

New national lottery to help 'protect' Scottish heritage jewels

Brian Ferguson, for *The Scotsman*

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The National Trust for Scotland, which has 365,000 members, is asking them to pay up to £104 a year to take part in the new "Scottish Heritage Lottery," which will be offering a top cash prize of £5,000.

It has written to members asking them to sign up to a new direct debit to play the

weekly lottery to "help protect our heritage for future generations," highlighting that 300,000 artefacts, 46 Munros, 38 gardens, 27 castles and houses, and eight nature services are in its care.

It is hoped that at least 5,000 players will be recruited for the Scottish Heritage Lottery initially, with the aim that this number will "grow over time".

The new Scot-



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Letter from your editor

Let's think of ways to keep our Scottish-ness when we can't go to Scottish Games



I caught my Tom grabbing Harry, our cat, and attempting to make him into a set of bagpipes. No danger, Harry would have left Tom looking like a raw hamburger before that would have happened.

Why would such a lovely lad try anything like that?

We haven't heard the bagpipes in a too long while or had a Scotch egg or seen Highland dancers being beautifully graceful or even had a hug and a kiss by a dear old friend dressed in his or her Highland finery. I haven't had a kilted skirt or any tartan on since Stone Mountain last year. Oh my!

The Scots are the most creative people on Earth. We can think of ways to continue being joyful in many Scottish ways while we are sheltering in place.

Food! Scottish food! If you don't have a Scottish cookbook, just type in "Scottish Recipes" on your address bar and you will have lots and lots and lots. Those recipes are free.

You can order treats and sweets from Peter Wilson and The Scottish Grocer...that's www.thescottishgrocer.com

Music? You can go on YouTube and choose from any time of Scottish music you fancy...and, it's all free.

Books? Just visit Amazon.com and type in "Scottish Books" and you'll be surprised at how many are there. If you've never read Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander* series, now is the time!



You'll discover Scottish history books galore and so many more.

Speaking of *Outlander*, you can find that series on Starz.

If you happen to play the bagpipes, give your neighborhood a concert!

If you are a dancer and live in a neighborhood, you can telephone or email your neighbors and ask them to come to their front windows or porches and watch an impromptu Highland Dance performance!

If you are an artist, paint a Scottish landscape or any kind of painting...and maybe gift it to a brave doctor or nurse or other hero you know.

Embroider a set of Scottish themed pillow-cases maybe for a birthday or Christmas gift or to make your own bed luxurious.

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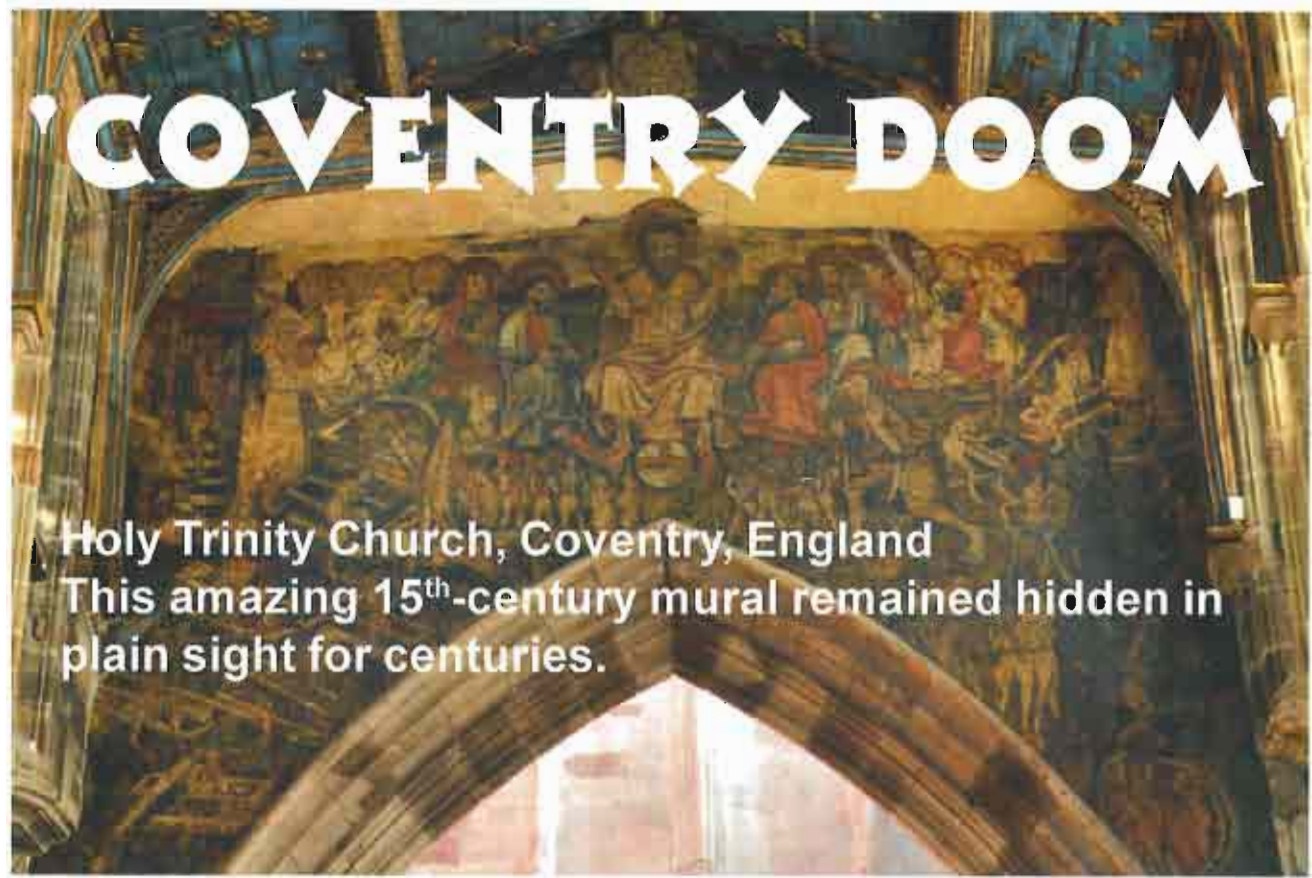
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THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IN the center of Coventry, England dates back to at least the 13th century. It has great architectural merit in its own right, but the real star of the show is the “Coventry Doom.”

Doom paintings were common features in English medieval churches, but few have survived to this day. This intriguing artwork stretches across an arch underneath the tower. Built in the early 15th century, the painting predates other masterpieces, like Leonardo da Vinci’s *The Last Supper*, by several years.

