

The Learned Kindred of Currie Receives National Award for Video Production Excellence

For the ninth time, the Learned Kindred of Currie, producers of the *Pipes of Christmas* and *HomeTowne Television* (HTTV) have demonstrated their broadcasting prominence by being named as recipients of the prestigious Telly Award for production excellence.

The program recognized was for highlights of the 2019 concert, which was webcast globally over the HTTV web platform during the Christmas holiday. The annual holiday program features Scottish and Irish Christmas carols and readings from Scripture and Celtic literature.

HTTV's John McCann, video director of the *Pipes of Christmas*

cablecast, was thrilled by the news. "Broadcasting the sold-out concert around the world has become an annual tradition," he said. "We think of the concert as a Christmas gift to our viewers, be they in New York City or Edinburgh, Scotland. This special and unique program has become an annual tradition for our viewers and we are



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very pleased that this program has received international recognition.”

McCann continued, “Our team at *HomeTowne Television* continues to create quality broadcasting and I’m so pleased that their efforts have been recognized by their peers. It’s almost impossible to capture on video the energy and emotion of the *Pipes of Christmas*, but the team’s work is inspired.”

Concert producer, Robert Currie added, “The production is grateful to all of our sponsors who help sustain our holiday program. Our thanks in particular go to our long-standing sponsor, The Grand Summit Hotel for their generous support.”

From the bold sounds of the bagpipes and the harmonious blending of brass, strings and percussion, to the poetic and lyrical words that complement them, the *Pipes of Christmas* is a festival for the soul. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the *Pipes of Christmas* has become part of their family’s annual Christmas tradition.

Proceeds from the concerts support a thriving scholarship program, which benefits students in the United States, Canada and Scotland. Commenting on the Kindred’s scholarship program, Scots born stage and screen star and Honorary Chairman of the 2009 concert, Alan Cumming stated, “How appropriate that this concert should help ensure that the future of Scottish culture is safer with these generous scholarships.”



Maddy Kearns, (above) vocalist at The Pipes of Christmas. Maddy is originally from Glasgow, Scotland.



Harpist, Rachel Clemente, performing at The Pipes of Christmas. Rachel is from Ohio.



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How the Black Death Gave Rise to British Pub Culture

For centuries-old bars, a pandemic is nothing new.

Richard Collett, in *AtlasObscura* (Subscribe for FREE!)

"I'LL BUY YOU A BEER when this is all over," declares Christo Tofalli, the landlord of Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, which lays claim to the contentious title of Britain's oldest pub and is no stranger to pandemics. While closed, Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, in the historic city of Saint Albans, has become a Community Supply Point, providing much-needed groceries and offering free delivery to the elderly. They are even delivering Sunday Roast dinners to residents in lockdown. The threat posed by coronavirus may feel unprecedented, but Tofalli, who manages the pub, says he has been looking to the past for inspiration.

In the summer of 1348, which was some hard-to-specify number of centuries after Ye Olde Fighting Cocks served its first beer, the Black Death appeared on the southern shores of England. By the end of 1349, millions lay dead, victims of what medieval historian Norman Cantor describes unflinchingly in *In the Wake of Plague* as "the greatest biomedical disaster in European and possibly in world history."

Medieval society could muster little response, Cantor writes, except to "Pray very hard, quarantine the sick, run away, or find a scapegoat to blame for the terror." Nobility and wealth was no defense: Princess Joan of England was struck down on her way to marry in Spain, while the newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury perished shortly after

being ordained by the Pope. The plague even halted (temporarily) the perpetual conflict between the French and English.

This pestilence returned repeatedly too; Cantor writes that "there were at least three waves of the Black Death falling upon England over the century following 1350."

According to historian Robert Tombs, author of *The English and Their History*, one of the many repercussions was especially pertinent to establishments like Ye Olde Fighting Cocks: the rise of pub culture in England.

When the plague arrived in 1348, drinking beer was already a fun-



Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, the oldest pub?

damental component of Englishness. In his tome, Tombs writes that the English fighting the Norman invaders at Hastings in 1066 were suffering from hangovers. Drinking was even enshrined into the Magna Carta of 1215, which "called for uniform measures of ale."

Drinking pre-Black Death, though, was comparably amateurish. In *Man Walks Into a Pub: A Sociable History of Beer*, beer journalist Pete Brown writes that "Society revolved around popular celebrations known as 'ales': bride-ales, church-ales ... were gatherings where plenty of alcohol was drunk, and they frequently degenerated into mayhem." Anyone could brew up a batch of ale in

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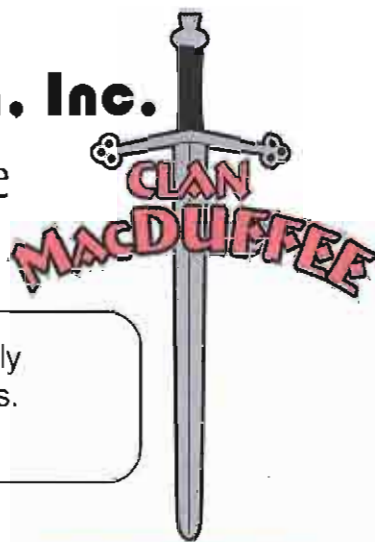
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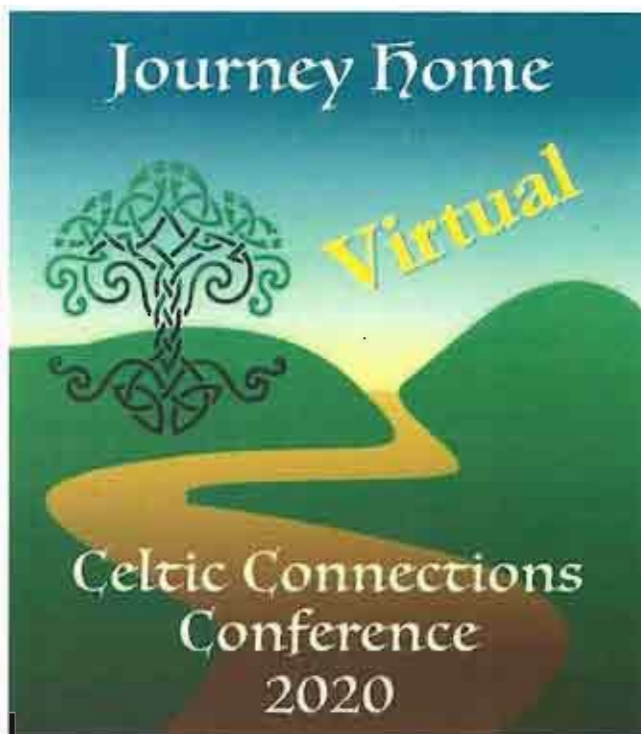
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their home, and standards and strengths varied wildly. Homebrewed ale was advertised with “an ale stake,” Brown adds, which consisted of “a pole covered with some kind of foliage above the door.”

