



Edinburgh Zoo has NINE baby Gentoo penguins

Edinburgh Zoo has shared photos of its latest adorable additions - a clutch of tiny baby penguins that hatched this week.

Keepers have shared snaps of the animals being born into the facility today after 'sitting on the secret'. Wildlife staff were 'delighted' after nine of the gentoo eggs hatched, which each weigh about equivalent to half an avocado.

Zoo keepers warned the first month 'is critical' as they keep an eye on the youngsters.

Edinburgh Zoo said: "We've been sitting on a secret. Our gentoo eggs have started hatching! We're delighted to report nine have emerged so far. The first month is critical so we will be keeping a close eye on the new arrivals. The first images of this year's newly-hatched gentoo penguin chicks have been captured at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland's Edinburgh Zoo. Staff at the wildlife conservation charity were delighted to report nine chicks have emerged so far and hope more will follow in the coming weeks."



"Keen Penguin Cam viewers have been able to catch a glimpse of the youngsters on the charity's live website camera. Visitors hoping to see the gentoo penguin chicks in-person must pre-book zoo tickets before their visit at <tickets.edinburghzoo.org.uk>."

Our story of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* is on page 31, 33 and 35.





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

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

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

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

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

Yours Aye,

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Beth has once again been invited to do speeches at the Host Hotel on Friday, October 15. The talks are FREE and 11 AM and 1 PM. The times will be posted in the lobby of the hotel. We always have much more fun than you are supposed to have!



The Galloway Hoard of Viking -age Treasure on display now through July 22, 2022

The Galloway Hoard brings together the richest collection of rare and unique Viking-age objects ever found in Britain or Ireland. It is of international significance and will transform our understanding of this period of Scottish history.

Bringing together the richest collection of rare and unique Viking-age objects ever found in Britain or Ireland, the internationally significant Galloway Hoard is transforming our understanding of Scotland's connections with the wider world during this period.

The Hoard was buried around AD 900 and contains over 100 diverse objects, from silver, gold and jewelled treasures to rarely surviving textiles, including wool, linen and Scotland's earliest examples of silk.

Discovered by a metal detectorist in Dumfries and Galloway in 2014, the Hoard was allocated to National Museums Scotland in 2017, when a selection of items went on display as part of a successful fundraising campaign supported by the National Heritage Memorial Fund and Art Fund to save it for the nation. With generous public support, an intensive programme of conservation and research is now underway, uncovering the secrets of the Hoard for the very first time.

In this free exhibition, see recently cleaned and conserved objects from the Hoard, revealing intricate decoration not seen since the objects' burial more than 1,000 years ago. Then delve deeper and examine hidden details found in X-rays, CT scans and 3D models. Discover what innovative research and analysis have already revealed about the Hoard, and explore what future work might yet uncover about this unparalleled Viking-age find.

After the exhibition ends at the National Museum of Scotland, it will tour on to Kirkcudbright Galleries in October and on to Aberdeen Museum and Art Gallery next summer thanks to support from the Scottish



Government.

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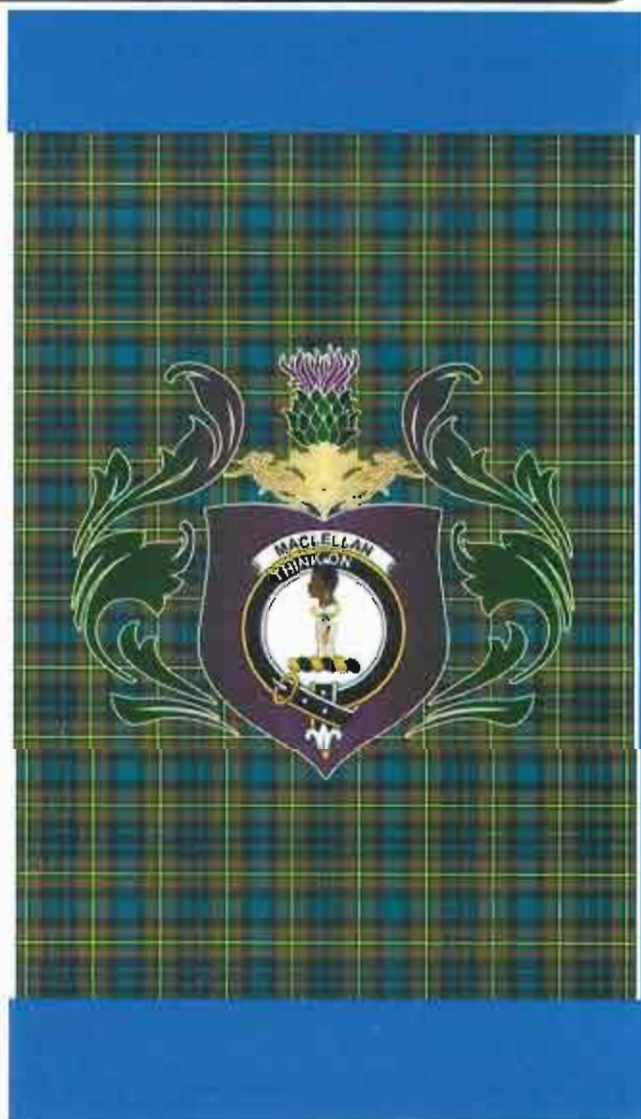
If you are descended from, or are married to a MacLellan of any spelling, then you are one of us.

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WAYNE STATE ALUMNUS, JASON MCLELLAN'S, ROLE IN COVID-19 VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

With thanks to *Think On*, the publication of the Clan MacLellan

When Jason McLellan studied at Wayne State University in the early 2000s, he had no idea that he was destined to play a role in research that would eventually led to a vaccine for a global pandemic. But with his scholarly pedigree and many academic accomplishments, it should not have surprised anyone.

McLellan, who grew up in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, was valedictorian of his high school class, achieving a 3.94 grade point average, among many other scholarly achievements.

He met his wife, Jinelle, at Wayne State, where she was on a fencing scholarship and studying radiation therapy. They have two children. "We just loved Wayne State," Jason said. "The restaurants, the cultural attractions and especially the robust research the university engaged in really attracted us to Wayne State. In fact, Wayne State was a near-perfect experience for

me. I received the Presidential Scholarship, which allowed me to attend tuition-free and graduate without a student debt. Academically, I was challenged in my classes and enjoyed being a part of the Honors Program. Scientifically, having access to the terrific faculty and research was most important for preparing me for graduate school and my future career. I began research in Dr. Peng George Wang's laboratory as a freshman and worked there for about two years, learning about organic chemistry and interacting with graduate students and postdocs."

