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The 2021 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo cancelled

“Despite the sense of optimism around the UK’s emergence from the Pandemic and our huge enthusiasm to stage a performance this year, it is now clear that the financial risks we confront in delivering The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, at scale, on the Castle Esplanade in August are simply too great.

Consequently, it is with enormous regret and disappointment that we announce the cancellation of the 2021 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.”

This was the message from The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo’s Chief Executive, Buster Howes, as the world-famous event was unfortunately cancelled for the second year running. For decades the Tattoo has been a key fixture in the military calendar, until

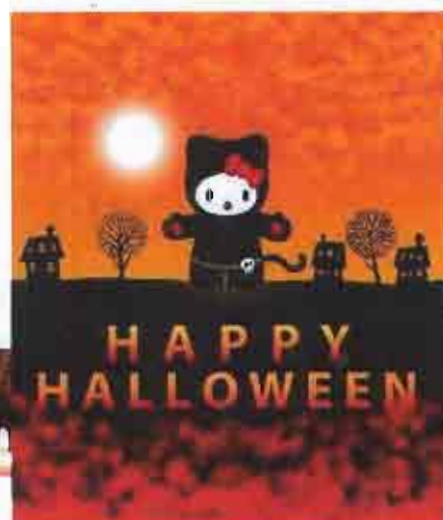


showcase in Edinburgh Castle.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) have been generously supported by the Tattoo’s charitable wing since

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halted in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be sorely missed once again this year by its legion of fans, who come from around the world to enjoy the



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TRNSMT Festival 2021 set times for full weekend as fans prepare for day one in Glasgow

Around 50,000 revellers are expected to descend onto Glasgow Green over the course of this weekend.

Daily Record AND SUNDAY MAIL

Daniel Morro

After two years away from its Glasgow Green home, TRNSMT has finally returned to Scotland's largest city.

Scots revellers were left disappointed after the festival was one of many events cancelled in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

And music lovers are now expected to turn up in their numbers from the moment the gates open.

Around 50,000 people all in are expected to descend on the site over the course of the weekend.

Acts such as *The Courteeners*, *Primal Scream*, *Liam Gallagher*, *Snow Patrol* and *The Chemical Brothers* will be taking to the main stage for the star-studded festival.

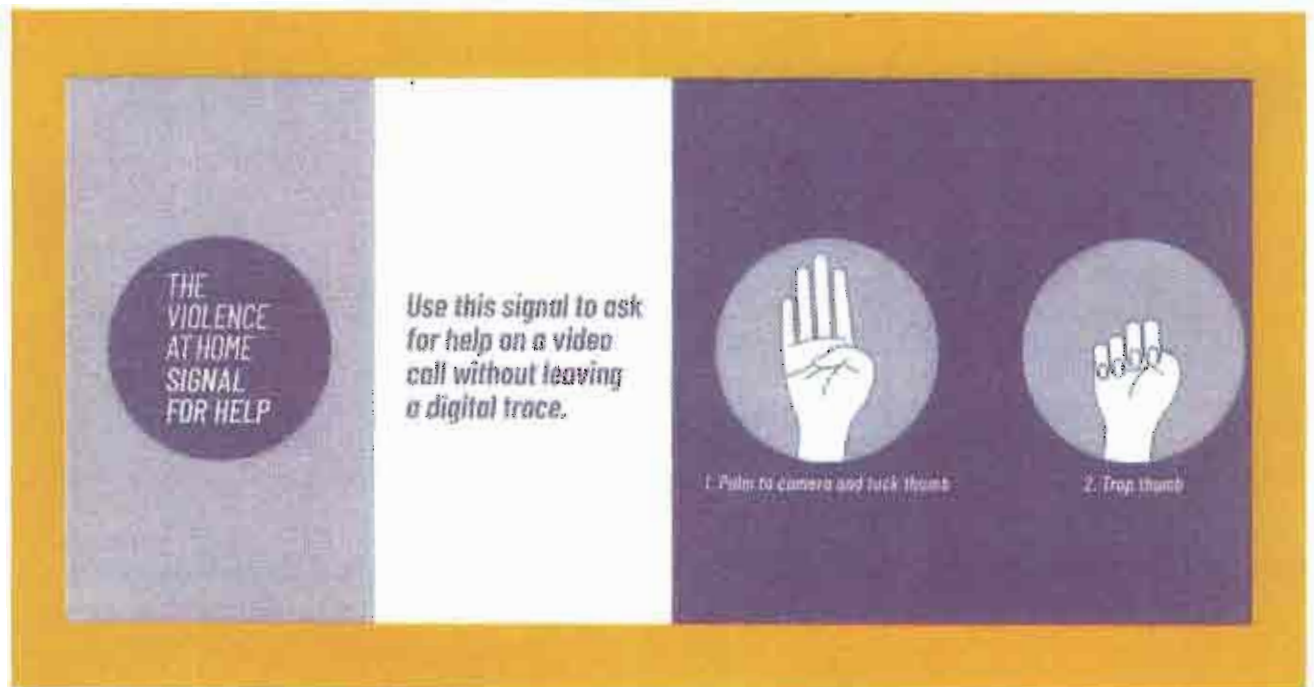
And with a further three stages featuring an eclectic mix of artists, there will be something for everyone in attendance during the three-day event.

We have compiled all of the set times for each stage over the weekend to ensure that you can plan your days before heading onto the site. See below.

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/trnsmt-festival-2021-set-times-24952268>

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Nancy M. Miller, Clan Ramsay Genealogist

Did you know that Clan Ramsay has a genealogy database with over 12,000 names in it?

When I became Clan Genealogist in 1997, David Ramsey, Clan Treasurer, loaned me all the membership applications ever submitted. Thus began a five-year project to enter every member's name, along with any genealogical data on the applications submitted.

This information dates from the convening of the clan at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games by Dr. Carl Bailey in 1978.

We also redesigned the application to include a pedigree chart, enabling us to collect as much genealogical data as the member knew and was willing to share.

Now almost twenty-five years and thousands of hours later, David still sends me a copy of each new member application. I continue to then hand enter the genealogical data on the forms. I do not, however, verify the accuracy of the information.

Our database is akin to the pedigree charts found

on Ancestry (ancestry.com), FamilySearch (familysearch.org), and other similar databases. The Ramsay database is merely meant as a starting point

for ideas. It is the researcher's responsibility to verify and document the accuracy of the information.