By the 1370s, though, the Black Death had caused a critical labor shortage, the stark consequence of some 50 percent of the population perishing in the plague. Eventually, this proved a boon for the peasantry of England, who could command higher wages for their work and achieve higher standards of living. As a result, the alehouses that were simply households selling or giving away leftover ale were replaced by more commercialized, permanent establishments set up by the best brewers and offering better food.

“The survivors [of the Black Death] prioritized expenditure on foodstuffs, clothing, fuel, and domestic utensils,” writes Professor Mark Bailey of the University of East Anglia, who also credits the plague for the rise of pub culture, over email. “They drank more and better quality ale; ate more and better quality bread; and consumed more meat and dairy produce. Alongside this increased disposable income, they also had more leisure time.”

Not every establishment looked like a modern pub: Alehouses were often still literally brewers’ homes, inns offered ale and accommodation, and taverns were a sort of medieval wine bar, a lasting legacy of the Roman Taberna.

In spirit, though, the pub was there. Peasants had the time and money for better food, drink, and leisure. “More ale was drunk, and beer (with hops) was introduced from the Low Countries. Brewing became more commercialized, with taverns and

alehouses for drinking and playing games,” writes Tombs. “The English pub was born.”

Over time, parts of all three combined into the idea of the “public house,” regulated by authorities. In place of the simple ale stake, Brown writes, Richard II made it mandatory to erect a sign. “Gradually, commercial brewers started to build bigger houses that became busy meeting places, hence the term ‘public house’ ... If you look at pubs today, you can see the community aspect that is the legacy of the alehouse, the architecture and sense of

national heritage of the inn, and the tavern tradition of spending the evening with your peers getting slowly rat-arsed and talking about nothing with increasing conviction as the night wears on.”

This communal legacy can be felt in the food deliveries keeping the staff of Ye Olde Fighting Cocks busy today. “Booze and food have been on offer here through the centuries,”

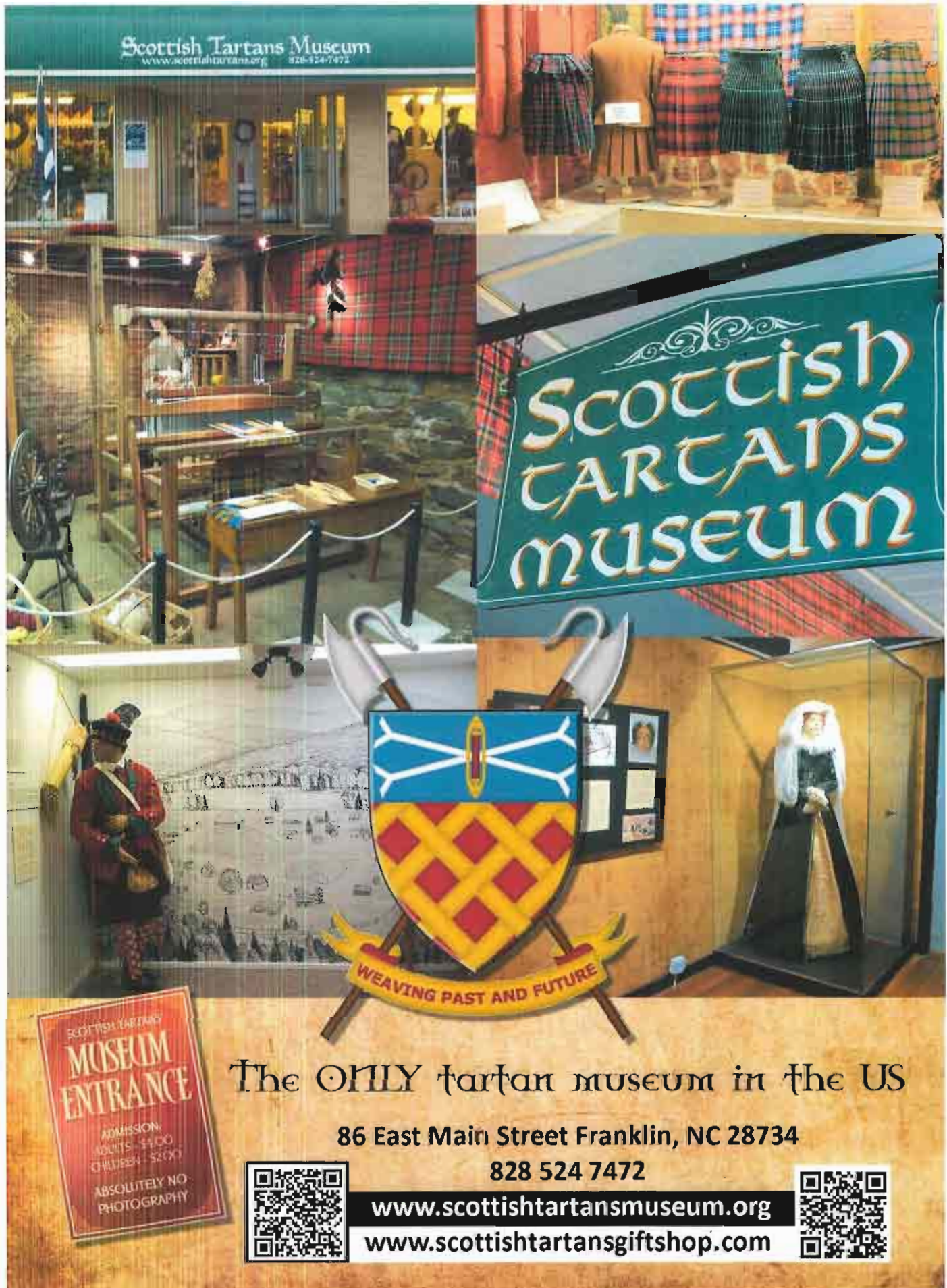
says Tofalli, “even in times of war, panic, and disease.” Other traditional pubs, which face similar stresses of having to stay closed and pay rent, without knowing when they can fully re-open, are hosting virtual trivia nights and staying involved in people’s lives in other ways.

