

# Hebridean bothy sale seeks 'active' islander



The bothy contains a single room divided by a low wall

Residents of a small Hebridean isle hope to attract a new member of the community after putting a former shepherd's bothy up for sale.

Eigg off the west Highlands coast is home to about 100 people.

The island's community-run heritage trust is seeking offers of over £65,000 for the stone-built Sandamhor Bothy.

The property has a single room divided by a low wall, an outside toilet and a cast iron wood-burning stove for heating and

cooking.

Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust said the bothy, which has been used as holiday accommodation in the past, required "extensive renovations and improvement".

Eigg toasts 20 years since buyout.

The home, which is accessed by a rough track, has a sea view to the Highlands mainland and comes with a quarter of an acre of land.

The trust said it was looking for a purchaser who wanted to live on Eigg full-time and be "an active contributing member of the community". It said it would not necessarily accept the highest offer.

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# FamilySearch Completes Digitization of Massive Microfilm Collection

The Genealogy Guys Blog

Effort makes billions of historical genealogy records freely available online

FamilySearch completes initiative to digitize its 2.4 million rolls of microfilm for free online access. It is a milestone 83 years in the making. Today FamilySearch International announced the completion of a massive project to digitize its collection of millions of rolls of microfilm containing billions of family history records from around the world. The archive containing information on more than 11.5 billion individuals is now freely available to the public on FamilySearch.org.

"We hope that all those who contributed to this milestone in the last 80 years feel a sense of humble accomplishment today," said Steve Rockwood, the CEO of FamilySearch International. "And we hope the millions of individuals who will discover, gather, and connect generation upon generation of their family members for years to come because of these efforts will have a deep sense of gratitude for the many unheralded contributors who made those discoveries possible."

"It's a game-changer for everybody in the world. So, instead of having to come to the library, people can start accessing these records from home," said Becky Adamson, a research consultant at the FamilySearch Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Over 200 countries and principalities and more than 100 languages are represented in the digitized documents. Completion of the project makes it much

easier for individuals to make more personal and family discoveries.

To explore FamilySearch's free collections of indexed records and images, go to FamilySearch.org and search both "Records" and "Images". The Images feature enables users to peruse digitized images from the microfilm collection and more. A free FamilySearch account will be required to access the service.

## History of FamilySearch Records Preservation

FamilySearch staff digitizing microfilm for convenient, free online access. FamilySearch and its predecessors have been collecting, preserving, and providing access to genealogically significant historical records for more than 100 years. Those records include birth, death, marriage, census, military service, immigration, and other types of documents.

FamilySearch began microfilming in 1938 as the Genealogical Society of Utah. It was one of the first major organizations to embrace the use of microfilm imaging. That microfilm collection eventually grew to more than 2.4 million rolls.

For many decades, duplicates of the original rolls could be ordered and viewed at one of FamilySearch's more than 5,000 family history centers worldwide. The process of duplicating and distributing microfilm



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# Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina is Home to Rare Population of Synchronous Fireflies

**Southern Living**

Meghan Overdeep



Great Smoky Mountains National Park has had the market cornered on synchronous fireflies for years. But thanks to a relatively recent discovery, the Blue Ridge Mountains just might give it a run for its money.

The *Photinus carolinus* is a species of firefly that each year, typically in the spring, put on a synchronous light display in order to find a mate. They are the only species in America whose individuals can synchronize their flashing light patterns.

For decades, it was believed that the Smokies had the only population of synchronous fireflies in U.S. And while synchronous fireflies were eventually iden-

tified in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and in two other parts of Tennessee, the Smokies have always gotten the glory. In fact, the annual viewing event at the Elkmont Campground in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, is so popular that the National Park Service instituted a lottery system for tickets.

So, you can imagine how surprised Dr. Clyde Sorenson, a professor of entomology at N.C. State University, was by what he saw when he spent the night on Grandfather Mountain in June 2019.

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*With many thanks to Steve Kelley.*



## Synchronous fireflies, *continued from page 5*



"I noticed them immediately by their flash pattern—they were synchronous. By 10 p.m. there were hundreds of them. I walked up and down the roads and they were all through the woods. It thrilled me to death," Sorenson told the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Sorenson confirmed his findings with East Tennessee naturalist Lynn Faust, an expert on the subject. He was right: the beloved nature park in Linville, North Carolina, is officially home to *Photinus carolinus*.

"There's only a handful of species all around the world that do this, and for a long time, this particular species, the phenomenon of seeing large numbers of them synchronizing has been associated tightly with just a couple geographical areas," Sorenson told Grandfather.com. "But the species goes all the way from New York to Georgia. Where they have been most widely known and recognized for so long is at Elkmont in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. But that's at 2,200 feet. Where I saw them (at Grandfather) was at 4,200 feet."

A representative from Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation, the not-for-profit that runs the popular nature preserve, confirmed to *Southern Living* that park staff has been observing the fireflies in the years since Sorenson's discovery.

While the coronavirus pandemic delayed a grand reveal, Grandfather Mountain plans to have public viewing opportunities in 2022. Those dates and details will be shared at a later time.

We'll see you there!



Planning is progressing for the 24th Annual New York Tartan Day Parade, which will take place on Saturday April 9th, 2022, stepping off at 2pm up Sixth Avenue, NYC.

Register by going to the parade website at [nyctartanweek.org](http://nyctartanweek.org).

