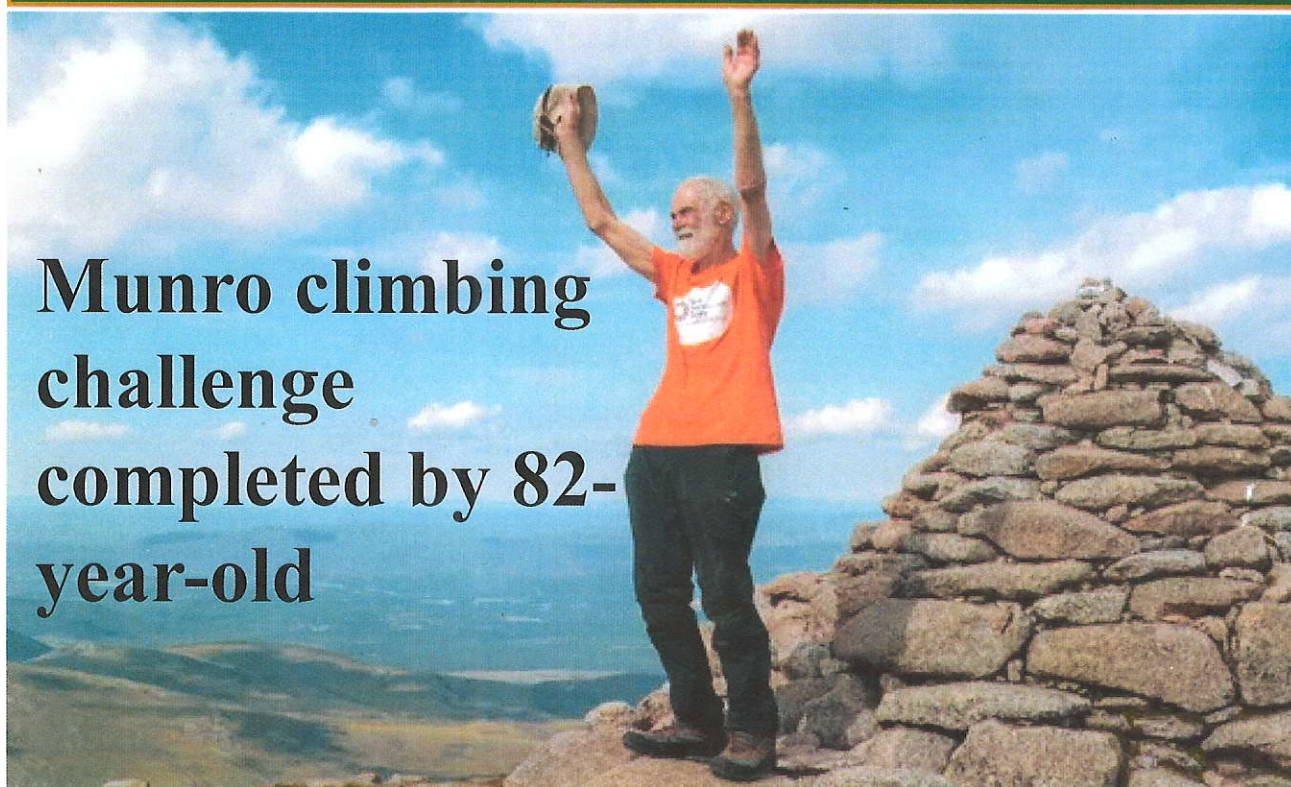


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Munro climbing challenge completed by 82-year-old

An 82-year-old has completed his Munro bagging challenge on Scotland's hills.

Nick Gardner, from Gairloch in the Highlands, set himself the task after his wife Janet went into full-time care.

He was devastated when she developed Alzheimer's and osteoporosis and wanted a chal-

lenge to keep him going. The grandfather-of-four began in July 2020 and reached his final summit, Cairn Gorm, on Saturday afternoon.

Mr Gardner was joined by family and friends for the 1,245m (4,085ft) climb in the Cairngorms, near Aviemore.

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How King Charles helped save British farmhouse cheese

BBC News

Justin Rowlatt

King Charles III is famous for his support of environmental and social causes over the years, but did you know he played a decisive role in the renaissance of traditional artisan cheese in the UK?

It is a perfect example of the way he has used his position to help support the issues he cares about.

It may also hint at what a modern Carolean monarchy could look like.

The story begins back in the early 1990s when a series of food scares had shaken confidence in British food.

A raft of new hygiene rules designed for industrial cheesemakers was being applied to dairies producing farmhouse cheeses - including a potential ban on the use of unpasteurised milk.

Across the country artisan cheesemakers were teetering on the edge of bankruptcy.

Randolph Hodgson was worried, as he had spent the previous decade attempting to revive British cheesemaking by promoting the best produce through his cheese shop in London's Covent Garden, Neal's Yard Dairy.

"I really believed it would be the end of the great tradition of cheesemaking in the UK once and for all," he says.

