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## Record ticket sales revealed by Fringe after 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Edinburgh Festival Fringe celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month and has reported a rise in ticket sales of almost 10 per cent - as the event emerged from the event this year, its audience was shown to have grown by nearly a million in the space of just 10 years.

Organisers revealed that 2,696,884 tickets, nine per cent more than last had been issued ahead of the final round of performances - compared to 1,697,293 a decade ago.

There has been a increase in the Fringe's overall audience of 224,741 in the space of 12 months and a rise of more than half a million in the last three years alone.

It emerged in June that this year's Fringe programme would be the biggest in its history, with 3398 productions across 300 venues in the official guide, a rise of almost two thirds in the space of 10 years.

The number of international countries registered with the event rose to a record 58 this year - up 32 per cent in the space of 12 months despite fears over the impact of the event from the Brexit referendum vote last summer.

The last month has seen both the Edinburgh International Festival and Fringe mark their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

Sponsored by Microsoft 365, Shona McCarthy,

The Edinburgh Festival  
**fringe**



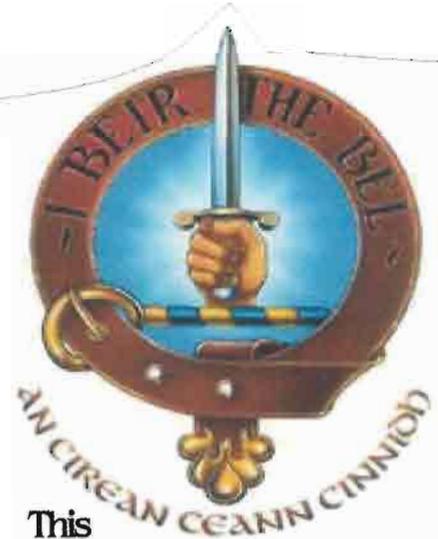
chief executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, said: "This has been a very special year for the Fringe as we celebrated 70 years of defying the norm, 70 years of the greatest melting pot of arts and culture anywhere on the planet, and 70 years of Edinburgh as an internationally renowned festival city."

She said, "The Fringe continues to play an essential role in the worldwide arts community, enabling artists to showcase their work, reach new audiences and make new connections. I hope that everyone that has attended a show or watched a street performance."

Coming in BNFT Section A December: Dr. Pete Hilton, Ed.D., and  
"Cars, Castles, Chapels and Cathedrals in Scotland."

Clan Napier at the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, pages 29 & 31

# Clan Bell International



This

old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBI cordially invites membership inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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# Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

## Fellow's publication

*Armorial of Sir David Lyndsay of the Mount* - a facsimile with commentary by Alex M Findlater FSA Scot, will soon be ready.

As well as a poet and playwright, Sir David Lyndsay was the Lyon King of Arms, i.e. the chief herald in Scotland. He had also been the Usher of the Prince, and when James IV died at Flodden, he remained as Usher to the infant King James V, whose character and interests were shaped partly by Lyndsay, who perforce took on the role of father figure.

The *Armorial* was probably prepared as a livre d'or, to be carried to European courts by ambassadors, and by the King himself. Lyndsay's heraldic legacy is very important, and the *Armorial* is one of the jewels of the National Library of Scotland.

Indeed, being what is called a 'safe manuscript', it has to be locked up every night.

The book will be of some 800 or so pages in two volumes.

There is an embryo Facebook page for the *Armorial: The Armorial of Sir David Lyndsay of the Mount*. The cost will be in the region of £45 - £50 and anyone interested in either becoming a subscriber (name in the book) or wish-

See book  
jacket right.



ing to buy it, should contact Alex directly by email (at

alex@findlater.org.uk).

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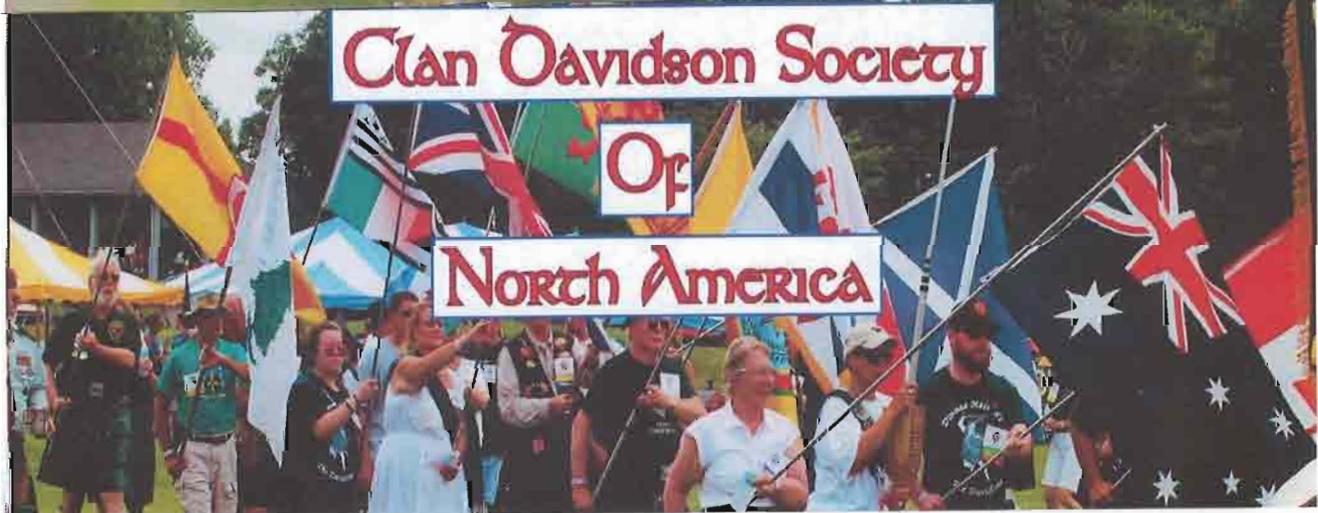
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For more information, check out our website at [clandavidson.org](http://clandavidson.org) or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net).