## Scottish Games scheduled for fall 2021

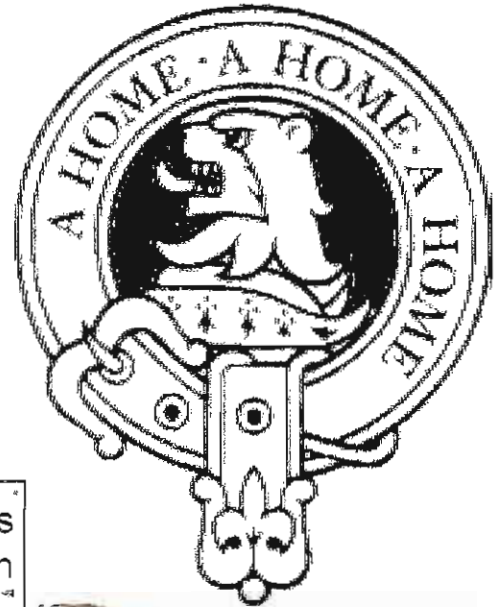
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- ◆ OCT. 2: Laurinburg NC, Scotland County Highland Games
- ◆ OCT. 16 - 17: Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mtn GA
- ◆ OCT. 23: Crystal Coast Highland Games & Festival, Beaufort NC
- ◆ OCT. 23: Carolina Caledonia Festival, Fayetteville, NC
- ◆ NOV. 6: Charleston Celtic Festival, Charleston SC
- ◆ NOV. 6: Clover Highland Games, Clover SC
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# THE HIGHLAND GAMES CONTINUE SCOTTISH TRADITIONS

Rose Eiklor



*Steve Kelley's mother hand knit his sweater in 1972.*

AVERY COUNTY, N.C. — Steve Kelley, 89, travels to Avery County from South Carolina every year.

"I've got more Scottish in me than the average Scot," Kelley said. (His DNA says he is 91% from Scotland.)

Steve Kelley has been volunteering at the games for more than 50 years

Kelley comes back every year to volunteer at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, an annual Scottish celebration of music, food and field games. It's a tradition for families going back generations. The 65th annual event took place July 7-11, 2021.

He remembers his first trip like it was yesterday. A friend told him about the event, and he drove down from West Virginia to be a part of the action in 1967.

"We made music all night, and I danced. I step danced a whole lot. My ankles got big around," Kelley said.

That trip to the mountains of North Carolina changed his life completely.

"Right down there in the corner down there, Frank (Franklin George of WV - piper, old fine fiddler, banko picker and a true WV treasure.) was playing the fiddle, and there was this gal with a white streak in her hair, and she was step dancing to that, and I thought she can't be all that bad," Kelley said.

That gal became his wife. The two are about to be married for 50 years.

"This is a family. I have seen kids back then meet young ladies, marry, come back to the games and eventually come back with their children and their grandchildren," Kelley said.

Kelley says these Scottish games are now known to be the largest in the world. People come in from all over to compete.

He will never forget the memories here, the people he's met and the stories he's heard.

# 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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## Naming order of English & Welsh children, 1700-1879

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Fourth daughter- named after the mother's oldest sister.

First son - named after the father's father.

Second son - named after the mother's father.

Third son - named after the father.

Fourth son - named after the father's eldest brother.

Exceptions apply if there was a duplication of the given name. In that case, the practice was to skip to the next name on the list.



If you have undated letters in your collection of family papers, don't discard the envelopes in which they were mailed. You might be able to date them by the amount of the postage charged.

Prior to 1847, stamps were not used on letters carried in the US Postal Service.

Later, the first class postage rates, per ounce, as of the following dates were: July 1, 1882 - 2 cents; November 3, 1819 - 3 cents; July 1, 1919 - 2 cents; July 6, 1932 - 3 cents; August 1, 1958 - 4 cents; January 7, 1968 - 6 cents; May 16, 1971 - 8 cents, March 2, 1974 - 10 cents; December 31, 1975 - 13 cents; May 29, 1975 - 15 cents?; March 22, 1981, November 1.

Do you need dates for those old family letters? 1981 - 20 cents; April 3, 1988 - 25 cents; February 3, 1991 - 29 cents; January 1, 1995 - 32 cents; January 10, 1999 - 33 cents; January 7, 2001 - 34 cents; and June 30, 2002 - 37 cents.

I took this a step farther as in recent years the value has not always been printed on the stamp: an "A" stamp was 15 cents; a "B" stamp was 18 cents; a "C" stamp was 20 cents; a "D" stamp was 22 cents; an "E" stamp was 25 cents; an "F" stamp was 29 cents and a "G" stamp was 32 cents.

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# OUTLANDER ACTOR SAM HEUGHAN'S ICONIC WHISKY SASSENACH SCOOPS ANOTHER AWARD

SAM ONLY RELEASED HIS WHISKY BRAND SASSENACH IN MARCH 2020.

*Outlander* actor Sam Heughan was raising a glass today as his whisky brand *Sassenach* won another two gold awards.

The Scots star first announced the whisky in 2019, before launching it in the US in March last year and already it's won several awards.

But today, he announced to his 3.2million Instagram followers that *Sassenach* had been recognised once again this time at the NY World Wine & Spirits Competition.

He wrote: "What incredible timing! We are honored (delighted!!) to announce that: @sassenachspirits "Spirit of Home" won a Double Gold medal at the 2021 @nywscomp It's our first win while *The Sassenach* is in stock. Get your bottle of GOLD at <SassenachWhisky.com> Humbled, grateful and happy to be sharing with you!"

Back in April, *Sassenach* also took double gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition the a second year in a row.

First announced in August 2019, Sam's dream of making his own whisky came true after setting up his own drinks company, The Great Glen Company.

As well as the name being a nod to *Outlander*, the Dumfries-born actor has also used the unicorn, the national animal of Scotland, for his logo.



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## American-Scottish Foundation (americanscottishfoundation@gmail.com)

American-Scottish Foundation Board Member, Michael Reid, researches a variety of sites to bring us this monthly update.