Mr Hodgson had set up the Specialist Cheesemakers Association (SCA) to lobby for the interests of artisan producers and the association's work had caught the attention of the then Prince of Wales.

Cheese is only as good as the milk that goes

into it and the prince was keen to support the high welfare and environmental standards on the dairy farms producing artisan cheese.

He was also interested in preserving traditional British farming and food productions skills.

He had become a patron of the SCA in 1993 and got wind of the troubles the industry was facing.

His response was typical of his approach to problems, say former advisers.

He decided to convene a meeting over lunch at Highgrove, his

residence in Gloucestershire.

The King likes "connecting people and organisations in ways that open up possibilities and create solutions", explains his former press secretary Julian Payne.

"King Charles doesn't tell people what to do, but brings them together to see if they can work out a solution among themselves," he added.

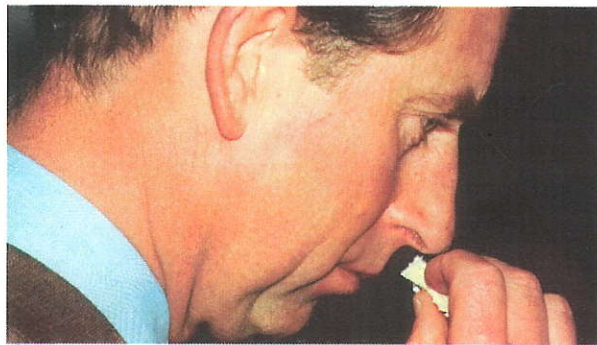
Charles invited cheesemakers and cheesemongers to his country pile along with civil servants from the Ministry of Agriculture and government ministers.

Mr Hodgson remembers the 1999 meeting well.

"Do we think it is important to keep these cheeses and traditions going?" Charles asked.

Everyone agreed it was.

"So, what are you going to do about it?" was



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Your word is your bond

Sandy Gunn

When my grandfather retired in 1932, my mother verbally arranged the rent of a Ross-shire house for himself, his wife and any unmarried child for their lifetime. With nothing in writing, that agreement was honoured through two generations of the owner's family until my unmarried aunt died in 1992. One's word is one's bond.

This past week, vows and promises have been much in the news. On her 21st birthday, the then Princess Elizabeth, said: 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great commonwealth family to which we all belong. God help me to make good my vow'. She signed her platinum jubilee address with the words: 'Your servant, Elizabeth'. Even those opposed to monarchy accept that she kept her vow.

Robin Downie (13 September) affirms that 'the standard philosophical account of promises was first outlined by David Hume'. However, an investigation into similarities between the verbal agreement in Ross-shire and the declaration of the late Queen reveals something both older and with greater dynamic effect than David Hume, in both personal life and in the public arena.

Two and a half millennia earlier, the writer of Ecclesiastes was clear: 'When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfil it... It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfil it'. This is a theme picked up in David's folk lyric: 'Lord, who may live on your holy mountain?... the one who keeps a promise even when it hurts'.

The point in common between last century's Ross-shire folk and the late Queen is specified by

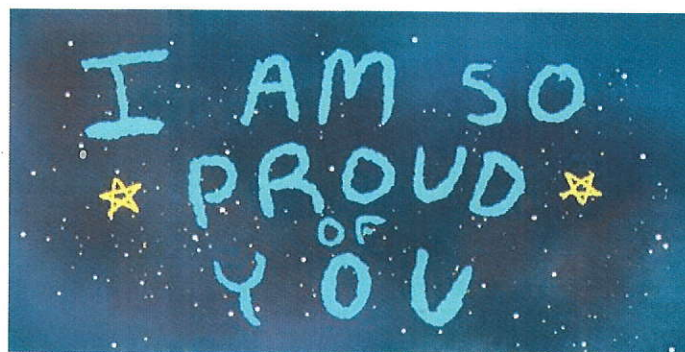
the latter's explanation: 'For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life'. She revealed God as her anchor: 'I have been – and remain – very grateful to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness'.

Sir Keir Starmer describes our age as 'a time of uncertainty... when everything is spinning': pandemic, climate change, global tensions, inflation resulting from the Ukraine war, and so the list could go on. The relevance of a promise-keeping God in the public arena was affirmed in a Christmas broad-

cast: 'Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a

philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love'. These words were put into practice by the handshake of a grieving niece with the man perceived as representing the organisation which was responsible for the murder of her uncle.

Robin Downie concludes with a hope that those taking important vows see them as matters of personal integrity. He regrets that the signs are not encouraging. In this age of spiritual deprivation, may there not be a need to look beyond philosophical words to an 'anchor that keeps the soul' in personal life and provides a transforming dynamic to public life?



