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Edinburgh, Capital of Kindness: More than 25,000 gifts and food parcels donated to those most in need through Social Bite's Festival of Kindness

Caitlyn Dewar **Edinburgh News** EVENING 

Residents of the Capital have shown an overwhelming amount of much needed kindness this year through their generosity to Social Bite's Christmas campaign: The Festival of Kindness which launched at the end of November with a bid to spread some much-needed festive goodwill and kindness,

Two 10-metre tall Christmas trees were set up in Edinburgh's St Andrew Square and Glasgow's Vinicombe Street for people across the country to drop a gift under them and contribute to a movement of kindness.

Scots were asked to donate meals, gifts and accommodation for those who need it most this Christmas.

The conference centre, in the former headquarters of the Royal Bank of Scotland at Gogarburn, is

currently home to the campaign who have been inundated with donations.

The public, as well as corporate supporters, have supplied more than 25,000 gifts and food parcels to those who have been hit hardest this year and are most in need and last minute donations are expected in the coming days.

The charity, which has an aim to end homelessness through their project, also

works closely with local community groups and schools which have been able to request food parcels and gifts.

The charity has said that this year in particular, with the knock on effects of Covid-19 restrictions causing many to lose their jobs and not be

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**Goodbye
2020**

**2021
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A letter from your editor...

New Year's Resolutions from 1852 by my ^{maybe} several times great grandfather...



If you work with genealogy, it doesn't take long for you to realize that your ancestors were just like us. They were not perfect. They were human beings, mostly doing the best they could.

In my own papers, my three-great grandfather Cone wrote to one of his cousins, "Why in the world won't you take time to take pen in hand and write to me about your family?" He grumpily writes for several paragraphs about how his Cone relations just won't help him with the genealogy he is trying to create.

I really howled with laughter when I first received my copy of his letter. I had - not thirty minutes before - written a letter pretty much like the one that was written long ago. My letter was grumpy, too.

So in addition to my own Resolutions to "get skinny," "be more mindful of keeping good records," "dust more often," will be the ones I found from a fella back in 1852. I don't know for sure if we are kin. I hope we are as he must have had a vision of the frustrations all of his New Year's Resolutions would cause down through the years. I think that he had a marvellous and wicked sense of humour.

He is surely laughing at me as I try to wade through my own family who did about all he suggested for folks to do.

Resolution Number One: No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name in at least three different ways within the same docu-

ment. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year. I will write my own name in as many different ways as I can think of.

Resolution Number Two: I resolve to see to it that all my children will be named the same names that my ancestors have used for more than six generations in a row. I will rely heavily on John, James and William for the boys and Mary, Ann and Elizabeth for the girls.

Resolution Number Three: My age is nobody's business but my own. I hereby resolve never to list the same age or birth year twice on any document. I resolve to get younger as time passes.

Resolution Number Four: I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church - either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.

Resolution Number Five: I resolve to move to a new town, new county or new state at least once in every ten years - just before those pesky enumerators from the Census come around asking silly questions.

Resolution Number Six. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.

Resolution Number Seven: I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in

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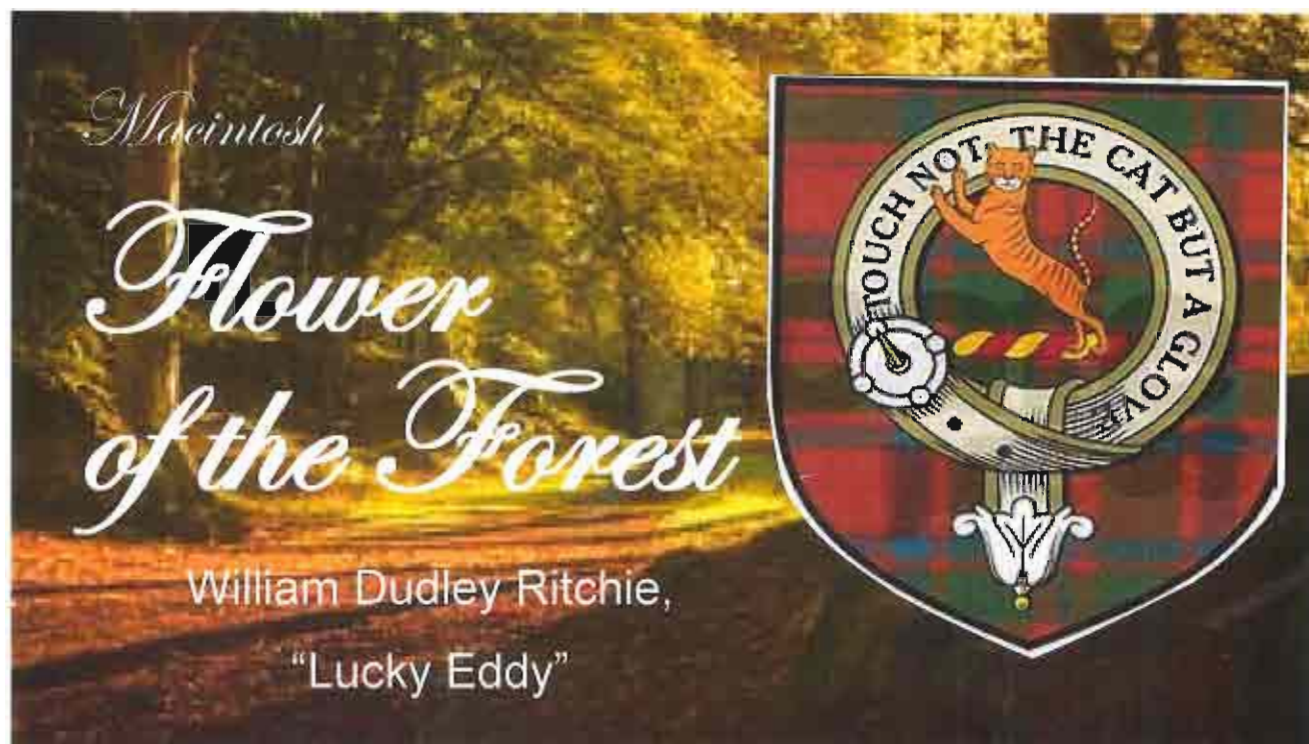
When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



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William Dudley Ritchie, M.D. passed away on 17 December, 2020, after a long and interesting life. He was born on 14 September, 1923, to the late Alexander Booth Ritchie of Aberdeen, Scotland and Jenny June Cook of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

He attended Stringtown School in Evansville, Indiana and Palm Beach, Florida, grade school, graduating from Reitz High School in Evansville in 1941, where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Quill & Scroll Club and Thespians Society. He played three years on the varsity golf team and served on the student council for two years.