We are pleased to report that fewer games are cancelled than has been the case in some time.

Both games organizers and vendors really need your support.

That need for support includes virtual events - that small donation or ticket to view on line can make such a difference at this time. We hear the same from events organizers on both sides of the Atlantic.

### VIRTUAL HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVALS OCTOBER:

- ◆ Celtic Colors International Festival ('at home' Oct 8-10)

### HIGHLAND GAMES PROCEEDING IN PERSON - THROUGH OCTOBER:

- ◆ Scotland County Highland Games (NC - Oct 2)
- ◆ Aztec Highland Games and Celtic Festival (AZ - Oct 2-3)
- ◆ Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games\* (IN - Oct 9 - heavy athletics ONLY)
- ◆ Kerr County Celtic Festival\* (TX - Oct 9)
- ◆ Scotland Connecticut Highland Games (CT - Oct. 10)
- ◆ Stone Mountain Highland Games (GA - Oct 15-17)

### POSTPONED HIGHLAND GAMES - NEW DATES BELOW:

- ◆ McMinville (OR) Scottish Festival & Highland Games (Oct 9-10)
- ◆ Iron Thistle (OK) Highland Games (to Oct 15-17)
- ◆ Allegany County NY Celtic Festival (Oct 23 benefit party only)

\*Some games in 2021 will be smaller, either in terms of days or in terms of the number of attendees allowed - or both.

### GAMES CANCELLED NOW THROUGH OCTOBER:

- ◆ Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities (IA)
- ◆ Columbus Scottish Festival (IN)
- ◆ Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival & Highland Games
- ◆ KVMR Celtic Festival (CA)
- ◆ Dixon Scottish Highland Festival (CA)
- ◆ Seaside Highland Games (CA)
- ◆ Central Valley Highland Games (CA)
- The cancellations above are in addition to already reported cancellations of:*
- ◆ Jersey Shore Piping and Drumming Classic (NJ).
- ◆ Skagit Valley Highland Games & Celtic Festival (WA).
- ◆ Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games.
- ◆ Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games (WA).
- ◆ Portland Highland Games (OR).
- ◆ Elizabeth Celtic Festival (CO).
- ◆ US InterRegional Highland Dancing Championship (CO).
- ◆ Glengarry Highland Games (Canada).
- ◆ Spokane Highland Games (WA).
- ◆ Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival (CA).
- ◆ Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival (NY).
- ◆ Jamestown Celtic Festival and Gathering of the Clans (NY).
- ◆ Douglas County Highland Games and Clan Gathering (OR).
- ◆ Long Island Scottish Festival and Highland Games (NY).
- ◆ Green Hill Highland Games (VA).
- ◆ We remind our readers that information is subject to change. Please check the websites for local games - and if you are able, please plan to attend as many games or festivals as possible.

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Stealing someone's coffee is called Mugging!

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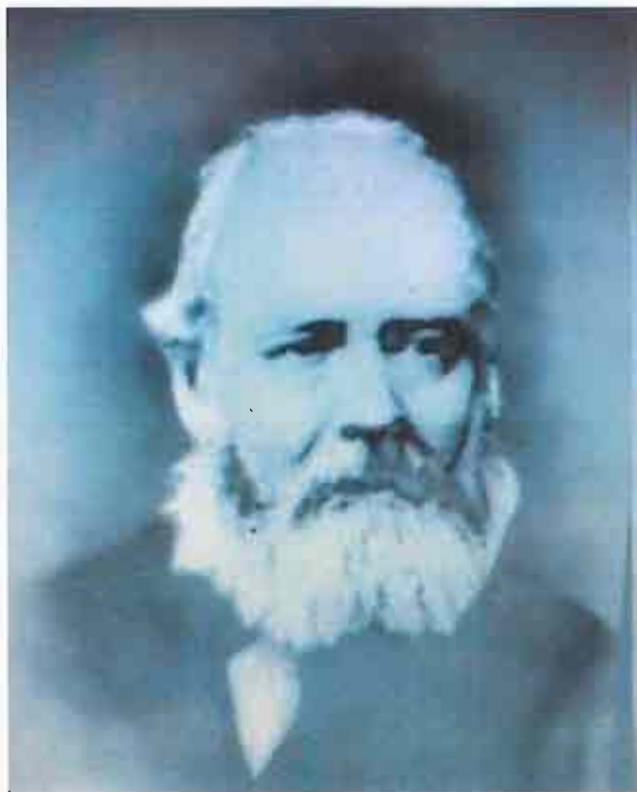
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## “I uploaded my grandfather!”

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

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

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

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

Another favorite. “Where is informa-

## Preventing arthritis and gout (You’ll never guess how!) ...with whisky?



From the *Tulach Ard*, the publication of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, comes word of how to prevent arthritis and gout!

Researchers at Shizuoka University in Japan have reported that malt whisky should prevent the onset of arthritis and gout.

Apparently when it is maturing in oak sherry barrels, it produces a chemical which is known to have these health benefits. Taken in sensible quantities of no more than a tot a day, they believe that it will inhibit the compounds responsible for these illnesses.

With other research showing the beneficial effects of malt whisky on heart disease and cancer, no wonder the Gaels called it the “water of life.”

tion on my great-great grandfather? He had red hair and could sing tenor.”

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

If you’ve heard others such as this, please send ‘em in.





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• Renovation of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House, Helensburgh	\$20,000*
• Highland Echoes "Scotland in the Class"	\$16,900
• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
• Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20	\$6,000

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*Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle*



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## Microfilming project completed, *continued from page 3*

seems excruciating by today's instant online research standards, but at the time, it was innovative and the easiest, most economical way available to help patrons worldwide find family information without having to travel to an archive holding the original records.

