to travel to the Netherlands at Orleans United Church 1111 Orléans Blvd. Info: <http://bit.ly/3WQAKN6>

Happy Tartan Day 6, Nationwide

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish heritage on April 6, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. Wear some tartan with pride today!

Tartan Day Pub Night 9, Toronto, ON

The St. Andrew's Society is pleased to announce an evening of Scottish-Canadian hospitality with a night of Celtic music, culture and fun at Noonan's Pub. Info: www.standrewstoronto.ca

Maggie The Musical 19-May 6, Hamilton, ON

World premiere of "Maggie" at Theatre Aquarius: Meet Maggie, a Scottish single mother of three boys. Set between 1954 and 1976, Maggie tells the inspirational tale of a fiery school cleaner living in the mining town of Lanarkshire, Scotland. After suffering an unthinkable loss, Maggie must rely on her strength, sense of humour and fiercely loyal group of friends to raise her boys and protect them from the harsh and ever-changing world around them. Based on a true story, Maggie features a soul-stirring score by award-winning Scottish-Canadian recording artist Johnny Reid and is produced by Michael Rubinoff, the originating producer of the smash hit musical 'Come From Away'. at Theatre Aquarius, 190 King William St. Info: www.maggiethemusical.com

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RSCDS Winnipeg 50th Anniversary Workshop & Ball 21-23, Winnipeg, MB

Join the RSCDS Winnipeg for a weekend Scottish Country Dancing events at Victoria Inn. Info: www.rscdswinnipeg.ca

National Tartan Day 23, Ottawa, ON

A grand celebration of heritage and tradition for everyone - with a parade from the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa to Parliament Hill, come along in your tartans and enjoy the pipes and drums, dancing, and the corgis! We welcome guest players and dancers to register on the band website to take part, and everyone else can come up and be counted with us! In our 15th year, the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band are very pleased to present this terrific free concert on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Post party at Deacon Brodies Pub, 247 Elgin Street. In a kiln? Get a free dram! Info: www.sospb.com

USA

MARCH 2023

Phoenix Scottish Games 3-5, Gilbert, AZ

Scotland Returns to the Desert at Gilbert Regional Park, 3005 E. Queen Creek Rd. Info: www.phoenixscottishgames.com

South Florida Scottish Festival and Highland Games 4, Plantation, FL

Includes pipe bands, Clans, ceilidh, Celtic entertainment and more at Plantation Heritage Park. Info: www.sassf.org

The Hebridean Baker US Book Tour 9 -16, Various venues

Coinneach MacLeod, the Hebridean Baker is returning to North America for his second book tour to celebrate the release of his second cookbook, My Scottish Island Kitchen. The book tour will take Coinneach to Washington DC, Boston, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Fort Collins, CO and Chicago, with further dates and cities being announced. Tickets can be purchased for the events at <https://hebrideanbaker.com/tour>

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37th Annual Calaveras Celtic Faire 10-12, Angels Camp CA

A celebration of Celtic culture, music, events and more at Calaveras County Fairgrounds. Info: www.calaverascelticfaire.com

St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival 11-12, St Augustine FL

St. Augustine, Florida is America's oldest Celtic city, experience top international & U.S. Celtic bands, Highland games, parade, whiskey tasting, workshops, lectures, Celtic food and more at Francis Field, 29 W. Castillo Dr. Info: www.celticstaugustine.com

Sherman Celtic Festival and Highland Games 25-26, Sherman, TX

A family-friendly event featuring some of the best music, dance, and athletic performers at Pecan Grove West Park, 3200 Canyon Creek Dr. Info: www.shermancelticfest.com

Tartan Day South 30-April 2, Cayce, SC

Honors the Celtic culture and heritage in South Carolina's Midlands region. Info: www.tartandaysouth.com

APRIL 2023

Dunedin Highland Games 1, Dunedin, FL

Highland dance competitions as well as Pipe Band and Heavy Athletics contests. Food, craft beer, Celtic merchandise and more at at Highlander Park. Info: www.dunedinhighlandgames.com

