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The Banner Says...

For the Love of Scotland's great outdoors



by Sean Cairney

For some, February is month of love. For most of us when we visit Scotland one of the things we love most to do is get out and see the incredible natural spaces. There is nothing quite like being in the great outdoors, especially when in Scotland. All of us should have access to green spaces and be able to connect in some way with nature. In Scotland there is an abundance of rich and diverse spaces which locals and visitors alike can enjoy. From the majestic Highlands to the lowlands and islands, and even some great city parks, Scotland offers a great tapestry of nature that is easily accessible to all. I am very much a city person overall and certainly love to take in Scotland's urban playgrounds when I am visiting, but equally I love getting out of the city and hitting both the high and low roads of Scotland.

For a relatively small country Scotland boasts some incredible natural assets which likely is the reason many visit the country for. These include the popular National Parks, National Nature Reserves and the UNESCO Global Geoparks and Biospheres.

National Parks

Currently Scotland has two National Parks, the Cairngorms National Park, which happens to be the largest in the UK, and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. The Scottish Government has pledged to create a third National Park for the country with contenders including Ben Nevis, Glen Affric, Argyll, Wester Ross, Harris, the Scottish Borders, and Galloway. A new National Park would champion, promote, and conserve some of Scotland's most magnificent landscapes. A National Park would also have economic impacts as it would attract local and international visitors and help fragile rural economies to rebuild and thrive whilst helping Scotland tackle its biodiversity and climate change challenges.



Creating a new National Park would greatly assist Scotland's ambitious commitment to protect at least 30% of its land for nature by 2030. A recent online poll found Galloway was top choice with more votes than all of Scotland's other six possible park locations combined. A statement from Galloway National Park Association said: "Galloway is the natural choice not just because of its fabulous countryside and coasts but because so many members of the public, businesses, voluntary organisations and others are so enthusiastic about the potential social, economic and environmental benefits."

Rewilding

Many people across the UK are becoming more aware of the precious natural spaces around them and the incredible species that live there. Four in five adults in Britain support rewilding, according to new research and Scotland is looking to become Europe's first 'rewilding nation'. An opinion poll commissioned by the charity Rewilding Britain shows that 81% of Britons support rewilding, with 40% strongly supportive and just 5% of people opposed. Rewilding Britain defines rewilding as the large-scale restoration of nature to the point it can take care of itself – restoring habitats and natural processes, and where appropriate reintroducing missing species.

Charity Trees for Life plans to open the world's first rewilding centre at Dundreggan in the Scottish Highlands this year. This is expected to welcome over 50,000 visitors annually – allowing people to explore the wild landscapes, discover Gaelic culture, and learn about the region's unique wildlife including golden eagles, pine martens and red squirrels.

In this issue

One person who manages to get out into Scotland's great outdoors is Finlay Wilson. Finlay is famous for doing Kilted Yoga in some of Scotland's most scenic places, in a kilt. Finlay practices ancient yoga methods amongst some of Scotland's ancient locations and now has students and followers from across the world who love both the practice of yoga and the nation of Scotland.

For ye'll take the high road And I'll take the low road And I'll be in Scotland afore ye

For me and my true love will never meet again

On the bonny banks of Loch Lomond.

These famous lyrics are known by Scots the world over and sung and numerous events instilling both longing and pride for Scotland. If like me, you may have never known who the 'me and my true love' actually referred to. A descendant and *Scottish Banner* reader tells us more about this incredible love song and its connection to one of Scotland's most horrific battles.

Scotland's great outdoor beauty

For those lucky enough to visit Scotland there is nothing like being amongst Scotland's great outdoor beauty. From rugged Highland landscapes with towering mountains to clear lochs and island coastlines. Sure, it just may rain, it may be cold and there may be midges, but that is Scotland. With the pandemic affecting so many people during the last couple of years many have turned to nature for solace, inspiration and to simply reset and people's connection with the natural world has had a much needed reboot.

With habitats and species being eradicated rapidly worldwide, the United Nations has declared 2021-2030 the Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. The Scottish Government has committed itself to bold action to tackle the crisis facing biodiversity through its Edinburgh Declaration.

As visitors to Scotland, we can also take part in more responsible tourism when next visiting, consider how sustainable you are travelling, leave just your footprints and respect the environment you are in. Scotland is a gift to the world, and we need for that gift to keep on giving for many years to come. 🌿

Where is your favourite place in Scotland to enjoy nature? Do you have any comments from the content in this month's edition? Share your story with us by email, post, social media or: #ScottishBanner, #TheBanner

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Ever wanted to know what happened to your old pal from home, how to make your favourite Scottish meal, or wondered about a certain bit of Scottish history?

Michael And Luna



Thank you *Scottish Banner* for featuring the story of Michael And Luna (*One man and his dog complete epic 5,000-mile rewilding trek across Canada, the Scottish Banner, January, 2022*) and what an incredible achievement this is. We have enjoyed reading about this epic adventure for an epic cause in our household and only imagine the determination Michael and his faithful companion Luna must have. Dogs truly

are man's best friend and to walk such a vast length with your best friend will provide Michael with some memories of a lifetime, and possibly some sore feet also! We so often here about what we can do for the environment and for many it is simply recycling their waste where possible and reusing bags when shopping, however for this great Scot (and surely honouring Canadian) it clearly is so much more. Canada is a land I love and one I am fortunate to travel across, however by car and plane rather than foot! I simply cannot imagine what a walk across Canada must be like on the body, mind and spirit-it must have been so hard, amazing, beautiful and lonely.

Scots are a hardy bunch and Michael has proven this tenfold. I love reading stories like this and knowing we live in an earth where so many still care.

Keep up the great work that goes into *the Scottish Banner*, the international Scottish community is so very fortunate to have it!

Alex Forsythe
Hamilton, Ontario
Canada

Royal Cousins



The year 2022 marks the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, the cousin-in-law, once removed, of our clan chief Malcolm, Lord Forbes. This celebration commemorates the 70th anniversary of the accession of the Queen on February 6, 1952. Captain Nigel Ivan Forbes, then Master of Forbes and later 22nd Lord Forbes, married the Hon. Rosemary Katharine Hamilton-Russell, in 1942. Lady Rosemary was the daughter of Gustavus William Hamilton-Russell, 9th Viscount Boyne (1864-1942) and Margaret Selina Lascelles (1883-1978). Lady Margaret's brother was Henry Lascelles, Viscount Lascelles and later the 6th Earl of Harewood (1882-1947), who married Mary, later the Princess Royal, in 1922. For the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at Westminster Abbey, Nigel, then Master of Forbes, carried the Princess Royal's coronet and Lady Rosemary carried her train.

Learn more here:
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Scots Day Out Bendigo



Following considerable discussion by the Scots Day Out (SDO) committee and extensive consultation and guidance from the City of Greater Bendigo, the SDO committee reluctantly has made the decision to postpone SDO 2022 to the spring of this year. There remain COVID compliance requirements for events and meeting these extend beyond the capacity of the small SDO committee in terms of logistics, funding and implementation. Also taken into great consideration was the impact of current government requirements on the atmosphere and concept that is uniquely Scots Day Out together with the risk associated with the still rapidly changing nature of response and regulation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The risk, including financial implications would be too much for the SDO committee.

The committee has also considered that all Scottish events leading up to the original scheduled date for SDO have been cancelled for those organisers.

We are pleased to announce, however, that with the support of City of Greater Bendigo we will be presenting A Taste of SDO at the Capital Theatre on Friday 4 March, including Australian premieres from the Edinburgh Short Film Festival. Keep in touch for details at: www.scotsdayout.com
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Susan Boyle



I cannot tell you how happy I was to pick up *the Scottish Banner* and see Susan Boyle on the cover! I remember being transfixed when I first saw her audition all those years ago and she won me over as a fan instantly. I have enjoyed her music ever since but for me it is her story that has really struck a chord. She has remained so grounded and connected to her hometown and homeland. Fame seems to have taken a second fiddle to her roots, family and community. I would dearly love to be able to see her perform one day but being so far away I will have to get over to Scotland to see here one day. Having not heard about Susan for some time it was such a pleasant surprise to see her and on the cover of *the Scottish Banner* was the perfect place to see her again.

Our family came out to New Zealand many years ago, but we still have relatives in Fife, and I look forward to our next trip over, who knows maybe when Susan is touring!

Deb Henderson
Wellington, New Zealand

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Ae Fond Kiss

Cold grey mornings loved ones crying
Onto the airport soon we'll be flying,
Back to Australia with its desert and plains
Wull ye no come back again.

Meeting old friends starts memories anew
Places we went and things we would do,
We talk of the humour but never the pain
Wull ye no come back again.

This tired old country of mountains and clans
Whisky and peat marching pipe bands,
Proud pipers playing soft haunting refrain
Wull ye no come back again.

Heads turn away as tears mist the eyes
Crying farewells as we climb to the skies
We gently hold hands settle back in the plane
Wull ye no come back again.

Time takes its toll on the weak and the strong
You've made a choice it's there you belong
We aw love ye dearly that much ye ken
Wull ye no come back again.