# 'Photo Detectives' Have Helped Reveal Irish History

*The National Library of Ireland asked the public for help, and the public provided it.*

With approximately 5.2 million photographs dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century on, the National Library of Ireland's Photographic Archive is thought of as a sort of national family album. But time dulls historical memory, and a lot of information about the people captured in those images has been forgotten.

So back in 2011, the library (NLI) joined Flickr Commons, a part of the online photo-sharing com-

munity that encourages public photo collections to post their archives. The library then asked users to help track down the stories behind the faces and places in its collection.

It worked. Over the past six years, some 34,000 "photo detectives," from library staff to local amateur historians to members of the diaspora around the world, helped uncover details for the NLI's photo collection, in the form of more than 40,000 comments.

The NLI has turned the results of the project into an exhibition, Photo Detectives, at the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar, Dublin, which runs through September 2018. An example below:

## E.F. Fraser (1904)

### *Second Lieutenant Edward Francis Frazer*

This photo was catalogued with a name, "E.F. Fraser," but the facts of the young soldier's life remained elusive.

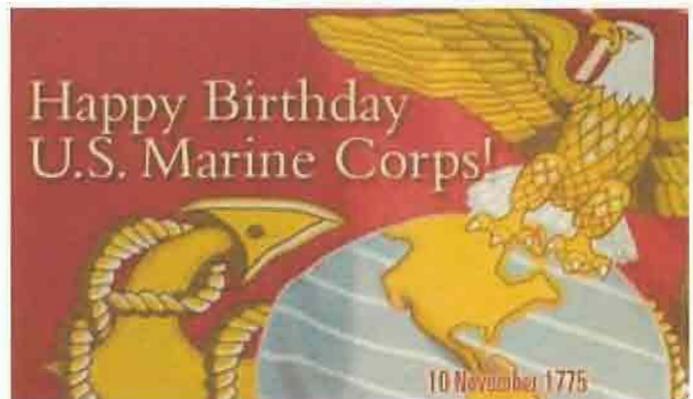
The photo detectives solved this problem by suggesting an alternate spelling for his name: Frazer. This led to the military career of one Edward Francis Frazer, and the online community was able to track his life, from his birth in China to his days in the army.

The helmet on the table next to him bears the crest of the Royal Field Artillery, with which Second Lieutenant Frazer served in Nigeria during World War I.

But there is more. Frazer was also the uncle of Irish actress Maureen O'Sullivan, famous for playing Jane in *Tarzan* films from the 1930s and 1940s—which also makes him great-uncle of actress Mia Farrow.



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# What WERE Indentured Servants?

If you do genealogy at all, you have come across the phrase, “Indentured Servant” from time to time. I have. I’ve never quite understood exactly what it means. So, have done some research that might explain at least a bit about this.

Many of the Scots, after the Battle of Culloden, and other battles were taken prisoner by the English and then shipped off to the New World as Indentured Servants by the English government.

Otherwise, if you were European and wanted to come to the colonies and you had no money to pay for your passage money you would indenture yourself to established colonists or ships’ captains for a set term - usually between five and seven years - in exchange for your passage.

These people were subject to strict control by their masters, but when the terms were completed the masters were obliged to provide them with some farm tools, seed and other essentials so they could strike out on their own.

The “headright” associated with each indentured servant went to the master, who was the person responsible for bringing the servants to the colony.

The headright was to encourage settlement and colonial governments issued rights to take specified amounts of unoccupied land, usually fifty or one hundred acres, for each person arriving in their territories.

The headright went to whoever paid the passage of the newcomers, not necessarily to the immigrant themselves.

## **The Battles of Dunbar (1650) and Worcester (1651)**

In 1650-1651 the Third Civil War of the Wars of the Three Kingdoms was fought largely on Scottish soil when Cromwell's New Model Army invaded Scotland. The Scottish Covenanters' army was



heavily defeated by Cromwell at the Battle of Dunbar (3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1650), and some 5,000 prisoners were marched south of the border to Durham.

During the infamous death march, some escaped, some were shot as a warning to the rest, some were set to work around Newcastle and many died of famine fever at Morpeth after eating cabbage raw from the fields.

Just 3,000 survived to be ordered into their temporary prison of Durham Cathedral, where the dying from infection and fever continued.

The order was given to transport 900 of the healthiest prisoners to the American colonies in New England and Virginia to be sold into indentured labour.

It is not clear how many of these were in the end transported, but on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1650, about 150 Scottish prisoners of Dunbar were transported aboard the *Unity*.

After landing in Charlestown, New England, the ones who survived the voyage were sold for £20-£30 each as indentured servants, 60 of them to the Saugus Ironworks in Massachusetts.

Up to 300 more may have been sent to Virginia too, although shipping records have not survived.

A year to the day from Dunbar, the Royalist army under Charles II went down to its final defeat at Worcester, and again several thousand Scottish soldiers supporting Charles found themselves prisoners of war in England.

Again, many were ordered for transportation – and on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1651, the *John and Sarah* took sail with around 300 Scottish prisoners on board.

272 of them survived to reach Charlestown, where they suffered the fate of the *Unity* prisoners a

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**Indentured Servants**, *continued from page 7*  
year earlier.

The names of these 272 prisoners have survived – in time, many of those who survived their terms of indentured labour would settle in the colonies, and have living descendants today.

There is a relatively new organization, “Transported Scottish Prisoners of the Civil Wars (1650s).”

Find out more at: <http://www.familytreedna.com/groups/scottish-po-ws/about/background>.

**Bet you didn't know  
that the word  
“Pennsylvania”  
is misspelled on the  
American Liberty Bell!  
It is!**

*I'm sure glad I didn't  
proof read it! Your ed.*



## A “surprise” wedding at the Moab, Utah *Scots on the Rocks* Scottish Games

Although Moab has had a wedding each year, this wedding was the biggest secret in the history of the Moab games. Ed Kennedy, Clan Kennedy’s Rocky Mountain chieftain was right in the middle of it.

All were sworn to secrecy, at the wishes of the bride, Shirley Chambers. The groom, Ian Hughes, knew nothing until a friend switched his boutonniere to Ian’s Prince Charlie jacket.

The unsuspecting groom, asked, “Who is getting married?”