FamilySearch ended its microfilm distribution to family history centers in September 2017 when it began its transition to an all-digital, free, online access approach. The microfilm collection will continue to be preserved, but the information the rolls contain can now be easily viewed and searched online.

FamilySearch continues to capture images of original records at an ever-increasing rate, howbeit in digital form, bypassing the need to transfer the information from film.

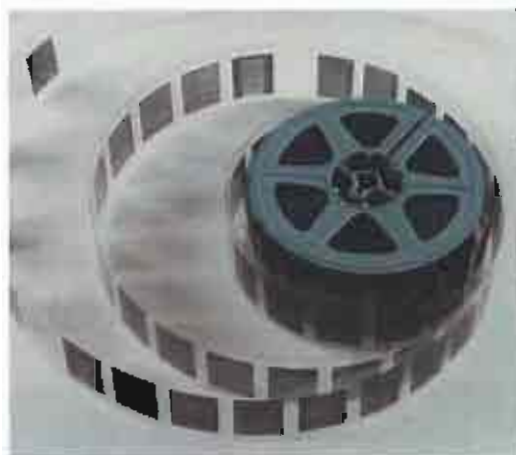
### **The Microfilm Digitization Timeline**

Digitization of the rolls of film began more than 20 years ago when FamilySearch purchased its first microfilm scanners in 1998. The project was expected to take over 50 years to complete, but advances in technology helped shorten the timeline by nearly 30 years. The last of the microfilm scanning was completed this year. The project took a leap forward in 2006 when software and processes were developed by FamilySearch in conjunction with the Church History and the Information and Communication Services Departments of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The scanning began with about 5 employees. As the process was developed, up to 30 employees using 26 scanners were working on the process, even

during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The digitization effort has been directed by the Church Historian and Recorder and executed by preservation professionals in the Church History Department. The last roll of film added to the collection was captured by FamilySearch's in-field cameras in 2018.

FamilySearch is committed to collecting, preserving, and providing access to the world's genealogical records to help individuals and families worldwide discover and connect with their family histories. FamilySearch will continue to increase the digitization of new records worldwide from its digital camera operations and partnerships. It will also begin digitizing 335,000 microfiches in its collections.



*Wise men talk because  
they have something  
to say;  
fools talk because  
they have to  
say something.*

- Plato (427? -348? BC)

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# 13 incredible things that were invented by Scots — from toasters to gin and tonic

Sean Murphy

**Daily Record**

We Scots have given many things to the world; whisky, haggis, Robert Burns, and tartan, to name but a few.

However, we have also been at the forefront of innovation, pursuing a love and passion for science, engineering, and invention.

Scots have been credited with the invention and creation of some of the most important and culture-defining items the world has ever seen.

In fact, people from Scotland have played a key role in the development of the modern world.

Here are some of the fascinating items that you might not know that this little country is responsible for.

Incredible Scottish inventions unveiled

## 1. The Fridge

Hamilton-born Scots scientist William Cullen invented the fridge



The focal point of any kitchen and vital in revolutionising our ability to access and transport foods - opening up people to cuisine from around the globe.

Hamilton-born Scots scientist William Cullen was credited with the invention of this vital appliance back in 1748.

Today, there are thought to be more than 1.4 billion refrigerators in use across the globe.

## 2. The Television

Though Donald Trump may have tried to claim the Television for the US while he was President, it was invented by Scot John Logie Baird.

On 26 January 1926, Baird became the first person in the world to present a television system that worked.

## 3. Electric Toasters

Scotsman Alan MacMasters invented the electric toaster

The genius who experimented with the idea that bread should be cooked twice was Scotsman Alan MacMasters.

Edinburgh-based MacMasters developed the idea for the machine in 1893, decades before sliced bread was even a thing.

The story goes that while enjoying another of Scotland's most famous inventions - whisky - MacMasters jokingly admitted to engineer Evelyn Crompton that one of his failed attempts



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to make a new lighting device the lamp ran so hot that it turned his nearby bread brown. The pair went on to create the world's first commercially available electric toaster.

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### 4. The Telephone

Creating the first form of communication that would lead to both the television and the internet, Alexander Graham Bell allowed the human voice to travel through wires over long distances.

His invention in 1876, would truly bring the world closer together.

### 5. Colour Photography

The world's first colour photograph was taken by a Scot.

Scots were also responsible for some of the major advances in photography.

One of the most important milestones was the capturing of the world's first colour photograph by Scottish scientist James Clerk Maxwell.

Suitably, it was of a tartan ribbon.

### 6. Penicillin

Ayrshire-born scientist Alexander Fleming became the first to discover penicillin, a medicine that kills off bacteria in the body.

In 1928, Fleming made an unlikely breakthrough after discovering that a blue-green fungal mould growing in one of his culture dishes had killed off the surrounding bacteria.

This led to him discovering ~~finding~~ penicillin, one of the earliest and most commonly used antibiotics.

### 7. The Flushing Toilet

Scottish mechanic Alexander Cumming was the first to develop the all-important 'S bend' for flushing toilets.

Though they've existed in some form for hundreds of years, Scottish mechanic and watchmaker Alexander Cumming was the first to develop the all

important 'S bend'.

His patent eliminated the problem of foul smells returning from the sewer.

### 8. ATMs

A vital service in today's society, automated teller machines (ATMs) allow people to get quick and (hopefully) free access to their cash.

Paisley-born James Goodfellow is the man to thank for this, in 1966 he patented the personal identification number (PIN) and invented the original cash machine - meaning people could securely access their money outwith banking hours.

### 9. Kaleidoscopes

This childhood favourite was invented in 1816 by brilliant Scot Sir David Brewster.

A pioneer of optics, he was known for a slew of inventions but it was the creation of this humble toy that he is perhaps best known.

