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Robert Burns: *Burns Two Twenty Festival* celebrates 220th anniversary of the first ever supper in honour of Scotland's bard

The first Burns Supper 220 years ago was celebrated with a festival including live music at the poet's birthplace.

The Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and cottage in Alloway – where Scotland's bard was born – hosted a five-day festival in

July to mark the 220th anniversary of the first Burns Supper.

The first ever supper was held on the 5th anniversary of Burns' death on July 21, 1801 by friends in the Alloway cottage.

Now Burns suppers are observed on the poet's birthday on January 25.

The Burns Two Twenty Festival on July 21, 2021, featured day and evening activities for all ages, including a range of free events.

The festival took place at the cottage and other landmarks linked to the poet including the Auld Kirk.

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National Aviation Day is observed in the United States on August 19 each year to celebrate the history and development of the aviation. It coincides with the birthday of Orville Wright who, together with his brother Wilbur, made significant contributions to powered flight.





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All Border Reiver family names made more than welcome at our Rubble Built Scots Tower House.

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Johnnie Armstrong of Gilnockie Coffee Bar temporarily closed due to COVID 19 restrictions. Takeaway hot beverages available

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A new pattern especially for summer. The Highland Rose tartan!

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Scottish wildcat kittens given adorable names at Scotland's Five Sisters Zoo



The recent arrivals will continue plans to bring back this ultra-rare Scottish animal from the brink of extinction.

The Five Sisters Zoo has revealed the names of their three recently born adorable Scottish Wildcat kittens.

The two furry boys and a girl have been named Barra, Rum and Rona after the Scottish islands.

The theme follows the previous kittens born at the park - Harris, Arran and Jura.

The litter has been the centre of attention since arriving at West Calder facility, near Livingston.

Staff at the park recently confirmed that the trio, who have been spotted eagerly exploring their enclosure under the watchful eyes of their attentive parents, had undergone their first health check and vaccinations.

The adorable kittens received their first medical examination recently and received a check-up and vaccinations.

This brings the total number of kittens born at the park to six over the past 16 months.

A post on the zoo's official Facebook read: "Wildcats are one of Scotland's rarest and most threatened mammals and these wildcat kittens are part of



the UK conservation breeding programme.

"Visitors are able to see the playful new additions as they explore their surroundings and get up to mischief with their older siblings."

Speaking about the exciting new ar-

rivals, head carnivore keeper at Five Sisters, Gary Curran, said: "With the Scottish Wildcat population being so fragile it's fantastic to have yet another successful breeding season.

With estimates of only 35 remaining in the wild, Scottish wildcats are 50 times rarer than the giant panda, and the tiny population is under threat from the destruction of their habitat.

But it is hoped that international breeding program and other projects like it will be able to save the species from extinction and births of litters like this one of three kittens are vital.

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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



The Hill House, Helensburgh

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Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Special Invitation: *Beethoven and The Bard*

Fellows are cordially invited to an online virtual exhibition tour of *Beethoven, Burns, and the Folksong*, created, curated, and presented by Dr William Zachs, FSA Scot.

Displaying items from his collection, including original manuscripts in the hands of Beethoven and Burns, Zachs tells the story of a collaboration between Europe's great composer and Scotland's National Bard - all accompanied by the examples of the music they produced.

The one-hour online tour will take place on Monday 16th of August at 5 pm (BST) and will be delivered via Zoom.

If you would like to book a place and attend this online event then please email <Jade at Fellowship@socantscot.org > to receive the Zoom link and login details.

News From the Sector

Rising from the Ashes

On the 11th of June, the iconic crannog reconstruction at the Scottish Crannog Centre in Perthshire was destroyed by fire.

Mike Benson, Director of the Centre called the loss "devastating", but said, "Importantly, the Museum Collection is intact and no-one has been hurt."

If you would like to show your support to this award-winning site, the Museum and Iron Age village are still open for tours.

A crowdfunding campaign has been set up where "every penny raised will be dedicated to the restoration".



