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HRH The Princess Royal opens the British Horse Society's first Scottish Hub

The British Farmer



STIRLING is now home to the British Horse Society's first ever Scottish Hub, which has been opened by the society's Vice-Patron, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.

The new Scottish Hub is based at the Stirling Agricultural Centre, home to many rural organisations and activities including the famous Stirling bull sales. Princess Anne unveiled a plaque to mark the facility's opening.

The British Horse Society is the largest eque-

strian charity in Scotland and the opening of the Hub will, it said, provide a base for its members, volunteers, stakeholders, and supporters in Scotland and the north of England to experience and champion best practice equestrianism.

During her visit, HRH The Princess Royal saw a demonstration from Police Scotland Mounted Branch which works with the society on Opera-

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!

We're 15 years old this year!

If you would enjoy reading about the more-interesting-than-you-would-think history of this publication, just visit <<https://electricScotland.com/bnft>>

Then, go to the Archives and select **BNFT June 2021B.pdf**.

The story about our birthday is on pages 31, 33 and 35.

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The Inauguration Celebration of The Buchanan, continued from page 3 _____

For the first time in over 370 years, Clan Buchanan will gather to celebrate the investiture of their new chief; **John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan**, Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan.

A traditional Scottish ceremony hosted and organized by the Chief and his Family, to be held on the Clan Seat in **Callender, Stirlingshire, Scotland** 7th to the 10th October 2022.



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With many thanks to Steve Kelley.

Rare medieval manuscripts digitised for first time by the National Library

BBC NEWS

The collection includes the 15th Century *Book of Hours* from Italy which boasts lavish gold illumination.

Rare manuscripts dating back as early as the 9th Century have been shared online for the first time.

More than 200 precious documents have been digitised by the National Library of Scotland.

The collection boasts a 15th Century medical almanac and printed illustrations.

A donation from Alexander Graham, creator of the BBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* made the work possible.

Due to the reformation in the 16th Century, it is extremely unusual to find documents from the period, particularly those used by the Roman Catholic Church.

A 12th Century manuscript of the *Rule of the Knights Templar* order, includes advice on the "superfluity" of beards and moustaches

Ulrike Hogg, manuscripts curator at the National Library in Edinburgh, said: "This fascinating digitised collection is international in origin, though a large part of the volumes were written in Scotland.

"The survival rate of medieval Scottish manuscript volumes is generally low.

"For example, only 1% of religious manuscripts of Roman Catholic use - many of which were systematically destroyed during and after the Scottish Reformation - are believed to still be in existence.

"It is difficult to estimate how many cultural

treasures were lost during these times. The collection presented here includes a number of those fortunate survivors that have endured subsequent centuries.

"We're delighted to make these extremely rare pieces of history publicly accessible online."

The collection includes:

A 15th Century folded medical/zodiac almanac, which probably belonged to a doctor based in northern England. Folded up, it could be worn on the belt

A selection of historical doodles showing rich period detail.

A 15th Century psalter written and illuminated at Culross Abbey, Fife

An early 16th Century manuscript written and illuminated in Dunkeld.

Volumes produced in England, France, Italy and north-west Europe are also in the 240-piece

collection.

Dr Hogg added: "The digital images provide a new opportunity to gain some insight into medieval Scottish book production.

"The interests, tastes and knowledge of medieval scribes can be seen in these images, as well as the development of the medieval Scottish book hand and styles of illumination.

"The collection reveals much information on later owners of the manuscripts, who annotated them or added irreverent doodles as the volumes passed through their hands."

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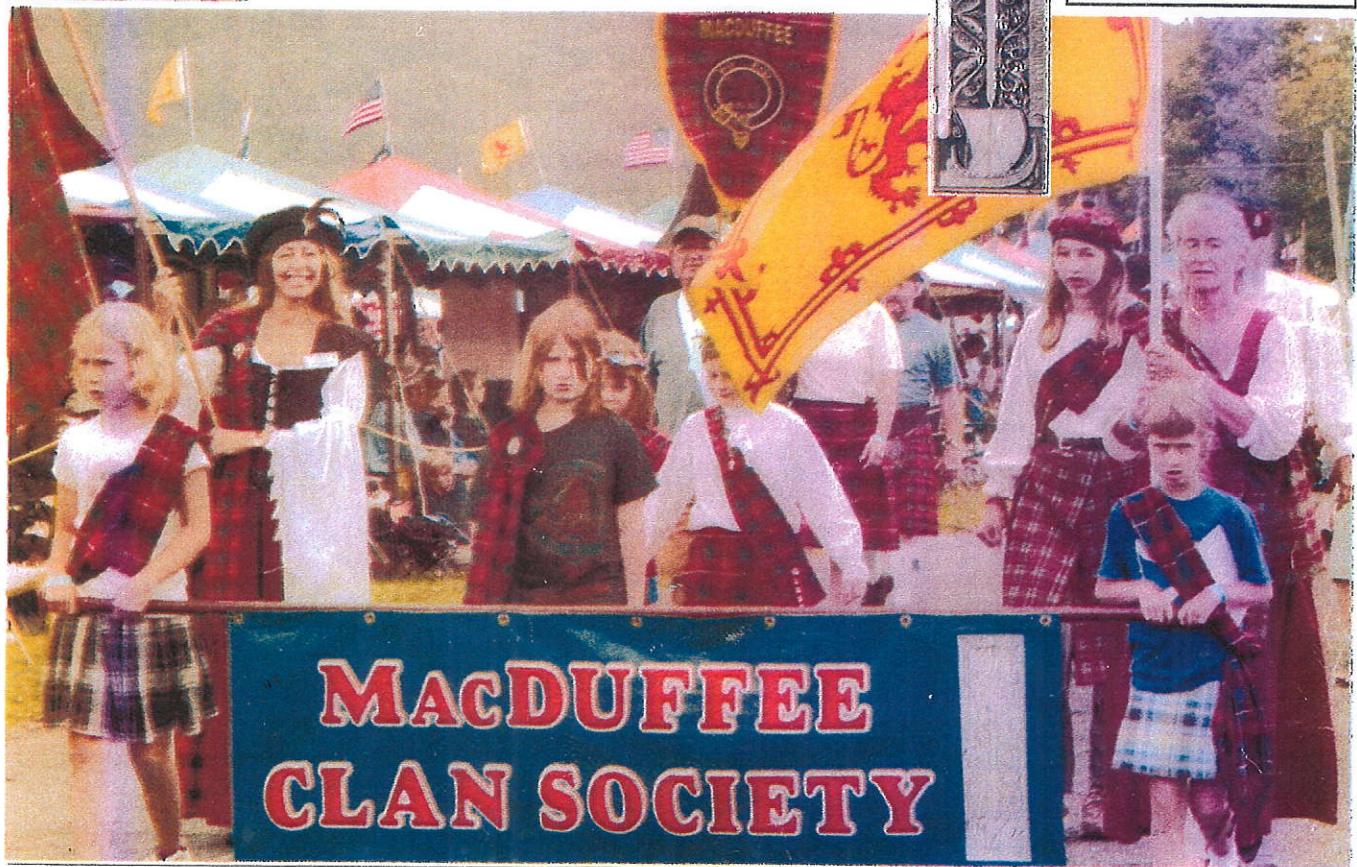
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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT 2022 INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL

This is an announcement in regards to the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival.

After a long discussion and review by the SSI Board of Trustees and our current Games/Festival committee heads - it has been decided that the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival will not take place again this year.

This was a difficult decision to make but it was for the best for the society that we hold off another year for this event.

The decision was based on a lack of a suitable or confirmed location, volunteers had diminished, and committee managers are needed along with training that needs to be provided.

At this time, we are looking at a smaller event for 2023.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, heading up a committee, or wanting to put your thoughts to this event, please reach out to SSI board member and games chairman Greg Bowers for more information.

To reach Greg Bowers, please email <scot.soc.indy@gmail.com>.

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A public meeting was held on Tuesday 19th April where results and findings were presented for the “Bedrule Castle Excavation Dig.”

The Introduction for the meeting was made by Professor Jane Bower, Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park.

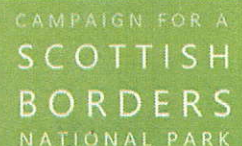
Speakers were Roger Curtis, HES; Phil Richardson and Kieran Manchip, Archaeology Scotland.

Anything which might relate to the history of Teviotdale was presented for expert diagnosis.

The latest news is that the project is getting ready to have more on-site sessions open to the public at the Bedrule Castle site.

With thanks to the Turnbull Clan publication, *The Bulls Eye*.

Archaeology Scotland is a leading independent charity working to inspire the discovery, exploration and enjoyment of Scotland's archaeology.



The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs,
Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons
and those interested in those surnames.

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

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Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families. 2. To provide for the preservation of all armstrong artifacts unique to the family. 3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public. 4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*. 5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

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All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in the Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships include two adults and all minor children. In other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.



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!

Lookie what Fraser sent me from 1996!



Fraser Gorden, a Scottish Blue Badge Guide, and my dear friend since...er, 1996, as the above pictured trip was our first one and held in 1996, sent me this photo of maybe half of our tour group.

Let's see, Fraser is on the right with a tie on. Hugging him is the late Jane Harris. Karen Lomba is first on the left. Third on the left is Nancy Simpson and then Jean and George Holzapfel.

I think that's Dr. Paul Henson between Karen

and Jane, but the sunglasses throw me off.

That's me, Beth, standing next to George and Marti Van Horn is next to me. Marti and I hosted the goodtimes! Marti was a Scottish Travel Specialist in the travel industry... A very, very good one!

We had such a good time that from this trip onwards, most of our travelers would be folks who had been on earlier trips - some came on all of our trips and some just a couple, every trip was magic!

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The Irish Cultural Center presents the Third Friday Ceili each month in the Great Hall. The ceilis are family oriented Irish social dances. There are usually six different dances at each ceili including such favorites as "The Walls of Limerick", "The Siege of Ennis", "The Waves of Tory" and the "Haymakers Jig". Anne and Jim Daugherty teach and call the dances.

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The National Piping Centre launches crowdfunding campaign

 **the Scottish Banner**

The National Piping Centre has launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to protect the legacy of its Piping Times and Piping Today periodicals. The two-strand project involves digitisation of the magazine archive, a resource that will be free to access online, and the production of a new annual publication that carries the Piping Times title. With the Piping Times and Piping Today together recording over 90 years of piping history, and recognised internationally as the most significant source of piping information, opinion and news, both were forced to cease publication in 2020 due to the unprecedented financial challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Influential in fostering
an international piping community*

The National Piping Centre's Director of Piping, Finlay MacDonald, said: "It was with the deepest regret that we have made the difficult decision to cease publication of the two magazines, *Piping Times* and *Piping Today*. Both titles hold a special place in the hearts of pipers across the world. Sadly, publication of the magazines could no longer be justified on the grounds of the associated costs. Dwindling circulation numbers – a common trend in publishing in recent years – meant that, despite their long histories, the savings made had a significant impact on the organisation's ability to weather the pandemic."

The College of Piping began publishing *Piping Times* in October 1948. As well as printing com-

petition results, reviewing events and reporting general news in the piping world, it provided a platform for the exchange of opinions and ideas. It was also influential in fostering an international piping community.

Until his death in 1996, the magazine was edited by Seumas MacNeill, a co-founder of the College. In nearly 50 years as editor – a position he took no payment for – MacNeill never missed a single issue. An acerbic style of writing made him a controversial personality but his commitment to the publication bequeathed the piping community a substantial and valuable historical record.

Subsequent editors were Robert Wallace, Colin MacLellan and Stuart Letford.

In 2018, when the College was incorporated into The National Piping Centre, the magazine archive and its continued publication became part of the Centre's legacy commitment.

