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Beijing Military Pipe Band Opens Olympic Curling in 2022 Winter Olympics



The 2022 Winter Olympics in China kicked off with the Beijing Military Pipe Band opening the Curling event with *Scotland The Brave*.

As of this date, February 10, 2022, the curling competition stands with Great Britain winning 6 games and losing 3. Italy has won 9 games and lost none. The other competing countries follow these. The

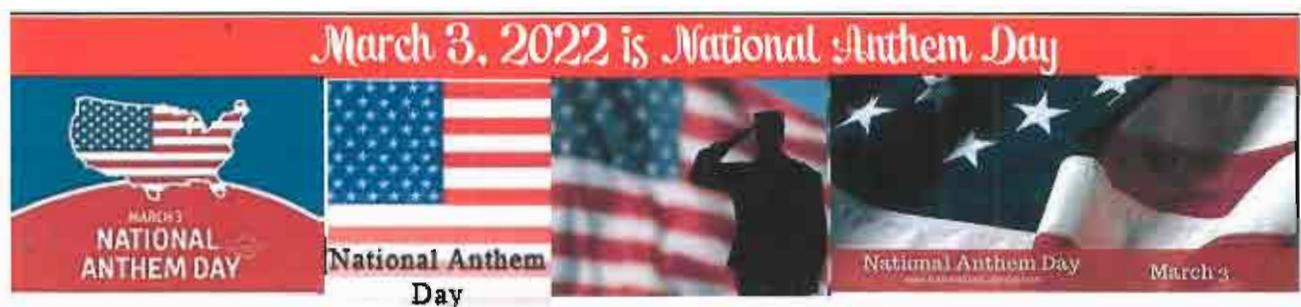
competition will continue until the 20th of February.

The origin of curling traces back to 16th century Scotland, where the sport was played on frozen ponds and lochs. The first recorded match took place around 1541 when a Scottish notary recorded a challenge between a monk at Paisley Abbey and a relative of the abbot.

Scottish immigrants spread the sport to North America: the first Canadian curling club opened in Montreal in 1807, and the first American club appeared in Pontiac, Michigan in 1828.

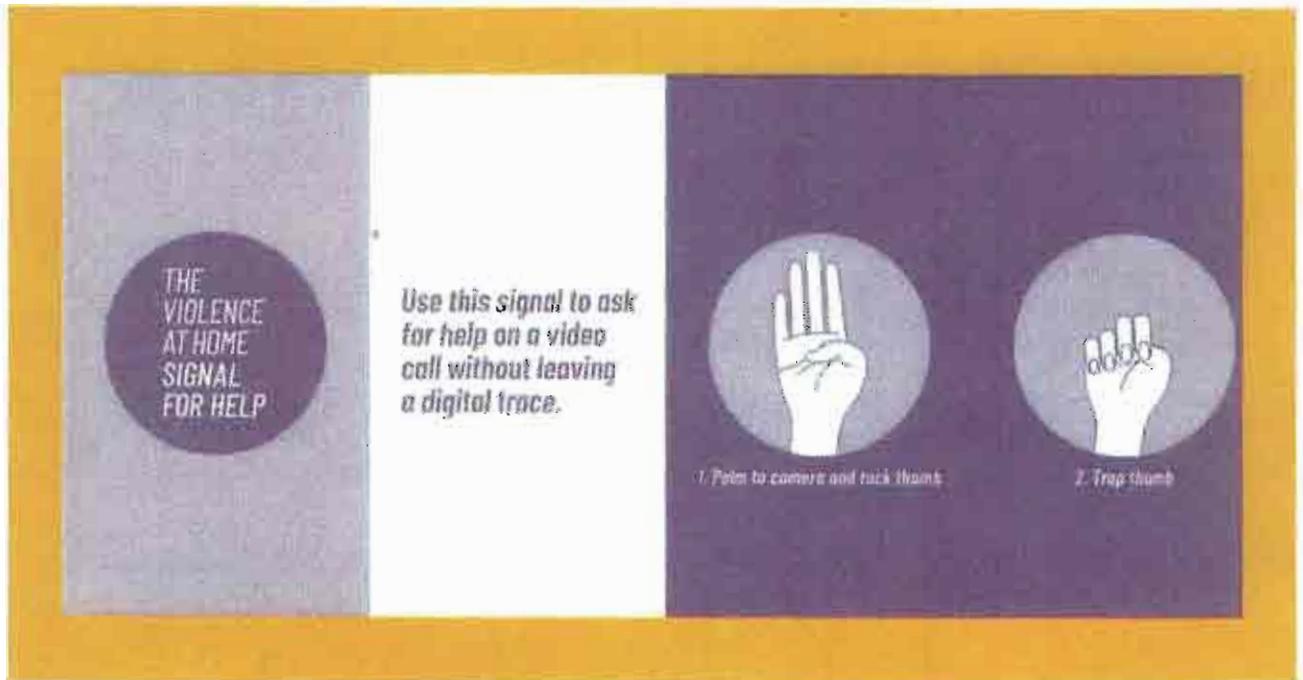
The Royal Caledonian Curling Club in Scotland, the so-called “mother club” of curling, wrote the first official curling rules in 1838.

With thanks to friend, Jim Nethery.



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Aberdeen MRI scanner speaks in Doric dialect to comfort patients

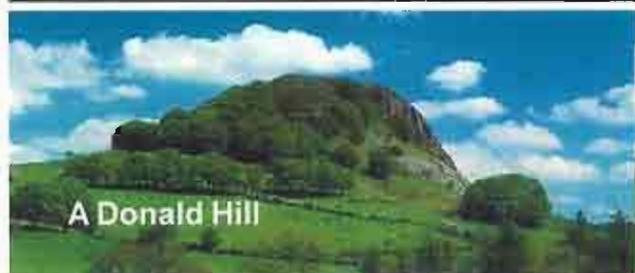


Patients having MRI scans in Aberdeen can now hear the instructions in the north east Scotland dialect of Doric.

The University of Aberdeen's MRI scanner has undergone a £1.2m upgrade, including new software which offers multiple language options.

It is hoped hearing instructions in a familiar language will help patients feel more relaxed in what is a potentially stressful situation.

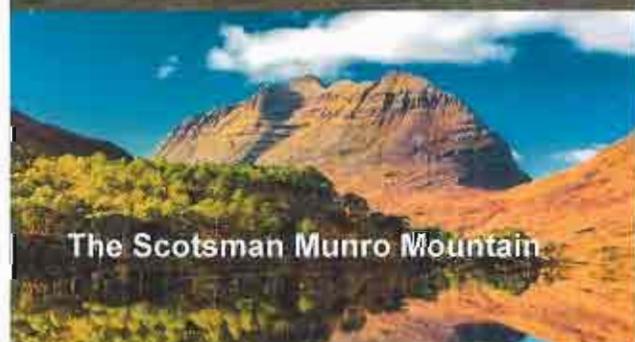
Experts think it could also help those with dementia.