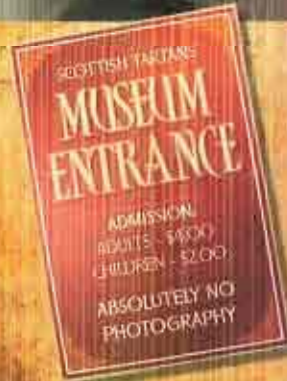
The Doom Painting is a remarkable survivor of years of abuse and neglect. After the English Reformation, Puritan clerics covered the artwork in whitewash. This was done because during the reign of Elizabeth I, such images were considered too popish.

Then, after a painstaking (but essentially botched) 19th-century restoration, the painting was varnished with the wrong material. The varnish quickly darkened and eventually went black, shrouding the image until it was rediscovered in 1986, after a small fire in the church burned away some of the concealing material.

The painting was again restored and was revealed in its current state in 2004. Today, you can clearly see Christ at the center with acts of charity and the route to heaven on one side and uncharitable acts and the route to hell on the other. The gates to heaven and hell, as understood at the time, are clearly depicted.

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Coronavirus: Boris Johnson says 'it could have gone either way'

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said it "could have gone either way" as he thanked healthcare workers for saving his life after being discharged from hospital.

Mr Johnson, 55, was taken to London's St

Thomas' Hospital on Sunday - 10 days after testing positive for Covid-19.



Letter from your editor,

porches!

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You all know about what they say about the Picts? They say they did not disappear, they are alive and well inside of all of us who have Scottish blood in our veins. Our Scottish-ness is there too.

Oh, I'll share something with you that I was told when I was maybe three years old. My Scottish grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald, told me, "You know, darlin', that when you are grown and donate blood at the blood bank your blood won't be like everyone else's."

"It won't, Grandmother," I said, "what will my blood be like?"

"Your blood will be a gorgeous Macdonald tartan," she said with a big smile.

When I was grown and saw my blood at the blood bank, I decided it was just a huge sett and the only part I could see was that deep red.

If my grandmother said it, it was true.

In most of us who haunt the Scottish Games any chance we get and who live and breathe our Scottish heritage, we don't really have to do anything at all. That heritage is just there all the time, day and night with every breath we take.

That heritage enables us to get through the hard times when it seems impossible that we will survive.

In my own genealogy, my grandfathers have sacrificed their lives at so many Scottish battles, Pinkie, Stirling Bridge, The Battle of the Shirts, Bannockburn and Flodden...and many more. How could I not revere my Scottish heritage through a pandemic and anything else that life throws at me.

Hold on tight. Please be careful and do stay home as much as you can so you can be healthy.

He spent three nights in intensive care

before returning to a ward on Thursday.

He said in a video on Twitter that he had witnessed the "personal courage" of hospital staff on the front line.

Mr Johnson said two nurses - Jenny from New Zealand and Luis from Portugal - stood by his bedside for 48 hours at the most critical time and named several other hospital workers who cared for him this past week that he wanted to thank.

He said NHS workers "kept putting themselves in harm's way, kept risking this deadly virus".

"It is thanks to that courage, that devotion, that duty and that love that our NHS has been unbeatable," he said.

Downing Street said the PM would continue his recovery at his country residence, Chequers.

"On the advice of his medical team, the PM will not be immediately returning to work. He wishes to thank everybody at St Thomas' for the brilliant care he has received.

"All of his thoughts are with those affected by this illness."

The UK has recorded 737 new coronavirus-related hospital deaths as of 17:00 BST on Saturday, taking the total number to 10,612.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock said he was "delighted" the PM was out of hospital and continuing his recovery at Chequers.

He added that staff at St Thomas' would "have cared for him as they would have cared for anybody in this country," which was "one of the things that makes me so proud that the NHS is there for us all".

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Clan MacLellan Flower of the Forest

Nancy MacClellan Mitchell Sears



Nancy MacClellan Mitchell Sears, 85, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, died on Wednesday, the 15th day of April 2020, at her residence.

Born in Miami, Florida, she moved to Kentucky in 1954.

She was the daughter of the late Donald Thomas MacClellan, Sr., and Jean Reynolds MacClellan Crane, and the widow of Raymond Sears.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville.

A retired employee of the University of Louisville, she worked there for over twenty years as an executive assistant in the School of Music and as the Assistant Director of Medical Education in the School of Medicine.

A former member and five-term president of the Shelbyville Business and Professional Women's Club, her other memberships included the Shelbyville Chautauqua Club and the University of Louisville Alumni Association.

She had a lifelong interest in genealogy, and she was a member, the former president, and the former treasurer of Clan MacClellan.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Donald T. MacClellan, Jr., and Ed MacClellan, and her sis-

ters, Jean Marie MacClellan and Jill MacClellan Barker; and her daughter-in-law, Ann White Mitchell.

Nancy was devoted to her family as they were the light of her life. Her survivors include her children, Brad Mitchell of Paris, Bill Mitchell and his wife, Mary, of Shelbyville, and Jean Mitchell Newman of Louisville; her sister, Kathleen MacClellan Purcell; her grandchildren, Amy Mitchell, Laurie Mitchell Forester, Whitney Mitchell Woodard, Matthew Newman, and Phillip Newman; and her great-grandson, Noah Woodard.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the First Presbyterian Church, 629 Main Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065, or to the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40205. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall-Taylor Funeral Home of Shelbyville and online condolences may be expressed at www.halltaylorfuneralhomes.com.

She was also your editor's friend for many, many wonderful years. She will always be missed.



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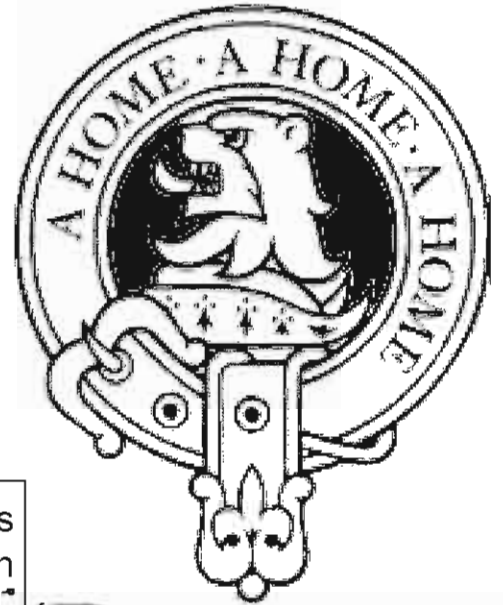
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SCOTLAND SUFFERED HEAVIER LOSSES IN WW1 THAN ANY OTHER UK NATION. OF THE 557,000 SCOTS WHO ENLISTED, MORE THAN 26 PER CENT WERE KILLED. THIS CONTRASTS WITH THE AVERAGE DEATH RATE IN THE BRITISH ARMY OF 12 PER CENT DEAD. TWO EXPLANATIONS CAN BE OFFERED FOR THE HIGH AMOUNT OF SCOTTISH DEATHS.