His friend, Dan, said, “You are!”

The look on the groom’s face was precious.

Then the bride and her party approached the “arch” while tears of joy streamed from the groom’s eyes.

Ed Kennedy, who asked the clan members to come closer, officiated for the ceremony with original words of love, devotion and steadfastness meant especially for bride and groom



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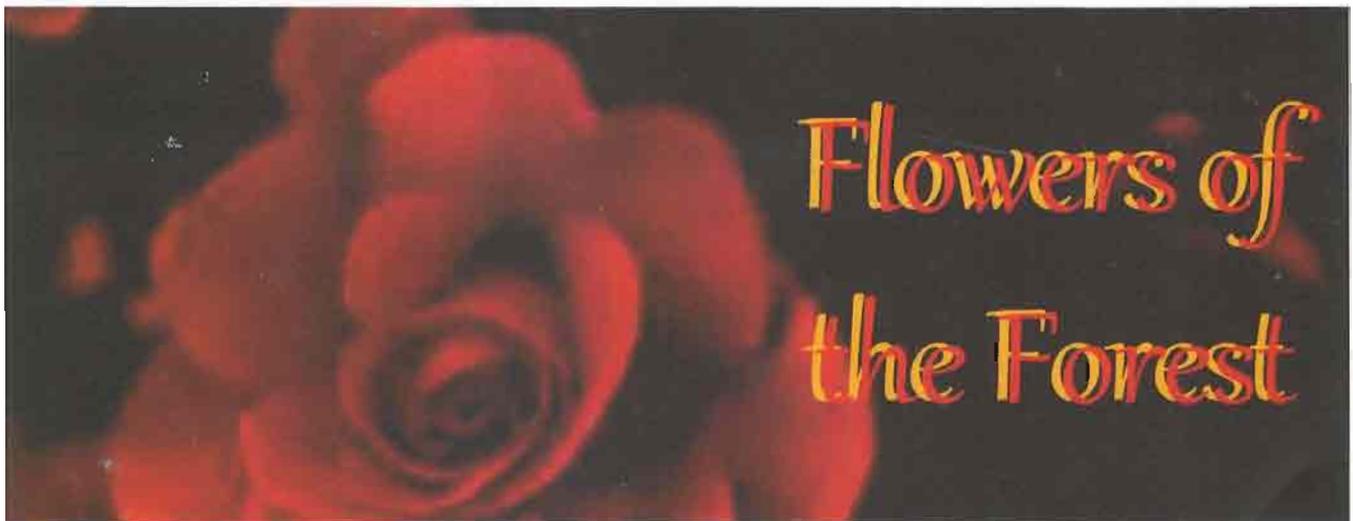
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Memorial services for **Frank Wherrett** were held Wednesday, August 31 at the West Lothian Crematorium in Livingston, Scotland. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Labrador Retriever Rescue Scotland. The rescue has a donation link on their website at <http://www.lrrss.co.uk>

Frank was instrumental in the Clan Armstrong Trust and served as Clan Armstrong Trust Company Chairman and Secretary until his death..

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**William Robert Burns MacNeil-Sadler.** Bill regrettably died on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 after a period of illness. We send our condolences to his partner Cynthia Waddle and his family.

Bill joined the Clan MacNeil Association of Australia with his wife Elaine on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2002, soon after the revival of membership to the association. He was always a passionate member and took a personal interest in all matters relating to the Clan Macneil and the association.

Bill was the only person whom I knew who wore kilts of both MacNeil of Barra and McNeill of Colonsay tartans.

Bill and Elaine joined with us at a number of Australian national clan gatherings.

Following the death of Elaine, Bill came to our

Australian national clan gathering with his partner, Cynthia Waddle. Bill and Cynthia shared a number of common interests including dancing and jazz.

Some of you may ponder about Bill's second and third Christian names. He changed his registered name to include the name of Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet as they both share the same birth date and Bill loved the poetry of Robert Burns.

I attended a number of Robert Burns supper evenings on 25<sup>th</sup> January with Bill where we celebrated both the birthday of Robert Burns and of Bill MacNeil Sadler.



Bill was a member of the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia. He was also for some years the secretary of the Clan MacNeil Association of Australia

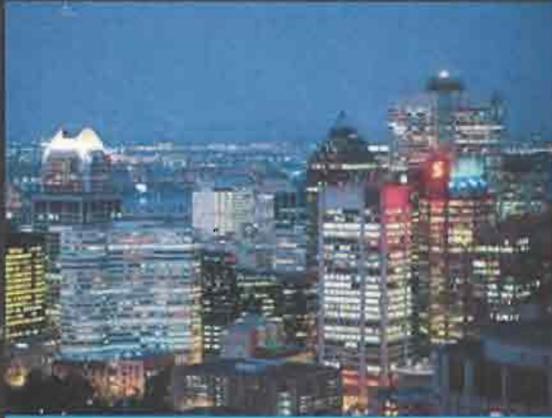
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**Peter Alfred Hoskin.** Peter died on 10th May 2017 and we offer our condolences to Sue, their children and grandchildren.

Peter and Suzanne Hoskin joined the Clan MacNeil Association of Australia on 20th February 2006, or a little over 11 years ago.

Peter always took an interest in the Clan MacNeil and helped me on a couple of occasions in manning the clan information tent at the Mount Barker Highland Gathering.

**When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.**



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# Wake up with Wallace



As the clocks go back and as temperatures drop, the entry price to visit one of Scotland's top visitor attractions will also be falling.

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The offer to Wake up with Wallace runs from now until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, when the Monument opens each day at 10am.