A Donald Hill



Graham Hills



The Scotsman Munro Mountain

If ye feel bilin' het, or hae a dry kinkin' hoast, dinna ging te yer GP or hospital.

A wee example of Doric.

If you have a high temperature or a new, continuous cough, do not go to the doctor or hospital. Ring 111 or if it is life-threatening, dial 999.

Did you know that Scotland has mountains/hills called Marilyn's, Donalds, Grahams and Munros?

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Marilyns are the hills with a drop of at least 150m on all sides and under 610m in height. There are 1218 Marilyn's in Scotland. The term "Marilyn" was allegedly designated as a gesture to Munro i.e. Marilyn Munro.

Donalds is a list by Percy Donald, of hills in the Scottish Lowlands which have a height of 610m and over with a drop of at least 30m on all sides.

Grahams are mountains named after Fiona Torbet (nee Graham), a keen walker who created a table for them. Grahams are Scottish hills which are 610m to 762m in height, with a drop of 150m on all sides.

Munros are possibly the best known mountains which are over 914.4 metres in height. There are 282 in Scotland. The table of these mountains was compiled by Sir Hugh Munro (1856-1919)



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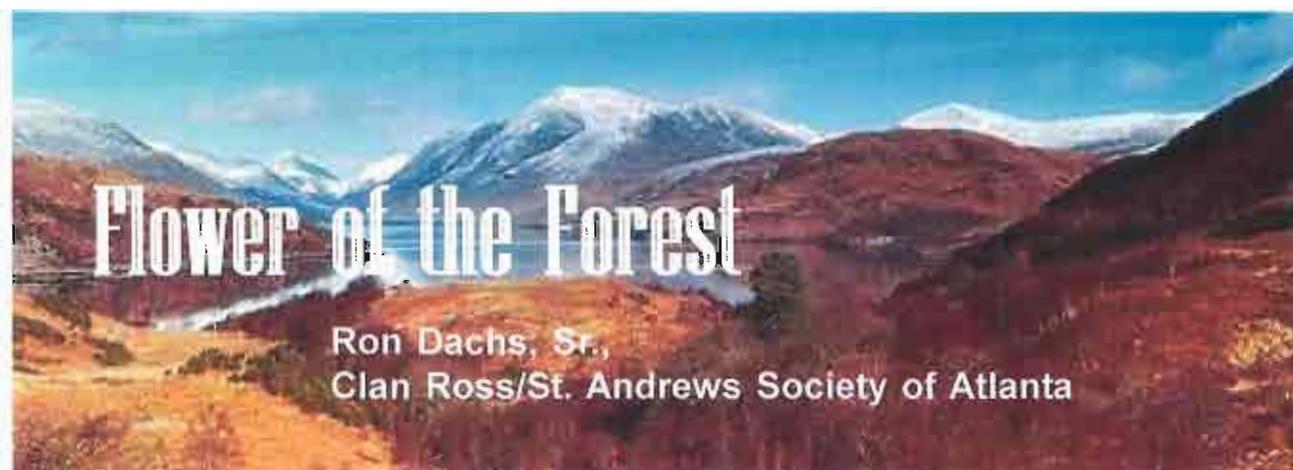
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Ronald Lee Dachs, Sr., of Marbleton, GA, passed away on January 19, 2022, after a courageous and valiant battle with long-term illnesses. He was 78-years old.

Ron was born May 19, 1943, in Bridgeport, son of the late Captain Lukas Victor Dachs of Montana and Edna Dorothy Wright of Ellijay, Georgia. Being a military family in the Navy, they moved to places in Africa, England and other ports finally settling in Atlanta, Georgia after the death of his father.

He graduated from Sylvañ Hill High School and attended the University of Georgia night school while working at Gulf Oil Corporation.

It was at Gulf Oil that Ron met his wife of 55 years, Angela McKoy. They were married on October 1, 1966.

He was inducted into the United States Army in June 1966 and served with the United States Army-Europe 4th Armored Division, rising to the rank of Sergeant Major.

Upon his honorable discharge, he attended the University of Georgia and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1971.

Ron had a successful career as a Regional Manager, specializing in IT support with United Parcel Service, Atlanta, and retired in June 1995.

Following his retirement, he attended The National Center for Paralegal Training and was Certified as a Paralegal. After that he settled into a life of retirement.

Ron was a car enthusiast and rebuilt two 1957 Chevrolets.

As an Alumnus of the University of Georgia, he

was an avid and passionate DAWGS Fan.

He enjoyed playing tennis and was a sponsor of the Clan Ross tent at Stone Mountain Highland Games for over 30 years.

He loved playing the pipes and marched in many parades in the Atlanta Area.

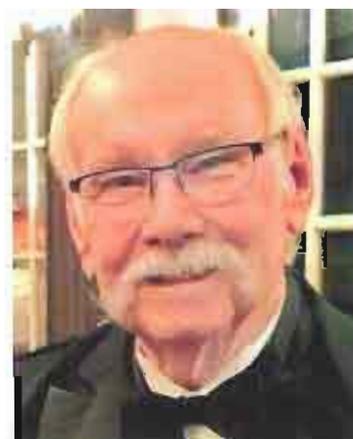
He loved history and held particular interests in American and Scottish histories.

He was proud to be a Veteran.

Ron's memberships included the American Legion Post 21, Marietta, GA; Founding Sponsor of the National Museum of the United States Army; Clan Ross; retired member of the Atholl Pipes and Drums of Stone Mountain; Saint Andrews Society Atlanta; the National WWII Museum; the Military Order of the World Wars, Atlanta, and had reached the rank of Grand Officer with the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem.

Ron was inducted into the Order through the Priory of the Holy Rood in April 1996 and earned the Long and Faithful Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Donna Dachs, and his grandson, Sir Shawn Dachs.



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Churchill's Scottish Connections



Struan Stevenson

Just over fifty-seven years ago, the state funeral of Winston Churchill took place in St Paul's Cathedral, London. On 30th January 1965, the internment was covered live by the BBC and seen around the world by an estimated 350 million people.

Churchill had died, aged 90, on 24th January and the Queen had decreed that his body should lie in state in Westminster Hall for three days. Richard Dimbleby portrayed the four-hour procession and service in somber tones, as the cortege went from Westminster Hall to St Paul's, before the former prime minister's coffin was transported along the River Thames to Waterloo Station and onward by train to his final resting place in St Martin's Churchyard at Bladon.