For Brits, a pub has always been more than just a place that sells beer, and the threat of closure is keenly felt for reasons beyond having a drink. “This goes beyond heritage,” Tofalli says, “it goes right into the core of our society.” For Brown, “The pub itself defines this country, remaining a focal point for our social lives even among nondrinkers.”

But even a millennium of longevity can’t provide any certainty. “No one really knows what’s going to happen,” says Tofalli. “We can just put our best foot forward, do the right thing.”



A classic pub, Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem allegedly dates back to the 1100s.



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You may not be able to visit our beautiful wee country at the moment, but you can dream about this land, our stories and our gorgeous scenery all you like! If you're needing some inspiration for your dreaming and a way to pass the time whilst working from home, then look no further. We have come up with a list of a few of our favourite feel good films set and shot in Scotland. So, sit back, embrace these Scottish scenes and escape to the movies with us.

1. **LOCAL HERO** (1983)

Camusdarach Beach, Morar

No list of Scottish films would be complete unless this classic was included – a favourite amongst us at VisitScotland! Local Hero directed by Bill Forsyth, sees a Texan oil company send Mac to negotiate the rights of buying a remote and beautiful seaside village in the north of Scotland in order to build a refinery. Mac teams up with Danny, a quirky Scotsman, to seal the deal, but the longer the negotiating takes, the more attached they become to the village's unique way of life.

If your dreams of Scotland include ceilidhs, incredible landscapes and interesting (quirky!) people, then this classic is the perfect antidote and escape for you right now. Filming locations include the Aberdeenshire village of Pennan, and a truly stunning beach on the west coast of the Highlands – Camusdarach beach, near Morar.

2. **GREGORY'S GIRL** (1980)

Another film based in Scotland which captures the hearts of us Scots is also by Bill Forsyth. Gregory's Girl is set in Cumbernauld, North Lanarkshire, and the coming-of-age tale centres around Gregory, an awkward teenager. Gregory is

infatuated with Dorothy, his classmate who has made it onto the school football team, and his attempts at wooing Dorothy win the hearts of the audience. Maybe, just maybe, Gregory will win the affection of the girl he fancies.

3. **SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN** (2011)

Loch Morlich

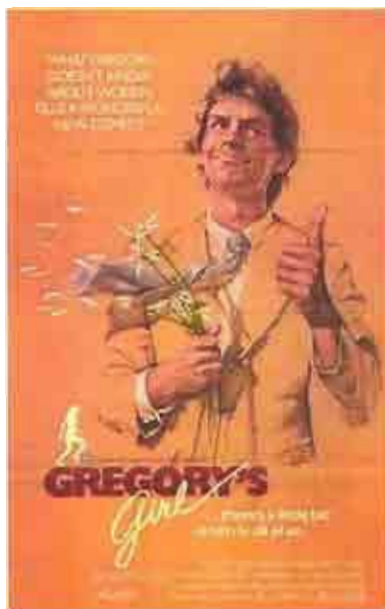
As the title may suggest, it is indeed set in Yemen. But this tale about building a salmon fishery in the heart of the desert begins its upstream journey in Scotland, with the need for a very Scottish product: salmon. In this tale, a wealthy businessman (Sheikh) wants to take his favourite past time (fishing) from Scotland to his homeland in Yemen. He enlists the help of a fisheries expert (Fred) who believes this plan is absurd, but Sheikh's determination and belief in the project are endearing and Fred has to pursue the challenge. Ardverikie Estate features in this story, a lochside house located near the Cairngorms which will

play on your heart strings and make you long for a Scottish adventure. This tale flows swiftly into a story of believing in the impossible, keeping the faith and staying true to yourself in times of impossibility and strife.

4. **WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY** (2014)

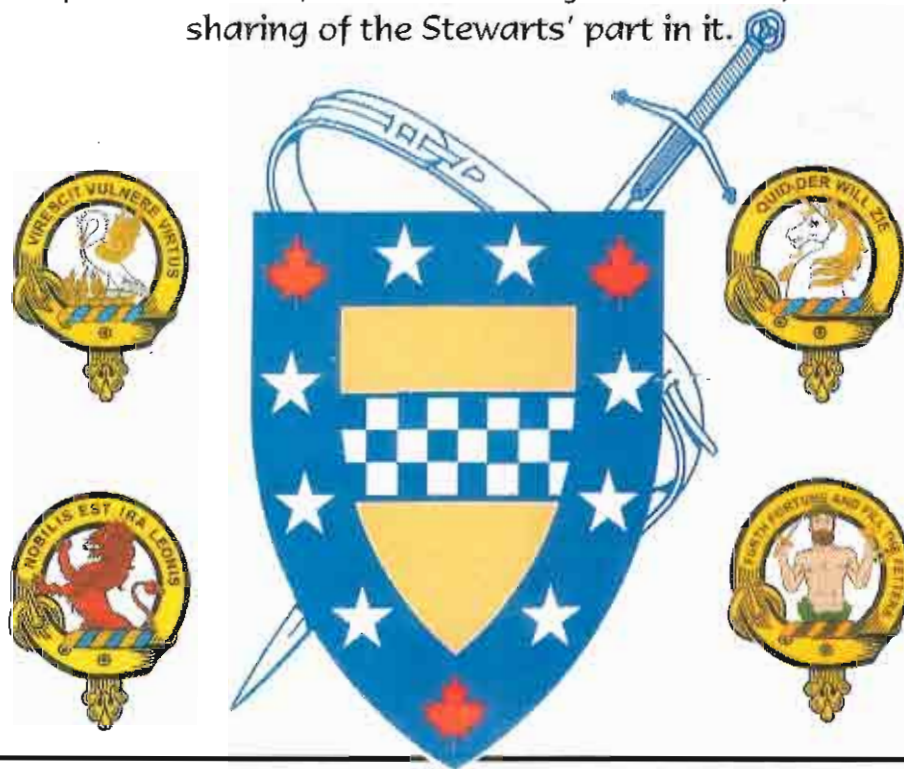
Set in rural Scotland, on Red Point Beach in Wester Ross, this lovely story is based around a family reunion. It's Grandad's 75th birthday and his family have travelled from London to celebrate with him. However, the family have brought se-

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crests with them including a separation. Set amongst the most gorgeous landscapes of the Highlands, this film will help you remember what's important in life and let you dream about the Scottish beaches and beautiful scenes you're yet to take in. What We Did on Our Holiday is another favourite of ours. Something to do with the beautiful beaches, we think!