SCOTLAND CONTRIBUTED PROPORTIONATELY MANY MORE MEN THAN ANY OTHER UK NATION. ALTHOUGH THE COUNTRY MADE UP LESS THAN 10 % OF THE UK POPULATION, OVER 13% OF THE BRITISH ARMY WERE SCOTS. THE RESPONSE TO THE CALL TO ARMS IN SCOTLAND WAS SO GREAT IN SOME AREAS THAT RECRUITMENT HAD TO BE SUSPENDED FOR A TIME AS THE RECRUITMENT STATIONS BECAME UNABLE TO COPE.

SECONDLY, THE FAME OF THE SCOTTISH REGIMENTS, LARGE MEN, DISTINCTIVELY CLAD IN TARTAN AND KILT, ENSURED THAT THEY WERE OFTEN SENT IN EARLY AS ASSAULT OR SHOCK TROOPS IN THE EARLY PHASES OF THE GREAT ENGAGEMENTS.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE LOSSES INFLECTED WERE SEVERE AND MANY OF THE HEROES THAT ENLISTED FROM SCOTLAND NEVER RETURNED HOME.

We are all familiar with the story of The Alamo. What you might not know is that there is a plaque at the site in memory of the four native Scots who perished in defense of The Alamo.

The best known of these four Scotsmen was John McGregor. John was a piper and in Scotland the pipes were considered an "instrument of war."

McGregor's playing undoubtedly helped bolster the spirits of the greatly outnumbered defenders.

He is said to have entertained the troops by engaging in musical duets with Davy Crockett with John on the pipes and Davy on the fiddle.

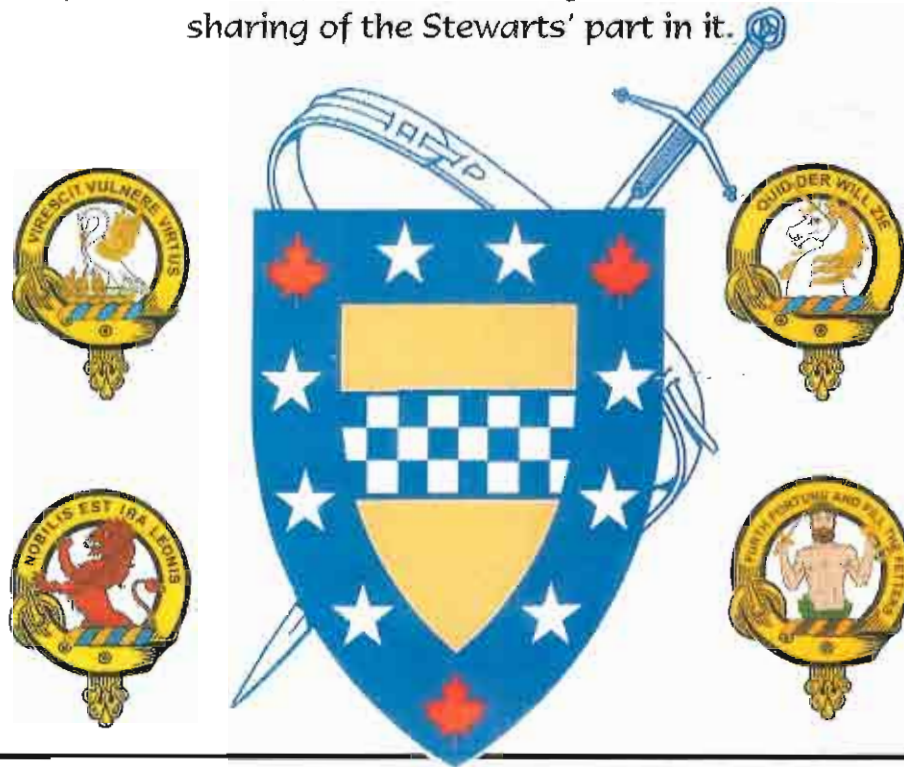
The three other native Scots were Richard Ballentine, Isaac Robinson and David Wilson...

Richard W. Ballentine. (1814-1836). Richard W. Ballentine, Alamo defender, was born in Scotland in 1814. He traveled to Texas from Alabama aboard the *Santiago* and disembarked on December 9, 1835. He and the other passengers signed a statement declaring, "we have left every endearment at our respective places of abode in the United States of America, to maintain and defend our brethren."

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Pod of killer whales spotted off the Scottish coast at Thurso

The pod included a young calf and were photographed in a bay in Thurso



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This amazing picture of a killer whale, whose pod includes a calf, were taken from the photographer's garden overlooking the sea in Scotland.

Orca lover Karen Munro was "jumping up and down" in joy when she saw the majestic mammals swimming towards her house looking onto the bay in Thurso.

The 43-year-old said: "I was thrilled. It was my first sighting of the calf. It still sticks very close to its mum. It was so small and cute."

The family are named The 27s pod after its matriarch's number in the Scottish Killer Whale ID Catalogue.

They were spotted off Yell in the Shetland Islands, before surfacing in Thurso Bay on the north coast of Scotland.

Conservationists think the reduced traffic due to the lockdown is encouraging the orcas to explore new areas.

Rob Lott, a policy manager at Whale and Dolphin Conservation, said: "The 27s pod are usually spotted around the Shetland Islands rather than in this area.

"During the current lock-down there is less vessel traffic on the water so the marine environment must seem so much quieter, and cleaner, for coastal communities of wild orcas which are primarily

acoustic creatures.

"They are now able to hunt, navigate and socialise much more effectively in an environment experiencing a reduction in human activity - albeit temporarily."

Karen, who is native to Thurso, received a tip off from a friend who spotted the whales heading towards her on her daily dog walk.

She took pictures and mounted her telescope immediately recognising the pod by their markings, fin shapes and group composition.

The group consists of two large males, three females, two juveniles and the new calf.

Karen, who has a 180 degree view onto the bay, added: "I am quite lucky. I was able to see the pod when they were still a couple of miles away. I watched them for 90 minutes before they eventually swam off.

"I saw hundreds of gulls diving into the water around the whales indicating a possible kill.

Karen, who watched the spectacle during lockdown, said: "The 27s are my favourites because they are quite showy. They are the only pod I have seen breaching completely out of the water.

"I was jumping up and down in the garden I was so excited."