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*Blair House, the ancestral home of the Blair family in the
Ayrshire region, has history to circa 1800.*

Clan Blair





Flowers of the Forest

Blythe Ann Hockensmith



Blythe Ann Hockensmith (1955 - 2021) passed away June 14 after battling cancer for 18 months.

She leaves behind her husband, Bill Hockensmith, a daughter Mary Bett Stahl and two grandchildren.

Blythe, along with Alex Rose, incorporated the Scottish Society of Louisville in 1993.

She was immensely proud of her Scottish heritage and was highly active in the Scottish Society of Louisville until they moved to Bowling Green.

Blythe was instrumental in me joining the Scottish Society of Louisville and helped me navigate my first experience organizing

the Society's Burns Night.

She was an avid seamstress working for Disney World and could make magic come to life.

Blythe was also a member of the Kingdom of Raknar.

Thank you, Blythe Ann, for showing me the ropes and being my friend.

Submitted by
Pat Murray Schweitzer



Our sympathy and concern go out to Blythe Ann's family.

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You can visit our webpage for more information. The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <rickconn@bellsouth.net>

When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



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The Queen's Summer Get-away, Balmoral Castle



Daily Record 

The Queen's Aberdeenshire home, Balmoral Castle, has been in the hands of the royal family for generations.

The original summer home of the Royals, its connection to the family dates back to 1852 when Prince Albert purchased it as a gift for Queen Victoria after they fell in love with the Highlands during their previous visits to Scotland.

Not actually part of the Crown Estate, the castle is directly owned by the Queen and considered to be her private residence.

Her Majesty and her family have regularly spent summers at the estate, which lies close to the Village of Crathie in Royal Deeside, since she was a young girl.

History of the Balmoral Estate

There has been a house on the site since the middle ages, though the family who originally owned the estate, The Farquharsons, were sympathetic to the

Jacobite cause and were involved in both uprisings, however, after Culloden the area and its castle were forfeit and the land was given away to another branch of the family.

After passing through the ownership of several lairds it, was eventually snapped up by Prince Albert around the 1850s.

Balmoral Castle

The current castle was not the original one that stood on the site when Prince Albert first acquired it. The predecessor to the current castle was considered to be too small for the Queen's tastes.

So work on a new castle, which was made using granite and built in the Scottish Baronial style, was completed in 1855, with Prince Albert and Aberdeen architect William Smith working on the designs.

The interior, styled like a Scottish hunting lodge, was filled with trophies, tartan carpets and weapons.

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Tickets to visit: <<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/balmoral-estates>>



Chief of the Paisley Family, Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea.

Clan Paisley Society

All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)*




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The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots, 1165-1214.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Check out the **Clan Paisley Society** webpage at <www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk> to see what's happening with us this year. Contact Diane Langston at <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

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Balmoral Estate, the Queen's Get-Away, continued from page 11

The Queen and Prince Albert often spent long summers there enjoying long walks, painting and sketching and of course hunting the estate's abundant population of wild birds and deer.

The pair quickly developed an affinity for Scotland, and when Prince Albert sadly passed away in December 1861, Queen Victoria erected a spectacular Pyramid shaped cairn in his memory on the estate.

Now covering an area of approximately 50,000 acres, Queen Elizabeth's love affair with Balmoral dates back to the 1950s, with her husband the late Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip taking an active role in caring for the estate.

The Queen still visits Balmoral annually and en-

joys spending her summers on the estate.

Open from early August each year, the estate's opening times usually run from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

Tickets to this beautiful Highland estate that lies close to both Ballater and Braemar must be booked in advance - you can book them at <<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/balmoral-estates>>

What can you see when you visit?

You can see the gardens, exhibitions and, of course, the famous Ballroom at Balmoral, which is the only room in the castle open to the public.

Also on site is the Mews Gift Shop, where you can buy souvenirs, a coffee shop, cafe and even a restaurant.

*Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip
on the estate in the 1980s.*



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Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant
spellings.*

We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com



Resurfacing Footprints of the Past

Maintenance work on an Argyll canal has resulted in the ruins of an ancient castle becoming visible for the first time in centuries.