5. **BRAVE** (2012)

Calanais Standing Stones, Isle of Lewis

We think you'll agree with us on this one. We couldn't leave Brave off our list, especially if we're hoping to inspire you to indulge in and relax with movies set in Scotland.

Merida is a princess who is determined to make her own path in life and is willing to defy tradition and honour to do so. This film is pure Disney•Pixar magic, and includes everything we love about Scotland: ginger hair, tales of magic, quirky clansmen, stunning scenery and a message about family and love.

The Calanais Standing Stones on the Isle of Lewis were one of the inspirations for this mythical tale. It's both magical and charming and will leave you feeling warm and fuzzy.

6. **THE THREE LIVES OF THOMASINA** (1963)

Inveraray Bridge and Loch Fyne from Inveraray

This film set in Scotland can only really be described as cute and quirky. Shot in Inveraray, Argyll, and set in the year 1912, The Three Lives of Thomasina is a lovely story about a wee girl and her ginger cat, Thomasina. The film is set amongst a Highland backdrop and characters include a cat, a cute wee girl, her struggling father and even a suspected witch!

This lesser-known Disney film is one for all the family and will inspire some research into the

beautiful Scottish region of Argyll & The Isles.

7. **SKYFALL** (2012)

The Three Sisters, Glencoe

Arguably, any James Bond film should be added to our infinite lists of films to watch. They're classics. And of course, our favourite has to be Skyfall, possibly for the Scottish scenery, but we also love the gripping storyline and slick spy drama. Bond flees to Scotland (where he spent some of his childhood) to escape the bad guy in this film. This section of the movie is filmed in Glen Coe, one of Scotland's many incredible landscapes.

At the moment, we may not be able to venture to Glen Coe, an incredible glacial valley loved by walkers and photographers alike, but we can certainly enjoy watching the scenery unfold before our eyes in Skyfall.

More movies set in Scotland to see...

- Sunshine on Leith (A paean to the city of Edinburgh)
- Whisky Galore! (1949) (Filmed on Barra)
- Whisky Galore (2016) (Filmed in Portsoy)
- Rocket Post (Filmed on Taransay)
- Dear Frankie (Early Gerard Butler - you'll need a hankie for this one!)
- Sunset Song (The movie, not the television program, although a lot of it was filmed in New Zealand)
- My Name Is Joe (Great Peter Mullan film, set in Glasgow)
- Comfort and Joy (Wonderful Bill Forsyth follow-up to Local Hero, set in Glasgow during the ice cream wars)
- Red Road (Gripping psychological drama, set in Glasgow)
- Geordie (Wonderful Ealing Studios movie)
- Ring of Bright Water (Loosely based on

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Gavin Maxwell's book)

- American Cousins (Funny gangster film - any movie with Shirley Henderson is a treat!)
- Angel's Share (Great Ken Loach film)
- Ae Fond Kiss (Excellent movie about cross-racial relationships, also directed by Ken Loach)
- Breaking the Waves (Stunning film, partly filmed on Skye)
- Hallam Foe (Edinburgh from the rooftops)
- Rob Roy (Unlike Braveheart, this was mostly filmed in Scotland)
- Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself (Quirky comedy/drama, also starring Shirley Henderson. Filmed in Glasgow)
- Stone of Destiny (Based on the true story of a group of students who stole the Stone of Destiny from London, and brought it back to Scotland)
- Hold Back the Night (Almost forgotten Scottish road trip movie, this ends on Orkney at the Ring of Brodgar)
- Sweet Sixteen (Another Ken Loach gem)
- Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (Early Maggie Smith - she won an Oscar for it - set in Edinburgh)



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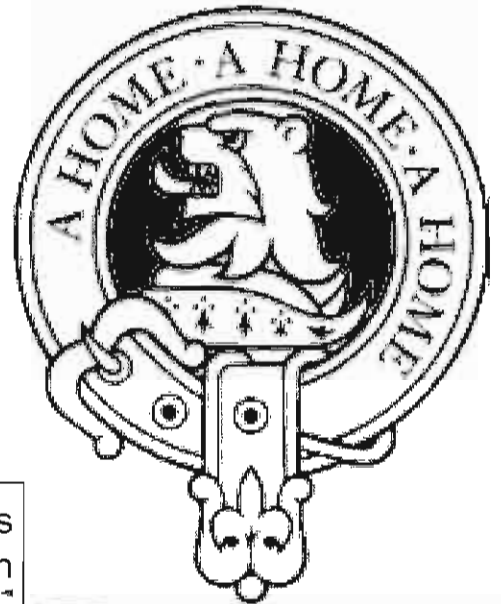
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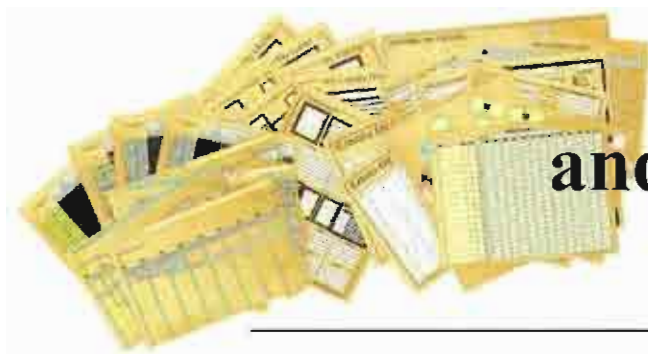
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JOHN JR, father of **LONG JOHN**, was a distinguished enough individual, locally, for more information on him to be available somewhere. Presumably, he came to North America as a married man; hence, no record on this side of the water of his wife's birth surname. I see no reason to doubt the family tradition that **JOHN JR** did not speak English upon his arrival in the Upper Cape Fear Valley.