He entered Indiana University as a pre-med student, earned his freshman numerals on the golf team and served as captain of the varsity golf team his sophomore year. He was a member and President of the Acacia Social Fraternity. In 1945, he entered the IU School of Medicine and became a member and President of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity. He graduated with an M.D. degree in 1948. He served his internship at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana, and began private practice as a junior partner to Dr. Larry L. Daves in Evansville.

While home from Indiana University working in the Emergency Room at Deaconess Hospital, he met Muriel J. Ritchie from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, a senior nursing student at Deaconess. They

married in 1948.

When the Korean War erupted, he entered service as a 1st Lieutenant in the US Air Force where he attended the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine and was appointed Flight Surgeon. He served as a Captain at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, charged with care of all flying personnel and the unpleasant duty of air crash investigation and casualty identification. He earned a Letter of Commendation from his peers in Investigation and Identification. He managed the transport of recovering airmen to rehab facilities on flying status and earned his Wings as a Flight Surgeon.

Following service, he returned to solo Family Practice in Evansville, Indiana, doing major and minor surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, and general medicine.

He continued in Aviation Medicine, performing medical exams for the Federal Aviation Administration on all classes of pilots and control tower operators. He gained an unparalleled 60 years of experience with the FAA taking good care of their pilots.

Dr. Ritchie joined the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, serving as Director of the First District Chapter and rapidly rising through the state offices to President. He was elected Delegate from

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Gilknockie Tower is now under the UK and Scottish Governments COVID 19 Regulations, so, we are closed down until further notice.

Our sincere apologies, but look forward to seeing you in the near future.



William Dudley Ritchie, continued from page 5

Indiana to the American Academy of Family Physicians, serving for eleven years. He practiced family medicine until 2008 and continued providing pilot flight physicals until 2019. He passionately practiced medicine for 71 years, a career he loved.

He was active in Scottish affairs, appointed as a Lieutenant to the Chief of Clan Mackintosh of Tomaton, Scotland. Arms were granted to him by the Lord Lion of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Dr. Ritchie restarted Clan Mackintosh of America, gaining over 400 members. He also started the St. Andrew's Scottish Society in Evansville with over 200 members from Illinois, and Kentucky, and also Indiana. He attended numerous Highland Games in the US and Scotland each year, proudly wearing the Scottish Kilt of Clan Mackintosh.

He was also a long time and beloved member of the Kingdome of Raknar, always known as Lucky Eddy.

After leaving the Air Force, he earned his private pilot's license with instrument rating, logging 4000 hours flying to destinations across the country alongside Muriel, also a licensed pilot.

Surviving him are his wife Muriel Joyce Ritchie, daughters Lynne J. Foland (Theodore),

Sally J. Ferguson (Terry), Holly S. Ritchie, grandchildren Brent Foland (Karen), Scott Foland, Suzanne Silva (Kenny), Ann Ferguson, Laura Ferguson, and great-grandchildren August, Lillian, Juliana, Clara, Cesar, Elizabeth, and Sophia.

Preceding him in death are two daughters

Patricia A. Parker and Alexa B. Ritchie, his parents, his siblings Robert Ritchie and Betty Thomas, Uncle Dudley Cook, Aunt Mary Gilbert in Canada, Uncle Willie Ritchie in London, England, Uncle Archie Ritchie in California, his grandparents William and Mary Ritchie in Aberdeen, Scotland and the Cook family in Wisconsin.

Browning Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Entombment with military honors will be held at a

later date at Sunset Memorial Park.

Donations in his honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN, 501 St Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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Clan Baird takes its name from the ancient lands held by the family, near the town of Biggar in South Lanarkshire. A popular traditional tale is that the lands were given to the first Baird clansman after he saved King William the Lion from a wild boar.



An update on the Scottish Wildcat kitten, Finlay!



We thought we would give you all an update on little Finlay. He is 10 weeks old now and after a very tough start to life as an orphan, it is great to see him enjoying himself and developing new

skills. He is such a bundle of energy. He is very adventurous and we are making sure he is exposed to lots of natural smells, sights and experiences that will aid his survival in the wild. It's nice to see his tail thicken-



1852 Resolutions, *continued from page 3*

record-keeping or in participating in military service.

Resolution Number Eight: When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in ink that fades away in a few weeks.

Resolution Number Nine: I resolve that if my beloved wife, Mary, should die, I will marry another lady called "Mary." If she should die, I will continue with "Mary" so long as I live.

Resolution Number Ten: I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

Now that you've read this, ask yourself if your own ancestors did the same as this? I'll bet that some of them did!

I dreamed of this fellow last night and he was laughing very hard!

ing up and becoming characteristically bristly and his body stripes are just beautiful. Also look at those big paws and claws in relation to his body. Looks like he is going to grow up to be a big strong boy.

He is a delight to observe and his instincts are so strong. He is a real survivor and we all respect him greatly.

We hope you are keeping safe and well and that despite all the uncertainty at the moment, we hope these photos of Finlay makes you all smile.

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With very best wishes

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If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth.) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Associated Family Surnames (Septs) with Mac or Mc prefixes and spelling variants include: Septs and spellings include: Austin, Cate(s), Dick, Dickie, Dicken, Dickson, Dicson, Dixon, Dixson, Falconer, Faulkner, Harvey, Harvie, Hackston, Haxton, Harvey, Hervey, Hurrie, Hurry, Keath, Keech, Keeth, Keith, Keitch, Keithan, Keyth, Kite, Lum, Lumgair, Marshall, Urie, Urry.

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email secretary@cksusa.org or jkeith417@aol.com. Call 256-270-8967.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the clan is not expensive, but one of the finest investments that you will ever make. Hope to see you soon!

Hogmanay in Scotland

With thanks to the **Skene Scene**

New Year's Eve in Scotland is called Hogmanay. This joyful gathering was especially celebrated in the years when Christmas was 'banned', and celebrations could last for days!

Edinburgh now hosts one of the world's biggest and most famous Hogmanay street parties, with an amazing fireworks display. (I do not think there will be a Hogmanay celebration this year in Edinburgh.)