*Great value to the
international piping community*

The National Piping Centre began publishing its own in-house magazine, *Notes*, shortly after opening in 1996. As the focus of the publication shifted to the broader world of piping its title changed to *Piping Today*. The bi-monthly magazine, under the editorship of The National Piping Centre's then Director of Piping, Roddy MacLeod

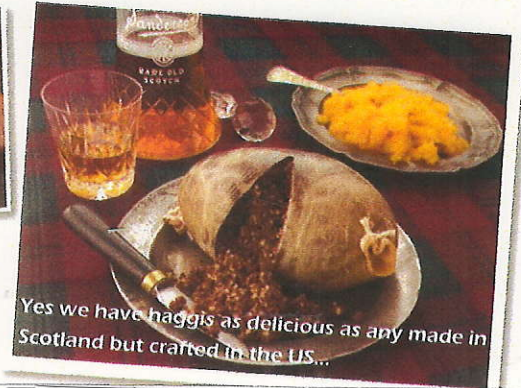
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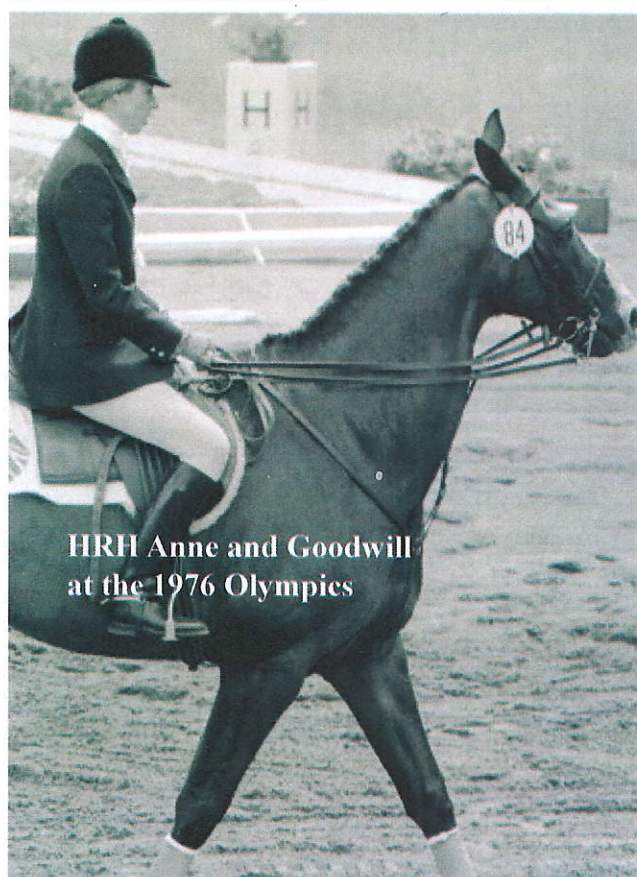
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Princess Anne opens British Horse Society Hub, *continued from page 1*



HRH Anne and Goodwill
at the 1976 Olympics



tion 'Lose the Blinkers'. The collaborative campaign is directed at all road users with the aim of reducing injuries and deaths because of vehicles passing too close or too fast to ridden or driven horses.

The event also included a display by the Pipe Band, and the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards who work closely with the society. Others in attendance to celebrate the grand opening were members of the Moredun Foundation which the BHS funds to support research into equine grass sickness.

National Manager in Scotland for the BHS, Helene Mauchlen, said: "This is a huge step forward for the BHS with most legislation pertaining to the horse and equestrianism being devolved to the Scottish Government. By opening a new Operational Hub in Scotland, the BHS is accommodating a four-nation approach. It is a privilege and honour to have our Vice-Patron HRH here in Scotland to see the work of the BHS and to meet our members, volunteers, supporters, and stakeholders."

The Princess Royal also presented five BHS Awards to BHS volunteers and stakeholders for their contributions to the society. The Scottish Hub will be open every Wednesday to BHS members, volunteers, and supporters. To find out more about the BHS and their work in Scotland visit bhs.org.uk/Scotland.

The Princess Royal is, of course, Anne, daughter of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Princess Anne did compete in the 1976 Olympic Games as a part of the British Equestrienne team. Taking to the saddle in the three-day equestrian event at the Olympics, Princess Anne rode Her Majesty's own beloved horse, Goodwill.

Whilst Princess Anne's Olympics appearance might have been brief, that wasn't her only competition and she found great success elsewhere throughout her riding career.

The Princess Royal also competed in multiple European three-day event championships and won a gold medal in the 1971 individual discipline at Burghley, as well as silver in both the individual and team disciplines in 1975 at Luhmühlen.

All of the photos to the left are of HRH Anne during her competition days.

Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

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The Clan Davidson Society USA is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the **US IRS** as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.elandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



Crowdfunding campaign,

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MBE, maintained a distinctive voice in the piping community for almost 25 years.

Head of Piping Studies at The National Piping Centre, John Mulhearn, said: "The history recorded in both magazines' archives is of great value to the international piping community. The unmatched resource it represents for students and scholars of the bagpipe cannot be overstated. In making this resource more accessible, future research will benefit profoundly."

The money raised from the crowdfunding campaign will be used to professionally digitise the magazine archive. It will then be hosted on The National Piping Centre's website and be free for the public to access and search.

Donations to the campaign will also support the design and production of a new physical annual publication under the *Piping Times* banner. It is planned that the annual will be added to the digital archive each year.

Finlay MacDonald continued: "Creating a physical record of the year's piping news is still a priority for us. By publishing a *Piping Times Annual* we hope to create a new archive for the future.

This first volume, covering the period from Spring 2020 to Autumn 2021, will be of enormous historical importance. While, on the one hand, far less piping activity has taken place due to the pandemic, the innovations that have taken place – most notably the explosion in online competitions – may be seen as a pivotal moment in the development of piping performance. It is essential that this is documented appropriately for researchers of the future."

The Crowdfunder is now live and you can donate at:
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pipingtimes>



Ian K. MacDonald wins the inaugural Joseph MacDonald Memorial prize for piobaireachd

MAJOR BRUCE W MacDONALD, Ret'd

On April 30, 2022, at the 2nd Annual Scottish Performing Arts Classic, Ian K. MacDonald of Toronto, won the inaugural Joseph MacDonald Memorial Prize for Piobaireachd playing *The Lament for Patrick Og MacCrimmon*. The Clan Donalds Land Trust is the sponsor of the event.