Davidson Harris
From the Barony of the Gorbals

FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

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Loch Eck



Loch Eck- A lone fishing boat on this iconic loch, 7 miles long outside Dunoon.
Ronald Stokes

Stirling



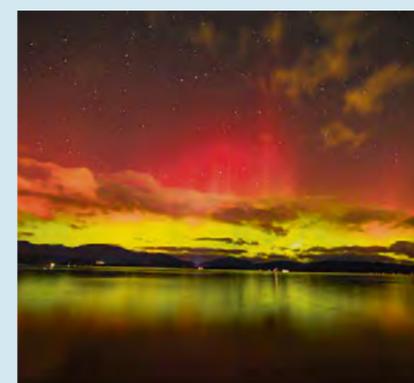
Morning across Stirling.
Scotdrone

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This pot of gold leads to Uist.
Mik Coia

Aurora Borealis

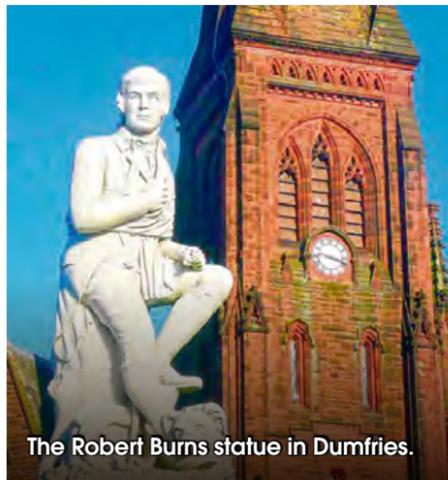


Aurora at Duck Bay on Loch Lomond, at Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.
Gerry Doherty

By: Lady Fiona MacGregor

Lady MacGregor's Scotland

Lady MacGregor of MacGregor – otherwise known as British writer and broadcaster Fiona Armstrong - works for ITV news and current affairs. Fiona's husband is the Chief of Clan Gregor, Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor. She is an active member of Clan Armstrong, so their lives are interwoven with all things tartan. The couple live in the Scottish Borderlands, although filming and writing takes Fiona all over Scotland.



The Robert Burns statue in Dumfries.

Greetings from Scotland, which is a somewhat chilly place at the moment. As winter bites, it is perhaps not somewhere for the faint hearted. And it has certainly proved a weather shock for the MacGregor who is back from working in sunny Africa. The chief had been photographing in Namibia. He plans to bring out a coffee table book and went for three warm weeks – which then stretched into six. As he prepared to return, fresh covid chaos meant the flight was cancelled. And when he did get on a plane, on landing in the UK found he had to quarantine in a hotel for ten days. We got him home... eventually.

And whilst he was away, he missed the drama. A great storm passed through Scotland, high winds taking four of our favourite trees with them. One, an ancient lime on the drive, must have been two hundred years old. Another, a vast variegated specimen, was planted in the Edwardian age. A towering Douglas fir came down by the stables, just managing

to miss going through the barn roof. It is so sad to see these fallen giants. We were heartbroken when dawn broke, and we saw the damage. They had fallen through fences and into fields. Yet, in a way, we were luckier than some. A friend of ours with an estate on the west coast saw a hundred of his trees snapped or uprooted. Others lost thousands of them.

Scottish North American Community Conference

Let us hope that this year will be a calmer one – in all senses of the word. Here in Scotland, we are still wearing masks and are advised to limit social contact where possible. But vaccination rates are holding up. Nine out of ten of us has had the first two covid injections – whilst booster numbers are creeping up. It has been a strange old time. I am sure it will have been much the same for you. Parties planned, then parties cancelled. Trips arranged, then rearranged. So much time spent zooming and teaming. And not a ceilidh, nor a Highland games in sight.

One ray of light has been the Scottish North American Community Conference organised by the American-Scottish Foundation which is based in New York. Here in Scotland, we were able to dip in and out of three days of lively discussion - among the themes, responsible tourism, Celtic fashion and the Scottish revival. The eminent author Professor Caroline

McCracken Flesher from the University of Wyoming gave a fascinating talk about Walter Scott and tartan. I went on to speak about Queen Victoria who also championed tartan and all things Highland.

For me, Auld Lang Syne is now taking on a new depth of feeling when sung. Then I always feel an extra affinity with this international anthem to love and friendship, because the poem was written here, in the south of Scotland.

This event was both fun and educational. It was also, in part, a bonding exercise between Scots round the world. Things may have been cancelled. We might have been grounded. But there is no doubt that the internet has kept us connected. And it has made us appreciate family and friends more than we might have done in the past.

Dumfries

For me, *Auld Lang Syne* is now taking on a new depth of feeling when sung. Then I always feel an extra affinity with this international anthem to love

and friendship, because the poem was written here, in the south of Scotland. Robert Burns may have been born in Ayrshire, but twenty miles from where we live is the town of Dumfries – and that is where the Bard lived, worked, died – and created. Along with *Tam O'Shanter*, *Auld Lang Syne* was one of more than a hundred poems he wrote locally. No wonder they put up a statue to him in the centre.

And there's no surprise that they now put on an annual Big Burns' Supper here. With a mix of theatre and dance, a lantern procession, and a spot of haggis hurling, this event is the largest contemporary Burns celebration in the world. It is one that lights up the dark nights with poetry and song. That sees thousands dancing in the street. As I write, the jury is out on whether the thing will actually take place on the ground this year. If it doesn't, organisers have vowed to put something on virtually – and promise to celebrate the Bard's birthday in style later in the year.

Who knows, by then, Dumfries may not be a town, but a city. 2022 marks seventy years of The Queen's reign. Yes, the British monarch will have been on the throne for seven decades and as part of the celebrations she will mark her Platinum Jubilee by making three towns into cities. Dumfries, one time home to Rabbie Burns, is one of those vying for the honour. Watch this space to see how it all goes...

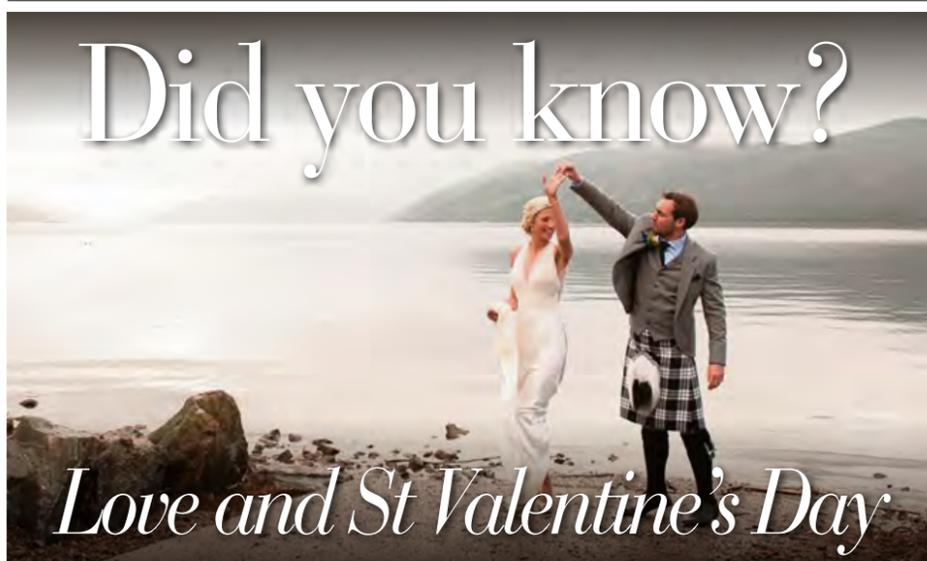


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- A relic of Saint Valentine, a bone from one of his forearms, is kept in the Blessed John Duns Scotus Church in the Gorbals area of Glasgow.
- It was tradition in Scotland for young unwed males and females to write their name on bits of paper, place them in a bonnet and each draw one of them. If one name was read out three times, it meant a marriage would take place.
- In 1268, Lord John Balliol died. His grieving widow, Lady Dervorgilla of Galloway, had his embalmed heart placed in an ivory casket. Unwilling to part with him, she is said to have carried it with her everywhere. She undertook many charitable acts in her late husband's memory, including the founding of Sweetheart Abbey in 1273. When she too died in 1289, Dervorgilla was laid to rest in front of the abbey church's high altar, clutching her husband's heart to her bosom.

- A poet named Pierre de Bocosel de Châtellard fell in love with Mary Queen of Scots after meeting her in 1561. On February 14th he hid under her bed as she stayed at Rossend Castle in Fife, and also went into her bedchamber at St Andrews. Mary was not impressed and had him tried and executed for treason.
- Gretna Green in the Scottish Borders is famous for marriages with thousands of couples tying the knot here each year. Historically it was to Gretna Green that young English runaway couples eloped so that they could be married 'over the anvil' from the age of 16.
- The 2000 wedding between US pop star Madonna and UK film director Guy Ritchie at Skibo Castle caused a Scottish wedding boom. The 'Madonna effect' in the years following showed 30% of Scottish weddings were for those that did not live in the country.
- A sprig of white heather hidden in the bride's bouquet is a popular good luck token in the Scottish Borders.