The Crinan Canal was drained over the winter months as part of a four million pound facelift to improve safety at the scenic site.

The process exposed what is believed to be the ancient seat of the Clan MacTavish.

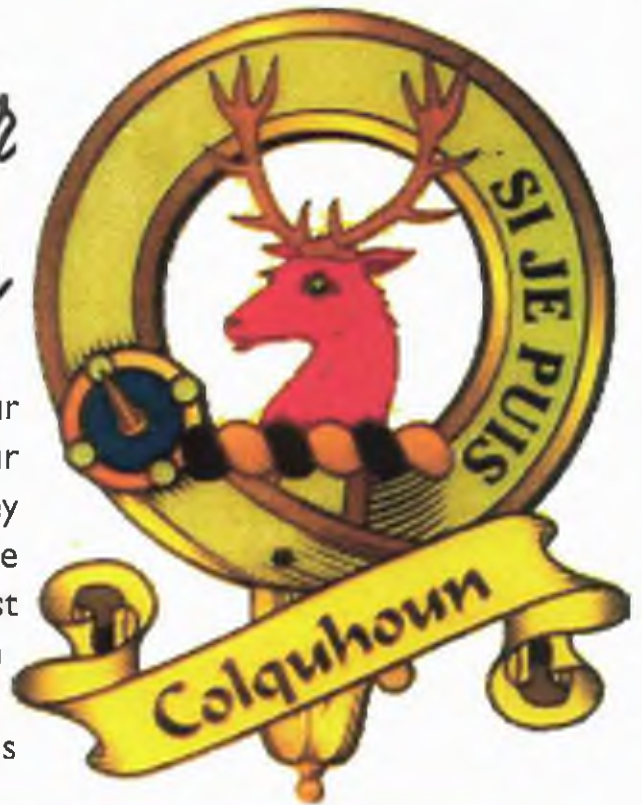
According to the clan historian, that is a sight no living person has ever laid eyes on before.

When work was completed earlier, the ruins once again disappeared under the murky waters of Loch A'bhharain - a freshwater loch used to feed the canal once more.

Members of the Clan MacTavish are calling for a memorial to be placed on the spot.

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**Have You Heard?
About the Anglo-Scottish Border**

*Issue Eighty-Six
July 2021*

It is important that the visitor to this remarkable locale remembers, you are about to travel back into the 16th century, during your brief but exciting excursion into the Anglo-Scottish Borderland.

Compared to what there was langsyne, there is little to witness by way of castles, Pele towers, and castle houses, other than a few outlines of what was once a family home.

An extraordinary amount of the structural remains from times gone by, and connected to the Armstrong family, for that matter to any other domestic dwelling both North and South of the Anglo-Scottish line, now lie moldering beneath the land adjacent to the countless churchyards, remote border hillsides, and the barren open land.

For the most part, and due to the vengeance and retribution wreaked upon those, in many cases, unfortunate families, over the previous centuries, and of course, following the 1603 Union of the Crowns, those buildings were raised to the ground. Many of the sites continue on as peaceful and pleasant grassy platforms, and in a number of cases, can only be accessed if permission is sought from local farmers and landowners.

The Armstrong family allegedly arrived into Liddesdale from North West Cumberland sometime around the very early 14th century, possibly inward bound from their earlier settlements, within the northern counties of England.

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We have been keeping in touch with our friends at Canonbie Primary School who carried out the assembly of the *LEGO Lunar Lander*. Some time ago we challenged the school to see if they were up for building two *LEGO* models, both relating to one of our VIP tower visitors back in March 1972, Neil Armstrong the first man on the moon, and yes they were up for the challenge!

The vehicle proudly stands inside its own glass cabinet awaiting its colleague, the *LEGO Apollo 11* kit. This *LEGO* kit when assembled will also sit in the glass cabinet, an immense and without doubt complicated accomplishment by those young people from Canonbie.

However, we should not forget the many other mature helpers involved in this project.

Gilnockie sends a grateful thank you to you all.



Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

Friends,

2020 - and all of the canceled highland games nationwide - are now behind us. With great hope we look forward to the 2021 season of games and festivals.

While we are saddened to have canceled the 2020 games for the health and safety of our guests, we are delighted that our dedicated volunteers were able to provide our guests with a 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games. Now a permanent fixture on the internet, our virtual games can continuously be enjoyed by all until we can all get back on the field and gather for what is internationally known as the "friendly games."

We are looking forward to hosting and seeing you in **2021** as we present the **49th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival** October 16th and 17th in the meadow at **Stone Mountain Park, GA**. Information about 2021 tickets and events will be posted on our website sometime in January.

Until then relive the 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games on our website.

Once again, we look forward to 2021 and safely gathering with you, our friends, at the games. See you there!

Yours Aye,

Norman P. Livermore
President - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

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From the 14th to the 17th century, the Reivers were the riding and raiding families on both sides of the English/Scottish Border. During that period, no man could sleep safely, and cattle could not be left unguarded. The centuries of warfare between the two countries had created an anarchical and uncontrollable society and people barely survived day today.

Light cavalry, night riders, marauders, insurgents, guerrilla fighters, gangsters – call them what you like, the Border Reivers gave the words ‘bereaved’ or deprive of, and ‘blackmail’ to the English language. The word ‘reive’ is explained in the Oxford Dictionary as cattle raiding on the Scottish Border, as well as to steal, thief or plunder.

The Dark Ewes Valley

These people lived by thieving anything, absolutely anything that was transportable and of use to the family kinfolks, and the enemy was normally anyone outside the family or clan.

There was an added difficulty when the dispute was between a family’s own kinfolks, an added part of their way of life, an existence of ongoing feuding and fighting.

It wasn’t just Scotland versus England, they were people who were ‘Scots when they will, and English at their pleasure,’ but feuding between the two countries resulted in diverse areas of the Borderland, at times, becoming a constant struggle for survival.

Kings of that time found it an advantage to have such experienced men operating in the border area as it gave an automatic ‘first line of defence’ where the land could potentially be invaded by outsiders.

Fighting was instilled from birth. When children were christened, the right hand was left out of the ceremony so they might grow up to ‘strike unhallowed blows on their enemies.’

It was said then, that a Borderers allegiance was to family first, and then, and only occasionally, but dependant on what gain there was to King and Country.

This is only a start to *The Anglo-Scots Borderland Reiver Trail 60*. It is an extension to what is already in place, a 60 Mile Self Drive Historical Day Tour of the Anglo-Scots Borderland.

Further information soon! Please keep an eye

on our new <www.theborderreivertrail.co.uk> website

The Anglo-Scots Borderland Reiver Trail 60

What else have we been up to during that enforced closedown? Well, Tom, our senior guide has been head down at his computer screen scheming up a few interesting developments that may interest some of our visitors.

We have taken the Old Reiver Trail, the one Fiona Armstrong designed and installed around 20 years ago, and added a real flavor of the Anglo-Scottish Borders to it. The Anglo-Scots Borderland Reiver Trail 60 is a 12-site + day tour through our beloved Esk and Liddel valleys taking in the historic textile town of Langholm with its many many delightful gems, a place well worth a visit on its own, and into the Liddel Valley where the romantic village of Newcastleton stands.

We are only giving you a flavor of the journey today most of the data will be published on our website and the new <www.theborderreivertrail.co.uk> website over the next few weeks.

The Anglo-Scots Borderland Reiver Trail 60 is a mixture of the rich and wide-ranging history that the Esk and Liddel Valleys exhibit, well worth at least a day visit, and be assured that the accommodation and restaurants within the Reiver Triangle (Langholm, Newcastleton, and Canonbie) are of the highest quality.

A 60 Mile Day Tour of The Anglo-Scots Borderland.

Welcome, to what was, a few turbulent centuries ago, the Anglo-Scottish Border Reiver geographical region!

The wild, chaotic and disorganized natural depressions that complimented the sinister heather and moss-covered moorlands between the Reiver Triangle of Langholm, Newcastleton, and Canonbie as well as crossing the open country towards the southern territorial ascendancy of this unique backdrop.