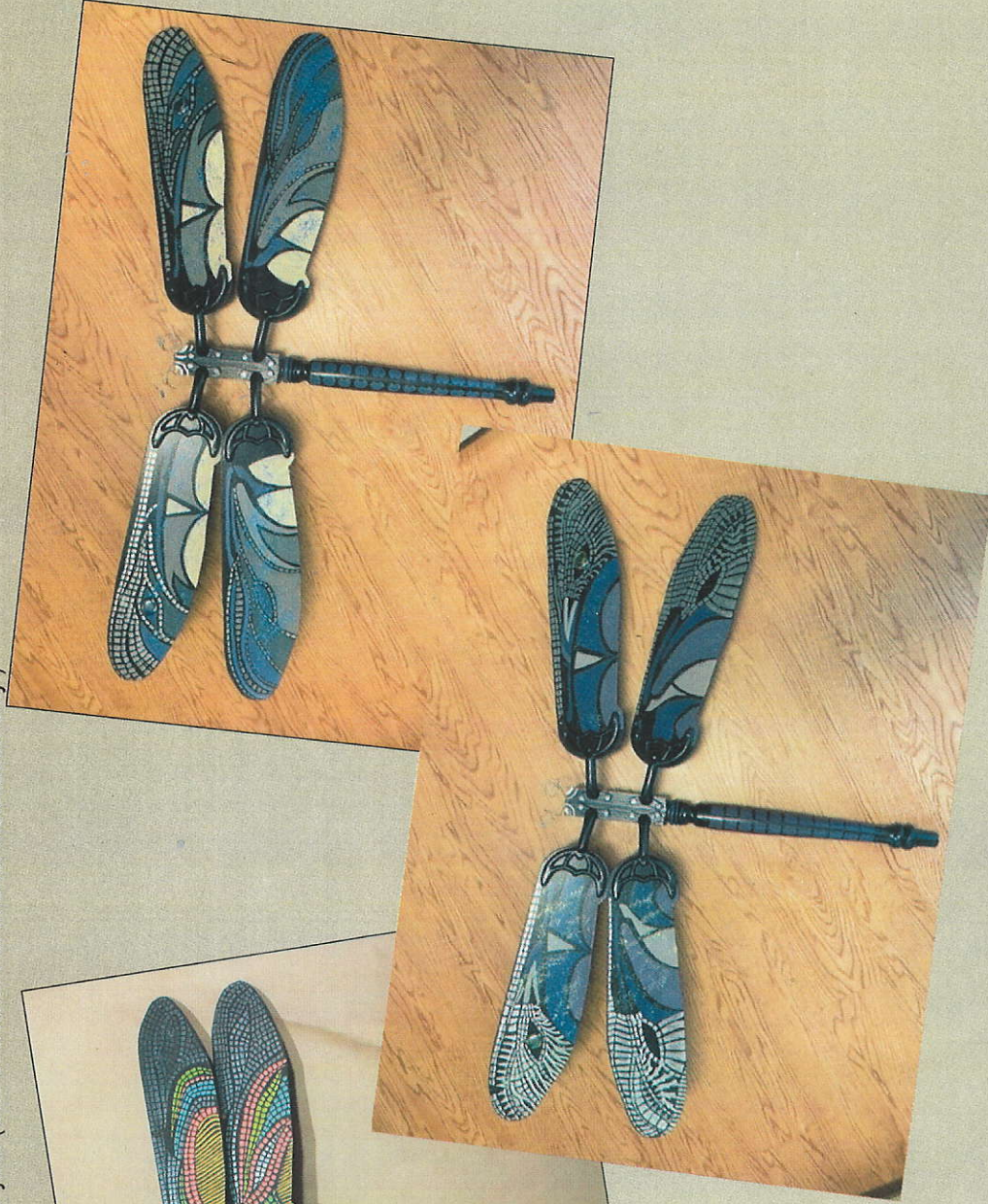
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Celtic Gaelic languages

Wikipedia - There's lots more if you wish to read it all.

The Celtic languages are a group of related languages descended from Proto-Celtic. They form a branch of the Indo-European language family. The term "Celtic" was first used to describe this language group by Edward Lhuyd in 1707, following Paul-Yves Pezron, who made the explicit link between the Celts described by classical writers and the Welsh and Breton languages.

During the 1st millennium BC, Celtic languages were spoken across much of Europe and central Anatolia. Today, they are restricted to the northwestern fringe of Europe and a few diaspora communities. There are six living languages: the four continuously living languages Breton, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Welsh, and the two revived languages Cornish and Manx.

All are minority languages in their respective countries, though there are continuing efforts at revitalisation.

Welsh is an official language in Wales and Irish is an official language of Ireland and of the European Union.

Welsh is the only Celtic language not classi-

fied as endangered by UNESCO.

The Cornish and Manx languages went extinct in modern times. They have been the object of revivals and now each has several hundred second-language speakers.

Irish, Manx and Scottish Gaelic form the Goidelic languages, while Welsh, Cornish and Breton are Brittonic.

All of these are Insular Celtic languages, since Breton, the only living Celtic language spoken in continental Europe, is descended from the language of settlers from Britain. There are a number of extinct but attested continental

Celtic languages, such as Celtiberian, Galatian and Gaulish. Beyond that there is no agreement on the subdivisions of the Celtic language family.

They may be divided into P-Celtic and Q-Celtic.

The Celtic languages have a rich literary tradition. The earliest specimens of written Celtic are Lepontic inscriptions from the 6th century BC in the Alps. Early Continental inscriptions used Italic



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**Are you an Arthur, Carter,
MacArthur, McArthur or similar
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Clan Arthur is worldwide with branches in UK, USA, Canada & Australia. Our leader is **Chief John MacArthur of that Ilk**.

We welcome new members who are of "Arthur" decent or those interested in our clan who are prepared to be loyal to our Chief. Membership includes a quarterly magazine which is full of stories about the Clan around the world, articles on current events, ancestry & history. Members also receive ongoing newsletters & updates on local happenings within their community.