McLellan earned a B.S. in chemistry with an emphasis in biochemistry from Wayne State. He ob-

tained his Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore and then carried out postdoctoral research at the National Institutes of Health's Vaccine Research Center. "It was Wayne State where I confirmed that I loved research and needed to attend graduate school to obtain my Ph.D.," McLellan said. "As my interests evolved, I was able to work with Dr. Ashok Bhagwat during my final year at Wayne State, where I developed a love for the biochemistry, cellular and molecular biology graduate program at Johns Hopkins."

As a postdoc, McLellan joined a lab run by Peter Kwong, Ph.D.,

who was working on the possibility of a structure-based vaccine for HIV. Frustrated by the limitations of the work, a mentor suggested McLellan try out his ideas on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), an illness that can be serious in infants and



Wayne State Alumnus Jason McLellan

older adults. This work led to studying coronavirus spike proteins, and McLellan and his team were able to map the structure of the SARS-CoV-2 spike, an important initial step toward development of a vaccine for Covid-19. "It was interesting to discover how the proteins interacted with the host cells and led to the work we did to stabilize vital proteins to isolate antibodies."

This work eventually resulted in McLellan and his coresearchers winning a 2020 Golden Goose Award, which are awarded each year to groups of

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Scots who were on the Titanic

Debbie Lyle Owens

This month was a quick change from the previously set meeting. One of our Scottish Society of Indianapolis members, Debbie Lyle Owens, presented the subject of *Tales of the Titanic Scots*. Owens is a true follower to the history and stories surrounding the *RMS Titanic*. The ship was built in Ireland and funded by JP Morgan. Up to now, a total of 18 projects of movies, TV shows and documentaries were made surrounding the history and legacy of the *Titanic*. After the sinking of the *Titanic*, many new rules and regulations were put into place with anyone working or even traveling on ships. According to research done by Owens, about 60 Scot passengers boarded the ship - they were marked as UK passengers. The Scottish representation were either members of the crew, 1st or 2nd class passengers. Here are a few stories on a handful of those people:

1) William McMaster Murdoch was a first officer on the ship. He was the one who gave the hard starboard turn orders. When the ship went down, Murdoch was declared dead. His body was never found.

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researchers whose federally funded research had led to major breakthroughs in biomedical research medical treatments, and computing and communications techniques:

Today, Jason and Jinelle McLellan live just outside of Austin, Texas. He is an associate Professor of molecular biosciences and the Robert Welch Chair in Chemistry at the the University of Texas, where he teaches classes such as Methods in Stuctural Biology and Advanced Biochemistry. (*today.wayne.edu*)

2) Jessie Laird Bruce Trout was a 2nd class passenger from the city of Aberdeenshire. She had in her possession a beautiful back comb, which was the last gift she received from her husband. Trout survived and she was on a lifeboat that was rescued by the *Carpathia*.

3) Harold Bride was a radio operator and he worked directly for the company Marconi. He sent the SOS message to warn about the icebergs in the area, but the messages were not clear enough. Bride did survive and moved to Scotland, lived in Glasgow.

4) Jack Law Hume was a violin player in the orchestra on the ship. He was originally from Scotland. As history and the stories go, Hume and the rest of the orchestra continued to play music until the ship went down. He had died from drowning. His story isn't over as his descendants, living family today need to pay money for the uniform he was wearing while in service on the ship - no lies, this is a true fact.

5) James Fraser was a first class passenger who was born in the city of Inverness. He died when the boat sank in the ocean. Like William McMaster Murdoch, his body was never found.

****Side Individual:** J. Dawson was a 23 year old man who was a person found from the ship and is buried in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax. Those who might have seen the 1997 James Cameron film might see the name is familiar. In fact, historians or even those who are followers of the stories and history of the ship do not believe that the director himself knew about this individual when the character was created for the film.



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



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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
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***Outlander's* Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish urge tourists to respect historic Scots sites**



The '*Outlander* effect' has boosted tourism across the country with fans visiting the sites featured in the hit show.

Sam and Graham have asked fans to be respectful when visiting the Scottish sites used in the show

Ahead of travel opening up again around the UK, *Outlander* actors Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish have urged fans to be respectful when visiting the historic sites featured in the hit show.

The duo, who play Jamie Fraser and Dougal MacKenzie, followed author Diana Gabaldon in voicing their concerns after they were informed that stones and other items had been taken from the Culloden battlefield.

Before the pandemic hit restricting international travel, the '*Outlander* effect' had boosted tourism across the country, with visitor numbers at some major sites used in the show rising by over 200% and local business owners stating that the influx of fans, which is currently filming the sixth series, being great for trade.

However, Sam and Graham, who have just travelled around Scotland for their travel docuseries *Men in Kilts*, are worried by the effect the extra footfall will have with wear and tear on the locations being a problem in the past, and stories of items being taken as souvenirs.

Speaking to *The Sunday Times*, Sam, who has just turned 41 and recently celebrated his birthday in the

gym, said: "Hopefully, reading our book or other books, people will understand the history of what happened and treat historic sites with the respect they are due."

The sentiment was echoed by Graham, who will be appearing with Sam at the *Aye Write* book festival

in Glasgow, which runs from May 14 to 23 and will see them discussing *Clanlands*, the book which was written to give a glimpse behind the scenes of their recent road trip around Scotland together.

Graham added: "I certainly don't agree with people taking souvenirs. These places are to be shared by everybody and if you start dismantling them for your own selfish gain then that's not helping anybody at all."

It's been reported that stones have been taken as souvenirs from Culloden

Writer Diana Gabaldon had previously broached the subject while speaking with *BBC Scotland*, she said: "We are very privileged to be able to use a lot of Scottish locations for the filming. They are not film sets. They should be respected."

Released as an eight-episode series, which was shot last year in between filming for *Outlander*, *Men in Kilts* is described as a "love letter" to Scotland and will see Sam and Graham speak with Scottish historians,

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musicians, food producers and crafts people, as they discover all the things that make fans of shows like *Outlander* fall in love with this incredible wee country.

In the finale of the show, the Scots actors visited Culloden in a poignant link to both of their roles in *Outlander* and one of the most famous battles on Scottish soil.



We all know how great the Welsh flag is but now it has officially been named the coolest flag in the world.

While most other nations have incredible colours and shapes to represent their country you just can't beat a massive fire-breathing dragon.