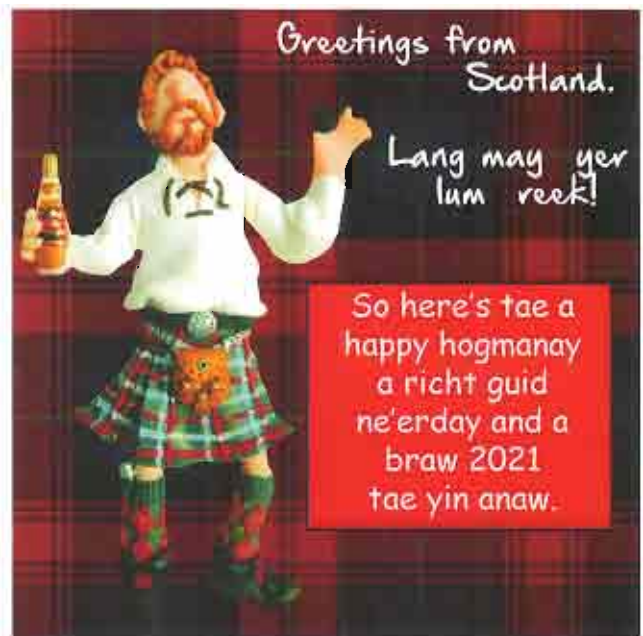
All over the country, Scottish people normally brighten up the dark winter with music, poetry and bonfires.

There are plenty of Scottish Hogmanay traditions, some dating back centuries and some only a few decades old.

Certainly the most famous is the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*, which was written by the iconic Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Usually, not in pandemic times, people are gathering together and linking arms to sing in unison.

This became a popular convention by the mid-20th century. There are other poems and songs by writers like Robert Louis Stevenson that celebrate Hogmanay and the passing of the year, but nothing holds a haggis to Burns's classic song.

Scotland also has some weird and wonderful Hogmanay events. The Stonehaven Fireballs Festival has its roots in pagan traditions – for nearly a century, residents of this Aberdeenshire town have paraded along the



streets on Hogmanay, swinging giant fireballs to drive evil spirits away and purge the old year.

In Orkney you'll need to fight for a view of the Kirkwall Ba' on New Year's Day, which sees almost the entire town turned into a football pitch for a chaotic and competitive kickabout! In Burghead in Moray, the 'burning of the clavie' involves carrying a flaming tar-filled barrel through the streets on 11 January (the Gaelic New Year's Eve, dating back to the time before the Gregorian calendar was adopted).

Some Scots like to encourage good luck in the new year by doing a spot of 'redding' and cleaning their house from top to bottom (a good one for getting the children involved) on Hogmanay. It's also meant to be bad luck to clean or do laundry on New Year's Day – in case you sweep or wash away the good luck!

So instead of cleaning, the more thick-skinned of us may take part in the Loony Dook – a modern tradition where people take a dip in the very cold Firth of Forth on New Year's Day.

(From the National Trust for Scotland website)

Here or there, wherever you are, have a happy, happy hogmanay!



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Cornnwall Gorsedh Kernow has been put off until later 2021

Due to the pandemic, the annual ceremony of the Forsedh Kernow has been put off until this year, 2021.

In the meantime, twenty-two new members have been named to the College of Bards. These include the BAFTA-winning writer, director and film maker, Mark Jenkin, for promoting Kernow through his film, *Bait*.

The current Grand Bard of Cornwall, Elizabeth Carne, noted that these latest honors show an amazing diversity in many cultural areas from proficiency in the Cornish language, conserving old film, audio tapes and written evidence for use by future people, continuing traditional sports like Cornish wrestling and researching the lives of Cornishmen.

Those who mined in India and made it into a modern musical performance is a good example.

Each of these showcasing platforms proclaims



to the world that Cornish culture is distinctive, traditional and modern and precious to the Cornish people. Cornish culture is alive and well!

Isle of Man To Issue Commemorative Watchmaking Stamps honoring makers

Harwood, Daniels and Smith are honored.

Between Great Britain and Ireland, in the middle of the Irish Sea, lies a small island with huge horological importance. Three of the greatest British watchmakers in history have called the Isle of Man home. John Harwood, George Daniels, and today, Roger W. Smith. Now, the Isle of Man Post Office is releasing a commemorative book of stamps to honor the island's horological history.

The delightful collection of six stamps features photographs of Harwood, Daniels, and Smith with their famous watches.

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She was born 1814 in Union County, SC and died 1850 in Newton, Dale County, Alabama. She married **DANIEL MADISON PALMER/PALMORE** in 1835 in Georgia. Their children were: **WILLIAM RUSSELL PALMER/PALMORE**, born 1834 and died 1924; **JANE ELIZABETH PALMER**, who married a **MADDEN**, **JANE ELIZABETH** born 1837 and died. 1909, **LEVI MADISON PALMER/PALMORE**, born 1841 and died 1926, **FRANCIS GEORGE PALMER/PALMORE**



I need information on **ROBERT JOHN BISHOP**, born 8 December 1826 in Barnwell, SC and died 1 December 1856 in Madison, Florida. His father was **JOHN TILLERY BISHOP** and his mother was **CYNTHIA RUSSUEL/RUSSELL**. He married **ADELINE E. HILL** who was born 1835 and died 1905. Children were **ROBERT JOHN BISHOP** and **LOUIS B. BISHOP** 1856-1913. Any information, please, <bethscribble@aol.com>.

Does anyone have any information on **CENIA/SEINY/CENIE GIBSON/GIPSON**?

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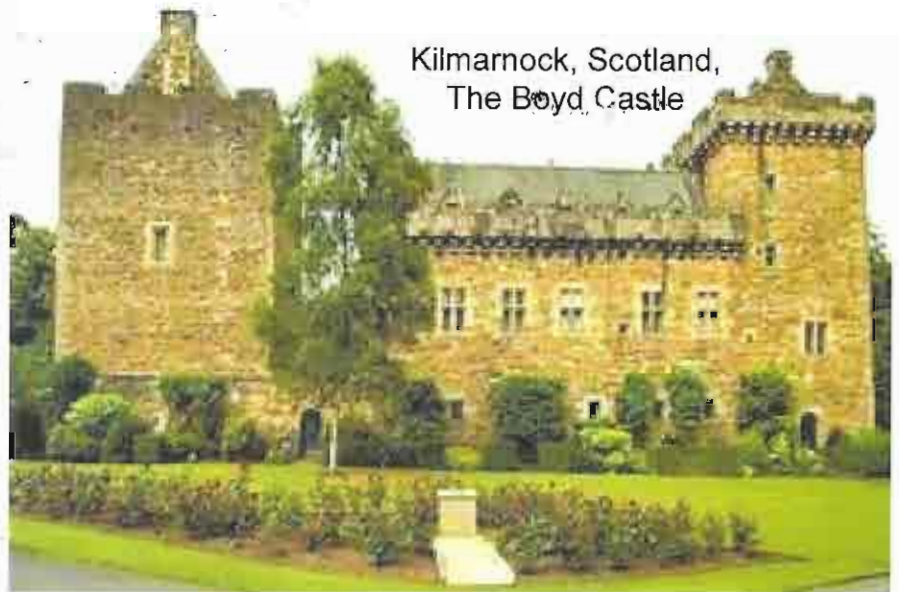
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Mannin watch stamps, *con't from page 13*

Harwood's stamp features his "Automatic 1929" wristwatch.