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SCOTSPEAK

Scotspeak is a selection of quotes which made headlines in Scotland last month on a variety of current Scottish affairs.



“A National Park in Galloway would bring huge benefits to the people of our region and the whole of Scotland. There is a great deal of support for the idea and the contribution it could make to building a sustainable economy and improving wellbeing.”

The Galloway National Park Association chair Rob Lucas said as they have issued a request to the Scottish Government for a third National Park to be created in Galloway. Currently Scotland only has two National Parks in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs and the Cairngorms. The benefits are many should they be awarded, both environmental and economic. Other areas in Scotland that have been earmarked for a possible National Park in Scotland include: The Scottish Borders, Ben Nevis and Glen Coe, a coastal and marine national park centred on Mull, Glen Affric, Harris and Wester Ross.

“The horrors of the Covid pandemic have changed how many of us view and value nature, and we know people want to spend more time outdoors for the benefits it brings to their mental and physical health. We want to improve access to green spaces and provide equal opportunities for everyone to connect with nature. Wee Forests are an ideal way of achieving this, whether as a place for children to play or a quiet spot to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. This new network of Wee Forests is a great example of partnership working between the public, private and voluntary sector and is an important legacy of COP26 when the eyes of the world were on Glasgow and the future

of our planet. As we now look forward to COP15 on biodiversity, innovative projects like this will showcase to the rest of the world how Scotland is leading the way in our action to tackle the twin crises of climate change and nature loss.”

Scotland’s Environment Minister Mairi McAllan said as communities and schools are set to benefit from a new network of “Wee Forests” in towns and cities across Scotland, backed by £500,000 Scottish Government funding. To create each forest, around 600 native trees will be planted by “Wee Foresters” in an area the size of a tennis court. Volunteer keeper teams will look after the forests over the long term and schools will use the forests for outdoor learning. People will also take part in citizen science activities to raise awareness of climate change and the value of urban trees. This will include monitoring the butterflies that use the forests and measuring how much carbon is captured by the trees as they grow.

“We’ve found over 2,000 different objects, ranging from art to personal relics, that tell us how Mary was remembered and how stories about her were told throughout centuries. These stories tell us as much about the cultural biases of the people who tell them – their views on gender, on religion, and on power, for example – as they do about how Mary has lived on in the popular imagination. This course provides us with a great opportunity to share that research with a global audience, and we’re excited to see it launch.”

Dr Steven Reid, a Senior Lecturer in Scottish History at the University of Glasgow, and course leader of *The Life and Afterlife of Mary Queen of Scots*, said as the University of Glasgow aims to bring Mary Queen of Scots back into focus and test peoples knowledge. The free course explores Mary’s life and legacy. Regarded by academics as one of the most infamous monarchs in British history, Mary Queen of Scots is featured in lectures, lessons and popular culture, however many know little about her. The course is available at: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-life-and-afterlife-of-mary-queen-of-scots>



“Video games are an amazing tool to help people imagine the past and the Burgh Records are an outstanding resource to help us understand life in the Middle Ages. We’ve uncovered so much not just about the history of Aberdeen but about how the city interacted with other parts of Scotland and Europe. This period of history has a rich tradition in influencing creative writing and media from *The Lord of the Rings* to *A Game of Thrones*. The Burgh Records provide us with real people, events and places upon which to build a fictional story. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for the game with our Kickstarter fundraising campaign backed by supporters around the world and we are delighted to have brought the game to fruition just a year later.”

Researcher Dr Jackson Armstrong said as a video game based on historical research brings medieval Aberdeen to life. The digital narrative game which will bring people face-to-face with life in Scotland during the Middle Ages has now been launched. Based on and inspired by the events, descriptions and characters recorded in Aberdeen’s UNESCO-recognised Burgh Records held by Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives, the game stems from research by University of Aberdeen historians. The Burgh Records are the best preserved of any in Scotland, can tell us about life from the end of the 14th century to the early 16th century.

“I was in an auction house to look for records because I do a radio show. I play vinyl and I am always looking for stuff no one else has played. There was a lot of 45s and 78s and I bid on it. I didn’t expect to win but I got it for six quid. There was

this football record and I thought that was unusual because I have quite a few 78s but I’ve never come across one that says Rangers versus Celtic. I have done my research on it, and somebody wrote to me saying he had one from 1914. It’s definitely the oldest football match described on a record. It predates the Titanic. It’s hard to estimate a price because there aren’t any others that I know of.”

Scottish radio DJ Shane Quentin said after he purchased a rare vinyl record, ‘The Football Match (Rangers v. Celts)’ which dates to 1907. Quentin purchased the record at an auction in Auchtermuchty, Fife in December. The DJ believes it is the world’s oldest football record and may now be interested in selling it.



“You rarely go past the statue here without a throng of tourists from all sorts of different parts of the world, and quite right too, Greyfriars Bobby epitomised loyalty, dedication, and there’s no surprise that dogs are of course man’s best friend.”

Alastair Morrison, head of George Heriot’s Junior School, said people paid tributes to Greyfriars Bobby one of the world’s most famous dogs, on the 150th anniversary of his death which was on January 14, 1872. This devoted Skye terrier guarded his masters grave for 14 years in Greyfriars Kirkyard. His statue today is one of the most popular in Edinburgh. Visitors are reminded to please not rub his nose as it has caused damage to the statue over the years.

SCOTWORD

Here is a wee Scottish crossword for you to try! If you’re stuck, answers can be found on page 24.

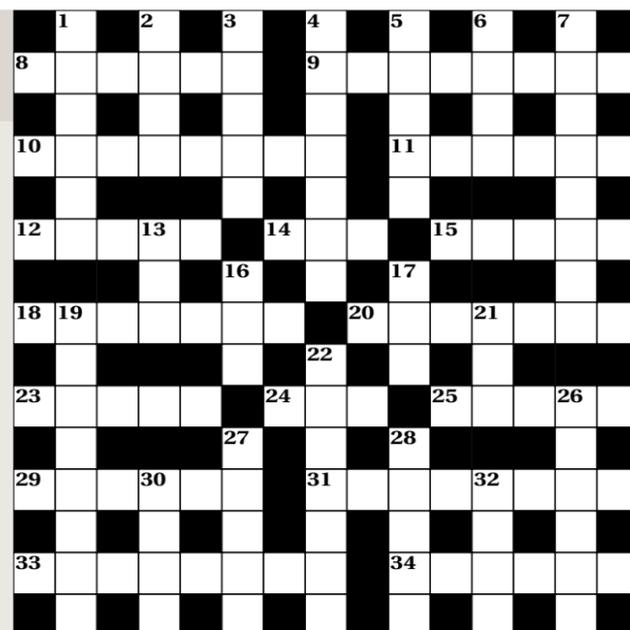
CLUES ACROSS:

- 8) People of a state (6)
- 9) It can be found in the North Sea (8)
- 10) It goes with Dumfries (8)
- 11) Scots town sounds American (6)
- 12) Perfect (5)
- 14) A Scots roll (3)
- 15) Front of a kilt (5)
- 18) Bagpipe essential
- 20) Scotland’ emblem (7)
- 23) Scots valleys (5)
- 24) Conical hill (3)

- 25) Call-to-arms cross! (5)
- 29) Resort near the River Earn (6)
- 31) The Granite City (8)
- 33) East-coast port (8)
- 34) A Scots bride’s dowery (6)

CLUES DOWN:

- 1) A knight’s tunic (6)
- 2) A Scots measure (4)
- 3) A Scots hilltop
- 4) Follow the feline! (7)
- 5) Glasgow’ flower! (5)
- 6) Bequeath (4)
- 7) Fishing port on Loch Broom (8)
- 13) Scotland’s own (3)
- 16) A river from 31 Across (3)
- 17) Reserved (3)
- 19) A capital palace (8)
- 21) Scots winter pastime (3)
- 22) Castle rampart (7)
- 26) Smelt in Scotland! (6)
- 27) Gently-flowing water (5)
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Podcast series: The Road to Culloden

Researched and written by volunteers at Culloden Visitor Centre, 'The Road to Culloden' follows the deadly game of cat and mouse between Government and Jacobite forces, concluding with the Battle of Culloden.



Four volunteers at Culloden Visitor Centre – Peter Cowe, John Easson, Ewen Macniven and Emma Tautscher – spent months piecing together information from a variety of sources for the newly released *The Road to Culloden* podcast series. The script was then checked by the National Trust for Scotland's historians before being given the seal of approval

from Professor Murray Pittock, the Trust's Scottish History advisor and a world expert on Culloden.

The 275th anniversary of the battle

Each 15-minute episode takes a different point of the story as its theme. A new episode will be released every few weeks until April 2022, marking the end of the

commemoration of the 275th anniversary of the battle. These podcasts also mark the beginning of Culloden's programme of 'war stories' – this will run over the next two years, tying in with VisitScotland's Year of Stories 2022.