It was the largest state funeral in history, befitting the man believed to have been Britain's greatest prime minister of the twentieth century.

In a letter to her father in his final years, Lady Mary Soames, Churchill's youngest daughter, told the war-time prime minister: "I owe you what every English man, woman, and child does – liberty itself." She might have included Scotland in that remark, as

Ron Dachs, *continued from page 7*

He is survived by his wife, Angela McKoy Dachs, his two sons, Ronald Lee Dachs, Jr. and Michael Ryan Dachs, his granddaughter Charlotte Monroe Dachs, his brothers Paul Rodney Dachs (Estelle) and Keith Victor Dachs (Millie), and nieces and nephews Lucas Richard Dachs, Hannah Marie Dachs, Marcelena Elaine Dachs Botsford, and Mark Dachs.



Churchill's links to our nation were lifelong and intense, from his time on the Western Front in 1915 commanding the 6th Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, to the fourteen years he served as Liberal MP for Dundee from 1908 to 1922.

In this centenary year of his Dundee defeat by the prohibitionist councilor Edwin Scrymgeour, it is worth reflecting on why Churchill's Scottish connections have been virtually forgotten.

A single bronze plaque on a wall at the corner of Nethergate and Marketgait in Dundee is the only memento of his time as the city's Westminster MP. The plaque has been vandalized.

It was Winston Churchill who famously said: "Of all the small nations of this earth, perhaps only the ancient Greeks surpass the Scots in their contribution to mankind." Yet he has been traduced by successive generations of Scottish nationalists and socialists. Repeated lies and myths are spread on social media.

A favorite cybernet invention claims Churchill sent tanks and troops into Glasgow's George Square in January 1919 to attack striking workers. A photograph of a tank in a crowded George Square has been used as a backup for this fake news.

In fact, the photo was taken a year earlier at a highly successful rally to raise funds for the war effort. This blatant falsehood even found its way into a history exam in Scottish schools in 2020, calling into ques-

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tion the SNP government's anti-English bias in the Scottish education curriculum. Churchill, as Minister of War, did indeed attend the cabinet meeting in London when a request from the Sheriff of Lanarkshire for military assistance was discussed, in case the strike turned violent. But it was Churchill who advised against any heavy-handed military intervention.

Churchill's election defeat in Dundee in 1922 was partly due to his ill health. An operation to remove his appendix left him barely able to walk, limiting his ability to make public speeches and tour the constituency. Following Scrymgeour's win, Churchill resigned from the Liberal party and ruefully announced that in Dundee "I found myself without an office, without a seat, without a party, and without an appendix."

He won the seat of Epping two years later, rejoined the Conservatives, and was immediately made Chancellor of the Exchequer, remaining in that post until the fall of the Tory government in 1929.

For the next ten years Churchill was in opposition, but his key role in recognizing the threat of war posed by Hitler, while strongly opposing Chamberlain's policy of appeasement, led to his re-admission to the cabinet in 1939, after Hitler invaded Poland

and Churchill was proved to have been right. From there it was only a short step after Chamberlain's resignation as prime minister and leading a coalition government to final victory against the Nazis in 1945.

Churchill's shock defeat by Labour's Clement Attlee in the 1945 general election, sent him back into opposition for six years, during which time he made his famous "Iron Curtain" speech, warning of the dangers of the Soviet Union and socialism, which he described as "a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery."

He was re-elected as prime minister in 1951 and remained in office until 1955. Although his health had deteriorated after several minor strokes, he continued as an MP until 1964.

It is a fascinating fact that this man, so decried and un-celebrated in Scotland, was in fact one of the first senior British politicians to espouse Scottish home rule and UK federalism.

As early as 1913 he was on record as supporting the establishment of a federal system in Britain "which will give Wales and Scotland the control within proper limits of their own Welsh and Scottish affairs".



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First look at plans for Scotland's first broch in almost 2,000 years

Daily Record AND SUNDAY MAIL

Sean Murphy Tourism Writer

A Scottish historical charity has just announced plans to build the first broch in Scotland in almost 2,000 years.

The Caithness Broch Project (CBP) is planning on resurrecting one of these incredible Iron Age structures as a visitor attraction where people can learn about this fascinating period of Scottish culture.

These tall, double-walled, drystone towers, which were found only in Scotland, were once a common sight dotted around the landscape of the Highlands and Islands.

These striking constructions were particularly abundant in Caithness and now CBP is hoping they'll be able to revive a little slice of this historical architecture.

The visuals, designed by CBP's Iain Maclean and created by digital reconstruction artist Bob Marshall, highlight how the monument will look, with the charity hoping to construct the monument using tools and techniques only available to Iron Age stonemasons and builders.

Posting the images on *Facebook*, the CBP team wrote: "We will build our broch in Caithness: with the archaeological remains of

nearly 200 of these structures to be found in the county, it can safely be described as the 'Home of the Broch'.

"We think it is fitting that Caithness will be home to the first broch to be built in Scotland for 2,000 years!

We want to inspire, educate and celebrate the Iron Age past of Scotland through this iconic monument; we hope we can create something special for the county of Caithness,

but we want to create something exciting for all of the world to enjoy."

Co-founder and director Iain Maclean, told History Scotland: "We wanted to capture a variety of features found in Broch construction from all over Scotland.

"So the design isn't a carbon copy of any individual Broch but in-

stead is a kind of *chimera elements chosen for a number of reasons, ranging from structural robustness, health, and safety, or purely because they were interesting features."