Much of our database is correct, but certainly not all of it. Corrections are entered if verified, and documentation is sent to me. Once the information is in the Clan Ramsay database, I email the entire database with its updates to our Clan Webmaster, Alice Ramsay, who uploads it to the Ramsay website at <www.clanramsay.org>.

Members may search the database. Access is permitted using the password issued upon paying dues. When

searching, the application number is listed with each person.

If you find multiple numbers, then those people



Nancy Mahone Miller is with Ronda Ramsey Shackleford and Pam Ramsey McNeil at the GMHG Parade of Tartans last Sunday, July 11.

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RICHMOND HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL

**It is with sadness that we announce that the
2021 Richmond Highland Gathering
has been cancelled
and will return Sunday, 20 February 2022.
Info: St Andrew Society: 804-356-1093.**



Kentucky Tartan a reality!

Pat Schweitzer and her partner, the dummy Angus, presented the brand new Kentucky Tartan to the Scottish Society of Louisville this past month.

Pat was part of a team that created the Kentucky Tartan which has now been officially designated as the official tartan for the state.

The Scottish Society of Louisville's meeting at which Pat and Angus unveiled the new tartan was the very first "in-person" meeting the group had had in eighteen months!

Angus and Pat are seen to the left.



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The Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis has sad announcement

Carson C. Smith, FSA Scot (scot.soc.indy@gmail.com)

It is with deep disappointment that I must share with you the decision of the Board of the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis not to move forward with hosting and funding the Indianapolis Scottish Heavy Athletics Invitational this October. There will be no festival, no athletics, and no event. This was not an easy decision for the Board - the discussion was long and emotional. Members expressed many concerns prompted by the increasing spread of Covid and possible new restrictions.

When the Board voted to support the event earlier this year, Covid was on the decline and restrictions were being lifted. We had hoped we could still hold a scaled-back event. This has changed, with cases rapidly on the rise and with increasing breakthrough cases among the vaccinated. The risk to health and life is increasing and many of our SSI volunteers are in higher-risk categories.

We have concerns about our ability to adequately host this event. Many of our regular volunteers are reluctant to volunteer amid increasing Covid concerns.

Also of concern is that one of our food vendors has withdrawn and another may be questionable. The vendors are concerned it does not make financial sense for them. It is not likely

that we will be able to replace them with similar vendors. That would leave us with limited food options for the athletes and attendees.

Recent fundraising efforts have been unsuccessful. At the earlier vote, the estimated financial exposure was about \$5000. That exposure has now increased to an estimated \$9000, with the possibility of additional expenses. With less than two months before the Games and limited PR value, it is unlikely that we will be able to secure significant sponsors or other underwriters for the event. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the Foundation that can not be ignored.

Let me stress that the Board did not come to this decision lightly and without concern about the future of the event. We are very aware that this will be a great disappointment to you, the athletes, and many others. It definitely is a disappointment to us. We wanted to make this work. However, given the combined risks of increasing Covid spread, fiduciary responsibility, and our inability to guarantee adequate volunteers and amenities to host a quality event, the Board felt it was necessary to cancel the event.

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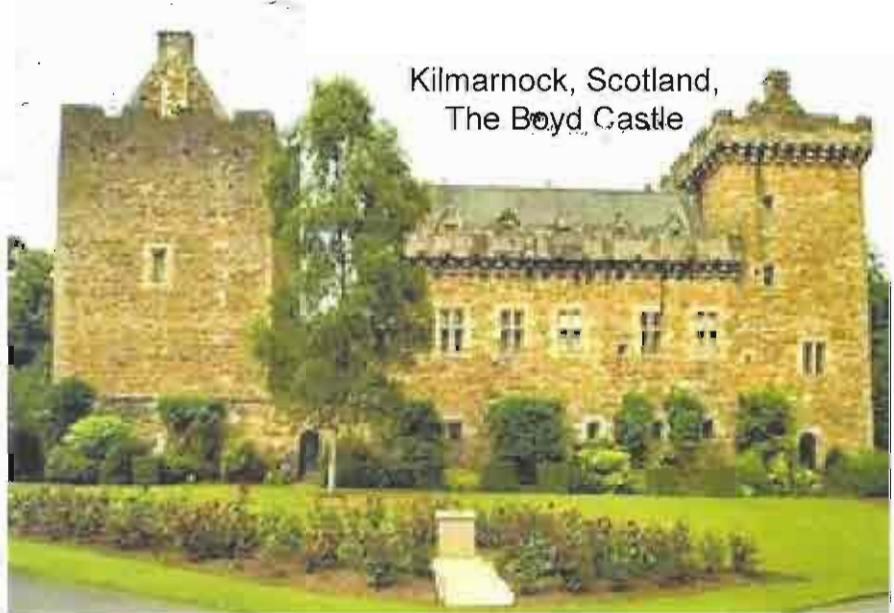