Wales walked away with first place, scoring nearly 15,000 more votes than Bhutan who finished in second spot.

Wales is one of three countries around the world that have a dragon on their national flag - and ours has officially been acknowledged as the coolest as part of a global survey.

Ranker, a worldwide digital polling website, asked people to cast their vote on "The Coolest National Flags."

The site advises voters to consider which design is "memorable" and "worthy of the nation it represents", as well as whichever they think is just "really cool".

Voters can vote a flag up, but also down to try and get their favourite to the crowning position.

Where does Wales rank?

More than 140,000 were polled from across the world and they crowned the Welsh flag as the best around.

The flag has held its position after first ranking as

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• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
• Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20	\$6,000

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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



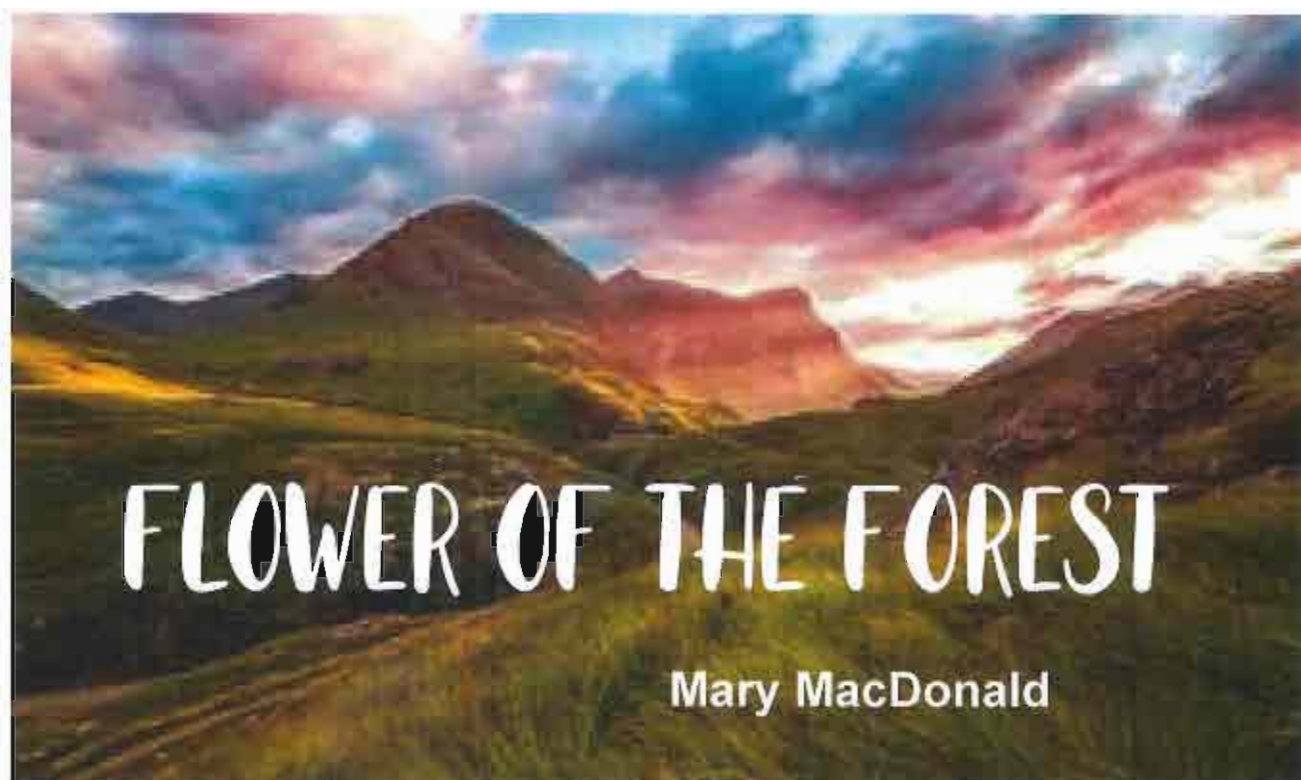
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M a r y MacDonald, Regional Commissioner Emeritus, FSA, Scot, Mother, Grandmother, Friend.

It is with deep sadness we report the passing of our beloved Mary MacDonald, Regional Commissioner Emeritus. For ten years she served as Regional

Commissioner in the Pacific NW Region of Clan Donald, USA. She accomplished many wonderful things. She loved everything Scottish!

Our region was blessed with her talents and knowledge, as well as being a fun-loving friend to us all.

Mary never met a stranger, and thanks to her efforts, our region has friends from many clans and organizations around the area and the world. During her tenure, Mary attended many of the highland games in our region and organized our annual All Clans Fall Banquet. If there was ever a job to be done, Mary did it and did it well. She also initiated Genealogy classes

in our region, so members could learn how to research their Scottish ancestry. Mary also served for a brief time on the Clan Donald Lands Trust Committee and wrote her Regional Commissioner's column for our regional newsletter, *The Signal*.

In 2016 Mary organized the very successful AGM held in Kalispell, Montana. What a great fun AGM that was! Also being a very talented seamstress, Mary made several beautiful quilts with various Scottish motifs for our silent auctions.

Throughout her tenure, we had many gatherings at her home, as it was centrally located making it easy for many of our officers and members to attend. These sessions were also a time to enrich friendships and provide a sense of an extended family for many.

While there was a business portion to our gatherings, Mary also ensured that we all had fun and plenty to eat. The clan is family!

Mary was born and raised in Albany, Oregon, moving to Renton, Washington in later years. She is survived by son Paul; daughter Lesley; grandson Henry; sister Jan Kaiser; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and brother.

God Bless you, dear friend.