Two stamps featuring Daniels show his "Grand Complication" and "Space Traveller" pocketwatches.

A stamp featuring both Daniels and Smith shows "The Blue" wristwatch, one of only four wristwatches Daniels made in his lifetime (Daniels also made 23 pocket watches).

Two stamps featuring Smith show the dial and movement sides of his "GREAT Britain" wristwatch.

John Harwood (1893–1964) was a watchmaker who lived and worked on the Isle of Man. Harwood was keenly aware of the issues caused by intrusion of dust and debris via the winding stem of a mechanical watch. He sought to address this issue by adapting the self-winding mechanisms that were previously found in pocket watches to wristwatches.

The Harwood automatic movement was designed and patented in 1923.

Harwood took his idea to Switzerland and convinced A. Schild (a movement manufacturer) and Fortis (a watch brand) to mass-produce the watch.

In 1926, Fortis debuted its self-winding watch at the Basel Fair, which used the Harwood self-winding mechanism.

Famously, Rolex introduced its first self-winding watch in 1931 and advertised that it was the first self-winding wristwatch, ignoring Harwood work. Later, Rolex published an apology and featured Harwood on its advertisements.

Dr. George Daniels CBE (1926 – 2011) is widely considered to be the greatest watchmaker of the modern era. He was one of few individual watchmakers in history that could manufacture all parts of a mechanical watch himself, without any outsourcing. He is well-known for the invention of his co-axial escapement, considered by many to be the most important development in horology in 250 years. The Daniels Co-axial Escapement improved on the lever escapement by reducing the



need for lubrication and increasing the efficiency of the mechanism. Today, Omega makes use of the Daniels Co-axial Escapement in its watches. Watches made by Daniels have sold for enormous sums at auction. His Space Traveller's I pocket watch sold for just over \$4.5 million at Sotheby's

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Mannin watch stamps, *con't from page 17*

Dr. Roger W. Smith OBE apprenticed to George Daniels, and today carries on the legacy of the Daniels Method of watchmaking with his own individual style.

Watches made by Smith epitomize British horology, featuring finely finished movements, engine-turned dials, and the Daniels Co-axial Escapement.

Over his many years at the bench, Smith has further optimized the Daniels Co-Axial escapement, inventing a single wheel version that eliminates any variance of alignment between the two escape wheels.

In 2013, Smith was asked by Prime Minister David Cameron to become an Ambassador for the GREAT Britain campaign.

Smith then made the iconic "GREAT Britain" watch, with an extraordinarily complex dial. Smith recently introduced his Series 1, 2, 3, and 4 wristwatches with new complications, such as an instantaneous triple-calendar with traveling date aperture.

In 2019, Smith announced a collaboration with Manchester Metropolitan University to explore the use of virtually frictionless nano-coatings



using molybdenum disulfide.

The commemorative book of six stamps is available for order from the Isle of Man Post Office. It was released last August 11.

Several options are available, including an informational booklet explaining the horological legacy of the Isle of Man in-depth, and a first day cover.

These stamps are a fitting tribute to the incredible watchmaking legacy of the Isle of Man, established by Harwood and Daniels, and carried on today by Smith.





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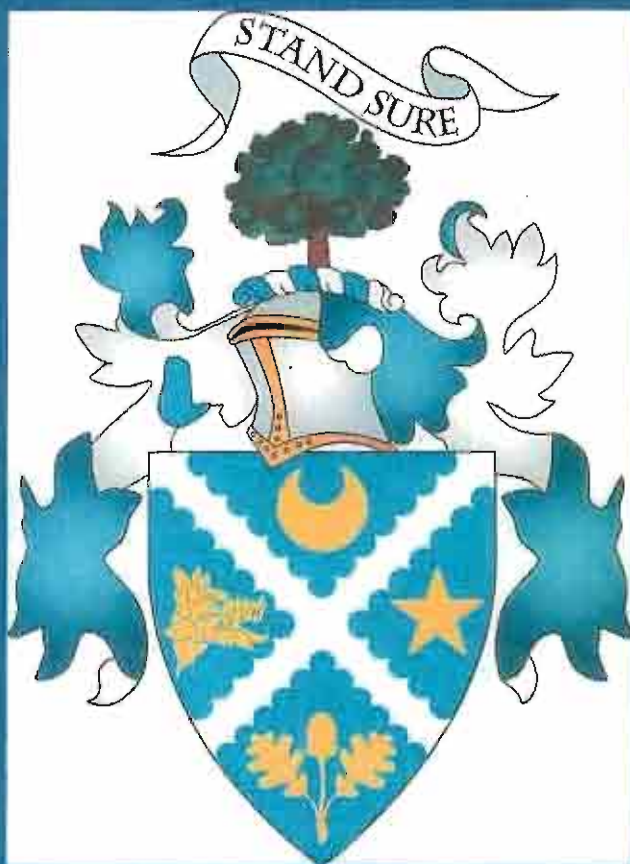
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Scotland's best archaeological discoveries of 2020


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From a massive hilltop Pictish fort to hundreds of medieval skeletons found beneath the streets of Edinburgh, a number of key archaeological digs in 2020 have helped to further our understanding of the people and places of Scotland through time.

Dig It! – a centrepiece of information on archaeology Scotland – has put forward three key projects which have illuminated previously unknown parts of Scotland's past. While the pandemic led to many excavations coming to a standstill, these studies were still able to unearth exciting discoveries.

They are:

1. Scotland's largest Pictish site

In May, one of the largest ancient settlements ever discovered in Scotland was identified with up to 4,000 people thought to have lived or gathered in hundreds of houses on the summit of Tap O' Noth in Aberdeenshire during the Pictish era.

The hilltop is now known to have been a hive of activity around 1,700 to 1,400 years ago

The breakthrough was made this year when archaeologists at Aberdeen University's Leverhulme Comparative Kingship Project radio-carbon dated samples of organic matter earlier taken from the summit.

These results were combined with drone surveys and laser technology which showed that there were hundreds of hut platforms within the fort – described as “potentially verging on urban in scale”.

2. The unusual crouching skeleton found beneath the planned route of the Edinburgh Tram to Newhaven with one theory being that the woman was murdered given the way she was left in the ground.



Scotland's largest Pictish site



The crouching skeleton

3. Scotland's oldest woven cloth

Evidence of a woven Neolithic cloth was found at the Ness of Brodgar in Orkney.

Organic material from prehistory does not often survive, but the breakthrough was made after the fabric left an impression in the wet clay of a pot that was made 5,000 years ago.

The impressions are thought to have been made by the potter's clothing at the time.