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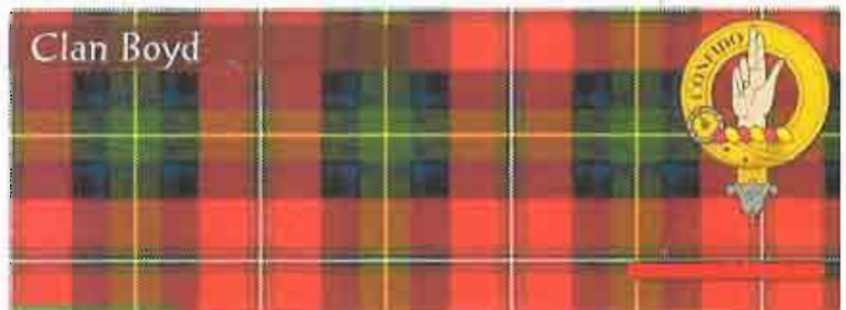
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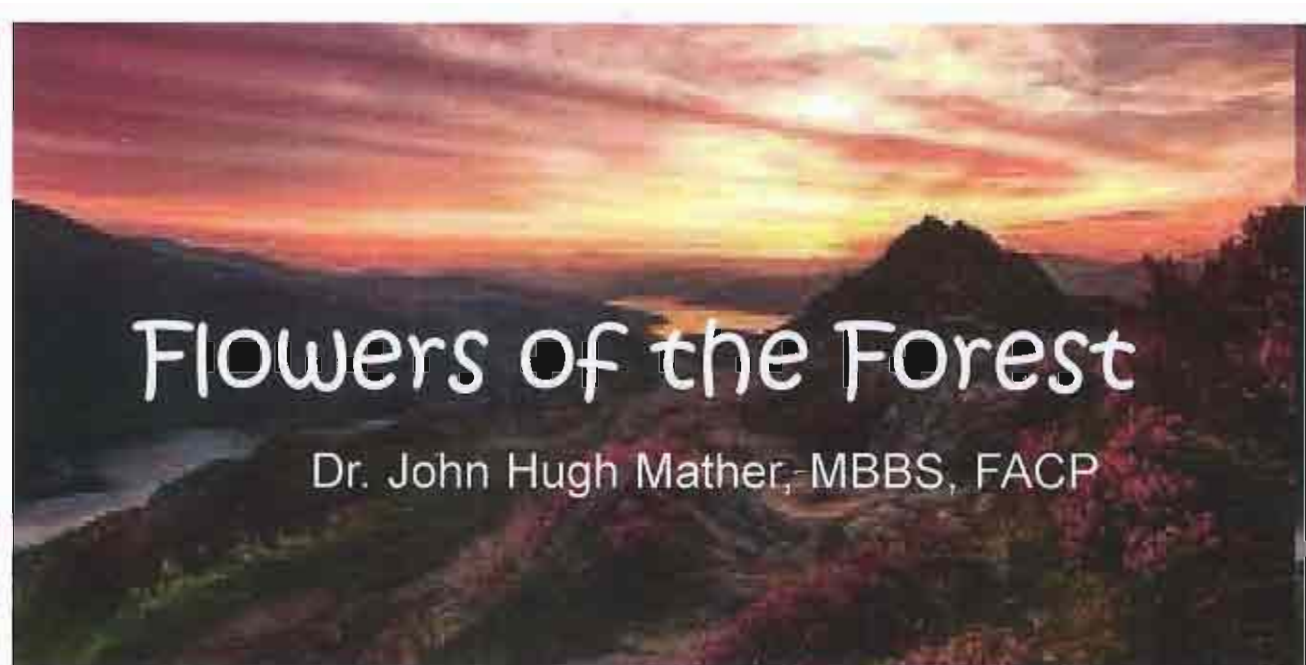


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Flowers of the Forest

Dr. John Hugh Mather, MBBS, FACP

Dr. John Hugh Mather, MBBS, FACPE, aged 77 of Franklin, TN passed away on December 6, 2020, at Williamson Medical Center.

Dr. Mather was born in Harrow, England to the late John (Jack) Robert Mather and Helen Theodora Penfold Mather in 1943.

He is survived by a son, Stephen Robert Mather of Bowie, Maryland; daughter, Alexandra Mather (Thomas) Bourne and granddaughter, Margaret Susan "Maggie Sue" Bourne of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware; brother, Dr. Martin (Linda) Mather of Ilfracombe, England; sisters, Helen (Scott) Cassel of Lindale, TX, and Margaret (Peter) Lambert of Braunton, England. He is also survived by two former wives, Susan Howard Mather, M.D., M.P.H., of Bowie, Maryland, and Karen Rhea, M.D., of Franklin, Tennessee, 5 nieces, 2 nephews, 9 great-nieces, 8 great-nephews, and many friends all over the world.

To say John Mather was a force of nature is an accurate description of the man and almost an understatement. He was generous, kind, and known for

standing up for people he thought were wronged in some way, and to the causes he supported. He was always on the move and a bundle of energy throughout his life, although also known to take short naps almost anywhere.

John would push the boundaries and limits in his life, be it his parent's rules in his youth, or when standing up for something he believed in. He practically always had a smile on his face and was constantly there

to lift up those around him to be the best they could be and accomplish their goals so that "they stood on mountains".

John was a snappy dresser. He loved bowties, was an elected member of the International Bow Tie Society, and always had the right clothes for an event.

John loved to read and was a writer of poetry. He was the first to see the new action film in the theater, especially a Bond film. He also loved music throughout his life, especially symphony, chamber music, bagpipe, 70s music especially Linda Ronstadt,

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Here is your chance to gift this Christmas one or two or more of those wonderful teddy bears for your favorite young ones. It will be an heirloom that they will keep - and love - forever!

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They are hand dressed by Clan Buchanan member, Marjorie Logan. <milogan@san.rr.com>

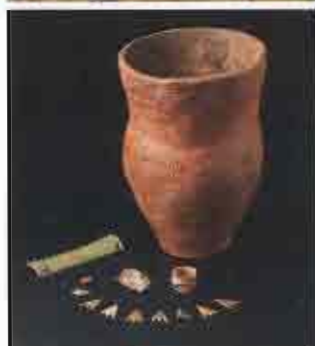


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Society of Antiquaries of Scotland



November Lecture – Culduthel: An Iron Age craftworking centre in North-East Scotland (Monday 8th of November, 6pm - 7.30pm)

The Society's latest book on the ancient craftworking site of Culduthel (identified near Inverness in 2005) reveals a vivid picture of an Iron Age community engaged in developed and sustained production of iron, bronze and glass objects. Dr Candy Hatherley BA (Hons) PhD MCIfA FSAScot will take us on a tour of the site and discuss what Culduthel means for Iron Age studies in Scotland and beyond.

This will be a hybrid event hosted by the Society, which will take place both in the National Museum of Scotland Auditorium and online. Register here.

December Lecture – Presbyterianism and

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and at the end of his life developed a love for country music, after moving to Tennessee.

John Mather was a lover of all things Sir Winston Churchill. He was very proud of having met Churchill, prior to his death when John was in his last year at the school. John was a pathographer, (medical biographer) specializing in Churchill's medical history. John was active in The International Churchill Society, where he served as its Secretary for a decade, from which he received its prestigious Blenheim Award for service to Churchill's legacy. He also worked with members of Churchill's family on the preservation of his legacy, notably Churchill's daughter, Mary Soames.

He was the immediate past President of the Churchill Society of Tennessee, a Chapter of the International Churchill Society, USA.

He also in recent years, contributed his updated & revised conclusions regarding Churchill's father's cause of death for the Hillsdale College Churchill Project.

John was designated Town Crier in Franklin TN

for the Heritage Society of Williamson County, the Bard of Franklin, and a toastmaster for special events. John was an active member of the American Legion John E. Stephens Post 156, Brentwood, Tennessee, and WA Post 1014; he was Chirurgeon for both.