Dressed to Kilt 20th Anniversary Show 1, Washington, DC

The largest and most prestigious Scottish fashion event in the world. The theme of the 2023 show will be "Country Cool – Twenty Years of Dressed to Kilt". This show will also be remembering Queen Elizabeth II and Sir Sean Connery, and again raising funds for the Navy SEAL Foundation. Info: www.dressedtokilt.com

San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival 1-2, Helotes, TX

A celebration of Scottish heritage with music, Clans, entertainment and more at Helotes Festival Grounds, 12210 Leslie Rd. Info: www.sahga.org

Tartan Film Festival 1-9, Los Angeles, CA

A celebration of Scottish film presented by the St. Andrew's Society LA. Info: www.tartanfilmfest.com

The Washington Tatoo Gala '23 3, Centreville, VA

Experience an evening of amazing music, entertainment, dance and art all while enjoying award winning wine from the Winery at Bull Run all set on the historic battlefield location. Info: www.thewashingtontatoo.com

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Scottish American History Forum 8, Chicago, IL

Topic: Victorian Travelers in Scotland. Presenter Professor Kevin James, PhD, Scottish Studies Foundation Chair, and Professor of History, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. This event is complimentary. To attend email: jacksanders@chicagoscots.org.

Colorado Tartan Day Festival 8-9, Longmont CO

Celebrate Tartan Day with food, vendors, live music, clans, and more at Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Rd. Info: www.coloradotartanday.com

Charleston National Tartan Day Dinner 14, Charleston, SC

Honors our Scottish American community and our diaspora. Established by U.S. Senate resolution 155 in 1998. Presented by The Robert Burns Society of Charleston. Info: www.burnscharleston.org

Pittsburgh Tartan Day 15, Bethel Park, PA

Celebrating our Scottish heritage at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Info: www.standrewspittsburgh.org

25th Annual NYC Tartan Day Parade 15, New York, NY

A celebration of Scotland in the heart of NY for Tartan Day celebration, main parade in addition to events around NY during the week. Info: www.nycTartanWeek.org

Ormond Beach Celtic Festival 15-16, Ormond Beach, FL

Five stages of live music, traditional Celtic food & vendors, Celtic clans, Highland Games, and plenty of activities for the wee ones. Info: www.ormondbeachcelticfestival.com

RedStone Highland Games & Festival 15-16, St George, UT

Celebrate the thrill & excitement of the ancient Highland Games at Sandtown Park. Info: www.redstonehighlandgames.com

Las Vegas Highland Games 15-16, Las Vegas, NV

A festival for the community featuring Celtic music, food, vendors, and athletics at Craig Ranch Park. Info: www.lasvegascelticsociety.org

Loch Norman Highland Games 15-16, Huntersville, NC

Come and experience all the fun with Highland Dancing, Bagpipe Bands, Highland Athletics, Scottish Clan Societies and more at historic Rural Hill. Info: www.lochnorman.com

A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures 20, New York, NY

A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures, The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's annual fundraising gala and auction. This festive evening of Scottish music, dining, and dancing will be held at New York City's beautiful Metropolitan Club. Info: www.ntsusa.org/about-us/celebration-gala

Virginia International Tattoo 20-23, Norfolk, VA

The heartbeat of the 2023 Virginia International Tattoo will be its incredible international cast of more than 800 performers, with bands from the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps joined by civilian and military performers from 7 nations at Scope Arena, 201 E Brambleton Ave. Info: 757-282-2800 or www.vafest.org/tattoo

Grapevine Lake Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games 22, Grapevine, TX

Scottish music, Heavy events, dancers and more at Meadowmere Park, 3000 Meadowmere Lane. Info: www.grapevineceltic.com

Scotland

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An evening of Traditional Scottish fiddle music 11, Edinburgh

The Edinburgh Highland Reel & Strathspey Society is delighted to return to the Queen's Hall to present another varied programme of traditional Scottish fiddle music. The evening will feature the orchestra, under the baton of well-known Scottish fiddle-player Yla Steven BEM, playing a selection of marches, strathspeys, reels, jigs and hauntingly beautiful slow airs. Info: www.thequeenshall.net