The impressions were discovered by a volunteer as part of a University of the Highlands and Islands project. A technique called Reflectance

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Transformation Imaging (RTI), which combines multiple photos of a subject to create a highly detailed image that can reveal surface details not visible during normal examination, was used to make the discovery.

4. Stories from medieval Edinburgh

Fascinating stories from Leith were uncovered when archaeologists began unearthing skeletons and artefacts from a medieval cemetery to make way for the expansion of the Edinburgh Tram line to Newhaven.

More than 350 burials, which could date back to as far back as 1300, were discovered with the finds building on earlier results from a dig in 2008.

Meanwhile, a wealth of other artefacts were found at the South Leith Parish Cemetery, including a rare cannonball that may have been fired during the 1559-60 Siege of Leith. The bones from the fins of an adult sperm whale, which dated to around 1800, were also found in a nod to Leith's industrial whaling past.

Dr Jeff Sanders, Project Manager at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland's Dig It! project, said: "Archaeology is all about discovering Scotland's stories and these are just some of the new chapters that have been added despite the pandemic, with other finds ranging from a major Iron Age village in Aberdeenshire to a "lost" medieval bridge in the Scottish Borders.



Ancient fabric embossed on clay



Medieval cemetery found near Leith

"As Scotland's Archaeology Strategy reminds us, archaeology is for everyone, so we hope you've been inspired to get involved in 2021 when it's safe to do so."

Loch Norman
Scottish Highland Games
Huntersville, NC
has cancelled its
2021
Scottish Games
because of the pandemic.

Flower of the Forest from the Clan Donald North Pacific Region

Todd Anderson, former Oregon State Clan Donald North Pacific Regional Commissioner passed away on November 7, 2020. He had been a CDUSA member since 2003.

He and his wife Kate helped manage the Clan Tent at the Portland Highland Games for many years and the past few years since their move to Klamath Falls, the tent at the Douglas County Games as well. Please keep Kate Anderson and family in your prayers.



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Chief John Alexander MacArthur of that Ilk

The Massacre of Glencoe, 13 February 1692 “murder under trust”

The infamy of the massacre of Glencoe is not so much in the numbers killed, but in the way it was carried out. In 1691, King William the Third, recognizing the resurgence of the Jacobite cause, ordered all the clan chiefs to sign an oath of allegiance by 1st January 1692.

Macian of Glencoe, a Macdonald Chief, delayed signing the oath and when he arrived in Fort William he found he had to go to Inveraray. Difficult travelling and the absence of a sheriff meant that Maciain did not sign the oath until 6th January 1692.

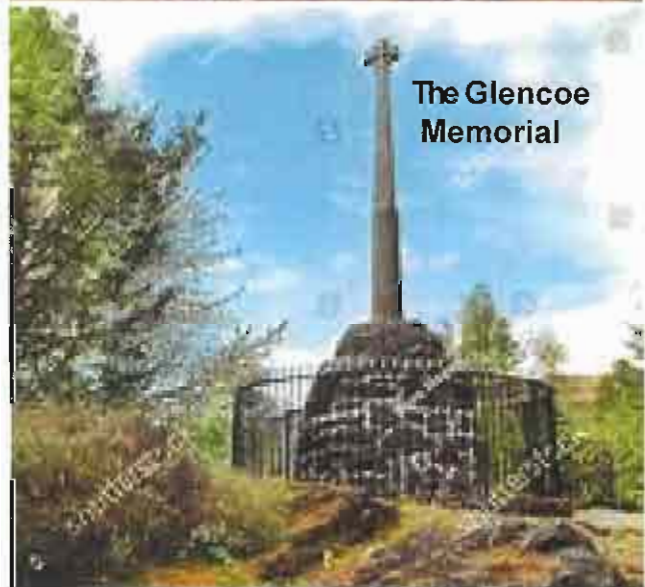
Maclain returned to Glencoe believing his signature was accepted. It was however decided by the King to punish Maclain.

Under orders of the King, Campbell of Glenlyon led a group of some 128 soldiers who stayed with the Macdonald's for some 12 days and then turned on their hosts in the early morning of 13th February, killing 38 of them whilst some tried to escape into the snowy hills.

The infamy of the massacre is “murder under trust”, murder of those who had offered them hospitality.

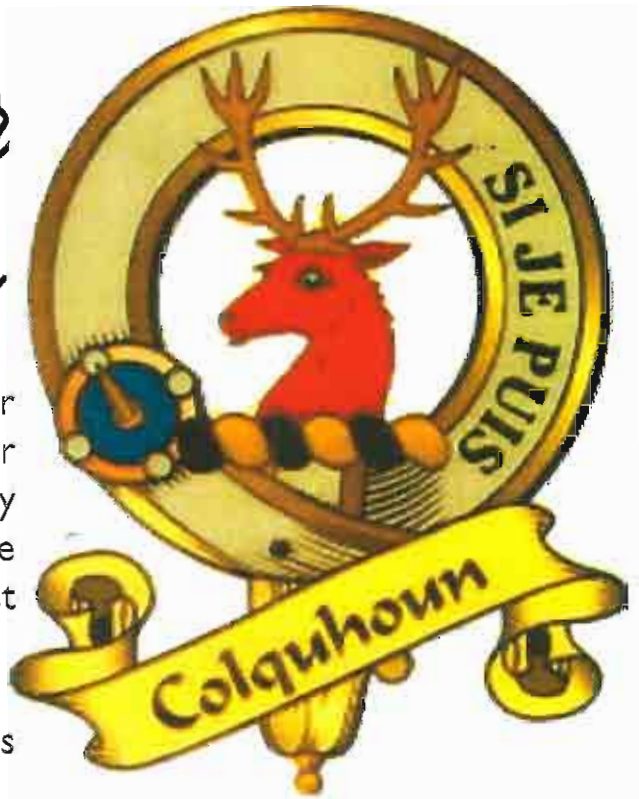
A monument to the fallen Macdonald's is situated in Glencoe village in Upper Carnoch. Maclain was buried on the island of Eilean Munda in Loch Leven opposite Ballachulish.

Macian is buried in an unmarked grave as, at that time, it was feared that the soldiers would return and take his body to be taken and displayed.



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Our goal is to promote, protect, and preserve our clan's history and heritage. Regardless of how our members spell their name, or from which sept they come, we are all tied to the Village of Luss on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond – some of the most beautiful land in the world. I encourage you to join us as we continue to build an organization that brings our history into the present and safeguards our legacy for future generations.



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THE AMAZING LIFE OF GERTRUDE BELL

In an effort to bring Gertrude Bell and her astonishing accomplishments to light once again, the Newcastle University Library uses "The digital comics as entry points to original archive.