He was a Life Coach holding the Certificate of the Coaching Alliance and was a Certified Federal Mediator and Mentor and completed the Stephens Ministry training. John was elected to Fellowship in several medical organizations including the Academy of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, the American Geriatrics Society, and the Gerontological Society of America.

John was inducted as a Knight Commander of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and was the Grand Chirurgeon for the Grand Prior.

John was Regent for the Clan Douglas Society in Tennessee.

At the end of his life, he worshiped at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin, Tennessee.



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



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Philhellenism, 1821–56 (Monday 13th of December, 6pm - 7.30pm)

During the 1820s, volunteers from across Europe and the United States joined the fight for Greek independence. At this time, Scots played an important role in the European and North American movement to support the cause of Greek independence (known as ‘philhellenism’), contributing military officers, historians of the conflict, and educators. In this lecture, Dr Alasdair Grant explores the philhellenic writings and initiatives of these figures during the period between the outbreak of the Revolution and the end of the Crimean War.

This will be a hybrid event hosted by the Society, which will take place both in the National Museum of Scotland Auditorium and online. Register here: <www.socantscot.org>



Stuart Marshall, left, and Clan President Dick McGraw at the 2021 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

**Piper of the Day
Ramsay Piping Trophy Awarded
at GMHG**

Stuart Marshall

Thirty-year-old Stuart Marshall, a Ph.D. student at the University of North Carolina/Greensboro, was awarded the Piper of the Day, Ramsay Piping Trophy on Saturday, July 10th, 2021, at the Grandfather Mountain Highland games.

Stuart stated, “I have been wanting one of these plates for years.”

It looks like Stuart’s wish came through.

Congratulations!

Recently we received the following newsletter entry from Stuart, “Scottish heritage was always big in my family, but a family trip to Scotland convinced my brother Dalton and me to pick up the pipes in 2009.

We both started to learn with N.C. State Pipes and Drums.

I attended St. Andrews University from 2012-2016 and played with the SAU Pipe Band while advancing from Grade 4 to 1 in solos. My instructors have included John Sprague, Bill Caudill, and Ed Krintz.

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Happy 100th Julia McLellan!



Julia Katherine Caylor McLellan, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, celebrated her 100th birthday on July 27th. Above: Julia with her six children (Seated: Rinn McLellan Cloud, Julia McLellan, and Judy McLellan Dacus. Standing: Ronald & Richard McLellan, Rebecca McLellan Abel, and Reid McLellan) Happy Birthday Julia!

Stuart Marshall, *continued from page 15*

I am currently working on my Ph.D. in History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will continue with a career as a historian. After winning the Nicol-Brown invitational in 2020, the Grandfather Mountain Grade 1 Contest this summer, and

the CLASP Grade 1 World Piping Contest (in Glasgow, virtually), I hope to travel to compete in Scotland sometime soon.

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The Clan MacLellan Board Meeting will be on October 15 at 1pm EST at the hotel. Clan Leaders, please RSVP if you are attending in person or by Zoom.

Our Annual General Meeting will be that evening at Sweet Potato Cafe. Please RSVP with how many are coming to the AGM dinner so they can be ready for us. Also let me know if you would like to go to dinner on Saturday and or Sunday night so we can continue our planning.

To the right is a picture from the 2016 AGM. So many memories from the Stone Mountain Games - It was be great to see MacLellan's in person again. Any questions, please ask.

RSVP <Clan-President@Clanmaclellan.net>



Alexandria Christmas Walk of the Clans



Join Clan MacLellan in Atlanta!

Ramsay Genealogical Treasure,

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are on multiple applications and are genealogically connected.

I also do not do research, although when time permits, I sometimes fill in missing information, if I can find it.

My usual sources are FamilySearch, Ancestry, and Find-a-Grave (www.findagrave.com).

If you haven't searched the Clan Ramsay genealogy database, I recommend that you do so. You might be surprised at what you find and maybe a few relatives in the clan as well. Happy searching!



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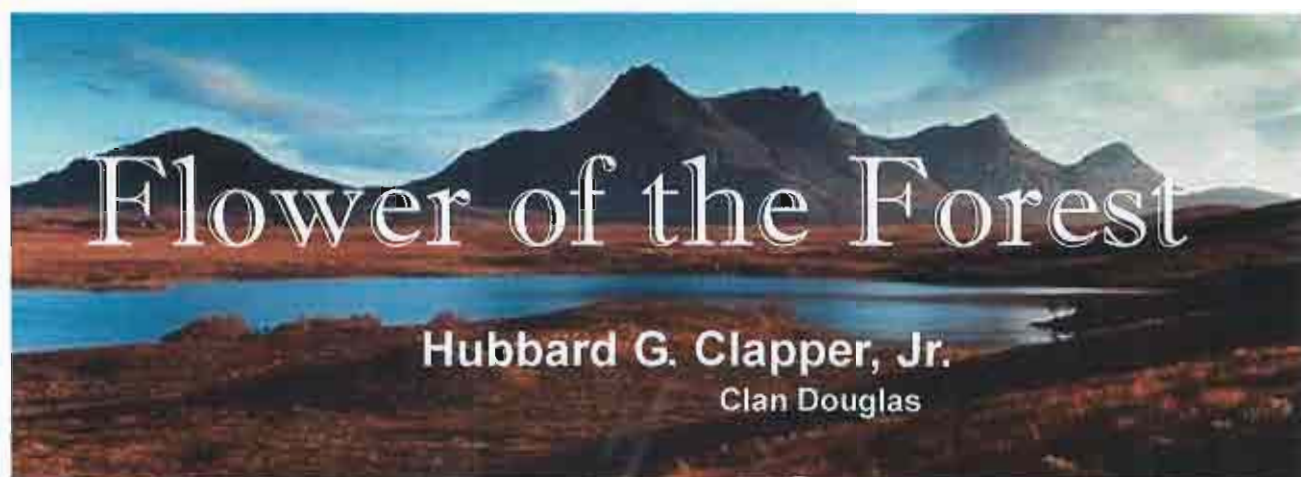
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Hubbard G. Clapper, Jr. 72, passed away Sunday, August 29, 2021 at MUSC in Florence. A memorial service was held, with full Military and Masonic Rites on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Richardson Funeral Home.

Hub was born in Giessen, Germany in 1949, the son of the late Hubbard G. Clapper, Sr. and Eleanor Lelia Clapper (Petie). His father was in the military. Hub was also a veteran, having honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps and the US Coast Guard.