Six Nations: Scotland vs Ireland 12, Edinburgh

Scotland take on Ireland in this Six Nations fixture at Murrayfield Stadium. Info: www.scottishrugby.org

Borders Art Fair 17-19, Kelso

The family-friendly weekend event at the Borders Events Centre, Kelso, features a wide variety of work ranging from landscape, wildlife and portrait painting through to animal sculptures, botanical castings, ceramics and stone carvings. Info: www.bordersartfair.com

Spirit of Perthshire 18, Perth

Annual Whisky Festival featuring the best distillers and independent bottlers of today at Gannochy Suite-Perth Ice Rink. Info: www.spiritofperthshire.co.uk

RCS BMus Trad Music – Piping Degree Concert 23, Glasgow

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's BMus – Piping students showcase their playing. This fantastic night of piping from our Undergraduate Students of all years. With a mixture of solo performances and year group sets the night will be full of varying repertoire, from piobaireachd to puirt. Info: www.thepipingcentre.co.uk/visit/concerts/concerts

Hawick Reivers Festival 24-26, Hawick

A programme of music, drama and re-enactments depicting life in the Scottish Borders in the mid-16th century, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2023. Info: www.hawickreivers.com

Clackmannanshire's Whisky Festival 31-April 1, Alloa

The best whiskies from Scotland and the world, together with interactive cooping demonstrations; a heritage exhibition; exhibits from Clackmannanshire's whisky producing past in the historic Alloa Town Hall. Info: www.slanj.events/clackmannanshires-whisky-festival

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Pullinger the Pioneer



Dorothea Pullinger. Photo: Facebook.

Dorothea Pullinger was a trailblazing pioneer car engineer in the 1920s, most famous for designing and building a “car for women” at her factory at Tongland near Kirkcudbright. As one of Dumfries and Galloway’s most famous daughters, Dorothea worked in munitions during World War One, before going on to oversee the design and construction of the Galloway, and training a mostly female workforce as engineers, as David McVey explains.

When you watch car ads on TV, and it is often painful to do so, you can see that each product is marketed at a target market: young people, cool people, people who like rap music, people who see themselves as fun, family men and women. And there is nothing new about this. As early as the 1920s, there was a car being specifically designed and built for women and marketed with them in mind. And not only was the Galloway car built in Scotland, but it was also built for women by women.

Dorothea Pullinger was born in Paris in 1894. Her father, Thomas, was an engineer working in the then new motor industry. They moved back to the United Kingdom (Pullinger was originally a Londoner), and eventually to Scotland, settling near Dalry in Ayrshire. Thomas Pullinger became Managing Director at the Paisley factory of Arrol-Johnston, the Scottish motor manufacturer. In 1910, Dorothea started working there as a trainee draughtswoman. By all accounts, her father took some persuading that this was a suitable career for a daughter. Yet she confounded the expectations of the time and proved to be very good at her job. In 1914 she applied for membership of the Institution of Automobile Engineers but was refused - because she was a woman.



Female-only workforce

During the First World War Dorothea managed female munitions workers at the Vickers factory in Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria. By the end of the war, she was in charge of around 7000 workers. She received an MBE for her war work and in 1921 the Institution of Automobile Engineers marked changing times by accepting her. In 1919 she was one of the founding members of the Women's Engineering Society.

Women's apprenticeships were timed to last three years rather than five, because it seemed that they learned more quickly!

In the 1920s Dorothea returned to Scotland, to the motor industry and to Arrol-Johnston. She persuaded her father to let her take over the Galloway Motors factory, an Arrol-Johnston subsidiary, at Tongland, near Kirkcudbright. It had been built during the war for the manufacture of aeroplane parts. Dorothea recruited a female-only workforce. Her project included an engineering college for women in the factory. Women's apprenticeships were timed to last three years rather than five, because it seemed that they learned more quickly! As if that were not

rear-view mirror. Production switched to Arrol-Johnston's Heathhall factory, north of Dumfries, in 1923, when Tongland was closed down. Heathhall had been designed by Dorothea's father based on North American practice.