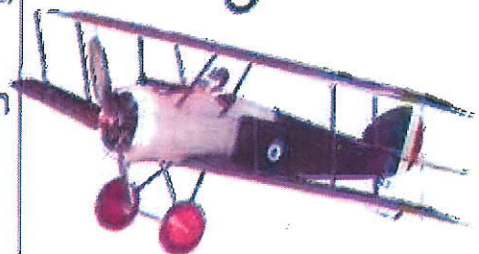
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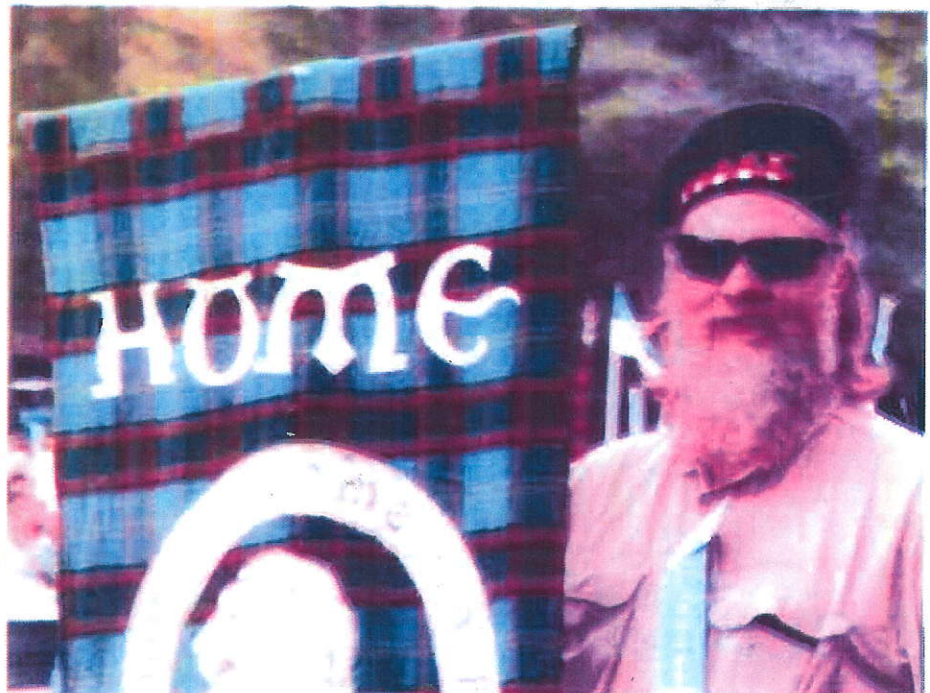


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King Charles and the cheese, *continued from page 3*

his next question for the room.

The meeting ended with the civil servants agreeing to work with the cheesemakers to draw up a code of practice to ensure good hygiene in small dairies.

It was, says Mr Hodgson, an "incredibly important moment" in the history of British cheese.

"He wasn't seeking attention for his support, he just brought everyone together and found a path through it all," he remembers.

His intervention worked, says Tim Rowcliffe, a former chairman of the Specialist Cheesemakers Association.

"From that day on, we had a dialogue with authority rather than going to war," he says.

West Wales Cheesemaker Patrick Holden says his farm was saved by the efforts of King Charles III.

And the industry has thrived.

Up in the hills of west Wales, I met Patrick Holden and his wife Becky who make a cheddar-style cheese called Hafod using unpasteurised milk from their 75 Ayrshire cows.

Patrick says his farm was saved by the efforts of King Charles.

"He saw the need for farmers to add value to their milk," explains Patrick, who says his farm is only viable because he can treble the value of his milk by turning it into artisan cheese.

Patrick is not alone.

There are now more than 700 different Brit-

ish and Irish farmhouse cheeses on the market: "Probably more than the French, dare I say it," laughs Mr Rowcliffe.

Artisan cheese has become a multi-million-pounds-a-year industry supporting hundreds of small farms, thousands of jobs and which now exports British cheese all over the world.

The King has quietly helped drive forward all sorts of other causes by convening meetings, building bridges, and just getting people talking together.

The rules have changed, of course.

Now he is King, Charles must remain politically neutral, but it is unclear if that will prevent him championing the causes he cares about.

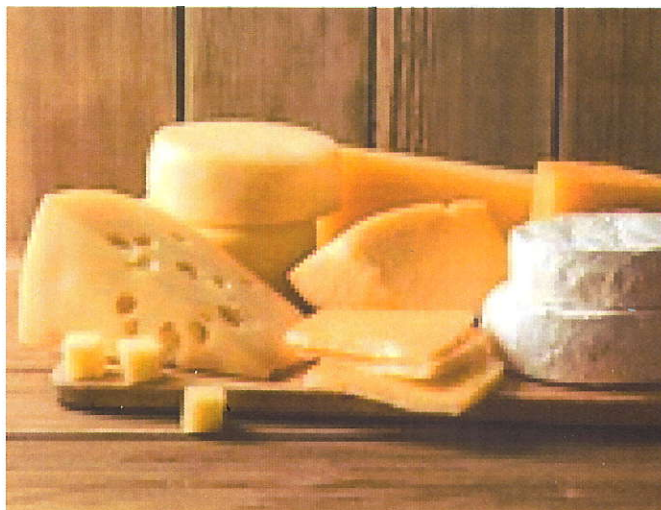
He is planning a low-carbon coronation, for example.