Gertrude Margaret Lowthian Bell, daughter of Mary and Hugh Bell, was born July 14, 1868, in Washington New Hall, County Durham, England. Bell was a member of a prominent English family, and she became a world traveler, mountaineer, archaeologist, linguist, writer, cartographer, photographer, British political officer and administrator, and, some say, spy. She explored and mapped what was then Arabia, Asia Minor, Greater Syria, and Mesopotamia and gained extensive knowledge about the Middle East and established important contacts with tribal leaders and government officials there.



Her comprehensive expertise made her highly influential in policy-making during the British colonial period in this part of the world.

Gertrude Bell was 57 years old when she died in her cherished home in Baghdad. British archaeologist and scholar David George Hogarth wrote in his obituary of Bell: "No woman in recent time has combined her qualities—her taste for arduous and dangerous adventure with her scientific interest and knowledge, her competence in archaeology and art, her distinguished literary gift, her sympathy for all sorts and conditions of men, her political insight and appreciation of human values, her masculine vigour, hard common sense and practical efficiency – all tempered by feminine charm and a most romantic spirit."

This article relied heavily on the following websites:

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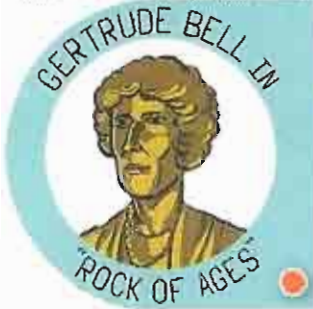
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gertrude_Bell

www.thenation.com/article/iraqs-founding-mother/

<http://gertrudebell.ncl.ac.uk/>

To access special features of the Gertrude Bell comics (red dots and maps) go to <http://gertrudebell.ncl.ac.uk/>

FINAL INSTALLMENT OF THE GERTRUDE BELL COMICS



28th August 1921

I don't see how I'm ever going to tear myself away permanently from this country – do you!



20th July 1922

Today the King has agreed to my suggestion that he should appoint me provisional Director of Archaeology to his Govt.



With the calmer atmosphere in the newly-formed Iraq, requests to carry out excavations on the country's historical sites came pouring in, and many unofficial excavations were taking place.

20th August 1924

I have a letter from Sir F. Kenyon saying that he holds up the Iraq Dept. of Antiquities as the model for the manner in which the division of finds is made.



Half to the Baghdad Antiquities Museum

6th March 1924

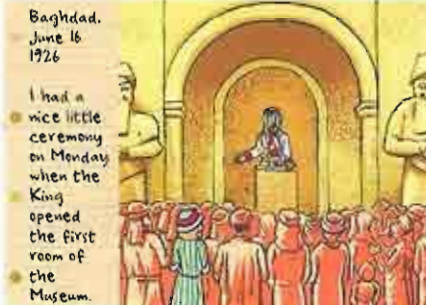
I had to tell them that I must take the missing scene. I can't do otherwise. It's unique and it depicts the life of the country at an immensely early date.



In my capacity as Director of Antiquities I'm an Iraqi official and bound by the terms on which we gave the permit for excavation.

Baghdad, June 16 1926

I had a nice little ceremony on Monday when the King opened the first room of the Museum.



It was open to the public for the first time today and as I came away at 3.30 this morning, I saw some 15 or 20 ordinary Baghdadis going round it under the guidance of the old Arab curator – very gratifying.



Gertrude was found dead from an apparent overdose of sleeping pills on July 12 1926, less than a month after the museum opened. Shortly afterwards, King Faisal named one of its rooms in her honour, and a large brass plaque was commissioned to be hung in the museum.



Darling, I must stop now; summer does not conduce to the writing of very long letters. Your loving daughter, Gertrude

To see more pages of the Gertrude Bell Comics, go to <https://research.ncl.ac.uk/gertrudecomics/>

With many thanks to the Clan Bell.



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Gold coin stash from time of Henry VIII found in English garden

It's possible clergy buried the coins in 1540.

Laura Geggel - Associate Editor

LIVESCIENCE



A newfound stash of 63 gold and one silver coin dates from the time of Edward IV to Henry VIII.

A family in England was weeding their garden when they unearthed a valuable treasure — a buried hoard of gold coins dating back to the 1400s, depicting English monarchs from Edward IV to Henry VIII.

The hoard — a stash of 63 gold coins and one silver coin — contains money minted over a period of nearly 100 years, from the late 15th to the 16th centuries. Four of the coins feature Henry VIII and, curi-

ously, one of the initials of three of his wives: Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn and Jane Seymour.

Upon finding the cache, the family, in the New Forest district of Hampshire, a county in southeastern England, notified the British Museum, which runs the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). This program partners with local people who find historical artifacts in the United Kingdom, so the findings can be documented and studied, the British Museum said in a statement Thursday, December 10, 2020.



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



All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <mbrown2205@aol.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)*



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
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How to Prepare for an Online Search

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

One of the best New Year's Resolutions is to decide to work on your own family history. Anyone can do it. You can do it from anywhere. If you do it yourself from home, it doesn't cost all that much as you can subscribe to several really good programs.

Whenever I am contacted by patrons who are beginning the research process, the first question posed usually involves when we can meet to perform an in-person online research. Because of COVID-19, in-person searches are more complicated because of social distancing guidelines. However, we still offer the service. This article is designed to prepare patrons for a successful session.