For information and how to join, see our website: [<https://clanarthur.org/>](https://clanarthur.org/)

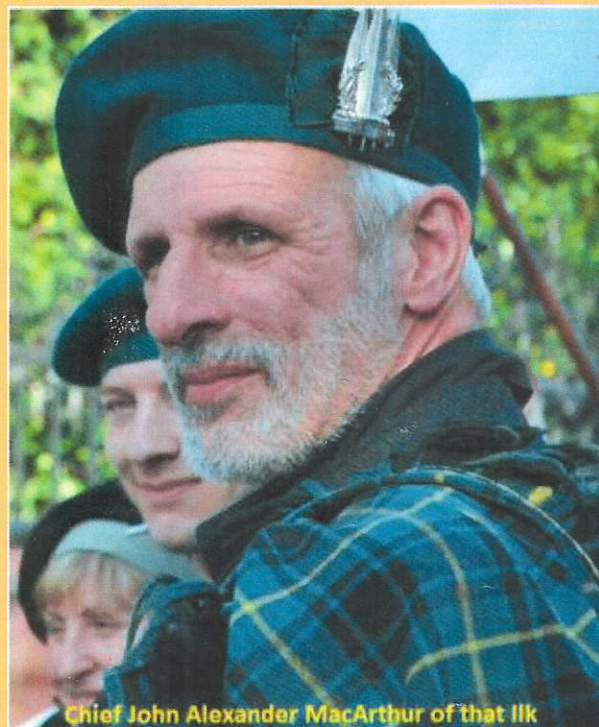
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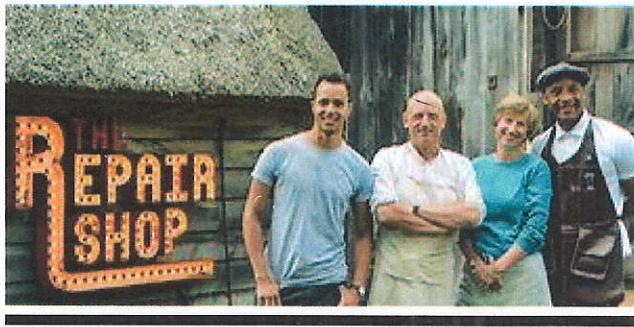
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Celtic Languages, *con't from page 19*

and Paleohispanic scripts. Between the 4th and 8th centuries, Irish and Pictish were occasionally written in an original script, Ogham, but Latin script came to be used for all Celtic languages. Welsh has had a continuous literary tradition from the 6th century AD.

Living languages

SIL Ethnologue lists six living Celtic languages, of which four have retained a substantial number of native speakers. These are the Goidelic languages (Irish and Scottish Gaelic, both descended from Middle Irish) and the Brittonic languages (Welsh and Breton, both descended from Common Brittonic).

The other two, Cornish (Brittonic) and Manx (Goidelic), died out in modern times with their presumed last native speakers in 1777 and 1974 respectively. For both these languages, however, revitalisation movements have led to the adoption of these languages by adults and children and produced some native speakers.

Taken together, there were roughly one million native speakers of Celtic languages as of the 2000s.[In 2010, there were more than 1.4 million speakers of Celtic languages.



If you are ever searching for something interesting to watch on your streaming television, find *The Repair Shop*.

It's not a very interesting name, but it is surely one of the most interesting programs on television.

It is but a small part of the Weald & Downland Living Museum and you may visit and learn more at <MuseumNews@wealddown.co.uk>

Their mailing address is: Weald & Downland Living Museum, Town Lane, Singleton, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0EU United Kingdom.

Here are some other events happening at this most fascinating place:

* 18 - 19 June, Historic Life Weekend: Celebrations of Midsummer

* 19 June, Father's Day

* 2 - 3 July, Historic Life Weekend: Sheep, Shepherding & Shepherd's Huts

* 30 - 31 July, Historic Life Weekend: Working the Land

For further updates on our upcoming events, please visit our website at <wealddown.co.uk> or follow us on social media <@wealddownmuseum>.

Thank you!

Clan *Blair* Society

**Memberships are cordially invited
for Blair descendants and other
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The Isle of Man Tourist Trophy Races

set for Saturday 28th May - Saturday 11th June 2022

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Practice Week is becoming increasingly more popular for first time and seasoned visitors alike with practice sessions taking place most evenings you have the days free to explore the natural beauty that the Island has to offer. Mad Sunday always falls on the first Sunday of June and is a popular date in motorcycle fans' diaries with plenty of meets, events and parades taking place across the Island.

How to travel to the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy Races



The Isle of Man is easily accessible by ferry and plane from key regional ports across the UK and Ireland. The ferry company which operates between the North West of England and the East Coast of Ireland is the Steam Packet Company with regular services between Liverpool, Heysham, Dublin and Belfast during the summer months.

Services are increased over the Tourist Trophy Race fortnight however it pays to be flexible with your dates and consider travelling without your vehicle.

Ferry bookings for Tourist Trophy Race operate on a deposit system where a provisional sailing schedule

is available a year in advance allowing you to book your space for following Tourist Trophy Race with the final fares and schedule being released in December. (Yikes, try to schedule NOW!)

The Isle of Man is also well served by key airports including London Gatwick, Manchester and Dublin meaning that our international visitors have a selection of airports to choose from when making their travel plans. Flying is often seen as an attractive alternative to travelling by ferry and is quick and convenient with flight times averaging between 30 and 60 minutes from the UK and Ireland.