Karen, a surveyor at Dounreay Nuclear power plant, would normally share the news, but had to remain tightlipped to avoid compromising the lockdown.

She said: "They are a big draw. Hundreds of people came to see them when they last appeared.

"I had to keep it to myself because crowds would have

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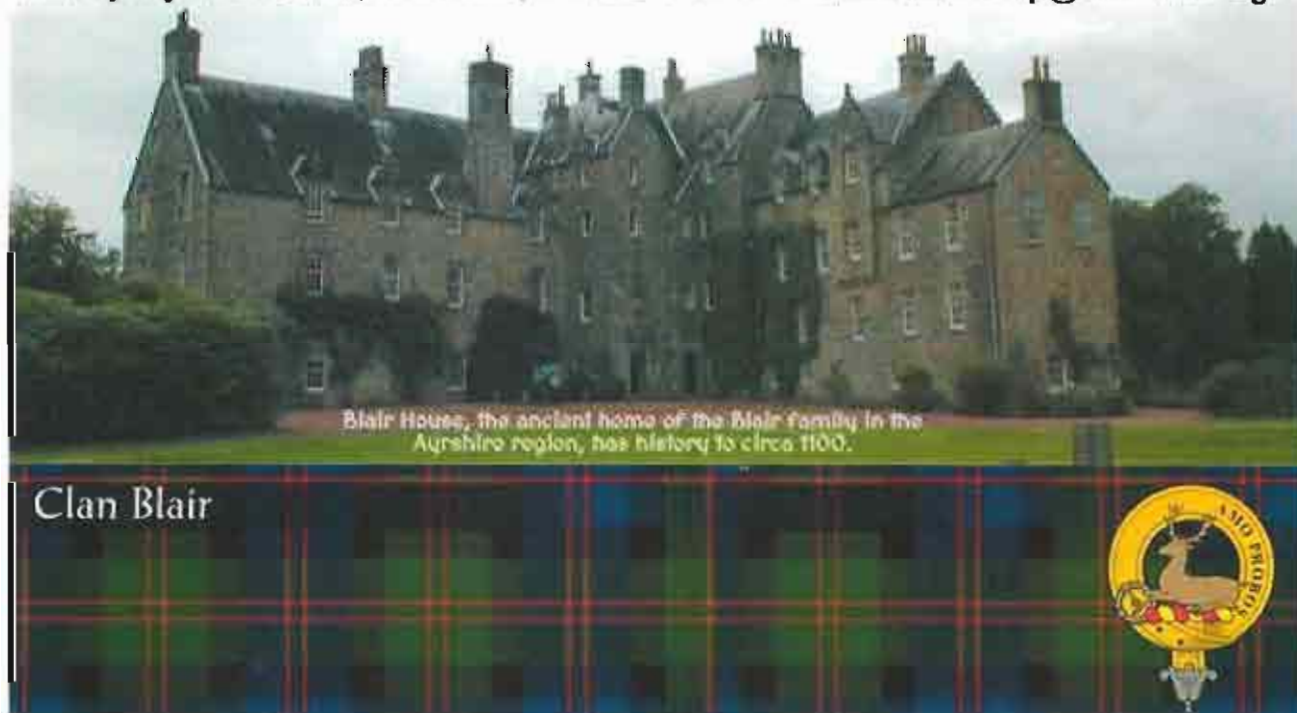


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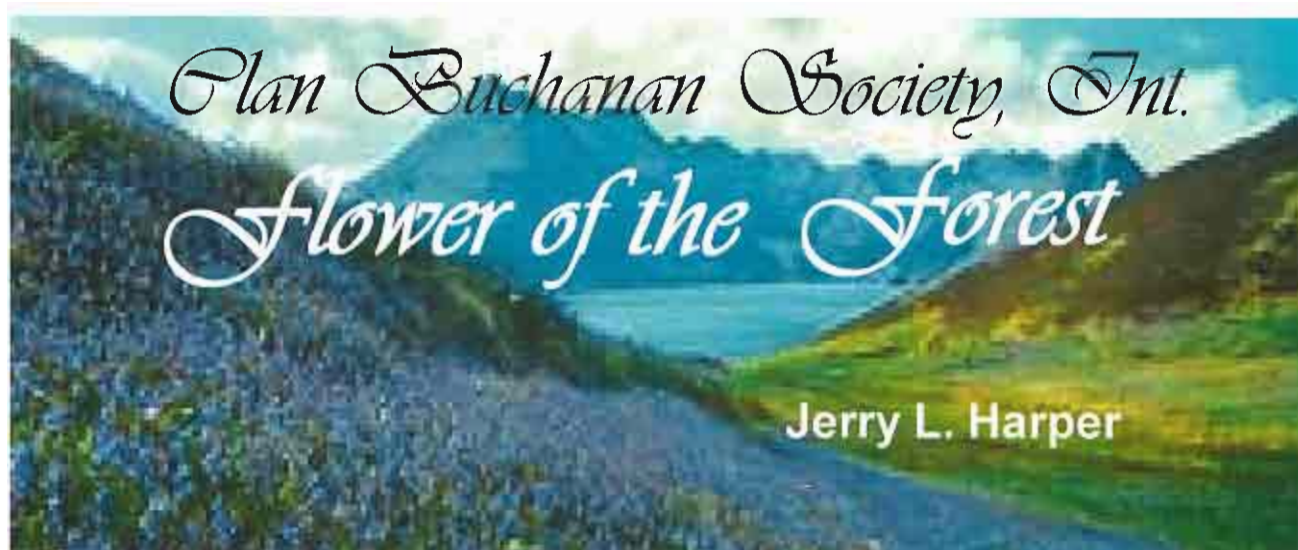
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Clan Blair



Jerry L. Harper, age 80, of Elizabethton, Tennessee went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 13, 2020 from the Johnson City Medical Center.

Jerry was born in Portland, Tennessee to the late Raymond O'Dell Harper and Elsie Mae Randolph Harper. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Joyce West Harper; and one sister, Martha Pirtle.

Jerry attended Tennessee Technological University where he earned his degree in Chemical Engineering. He went on to have an illustrious career as a Chemical Engineer at North American Rayon and Service Thread, Inc. Jerry was a member of First Baptist Church in Elizabethton, where he was a deacon and a member of the Messenger Sunday School Class. Jerry's church and community were very important to him. He was active in the church choir, the community choral choir, the meals on wheels program and he specifically enjoyed visiting and caring for members of his church and community. Jerry loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and was a man of many hobbies, he enjoyed traveling, the Scottish games, woodworking, roasting coffee, motorcycles and working on the Appalachian Trail. He was a proud

member of the Clan Buchanan Society and served as Tennessee Regent for CBSI.