The Road to Culloden podcast has been supported by many experts and members of the public, all passionate about the history of both the place and the people, before and after the Battle of Culloden. We are deeply grateful to those who have shared their expert knowledge and to those who donated to make this series possible, including eminent military historian Christopher Duffy, Professor Murray Pittock, the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA and donors to Culloden's Fighting Fund. *The Road to Culloden* has been recorded by veteran broadcaster Clare English and a new episode will be released every 4 weeks.

Episodes

At time of press five episodes are now available and episodes include: 1) *Matters a-Rising!* From political power struggles to dynastic divisions and civil war, part one of the Road to Culloden podcast, *Matters a-Rising*, positions the central players in the 1745 Rising and sets the scene for the battle for the throne of Great Britain. 2) *Cat chases mouse, or does mouse chase cat?* Take part in a

deadly game of cat and mouse as Prince Charles and his Jacobites advance across Scotland, pursued by Government troops. Ambushes, subterfuge, and brutal skirmishes defined the opening salvos of the campaign and saw the rebel Prince take up residence in Holyrood. 3) *The long way there and back*. Following victory in the Battle of Prestonpans Prince Charles Edward Stewart's eye turned to England and the next stage in the Jacobite Rising. Advancing into England at breakneck pace and with London in their sights, poor intelligence and internal squabbles would ultimately shape the Jacobites' vision. 4) *Decisions, decisions*. An out-voted Bonnie Prince is forced to head home under duress as the momentum shifts in the 1745 Rising. Sensing blood, the Government marches north in hot pursuit, with 'Rebellious Scots to crush', but there was still hope and victories ahead for the Jacobite forces. 5) *The Battle of Culloden and its immediate aftermath*. Harried and hunted, the exhausted Jacobites gather at Drumossie Moor for what would be one final and emphatic confrontation. The final episode of the Road to Culloden takes us onto the battlefield and among the ranks for the battle and tells of its brutal aftermath, the effects of which still resonate today.

Listen to The Road to Culloden at: <https://pod.co/the-road-to-culloden-podcast>

Actress Karen Gillan named Grand Marshal of 2022 NYC Tartan Day Parade

The National Tartan Day New York Committee is honored to announce award-winning Scottish actress Karen Gillan as Grand Marshal of the 2022 New York City Tartan Day Parade. The popular Scottish-themed event, entering its 24th year, will be held in midtown Manhattan on Saturday, April 9, 2022, returning in person for the first time since 2019. Gillan will helm the parade, followed by a lively procession of Pipe & Drum bands, Highland dancers, Scottish family clans, Shetlander Vikings and more. The annual celebration of Scottish heritage and culture brings together a rich tapestry of participants along with many thousands of spectators.

"I am absolutely delighted to represent Scotland in the next New York City Tartan Day Parade," Gillan says. "I'm honored to help celebrate Scotland in America, and I look forward to playing a part in broadening the public's awareness of Scotland's history and cultural contributions."

Karen Gillan is internationally known for her film, television and stage acting in productions including fan favorites from the Marvel Cinematic Universe: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 1* and *Vol. 2*, *Avengers: Infinity War*, and *Avengers: Endgame*, in addition to several other projects such as *Gunpowder Milkshake*, *Jumanji*, *Jumanji: The Next Level*, and *Doctor Who*. Her most recent credits include *Dual* and the upcoming *The Bubble*. She is currently

in production on Marvel's *Guardian's of the Galaxy Vol. 3* and it was recently announced that she will be voicing the title character in *Rhona Who Lives by the River* for Disney+. Gillan's work has been recognized with multiple British film and television awards, such as an Empire Award and a National Television Award. She has additionally received a Teen Choice Award in the United States and nominations for a BAFTA Scotland Award and Saturn Award.

Gillan was born and raised in Inverness, Scotland. In addition to her impressive roster of acting credentials, she is also a filmmaker and garnered a Best Feature Film nomination from British Academy Scotland Awards for her Inverness-set film *The Party's Just Beginning*.

Registration for the 2022 NYC Tartan Parade is now open. Groups and individuals are invited to march in the 24th Annual New York City Tartan Day Parade on Saturday, April 9, 2022 for free and can register by visiting: www.nyctartanweek.org



Photo: Sam Kim.



Tartan honouring nursing is woven with gratitude



Jamie Smith and Georgia Duffy.

A tartan incorporating the colours of Scotland's national nurse uniform has been created by nursing students and is the first of its kind to celebrate the profession. The woven cloth features shades of blue with burgundy detail to echo the official outfits worn by NHS nurses, healthcare assistants and student nurses across the country. The tartan was conceived by Nursing Studies students at the University of Edinburgh, home to the UK's first nursing degree, the UK's first nursing research unit, and Europe's first Professor of Nursing Studies. The Nursing Now - Edinburgh Nursing Studies tartan symbolises identity, kinship and solidarity for nurses, according to its registration with the Scottish Register of Tartans.

Celebrating nursing

The colourful project has been developed in partnership with Nursing Now – a global campaign established in 2018 to promote nursing and its vital role in improving health and transforming healthcare – and as part of the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, which was designated by the World Health Organisation in 2020 to celebrate and enhance nursing. Jamie Smith, a nurse at NHS Lothian and a PhD student at the University,

and Georgia Duffy, a former student at Edinburgh and also a nurse in practice at NHS Lothian, initiated the idea for the tartan and its design and said: "Tartan is such a symbol of kinship which is synonymous with Scotland. We thought by creating this special tartan just for nurses it could help recognise their contribution - a way to support those who are always there to support us."

A range of tartan merchandise – including facemasks, lambswool scarfs, shawls, stoles, wraps and tartan ties have been developed. People can also show their support for nurses with a charity tartan ribbon available for purchase on the Nursing tartan website. Georgia Duffy, NHS Lothian nurse said: "Capturing the essence of nurses and nursing was paramount to us on the creation of the tartan. Using the national uniform colours achieves this through highlighting the diversity within the workforce. Anyone can wear the tartan and we hope everyone will and can."

Sales of the products will help raise funds for projects which will equip nurses and midwives to tackle global healthcare challenges. Proceeds will also support The Burdett Trust for Nursing, a charitable trust which funds a range of projects to empower nurses and make significant improvements to the patient care environment. The Burdett Trust provides support for the Edinburgh Global Nursing Initiative – a University project launched in 2020 which connects nurses worldwide to share research, innovations and knowledge to boost people's health outcomes. The global initiative's pioneering projects have a focus on innovating nursing and midwifery in areas where health systems are affected by challenges such as disease outbreaks, poverty and conflict.

Are you a West Coaster?

Tourism group launches campaign to find kindred spirits.

Visit Wester Ross, a voluntary tourism association based in Wester Ross in the Scottish Highlands, has launched a campaign designed to attract visitors who have an affinity with Wester Ross and the people that live there. Launched in January, Are you a West Coaster? comprises a series of films featuring West Coasters who run businesses in Wester Ross and are looking to develop sustainable tourism to the area, which is also designated a Biosphere by UNESCO. Douglas Gibson, Co-ordinator at Visit Wester Ross, explains what it means to be a West Coaster: "People living in Wester Ross share the same mindset. We are passionate about where we live, we treat our stunning natural environment and each other with respect and we are proud to welcome visitors from all over the world and share our home. But a key difference is that we take 'Highland time' – this landscape and our culture has developed over a long period of time and is not something that needs to be rushed. We think there

are fellow West Coasters all over the UK and indeed the world. People who want something different, people who want an authentic experience in a place where people, place and land are inextricably linked, people who want to stay and spend quality time, not just pass through for a selfie. So, we are asking people to identify as a West Coaster and come and spend some quality, Highland time with us."

Breath-taking landscapes

A series of films will be released featuring West Coasters in their places of work, talking about what it's like to live in Wester Ross and the impression the area makes on visitors. Viewers will be introduced to the Mountaineer West Coaster, the Nature West Coaster, the Water West Coaster, the Cultural West Coaster and the Foodie West Coaster, each giving their perspective and asking the question: Are you a West Coaster? This campaign is the latest development in the tourism strategy for Wester Ross, supported by national efforts spearheaded by VisitScotland to develop

sustainable tourism. Natasha Hutchison, General Manager of the Wester Ross UNESCO Biosphere, is proud that Wester Ross has been included in the world's first UNESCO trail which was launched by VisitScotland last year.

Natasha highlights the significance of the UNESCO Biosphere designation for Wester Ross: "UNESCO Biospheres are often located in breath-taking landscapes and Wester Ross is no exception. This makes them wonderful places to visit. But living in a UNESCO Biosphere is about actively working towards a sustainable future and finding that delicate balance between development and conservation to ensure the wellbeing of our people and place for generations to come. We hope that this campaign strikes a chord with people and encourages visitors who are as passionate about Wester Ross as we are."

Wester Ross was recognised as a Biosphere Reserve in 2016 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) for the fantastic array of landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage that the region offers. Biospheres house dynamic local partnerships, rooted in communities that work collaboratively with Biosphere teams in a global network, to explore how – through education, science, culture, communication and information – we can learn to live in harmony with our environment.