### 10. Hypodermic syringes

The hypodermic needle

A vital tool in modern medicine, the hypodermic needle was a revolutionary mechanism first created by Scottish physician, Alexander Wood in 1853.

Inspired by bees, and how they delivered their sting, Wood went on to develop the first all-glass syringe.

### 11. Gin and Tonic

Another exciting invention that can be laid at the door of the Scots is the Gin and Tonic.

Scottish doctor George Cleghorn is credited with discovering how quinine, a natural preventative for malaria, could be used to prevent the transmission of the disease.

This was then developed into tonic water which was consumed by British officers in India in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century who considered it too bitter - leading to many adding gin - and the creation of the gin and tonic.

### 12. Daily disposable lenses

First introduced in the 1990s, daily disposable



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# Loch Ness Monster 'spotted' for eighth time this year - as dad and daughter spot unidentified movement' on the loch

The pair say they spotted strange movements on the Loch while hillwalking.

Sean Murphy

Daily Record

A father and daughter have made the eighth 'official' sighting of the Loch Ness Monster this year while on a hillwalking trip near the loch.

The pair from Chester say they spotted strange movement on the loch while on a recent visit to the area.

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lenses, which are used just once and then thrown away were invented by Scotsman Ron Hamilton.

The engineer designed them while working from a makeshift laboratory at his home.

### 13. Bovril

Scots dietician John Lawson Johnston, inventor of Bovril

Now a staple at football stadiums across the country, Bovril was created in Edinburgh in the 1880s by Midlothian native John Lawson Johnston.

The Scot experimented with what he called "fluid extract of beef" after starting as an apprentice in the family butcher shop on Edinburgh's Canongate.

Created at the bequest of Napoleon as rations for his French soldiers, the resulting beef concentrate formed the basis of his Bovril product.



The incident has now been added to the 'Official Loch Ness Monster Sightings Register', which catalogues all sightings of something unexplained in Loch Ness, becoming the eighth recorded this year.

The post about the sighting, which took place on July 19, read: "A man and his daughter visiting from Chester reported seeing an unidentified movement in the loch."



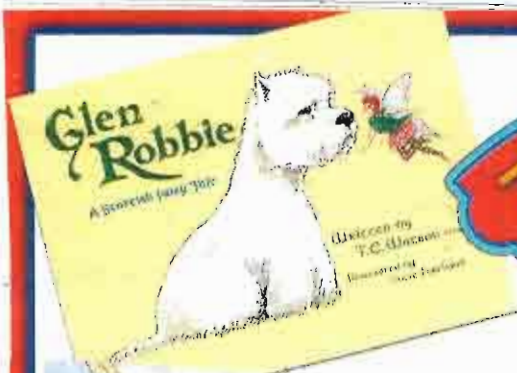
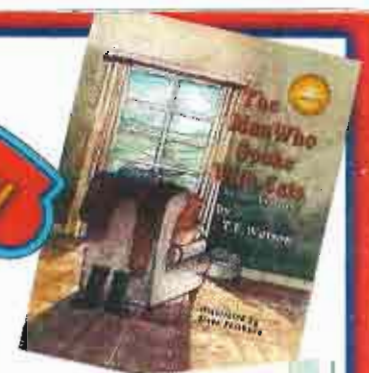
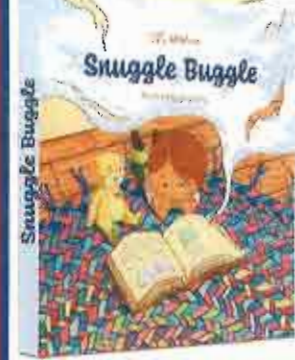

The post then adds that though a boat had passed through around 20 minutes before but at the time of the sighting there was no boating activity.

The register, which can be found here, is maintained by a team of volunteers and records all possible sightings of the world-famous loch monster.

Sightings of a possible monster in the loch date back to the sixth century when it was encountered by St Columba.

Earlier this year, a young man visiting from Cambridge spotted an unidentified hump rising from the water for two seconds in Urquhart Bay close to the castle.

Thanks to the pandemic, many of the earlier sightings this year were recorded via webcam, with American Kalynn Wangle making two different sightings of a strange shape emerging on the surface of the loch.

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Jack had been diagnosed with a mass in his liver six months ago and on follow up ultrasound yesterday he had what appeared to be an unexpected intra-abdominal bleed and he suddenly expired.

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All that is left are his bed and blankets, his water bowls and the nose prints on the windows.

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# Archaeologists have found the lair of an exiled Anglo-Saxon hermit king



A British cave dwelling has been identified as the refuge for an exiled Anglo-Saxon king, according to archaeologists.

Anchor Church Caves, located by the River Trent in a secluded part of the countryside in central England, was long considered to be an 18th-century “folly” — an extravagant building made solely for ornamentation or as a joke.

But a new study has revealed that the cave house is the real deal. The 1,200-year-old structure was built during the tumultuous life of the Northumbrian king Eardwulf, who was hounded from his throne to live as a hermit, and later became a saint.

Local legend said Eardwulf, or St. Hardulph as he was later known, lived inside the cave dwelling after he was deposed and exiled for mysterious reasons in A.D. 806. A fragment from a 16th-century book states that Eardwulf “has a cell in a cliff a little from the Trent,” and the banished king was buried in A.D. 830 at a location just 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the cave.

Edmund Simons, an archaeologist at the Royal Agricultural University in England and the principal in-

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vestigator of the project, is convinced that Eardwulf lived in the caves under the watchful eyes of his enemies.

“The architectural similarities with Saxon buildings, and the documented association with Hardulph/Eardwulf, make a convincing case that these caves were constructed, or enlarged, to house the exiled king,” Simons said in a statement.