Those looking to support, donate to, or learn more about the project can visit here. Email <cbpmembership@gmail.com>

**(Chi-me-ra, noun. A thing that is hoped or wished for, but in fact is illusory or impossible to achieve.)*



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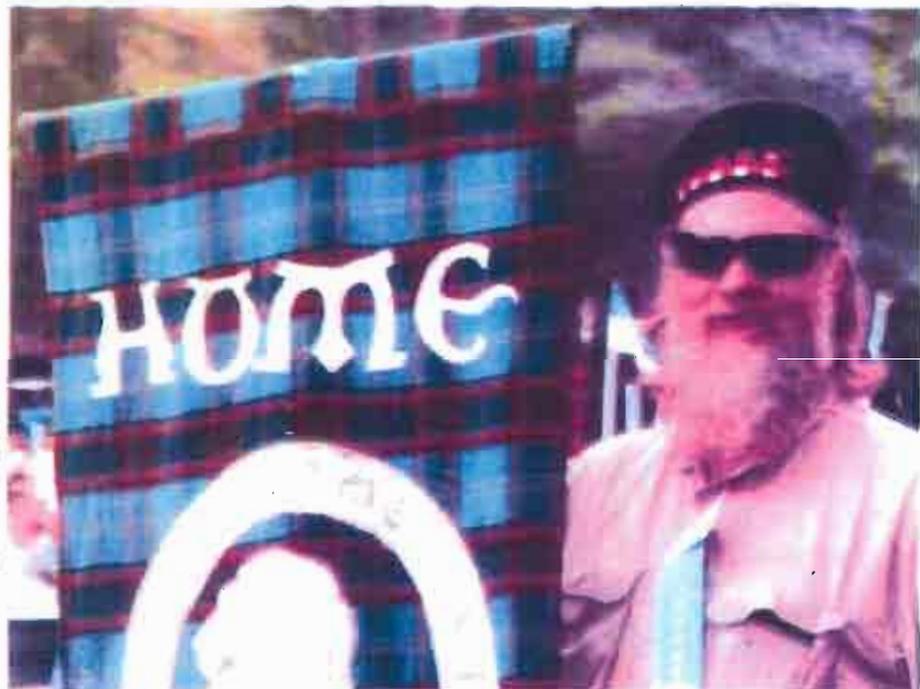


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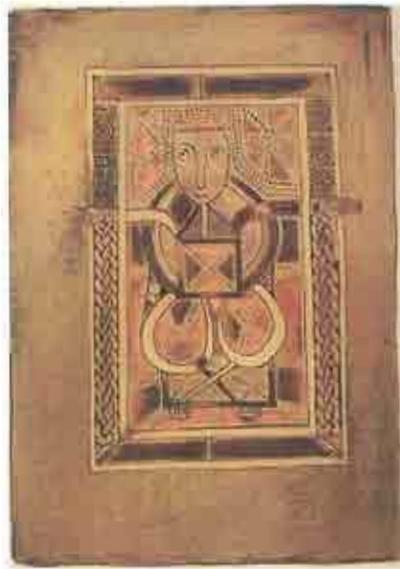
The Book of Deer to go on tour!

With many thanks to the publication of The Scottish Heritage Society USA

The Book of Deer (*Leabhar Dhèir* in Gaelic) is a 10th century Latin Gospel Book with early 12th-century additions in Latin, Old Irish and Scottish Gaelic.

It contains the earliest surviving Gaelic writing from Scotland. It is assumed that the manuscript was at Deer, Aberdeenshire, Scotland when the marginalia was made. It may be the oldest surviving manuscript produced in Scotland (although the *Book of Kells* may be older) and is notable for having possibly originated in what is now considered the Lowland area.

The manuscript belongs to the category of Irish pocket gospel books, which were produced for private use rather than for church services.



A portrait of the Evangelist Luke

While the manuscripts to which the *Book of Deer* is closest in character are all Irish, most scholars argue for a Scottish origin, although an Irish scribe undoubtedly wrote the book. The book has 86 folios and is written on vellum in brown ink and is in a modern binding.

The book has been in the possession of the Cambridge University Library since 1715 when the Library of John Moore, Bishop of Ely was purchased by King George I and given to the University.

Although the text and the script of the manuscript place it squarely in the tradition of the Irish Pocket Gospel, scholars have ar-

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gued that the manuscript was produced in Scotland.

There are seven Scottish Gaelic texts written in blank spaces surrounding the main items. This marginalia includes an account of the founding of the monastery at Deer by St. Columba and St. Drostan, records of five land grants to the monastery, and a record of immunity from payment of certain dues granted to the monastery.

There is also a copy of a Latin deed granted to the monastery by David I of Scotland protecting the monastery from “all lay service and improper exaction”.

These Gaelic texts, written by as many as five different hands, represent the earliest surviving use of Gaelic in Scotland and are important for the light they shed on the development of Gaelic in Scotland.

There are four full-page Evangelist portraits. Each portrait faces a page of text surrounded by a border of interlace. Each of these text pages has a large, decorated initial. The book opens with a full-page miniature of the four evangelists and closes with two facing pages each also with a full-page miniature of the evangelists. The final text of John ends with a half-page miniature of two men. There are small decorated initial letters throughout the text. There are also ten pages all in the final half of the book, with marginal drawings of men, animals, and simple doodles.

The manuscript is named for the monastery of

Deer, mentioned in the Gaelic texts and the Latin Charter of King David I.

Unfortunately, Deer has left no other trace of its existence, although a Cistercian monastery, founded nearby in 1219, owned some of the lands mentioned in the Gaelic texts.

This ancient treasure is now slotted to go on tour thanks to a £128,588 grant to *The Book of Deer* Project from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The 10th-century prize will be on loan from the university and will be shown at an exhibition at Aberdeen Art Gallery during the summer of 2022 as a part of the year of Scotland’s Stories.

Plans to celebrate the return of the Book are now underway and a series of cultural events will take place in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and parallel events are planned in Cambridge. There are further plans to include an archaeological dig in Aberdeenshire, thought to be the site of the monastery where the book was annotated.

This community excavation will take place over ten weeks during the summer of 2022 in hopes of finding the monastery of Deer after eleven years of searching. The project will engage local schools allowing children, young adults and community members to be actively involved in the excavation, ensuring the legacy of the books’s loan endures well beyond 2022.

The 10th-century prize will be on loan from Cambridge University and will be shown at an exhibition at Aberdeen Art Gallery during the summer of 2022 as a part of the year of Scotland’s Stories.



Through the latest technology, this manuscript is available in digitized form via www.bookofdeer.co.uk and in public libraries, schools and colleges by way of www.scran.ac.uk, the website of Scottish Cultural Resources Network.