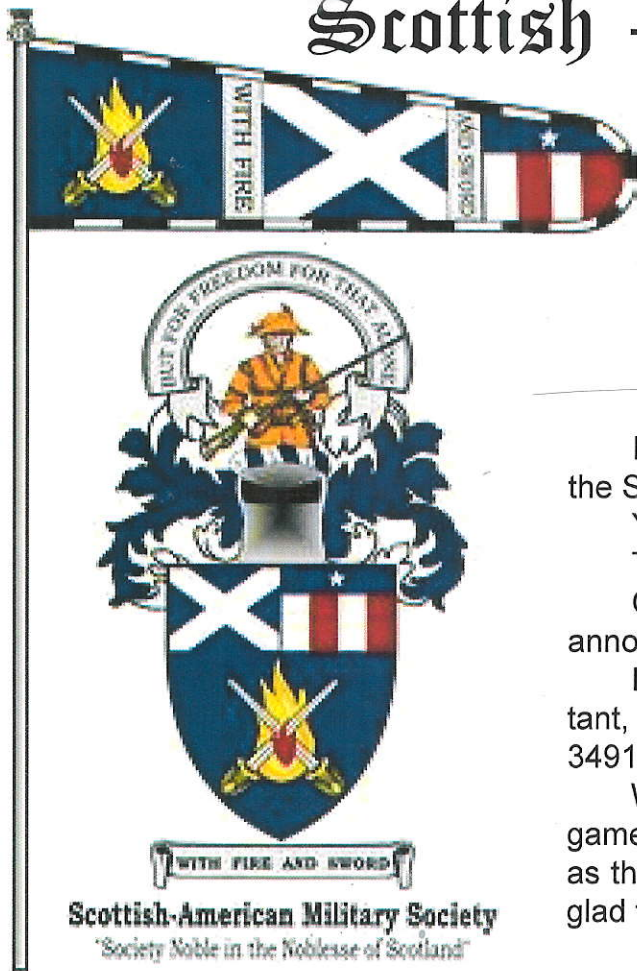
If you get to go to the TT Races, or if you can find it on TV, lookout for the 11th mile marker.

One of the charming aspects of the Manx landscape is the Victorian cast-iron mile markers that dot the roadways around the island.

Local blacksmiths have just restored an important one busted in a car crash last year. Known as the 11th Milestone (sic). it is a well-known marker on the annual "Tourist Trophy" race, situated on the approach to Kirk Michael from Cronk y Voddy.

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The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

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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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Letter Lists Posted in Newspapers a great help to genealogists

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

The postal system and newspapers have long been connected in American history. Patrons researching in old newspapers often find references to a section called the “letter list.” These “letter lists” pertain to uncollected mail or related documentation. Some of these lists can be very detailed, while others are very short. Some newspapers broke the lists down by sex, as in male and female. Some newspapers had a designated place in the newspaper that is identified in the index, while others placed the list whenever and wherever space was available. Many beginning genealogists have no idea what the significance of information found in this section means.

In the days before house-to-house delivery, many newspapers published lists of residents having letters or parcels waiting at the post office. While most of the residents listed often lived in the immediate locality where the newspaper was printed, researchers may find references to individuals who lived up to 20 miles away. If the locality was located in a border region between multiple counties or states, there may be references to people living in these adjacent areas.

These lists can also be beneficial in instances where two or more people who initially appear to be one and the same can now be separated. In addition, the appearance of a name over several months can indicate that the person in question may have moved, was ill, was temporarily out of the area, or possibly even dead.

The transportation and highway system in the United States did not resemble our present configuration in any way, shape, or form until the advent of the Eisenhower plan for a nationwide interstate system after World War II. Post offices were located along what major thoroughfares existed at the time. Natural boundaries, such as rivers, lakes, and mountains, often dictated where they

were located. Hence, a trip to the post office for some of our ancestors may have been a daylong trip. They may have gone once a week, every two weeks, or monthly.

These “letter lists” were important because they pin down the addressee to a specific lo-

cation at a specific time or at least that someone expected that person to reside in that area. This practice is similar to the modern procedures adopted nationwide concerning “unclaimed property lists.” For more information on this topic, please visit the following links.

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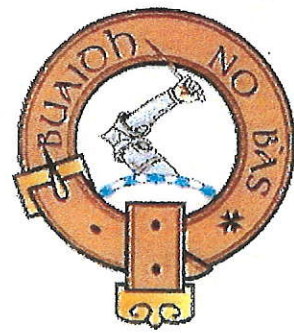


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Highland Dance Spotlight

WHAT IS HIGHLAND DANCE?

About Highland Dance: "Scottish Highland Dancing is a celebration of the Scottish spirit. The dances are a spectacular combination of strength, agility, movement, music and costume. Unlike other dance mediums, Highland dances are generally danced solo and in competition. Dancers typically dance to traditional Scottish music such as Strathspeys, Reels, Hornpipes and Jigs all played by an accompanying bagpiper,

Highland dancing was traditionally preformed by men but is now preformed by men and women. It is one of few arenas where women compete equally. In most competitions, the number of women competing far exceeds the number of men."

The Highland Fling:

"Likely the oldest of the traditional dances of Scotland, the Highland Fling signifies victory following a battle. The warriors made this dance a feat of strength and agility by dancing on their upturned shields

which had a sharp spike of steel projecting from the center. Dancers learned early to move with great skill and dexterity. Others say the Highland Fling was inspired by the sight of a deer prancing on a hillside. The upraised arms and hands in the dance represent the deer's antlers.

The Sword Dance: "Legend has it that the initial Ghillie Callum was created by Malcolm Canmore, a Celtic Prince who fought a battle in 1054. Triumphant, he crossed his opponent's sword with his own and danced over them celebrating his victory. It is also said that the Highland



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<<https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-tips-for-researching-letters-in-newspapers.html>>d

The Lee County Library System offers access to newspaper research through our homepage at the following link <<https://www.leegov.com/library/online>>. Examples of the databases would include the following: Florida Digital Newspaper Library, Fort Myers News-Press (1884-Present), New York Times (1851-Present), Proquest Historical Newspapers

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Bryan L. Mulcahy

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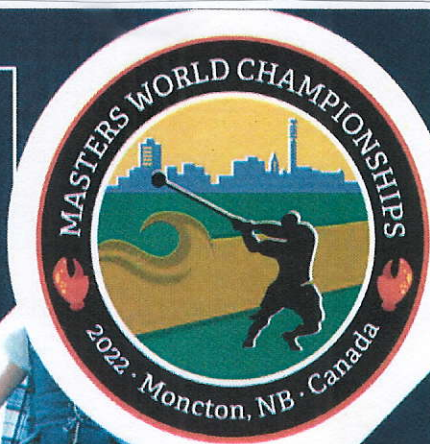
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The Sword Dance

warriors danced the Sword Dance prior to battle. If the warrior touched the swords, it was considered a bad omen, alluding to injury or death in battle."