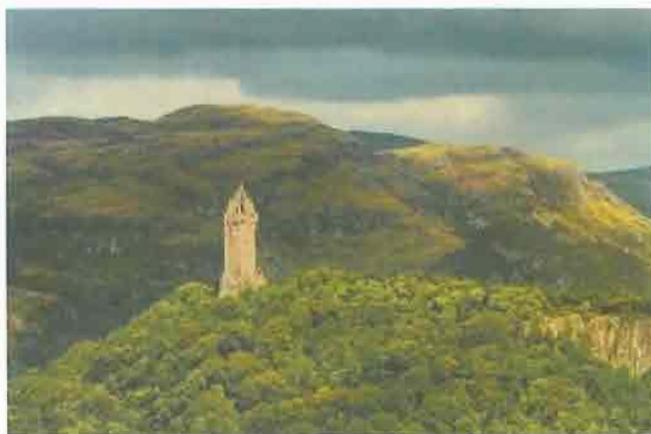
Ken Thomson, from Stirling District Tourism, explains: "The view of the morning winter sun from the Crown is just beautiful and we hope this, along with discounted entry, will encourage the early birds to join us over the coming months."

Visitors will be able to explore the magnificent Monument where Wallace's life and legacy is told in three galleries, one of which features his legendary battle sword. An impressive 246 steps can be climbed to reach the top of the Monument, where visitors can stand in the Crown and take in the breathtaking 360-degree view of central Scotland and the Highlands to the north.

For complete information, you might like to visit: <[www.nationalwallacemonument.com](http://www.nationalwallacemonument.com)>



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# CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



Contact Lloyd Gibson, CBSI President,  
at <[azbuchanan12@gmail.com](mailto:azbuchanan12@gmail.com)>

# Family medical history and genealogy

*This may be the most important article you ever read!*

**Bryan Mulcahy, MLS**

November is the month when most people think about Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. There is another day that has become just as important from a family history perspective. In 2004, the U.S. Surgeon General declared November 23rd as National Family History Day. Although it is overshadowed by Thanksgiving, which falls on the same day, National Family History Day should be just as important to people of all ethnic backgrounds.

Your family medical history, sometimes called a medical family tree, is a record of illnesses and medical conditions affecting your family members down through the generations, along with the relationships among the members of your family. The process begins by interviewing immediate family members, parents, grandparents, and siblings, since they provide the most important links to genetic risk.

A family medical history can reveal the history of disease in your family and enable you to identify patterns that might be relevant to your own health. This knowledge benefits both you and your physician, because together you can:

1. Identify your potential risk of having certain diseases
2. Consider treatments or changes in diet, lifestyle habits, etc. to reduce the risk of disease
3. Identify which diagnostic tests to order
4. Determine the type and frequency of screening tests
5. Determine whether you or family members should get a specific genetic test
6. Identify a condition that might not otherwise be considered
7. Identify other family members who are at risk of developing a certain disease

8. Assess your risk of passing conditions on to your children

How should you go about compiling this type of information? Begin communicating with your family. Consider kicking off the project at a family gathering, such as a holiday or reunion. Keep in mind, however, that some loved ones might be uncomfortable disclosing personal medical information.

The U.S. Surgeon General has created a website called My Family Health Portrait <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/FHH/html/index.html> to help you create a family medical history. Cyndi's List also features a website <http://www.cyndislist.com/dna/family-health-history/> with links to other sources identifying the most current information and services available.

If you encounter reluctance from your family, consider these strategies:

1. Explain that you're creating a record to help you determine whether you and your relatives have a family history of certain diseases or health conditions. Offer to make the medical history available to other family members so that they can share the information with their doctors.
2. Provide several ways to answer questions. Some people might be more willing to share health information in a one-on-one conversation. Others might prefer answering your questions by phone, mail or email.
3. Establish a comfortable rapport. As your relatives talk about their health problems, listen without judgment or comment.
4. Keep your questions short and to the point. Be a good listener.



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**Septs:** Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.





**Medical genealogy**, *continued from page 19*

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5. Respect privacy. As you collect information about your relatives, respect their right to confidentiality.

You might want to consult family documents, such as existing family trees, baby books, old letters, obituaries or records from places of worship. Vital records, such as birth certificates, marriage licenses and death certificates, may be available in county record offices. If you or your family members maintain electronic personal health records, use them.

For adoptees, ask your adoptive parents if they received any medical information about your biological parents at the time of your adoption. Adoption agencies also might have family medical information on file. If you were adopted through an open adoption process, you might be able to discuss your family's medical history directly with members of your biological family.

If possible, your family medical history should include at least three generations. Compile information about your parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, siblings, cousins, children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. For each person, try to gather the following information:

1. Gender
2. Date and place of birth (be specific in terms of location)
3. Ethnicity

4. Medical conditions

5. Mental health conditions, including alcoholism or other substance abuse

6. Pregnancy complications, including miscarriage, stillbirth, birth defects or infertility

7. Age when each condition was diagnosed

8. Lifestyle habits, including diet, exercise and tobacco use

9. For deceased relatives, age at the time of death and cause of death

Pay special attention to conditions that develop earlier than usual, such as high blood pressure in early adulthood, or conditions that affect multiple relatives. Include information about where your mother's and your father's family members came from abroad before coming to America because some health problems occur more often in specific ethnic groups and geographic areas.

Give your doctor a copy of your family medical history and ask him or her to review it with you. Your doctor might ask you questions for clarification and can help you interpret the relevance of certain patterns in your medical history, including the need for preventive measures or screening tests.

As children are born and family members develop illnesses, update your family medical history. Share relevant updates with your doctor. It might take time and effort, but this tool can help improve the health of your family for generations to come.



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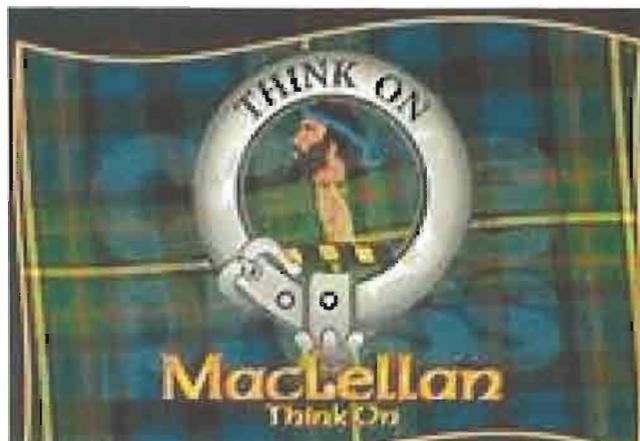
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# You're invited to the 2018 Clan MacLellan AGM in Dallas, TX

Please make plans to join us for the 2018 MacLellan Annual General Meeting, held at the North Texas Irish Festival, March 2-4, 2018. Information about North Texas Irish Festival can be found on website <http://ntif.org> or on Facebook.