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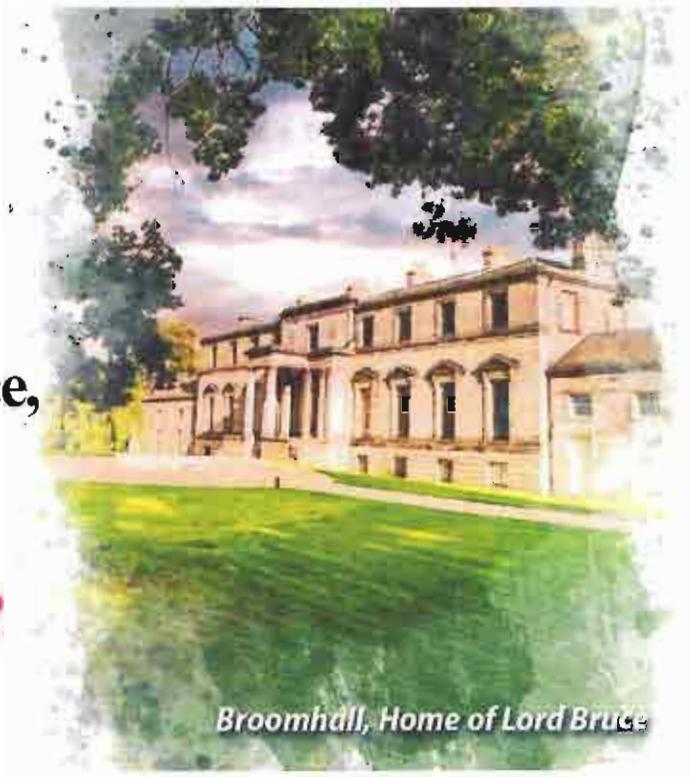
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September 30, 2022

University Club, New York



Broomhall, Home of Lord Bruce

Following on from the American Scottish Foundation plans to hold our Wallace Award Dinner on April 1, as with so many things our plans have changed.

Earlier this week I spoke with Charles, Lord Bruce Bruce. We agreed it works much better for Lord Bruce (and for the ASF) if we could move to a Plan B of the Wallace Awards evening being rescheduled to Friday, September 30th.

We feel this is the best solution given the challenges still surrounding us, especially in regard to transatlantic travel.

On behalf of the Wallace Co-Chairs, Elizabeth DeForest Scott, Olivia Fussell, and Roddy Gow, we do hope you will put September 30th in your diaries and plan to join us as we celebrate the outstanding contribution of Lord Bruce to Scotland's heritage, arts and culture at home and internationally.

We wish to welcome you to events in the coming weeks, and for you to celebrate with us at the Wallace Award on September 30.

Sincerely,
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CERAMICS: Tea and coffee mugs. **Tea bag holders.** Shortbread pans. **Bread warmers.** Trivets. **Coasters.**

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Kilmartin Glen is considered to have one of the most important concentrations of Neolithic and Bronze Age remains in Scotland. There are more than 800 ancient monuments within a six-mile radius of the Village - 150 of them, prehistoric!

Ri Cruin Cairn is the most southerly cairn in what is called the linear cemetery, a line of burial cairns. The cairn was built between 2200 BC and 1950 BC and the locals believe it to be the burial location of a king.

The Temple Wood Stone Circles contain a ring of thirteen standing stones and it is thought that in the past, the circle may have had as many as twenty-two. The center contains a burial cist surrounded by a second circle of stones. The circle may have been constructed around 3000 BC.

Nether Largie South is the oldest monument of the linear cemetery. It is a Neolithic chambered cairn, dating from around 4000BC. The inner chamber is currently open and visitors can enter to see the interior of the cairn.

So, if you visit Kilmartin, be sure to take a tour of the monuments.



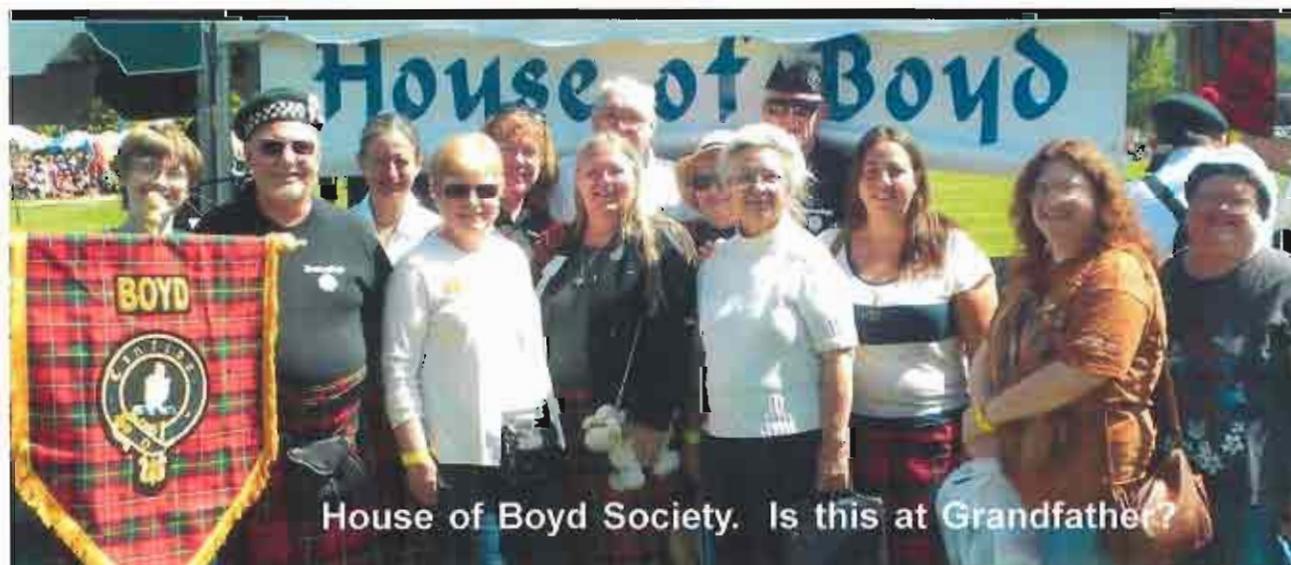
Ri Cruin Cairn



The Temple Wood Stone Circles



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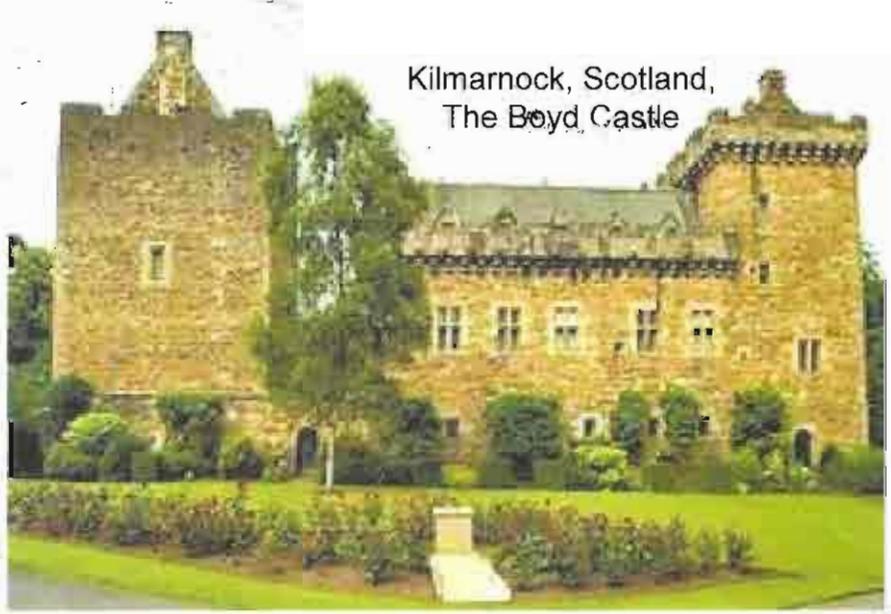


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Kinloch Lodge celebrates 50 years - and counting

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This year, the hauntingly beautiful Kinloch Lodge, on the Isle of Skye, celebrates its 50th anniversary as a hotel. Nestled between a mountain and the shores of Loch Na Dal, with views of the spectacular Cuillin mountains in the distance, Kinloch has a rich and fascinating history.