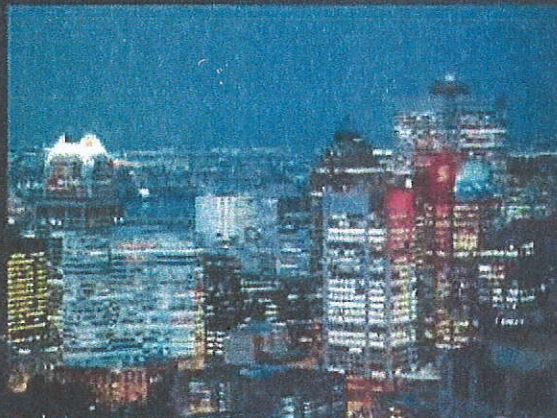
Royal sources have confirmed to the BBC that deciding who will attend will be a "balancing act" between sticking to royal protocol and keeping the carbon footprint down.

Buckingham Palace may tell Commonwealth leaders they do not need to attend, to reduce the number of aircraft flying to London, for instance.

The King is also expected to use a state visit to France next month - the first of his reign - to highlight a scheme to plant millions of trees in Africa.

We understand he is unlikely to be promoting the virtues of British cheese during that trip, however.





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Esk, Ewes and Teviotdale Valley

Armstrong Historical Sites under Threat

Gilnockie Tower

The following letter has been sent to us, and the ensuing discussions with the organisation indicates there is a suggestion that some of our Armstrong historical sites, in particular at Caerlanrig in the Esk, Ewes and Teviotdale valleys may come under pressure from a commercial development.

Whilst Gilnockie Tower has not, and is not at all involved with the 'Faw Side' campaign, we are concerned at the potential destruction of a number of truly historical and priceless 15th and 16th century sites.

We hope to have more information available for the next HYH newsletter discussing the sites that may come under threat.

The communication sent to us is as follows...

The Land We Love

This is the title of a poem by Will H. Ogilvie which describes the wild beauty and enduring heart of this Borderland and its people-however far they have travelled.

This land, this wild beauty, this "line of blue hills to remember, and valleys one fails to forget" is, however, being threatened with widespread industrialisation, in the name of green energy.

Plans have been submitted by developers to build a 45 turbine windfarm (Faw Side Wind Farm) on this unspoilt landscape; proposing turbines which would be the largest onshore wind turbines in the country. Sadly, this is only one of many such proposals. The march of wind turbines is increasing in pace and scale and our precious, rolling Border Upland Hills are highly vulnerable.

The Faw Side Community Group (FSCG)

FSCG voluntary group was created by local residents who realised we had reached a tipping point, and realised we had to act and protest against the proposed windfarm plans. The process involved the co-ordination of the local residents from the valleys of Ewes, Esk and Teviotdale to put forward a collective objection, which, along with objections



from regional councils and community councils gave us a strong and credible voice. This is NOT an objection to renewable energy, this an objection to the wrong renewable energy project in the wrong location.

The impact of this proposed windfarm would be far reaching, not only negatively affecting the scenic beauty of the landscape, with the physically imposing turbine structures, but also impacting on the moorland biodiversity and wildlife of our valleys, which now includes the newly introduced,

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Explosives will be used on the landscape to remove rock for construction of the turbines. The Faw Side project alone, would required at least 118,000 tons of peat to be removed. Peat is a natural 'carbon sink' and helps to filter and regulate natural water courses. The use of explosives and invasive construction activities could damage the remaining peatland and have further environmental impact such as

flooding, landslips, chemical pollution, and silt-ing contaminations of the local water courses, several of which are important fishing rivers. Homes with private water supplies from the hills are also anxious about the implications.

Construction of the proposed wind farm is seen as a major threat to the history and archaeology of the area, which is not yet fully explored and recorded, although it is visible from aerial photography and known marker stones. Major construction risks destroying evidence of centuries of habitation, going back beyond the Borders Reivers including many Armstrong sites in the Teviotdale Valleys and Roman occupation, to Prehistoric settlements and the geological volcanic formation of the hills and valleys. Without doubt the unique setting of many of these prehistoric monuments, at least one being of national importance, will be hugely altered: dwarfed by the dominating structures and spinning blades



around them.

If these links to our past are destroyed, they will be gone forever. These hills and valleys are treasured by locals and visitors alike and many

find a special peace and sanctuary among their timeless horizons.

Part of the planning process is the un-bias gathering of information by the Scottish Government 'Reporter' who then gives his/her recommendations to the

Scottish Ministers for a final decision on whether the planning consent is granted or rejected. The process involved a series of public inquiries and hearings in July and August 2022 where FSCG was represented. As part of our objection, it has been considered necessary to employ legal counsel and various subject matter experts to lend weight to our own arguments. This, in our opinion, has been a very successful decision.