North Texas Irish Festival is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Irish Festival in the US. Last year's attendance was 64,000 plus. NTIF is held every year at Fair Park, Dallas which is the largest permanent building fair grounds in the US. North Texas Irish Festival encompasses 6 of the enormous buildings and their surrounding land-



scaped park grounds. Most of these historical buildings were built by the CCC and have lovely frescos, statues, and water fountains to view as you move through the festival. This festival has nine performer stages playing simultaneously throughout the entire weekend. There are many competitions of fiddling,

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come across an injured raptor and wish to do best by the birds with competent first aid handling.

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# Clan Morrison continues to work on Dun Eistein in the Isle of Lewis

Robert Morrison <rsmorris@bellsouth.net>

Dun Eistein ("Dun Esh-ten") is the ancient stronghold of the Morrisons of Ness, the family which held the hereditary Brieveship at Habost in the Isle of Lewis under the Lords of the Isles.

The Dun is a "sea stack" - an elevated area similar to a mesa which is isolated from the mainland of Lewis by the sea at high tide; at low tide the Dun is accessible by foot.

Regular human occupation ended hundreds of years ago, after the Morrisons of Ness were broken by the MacLeods.

The remains of a number of structures are still there, however, leaving a record of the prior occupants which has been waiting to be explored.

In 1999 the Clan Morrison Society of North America undertook a fund-raising campaign. The objective was to raise the necessary funds (£20,000) for a preliminary archaeological survey of Dun Eistein.

This campaign was successful, and negotiations with the Glasgow University Archaeological Research Division (GUARD) led to an agreement for the performance of the work.

## DUN EISTEIN 2000

Phase I, the archaeological and topographical survey and preliminary assessment took place during the year 2000.

The island was surveyed in detail, giving precise locations for the various structures and features on the island.

There were three major objectives: (1)The analysis of the Dun Eistein monument and (2)the island landscape being documented to modern standards. (3) And, obtaining safe access to the site.

The work led to the publication of a report describing the study findings.

The report describes the work done in detail, giving preliminary conclusions about the structures on the site as well as details on the survey methodology used. The report was summarized in an article published in *Fios, the North Lewis Weekly*, on November 17, 2000. This article was written by Dr. Stephen Driscoll, research director of GUARD, and Dr. Chris Barrowman, the field team leader.

## DUN EISTEIN 2001

Phase II of the survey was conducted in May-June, 2001. This phase consisted of a Geophysical Survey of the Dun, combined with the

excavation of a series of test trenches in promising locations.

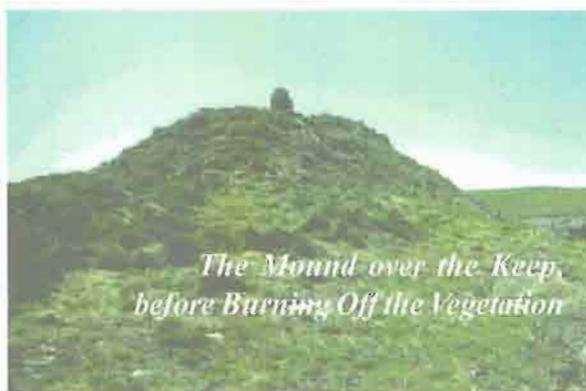
To improve access to the site, a Tyrolean Traverse was installed, allowing the archaeological and geophysical team members to get on and off the Dun without being dependent on the state of the tides.

Dr. Chris Barrowman, the leader of the field team, posted weekly status reports on the web site of *Comunn Eachdraidh Nis*. These reports enabled the friends and supporters of this work to keep up with what was happening.

The formal report for Phase II was issued in May, 2002 and posted on the *GUARD* web site. The major objectives for this phase of the work were: Geophysical Survey to identify any further archaeological structures not visible on the surface.

To clarify the extent and morphology of the visible structures, to help determine where to locate the

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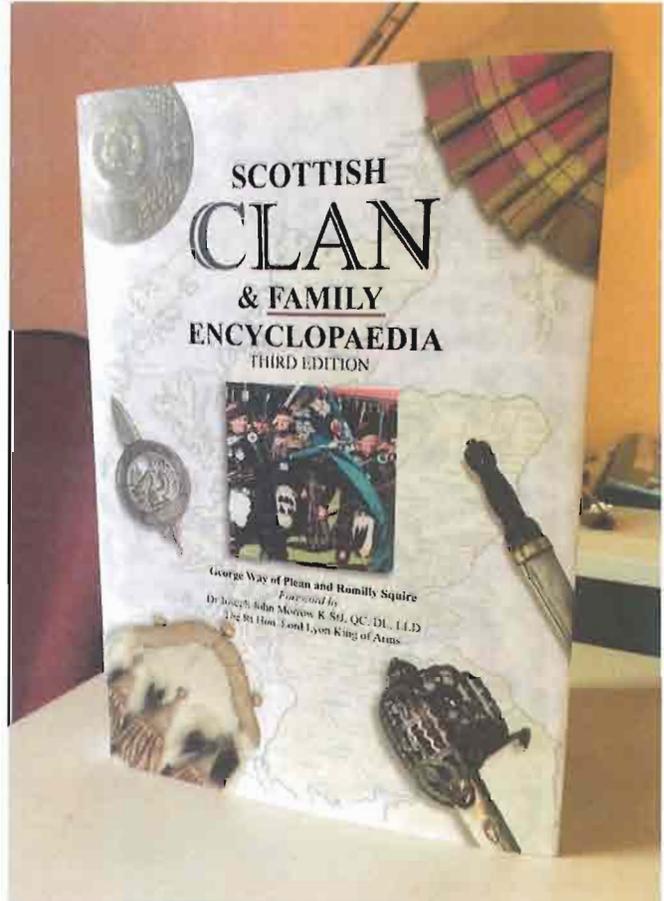
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trial trenches.