Those left to cherish his memory include a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Harper May and Joe May and his granddaughter, Emily May, all of Elizabethton; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Lori Harper and grandsons, Price, Reed and Vance, all of Clemmons, NC; a sister, Peggy Shanks and husband Jim, of Portland, TN; two brothers, James Harper and wife JoAnn, of Indiana and David Harper and wife Jane, of Portland, TN; and a special friend, Lillian Oliver, of Johnson City. Several

nieces and nephews also survive.

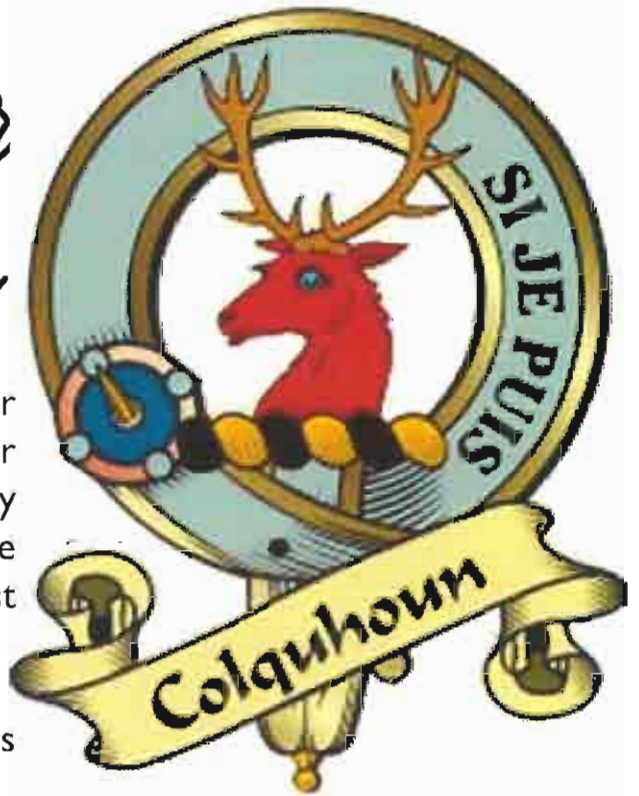
Due to Covid-19 concerns, a private graveside service will be held at Happy Valley Memorial Park. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date, to be held at First Baptist Church of Elizabethton.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers, may make donations to First Baptist Church Technology Fund, 212 East F. Street, Elizabethton, TN 37643.

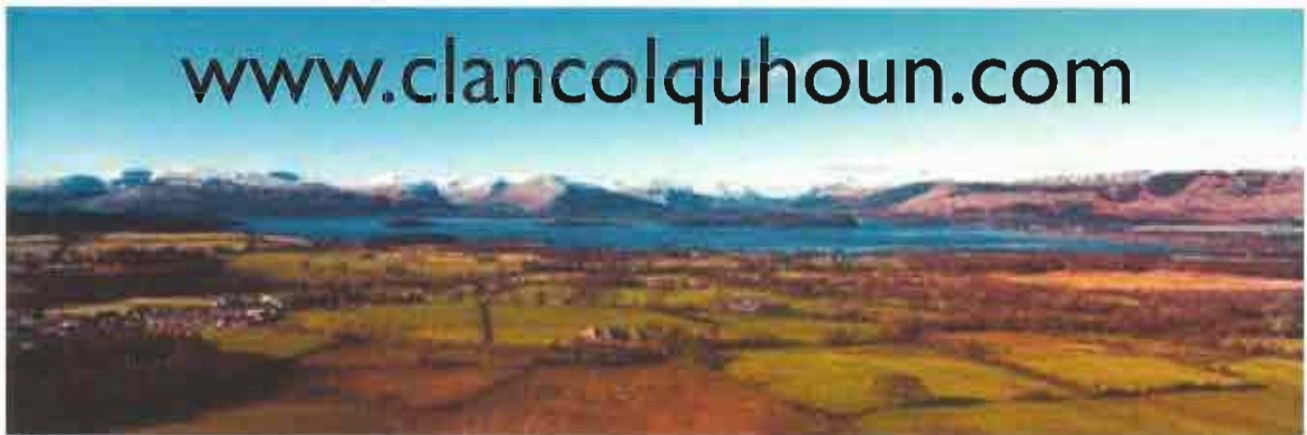
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come out of lockdown to see them."

Karen has been passionate about whales since she first saw them in 2005 and updates conservationists in Iceland as the pods migrate to and from Shetland.

She added: "I still get just as excited as I did when I saw them for the first time. Maybe it's the thrill of the chase. They are not easy to see. Luck has to be on your side."

Mr. Lott warned that orcas are under threat

from pollution, especially from PCBs, a toxic chemical commonly used in lubricants and hydraulic fluids.

He said: "In 2016 a female orca from another of the UK's resident pods - the West Coast community - was found dead off the west coast of Scotland.

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ren, at the peril of our lives, liberties and fortunes." Ballentine died in the battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836.

John McGregor. (1808-1836). John McGregor, Alamo defender, was born in Scotland in 1808 and lived in 1836 in Nacogdoches, Texas. He took part in the siege of Bexar and later served in the Alamo garrison as a second sergeant of Capt. William R. Carey's artillery company. It is said that during the siege of the Alamo, McGregor engaged in musical duels with David Crockett, McGregor playing the bagpipes and Crockett the fiddle. McGregor died in the battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836.

Isaac Robinson. (1808-1836). Isaac Robinson, Alamo defender, was born in Scotland in 1808 and came to Texas from Louisiana. He took part in the siege of Bexar and later served in the Alamo garrison as a fourth sergeant in Capt. William R. Carey's artillery company. He died in the battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836.

David L. Wilson. (1807-1836). David L. Wilson, Alamo defender, son of James and Susanna (Wesley) Wilson, was born in Scotland in 1807. In Texas he lived in Nacogdoches with his wife, Ophelia. Wilson was probably one of the volunteers who accompanied Capt. Philip Dimmitt to Bexar and the Alamo in the early months of 1836. He remained at the Alamo after Dimmitt left on the first day of the siege. Wilson died in the battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836.



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* Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

* Sheep Herding: Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

* **7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather:** This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road.

* More Sheep Herding * Torchlight Ceremony: * Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

Friday, July 10th

* 9 AM MacRae Meadows Opens: Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day.