S e a n n Triubhas (Old Trouser): "This dance originated as a political protest dating back to 1745 when the wearing of the kilt was an act of treason. Pronounced "shawn trews," this Gaelic phrase means "old trousers." The beautiful, graceful steps reflect the restrictions imposed by the foreign trousers. The lively quick time in the dance recreates the Highlanders' celebration of rediscovered freedom."

With many thanks to the *MacDuffee Clan Chatter*, Spring 2022 issue. For more information about Clan MacDuffee, email <juliehall522@yahoo.com>



Mid 1970s presentation at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

The photo above shows Nestor MacDonald on the left, then Peregrine Moncreiffe of that Ilk (Guest of Honor that year at the GMHG) receiving a carved caber carved by Steve Kelley on the right.

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Tributes have been paid to veteran Isle of Man broadcaster and journalist **Terry Cringle**, who has died aged 91.

In a career that spanned seven decades, Mr Cringle was a familiar voice on Manx Radio and a regular writer for various publications, including Isle of Man newspapers' weekly editions.

He died at Noble's Hospital on Saturday afternoon.

Broadcaster and historian Charles Guard described him as a "much loved" broadcaster and "extraordinary" writer.

Born in 1931, Mr Cringle grew up in a boarding house on Douglas Promenade owned and run by his parents.

After completing national service, he began a career in newspaper journalism before being appointed to run Manx Radio's first in-house news service in 1969.

He also worked on a freelance basis for a variety of news organisations including the BBC and Border news services.

In his later years he continued to contribute to features covering Manx history and nostalgia

for both print and radio, before officially retiring in 2020 at the age of 89.

Mr Guard said Mr Cringle was a "marvellous person to work with" who would be remembered for his "breadth of work".

"He was a much-loved and well-known broadcaster, but we mustn't forget his extraordinary writing. He had a facility to write about anything," he said.

During his career he had made "an astonishing contribution to reporting, recording and bringing the Isle of Man to life", he added.

Manx Radio managing director Chris Sully said he would "miss his humour, knowledge and the glint in his eye as he recalled the people and places he'd come across".

"Broadcasting House has a huge Terry Cringle-shaped hole at its heart today," he added.

Manx National Heritage was "exceptionally touched" to learn that Cringle's last wish was for donations in his memory to be made to the Manx Museum and National Trust at <https://manxnationalheritage.im/get-involved/support/us>





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

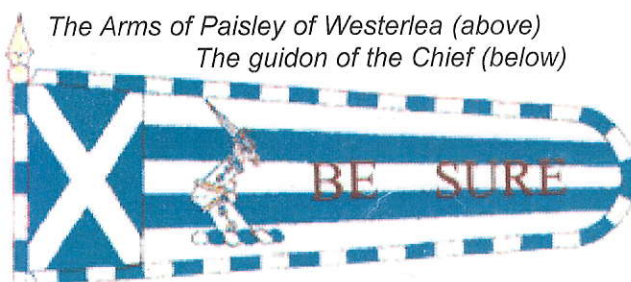


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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
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The Nebraska Sky Disc

JARRETT A. LOBELL

When the Nebra Sky Disc was buried, it had already been in use for 200 years.

While its raw materials were imported from as far away as Cornwall, the knowledge required to create the object was entirely local, drawn from observing the heavens from atop Mittelberg, a mountain near the modern village of Nebra.

The bronze disc—the world's oldest representation of a specific astronomical phenomenon—had five phases over its history. In the first phase, the disc showed the night sky with 32 gold stars, including the Pleiades, a gold orb representing the sun or a full moon, and a crescent moon.

It served as a reminder of when it was necessary to synchronize the lunar and solar years by inserting a leap month.

This phenomenon occurred when the three-and-a-half-day-old moon—the crescent



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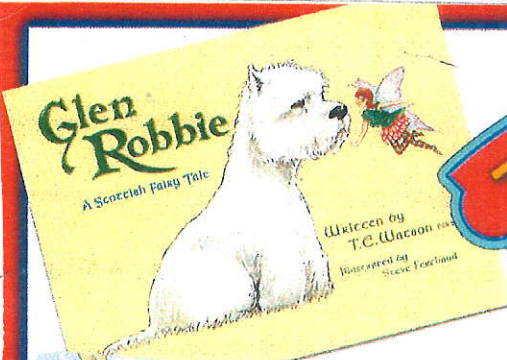
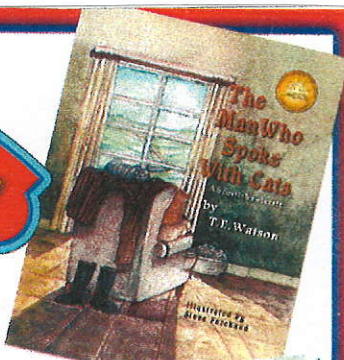
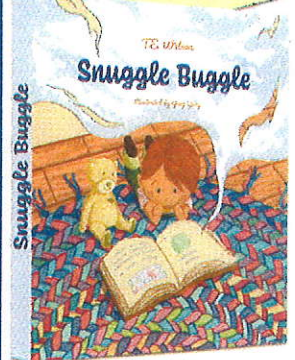
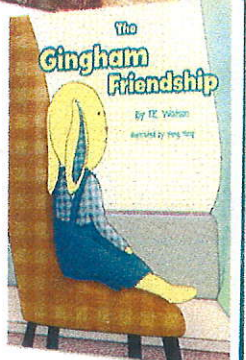
moon on the disc—was visible at the same time as the Pleiades. “The astronomical rules that are depicted wouldn’t be imaginable without decades of intensive observation,” says Harald Meller, director of the State Museum for Prehistory in Halle. “Until the Sky Disc was discovered, no one thought prehistoric people capable of such precise astronomical knowledge.”

Artisans next added two golden arcs to the sides of the disc, hiding two original stars. The arcs, one of which was later removed, show the horizons as seen from Mittelberg on the summer and winter solstices.