Trial Excavations to refine our understanding of the archaeological resource by characterising the nature and extent of buried deposits and determine whether they could be linked to the standing structures so as to assess the potential of the deposits within the lochan for environmental studies and for water-logged objects.

The preliminary survey produced a number of exciting discoveries. It now appears that the "Dun" on Dun Eistein is a small tower house or "keep", and not the more usual "broch". This keep may rest upon the remains of an earlier built on the same site.

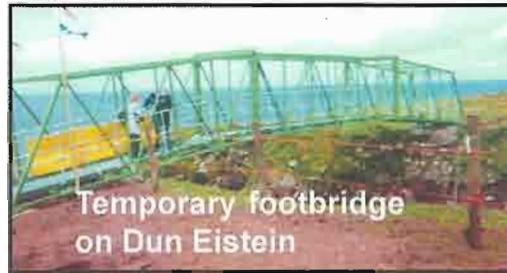
Glass fragments have been discovered of a type common in bottles made in Germany in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

It now appears that at some period in its history, Dun Eistein may have been a center for trade and commerce, occupied on a more or less permanent basis and not just a refuge for use in time of danger.

Much more work needs to be done to confirm this hypothesis, but it seems that there is a real opportunity to greatly increase our store of knowledge about life in Scotland during the Middle Ages.

The topographical, geophysical, and archaeological studies completed to date confirm that Dun Eistein is a site of great archaeological and historical importance which demands further investigation.

Anyone in the United States and Canada wishing to help should make checks payable to "CMSNA - Dun Eistein Project" and mail them to:



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Arthur Morrison  
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harps, and Irish Dancing. This is a very family friendly, handicap accessible event.

Years ago the North Texas Irish Festival invited the Scottish Clans to join them and we have been delighted to host tents there ever since. Clans MacLellan and MacDuff are proud to be the coordinators and management staff of the Scottish Village. Clan MacLellan SW members are working hard to make this a wonderful event.

We will be located in the Automobile building with 28 other clans. The building is so large that we take up only 1/8th of the building! Rain or shine we will have Clan MacLellan tents set up for people to come and visit during this fun event. The festival is open: Friday evening from 6:00 pm till 11:00 pm, Free admission prior to 7 pm; Saturday from 10:30 am till 11:30 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am till 7:30 pm

North Texas Irish Festival has set up discount rooms rates at the Hilton Doubletree at Campbell Centre, 8250 North Central Expressway (I-75), Dal-

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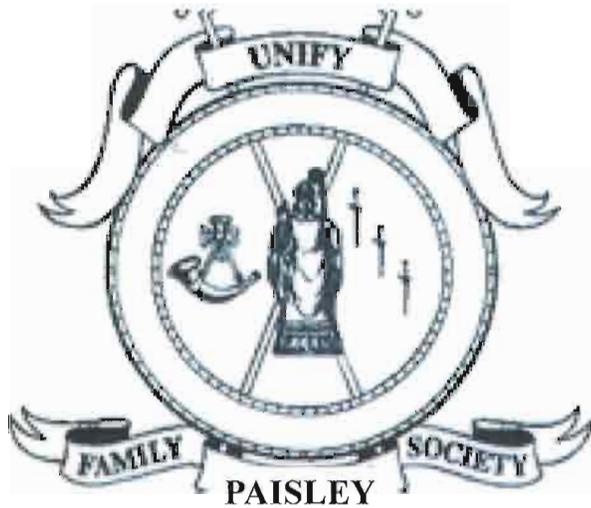
The room rate will be \$116 + tax until February 9th or until the block is sold out, and they will require one night prepayment to guarantee the reservation. Note that these rooms are usually sold out by the end of December. Call their reservation line shown below and be sure to request the NTIF or Irish Festival rate of \$116 per night - code is NTI.

Doubletree - (214) 691-8700.

Doubletree provides complimentary shuttles to and from Love Field Airport. During the entire festival weekend there's free parking and free shuttles round trip from the Doubletree parking lot to the festival site provided by NTIF.

The Board meeting will be held at the Doubletree on Friday morning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The Annual General Meeting Dinner will be held in Dallas on Friday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

For more info please contact me: Jill Burt cell/text 817-239-4835 or email [jillburtmac@gmail.com](mailto:jillburtmac@gmail.com)

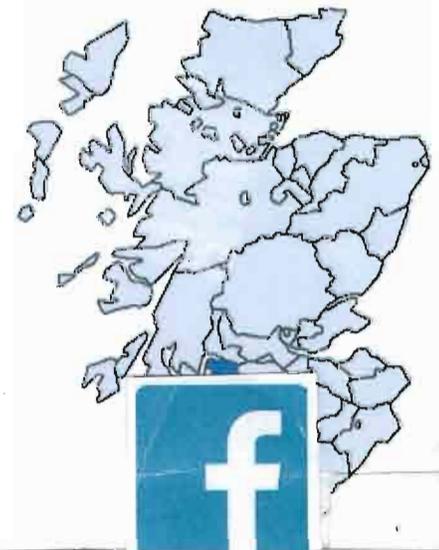


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

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.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



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

Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at [www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk) to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). For the Paisley DNA Project, visit [dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)



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# LALLANS

## The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

### *Our December letter from George Watt and The Journal o' Scots Airts an Letters*

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. Turns out, it is great fun!)

**W**eel sinsyne I last screivit ye I hae been tae Shetland. I haed the heichtmaist expectations an I can tell ye thay wir aa leived up til. The music as ayeweys wis superb.

Frae five year aul tae echty five year yung the music poored oot o thair fiddles an accordions an intae ma lugs.

Ma heid wis fu o tunes!

Ane o the delichts o the festival is the Seturdey mornin concert o skule bairns. The maturity o thair performance belies beleif.

Gin ye closed yer een, ye'd jalouse thay wir adults pleyin wi years o experience ahint thaim sic is the quality o thair playin. I cam hame tae ma ain fiddle enthused, but sairly, sairly is ma talent compared tae thay yung fowk.

But nichty hoo thay luv tae pley up thare! They pley aa nicht lang an think nocht o it.

We niver seen or cots afore fower in the mornin but thay wir still pleyin awa. I dinnae ken fan thay feinished.