Eardwulf lived and ruled during a time of persistent political instability in medieval England. During the seventh, eighth and ninth centuries, seven key kingdoms and over 200 kings intrigued, murdered and warred against each other in a fervent, constant scramble for supremacy.

“It is extraordinary that domestic buildings over 1,200 years old survive in plain sight, unrecognized by

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historians, antiquarians and archaeologists” Mark Horton, a professor of archaeology at the Royal Agricultural University, who is leading excavations of Viking and Anglo-Saxon remains at Repton, close to the caves, said in the statement. “We are confident that other examples are still to be discovered to give a unique perspective on Anglo-Saxon England.”

The researchers published their findings in the journal *Proceedings of the University of Bristol Speleological Society*.

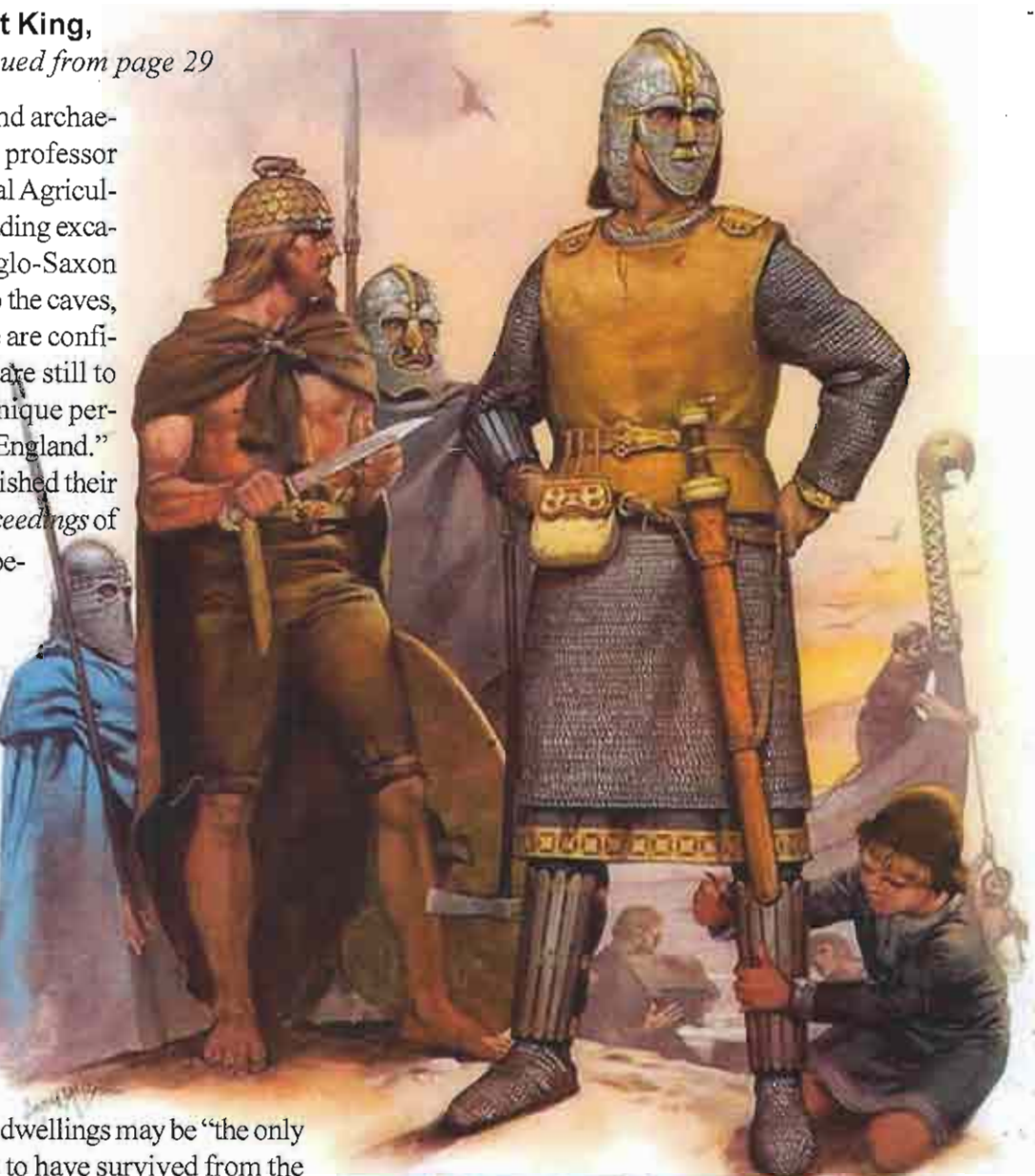
The researchers reconstructed the original plan of the caves, which includes three rooms and an easterly facing chapel, using detailed measurements, a drone survey, and a careful study of the architectural features — which closely resemble other Saxon architecture.

Despite having been overlooked by historians until recently, cave dwellings may be “the only intact domestic buildings to have survived from the Saxon period,” Simons said.

The team has identified over 20 other cave houses in west-central England that could date back as far as the fifth century.

The Anchor Church Caves were later modified in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, according to the team, when it was written that the English aristocrat Sir Robert Burdett “had it fitted up so that he and his friends could dine within its cool and romantic cells,” according to the researchers.

Burdett added brickwork and window frames to the caves, as well as widening the openings so that



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well-dressed women could enter.

Eardwulf took the throne in A.D. 796 after the killing of his two immediate predecessors, and ruled Northumbria for only 10 years before he was chased from power (possibly, according to some scholars, by his own son) to spend his remaining years in exile in the rival kingdom of Mercia.

With all of this civil strife, hiding in a cave with the remainder of one's disciples was far from the most abnormal idea Eardwulf could have come up with, Simons said.