More information about Visit Wester Ross can be found at: www.visitwester-ross.com

Iona tops list of 'top hidden places' in the UK



The Isle of Iona in the Inner Hebrides topped a list of 20 lesser-known beauty spots across Britain in a recent survey by a UK travel company. The island which is only 1.5 miles wide has been voted the UK's top tourist 'hidden gem'. Iona is often described as the 'birthplace of Christianity in Scotland' and has a population of under 200 permanent residents. The Isle of Iona also boasts sandy beaches, excellent walking opportunities and a variety of wildlife to look out for.

Graham Donoghue, chief executive of Sykes Holiday Cottages, which commissioned the survey, said: "Getting to experience places that aren't so well known and have a sense of secrecy about them is really exciting. In the UK, there are so many of these hidden gem locations within easy reach that many people have perhaps not even heard of, never mind visited."

Other Scottish locations to get a mention include the Fairy Pools and Talisker Bay on the Isle of Skye, the Stone Age sites on Orkney's Rousay Island, The Devil's Pulpit in Stirlingshire, The Bays on the Isle of Harris, the Southwest Coastal 300 road trip in Dumfries & Galloway. Also making the list from England were and Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel, the Cotswold Canals and Malham in the Yorkshire Dales.



How well do you know Scotland? To test your knowledge, we have assembled ten fun questions on its geography, history and culture - but if you get stumped, the solutions can be found underneath. Good luck!

- 1) Greyfriars Bobby was a West Highland Terrier true or false?
- 2) Kinnoull Hill overlooks which prominent Scottish town?
- 3) How many inhabited islands are there around Scotland? a) 120. b) 130 or c) 140?
- 4) What is a coo's lick?
- 5) What name did the Romans give to Scotland?
- 6) Name the most northerly town on the Scottish mainland?

- 7) By what name is the fish-eagle more popularly known?
- 8) When in Scotland is the stag-hunting season?
- 9) What is a "granny sooker"?
- 10) What is the name of the Queen's official residence when she is in Scotland?

Answers:

- 1) False - a Skye Terrier.
- 2) Perth.
- 3) b) 130.
- 4) A tuft of hair growing at an awkward angle from the head.
- 5) Caledonia.
- 6) Thurso.
- 7) The Osprey.
- 8) From July 1st to October 20th.
- 9) A hard mint sweet.
- 10) Holyrood House, Edinburgh.

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Scotland has a 'golden opportunity' to spark snow sports boom after two seasons effectively lost to Covid-19



The Scottish ski season is ready to return with a bang after two lost years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. That's the view of Snowsport Scotland CEO Trafford Wilson, who believes the first full season since the beginning of the pandemic, ongoing uncertainty around overseas travel, plus the impact of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, create the perfect conditions for a snow sports boom in Scotland as its five resorts prepare to fully open this winter. More than 750,000 tickets are sold at Scottish snow sports venues every year in an industry worth more than £30 million to the nation's economy annually. The Scottish Ski Industry (SSI) also supports a workforce

of more than 1,000 people, as well as almost 50 elite athletes involved in the Snowsport Scotland performance programme, which includes stars such as freestyle skier Kirsty Muir.

However, the pandemic has significantly restricted the last two winter seasons, meaning the upcoming 2021/22 ski season is pivotal to the recovery and future of the industry in Scotland. The past two years have been challenging for the Scottish snow sports industry – with the stop-start disruption of the pandemic grinding ticket sales to a halt, resulting in snow sport facilities facing a £20m reduction in revenue. Snowsport Scotland, the governing body overseeing Scottish snow sports activity at all levels, independently verified Snowsport facility losses from the pandemic over the past two winter seasons – even accounting for mitigation from furlough, redundancies, and deferred capital payments – are more than £12m.

Look to Scotland this winter season

However, despite the difficulties, Mr Wilson, who marks four years at the helm of Snowsport Scotland in May, believes

Covid-19 provided opportunity by putting the industry under the magnifying glass and highlighting its importance to Scotland's economy and tourism industry. He said: "While Covid has been a massive headache to say the least, particularly the stop and start nature of it, it's also provided the opportunity to gain heightened support from the Scottish Government and other agencies and promoted the national importance of the snow sports industry. Snow sports matters in Scotland. As evidenced through independent research the snow sports industry injects £30m into the Scottish economy every year, supports a workforce of more than 1,000 professionals, plays an important role in tourism, and allows literally hundreds of thousands of people each year to enjoy the physical and mental benefits that snow sport activities offer."

In response to the many financial setbacks spurred on by Covid-19, the Scottish Government provided a £7m "ski centre fund" to safeguard Scotland's commercially run snow sport centres – Nevis Mountain Range, Glencoe Mountain Resort, The Lecht Ski Centre, Glenshee Ski Centre, Bearsden Snowsports Centre, Snow Factor – Glasgow, Newmilns Snowsports Centre and Glasgow Ski and Snowboard Centre.

However, for the centres and the communities around them to thrive, Mr Wilson believes more investment is needed, which will hopefully be achieved in part, by strong ticket sales in the coming winter season. With thousands of people also facing uncertainty due to the ever-changing quarantine rules in European countries, Mr Wilson hopes more people may look to Scotland this winter season. He said: "There's a golden opportunity to get people in the UK thinking about coming to Scotland as concerns remain about travelling abroad. We hope that this opportunity allows more people than ever before to experience snow sports in the UK; and want to come back for more in the years to come. It's fundamentally important we have a good season."

We want people to ski and snowboard in Scotland, enjoy it, and make it a habit going forward. This winter season presents a great opportunity for people to make the most of the varied terrain on offer, explore our backcountry playgrounds and to learn how to ski or snowboard on home soil. With GB Snowsport looking to confirm 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic squads, Snowsport Scotland expects to see a strong base of Scottish athletes included. We are enormously proud of the number and quality of athletes preparing to compete at the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics and look forward to seeing how their performances help inspire the next generation of snow sport participants in Scotland."

For more on Snowsport Scotland and its activities, visit www.snowsportsScotland.org.



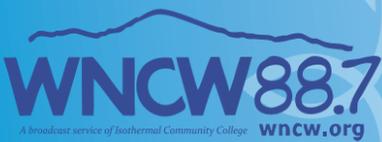
Did you know?

- There are 5 mountain resorts in Scotland; Cairngorm Mountain; Glencoe; Glenshee; Lecht 2090; and Nevis Range.
- There are 16 artificial snow sport centres; Aberdeen Snowsports Centre; Glasgow Ski & Snowboard Centre; Midlothian Snowsports Centre – Hillend; Snow Factor; Bearsden Ski and Board Club; Newmilns Snow and Sports Complex; Polmonthill Snowsports Centre; Firpark Ski Centre; Alford Ski Centre; Glenmore Lodge; Huntly Nordic and Outdoors Centre; Lagganila Outdoor Centre; Loch Insh; and, RM-Condor Arbroath.
- There is calculated to be demand for approximately 840,000 'skier days' per year in Scotland, with 580,000 taking place on artificial slopes and a further 260,000 at mountain resorts.
- 750,000 'skier days' were recorded in the 2018-19 winter season (the last season recorded prior to covid).
- Currently, 18 of the 48 athletes on the UK Sport funded winter sports programme are Scottish.
- Snowsport Scotland's membership has increased by 39% over the last 4 years (4,112 new members).

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Glasgow reveals studio plans for Kelvin Hall

A major new television and film studio is set to be created in the centre of Glasgow. Council bosses approved plans to develop a £11.9million production facility within the city's historic Kelvin Hall with substantial support of up to £7.9million from the Scottish Government - delivering a huge boost to the city's dynamic screen and creative sectors. It is anticipated the first part of the new screen hub will be ready to open later this year; with discussions already well advanced with potential tenants.

Council leader Susan Aitken said: "Glasgow's creative industries are hugely important not only to the city's economy; but also its culture and its national and international profile. The city is home to an incredible community of independent producers, with access to an enviable pipeline of young talent. We know they are in demand all over the country and, often, the world - but we also know that, here at home, there is a relative lack of the kind of studio space they need to be able to win higher-value commissions. This exciting plan for the Kelvin Hall will not only establish that kind of facility, but do it right in the heart of the city. It shows how serious Glasgow is about fostering and building on a well-deserved reputation as centre of excellence in television production."

The screen sector is already estimated to be worth up to £500m to Scotland each year, with around 60% of that in Glasgow. However, recent changes to how public service broadcasters commission programmes, laid down by industry regulator Ofcom, mean there are now huge opportunities for creative centres outside London to grow. Since first opening as an exhibition venue in 1927, the Kelvin Hall has hosted an extraordinary range of events and been a fixture of the city's cultural and sporting scenes. For a generation of Glaswegians, it is perhaps most familiar as the former home of the city's transport museum.

Wild Salmon Strategy launch



An ambitious strategy which aims to bring the wild salmon population in Scotland back from crisis point has been launched. Atlantic salmon is an iconic species featuring highly among the wildlife readily associated with Scotland at home and abroad. Salmon are affected by a wide range of pressures, some at sea, but many others acting within the Scottish freshwater and coastal environments. A key contributory factor appears to be climate change. The strategy highlights five priority themes for action, including improving the condition of rivers, managing exploitation including the effectiveness of deterrents to poachers, understanding and mitigating pressures salmon face in the marine and coastal environment, international collaboration and developing a modernised policy framework.