Even though Richmond County, NC and Marlboro County, SC were not far apart in miles, I see no reason to believe there was any contact or relationship to the family of **COMMODORE JOHN**. The distance was not just miles. It was class and social standing. **COMMODORE JOHN** was multiply in descent from the Chiefs of MacLeod, and was a wealthy and influential man in both Scotland and North America. **JOHN JR**, father of **LONG JOHN**, was merely prominent locally in Richmond County.

So, if you happen to have in your notes or files, any information on the ancestry of **JOHN JR**, father of **LONG JOHN**, or on his spouse **MARY**, I would appreciate it.

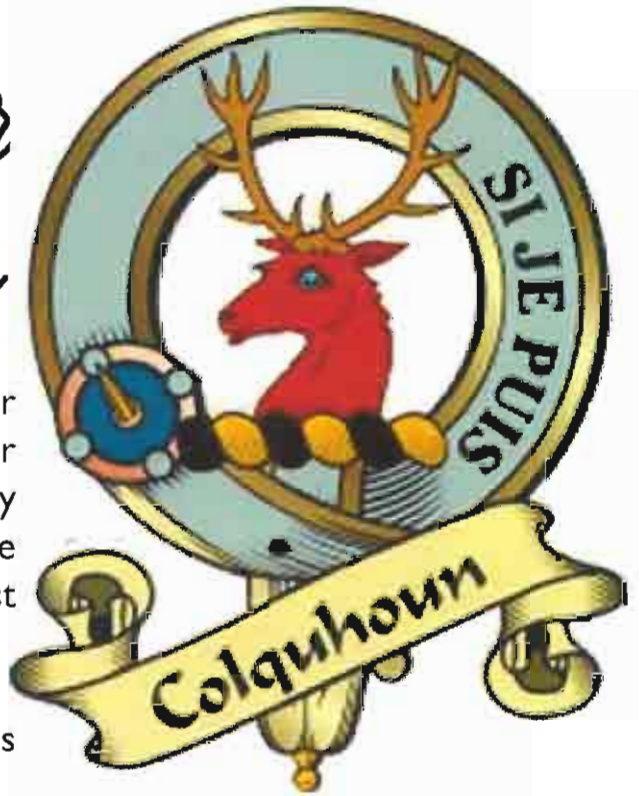
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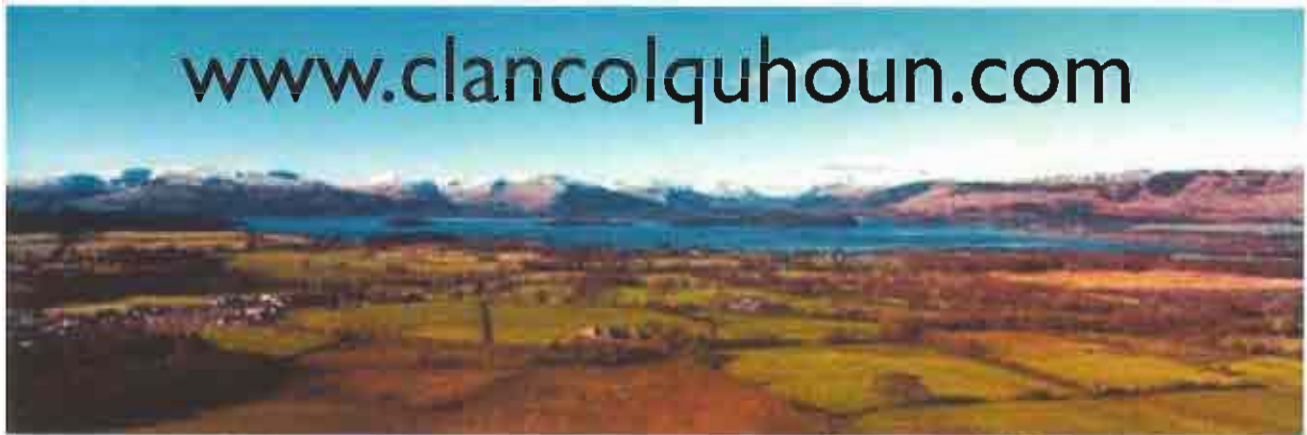
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Just a week before everything was cancelled, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Clan Douglas Society of North America joined about 5100 others at the 37th Annual Southeast Florida event.

The clan was honored by a visit from Mary Queen of Scots and her retinue during the day. (See photo, right.)

Clan Douglas sponsored the Heavy Athletics Masters Division Award to Bill Simonitsch.



Queen Mary's retinue stops by the Douglas tent to visit with Regent Russel and Regent Elizabeth

Seal of Approval on Scottish Design

A signet ring made from the first gold ever to be commercially mined in Scotland has been acquired by the National Museum of Scotland.

The 22-carat gold ring, with tiny diamonds and a piece of the white quartz from which the precious metal is extracted, was designed by Maeve Gillies FSA Scot as part of a small collection for Edinburgh jewellers Hamilton & Inches where the ring was made. The ring design draws on the traditions of Scottish pebble jewellery made desirable by Queen Victoria and the jewellery collection of Mary Queen of Scots for inspiration, with a fleur-de-lis representing heraldic traditions.

With thanks to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland publication.



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Blair House, the ancient home of the Blair family in the Ayrshire region, has history to circa 1100.

Clan Blair





CRACKER FOLKS

Todd J. Wilkinson
Vice-President, Celtic Society of the Ozarks

Via my friend, Fraser Gorden from Glasgow, Scotland

Many words commonly used in America today have their origins in our Celtic roots. While the following three terms are associated today with the American South and southern culture, their origins are distinctly Scottish and Ulster-Scottish (Scots-Irish), and date to the mass immigration of Scottish Lowland and Ulster Presbyterians to America during the 1700s.