Anither heichlicht wis ae ladies' fiddle orchestra. Pit thegither for ae ane-off performance at the Tattoo in Embro Castle, thay hae been thegither for five years an hae toured in several kintras around the wuld. Thay nicht be at ae theatre near yerseel

somedey!

Onywey it's hame noo for me tae dae some wark on ma new projects. Richt noo I'm recordin an makin CDs for Scotsoun o twa o oor tapmaist Makars o the dey.

Sheila Templeton haes been screivin for mony years noo an haes won aa the major screivin compiteitions in Scotland. Her poesy is in the Doric accent o Aiberdeenshire an she uses aa her faimily an personal historie for her subject. Her poesy is ae social historie, muckle o fit she screives o, cuid be ma life, an mibbie yours.

Stuart Paterson is anither heichtly respectit Makar o the dey. He is fit ye nicht cry the reisin stern o poesy. His screivins are bein admired by aa faw read thaim an he wis recently appyntit Makar for BBC Scotland. He haes shown he haes the presence tae haud his ain in front o the camera as weel as on radio. His poesy is beddit weain the airt o the southwest aroun Dumfries. But thou his poesy is frae the airt it haes ae wuld wide appeal sic is its ability tae spik tae aabiddy.

Thay twa CDs, fan thay are duin will, I belie be twa o the richest seems o poesy we hae produced on Scotsoun.

Alang wi thay twa, we will be pittin oot ae CD

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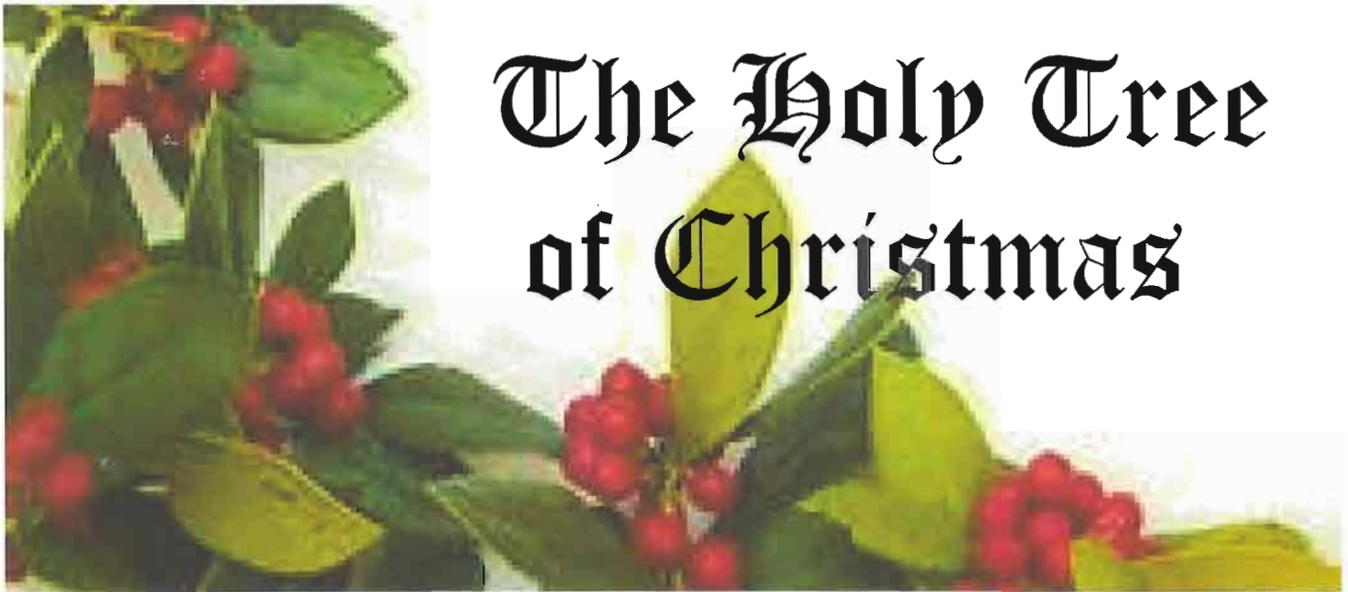
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# The Holy Tree of Christmas

Virtually synonymous with Christmas, holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) has local names of “prickly Christmas, Christmas Thorn and Christ’s thorn.

Medieval monks called it Holy Tree, a name which stuck until the seventeenth century.

Holly touches the entire sacred cycle, the spines representing the Cross of Thorns, the white flowers purity and the Virgin birth, the red berries drops of Christ’s blood and the bitter bark His Passion.

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## Journal o’Scots Airs an Letters,

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O Mary Johnston, ae lady faa owersets the screivins o the Brithers Grimm intil Scots as weel as ither German makars. Her wark haes an element o mystic aboot thaim. Mary’s recordins are ae pleasure tae lug intil, transportin ye tae ae pleasant place tae bide in.

Nae doot, I’ll be screivin mair anent thay CDs in ae futur airticle. But meanwhile, gaither yer siller thegither for thay’ll mak braw presents for Yuletide.

Noo, gin ye want tae ken mair anent Scots ye can aye email oor associe at [lallans@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lallans@hotmail.co.uk) or gin ye wuid like taa speir me anent ocht ye raed on this wee column, yer mair than walcom tae email me at [georgetwatt@hotmail.com](mailto:georgetwatt@hotmail.com) oor associe also pits oot ae anline journal noo an than cried *Eiks an Ens*. Gin ye wuid like tae be on the mailin list for it either personally or for yer Associe, syne email Lallans an I’ll pit yer nem down.

Aa the best aye noo, George T Watt

In addition, it’s one of the trees reputed to have been the wood of the Cross. Through these Christian associations, holly became the symbol of eternal life.

A winter solstice decoration in the house since pre-Christian times, and a sacred tree to the Druids, holly also acquired lighthearted superstitions: it’s a favourite tree of the fairies in Ireland, where it is known as the “gentle tree.” If you hang it in the hall, elves and fairies join in the celebrations. They hang on every leaf, and cling to every twig during a time when spirits have no power to harm. Even mangers were decorated with holly.