Rural Affairs Secretary Mairi Gougeon said: "I am grateful to the many organisations which have contributed to development of this important and ground-breaking strategy for wild salmon in Scotland. There is now significant evidence showing that populations of Atlantic salmon are at crisis point and, we must now reinvigorate our collective efforts to ensure a positive future for the species. Although the pattern of decline is repeated across the salmon's North Atlantic range, with climate change a significant factor, there remains much that we can do in our rivers, lochs and coastal waters to seek to build resilience and transform the fortunes of this iconic fish."

Clackmannan Town Hall to receive vital upgrade



Clackmannan Town Hall is to receive upgrades worth £1.2m to ensure its future as a valuable community asset. The upgrade, led by Clackmannanshire Council in partnership with Clackmannan Town Hall Trust, will see a programme of works take place to make the building wind and watertight. This will include a new replacement roof, stonework repairs and cleaning the stonework at the front of the building to improve its appearance. The building, which dates back to the 1800s, is in a Conservation Area and the roof replacement works will be carried out in keeping with the Town Hall's history and in consultation with the Clackmannan Town Hall Trust.

Councillor Craig Holden, spokesperson for Housing and the Environment, said: "I welcome the work being carried out at Clackmannan Town Hall. Ensuring our built heritage is maintained is important for our communities to feel connected to their past and to provide a place to come together for years to come. Clackmannan Town Hall has been part of the community for well over 100 years and this work will mean this vital community asset has many more years ahead of it."

Full details of the planned work will be made available once the survey works are completed, with the work starting later in the year.

Eden Project to establish 14 hectares of new wildflower habitat across Dundee



The Eden Project will bring swathes of colour to the city of Dundee with the planting of a series of wildflower meadows. The first of these meadows to be developed will be at Seabraes, located near the science centre and approximately a mile from the former Dundee Gasworks on East Dock Street, the proposed site for the Eden Project's home in Dundee. Other locations will be at Camperdown Park and the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc. In addition, a further seven sites have

been identified by Dundee City Council that will be developed and maintained through the Nature Restoration Fund. Eden will support the evolution of these sites with training and narrative building. The meadows will be planted this spring and will start blooming in the summer. The planting programme is part of Eden's commitment to the city ahead of the opening of Eden Project Dundee in 2024. Dan James, Eden's Development Director, said: "We are delighted to announce this fantastic project which will deliver community engagement, biodiversity, wildlife habitat and nature spaces for people to access for wellbeing, health, joy and beautification. This project represents hope for a green future. Every community deserves to have green space and nature to explore, and it demonstrates our commitment to Dundee to make a real difference to people and the places they live."

Each of the wildflower areas will contain different, carefully selected mixes of annuals and perennial flowers, chosen due to their adaptation to local soil and environmental conditions. In May, a memorandum of understanding was signed between to kick off a period to explore the practicalities of converting the site of the former Dundee Gasworks on East Dock Street into Eden Project Dundee. Eden predicts that the project will create 200 jobs (with an additional 300 indirectly created) and contribute £27m per year to the regional economy.

Glasgow Subway to be first in Britain without drivers



A £300m upgrade is coming to the Glasgow Subway in 2023. 17 new trains in a new four-car set formation, as opposed to the current three-set, have been ordered. Due to the unique dimensions of the Subway, the new trains sets are the same length and size as the existing rolling stock but inside passengers will now be able to walk the entire length of the train and enjoy an open view at the front into the tunnels. Once in service, the trains are expected to initially operate with a driver on board before switching to "unattended train operation" with no staff travelling with passengers, which will be a UK first, following some underground lines in Paris, Barcelona and Copenhagen. This is in addition to the Subway station modernisation programme, which is now complete, with all 15 of the stations having recently been upgraded. The Subway opened on 14 December 1896 and is the third oldest underground system in the world after London and Budapest. The Glasgow Subway carries 13 million passengers each year and is currently undergoing its biggest modernisation programme in more than 30 years.

The King at Pleasure and Prayer



Linlithgow Palace. Photo: VisitScotland.

James IV is usually remembered as the tragic king who not only lost the Battle of Flodden in 1513, but also died on the field. In fact, he was a very much more complex and interesting figure who influenced both the world of the church and the world of the arts. One place where these interests came together was Linlithgow Palace.

Linlithgow figures prominently in the Flodden story; it was in St Michael's Kirk (adjacent to the Palace and also surviving today) that, before Flodden, James reportedly saw a blue-gowned apparition that warned him not to march with his army to England. Well, we can take that, as all such stories, with a hefty pinch of salt but if James IV were to see a ghost when in church, he'd be likely to see it in St Michael's for he regularly went to Linlithgow. He commissioned a number of developments and enhancements to the palace. It's been called 'James IV's Pleasure Palace', but it was also a place of prayer with its own Chapel Royal - as if St Michael's Kirk wasn't grand enough.

The arts

James IV had one especially distinguishable characteristic; he travelled about his kingdom a great deal, being seen in public, carrying out engagements and making agreements with local power bases. This was a probably a deliberate contrast to his late father, James III (a lot of Stewarts were called James) who had been criticised for rarely venturing outside Edinburgh. James, by contrast, progressed, in traditional royal fashion, between his various palaces including Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Stirling Castle and Falkland.

James encouraged the arts. He ordered the completion of the Chapel Royal and the Great Hall at Stirling Castle (both of which we can still appreciate today) and poets like William Dunbar and Gavin Douglas were encouraged to flourish. James became the patron of King's College, Aberdeen in 1505 and in 1507 licensed Scotland's first printing press. Scottish sacred music also began to get noticed, Robert Carver being its key figure.

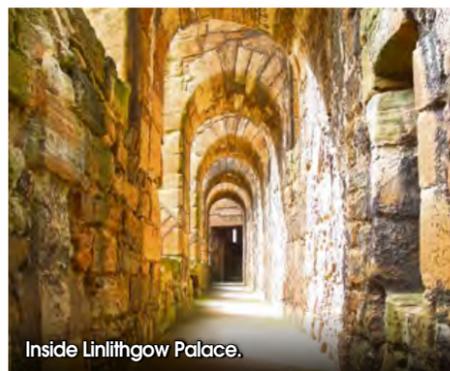
Carver was an Augustinian canon at Scone Abbey near Perth, but also a composer of church music. He is most notable, however, for compiling what is now known as the Carver Choirbook,

a collection of polyphonic sacred music, which included some of his own compositions. The National Library of Scotland suggests that the Choirbook was put together at some point between 1513 and 1520 (ie, after James IV's death), possibly for use in the chapel at Scone Abbey, or the Chapel Royal at Stirling Castle. However, it's just possible that the collection was compiled a little earlier for use in the Chapel Royal at Linlithgow Palace in the presence of James IV.

James IV was devoted to the cult of St Catherine and was known to celebrate her feast day (November 25) at Linlithgow. His alleged spectral warning about Flodden came in the St Catherine's Aisle of St Michael's Kirk and he paid fifteen visits to a healing well at Liberton in Edinburgh that was dedicated to St Catherine. The well still survives, in the grounds of a restaurant, and is sometimes known as 'the Oily Well' because of the oil that naturally appears on the water from local shale deposits. It may be significant, then, that the Carver Choirbook includes a number of works referencing St Catherine.

The sound of live Renaissance worship

Two research projects, involving Edinburgh University and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council - Space, Place, Sound and Memory and Hearing Historic Scotland - have been investigating the appearance, layout and acoustic properties of the Linlithgow Chapel Royal during James IV's time. The aim is to enable people today to experience what the sound of live Renaissance worship was like. Linlithgow Palace is now mostly ruinous (though still impressive) and the Chapel Royal is a bare, roofless, windowless space.



Inside Linlithgow Palace.

The researchers surveyed the existing chapel using laser technology and studied the likely furnishings and layout of the space in James IV's time. The aim was to make recordings and to develop an app that would allow listeners to experience the music as it might have sounded in Linlithgow's Chapel Royal in its heyday.

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Informed by the Hearing Historic Scotland project, a CD was recorded and issued, composed of selections from the Carver Choirbook (although none of the chosen music is by Carver himself) including some pieces dedicated to St Catherine. The music was performed by the Binchois Consort, conducted by Andrew Kirkman. James VI is known to have celebrated Easter at Linlithgow in 1512, so the selections are designed to be a possible order of service for that occasion, performed in the presence of a king who revered St Catherine. Using the app, listeners can compare how the music would sound in the recreated chapel of 1512, with the sound in today's cold bare space.

Renaissance sacred choral music may not be your cup of tea, but these studies add to our understanding of James IV.

It's remarkable how much of the world that he knew can still be visited today. The sacred well at Liberton is freely accessible and so are James' royal palaces, although Stirling, especially, was much remodelled later by his son James V. Even the burial place of his parents, James III and Margaret of Denmark, can be visited at the site of Cambuskenneth Abbey, a quiet spot near Stirling.