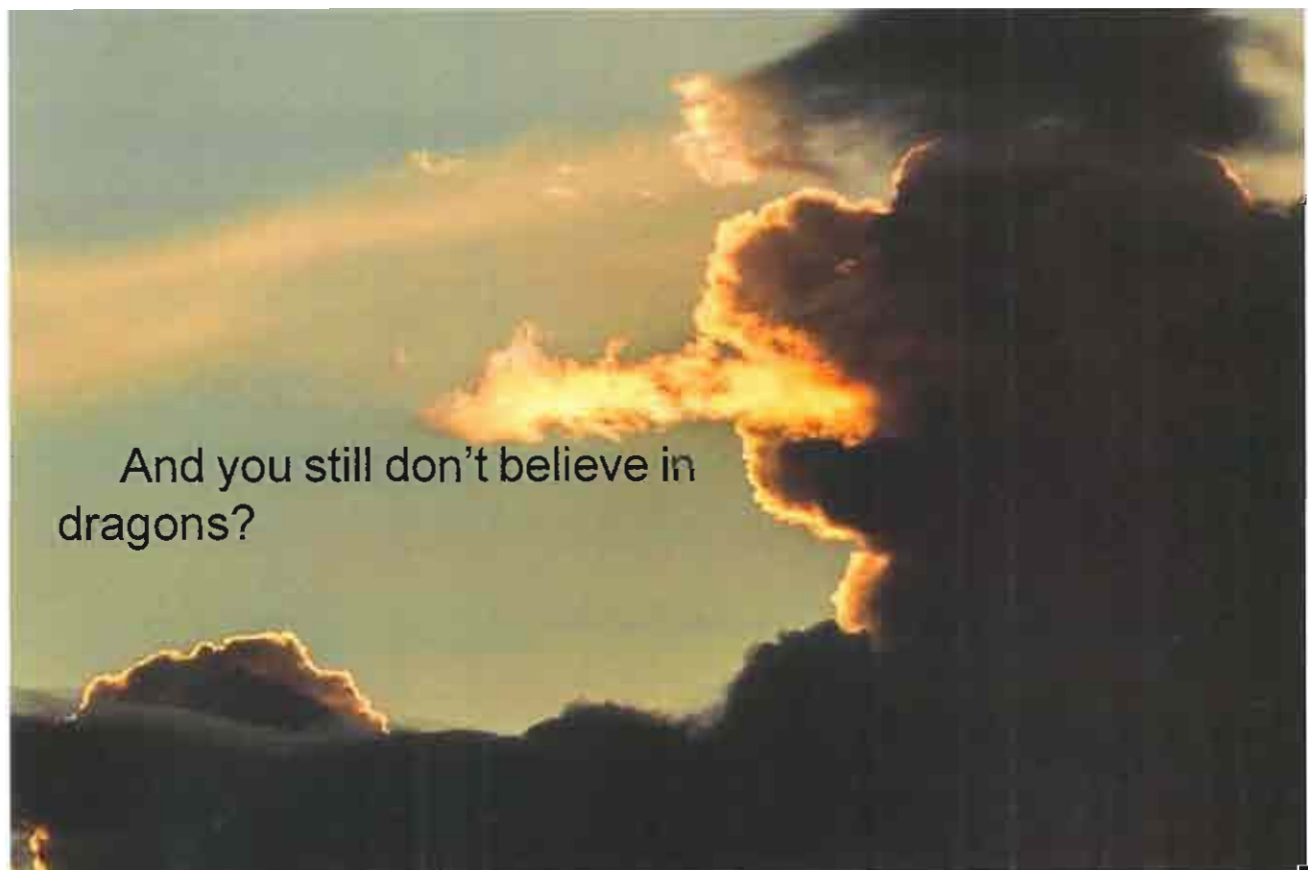
The main point I emphasize is preparation.

Our ability to assist the patron is based on the amount of information they can provide. Even if a patron hires a professional, this fact will be part of the conversation. My goal is to put researchers in the best possible position for success. Here are my suggested steps to begin the research process.

Step One: Using a Pedigree or Ancestral Chart, record in pencil all of the information you already know about your family.

1. These details include names, date/year of birth, place of birth, date/year of marriage and place where ceremony took place, date/year and place of death. This chart tracks you, your parents, your grandparents (both sides), etc. across

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multiple generations.

2. If you don't know dates, there is nothing wrong with estimating them. In the beginning, if all you know is complete information on yourself and your parents but little if anything going further back, don't worry.

3. The next form you should fill out is called a Family Group Sheet. Fill out one sheet for each family. This is the form where you will record one family -- parents and the children of that marriage. As on the previous Pedigree/Ancestral Chart, fill in the names, dates, and places. If a divorce takes place, and one or both parents remarry and have children, this will involve creating a new Family Group Sheet for the new families.

Step Two: The next step is to decide what information you want to learn about your family.

1. Circle any missing or incomplete information on your Pedigree/Ancestral Chart or Family Group Work Sheet or both. Start with your parents or grandparents and work your way back in time.

2. Part of the decision will depend on your ultimate research objective. I've worked with some patrons who are only interested in the gist or highlights of various people in their family. The purpose of this study guide is more for those who wish to go as far back as possible.

3. If you fall into the latter category, feel free to contact me. I have a separate set of recommendations that would apply in that situation.

Step Three: Take the time to read a how-to book on beginning genealogy research.

1. Study guides like this one will tell you what the steps are to proceed, but they will not be able to tell you the "why". In order to be successful in genealogy, you must know the historical context of the time period and purpose of the records.

2. Even if it delays the formal beginning of your research and making an appointment to meet with a research staff member, this step will pay long-term dividends and make the process easier.

Step Four: Investigate what research has already been done.

1. Talk to family members, relatives, or family friends and record any useful information or stories.

2. You may discover that they not only have details of interest but also original documents, photographs, family Bibles, military papers, journals, diaries, etc., that may be useful for your research.

3. These would often be classified as home sources. One of my free study guides available upon request goes into greater detail on this topic. Ask permission to make copies of these documents.

Step Five: Begin recording this information,

and especially where you found the facts.

1. This is called citing your sources.

2. As you progress through the research process, this will become the key to your long-term success.

Once you have begun the process of putting this information together, it will make it easier for the research staff member to get an overview of what you have gathered and help them discuss and formulate a research strategy. This will help make the online search more productive for both you and the staff member. It will also serve as a guide that you can use to proceed. I have multiple study guides on this topic that I can send electronically upon request. Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

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able to get out, there has been a huge increase in demand for food and gifts.

Residents of the Capital have shown an overwhelming amount of much needed kindness this year through their generosity to Social Bite's Christmas campaign.

Babs Haig, part of the Social Impact team at Social Bite, is currently overseeing management of the warehouse at Gogarburn. When the first deliveries from the Festival of Kindness arrived on December 11, she didn't think an overwhelming amount of donations would come in: however, in the days following donations began to pour in which she said may last the charity until March.

Babs said: "The generosity has been overwhelming, it's been incredible and a real privilege to be able to help like this. I had not expected the amount of asks from local community groups.

"There are so many people in need this year that we have been able to help through the Festival of Kindness, for example a single mother with five children who had no food or presents for Christmas, we've been able to make up food parcels and select some gifts to be delivered.

"This is about dignity, nothing we've received

is cheap, it's all about giving people in need new things that they need and the amount of donations has been a real eye-opener. People have been incredibly generous, we've had TVs, bikes, electric guitars, all which will go to fantastic causes."

Social Bite co-founder and CEO, Josh Littlejohn MBE, said: "We have seen some extraordinary examples of generosity throughout our Festival of Kindness campaign.

"Your gifts and financial donations will make a huge difference to those without a safe place to call home this Christmas and your small act of kindness means the world. From all of us at Social Bite I want to say a huge thank you."

Malcolm Buchanan, Chair, Scotland Board, Royal Bank of Scotland, said: "This is a challenging time for everyone in Scotland and we are delighted to work with Social Bite to help make a difference to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities."