The Community Group Facebook page is 'Faw Side Community Group (FSCG)' and they are the people, many of them academic historical experts within that local area, who are highlighting the state of affairs regarding the historical sites, in particular those that may come up as a serious loss to historical knowledge.

We hope to have further information this next month with the specific areas under threat. HYH will monitor the situation so that we can keep a careful eye on the up to date onganing's!





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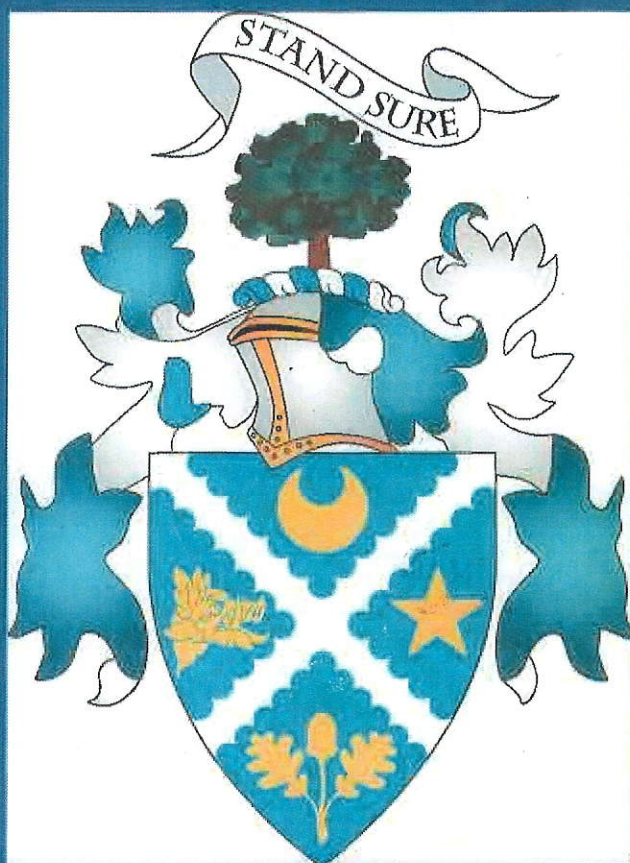
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Tracing Immigrant Origins - Locating Place Names

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

There are four significant challenges confronting researchers seeking the specific place of origin while tracing immigrant ancestors. Finding the long-sought place name in a document or record and then learning that such a town does not exist in the native country. When looking in various records, the entry for place of origin simply says the name of country as in "Ireland" or "Germany," which provides few, if any, useful details. When locating the entry line, the writing is illegible or the spelling is incorrect. Boundary changes over time have also resulted in place name changes, and often in ancestral places being located in entirely different counties, provinces, states, and countries.

Many places have also been known by more than one name historically. Place names have changed when foreign invaders attacked and took control of surrounding (or distant) weaker groups, which often resulted in boundary changes, as well as linguistic changes, which led to replacement of traditional place-names. Some name-changes were for political reasons. For example, because of rampant anti-German feeling caused by World War II, many cities changed their names.

Some sources are more likely to give an accurate place of origin than others. Historical maps, atlases, and gazetteers are important resources for genealogical research. Please note I emphasize the term "historical." These resources are available in print and online versions. They can pro-

vide useful clues in searching for places of residence that are critical for accessing records. Often

you will need to use geographical landmarks and boundaries, such as harbors, rivers, lakes, mountain ranges, etc., to link the historical and modern place-names. Many name changes in the United States, Canada, and Europe were impacted by the aftermath of both world wars.

Another excellent source to supplement these print and online reference tools is *Family Search Wiki*. Here are a few select *Family Search Wiki* link examples:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Germany_Gazetteers>

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Italy_Gazetteers>

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Czechia_Gazetteers

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Identifying_Place_Names_in_German_documents>

<<https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Maps>>

Some prime examples of information that may be found using these resources include:

- * Political and historical facts
- * Location of bordering towns and rivers
- * Historical boundary changes caused by war or lesser conflicts
- * Regional ethnic and religious demographics

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* Important local geographical features that impacted life decisions and migrations

After information about an immigrant's place of origin is discovered, you will need to interpret the findings. In order to determine the accuracy of the place name you have located, you must understand foreign spellings and then evaluate if you have found the correct place name that is mentioned in the source.

Foreign place names have often been misspelled in American records because the clerks who wrote it did not know the foreign spelling or sound system of the original language. Another issue is caused by the lack of standardized spelling in the foreign location itself, so many variations may exist. Some common spelling errors include:

Phonetic spelling. Some letters have a different sound in other languages.

Misreading. Handwritten or gothic printed letters can be misinterpreted either by you or by a previous reader.

Special characters. Many languages use special symbols, often called diacritics, which indicate changes in sound, and sometimes the phonetic value of the letters.

English variations. The proper spelling of a town or city names in English may be quite different than the spelling in the native language.