* Scottish Cultural Village, * Opening Ceremonies, * Highland Wrestling Clinic for children,
* Children's Tent and Field Activities, * Harp Workshop, * Sheep Herding, * History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents, * Highland Dancing Pre-Championship, * Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling Tent

For complete details,

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Grandfather Mountain Scottish Highland Games Schedule

4:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Rock Concert.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents: 6:30 - 11 PM **Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows.**

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents 8:00 PM - 12 AM **Scottish Country Dance Gala** at ASU. \$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Saturday, July 11th

6:30 AM Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

7:30 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins

* Competition begins for Highland Dancing Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing and Scottish harp.

* Scottish Fiddling Competition at Marathon Tent, * Scottish Cultural Village * Children's Highland Wrestling Competition * Sheep Herding * Massed Bands on track * Opening Ceremonies * History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents * Children's Tent Activities * Celtic Grove Music * Highland Wrestling * Harp Competitions * Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition * NC Provincial Gaelic Mod

4:00 Days events end. Preparation for Celtic Jam * 6:30 - 10:30 PM Celtic Jam at MacRae Meadows. \$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

Sunday, July 12th

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

* Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration and Clinic * Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins

* Scottish Worship Service Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin 'O' the Tartans.

* Scottish Cultural Village * Children's Border Collie Demonstration on the main field.

* Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins

* Parade of Tartans Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.

* Scottish Fiddling Workshop at the Harp Tent followed by a Jam session for fiddle and other instruments

* Atlantic International Highland Dance Championship Competition Competition takes place throughout the day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.

* History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents * Sheep Herding Demonstration

4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES 2020 ENTERTAINMENT

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Jiggernaut Website: [jiggernaut](http://jiggernaut.com)

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Respect for Celtic tradition while redefining Celtic rock. Just powerful harmonies and great musicianship. Deanna Smith sings like an angel, Richard Kean plays like the devil, add Linda Relph on fiddle, a bad ass rhythm section and a whole lot of fun and you get Jiggernaut.

Sadly, we lost the angel and the legend, Deanna Smith Scotland, in November 2019.

Though we will not have Deanna's voice soaring out from the Shannon stage, Jiggernaut will be still be continuing their drive to redefine Celtic rock, ably aided and abetted by the incredible voice of Amanda Williams Ware, who will be taking on the lead vocal role.

Founding member Wolf Loescher will also be joining them. Jiggernaut will be using their set on Saturday afternoon to honor Deanna with many guest artists joining them for what promises to be an unforgettable hour.



Emerald Rae

<https://www.emeraldrae.com/>

Emerald Rae is a fiddler and folksinger from the seaside town of Gloucester, Massachusetts. Roots Music Report hails her as "a spell-caster of no small skill... maxing out her axe's potential in the service of her consistently compelling melodies" and recognizes her self-titled 2018 release as "one of the year's more fetching releases". She was chosen as a Falcon Ridge Folk Festival Emerging Artist and is quickly gaining

ground as one of the top new artists to follow this year. Pairing ornamented vocals with groovy percussive fiddle, Emerald pushes the boundaries of the imagination with a refreshingly colorful palate.



Grandfather Mountain Scottish Highland Games Schedule



Ed Miller

Website: www.songsotscotland.com

Ed Miller has been hailed as “one of the finest singers to come out of the Scottish Folksong Revival” and as “one of Scotland’s best singing exports.”

Originally from Edinburgh, he has for many years been based in Austin, Texas, where he gained graduate degrees in Folklore and Geography at the

University of Texas.

Ed’s repertoire covers the whole spectrum of Scottish folk music, from old ballads and songs of Robert Burns to more recent songs that add to the huge store of Scots songs.

When not on the road, Ed also hosts a long-running folk music show, “Across the Pond,” on Sun Radio, and he has expanded his activities into taking folksong based tours to Scotland each year, and teaching at various folk music camps.

His newest CD is *Follow the Music*, an eclectic mix of seven Scottish songs, four Irish, and one Texan.



The Reel Sisters

The Reel Sisters: a duo steeped in the musical tradition of Scottish harp and smallpipes. Rosalind and Kelly share lifetimes of experience in the traditional music community and the technical expertise of classical training. Compelling tunes combine with The Sisters’ approachable, light-hearted personalities to create a unique and intimate musical experience. The Reel Sisters’ music is uplifting, stirring, and just sweet fun.

There’s lots **MORE** entertainment at GMHG!

Brothers McLeod, Strathspan, Wolf Loescher, Marybeth McQueen, Chambless & Muse, Piper Jones Band and Seven Nations! We’ll feature them here next issue! Of course, you can read about them now at <http://www.gmhg.org>!



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The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs,
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On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clérk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms to the right of this paragraph. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."



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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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!

99 year-old Scotsman raises £12 million and 90 year-old Scotswoman has raised £10,500 so far for Scottish NHS

A 90-year-old woman who is climbing the equivalent of a Highland mountain on her staircase has exceeded her target to raise £10,000 for the NHS and a hospice.

Margaret Payne plans to climb the height of Suilven - 2,398ft - by making 282 trips upstairs.

She said 99-year-old veteran Captain Tom Moore, who has raised more than £12 million for the NHS through a charity garden walk, inspired her to take on the climb.

Mrs Payne started the challenge on Easter Sunday and expects it will take her around two months to complete.

Mrs Payne had raised £1,800 by Wednesday but by 10pm on Thursday it had exceeded £10,500.

The challenge is her way of saying thank you to NHS and hospice staff who took care of her late husband, Jim.

She said: "I think it's amazing, I wasn't expecting anything like it - 10,000 thank yous."



"I think it's brilliant of them all and I feel the NHS really deserve it."

"They have been amazing, each day they are risking their lives."

Mrs Payne added: "My husband died at Christmas, and the NHS were absolutely wonderful. So it was a way of saying

thank you."

After seeing the efforts of Capt Moore, Mrs Payne was inspired to do something to give back to health staff.

Mrs Payne, who lives in Ardvar, Sutherland, said she was never a hillwalker, having lived with knee problems since she was 12.

Her true passion was fishing and she said she would walk miles to reach the best spots.

"I do walk around the garden, every nice day", Mrs Payne said.

"I'm always afraid of being blown over now so when it's windy I daren't go."

"Our house stands rather high, facing the prevailing winds so it asks for it a bit."

Mrs Payne takes on the stair-climbing challenge several times throughout the day, starting in the morning once she is ready and finishing in the late afternoon.

Nicky McArthur, her daughter, believes that the fresh air of north-west Scotland has helped keep her mother healthy, adding: "Mum is still incredibly active."

"She is an avid reader and crossword-doer. I think part of it is just staying interested in life."



You can donate to Mrs Payne's challenge at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPageuk.virginmoneygiving.com/MargaretPayneArdvar-SuilvenChallenge

Both Margaret Payne and Captain Tom Moore are raising funds to support the National Health Service in Scotland during the coronavirus crisis.