In his early years he served as a Police Officer in Central Florida and proudly served as a volunteer firefighter in Orlando, FL at Station 50 (Holden Heights) where he eventually became a fire commissioner. His life took him on many journeys where he became a jack-of-all trades, but ultimately landed in a career selling ambulances.

He was involved in a multitude of groups, including The Old West Society of Minnesota, Clan Douglas, The Sons of Confederate Veterans, 7th Brigade Honor Guard, Pee Dee Light Artillery, The American Legion, Ancient and Free Masons of South Carolina, The National Rifle Association, The Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Surviving are his wife, Jerry Anne Clapper; son, James Lee Clapper and daughter, Jessica Lynn Clapper. To honor his love of history, the family asks that in lieu of flowers you make a donation the Hub Clapper Historical Fund at Francis Marion University (see information below).

The Hub Clapper Historical Fund: <<https://connect.fmarion.edu/hub-clapper-historical-fund>>





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Oatmeal Brose ca 1934

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The inspiration for this new column came from the historic canoe journey made by Oliver Brown Award winners, Sir Alastair M Dunnett and James (Seumas) Adam, from Bowling on the Clyde to Skye in 1934.

The expedition led to them being known as The Canoe Boys and the foodstuff which provided the backbone of their diet, a foodstuff that had sustained Scots for centuries, was oatmeal.

They preferred to have it, at least twice a day, in the form of oatmeal brose rather than as porridge. An account of how they made their brose was provided by Sir Alastair M Dunnett in 'Quest By Canoe', the story of their adventure published in 1950 and reprinted in 1995.

Oatmeal brose was the true foundation of the expedition, and the correct method of making it must be put on record.

A quantity of coarse oatmeal - with salt 'to taste' as they say - is placed in a bowl and boiling water

poured over it. The water must be boiling hard as it pours and there should be enough of it to just cover the oatmeal.

A plate is immediately placed over the bowl like a lid. You now sit by for a few minutes, gloating.

This is your brose cooking in its own steam. During this pause, slip a nut of butter under the plate and into the brose.

In four or five minutes whip off the lid, stir the mass violently together, splash in some milk, and eat.

You will never again be happy with the wersh and fashionless silky slop which passes for porridge.

This was the food whose devotees staggered the legions of Rome; broke the Norsemen; held the Border for five hundred years, and are standing fast on borders till.

It is a dish for men. It also happens to taste superbly.

We ate it twice a day, frequently without milk, although such a simplification demands what an Ayrshire farmer once described to me as a 'guid-gaun stomach'.

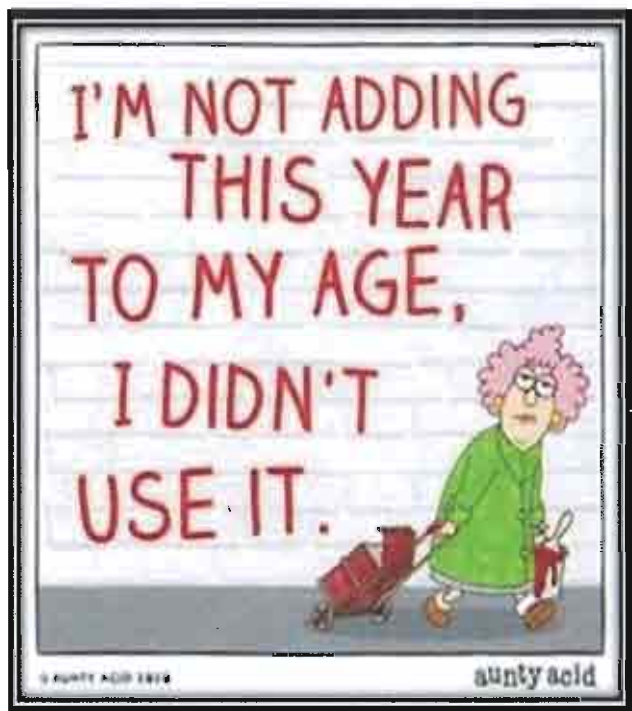
He is a happy traveler who has with him a bag of oatmeal and a poke of salt. He will travel fast and far.'

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Some meals we have seen are barely crushed grains, whilst others are very little less desiccated than wheaten flour.

Either of these descriptions is equally objectionable to the connoisseur of Oatmeal, and are wholly



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Edinburgh Military Tattoo Cancelled, *continued from page 1*

2012. Incredibly, this has remained unwavering throughout the pandemic and last year the RNRMC were awarded £71,000 by The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (Charities), despite the event being cancelled.

With the help of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, naval families in need were able to continue with their education during the lockdowns.

Enduring support, such as that provided by the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (Charities) Limited, meant that there was no disruption to the RNRMC's grants programmes, distributing £7 million over the course of last year.

At the outset of the pandemic last March, RNRMC Trustees approved the creation of a Hardship Grant to support those beneficiaries of the Charity adversely affected by the crisis whose needs could not otherwise be met by emergency funds or measures put in place by local and central government, or by other charities.

To date, some 190 separate grants totaling in excess of £600,000 have been paid out through the Hardship Fund providing a genuine lifeline for some

and making life more bearable for those contending with lockdown with a serving partner deployed on operations.

As a result of these grants computer equipment was provided to enable the children from low-income beneficiary families to participate in virtual home-learning; thermal imaging equipment has been purchased and installed to help keep veteran care homes safe whilst enabling precious visits by loved ones; the purchase of small electrical items enabled Royal Navy veterans in sheltered housing to prepare meals in their own rooms whilst communal kitchens remain off-limits; passing out parades have been livestreamed to proud family members unable to attend in person; and the RNRMC's contribution to the costs of Covid-related funerals has helped to give affected Royal Navy families the time and space to grieve properly and to come to terms with the terrible and tragic impact of the disease.

Without the generous and continued support of organisations such as the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the RNRMC's ability to help to the Royal Navy community would certainly be reduced. The RNRMC would like to take the opportunity to thank the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and look forward to the show's triumphant return this time next year.