It is the ongoing and living inheritance of a confused, but passionate intensity of an earlier period. Today, this land is at peace, other than the airborne hunters of prey, who soar across the skyline looking for a victim.

Five centuries ago, the resonating sound of hoof-

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Gilnockie Tower, *continued from page 17*

beats, a screech of steel abrasion against steel, the pungent smell of leather could all be detected across this wild land, and to complete this violent mix there were reprehensible men known as Border Reivers thundering through the night with a serious business plan in mind!

This was, not so long ago, normal Borderline life.

With any Border, without doubt, there are problems, and so it was with the Anglo-Scottish Border. The area became a battleground, but not always shedding blood.

To survive families had to raid and thief what was readily available. But war's the 'Borderers' game during the open season, their gain, their glory, their delight, to sleep the day, to maraud the night.' To steal, thief or plunder.

Gilnockie Tower



A Border Reiver handing over his Trusty Freen, into the safe storage and display at Gilnockie Tower!



The photo above tells a tale that could have amounted to a hundred thousand words, a tale with a tear, a tale of a Border Reiver retiring his trusty sword into the safekeeping of Gilnockie Tower.

It is a Pappenheimer rapier – named after Gottfried Heinrich, zu Graf Pappenheim (1594–1632), of Bavaria... Count Pappenheim popularised the sword, he was a Catholic League cavalry commander and later Imperial Field Marshal...

He commanded a regiment of Cuirassiers for the Holy Roman Empire during the Thirty Years War (1618-48)... brave and reckless... The sword was light, flexible, capable of both cut and thrust – with excellent sword hand protection given by a shell hilt.

Photos show Grant Little (Aye a Little!), Tom Jack, Senior Guide at Gilnock, and Ian Martin, Project Manager at the tower. Behind the camera is Derek Stewart competently assisted by his good lady.

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10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CITIES IN SCOTLAND

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Scotland is home to seven beautiful, bright and vibrant cities, each of which boasts their own unique character and many secrets and gems to explore. Whether you fancy stepping back in time and learning all about Scotland's fascinating past, uncovering our special and elusive wildlife, or even delving into our glistening lochs and rivers in the Year of Coasts & Waters, there will be something for you in Scotland.

Keep reading to find out a variety of interesting and unique things about Scotland's cities that you probably didn't know.

1. SCOTLAND'S UNESCO CITIES

Scotland is home to not one, not two, but three UNESCO recognised cities; Edinburgh is a City of Literature, Glasgow is a City of Music and Dundee is a City of Design. Head along to these cities and you'll be sure to see why!

Edinburgh is home to the Scottish Storytelling Centre, is the said birthplace of the Harry Potter novels by JK Rowling, and is home to world-famous writers, poets and playwrights, including Arthur Conan Doyle and Walter Scott.

Glasgow boasts a legendary music scene that

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Sorry WE'RE CLOSED

The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library, Phoenix, Arizona, will be closed to the public for the month of August 2021.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thanks to Steve Smith for this photo! It is World War One soldiers paying respect to the horses killed in that conflict. I cry when I think of this and other situations like it. Please think of these gallant horses every once in awhile.



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With many thanks to Steve Kelley.

American Seamen Impressment Records



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For researchers tracing missing seamen ancestors in the New England area during the 1789-1815 era, one relatively hidden and somewhat obscure resource may be useful. The National Archives house a collection of records called the American Seamen Impressment Records.

The links listed below from the National Archives and Family Search discuss this topic and steps implemented to stop this practice: * <<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/war-of-1812/1812-discharge-certificates/impressed-seamen-1793-to-1814>>

* <<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/naturalization/402-impressed-seamen.pdf>>

* <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_New_England_Seamen's_Identification_Cards_-_FamilySearch_Historical_Records>

From the end of the Revolutionary War to the War of 1812, the British Royal Navy forcibly boarded American merchant ships to seize English-speaking seamen and press them into service on British vessels.