Once you have found an actual town name, it may still be difficult to identify the town. Often there was more than one town in a country with the same or similar names. For example, there are ninety-six places named Newton or New Town in Great Britain and at least ten towns (and dozens of hamlets) named Lindenberg in Germany. Scotland has four Kildonans. While the city of Hoorn is well known in the Netherlands, there are also six villages and hamlets with that name, while another

town and two hamlets are named Horn. This is why it is so important to know more about the area the immigrant came from, such as the name of the state, province, or county. It is also helpful to know of nearby cities and geographical landmarks, as these do not change with time.

By far the most common mistake that many researchers make, even some experienced ones, is jumping to the conclusion that the place name they have found in their research is the very town where the immigrant ancestor lived. In many cases, they have found a legitimate foreign location, but it is not the immigrant's home. It may be the name of the country, state, or region where the immigrant lived, but the researcher is not familiar enough with the country to identify it as such. In other cases, it may be the name of a city that is not the immigrant's home since, in many cases, the nearest large city or the port of departure was recorded as the home. In other cases, the name of the city is also the name of the state or province.

For more information on this topic, I have compiled four additional detailed study guides to supplement the information provided in this article. Each of the study guides includes a listing of online and print resources available at the Fort Myers Regional Library genealogy collection.

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82-Year-Old climbs all the Munroes, *continued from page 1*



Gardner's daughter, Sally McKenzie, with Gardener just after the completed climb.

Gardner, a former physics teacher, will have climbed more than 152,000 metres by the end of his challenge – the equivalent of climbing Everest (8,848 metres) about 17 times.

He will have walked an astonishing 2,000 miles, a similar distance to the trek between Edinburgh and Greece.

Having made headlines with his impressive feat, he has also smashed his £50,000 target for

the charities, raising £59,640 as of Saturday afternoon.

Before the last hurdle of his mammoth challenge, Gardner said: "Doing this final climb, I imagine, is going to be very emotional."

He added that having been "knocked for six" when Janet had to be moved into care, the challenge had prevented him from having a mental breakdown.

Staff and volunteers from Alzheimer's Scotland and the ROS were due to join Gardner for the final climb, as were his two daughters, four grandchildren and some friends.

A piper was arranged to play at the summit as the group arrived.

Gardner's daughter Sally McKenzie has nominated him to Guinness World Records as the oldest person to climb the Munros.

Having completed seven Munros in the 10 days ahead of his last challenge, Gardner said on Saturday that he was looking forward to giving his knees a rest.

"The last three days in Knoydart that I did were really tough," he said. "Because I had already organised this final day, and for people to join me, I just had to push on through, and I made it. I've had no injuries, but my knees are certainly tired. It will be good to give them a rest."

Not only did Nick Gardner climb all of the Munroes, he raised £59,640 for charities.



This is Anthony Borges, 15. He used his body to hold a classroom door shut, protecting 20 other students inside as the gunman fired through the door, hitting him five times. Hope he has a speedy recovery.



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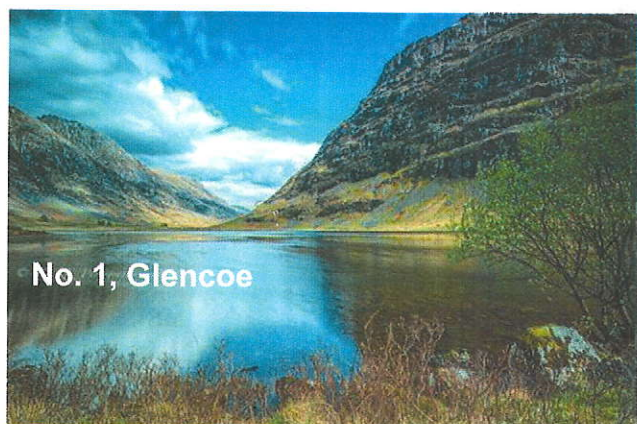
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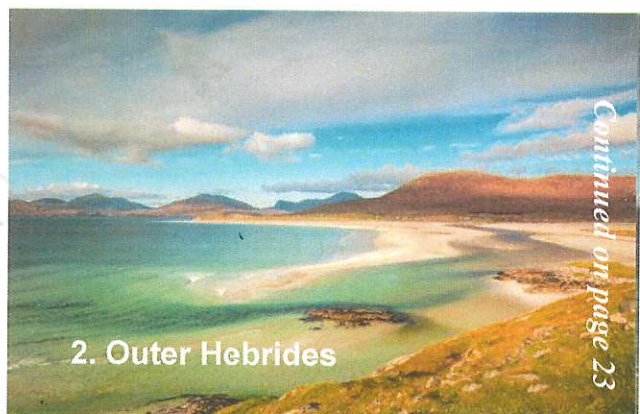
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BEST AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTS TO VISIT IN SCOTLAND

Mairi Scobie

Autumn in Scotland is fall-ing in and what better way to explore Scotland's magnificent landscapes than at some of the best photography spots on offer? From the glorious west coast and rural corners of north Scotland, to spectacular eastern coastal towns and breathtaking landscapes of south Scotland, explore some of the best places to visit in Scotland in autumn. (Glencoe, see above.)