Much of what we know about James concerns his piety; the chapels, the music, the sacred sites. There is also his *Book of Hours*, a spectacular illuminated prayer book created probably in Ghent, Belgium, and now held in the Austrian National Library in Vienna. And yet, in the strange world of the 15th and 16th centuries, he was able to combine his religiosity with a liberal love-life. He had several children by a string of mistresses.

James IV was a fascinating if not a particularly admirable man. Recent research now enables us to appreciate even the music he heard during his devotions. He was more than just the king who received a ghostly warning about an impending battle, ignored the warning, and rode out to his death.

You can see a sample page of the Carver Choirbook at the National Library of Scotland's website: <https://digital.nls.uk/scotlandspages/timeline/15032.html>

Details of the Hearing Historic Scotland and Space, Place, Sound and Memory research can be found at: <https://www.eca.ed.ac.uk/research/space-place-sound-and-memory>

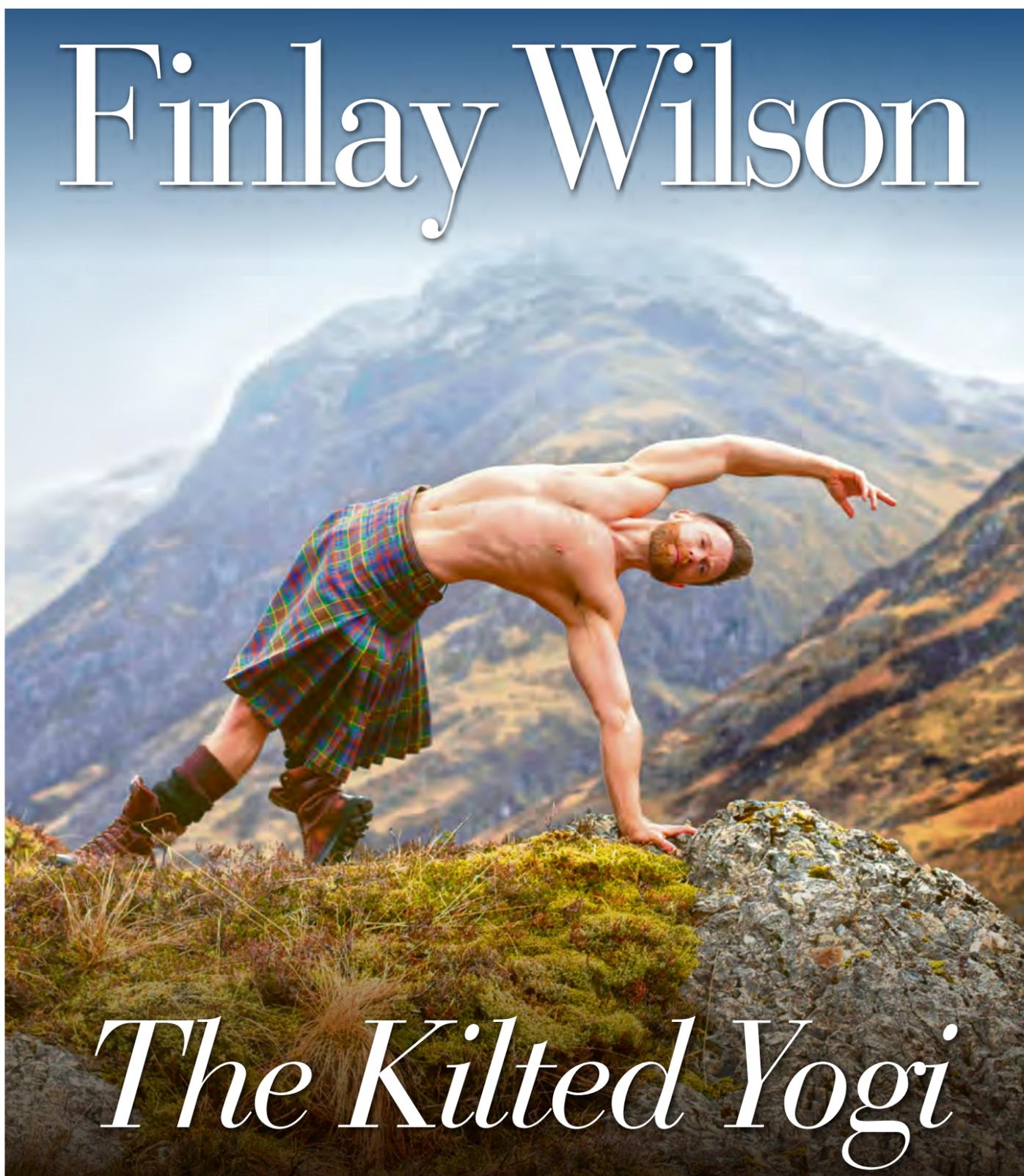


St Michael's Church.



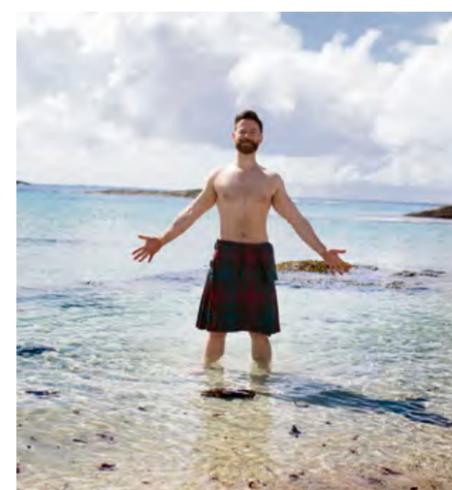
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Finlay Wilson



The Kilted Yogi

Viral Scottish yoga star Finlay Wilson is back with his new book Wild Kilted Yoga: Flow and Feel Free, get ready for more tartan, more dramatic scenery and more tips and tricks to make your yoga practice extra special. Finlay took time to speak to the Scottish Banner on his love of yoga, his rescue dog Amaloh, tartan and of course Scotland.



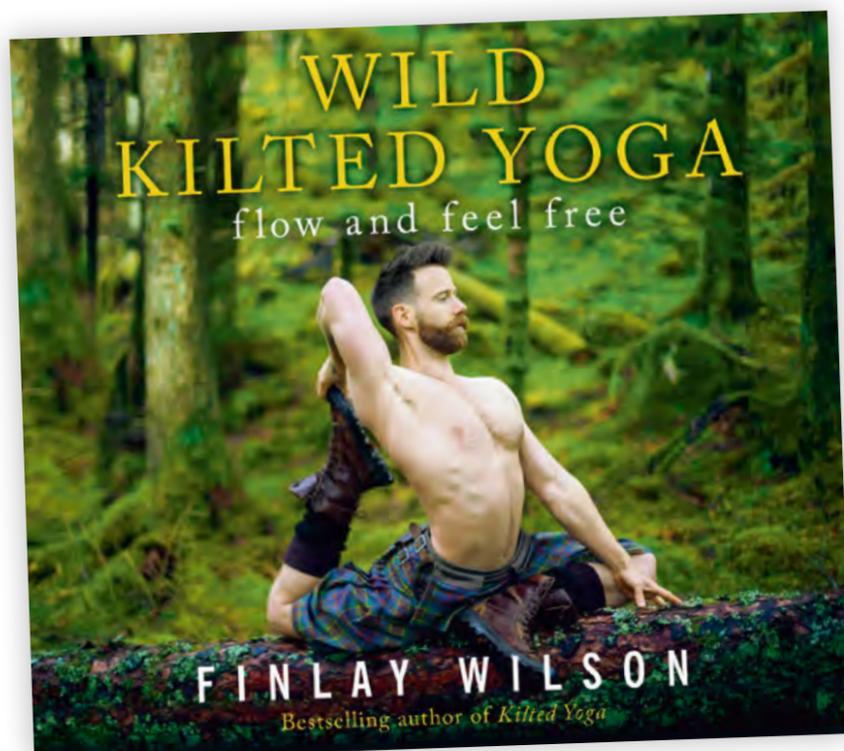
If it weren't for the on-the-spot decision to rescue him, the chain of events would have meant Kilted Yoga never happened! Once Amaloh was over here, I made a video about him that went viral. In the small period of time afterwards people waited for the "what's next" and were receptive to Kilted Yoga. His three million views were knocked out of the park within 24 hours! On a more serious and less digital note, I had just gone through an awful divorce and having him suddenly in my life gave shape to my days, keeping me from sinking too deeply. He also really enjoys being around when I am doing yoga, so he was like a familiar that encouraged me to do even that.

As the world changed so drastically last year with many facing isolation and depression. How do you find yoga has helped you during the pandemic and how have you had to adapt your business during a Covid world?

Yoga is my daily practice. The pandemic added a lot more pressure but what it did was move me outside. I found to deal with the challenges mentally, I had to augment my practice by getting outside more and became an avid cyclist, gardener and walker. From a business point of view, teaching online wasn't new to me, so we were able to transition straight away to online classes without missing a beat. While practicing online isn't the same as being in person, it was a means to an end that kept our community together and in a routine for the 18 months. Our staff all stayed on full time and our audience grew to span the world, that was a very unexpected bonus!