The Clan Skene

Association, Inc.



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Scottish Heritage Lottery, *continued from page 1*

ment of Gladstone's Land, one of the oldest buildings on the Royal Mile.

Trust chiefs insist they always planned to launch the lottery scheme – which is open to anyone in the UK to play even if they are not a member of NTS – this year, but admit the trust is experiencing a “steep decline in income” after being forced to close all of its attractions and gardens during the ongoing lockdown.

In a letter to members, the trust admits its timing for launching the new lottery “isn’t ideal” but says it needs the support of its members “more than ever”.

The trust was forced to close its attractions and gardens, including the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and Culzean Castle in Ayrshire, Culross Palace in Fife, Brodick Castle on the Isle of Arran and Inverewe Garden in Wester Ross after social distancing restrictions were brought in by the Scottish Government last month.

In its letter to members, the trust states: “We need your help to protect our heritage for future generations.

“You’ll not only have the opportunity to win great prizes, but you’ll also be helping us to care for the things we love about Scotland.

“Each week your entry will go towards ensuring that our history always has a home and that our countryside remains unspoilt.”

Among the first projects the Scottish Heritage Lottery is expected to support are refurbishments of Gladstone’s Land, one of the oldest sur-

living buildings on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, and House of Dun, an A-listed Georgian mansion in Angus.

Mark Bishop, director of customer and care at the trust, said: “It often surprises people that, as a charity, we receive little government funding, and that we rely on membership and donations to care for, protect and promote the rich cultural, built and natural heritage in our care.

“Heritage which is so fundamental to the fabric of our national identity and which means so much to so many – especially at this time.

“A lottery is a great way for people to get involved with the trust and support all we do for the love of Scotland.

“While our lottery was planned before this crisis, with our properties closed, we are experiencing a steep decline in income and so support from all those who love Scotland and our unique heritage could not be more important at this time.

“While our situation today is extremely challenging and we cannot welcome people to the places which mean so much to so many, we know that the national and natural treasures the trust protects have become even more special to people at the moment and that many of them want to play a part in ensuring they continue to be cared for.

“Our significant heritage demands significant care, every year – our objective is to involve as many people as possible in our efforts to care for our castles, country houses, collections, stories and landscapes.”



The new Scottish Heritage Lottery will help pay for refurbishment of Gladstone's Land, one of the oldest buildings on the Royal Mile.



The Watson Mazer, a silver-gilt drinking bowl, is a fine example of mid-16th century Scottish craftsmanship. The inscription around the foot can be rendered:

**“Money lost little lost, honour lost much lost,
heart lost all lost.”**

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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St. Andrews Society of Atlanta Flower of the Forest

Grant Crate

Grant Crate passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020, of pancreatic cancer.

Grant was originally from Canada where he played hockey as a young man.



He moved to the United States and became a citizen here. Three fellow St. Andrew's Society members were with him when he took the

oath of the St. Andrew's Society, and was the originator of the idea to build a collection of tartans. For 32 years, he was "Santa" at the St. Andrew's Christmas Parties with Trish by his side as "Mrs. Claus."

He also worked on the Stone Mountain Highland Games Committee where he was the brains behind the plan for managing traffic control and innovator of many things mechanical.

In addition, he was a Master Gardener, a student of history and enjoyed Sherlock Holmes and going to auctions.

Professionally, Grant was with Bellamy Brothers, Inc. General Contractors for many years. He worked on projects such as bridges over I-75/85 in downtown Atlanta and around the State Capitol as well as installation of the turbines for the dam at Lake Hartwell in north Georgia, River Street in Savannah, Georgia, and even on projects in Australia.

He was a man of integrity, pleasant and easy to deal with, but able to be tough in a tough industry when needed.

He always had a jolly and friendly disposition, but he was a man to get things done, a gentle giant. He was a friend, a mentor, and a brother to many. He was loved by many and will be sorely missed by all.

A memorial will be held when, as Trish said, "We can all hug each other."



oath of citizenship.

He met his wife, Patricia (Trish), after he moved to Atlanta.

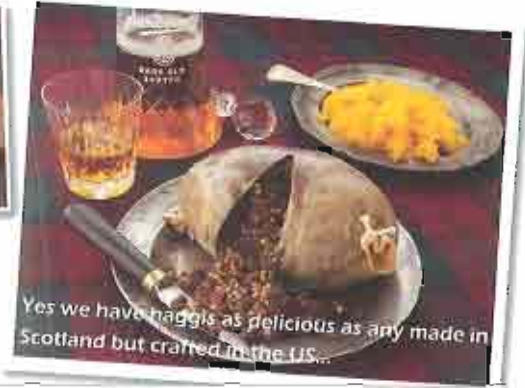
He is survived by Trish, three grown children, and many grandchildren. He was a wonderful family man who had great love for his family.

He was also very active in his church.

Grant was a beloved member of the Scottish Community. He was a long standing member of the Burns Club, served as eleventh presi-

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NOVEMBER 6-8, FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

SAVE THESE DATES for THE 2020 AGM

Dear Clan Graham and Friends,

Due to these uncertain times of Coronavirus, this AGM will be slightly less typical as previous gatherings. We will not hold a Mugdock Auction on Saturday; however, we are in current discussions for an alternative way to raise funds for our beloved castle.

In addition, we are going to have a plated dinner rather than a buffet because we cannot guarantee the number of attendees. We will still partake in our traditional Haggis ceremony.

There are no Highland games to visit but there are plenty of shops, restaurants and sightseeing to do and enjoy.

Please feel free to dress as you like! I am wear-

ing my kilt on Friday and Saturday as always and will dress formal for Saturday dinner.

As soon as contracts are finalized and arrangements made, I will post/send you the Registration information.

Looking to seeing you soon! Lora Greenland, CGS VP

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The pandemic has created art all over the world - this one in Scotland



A man walks past art of a person pulling a chain with a germ attached to it, by the artist known as the Rebel Bear, in Glasgow, Scotland, April 3, 2020. With thanks to Atlas Obscura. Subscribe for FREE at www.atlasobscura.com



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Bonnie Prince Charlie & Flummery

A reading of Scotland's history will bring you many romantic stories, many of which contain food references. One of these includes *Flummery* and Bonnie Prince Charlie and Flora MacDonald. Flora was famous for assisting Bonnie Prince Charlie's escape from Scotland after the defeat of his Jacobite army at the Battle of Culloden in April 1746. After running for two months to avoid capture, the Prince arrived at the island of South Uist in the Outer Hebrides. There he met 24-year-old Flora, who became his unlikely ally since her family and fiancée, Allan MacDonald, were serving in the Hanoverian army of King George II.