Keep reading to find out more about just a handful of these picture-perfect locations, and make sure to share your favourite snaps with us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using #VisitScotland or #OnlyInScotland for your chance to be reposted.



2. Outer Hebrides

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Lots and lots of cemetery records from the Isle of Wight now online

Almost 100,000 Cemetery Records from the Isle of Wight are now Available Online

Finding your Isle of Wight roots just got easier! Almost 100,000 cemetery records are now available at the touch of a fingertip with the launch of a new records website by the Isle of Wight Council.

Aspiring genealogists will be able to search the burial ground information and 72,000 crematorium records by registering to the site, which holds the information for 12 cemeteries across the Island.

The Council are charging £3 for a digital download of a record.

You can read more in an article in the Island Echo at: <http://bit.ly/2w1641X>.

The new website can be found at <<https://www.iw-bereavementservices.co.uk>>.

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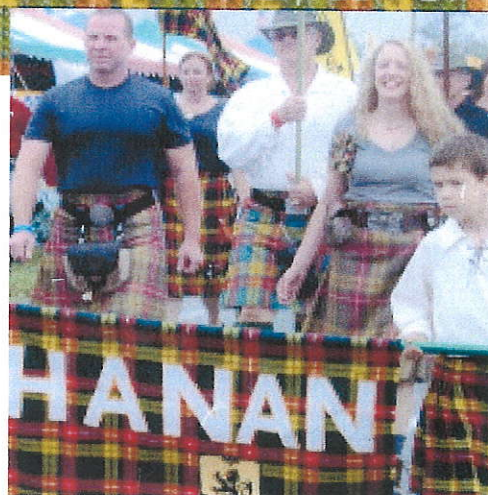
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Best Autumn Photography Spots to Visit in Scotland, *continued from page 21*

Even although the darker nights and cooler weather are settling in, autumn in Scotland can still see glorious warm days that are perfect for exploring secluded beaches and picturesque spots. The Outer Hebrides boasts pristine white sands and crystal clear blue waters, that are sometimes mistaken for Caribbean oases! Dip your toes in the water and snap up those last-of-summer memories.

3. Orkney



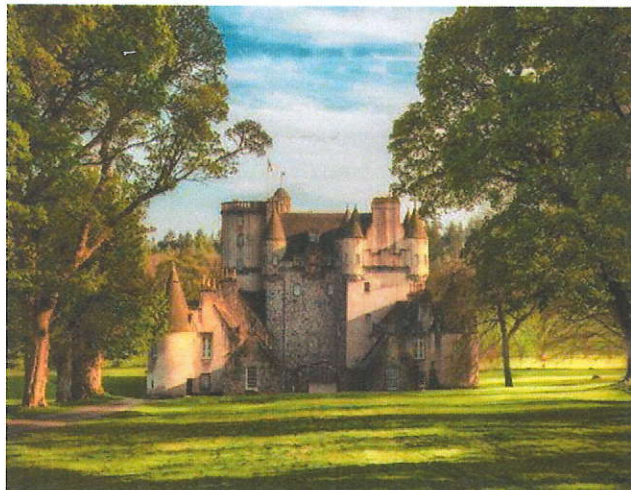
If you're looking for things to do in Scotland in autumn, we've got you covered. There's plenty to get involved in and it's a great time of year for a road trip around some of your favourite places. Orkney comes to life in a whole new way in autumn – cosy up in front of roaring log fires, book a woodland getaway amongst the autumnal wildlife, head out to explore ancient historic sites, and don't forget to admire a Scottish island sunset – they are truly mesmerising!

4. Carlowrie Castle, West Lothian



Carlowrie Castle's most intriguing inhabitant, Isobel set off unaccompanied for the Arctic at a time when most women could not vote and few ever ventured beyond the domestic sphere. Discover a daring twentieth-century Scottish woman who defied social convention in order to live authentically and independently.

5. Castle Fraser, Aberdeenshire



Heading to West Lothian, here you'll find ancient castles atmospheric woodlands with crunchy leaves underfoot, and even spectacular venues hosting autumnal themed events.

6. Binning woods, East Lothian



"If you go down to the woods today..." You'll be sure of some lovely autumn strolls. Our forests and woodlands come to life with glowing reds, browns and yellows as the leaves change over into their autumn attire, making for a picture perfect wander. In East Lothian, an evening stroll in Binning Woods will definitely get you into the autumn spirit....

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Please alert everyone.**

Visit this YouTube video at:

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With many thanks to Steve Kelley.

7. Sunset/Sunrise



Even with the weather getting cooler and the nights getting darker, you can still enjoy a day near the water in autumn in Scotland. In fact, the darker evenings create the perfect setting to enjoy a Scottish sunset. Wander along the shore, or the beach of your choice, a warming hot chocolate in hand and watch the sun slowly set over the horizon.