HILLBILLY

The origin of this American nickname for mountain folk in the Ozarks and in Appalachia comes from Ulster. Ulster-Scottish (The often incorrectly labeled "Scots-Irish") settlers in the hill-country of Appalachia brought their traditional music with them to the new world, and many of their songs and ballads dealt with William, Prince of Orange, who defeated the Catholic King James II of the Stuart family at the Battle of the Boyne, Ireland in 1690.

Supporters of King William were known as "Orangemen" and "Billy Boys" and their North American counterparts were soon referred to as "hill-billies". It is interesting to note that a traditional song of the Glasgow Rangers football club today begins with the line, "Hurrah! Hurrah! We are the Billy Boys!" and shares its tune with the famous American Civil War song, *Marching Through Georgia*. There are many reports of Southern National Guard units being serenaded with this tune, much to their chagrin, upon arriving in the British Isles during the First and Second World Wars, as the tune is very

popular with British and Commonwealth military bands!

REDNECK

The origins of this term are Scottish and refer to supporters of the National Covenant and The Solemn League and Covenant, or "Covenanters", largely Lowland Presbyterians, many of whom would flee Scotland for Ulster (Northern Ireland) during persecutions by the British Crown. The Covenanters of 1638 and 1641 signed the documents that stated that Scotland desired the Presbyterian form of church government and would not accept the Church of England as its official state church..

Many Covenanters signed in their own blood and wore red pieces of cloth around their necks as distinctive insignia; hence the term "Red neck", which became slang for a Scottish dissenter.*

One Scottish immigrant, interviewed by the author, remembered a Presbyterian minister, one Dr. Coulter, in Glasgow in the 1940s wearing a red clerical collar -- is this symbolic of the "rednecks"?

Since many Ulster-Scottish settlers in America (especially the South) were Presbyterian, the term was applied to them, and then, later, their Southern descendants. One of the earliest examples of its use comes from 1830, when an author noted that "red-neck" was a "name bestowed upon the Presbyterians." It makes you wonder if the origi-

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Hillbilly, Redneck & Cracker,

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nators of the ever-present "redneck" jokes are aware of the term's origins?

**Another term for Presbyterians in Ireland was a "Blackmouth". Members of the Church of Ireland (Anglicans) used this as a slur, referring to the fact that one could tell a Presbyterian by the black stains around his mouth from eating blackberries while at secret, illegal Presbyterian Church Services in the countryside.*

CRACKER

Another Ulster-Scot term, a "cracker" was a person who talked and boasted, and "craic" is a term still used in Scotland and Ireland to describe "talking", chat or conversation in a social sense ("Let's go down to the pub and have a craic"; "what's the craic"). The term, first used to describe a southerner of Ulster-Scottish background, later became a nickname for any white southerner, especially those who were uneducated.

P.S. In the last many years, a "Florida Cracker" has come to mean those whose lives include working with cattle and horses. A "Florida Cracker" is one who is a genuine cowboy of Florida. Your editor, Beth, was, is and will always be one.



Culloden 'faces new threat' from holiday park plan, warns National Trust

NTS opposes a new attempt to develop part of Culloden Moor as a holiday complex



Sean Murphy, Tourism Writer

The National Trust for Scotland has warned of a renewed threat to build a holiday park upon a part of the historic Culloden Battlefield.

The charity originally opposed the first attempted planning application back in May 2018 - which was eventually turned down by the Highland Council.

The original planning application was turned down in 2018. (Image: National Trust For Scotland)

Now, they have warned that they will be op-

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For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.com> or download from <<http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>>. Note, "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



Meet the Munro scaling bagpiper who wants to spread a little positivity in these trying times

Sean Murphy, Tourism Writer

Scaling a Munro - one of Scotland's highest peaks - is no easy feat, especially when you're carrying bagpipes and wearing a kilt.

But that's exactly the challenge Grant McLeod has set himself as he aims to bag all 282 of the highest Scottish mountains - and play his pipes at the top of each.

Grant, who is 34 and started playing the bagpipes when he was just 9, said he started climbing the peaks as a tribute to his grandmother.

"Munro Bagpiper started as a tribute to my friend and grandmother, whom I lost about 7 years ago, but it's grown into something much bigger, bringing a lot of positivity to people who follow the page."

The adventurous piper, who has also performed in front of landmarks such as the Kelpies, explained that with each peak he reaches his followers on both his facebook and instagram, where he shares his videos, have grown.

And it seems to bringing joy to people at a time when people are finding things particularly tough.

The piper has played at the top of 105 Munros.

He said: "Overcoming literal mountains and playing a tune on its summit seems to have a positive message.

"I felt a lot of people the world over were feeling a bit negative with the situation, and thought I could do what little I could to try and lift spirits."

When asked if it's hard scaling such heights wearing a kilt, Grant states that he always places safety at the forefront of his mind to ensure he doesn't put anyone else at risk.

He said: "If conditions allow, yes I climb in my kilt. If the weather and terrain is a bit more unpredictable I'll change at top, but I'm very cautious about the weather."

He adds that it pays to be safe, with 105 Munros 'bagged' he explained that only one of them proved too challenging to play at the top of, and it's on his hit list to return to when the government allows mountain climbing to return.

He stated that he's enjoyed every one of his climbs, particularly those on Skye - where he got a round of applause after every performance - but added that *Beinn Sgritheall* in Glenelg may be his

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Mountain climbing piper,
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favourite as it's the one he grew up at the foot of.

With lockdown being enforced and travel restricted Grant hasn't let that stop him going the extra mile to ensure he can still entertain his over 100,000 followers, setting up virtual performances in front of a picture of some of his favourite peaks in Kintail.

And with the recent easing of lockdown and the introduction of stage one, the Bishopbriggs native was allowed to travel locally to a nearby climb - all be it a hill this time - to perform as a tribute to one of his followers and to spread the message that we need to "keep moving forward" and "staying positive" with a rousing performance of Scotland the Brave.

"I've been keen to try and keep going during the lockdown, I've been doing virtual birthday messages, playing tunes for people on camera and dedicating it from their loved ones. I really just want to bring people together."



Buchanan's Poppy had a very close call!



Shown above and below is the beloved cocker spaniel, Poppy. Poppy is part of the family of the Clan Buchanan Chief, Mike Buchanan; his wife, The Lady Buchanan, Paula and their children.