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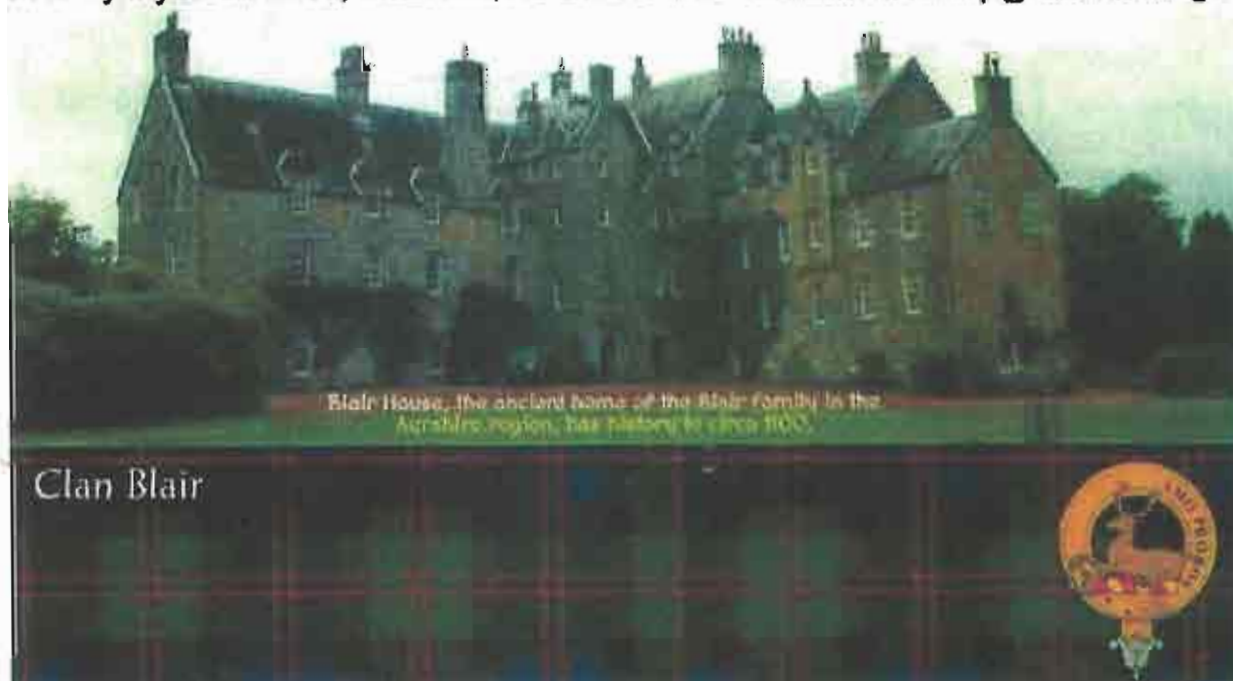
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DESCENDANTS OF THE WILD AUROCHS . . .

By Kenneth Turnbull with reference to Research text by Professor Steven Hall

"The origin of the honourable name of Turnbull is known to most readers of Border history, who remember how King Robert the Bruce, while hunting in the forests, nearly lost his life under the attack of a furious wild bull -- such as a similar the one shown here. One of his hunters, rushed between the monarch and the infuriated animal, seized it by the horns, and with one tremendous wrench turned the bull's neck about. In reward of his act of daring he received the name of Turn-e-bull and a grant of the vale of the Rule." - Prof. S. Hall

Sadly, the historical background to these cattle is known by very few. However, the following records are most likely of personal interest to those of the Turnbull clan.

These wild cattle were descended from the prehistoric aurochs, a massive, ferocious beast that lived in Britain and Europe. They were quite common in Stone Age archeological sites, yet they were eventually exterminated by around 1500 BC.

It was around 3000 BC, when the first farmers came to Britain and brought cattle with them. They were small bodied animals; the descendants of the aurochs which had been domesticated in west Asia around 8000 BC. They were in fact, the ancestors of all domesticated cattle breeds and it was most likely the farmers who exterminated the local wild aurochs.

This species of wild animal had been domesticated in west Asia about 8000 BC. and were the Asian ancestors to all domesticated cattle. Yet, this breed of cattle were never tamed, so in their wild and dangerous state, they have been left alone.

However, descendants of this ancient herd of wild cattle still exist and can be found at Chillingham Park in Northern England, just south of the Scottish border.

There are several documented accounts from the 12th & 13th centuries about white, red-eared cattle. These records are heroic tales and legal documents from Wales and Ireland. In 'Celtic' folklore the colour white is associated with holiness and sacredness. However, this pattern has almost certainly been determined by a recessive gene.



Chillingham Park image

A descendant of the wild Auroch bulls at the Chillingham Park.

Skull sample showing a mature bull's pair of long, pointed horns.



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Depiction of aurochs, horses and deer. Lascaux, France

Why or when the ancestors of the Chillingham herd were impounded at Chillingham is unknown, but around 1770, the black-eared calves were culled and the red-eared pattern became genetically fixed.

By 1799 (*the Georgian Period*) the herd numbered 48 cattle and 150 fallow deer on the 100 acres of the inner park. The then Earl of Tankerville instructed that the park be extended and with the help of his then steward, a park was designed, with the aim of providing a secure independent environment for the cattle.



Chillingham Castle, North-eastern England

The generally scientifically accepted opinion on the origins of the Chillingham cattle is that they descended from medieval cattle which had been enclosed in Chillingham Park many centuries ago.

Their social system owes nothing to humans! Apart from some supplementary feeding in winter, the cattle have no human contact.

It is still uncertain or known where their white coat colour pattern originated, but there is considered thought that there is a genetic connection from Scandinavia. Tests have confirmed that these cattle also have absolutely no affinity to any other cattle breed.

However, these 'wild' and undomesticated cattle lack genetic variation and because of this, it could create future serious consequences, as they are likely to be very vulnerable to disease.

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Family traditions and your own family

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Very few people today are lucky enough to live in a home with an attic or basement overflowing with generations of family paper or memorabilia.

On the other hand, thanks to advances in medical testing and treatments, many of our parents and grandparents are living longer lives.

Before beginning the research process for

nificance may be magnified in the process of repetition. Facts may become mixed or confused. Some may be bogus.

So what is the place of family tradition in genealogy? Events and relationships mentioned in oral traditions should not be considered solid genealogical data until verified by supporting documentary evidence. However, even if a tra-



family records and documentation, the best time-tested strategy is to inquire about family stories that have been passed down from generation to generation by word of mouth.

The best sources for access to these traditions are the oldest surviving family members whether they be parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or long-time family friends.

While it is easy to be skeptical about whether these stories and traditions have been enhanced, in most cases, there turns out to be more truth than fiction.