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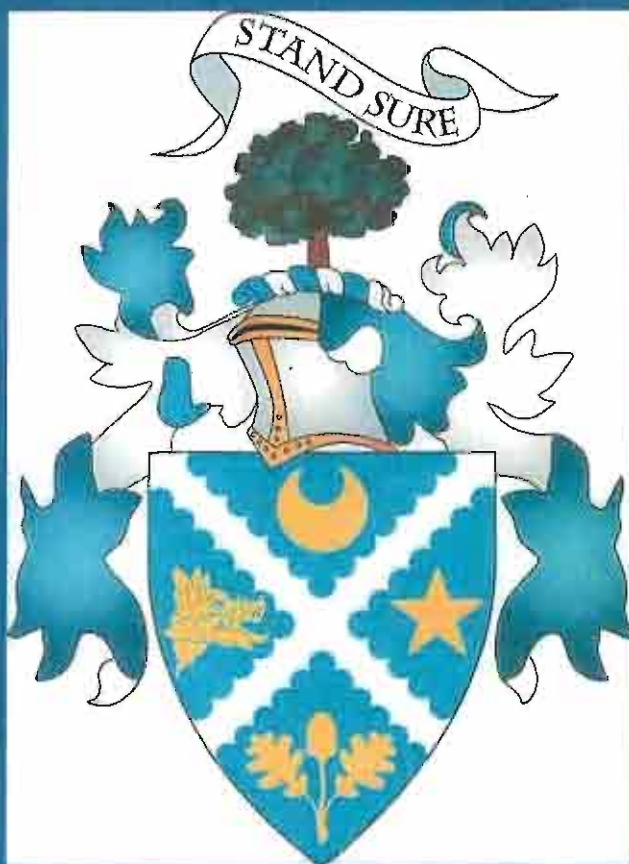
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number one in 2019 - where it had previously been lacking in third place.

With 27,688 votes at the time of writing (February 24) the country soared ahead with nearly 15,000 more votes than Bhutan who won second place, and South Korea who trailed behind in third.

However, the poll remains open, and in honour of St David's Day, you can cast your vote for the dragon on the flag.

You don't have to register or provide any personal details. Just upvote to keep it at the top of the rankings.

Last month Wales also walked away the winner of the 'World Flag Competition' after the Red Dragon, beat Scotland's white cross on blue background, by a margin of 1,401 votes.

Why does the Welsh flag have a dragon on it?

The census last year reported a drop in the number of Welsh speakers from 582,000 in 2001 to 562,000 – about one in five of the population (Image: Matt Cardy/Getty Images)

Although the dragon has been associated with Wales for centuries, the Welsh flag was only granted official status in 1959.

But the reason we have a great big dragon on our nation's flag is one of myth and folklore.

As with any ancient symbol, its appearance has been adapted and changed over time with countless variations cropping up in historical records.

*New Scots
SpeakGaelic
learning brand
will begin in
September*

SpeakGaelic, a new, multi-faceted learning brand, will launch in four states beginning in the coming September with a course, a dedicated on-demand learning website and complimentary programming, and can be accessed on BBC ALBA online platform, including BBC ALBA YouTube.

SpeakGaelic is jointly funded by the Scottish Government: Bòrd na Gàidhlig; the BBC; and MB ALBA, which delivers BBC Alba in partnership with the BBC.

It will offer face-to-face classes, self-guided online learning, and media content through a variety of platforms.

Organizers say this new brand will offer the most significant transformational change to learning and using Gaelic in almost thirty years and is set to be a focal point for adult learners and speakers.

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Clan MacDuffie Member, **Robert M. McDuffee** of Winthrop, Massachusetts, passed away on December 2, 2020, at age 88. Robert was the beloved husband of Marion J. (Colby) McDuffee.

Born in Medford, he was the son of the late George F. and Jennie M. (Bartlett) McDuffee.

Robert was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War serving from 1951-1955.

Robert's children: Donna McDuffee Infantino, our Associate Vice President, and Northern Line Genealogist, of Winthrop, Lynn McDuffee Giuliano Berry of Oviedo, Florida, Deborah McDuffee of Winthrop, Diane McDuffee, a Clan Society member, of Dover, New Hampshire, Robert R. McDuffee, and his wife Kristen of Winthrop, Denise Usseglio of Goffstown, New Hampshire, and the late Michael McDuffee and his surviving wife Joanne of Winthrop. Robert was the adored grandfather of 15 grandchildren and the loving great-grandfather of 16.

Robert's brother was the late George McDuffee.

It is with deep sorrow that The Celtic League, American Branch members in New York learned of the passing of **Hugh O'Lunney** on February 8th, 2021.

The ever-genial O'Lunney was the very image of welcoming Irish publican, and indeed all New Yorkers and visitors too and making them all feel welcome

at O'Lunney's Times Square Pub as well as the pub's earlier incarnations on Third Avenue, East 44th Street, and West 46th Street.

Hugh was renowned for more than his hospitality. He was generous to many members of the New York Irish immigrant community and throughout his life maintained an unswerving commitment to the reunification of Ireland.

For more than 30 years O'Lunney's had been the Celtic League American Branch's "home away from home." He hosted our annual Samhain Eve celebrations beneath a display of the flags of the Six Celtic Nations, and with the diverse, convivial crowd that only New York City can assemble. This writer has often enjoyed the privilege of taking the mic there to convene a midnight candlelit commemoration of the passing of the old Celtic year and the advent of a new one.

Hugh O'Lunney's passing will be profoundly mourned throughout the New York Celtic community. Condolences and Mass cards for him can be mailed to The Lunney Family, 180 Kneeland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705.

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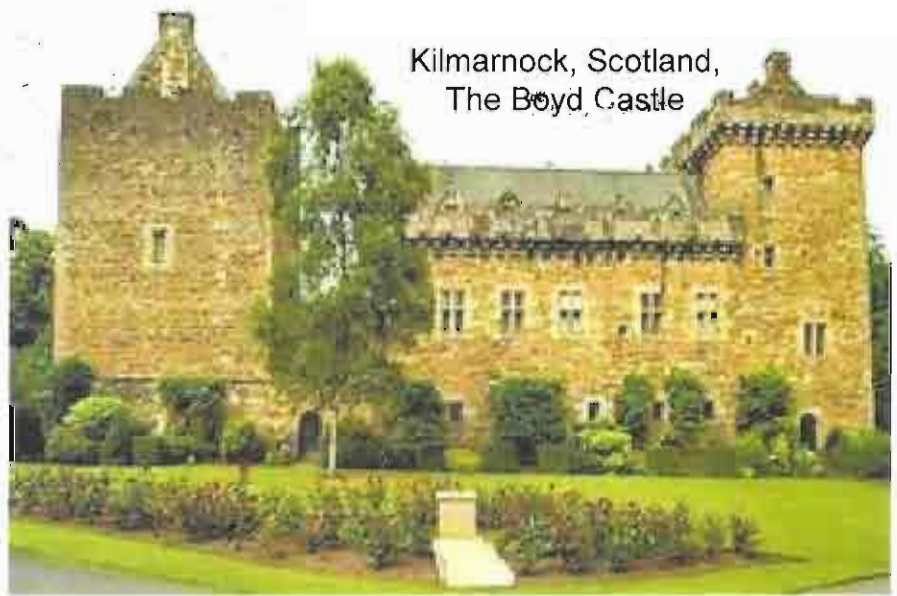