8. Caerlaverock Castle, Dumfries



Get your cameras at the ready as you head south to Dumfries and Galloway. This iconic red sandstone castle is a unique sight to see - featuring an intricate triangular shaped structure. Pay a visit to Caerlaverock Castle in autumn and you'll be surrounded by lush scenery and battlements to admire, too. Caerlaverock has also appeared on the big screen - you may have spotted the fortress in *The Decoy Bride*, starring David Tennant and Kelly MacDonald.

9. Glentress Forest, Scottish Borders

Glentress is rightly celebrated for some of the best mountain bike trails in the country, but that's just the beginning of the story.

Visit for walking, tree-top adventure and magnificent views of the Tweed Valley. Explore our Wildlife Room where you can watch our observation beehive, view our live osprey cams and learn more about other wildlife you may encounter in Glentress Forest. There's great coffee, food and cake in our buzzing café too.

Work is also underway on new trails and facilities as part of the Glentress Masterplan. Keep up to date on the project with the Masterplan blog.

Stroll around the enchanted Glentress ponds, an oasis of ash, birch and pine that is home to herons, bats and red squirrels.

Firm gravel path with regular seats. Short moderate ramps with some loose stones. Includes a wide kissing gate and bridge, and a narrow 0.85m opening.

Easy trail grade icon, miles / 0.9 km. Allow ¼ hour.

Walk on the Glen Trail and discover the charms of Glentress Burn, passing its serene ponds before winding through the magnificent Douglas firs above.



Numerous short steep slopes with some loose gravel. Some narrow and uneven earth sections with exposed tree roots. A short flight of steps, and several kissing gates and narrow openings.

Moderate trail grade icon 2 miles / 3.3 km. Allow 1 hour when walking.

Time Trail will get you a glimpse of our Iron Age past on this delightful high level promenade above the Tweed Valley, with spectacular views over Peebles to the Caddon Hills.

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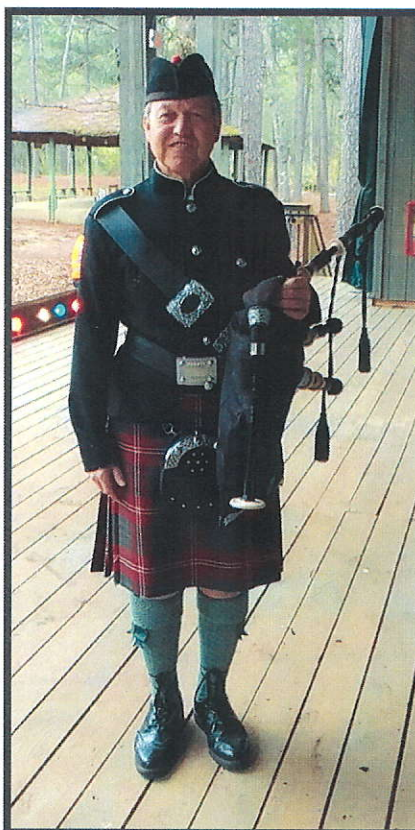
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From a romantic island escape to a unique ship hotel and even a grand Scottish estate, find out why our Luxury Scotland hotel members have been making headlines and scooping up top awards.

Royal Yacht Britannia & Fingal

The Royal Yacht Britannia has once again been named as the UK's Best Attraction by Which Magazine. This is tremendous credit to the staff of both Britannia and their sister hotel ship, Fingal, which has been voted Edinburgh's No. 1 hotel on TripAdvisor for the last three years. Why not book a visit, with the added poignancy of how much The Royal Yacht Britannia meant to the Queen.

The Machrie Hotel & Golf Links

Well done to The Machrie who have been voted Voted No. 6 in Europe in the Best Golf Resorts Top 100 list 2022. It's golf's only ranking of resorts that is entirely unbiased and fully based on user reviews. When are you playing The Machrie? Tick off another bucket list course and book your trip to Islay now!

Murrayshall Estate and Glenapp Castle

Many congratulations to Murrayshall Estate, who have been shortlisted for 'Best Hotel Experience' in the Regional Finals of the Scottish Thistle Awards.

Best of luck to Glenapp Castle, who have also been shortlisted in the Regional Finals for Best Hotel Experience, alongside the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, which is nominated for the Working Together for Tourism category. These prestigious awards are run by VisitScotland and recognise and honour the very best individuals, businesses, partnerships and events in the industry for their innovation, excellence and success.



A round of applause for Cameron House who were the Silver winner of the Team of the Year in the 2022 Meetings & Incentive Travel Awards. Why not come and find out what makes this five star hotel, located on the world-famous bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, so special?

The Torridon Resort

Congratulations and best of luck to Dan Rose-Bristow, owner of the magnificent Torridon hotel. He has recently been appointed Chair of the Master Innholders, an organisation which is publicly recognised as a standard bearer for the industry. Dan's appointment acknowledges the pivotal role he has played since becoming a Member of the Master Inn holders in 2012.

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