"It was not unusual for deposed or retired royalty to take up a religious life during this period, gaining sanctity and in some cases canonization," he said. "Living in a cave as a hermit would have been one way this could have been achieved."



## The physique of a Scottish Highlander

Alastair McIntyre's newsletter this week on <electricscotland.com> has a story by Ralph S. Tarr, written in 1907. It's called *Scottish Highlands*.

The last paragraph of the story has some interesting opinions, all very much understood by anyone who has visited a Highland Games Heavy Athletic competition. It says:

One is struck by the physique of the Scottish Highlander. This fact finds ready explanation in the necessary continued physical exercise and in the probable elimination of the weaker members under such severe conditions of life.

Altogether, a visit to the Scottish Highlands leaves, as one of its most distinct impressions, the conclusion that this is, geographically, just the region for such deeds as Scottish history records, as well as for the Presbyterian reaction from it. It is, moreover, an excellent training ground for a race of people qualified by physical strength and mental development for successful competition in other regions offering greater opportunities than this rock-bound country of clouds and mists.

May I be permitted to say, "Amen, Mr. Tarr, amen!"



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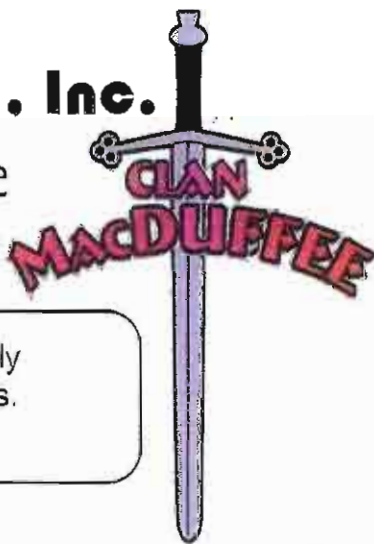
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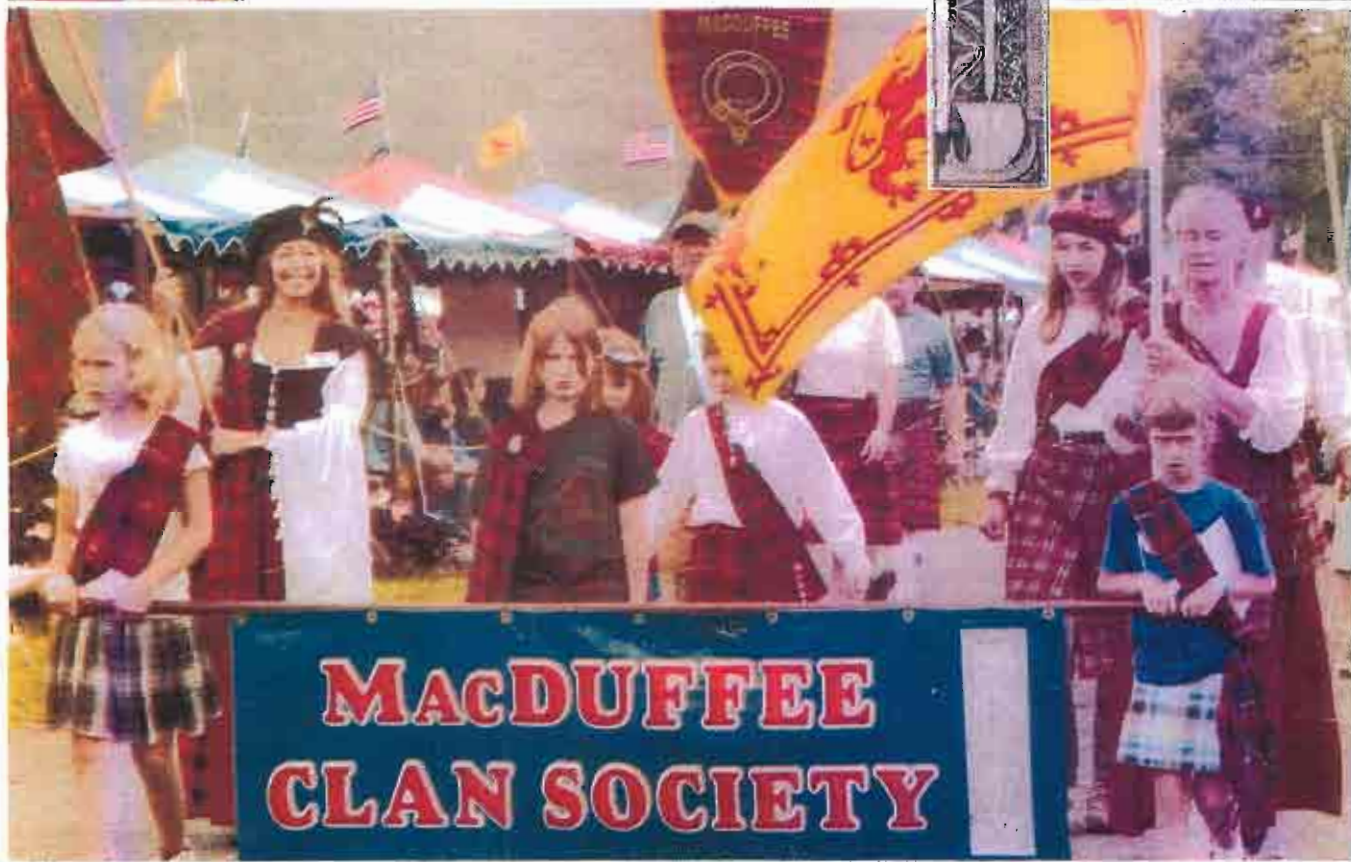
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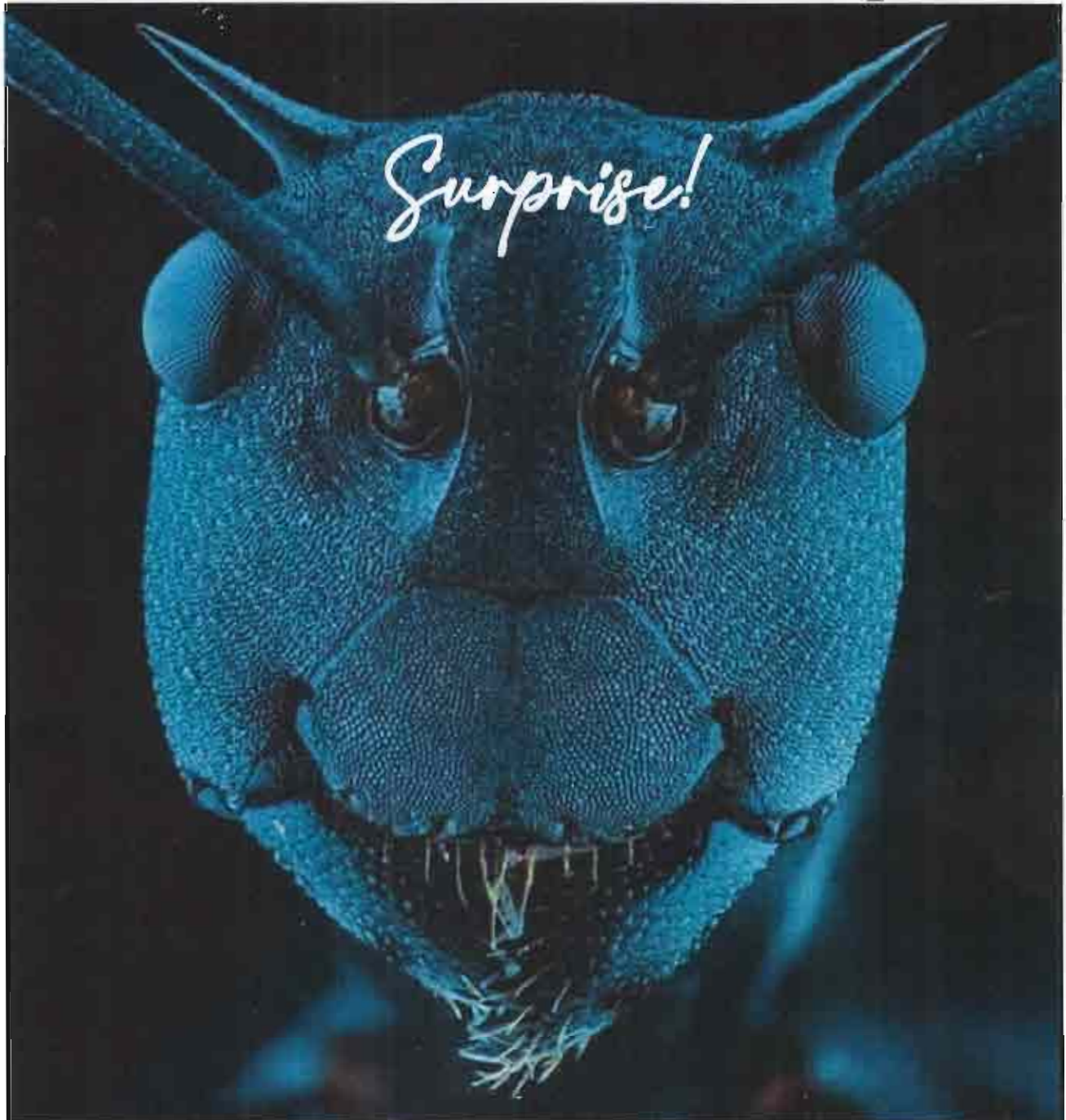