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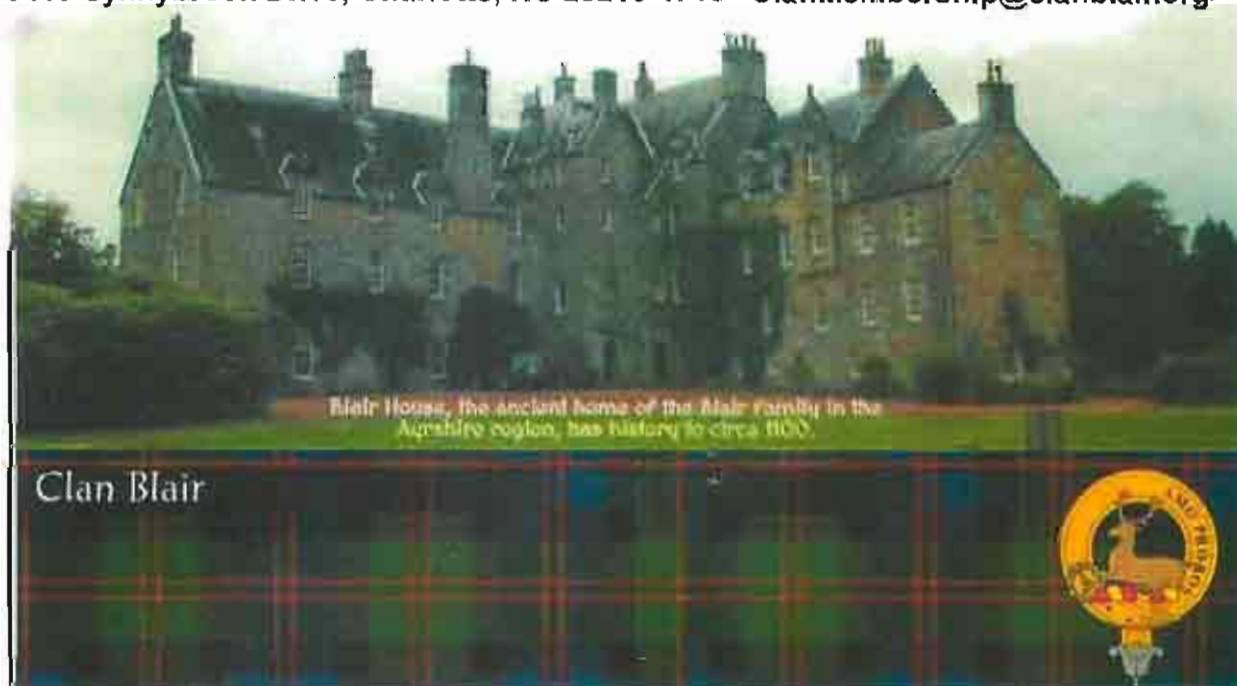
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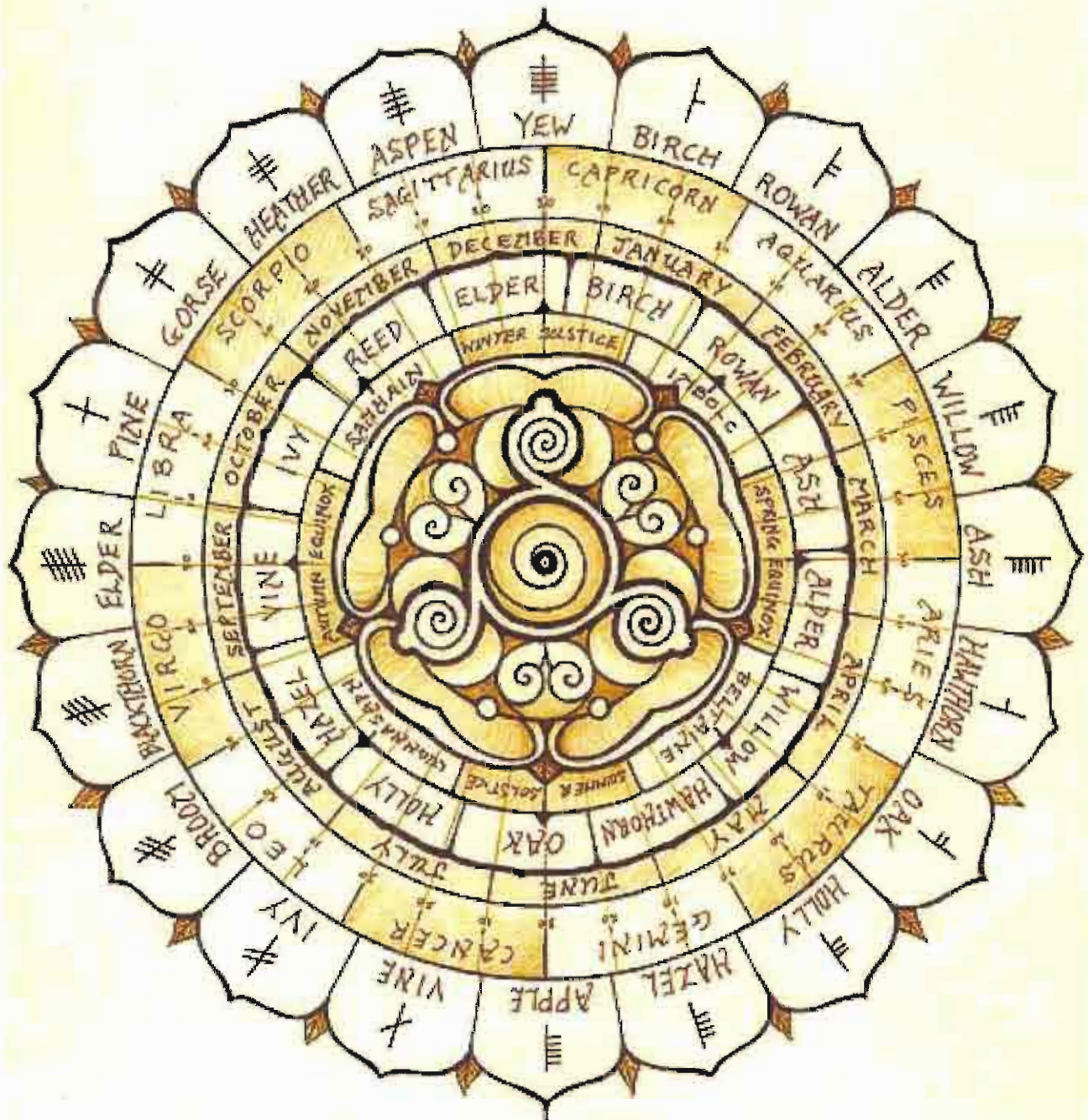
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