Flora engineered the Prince's escape by disguising him as one of her maids. She obtained permission from her step-father, the commander of the local militia, to travel to the mainland, accompanied by two servants and a crew of six boatmen. After setting sail in a small boat from Benbecula on June 27, 1746, rather than the mainland they went to the Isle of Skye, landing in Kilmuir at what is today called *Rudha Phrionnsa* (Prince's Point).

They hid out overnight in a cottage, then made their way overland to Portree where the Prince got a boat to the island of Raasay and from there, passage back to France. In gratitude, Charles presented Flora with a locket containing his portrait. They never met again.

Flora's actions, though treasonous, made her a heroic figure to the public, including staunch Hanoverians, primarily because she was a woman. The epitaph on her grave in Kilmuir Cemetery on Skye, was written by Dr. Samuel Johnson of dictionary fame, who met her in 1784 when he and James Boswell toured the Hebrides. It reads, "Flora MacDonald. Preserver of Prince Charles Edward Stuart. Her name will be mentioned in history and if courage and fidelity be virtues, mentioned with honour." Her deeds

were memorialized in the popular ballad the *Skye Boat Song*, published four years after the monument was erected, ensuring Macdonald's fame would not fade.

The connection of Flummery to the Prince and to Flora has two versions: either Flora made the dish for the Prince before assisting him in his escape, or she was halfway through a dish of Flummery when she was arrested for her part in the Prince's escape.

Flummery is an ancient recipe for a starch-based, sweet, soft dessert pudding featured in Scottish feasts dating back to the 15th century. It peaked in popularity during the 17th to the 19th century.

Flummery is a dish from yesteryear. According to *the Oxford Companion to Food* by Alan Davidson, Flummery's name is derived from the Welsh *llymru*, originally meant a dish made by soaking fine oatmeal in water for a long time and then boiling and stirring the liquid until it was almost solid. It is praised for its wholesomeness and goodness. Davidson notes that some eat it with honey or wine (sack, claret, or white) or strong beer or strong ale or milk. Toward the end of the 17th century the name transitioned to a sweet jelly made with cream or ground almonds, set in molds, resembling a kind of Blancmange, similar to modern panna cotta.



*"Speed bonny boat like a
bird on a wing,
Onward the sailors cry.
Carry the lad that's born
to be King,
Over the sea to Skye."*

Variations of recipes from as early as the Middle Ages call for the cook to produce a broth from oats, a staple food for many so that even the poor could make their own Flummery. Mrs. Mary Eaton's 1822 *The Cook and Housekeeper's Complete and Universal Dictionary* says to "steep three large handfuls of very fine white oatmeal in cold water for a day and a night. Then pour it off clear, add as much more water, and let it stand the same time. Strain it through a fine hair sieve, and boil it till it is as thick as hasty pudding, stirring it well all the time. When first strained, put to it one large spoonful of white sugar, and two of orange flower water. Pour it into shallow dishes, and serve it up with wine, cider, and milk; or it will be very good with cream and sugar".

Flummery was a popular food to serve invalids due to its wholesomeness but often bland taste. Today the name of the dish survives in North America as a berry dessert dish thickened with cornstarch or a similar thickener. You might also hear "Flummery" used to mean an empty compliment or nonsense.

With many thanks to Eric King's *St. Andrew's Cross* from The St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, FL

Please see page 37 for a recipe for Flummery

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**Registration will begin soon
for the Clan Graham Society's
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
in San Antonio, Texas, November 6-8, 2020,
along River Walk.**

Our tentative hotel will The Menger Hotel with
\$129 nightly room rates.



TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Friday, November 6, 2020

- ◆ 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Arrivals and registration, socializing available in the historic bar and lobby
- ◆ Enjoy River Walk restaurants and shopping on your own schedule

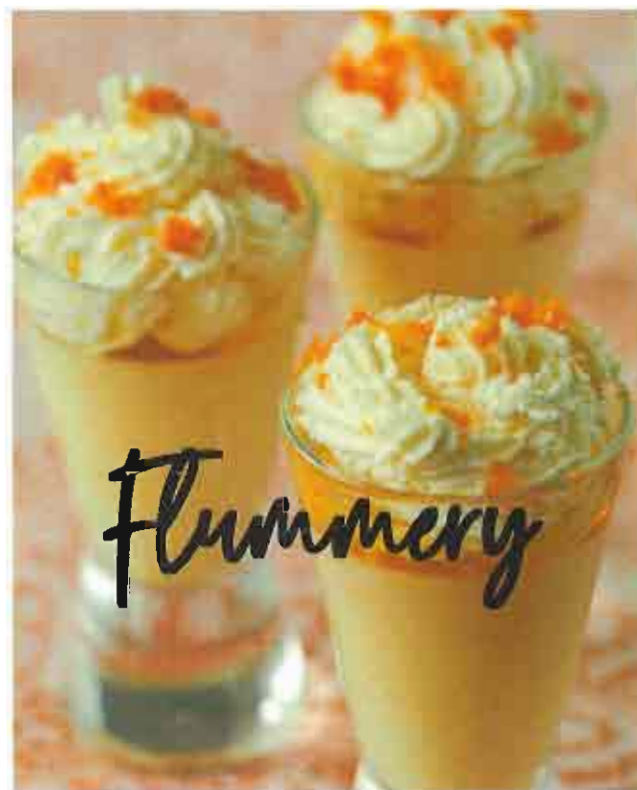
- ◆ Visit the Alamo at your leisure

Saturday, November 7 July 13, 2020

- ◆ Enjoy River Walk on your own schedule
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. Clan Graham Society AGM Dinner
- ◆ 8:00 p.m. Clan Graham Society General Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2020

- ◆ Departures at your schedule



Ingredients:

- * 2 tbsp medium oats*
- * 1 tbsp superfine sugar
- * 1 tbsp Scotch whisky
- * 3 fl. oz. reg. whipping cream
- * 6 tbsp fresh orange juice
- * 3 fl. oz. heavy whipping cream
- * 2 tbsp runny honey
- * zest of one orange

Instructions: * Soak the oatmeal in 15 fl. oz. cold water for 48 hours. Drain and discard the oatmeal, retaining the liquid.

* Pour the liquid into a pan and add the orange juice and sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring continuously until thick, about 15 minutes.

* Remove from heat and allow to cool. Stir in the heavy whipping cream. Pour into 6 small serving glasses.

* Chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Mix whisky with honey and add a teaspoon to each glass. Whip the cream and top each glass. Sprinkle with orange zest.

* Scottish oatmeal comes in fine, medium and pinhead.



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