Built in 1676 as a farmhouse, Kinloch Lodge was converted into a shooting lodge for the Macdonalds of Skye in the 18th century.

Used as a place of respite and then family home, where Godfrey, Lord Macdonald and High Chief of Clan Donald, and his wife, world-renowned chef Claire, raised their four children (and countless beloved dogs), the pair converted it into a hotel in 1972.

The family spirit of Kinloch remains with their daughter Isabella Macdonald now at the helm, welcoming guests from around the world into not just a hotel, but her ancestral, family home.

Here you will find true Highland hospitality; roaring fires, an extensive whisky collection, giant beds and some of the best food Scotland has to offer. It is somewhere to escape the noise and speed of modern life, where you can relax and recharge and take things at your own pace.

Kinloch Lodge is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022. To mark the occasion, they are introducing a 3-night package showcasing the best experiences that the hotel has to offer. From a wildlife walk with the hotel's own ghillie to a shoreline foraging session with the restaurant's head chef, the package welcomes guests to

join the Macdonald family in marking 50 very special years.

The Golden Anniversary package includes:

Day One - arrive in the evening and be welcomed into the Drawing Room with a special Golden Cocktail from Bar Manager Dan, before enjoying a three-course dinner using the finest local and homegrown produce.

Day Two - Join the hotel's ghillie, Mitch Partridge, who has an unrivaled knowledge of Skye's wild places and the wildlife that lives there. Join Mitch for a guided wildlife walk, hoping to spot the soaring forms of golden eagles or otters and porpoises in the loch. During the afternoon guests can explore Kinloch's grounds or explore nearby Armadale Castle, the ancestral home of Clan Donald.

Day Three - head to the new Torabhaig Distillery and enjoy a guided tour of the building, learning about its history before a tutored tasting of their first releases. In the afternoon the food focus continues, with a foraging session with Kinloch's Head Chef, Jordan Webb. Jordan takes guests to the Loch's foreshore searching out sea herbs and sea vegetables before a tour of the hotel's polytunnels. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner that evening.

Day Four - Enjoy a full Scottish Breakfast before departing.

The Golden Package is available from £899 per person sharing, including three nights' half-board accommodation in a cozy double with sea view, welcome cocktail on arrival, Golden Eagle and wildlife walks, shoreline foraging, a tour of Torabhaig Distillery, walk around Clan Donald lands and a brand apron.

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Arbroath embroidered Tapestry commemorates the 700th Declaration of Arbroath

Six Nations, One Soul

Newsletter of the Celtic League, American Branch

The Arbroath Tapestry is an intricate embroidered three-panel tapestry created by Angus embroidery and textile artists to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath and the history and heritage of Arbroath Abbey.

The embroidered tapestry will be permanently displayed in the Arbroath Abbey visitor center.

The Arbroath Tapestry is an extraordinary wonderfully crafted work. Embroiders and Textile artists involved in the project are: Ann Marie Bray, Pat Beaton, Rena Freeburn, Janette Naim, Christine Riley (tutor), Alice Sim, Jessy Smart, Mary Stephen, Linda Walker (group co-ordinator), Margaret Wynne.

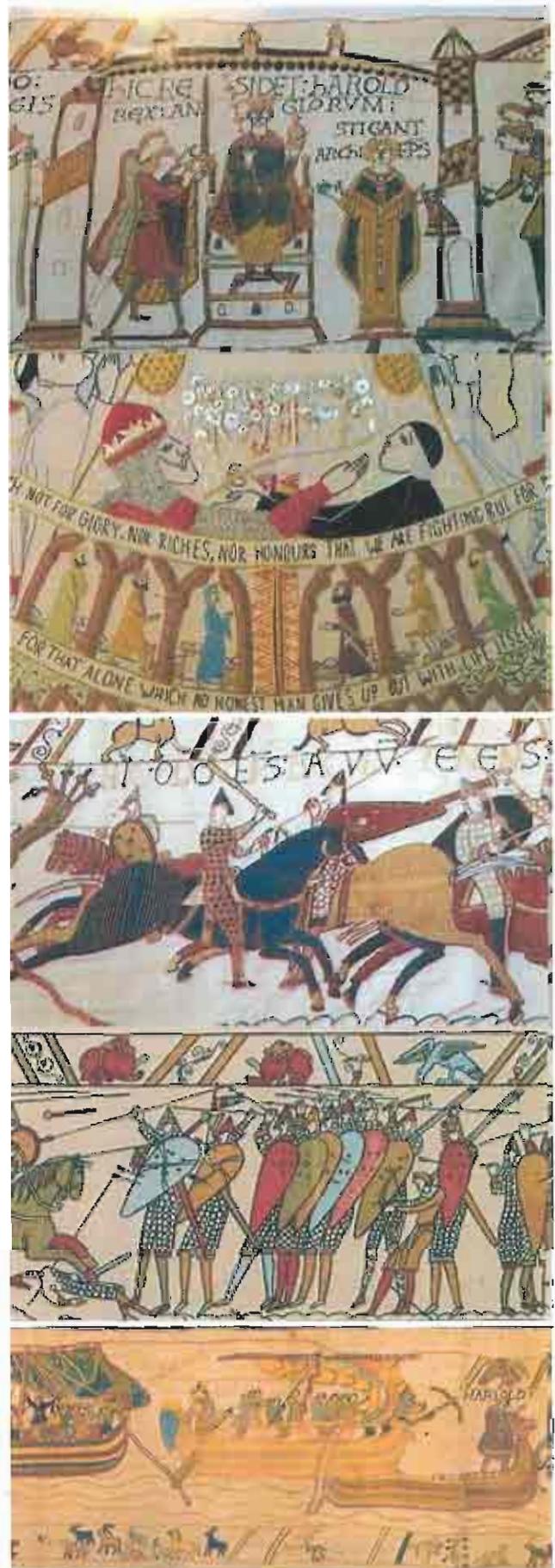
The Arbroath Tapestry has been designed by Scottish artist Andrew Crummy, designer of the Great Tapestry of Scotland. Inspired by the Great Tapestry of Scotland, the embroidery artists aspired to create a tapestry that gave greater prominence to the Declaration of Arbroath and placed the history of Arbroath and its Abbey at the forefront.