Just a few days ago, Poppy was bitten by Scotland's only venomous snake species, an adder.

Thanks to the attentive care of the family, Poppy was rushed to the closest veterinarian and the younger members of the family scoured the offices of nearby veterinarians for some anti-venom and found a vial!

Poppy was treated and is recovering nicely now at home among her family, all of the Buchanan's and two other cocker spaniels.

She is a very fortunate puppy is Poppy.



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Ruth Ann (McAllister) Hobble, 86, of New Albany, Indiana, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020. Ruth was a member of Northside Christian Church in New Albany, the Order of the Eastern Star, LaBelle Chapter 418 in Jeffersonville and

TOPS. She was also a member of the Scottish Society of Louisville.

In her retirement, she volunteered for Hospice and the American Heart Association and attended Bible Study at her church.

She was born on April 27, 1934 in Murphy, Oregon to the late Walter and Leona (Renneau) McAllister. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her son, Eric Hobble; and siblings, Guyla Campbell, Lorraine Buchanan, Elaine Vaughn, Hank "Henry" McAllister, and David McAllister.

Ruth is survived by her loving husband, Joseph Hobble; children, Linda (Bruce) Wilson and Katherine (Jeremy) Bruenn; and grandson, Greg Wilson.

Cremation was chosen in regards to Ruth's wishes. The family requests that contributions in Ruth's memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Ruth Ann's daughter, Linda Wilson is the Scottish Society of Louisville's current Secretary.

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Culloden Moor threat,

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posing a re-submitted proposal, which is based upon the conversion of the Treetops equestrian centre at Febuie on Culloden Moor into a holiday, leisure and hospitality facilities.

General Manager for the Highlands & Islands, National Trust for Scotland, Clea Warner stated that they can see nothing especially 'new' about this new submission, she said: "The Battle of Culloden ranged over a large area. We own a key part of the battlefield at Culloden but not the land on which the stables are built. Nevertheless, we've raised our voice in the past against developments that threatened the integrity of the wider historic battlefield.

"The previous application was turned down by Highland Council because it wasn't sufficiently sensitive to the surrounding woodland, and undermined the Conservation Area.

"While the 2020 application appears to suggest additional landscaping, quite frankly I can't otherwise see much difference from the preceding 2018 submission."

The NTS boss added that their original objection in 2018 was based on several key issues including protection and conservation of this historic area, as well as the possibility of "development creep" changing the current land use.

She stated that more worryingly, the possible precedent accepting this proposal would set, could mean other developers are encouraged to "try their luck", she said: "Nothing in this fresh application alleviates any of these concerns.

"To be clear, we do not object to every planning application that comes forward around Culloden. Where changes to existing buildings or land do not result in a visual impact, change of use or materially extend the 'footprint', we tend not to have concerns.

"Unfortunately, in this case, from what we have seen, our objection would be fully justified."

The last pitched battle fought on British soil, the area is a memorial to the final confrontation of the Jacobite rising of 1745, where on 16 April the following year, the Jacobite forces of Bonnie Prince Charlie were decisively defeated by Government troops on Culloden Moor.



The Middle Tennessee Highland Games has been dedicated the last 5 years to delivering an event that best represents the celtic and Scottish culture for Middle Tennesseans and beyond, while ensuring the safety of the community, partners, vendors, athletes, and entertainers.

After much consideration, time, and discussion, the 2020 Middle Tennessee Highland Games scheduled for September 12-13 has been cancelled. Have no fear--the full festival will return in September of 2021.

Individual communications have gone out to athletes, Scottish clans/families, bands, vendors, and patrons that have already registered to participate.

If you would like to support the Middle Tennessee Highland Games while we all wait for 2021, you can do so by purchasing an item from the merchandise store or making a charitable donation to our organization. You can do so at <www.midtenngames.com>. All donations/proceeds go to enhance and support the Middle Tennessee Highland Games and will help us carry on.

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We thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to seeing you at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games in 2021. Please, stay safe out there! And in the meantime, show us your scottish pride! Snap a photo of you in your kilt and tag us #midtenngames #kiltit



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What will genealogy research look like post COVID-19?

Daniel Klein/For *The Jersey Journal*

What will genealogy research's 'new normal' look like post-COVID?

As businesses and government agencies prepare to reopen in the wake of the COVID-19, it's likely that genealogical research will look different for at least a little while.

Certainly, there won't be much change, if any, in the way we do our online research. More and more documents will become available as the database companies add more to their catalogs. That would have happened, pandemic or no.

In-person visits will likely not be happening right away, or if they are, they will be for very abbreviated periods of time.

That will be for the protection of patrons and staff, as well as for the collections themselves. In local history and other special collections, it's not really possible to disinfect books after patron use. The chemicals necessary can damage rare books and manuscripts. According to recent literature, the best way to "disinfect" books and other materials is by quarantining them for up to three days, effectively "waiting out" the virus until it dies. That's why it may be best to let only staff handle materials until a vaccine is found or the risk of spreading the virus is much closer to zero than it is now.

As a librarian, I've seen a few different online discussions on how libraries, government offices and archives may start offering services as their facilities reopen, including online reference via Zoom or other online meeting app or doing short in-person reference interviews and then sending information to patrons later.

Teleconferencing apps have the added advantage

in that screen sharing will allow both librarian and patron to share material in the research interview and in offering results. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if libraries continued this service long after COVID is, itself, history.

As with any research visit, you should always call ahead first when libraries begin to reopen. Normally that call would be to learn more about

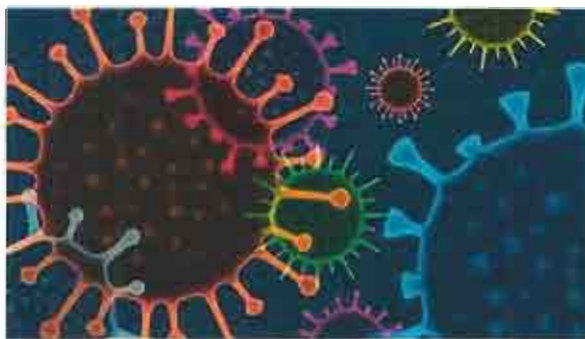
the collections, access hours, parking and other important information. These days, one should also make sure they are currently open to the public and how reference services are being performed. Whether the research interview is conducted online or in person,

it's likely that repositories that once offered walk-in service will need to take appointments, so everyone gets a chance to research their family tree.