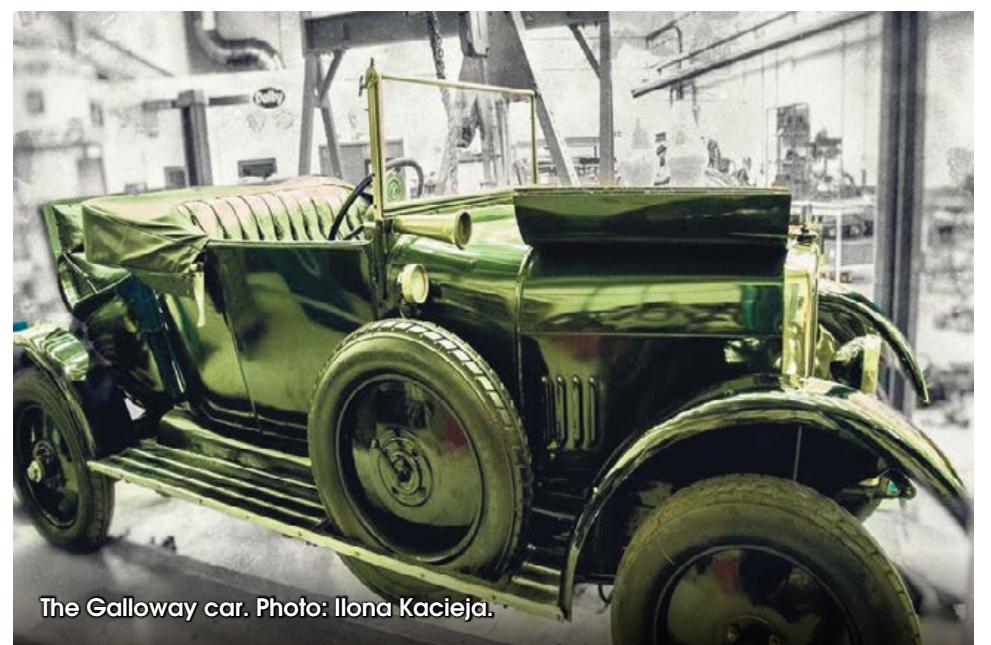
Always up for a challenge, Dorothea entered the Six Day Trials for motor cars a number of times and won it in 1924 - she drove a Galloway, of course. In the same year she married Edward Marshall Martin, a P&O ship's purser. They would go on to have two children.

Scotland's pioneer of women in engineering

Production of the Galloway had ceased by 1930. Around four thousand were sold during the 1920s. Dorothea worked for a while in sales for Arrol-Johnston but apparently got fed up being told she was taking up a man's job. She moved south with her family to Croydon where she ran a steam laundry; this was not really a break from engineering as she imported state-of-the-art equipment. During the Second World War she set up the women's industrial war work programme for Lord Nuffield and ran thirteen munitions' factories, reprising her First World War service but on an even grander scale. She also served on the Ministry of Production's Industrial Panel, a body tasked with addressing the shape of post-war industry.

Dorothea Pullinger moved to Guernsey after the war and again worked in the laundry industry. She is said to have driven, not altogether carefully, around the island in a battered Galloway. Scotland's pioneer of women in engineering died aged 92 in 1986. The Tongland factory building survives, partly still occupied, having seen a variety of industrial and commercial uses.

It is astonishing that such a revolutionary operation thrived in Scotland in the 1920s, but perhaps less surprising that it has been largely forgotten. Only one Galloway car is on public display in the United Kingdom, in Glasgow's Riverside Museum. It is accompanied by a number of exhibits relating to Dorothea Pullinger. She was inaugurated into the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame in 2012. Hopefully her name can become better known, and she can inspire young women engineers again.



The Galloway car. Photo: Ilona Kacieja.

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