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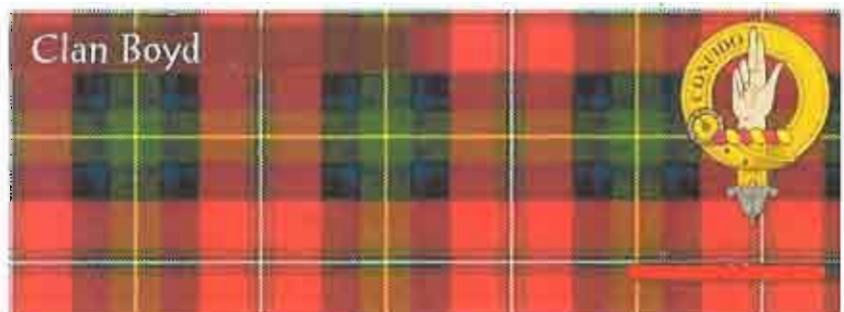
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Here are 11 of the easiest Scottish Munros to bag for beginners

Measuring a minimum of 3,000 feet in height, there's no such thing as an 'easy' ascent of a Munro.

THE SCOTSMAN

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Having said that, there are certainly some that are easier than others – and suitable for those who have less experience of scaling the heights. Here are 11 Munros that can be walked by beginners.

Before you set out on any expedition make sure you are aware of the latest advice from Scottish Mountain Rescue and plan accordingly.



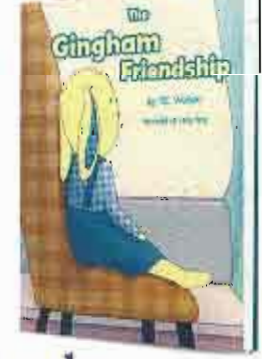


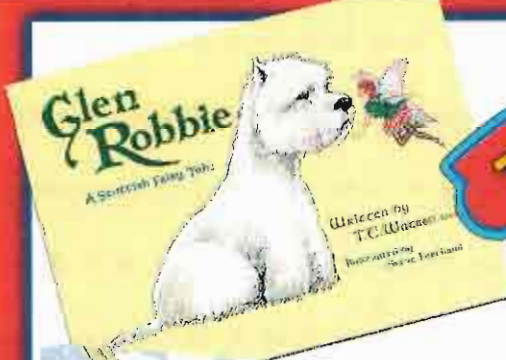
1. **Ben Lomond** - Just 90 minutes from Glasgow, with a clear path taking right to the summit and stunning views of Loch Lomond, it's no wonder Ben Lomond is one of the most popular Munro walks in Scotland.



2. **Schiehallion** - The pyramid-like Perthshire peak of Schiehallion offers a gradual ascent perfect for those working on their fitness and great views over Loch



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11 Easy Munros, *continued from page 21*

Rannoch.



3. **Ben Chonzie** - located to the north of Crieff, has a well-trodden path that can be bagged in around four hours, making it one of the quickest Munros to climb.



4. **Ben Hope**

Scotland's most northerly Munro towers above the town of Tongue and is another that can be tackled in around four hours, all the while enjoying dramatic coastal views.



5. **Ben Vorlich**

Set in the beautiful Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Ben Vorlich is perfect for beginners, with a straightforward ascent and views over Loch Earn. If you still have the energy afterwards, you can bag a second Munro at nearby Stuc a' Chroin.



6. **Cairn Gorm**

Surrounded by the grandeur of the Cairngorms National Park, the summit of Cairn Gorm may be high at 4,084 feet, but you get a sneaky head start as the car park is pretty high up itself.



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Another accessible adventure in the Cairngorms National Park, you can bag two Munros for the price of one by taking on the twin peaks of Mayar and Dreish, plus the bonus of a lovely walk through Glendoll Forest.



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8. **Mount Keen** - Another peak in the Cairngorms National Park, Mount Keen is the most easterly Munro and offers a straightforward path to the top for climbing newbies.



9. **Ben Wyvis** - Offering an easy ascent with spectacular Highland views, Ben Wyvis, to the north of Inverness, is a great starter Munro.



10. **Cairnwell** - Providing a spectacular backdrop to the Glenshee Ski Centre is the mountain of Cairnwell, one of Scotland's most easily-accessed Munros. For the adventurous, it's possible to combine an ascent of Cairnwell with climbing neighbours Carn Aosda and Carn a'Gheoidh for a triple Munro bag.



11. **Geal Charn** - Geal Charn, at the western end of the Monadh mountain range, offers rolling, gentle, grass covered slopes for a pleasant ascent.





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"I uploaded my grandfather!"

Beth

When you work in genealogy, you get comments and communications from folks that make you laugh.

A wonderful example was, "Last week, I uploaded my grandfather and this week I plan to upload my grandmother, but I've forgotten my account's password."

Sometimes an enthusiastic researcher will fly into a library and say something like, "I need to get my family history done and my mother's waiting in the car."

One of my favorites, "I need to find that book that I used last summer - or maybe it was year before last - but it's blue and has gold writing on the cover."

Another favorite. "Where is information on my great-great grandfather? He had red hair and could sing tenor."

I dare you to read this and not at least think about giggling: "So you can see what I'm talking about, I want to forward you my marriage certificate and three children, one of which is a mistake, as you can see."

Huh?



The use of finger rings has been around for a long time

While there is a touch of barbarism in wearing rings on the fingers, yet the civilized hand has so long been adorned by them, that it would look plain and unfinished without its hoops of gold.

The ancient Romans wore the ring on the joint just under the nail. The Hebrews wore it on the right hand alone. The Greeks wore their rings on the fourth finger of the left hand, the Gauls and Britons on the third finger of the left hand. In Pliny's time the betrothal ring was an iron hoop, set with a loadstone instead of gem. The Romans were even greater slaves to fashion than we of the present. They had winter and summer rings, the weight and color of the rings being adapted to the season. The Greeks wore weekly rings, which were charms, and were always intaglios and cameos. Talismanic rings were also in use among the Romans.

Seal rings were heirlooms and of great value in business transactions.

The wedding ring is of great antiquity. It is a common thing to find wives who have been married a lifetime, yet never have allowed the wedding ring to slip over the finger joint. It is considered unlucky to take it off. To lose it indicates a misfortune.

Taken from the Roanoke News, December 18, 1884.



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HAVE YOU HEARD?