It's a good idea to prepare a bit for such an interview. If you have any documentation to show related to your research, have it ready. It's quite possible you'll only have a 15-20 minute appointment, so if you have to spend five minutes looking for Aunt Gertrude's death certificate, that may be five minutes less you have to chat with a librarian.

Believe me, librarians and archivists want researchers to use their collections and we can't wait to get back to serving our patrons, whether it be in person or online. I hope to see you soon.

Danny Klein is a librarian at the Jersey City Free Public Library's New Jersey Room and a founding member of the Hudson County Genealogical and Historical Society. He can be reached at <hudsongenealogy@gmail.com> <or @HudsonGenealogy> on Twitter.





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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



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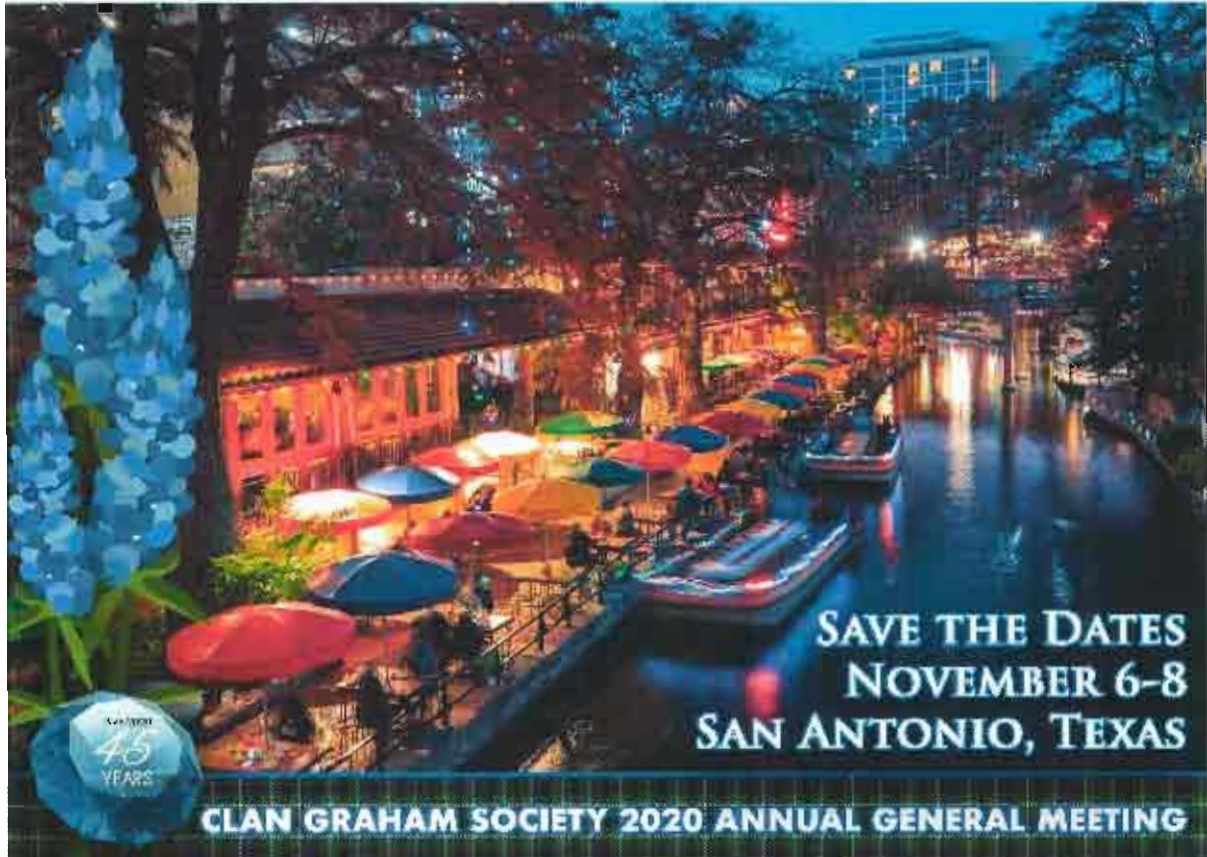
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Due to the global pandemic and the coronavirus crisis, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) trip to Scotland this year has been postponed until the summer of 2021.

To celebrate the Society's 45th "sapphire" anniversary, a fun filled AGM will take place in San Antonio, Texas, from November 6-8, 2020. We hope all of you can take advantage of this opportunity to reunite and celebrate.

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Real faces from Scotland's past

With thanks to *Blair Bruidhinn*, publication of the Clan Blair Society.

Contact them: www.clanblair.org

Edinburgh, Scotland -Forensic artists from the University of Dundee have rebuilt the faces of several of the nearly 400 men, women, and children whose remains were discovered in a medieval cemetery five years ago.

"We have had forensic pathology reports done on all of the remains. That is allowing us to gain information about the population," city archaeologist, John Lawson told *The Edinburgh Evening News*.

Most of those buried in South Leith Parish Church's graveyard probably died of infectious diseases. A small number of women died in childbirth.

Chemical analysis of a sample of the bones suggests that 80% of the dead had grown up in Leigh or the Edinburgh area. They ate a diet made up of predominately meat and dairy products with some marine fish.

"It would have been hard for these folk because Edinburgh and Leith were only small hamlets," said Jim Tweedie of the Leith Historical Society.



These people were not identified beyond their images.



The faces above left to right: Reconstruction of a warrior, a townsman, a young girl, an ancient Druid who was living a very long life for the time. To the right, a woman of older age. All of the people on this page were buried in ancient Scotland.





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Date: May-June 2020

To all who read this message:

With great sadness, the Scottish Foundation and the Scottish Society of Indianapolis must cancel the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival for this year of 2020 due to the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic. We feel this decision is necessary for the safety and well-being of our community. We hope, in cancelling early, that we minimize the inconvenience and unneeded expense to all involved. We thank our past sponsors, attendees, volunteers, vendors, entertainers and athletes. We look forward to holding the best games/festival event ever in 2021.

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