These stories have been part of our growing-up process. It is truthful to say oral traditions often become distorted as they pass through the generations. Events of little sig-

nificance may be magnified in the process of repetition. Facts may become mixed or confused. Some may be bogus.

Every tradition and story has some level of truth. Admittedly some more than others. Family traditions and stories should be considered as clues for further research.

In evaluating the accuracy of family traditions there are several factors to keep in mind.

1. What was the source of the tradition?
2. How much time has elapsed since the event was supposed to have occurred?
3. What is the actual probability of such an event has happened?
4. Is the event something that happened to your grandmother or father and was told to

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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
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20 things you (probably) didn't know about *Braveheart* as film celebrates 26th anniversary

It's one of the first major Hollywood films to shine a light on Scotland's rich history, offering a glamorized version of William Wallace's life that captivating a generation.

Braveheart led to both Scots-(and many non-Scots) gleefully shouting "Freeeddooomm!" at the top of their lungs on any given occasion and saw its star Mel Gibson hit the heights once again back in his hey-day all while winning no less than five Oscars.

The blockbuster film turns 26 this week, after debuting way back in 1995, and though it may take



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Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

your parents or you directly?

5. Is there any surviving documentation, pictures, memorabilia, etc. that proves the legitimacy of the event, incident, or claim?

Oral tradition lends color to fam-

ily history and is rightly a part of the family's heritage. They legitimately deserve to be part of the family record. However, do not present them as fact unless you have the documentation. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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more than a few liberties with the actual events, it still retains much of its original charm.

To celebrate, we've picked out a selection of facts you may or may not know about the Mel Gibson helmed classic.

1. Mel Gibson originally turned down the role.

The actor thought he was too old at 40 to portray the much younger Wallace, but the studio refused to finance the film unless the Australian American actor played the title role.

2. Gibson wanted Jason Patric for the role.

Mel Gibson originally wanted *Lost Boys* and *Speed Two* actor Jason Patric to play William Wallace.

3. There were in-film jokes about Wallace's height.

In one scene, a Scottish warrior recognizes Gibson's Wallace, to which his companion (Peter Mullen) replies, "Can't be. Not tall enough".

This was an in-joke and reference to the fact that the real William Wallace was said to be 6'5" tall, nine inches taller than Mel Gibson who is only 5'8".

While on a trip to Scotland he came across a statue of William Wallace and when told of his past, he immediately set about dreaming up a screenplay for the incredible warrior.

4. Screenwriter Randall Wallace was inspired by a trip to Edinburgh.

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5. Gibson didn't have to go far to cast extras.

In fact, he asked his brother Donal to play the leader of one of the clans that joins Wallace's rebellion.

6. A famous Scot was approached to play Edward Longshanks.

Sean Connery was reportedly approached for the role of King Edward I after he famously portrayed King Richard Lionheart in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*.

However, he was busy filming another movie and so the part went to veteran actor Patrick McGeehan.

7. Gibson got rid of the bridge in the Battle of Stirling Bridge to ramp up the drama.

Speaking about it afterward he said keeping it in would have been "boring", he said: "We wanted to make something a little more cinematically compelling, with the horse charge and all that stuff."

8. Over 1,500 extras were used in the battle scenes - with most of them Irish army reserves.

As most of the major battle scenes were filmed in Ireland, the Irish territorial army was used as extras.

9. Wallace's wife's real name was Marjorie.

But Gibson wanted it changed (Randall Wallace changed it to Murron - a made-up name) in the film to avoid confusion with Robin Hood.

10. The face paint was originally meant to be a Saltire.

But rather than have him looking like a member of the Tartan Army, the film's make-up artist suggested the more simple (and now instantly recognisable) half-face woad design.

11. It was named the worst film to ever win an Oscar by *Empire Magazine* in 2005

You can't please everyone we guess.

12. *Braveheart* wasn't actually William Wallace. That title was originally given to his compatriot and fellow heroic Scot, Robert The Bruce, as, after his death, his friend and loyal knight Sir James Douglas reportedly carried his heart on a chain into battle against the Saracens in Spain.

13. The horses used in the battle scenes were fake.

They were so realistic though that Gibson would often bet people that they couldn't tell the difference.

They were propelled along by nitrogen cylinders at speeds up to 30 miles per hour.

14. The wrong flower.

Originally, young Murron was supposed to hand William Wallace a rose at his father's grave, but it was pointed out that a thistle might be more appropriate.

15. Confusing nationalities.

Not only was Sean Connery approached to play the English King, but Gibson also had Irish actor Brendan Gleeson play a Scot (Hamish) and Scots actor David O'Hara plays an Irishman (Stephen).

16. It's Irish pipes that you hear in the soundtrack. James Horner's score features uilleann pipes instead of the more traditionally Scottish bagpipes.

17. Gibson admitted he would only have liked to change one scene in the film.

Gibson told us in an interview: "If I wanted to change anything in the film, it was the whole scene with English nobles who were trying to dial in a deal before they had to slug it out.

"I thought afterward that he should have just ridden up to the guy and killed him right there and said, 'Let's go'. That would have got everyone going nuts."

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18. The original film was much longer

The original film came in at three hours and 15 minutes - this was cut down to two hours and 48 minutes for the cinematic release.

19. The film inspired a Brechin stone mason so much he made an incredible statue based on Mel's depiction of William Wallace