To a lesser extent, the French and Spanish navies also impressed American sailors. To stop this practice, the United States Congress passed acts in 1796 and 1799 to issue identification papers and keep detailed records on seamen who served at ports in the region.

Ship captains on all American ships and merchant marine vessels were required to file reports to U.S. customs officials immediately upon return to port when impressment activities occurred that involved their ships and crew. Reports were sent to the Secretary of State, who then submitted an annual statement on impress-

ments to Congress.

Impressment dramatically affected the lives of ordinary New Englanders, perhaps more than any event since the American Revolution. From 1796 to 1815, the United States government attempted to counter impressments by enacting measures to identify and repatriate seamen detained by the British and to provide protective documentation for sailors traveling abroad.

The data collected through these efforts contain important personal information about these seamen and their experiences. Federal records of the Department of State and the U.S. Federal records of the Department of State and the U.S. Customs Service relating to impressed American seamen are thus a useful source for family history.

Impressment constituted a longstanding maritime



tradition in Great Britain. Britain viewed impressments as a legitimate recruiting tool for the Royal Navy during periods of war or national crisis.

When deemed necessary, naval authorities organized impressments rendezvous in British ports un-

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der the guise of the "impress service."

Officially targeting Royal Navy deserters and British citizens skilled in seafaring trades, the "press gangs" as they were called, combed the surrounding countryside for recruits, receiving travel expenses and a fee for each conscript.

In the aftermath of the American Revolution, American ships became prime targets as the practice was expanded to boarding foreign ships at sea. The British continued to regard this practice as a legitimate maritime right.



Today, many of these records are also available on through *Ancestry*, *Family Search*, *Find My Past*, *My Heritage*. They tend to be part of collections labeled *New England Seamen's Historical Identification Cards*. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Clan Sutherland Society AGM at the Prescott Highland Games

This year's Annual General Meeting of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America is to be held at the Prescott Highland Games and Celtic Faire on September 25 & 26 at Watson Lake Park.

More info on the Prescott games is available at prescottareacelticsociety.com and on the CSSNA Facebook Group Page at facebook.com/groups/cssna.

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encompasses everything from contemporary and classical, to Celtic, country and more. Alongside its music, Glasgow's venues are equally eclectic and varied and normally host an average 130 music events each week, more than any other Scottish city.

You can't roam far in Dundee without coming across a spectacular piece of art or design. Aside from creative design, Dundee has contributed to the world with inventions and discoveries of everyday products, like the adhesive postage stamp and aspirin, to the creation of cultural icons in comics and video games, as well as innovations in textile and print.

2. SCOTLAND HAS 3 CAPITALS

We're not joking! Of course, we all know that the magnificent city of Edinburgh is Scotland's capital, but let's delve back in time.

The fair city of Perth was once the ancient capital city of Scotland. From the ninth century all the way to 1437, Perth was the historic capital city of Scotland, and nearby Scone Palace was a famed crowning place for many Scottish kings and queens.

Elsewhere, Inverness is known as the Capital of the Highlands and is a popular city for visitors to explore whilst they are touring the spectacular Highlands and northern corners of Scotland.

3. THE WORLD'S OLDEST FOOTBALL WAS FOUND IN STIRLING CASTLE

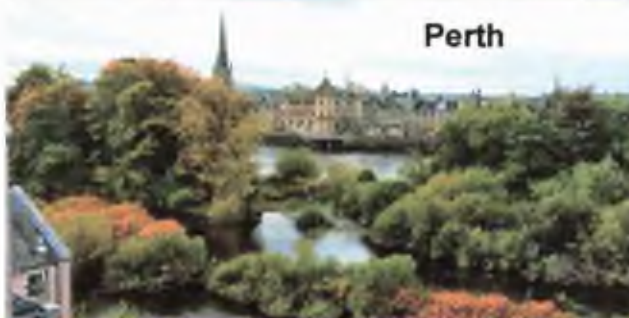
Head to Stirling where the popular Stirling Castle is home to some interesting points in Scottish history. The world's oldest football was found in Mary Queen of Scots' chamber during renovations at Stirling Castle in 1981. The football was made from a pig's bladder, covered in cow leather with large, visible stitching and was smaller than modern footballs.