ABOUT THE ANGLO-SCOTTISH BORDER

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May 2021

(gilnockietower@gmail.com)

The Team at Gilnockie Tower hope this newsletter finds you all well? To open the newsletter, we send our sincere apologies for the delay getting HYH's out on a more regular basis to you guys, Covid 19 and our Scottish Government has had us closed down for some considerable time.

That said, our normal flow of visitors to the Esk Valley has dropped off dramatically since late 2019, and from what we can gather, in line with most other Scottish attractions.

With this year trundling on at a speed that really worries us, we recently decided that following the Scottish Governments permission to reopen businesses, we unlocked the creaky old door of Gilnockie Tower on 26th April this year.

During, the all be it, 14 month closure of the tower, we have been keeping in touch with our local business friends up and down the Esk Valley, and one in particular is a very special one. Borderlands Brewery, an artisan business based in Langholm has started to produce specialised ales and one in particular is highlighted in this newsletter. So, the next few lines are written by the BorderLand fingers of Stuart Campbell, the Head Brewer.

Aye a Campbell!

Armstrong Ale brewed in Langholm

Borderlands Brewery is excited to release their first batch of limited-edition Armstrong Ale. The brewery has been working through the lockdowns to bring craft ale back to Langholm and open the first brewery in the Muckle Toon since 1896! Our cottage overlooks Gilnockie Tower and we often walk down the river so an Armstrong Ale was a natural brew!

This brew is an Amber Ale with caramel & toffee notes and a crisp clean resinous hop finish. We use only the best malts, finest hops and water from the Black Esk, everything we do is by hand from filling the mash tun to bottling and labelling. We only brew in small batches and the first bottle conditioned Armstrong Ale is limited to 400, each bottle individually numbered.

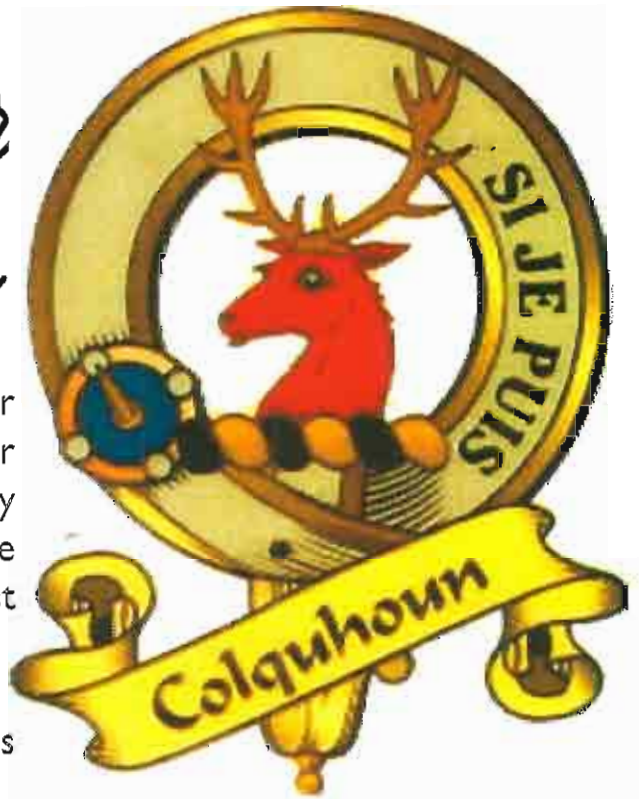
Armstrong Ale will be available for delivery in cases of 6 from Friday the 14th of May. This can be ordered by visiting the www.borderlandsbrewery.co.uk website <www.borderlandsbrewery.co.uk> and we will also keep you updated on <Instagram @borderlandsbrewery>



The remainder of this publication, *Have You Heard?* will be in Section A of the June issue of *BNFT*.

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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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Lord Malcolm & Lady Colquhoun

Here is our story about this publication. It was first printed last year in celebration of our birthday...but, I've had some folks write and ask me to run it again.

(I changed the birthday to this years number!)

A very loud "Thank You!" to Tom Freeman and Alastair McIntyre!

Happy Birthday BNFT! WE ARE 14 YEARS OLD in this incarnation!

Beth Gay Freeman, FSA Scot, editor, etc.

This publication started it's life as *The Family Tree* in a new genealogy library down in South Georgia in 1988.

At first it was done on a word processing machine and designed in the old cut and paste method of creating publications using wax to glue everything down. It was reproduced on a library copy machine. It had less than 500 "press run" the first few issues.

I thought of it...and so, of course, became the editor, etc.

Over time, it grew readers and became a more professionally produced publication and printed on a real press. The staff was just me for everything for most of the time. I did have an assistant the last few years.

It was still cut and paste method through 2005. It was tabloid size in the beginning and I never could figure out how to do a publication of that size with as many ads as it had to have in the computer.

Eventually, it was printed on the huge web press of *The Albany Herald* in Albany, Georgia.

The library grew too and, surprisingly, over the years, became the repository of the archival and genealogical materials of, as I remember, almost 140 of the Scottish Clans in this country. That made it a unique library, so far as we know, in the world.

In addition to Public Relations Director and editor of the paper, I was also the Scottish Liaison for the library. It was my job to convince the Scottish clans to declare the library their Archival and Genealogical Home. That was a pleasure and a joy.

The Family Tree did not have subscriptions. That meant we did not have to have bookkeepers, postage for mailing to ask for subscription fees and all of those mind-exploding office duties.

For a long time, we went along rather peacefully so far as finances were concerned. I sold ads, LOTS of advertising to Scottish, genealogical, historical businesses and lots more.

I wrote a *Kissin' Cousins Cookbook* and sold about 1000 of them - all monies to the publication. A sweet friend of mine in the travel business offered to help us do a cruise to benefit the paper.

Colin-Grant Adams named the cruise to Nova Scotia *Kilts in the Wind!*

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We'll get through this. Stay safe. Stay healthy.



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Alex Beaton did a benefit for us and profits went to *The Family Tree*. We did newsletter contests, with sometimes 400 entries and those profits went to the paper. We just did the best we could to raise the necessary funding.

We had wonderful Postage Heroes who sent an average of \$25. I'd have two complete pages of tabloid size paper filled - in each issue with every persons' name - thanking them for their kindness.

The paper would not have been possible without these most generous people.

We had hundreds of people who made most kind contributions and so many who made amazingly generous gifts to *The Family Tree*!

Scottish clans and organizations, individual clanspeople, everyone helped keep the publication going.

Don't tell me that the Scottish people are stingy!

They are not.

In the last years, we used something like 900 rolls of newsprint with each issue and we did six issues each year. We also had to pay the mailing service in addition to the postage and printing.