Those involved with the project have carried out in-depth research on threads and stitches in order to create a piece that reflects the materials and style of the medieval tapestries which once decorated the walls of the Abbey. Natural materials have been used as far as possible in order to reflect those used at the time.

The complex design of each panel represents a different element of the history of the Declaration of Arbroath and the heritage of the Abbey and surrounding town. The embroidery group has logged 1,266 hours of work on the piece over a year-long period.

This project has been made possible through fundraising events and donations as well as generous support by Thornton's Law Aberbrothock Trust.

A normal entry ticket to the visitor center can be purchased on the day.



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In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <rickconn@bellsouth.net>

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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Robot tractors sent into forests to help protect Scotland's most threatened bird

Daily Record AND SUNDAY MAIL

George Mair

A large-scale trial is taking place at the RSPB's Abernethy Nature Reserve, in the Cairngorms National Park, using the small remote-controlled flail tractors to improve the diversity of habitat for the threatened birds.

The robocutters mulch areas of long vegetation such as dense heather on the forest floor to provide space for other forest plants to move in, improving botanical and invertebrate diversity.

Smaller and more flexible than a conventional tractor, a robocutter can access small spaces and avoid rocks, ant hills and patches of blaeberry, which is an important food plant for capercaillie.

The technology also enables conservationists to leave islands of cover for the birds and their young to retreat and hide from predators.

The work is part of LIFE 100% for Nature, a project funded by the LIFE programme of the European Union, NatureScot, Cairngorms Connect ELP, The Famous Grouse and other funders and supporters.

Uwe Stoneman, senior site manager at RSPB Scotland Abernethy Nature Reserve, said: "The forest is quite a difficult environment to operate in because it's got trees and humps and bumps, so a bigger machine would find it difficult to access.

"Capercaillie need cover to hide from predators but they also need open spaces, especially when they have their young.

"The chicks are very small and they can't fly so they have to move around the forest floor. If you are a small chick, moving around this open area is much easier, but if there is a predator, you have all these islands of tall vegetation you can withdraw into."

The trial aims to replicate the disturbance that would have been created in the past by animals like wild cattle and reintroduce diversity that centuries of human intervention has reduced, and find if robocutters are more effective than other approaches such as grazing.

Areas, where robocutters have been employed, are being monitored for invertebrates, plants, and capercaillie.

Initial results suggest the birds are benefitting from the technology as plants like blaeberry and cowberry begin to emerge in place of dense heather that dominated previously.

The cut areas have also allowed pine seedlings to germinate, while smaller creatures in the forest such as wood ants and the very rare narrow-headed ant have been able to colonize.

Stoneman added: "Capercaillie not only rely on
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The Clan Skene

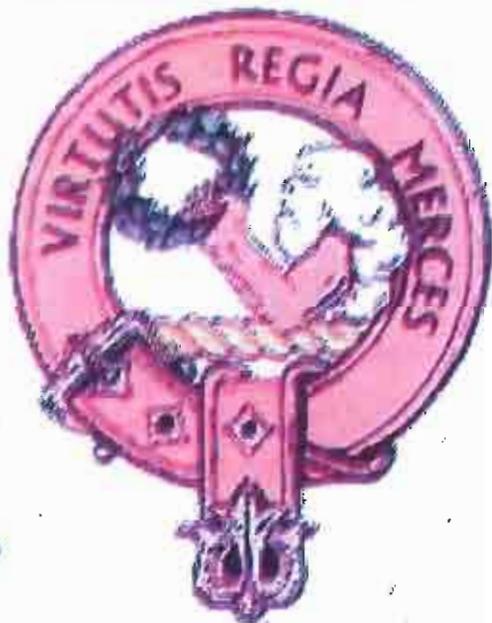
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Capercallie, *continued from page 27*

plants like blaeberry for an invertebrate food source but also like a mix of dense cover and open spaces.

“Thicker vegetation gives chicks somewhere to hide from predators. Open areas are easier for the tiny chicks to move in and allow birds to dry out after wet weather.

“We’ve seen capercaillie droppings and dust baths, where they clean themselves with sandy soil, within the cut areas so this is a promising sign that they are using these sections of forest already.”

The capercaillie is the largest member of the game bird family. The bird, whose Gaelic name means “Horse of the woods”, was reintroduced to Scotland in 1837 after becoming extinct the previous century.

More than 80% of Scotland’s capercaillie live and breed in pine woods in the Cairngorms National Park. However, a steep decline in recent years has seen the iconic bird included on the Red List of species of highest conservation concern.

In 2017, RSPB Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage compiled a study that estimated that there were just 1,114 capercaillies left. It is feared a new year census due to be completed this year will reveal further declines.

The robocutter trial at RSPB Abernethy is one of a range of schemes designed to help reverse this trend by providing safe breeding grounds, predator control, and limiting human disturbance.



With April comes once again the
24th Annual
New York Tartan Day Parade
on Saturday, April 9,
capping off events
throughout Tartan Week.



This week The National Tartan Day New York Committee announced that award-winning Scottish actress **Karen Gillan**, will be Grand Marshal of the 24th Annual New York Tartan Day Parade.

The Parade takes place up Sixth Ave., from 44th - 55th Street, stepping off at 2pm - a great celebration of Scottish American pride.

Registration is now open - there is **no charge to register.**

If you are a Clan, Pipe band, Organization, you can register to march at nytartanweek.org

If you are a Member or Friends of ASF and would like to join our contingent please email us at americanscottishfoundation@gmail.com

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Events will be announced shortly.

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Join Clan Colquhoun International in the NYC Tartan Day Parade

<https://www.clancolquhoun.com/2022-tartan-day-parade/>

For the second time, Clan Colquhoun International will participate in the New York City Tartan Day Parade. The first time was in 2019 - and then COVID happened. In April we are taking back the streets of New York. Please join us in this great celebration of Scottish Heritage and History.

Saturday, April 9, 2022, is the date!

Join CCIS at 10:30 am for brunch* at the Tailor Public House and Kitchen.