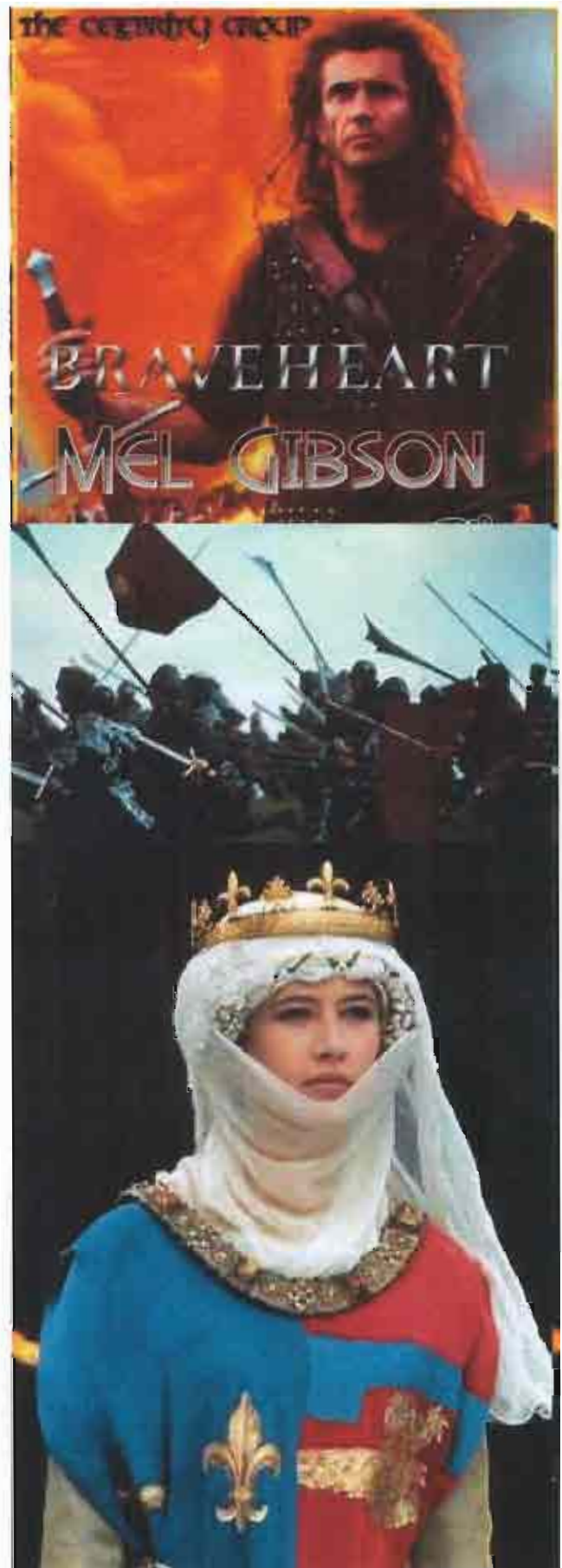
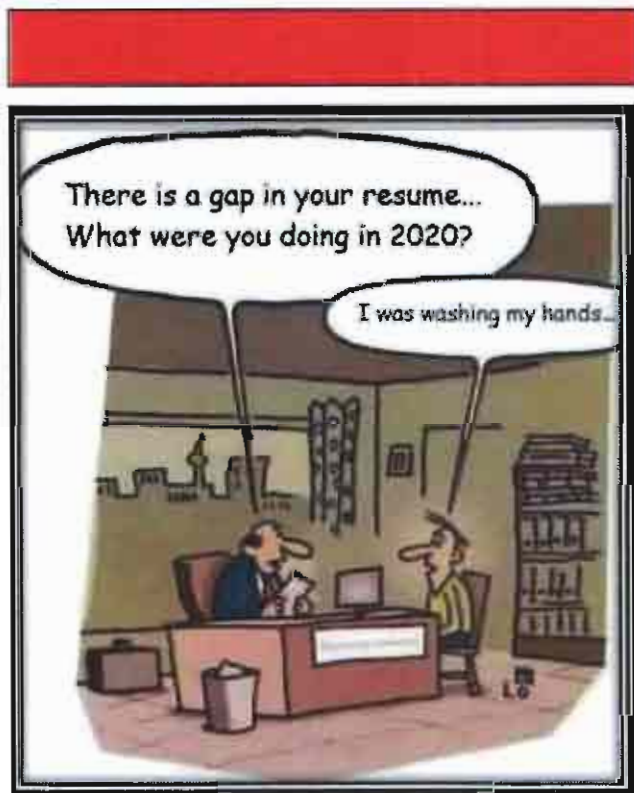
The statue of William Wallace had previously stood at the entrance of the Wallace Monument in Stirling for almost a decade before it was returned to the Brechin studio and workshop of the man who created it, sculptor Tom Church, in 2008.

It was recently unveiled at local football team Brechin FC's home stadium Glebe Park.

20. There's a sequel...

Though most Scots are still angered by the film's portrayal of much-loved Scottish king (and actual *Braveheart*, Robert the Bruce), Scots actor Angus Macfadyen wanted to reprise the role he originally played in Mel Gibson's *Braveheart*.

He fulfilled that dream in 2019 with the release of *Robert the Bruce*, a sequel to the original film that follows the story of arguably Scotland's most famous king.





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Linda Frazier, St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida

Ingredients:

- 750g (1lb 14oz) mixed summer fruit (blackberries, raspberries, black currants, tayberries, loganberries, cherries or blueberries) (I used equal parts blackberries and raspberries with some blueberries)
- 185g (6½oz) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1 medium loaf good-quality white bread, slightly stale (I used a thinly sliced brioche loaf from Publix)
- 2 (British) tbsps Crème de Cassis (black currant) or Crème de Mure (blackberry)

Method:

Place the fruit in a pan you plan to cook it in. Remove any stems from the berries, pour the sugar over the fruit and stir gently to mix together then cover the pan with a tea towel or plastic wrap and leave for 3-5 hours (or overnight) to get the juices running.

Place the pan over a moderate heat and bring gently up to the boil. While the fruit is simmering, cut the bread into thin slices and remove the crusts. When the juices are beginning to flow, raise the heat slightly and simmer for about 2-3 minutes. Then turn off the heat and stir in the chosen cordial.

Cut a round out of one slice of bread to fit the bottom of a bowl, then cut the remaining slices into triangular wedges.

Dip one side of the bread circle into the juices in the pan containing the fruit, then place the circle in the bottom of the pudding basin, juice-side down. Do the same with the bread triangles, dipping one side of the bread into the juices before placing them around the edge of the bowl, with the dipped side facing outwards. The tips of the bread triangles will be sticking up from the top of the bowl at this stage.

Once the bowl is completely lined with the juice-soaked bread (be sure to plug any gaps with small pieces of bread if necessary), spoon all of the fruit and its juices into the bread-lined pudding basin. Trim the tips of bread from around the edge. Cover the top of the fruit with more wedges of bread.

Place the pudding basin on a plate to collect any juices. Then find a saucer that fits neatly inside the bowl and place it on top to cover the upper layer of bread. Weigh the saucer down with weights such as bags of rice or cans of vegetables.

Let it cool, then place in the refrigerator overnight. The next day, remove the weights and the saucer. Run a thin blade around the edges, then invert the basin onto a shallow serving plate. Turn the pudding out, surround with more berries or other fruit. To serve, cut into thick slices or wedges and serve with lightly whipped sweetened cream.



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