The mailing lists of almost all of the Scottish Clans had been entrusted to me to use for only mailing *The Family Tree*. Those folks were joined by genealogists from all over the world and many who just enjoyed reading about things Scottish. We had 100,000 people on our mailing list.

I sold advertising, and was told I sold something like 4 million dollars of advertising in the about 17 years I did this. (No, I did not get any advertising commission. It all went to the publication.)

I was responsible for raising all the money for the production of the publication and my own salary.

It was about this time that electricscotland.com

and Alastair McIntyre became a part of the publication and we became a part of electricscotland.com.

Alastair has remained a very dear and beloved friend to this day! He has "saved my bacon" many more than one time!

Back then, I was running four miles a day, sometimes at midnight or very early in the day and thought I was handling the mega stresses in my life very well. One morning, while running, I had a heart attack.

Fortunately, I was taken to the hospital quickly and, after a stent, I was ok. I am still ok.

My work weeks hovered around 100 hours most weeks. No, I did not get overtime.

There were about half a dozen very generous friends who truly believed in the paper with whom I could call upon if I did not have enough money to produce a paper.

Expenses had risen so high and the economy had gotten so bad our contributions had stopped coming

I could not, in good conscience, call on those friends anymore. This was the time when our economy went "clunk." Remember?

It was too early to go digital, but that's what we had to do.

In 2005, I retired and left the library and the publication was given to me. (I think they gave me the paper because they could not find anyone else who would work as hard as I had worked.)

There were major personal changes in my life about this time as well. I moved from Moultrie, Georgia to Walhalla, South Carolina alone...and the publication tagged along with me along with a horse and cats..

The *Family Tree* became *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* and I finally figured out how to do the publication - an 8 1/2 x 11 - in the computer.

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First-ever Jan Pennington Gray award presented to Kentucky's Robert Harrison
 The Jan Pennington Gray Award for research was presented to Robert Harrison, president of the Glasgow Highland Games, during the celebration of Glasgow at the Glasgow River State Park on July 1, 1991. Harrison's research was published in the March 1992 issue of *The Family Tree*.

Captain John Wallace to lead Clan Wallace Society
 The Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society has elected Captain John Wallace, 11111 E. 1st Ave., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80231, as the new president of the International Wallace Society. Wallace is a lifetime member of the society and is a native of Glasgow, Virginia, where he is active in Scottish affairs. He is currently serving as the president of the St. Andrew's Society of Glasgow and is a past president of the Scottish Society of the United States. Captain Wallace has been a member of the Society of American Genealogists and a past president of the Society of American Genealogists. He is also a past president of the International Wallace Society. Captain Wallace is a past president of the International Wallace Society and a past president of the International Wallace Society. He is also a past president of the International Wallace Society.

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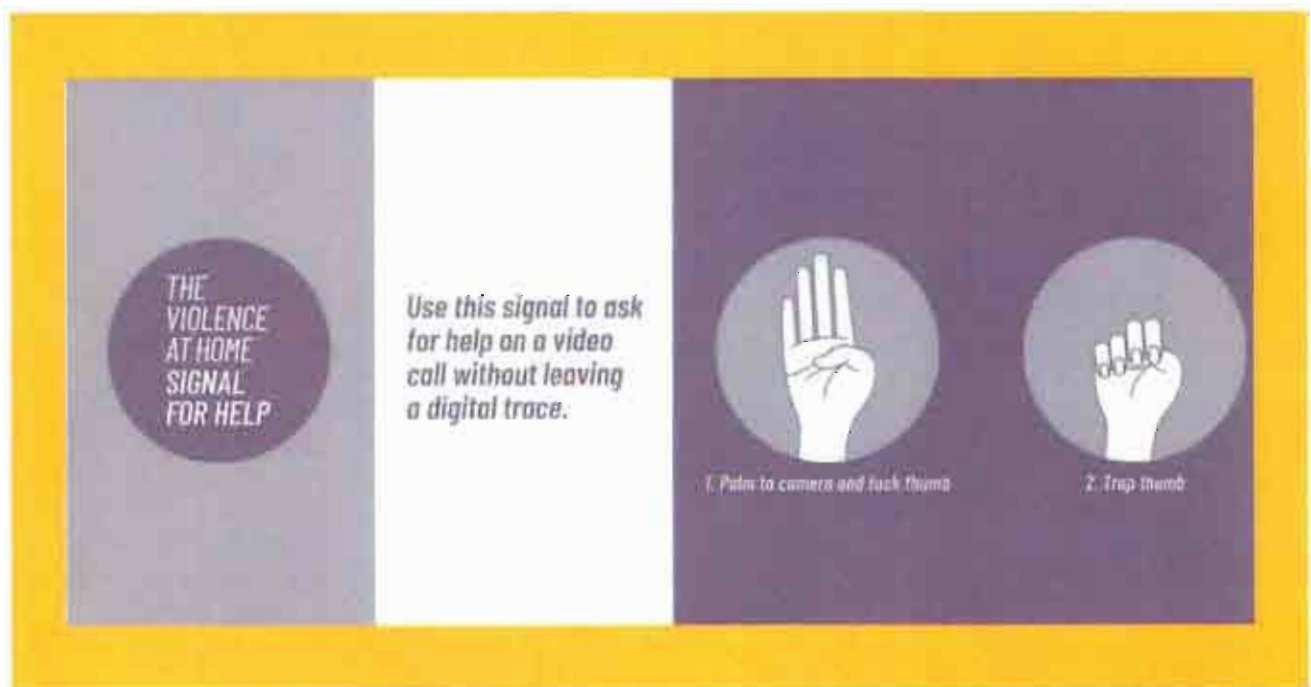