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# This is what an ant's face looks like under an electron microscope.



At first glance, this picture appears rather eerie as the antennae holes of the ant look more like eyes. The image was captured using Electron microscopy (EM), which is a technique for getting high-resolution images of much higher magnification than a normal light microscope. It is used in biomedical research to examine the in-depth structure of biological materials along with various other objects.

# Something wonderful for your holiday family meals!

## *Irish Apple Cake*



### Ingredients

- \* 2 cups flour
- \* 2 teaspoons baking powder
- \* 8 tablespoons butter (1 stick)
- \* 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- \* 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- \* 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- \* 1 egg
- \* 1/2 cup milk
- \* 1 teaspoon vanilla
- \* medium apple, sliced thinly,  
about 1 cup
- \* 1 tablespoon sugar
- \* Dash of ground cloves and  
a dash of cinnamon

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F and line a 10-inch cast-iron skillet with parchment paper. Set aside.
2. In a medium-size bowl, Add the flour and baking powder. Cut in 1 stick, 8 tablespoons of butter, into the flour until it resembles coarse crumbs. Whisk sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg into the flour and butter mixture.
3. Make a well in the center of the bowl and add the beaten egg, milk, and vanilla. Mix until a soft dough forms. Almost scone-like.
4. Spoon and press dough into the bottom of the parchment-lined skillet. Layer thinly sliced apples over the dough. Combine 1 tablespoon of sugar and a dash each of ground cloves and cinnamon. Sprinkle over the apples.
5. Place the skillet on the middle rack of your oven. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 30-35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Then, switch the oven to broil. Keep the apple cake in the oven and broil, on the middle rack, 2-3 minutes or until the edges of the cake are golden brown. This step is optional... but I love the added crispness.
6. Allow the cake to cool slightly, cut into wedges and dust with powdered sugar. Or serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

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