Another interesting fact about Stirling Castle is that it was once occupied by Edward I of England when he invaded Scotland and found the castle abandoned. Stirling Castle was taken by the English after the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297, but the ownership of the castle continued to switch several times between the English and Scots during the Scottish Wars of Independence.

4. ABERDEEN'S GOLFING PARADISE

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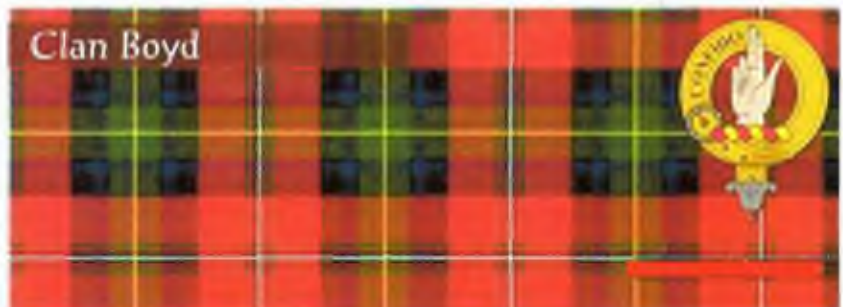
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500 courses, greens and fairways up and down the country in every region, providing a true golfing paradise for the avid golfers. There is a wide variety of courses to suit everyone, from the beginners all the way to the experienced pros. Aberdeen is home to more than 70 courses (all within an hour's drive of Aberdeen Airport), which were designed by top names in golf architecture, such as 'Old' Tom Morris, James Braid and Dr Martin Hawtree.

5. GLASGOW IS BURSTING WITH ARTS AND CULTURE

A vibrant and entertaining city, Glasgow boasts a prominent arts and culture scene. Home to more than 20 museums, some of which are free to enter, there will be plenty to discover on your trip to Scotland's biggest city.

Delve into the life and works of one of Scotland's most famous artists, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, and tour around the city to spot many of his designs in attractions such as the Mackintosh at the Willow, The Lighthouse, and House for An Art Lover. There are many other galleries and centres in Glasgow where you can explore the city's artistic side, such as the Gallery of Modern Art, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, the Hunterian Art Gallery and more.

6. SCOTLAND'S INCREDIBLE WILDLIFE

You don't need to be nestled in the lush countryside of Scotland to witness our elusive wildlife. In fact, Scotland has had its fair share of interesting encounters with all sorts of animals throughout the years.

Edinburgh Castle was once home to an elephant! Yes, you heard that right. In 1838, the 78th Highlanders returned from a post out in Sri Lanka and brought an elephant back with them as their regimental mascot. It was later said that, in true Scottish style, it quickly developed a love for beer!

Elsewhere, the world's only knighted penguin lives at Edinburgh Zoo. Sir Nils Olav lives among the rest of the penguin colony in Penguins Rock, which also includes the largest outdoor penguin pool in Europe, and at the zoo you can even see a 4-foot tall bronze statue of Sir Nils.

On Scotland's north east coast, keep your eyes peeled for bottlenose dolphins and basking sharks which often make an appearance in the Moray Firth

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7. EDINBURGH IS THE GREENEST CITY IN THE UK

Did you know that Edinburgh is home to 112 parks and gardens? In a recent study, Edinburgh took the top spot, closely followed by Aberdeen and Glasgow, for its abundance of green spaces and low pollution levels. The study compared factors such as air quality, pollution and single-use plastic use.

Scotland is home to hundreds of incredible parks and gardens, the majority of which are free to enter and create the perfect tranquil place to relax and watch the world go by. Whether you want to chill in the sun under the towering Edinburgh Castle in Princes Street Gardens, wander among the exotic species in the Royal Botanic Gardens, or hike up an extinct volcano in Holyrood Park, there's plenty to choose from in Edinburgh.