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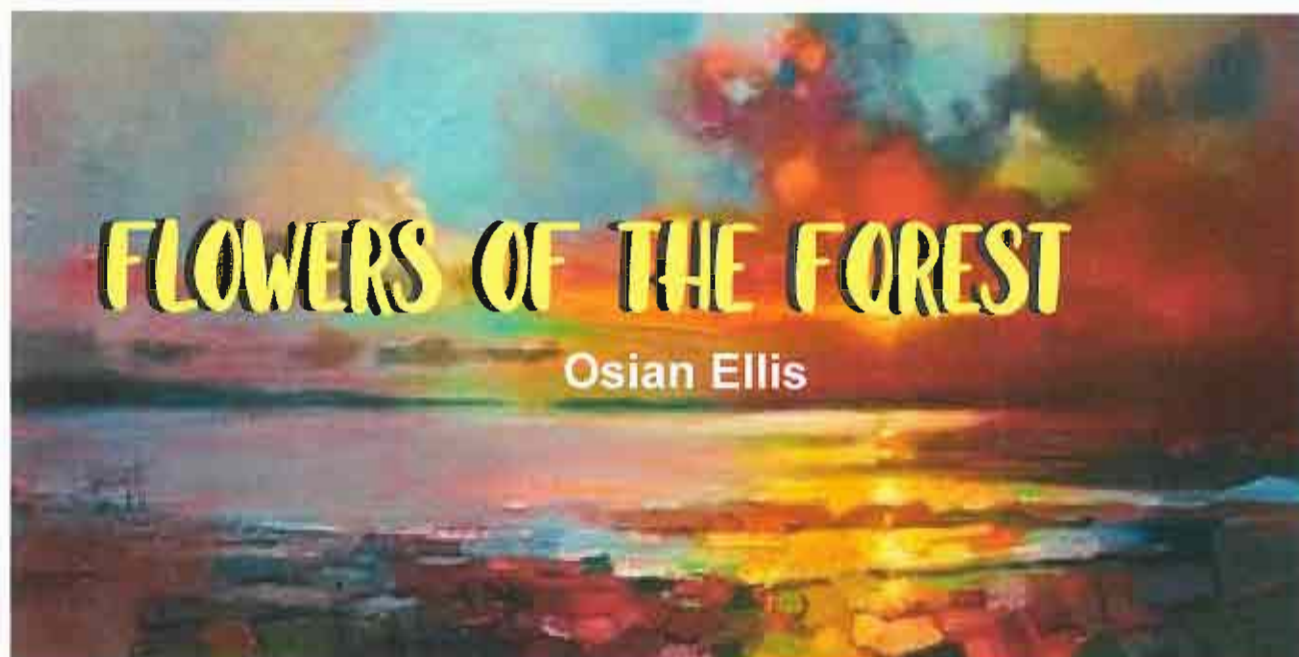


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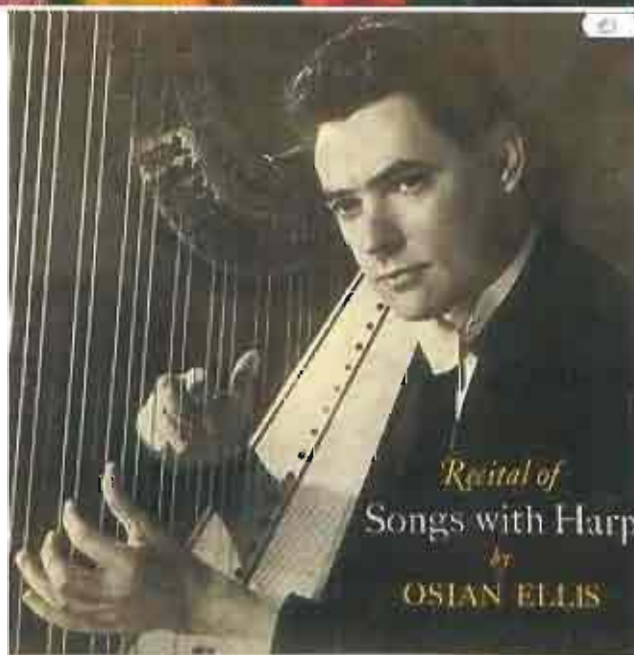
The renowned Welsh harpist, **Osian Ellis**, died at the age of 92 on 5 January at his home in Pwllheli, North Wales.

Known as the leading Welsh harpist of his generation, his classic 1962 recording of Ravel's *Introduction and Allegro for L'oiseau-Lyre* with the Melos Ensemble is still generally regarded as the finest ever made.

His collaboration with the composer, Benjamin Britten, resulted in the *Suite for Harp* in 1969, hailed as the greatest solo harp work of the 20th century. Britten began tailoring new compositions with Ellis's unique harp skills in mind, such as his rare control of finger-dampening on the strings and his instinctive mastery of tone and technique.

Ellis was part of the legendary premiere of Britten's *War Requiem* at Coventry Cathedral in 1962.

Osian Ellis was born on 8 February

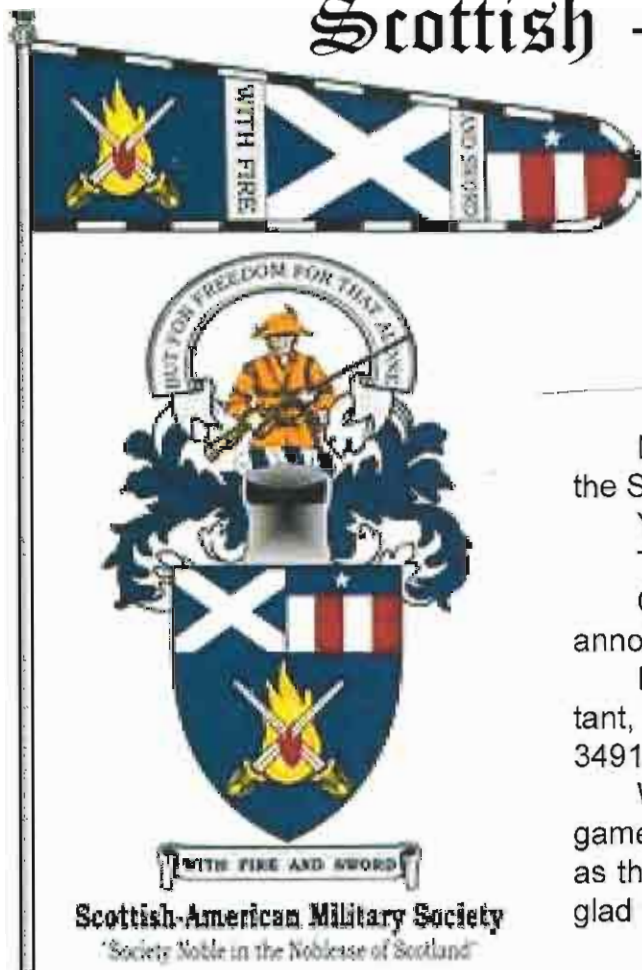


1928 at Ffynnonfgroyw in Flintshire.

His mother was an amateur Welsh harpist, and though Ellis was mainly a self-taught harpist, in 1943, he won a major prize at the National Eisteddfod in Bangor, launching his professional education and career, which he pursued until his retirement in 1994.

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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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