Following brunch, we will walk up 6th Ave. (20 min.) to the parade site at 44th/45th Streets. The line-up begins at 1:00 pm, the parade starts at 2:00 pm, and ends about 3:30 pm. This year's

parade will be led by Georgina Colquhoun who will be the Clan Colquhoun Chieftain for the event. Georgina is the daughter of Sir Malcolm and Lady Colquhoun.

Following this, there will be an after-party at The Shakespeare at the William (Hotel)*. Details for this will be emailed to you when they are finalized.

Please register online no later than April 1, 2022, to let us know how many will attend. Children are welcome.

The last time we marched in this parade we won an award for having the largest clan group in the parade (35). We would really like to do better than that this year. Especially since we have been in lockdown for so long.

We look forward to seeing you all there representing Clan Colquhoun International.

For questions email: <enquiries@clancolquhoun.com>, please.

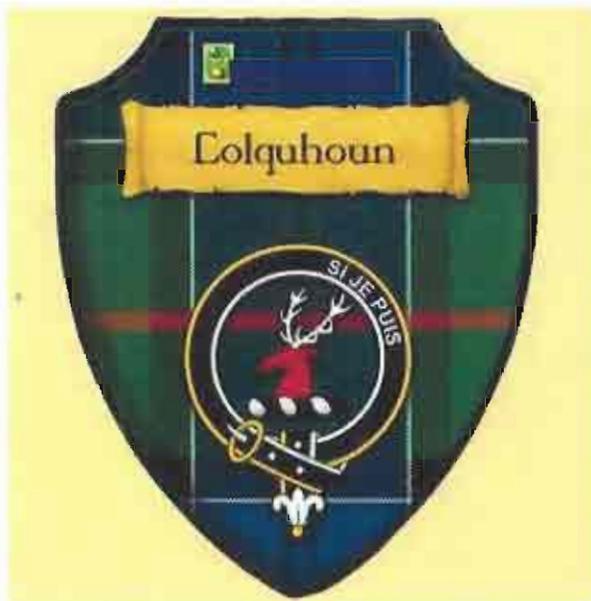
*These two events are "No Host" - visit <https://thetailornyc.com/ and <https://www.theshakespearenyc.com/> for menus and pricing.

The Tailor Public House, 505 8th Avenue, (between 35th & 36th Streets). Tel: 646-949-4900.

The Shakespeare, 24 E. 39th (b/w Park and Madison). Tel: 646-756-0305.

More precise information regarding the parade lineup will be emailed to everyone who registers prior to the event.

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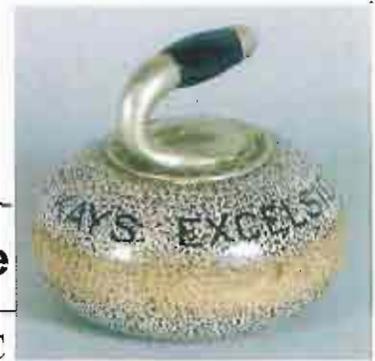
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The Olympic curling stones crafted in Scotland



Ruth Iredje

Curling is back in the spotlight at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics - and all the stones used by the competitors originate from an uninhabited Scottish island.

They are hand-crafted at Kays Curling's workshop in Mauchline, Ayrshire, using granite from the island of Ailsa Craig.

The company's stones are the only ones used in competition by the World Curling Federation.

Kays Curling was founded in 1851 and has been providing curling stones for the Winter Olympics since the Chamonix Games in 1924.

Jimmy Wyllie is the director of Kays Curling and has worked for the company for 57 years

The company's director is 72-year-old Jimmy Wyllie, who began working there at the age of 15.



He told BBC Radio's Good Morning Scotland program: "The history books tell us that curling stones have been made from Ailsa Craig material for probably at least 200 years now.

"There are two sources on the island and in the good old days you could have a pair made from either."

Today, those two types of granite are combined to make one stone. Common Green granite is used for the main body before Blue Hone granite is added.

Workers produce one stone per hour, a total of 38 stones a week. Each one is checked for shape and balance to ensure they meet Olympic

requirements.

The uninhabited island of Ailsa Craig is situated in the Firth of Clyde, about 10 miles from the Scottish mainland

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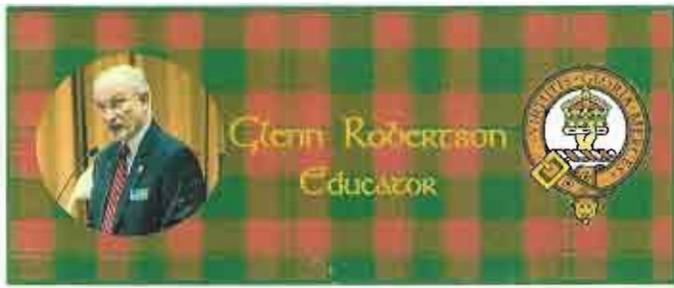
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FUN FACTS ABOUT SCOTLAND

There is so much about Scotland that is surprising, educational and entertaining. This column will present a series of somewhat obscure "Fun Facts" about the people, places and history of Scotland. - Glenn

"Laugh your head off" – a phrase inspired by a Scot

A famous Scottish Highlander, Simon Fraser, to his misfortune, inspired the creation of a common phrase: "Laugh your head off!"

Simon became Chief of Clan Fraser. He had a great sense of humor. Wherever he went, he carried bags of shillings to give to beggars along the way. He hosted many lavish parties with lots of meat choices, a rarity in those days.

However, as Clan Chief, he exhibited little patience with those who were in disagreement with him. He argued vociferously and often with clan leaders. His reputation for looking after his own self-interests created discord both within his clan and in his relations with both Scottish and British royalty. Over many years, Simon Fraser would switch allegiances in British and Scottish disputes. Sometimes he supported Scots wishing to rule Scotland. Other times, he supported the British Crown doing so. He decided to support Bonnie Prince Charlie's forces at the famous Battle of Culloden. After the government force's victory, they

declared Fraser a traitor to the crown. He was captured by British Redcoats before he could flee to France.

In 1747, after a year's imprisonment in the Tower of London, his date of execution arrived. Normally, a "traitor" is hung, drawn and quartered, but the King had mercy on the 70 year old Simon Fraser and sentenced him to beheading.



Simon Fraser - 11th Lord Lovat

Hundreds of people arrived to witness Simon's execution. Large wooden bleachers were constructed. As Simon was positioned for beheading, one of the bleachers in front of him collapsed under the weight of too many spectators. Simon began laughing uproariously just as the blade did its job. He literally laughed his head off.

Simon Fraser, aka Lord Lovat, was the last man beheaded in Britain.

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