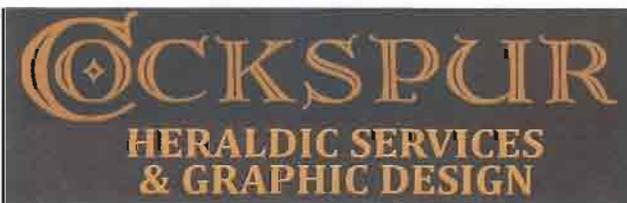
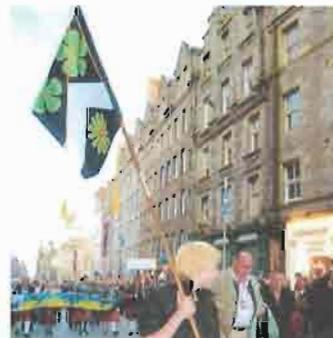
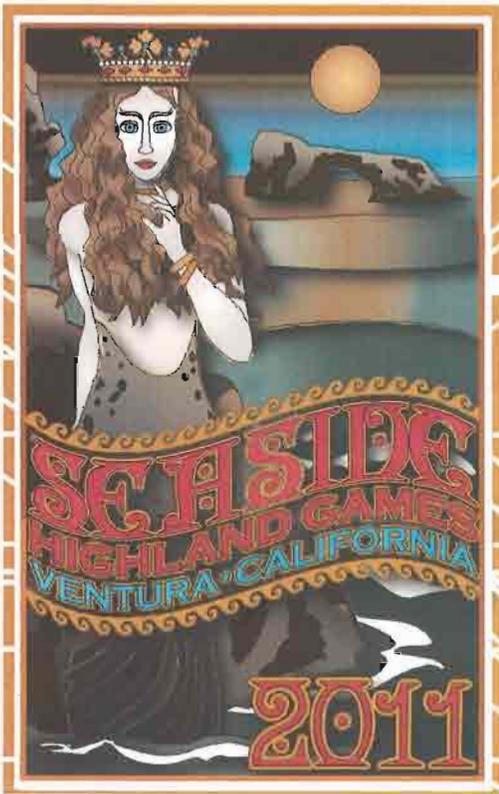
Since the time of ancient Greece, it was observed that holly planted near a house would protect it from lightning, as well as keeping away evil spells and enchantments. Being prickly, the leaves drive away enemies, and witches hate the tree because it is holy.

In the dead of the year, its red berries protect against evil, but to bring white holly flowers into the house in summer would bring bad luck.

Holly gets its generic name *aquifolium* from *acus* meaning prickly and *folium*, leaf.

The holly tree has given its name to many towns and villages: Holm, the old hame for holly, features in Holmbury, Holmwood and Holmsdale - there are many Holly Cottages in many an English village.

With thanks to my friend, Ann, who loves all things green and growing.



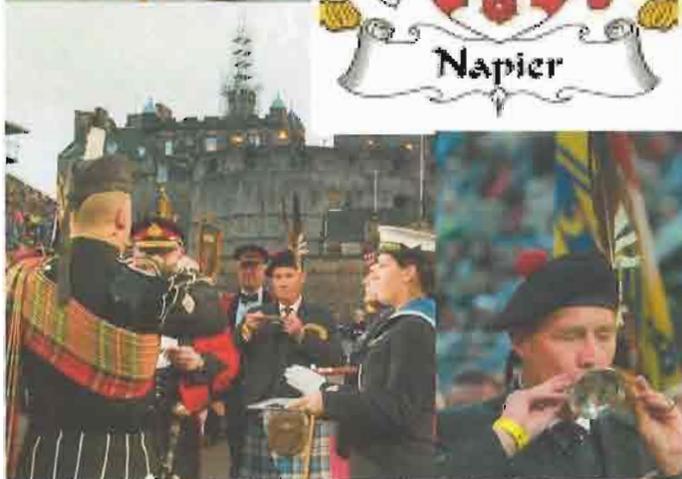
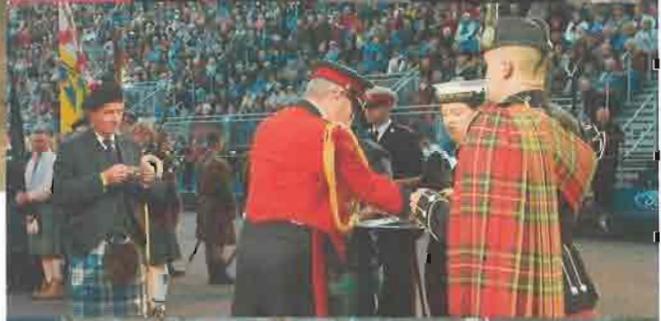
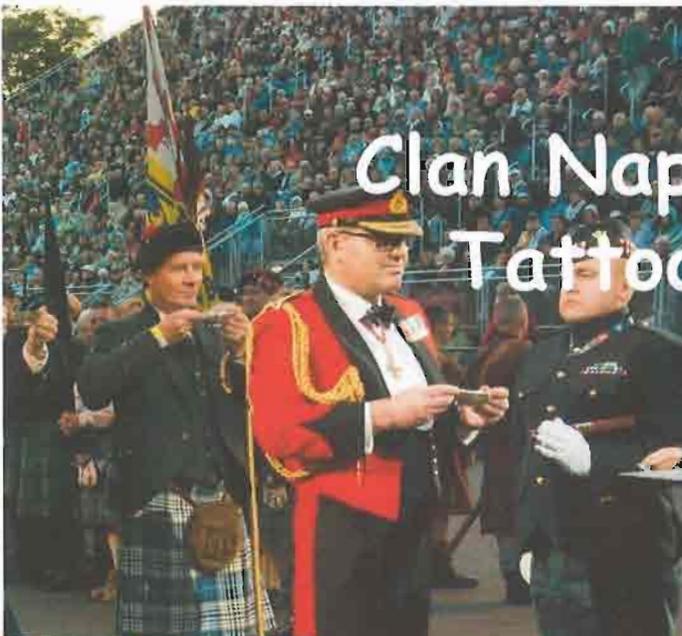
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