At some unknown time, a stylized ship was affixed at the bottom as an allegorical symbol of the sun’s journey across the sky.

“One of the most fascinating aspects of the Sky Disc is that its first two phases show the results of pure observation, astronomical knowledge

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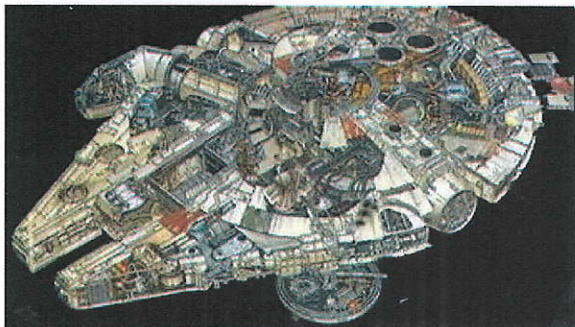
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WHERE WAS THE *STAR WARS* MILLENIUM FALCON BUILT?



The Millenium Falcon flown by Han Solo in the Star Wars film *The Empire Strikes Back* was actually built not in a galaxyfar, far away, but in the Welsh town of Pemroke Dock, something the locals are eager to commemorate.

Codenamed "The Magic Roundabout," the space craft, or rather a giant cinematic prop, was built under top secret conditions in 1979 in a World War II aircraft hangar amidst rumors that a recovered UFO was being reverse engineered.

The truth at last is out there and a eight thousand British pound grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund will fund the creation of a permanent Millenium Falcon display at the Pembroke Dock Heritage Center.

Nebra Sky Disc, *Continued from page 33*



without any religious or mythological implications," says Meller. "It's only in the third phase that these aspects, represented by the ship, are added."

Next, holes were bored around the disc's edge, probably to attach it to a pole to be carried as a standard.

Finally, in around 1600 B.C., the disc, perhaps no longer of either scientific or religious use, was buried, likely as an offering to the gods.



New Irish Arts Center open & going strong!

A new cultural center celebrating Irish art, heritage, and performance has arrived in Hell's Kitchen. Located at 726 Eleventh Avenue, the new Irish Arts Center is now open to the public following an intimate gathering of elected officials, community leaders, Irish delegates, and supporting patrons.

Before the new building was completed, the former Irish Arts Center operated out of a three-story converted tenement building with a modest performance space on the ground floor. To expand its operations, the center purchased an adjacent building on Eleventh Avenue and joined them to form a unified four-story structure under the direction of Davis Brody Bond.

"When I first visited the old Irish Arts Center in 2009, this new building existed only in the imagination," said Ireland's Prime Minister Micheál Martin. "The Government of Ireland is proud to have supported this new building, which is a new cultural landmark in New York, a celebration of Ireland-US relations and a platform for creativity, innovation, and diversity."

Today, the new Irish Arts Center boasts a 199-seat theater and a second, more intimate 99-seat performance space, as well as multiple classrooms, exhibition and gallery areas, and a cafe. Scheduled performances include a mix of dance, spoken word, plays and musicals, film, and comedy, all with a focus on Irish-born and descended artists.

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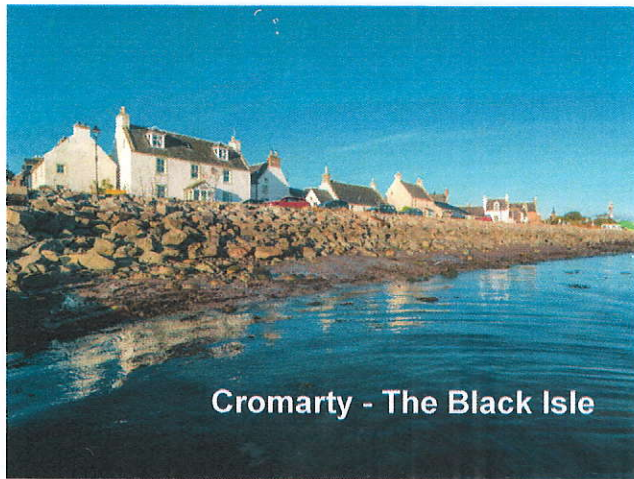
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Some Gaelic place names and their meanings



Cromarty - The Black Isle

ABERDEEN—OBAR DHEATHAIN

The Gaelic name for Aberdeen translates as ‘the mouth of the Don’. The river Don rises in the Grampians and flows eastwards, through Aberdeenshire, to the North Sea at Aberdeen. There is evidence from local place names that in medieval times the Aberdeen area was settled by Gaelic speakers, as the older Pictish language began to decline. Gaelic is often associated with the west coast and Highlands of Scotland, but it is also spoken in the east.

Irish Arts Center, *continued from page 35*

clude theater design firm Fisher Dachs Associates and audiovisual consultants Jaffe Holden Acoustics.

“As architects, we embraced the challenge of preserving and incorporating the original brick façade of a relatively unassuming two-story garage, knowing this would seamlessly knit the new building into an intact streetscape of pre-war buildings,” said Davis Brody Bond partner Carl Krebs. “Exposing the garage’s rough construction brick on the interior of the building also reveals a connection to the New York tradition of repurposing industrial spaces as incubators for the arts.”

THE BLACK ISLE – AN T-EILEAN DUBH

It’s a bit of a mystery why The Black Isle is named as it is – as it is neither black nor an island. The Gaelic translation literally means ‘black island’ and some sources say this fertile peninsula was named after the rich dark soil. Another source argues that it is a corrupted translation of the Gaelic for ‘land of the Black Danes’, (as in black-tempered) differentiating the fierce Danes from the more friendly Norse occupying the neighbouring Hebrides in medieval times. History shows that The Black Isle was a meeting point for various cultures and power struggles.



ARDNAMURCHAN – ÀIRD NAM MURCHAN

This rather poetic Gaelic place name means ‘the headland of the sea-hounds’. Sea-hounds sounds a bit scary, but it is in fact a word meaning seal or otter. The place name is a description of a coastal spot where animals would have played by the shore. Interestingly, an older version of the name Artda Muirchol has been identified in early manuscripts – this may have referred to acts of piracy or wrecking around the rocky coastline.



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