8. GLASGOW IS HOME TO ONE OF THE OLDEST UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD

Have you ever heard of the expression 'Clockwork Orange'? Glasgow's underground railway system is often referred to as the 'Clockwork Orange' because of its unique colour and circular shape. The city's subway opened in 1896 and is the third oldest underground railway system in the world, after the London Underground and Budapest Metro. It's one of the easiest ways to get around the city centre and West End of Scotland's largest city, with 15 stations, affordable fares and easy maps to follow.

9. THE RICHEST SQUARE MILE IN EUROPE WAS IN DUNDEE

Dundee is a compact, cosmopolitan city that is known for its design and innovations throughout the centuries. It is the fourth largest city in Scotland and is home to the suburb of Broughty Ferry which was once referred to as the richest square mile in Europe. The jute industry in Dundee was one of the city's main trades and the jute barons saw Broughty Ferry to be the ideal place to build their mansions. It was therefore recognised as being more prosperous than any other location in the UK or Europe.

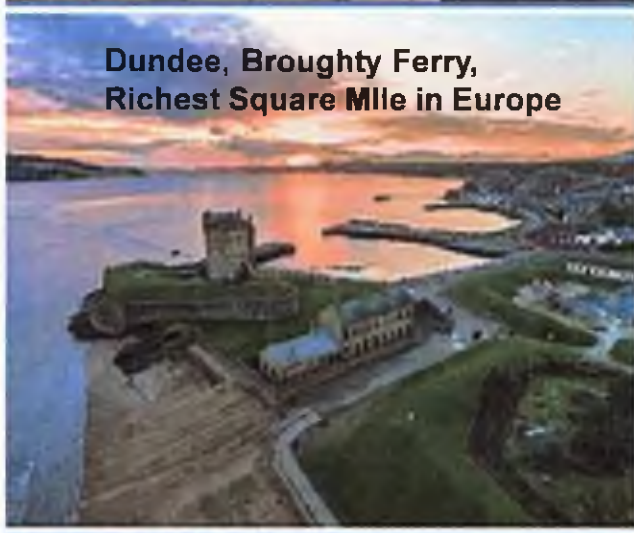
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Today Broughty Ferry is a popular spot for tourists to visit. With its ancient castle and beautiful stretch of beach, it's the perfect place to visit if you fancy a break from the city but don't want to stray too far. The views are excellent too!

10. SCOTLAND'S CITIES BOAST SOME OF THE LONGEST RIVERS AND DEEPEST LOCHS IN THE UK

We'd be here all day if you wanted to count all the rushing rivers and glistening lochs in Scotland, so just take it from us, there's a lot! You can find these incredible natural features in all the nooks and crannies of Scotland and, yes, you guessed correctly, even in our spectacular cities.

The River Tay passes through Perthshire and the 'Fair City' of Perth before reaching Dundee, and is the longest river in Scotland, stretching for a massive 119 miles. Further north in Inverness, Loch Ness holds more fresh water than all the lochs and lakes in England and Wales combined. It is 23 miles long and about a mile wide. Given its staggering size, we wouldn't be surprised if Nessie really was hiding in there!

We hope this has broadened your knowledge of Scotland's amazing cities and inspired you to come and visit them for yourself. Why not plan a city break?

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Burns Two Twenty Festival, *continued from page 1*

Burns Monument and Brig o' Doon.

Events manager at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Lauren McKenzie, said: "We have been keen to put on an event at the cottage site, particularly since we weren't really able to properly mark the completion of the new thatched roof last year due to Covid restrictions.

"This was the first time that we have been able to really hold an event there and mark a significant anniversary, the 220th anniversary of the first Burns Supper.

"The festival began on July 21 with the Summer Supper, held within a marquee in the smallholding on the site of the Cottage, where the first Burns supper took place.

"We had a top table of speakers and the traditional recitals but not in quite as formal a delivery and format as your usual Burns night.

"The marquee was situated in the smallholding and had open sides, enabling our guests to be in the

land where the Burns family farmed.

"We were really able to bring in that view of the cottage and the whole surrounding landscape and take advantage of it."





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