You do a lot of community outreach from your Dundee based studio and help children, young adults and families and recently became an Ambassador for the Prince's Foundation, can you tell us more?

I sure can. The studio, Heart Space, just celebrated 10 years since I opened it and now that we are back into the swing of things (albeit with physical distancing still in place) we have a full schedule of



Finlay you have fused Scotland's incredible scenery, the iconic kilt and the ancient, but non-Scottish, practice of yoga to become a viral Scottish yoga star a few years back. Since then, you have helped sell yoga, kilts and Scotland to the world. How has your life changed since 2017 and are you still surprised how merging these elements has been enjoyed by millions of people across the world?

It constantly surprises me that every week new people engage with it. I get messages and comments from all over, some first timers to yoga, but most that are big fans of Scotland. If it gets more people thinking about yoga and a practice for themselves, then great!

You have said your dog Amaloh is the reason you created Kilted Yoga and that you rescued Amaloh from Sri Lanka with a yoga strap as a collar. Can you tell us more and how has having Amaloh in your life changed you?

classes for families that are free. So far, we offer pregnancy yoga, parent and baby yoga, parent and baby barre, kids yoga, kids aerial yoga, and kids aerial silks and a class called Yoga for Every Body. All of our other classes help fund this and the work we do in the community. With community centres and groups still working out this new environment, we are hoping to keep developing and re forging connections we had 20 months ago.

With this focus and skillset, I was approached by The Prince's Foundation to be an ambassador for the incredible work that the foundation does around mental health, wellbeing, and education. Without it being too much of a theme, as we come out of the pandemic, my role will become clearer as we find new ways to work with each other.

Yoga is my daily practice.

In 2017 you released the bestselling book *Kilted Yoga: Yoga Laid Bare* which introduced many to yoga and also some spectacular Scottish scenery. Now you are releasing *Wild Kilted Yoga: Flow and Feel Free*. Can you tell us more about the new book, working with your twin brother and how making this book you were able to visit special places in Scotland from your childhood?

Not only was it amazing to get out when restrictions lifted, I also hadn't spent any meaningful time with my twin brother since the start of the pandemic. So, to be able to go out with a project and a plan felt incredible. Now, the weather had other ideas and we were hit with blizzards as soon as we got to Glen Coe in May, hail, gale force winds and torrential rain. We had to move some of our locations around and for each sequence (fire, water, earth, and air) we shot in two different locations for each as we navigated the weather. Only one of the locations, air, was new to me as we trekked along single track roads for hours to get to Sanna Beach.

It looks more like Caribbean waters than what you would associate with Scotland!

Alastair has taken almost all of the images you see on my pages, we do a calendar every year and I wanted to work with someone that knows me very well, understands the poses and when I am fully in them, but also to celebrate that he is as much an essential part of kilted yoga as the guy doing the yoga!

The book follows on from book one which set the foundations of the practice I teach and moves into four very different sequences that build on these foundations. Each sequence has a different energetic with flowing movements for water and strong holds for fire. There is also a bonus chapter in there for two people practicing together, just like book one.

In 2018 you created the Kilted Yoga tartan which gives a nod to the mystical Scottish wolf. Can you tell how important it is for you incorporate kilts in your work and to also champion the art of kiltmaking and Scottish textiles?



I did indeed. The colours are a cry back to a wolf's coat with a shot of red through there for other parts of my environmental studies with Red Deer and Scot's Pine (which has a lovely red hue to the bark). It matches the wolf tattoo on my forearm and is something that has held my imagination since I was younger and began my studies. Prickly Thistle helped design and weave the tartans and a big part of their message is the permanence of traditional Scottish industry vs. fast fashion and plastic-based materials. I know a lot of people growing up inherited a kilt, it has a lifespan beyond that, unlike most clothes and I really put mine through its paces.

Finlay what would you tell someone, regardless of their age, who wants to try yoga? Also, can you tell us about some of the ongoing benefits yoga has given you and how does it make you feel to be taking yoga to such a new level across the world?

A lot of people have tried yoga, one of the things we try to let people know is that there are many styles, systems, methodologies and personalities out there. Depending on what you need (and you may not even know) it is worth shopping around a little. One teacher's interpretation of gentle may be vastly different to another's.



It is useful to find a teacher that is knowledgeable and experienced, especially if you are navigating any injuries but it is best to check with a physical therapist about the best route for that.

For me, yoga makes me less reactive. I have a core that feels steady in the face of challenges. Breath work and endurance have helped me on so many occasions it doesn't need mentioning! It is this that I hope brings people to my classes, the desire to explore what they can do rather than adding to a list what they can't do.

And finally, Finlay in your book and your videos you get to travel across Scotland and show off its beauty to many. How does Scotland's natural settings compliment yoga and do you have a favourite part of the country to visit when not rolling out the yoga mat?

I love practicing all over but if it's a peat bog and soaking, I am usually miserable! Give me dry and grippy rock and we are on to a winner. It's the fresh air, the feeling of life in with each breath. Whenever I am away travelling it is something I look forward to on my return.

Wild Kilted Yoga: Flow and Feel Free by Finlay Wilson is available now (Yellow Kite, £14.99). www.amazon.co.uk/Wild-Kilted-Yoga-Flow-Feel/dp/1529377145

For more information or to keep up with Finlay see: www.finlay-wilson.com



THIS MONTH IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

Names & Places In The News From Today And The Past

1 - Alexander Selkirk, a sailor from Lower Largo, Fife, rescued after four years on the island of Juan Fernandez, 400 miles off the coast of Chile; his story inspired Daniel Defoe to write *Robinson Crusoe*. **1708**

1 - Author Muriel Spark born. She is most well known as the author of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, written in 1961, a touching and funny portrait of an individual and eccentric Edinburgh teacher during the inter-war period, and the effect she has on her pupils. **1918**

2 - Feast and legal Quarter Day of Candlemass.

2 - James I married Lady Jane Beaufort, daughter of the Earl of Somerset, in London. **1424**

2 - Battle of Inverlochy, one of the Duke of Montrose's victories over the Covenanters, killing 1,300. **1645**

2 - Birth of James Chalmers in Arbroath - he devised the adhesive postage stamp. **1782**

2 - Novelist Alistair Maclean died. His books *The Guns of Navarone*, *Ice Station Zebra* and *Where Eagles Dare* were made into films. **1987**

3 - General Monck's regiment entered London, having marched from Coldstream in the borders. The regiment kept order during the period of the restoration of Charles II. It continued as a standing regiment of the British Army, becoming known as the Coldstream Guards. **1660**

4 - Charles II proclaimed king in Edinburgh - but not in England. **1649**

4 - Prince James Francis Stuart, the Old Pretender, left Scotland after a stay of only three weeks, effectively bringing the first Jacobite Uprising to an end. **1716**

4 - Honours of Scotland put on display in Edinburgh Castle after being rediscovered by Sir Walter Scott. The jewels consist of a sword, crown and sceptre. The three items were first used together during the coronation of Mary, Queen of Scots and last used for the coronation of Charles II in 1651. During the Second World War, they were hidden in different parts of Edinburgh Castle in case of German invasion. **1818**



5 - SS *Politician* ran aground on Eriskay in the Outer Hebrides during gale worse winds, creating the basis for Sir Compton Mackenzie's novel *Whisky Galore*. **1941**

5 - John Witherspoon, clergyman, writer, President of Princeton University 1768-94, signatory to American Declaration of Independence 1776, born in Gifford, East Lothian. **1723**

5 - John Boyd Dunlop, who patented the first practical pneumatic tyre, born Ayrshire. **1846**

5 - Writer and historian Thomas Carlyle died in London. **1881**

6 - Queen Anne, last of the Stuart monarchs, born. **1665**

6 - King Charles II, the "merry monarch" died. His last words to his brother James were "Don't let poor Nellie starve" - a reference to his favourite mistress, Nell Gwynne. **1685**

6 - Representation of the people Act received Royal assent, granting votes to women over the age of 30. **1918**

6 - King George VI dies and Queen Elizabeth II becomes monarch. **1952**

7 - Battle at Glenfruin when the MacGregors slaughtered a number of Colquhouns - the origins of the banning of the MacGregor name. **1603**

7 - 12,000 players and spectators descended on the frozen Lake of Menteith for Scotland's only outdoor curling tournament, known as the Bonspiel or the Grand Match. **1979**

7 - The Old Pretender's Jacobite army disbanded at Aberdeen, ending the 1715 uprising. Thirty years later his son, Charles, would try again to recapture the throne for the Stuarts. **1716**

8 - Mary Queen of Scots beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle after nearly 20 years of imprisonment. At the time of her death, Mary was 44 and had outlived three husbands. **1587**

8 - A contingent of a thousand Scots, commanded by the brothers John and William Stuart, headed to the relief of the beleaguered French garrison at Orleans. The expedition ended in disaster when the force was defeated by the English at Rouvray Saint Denis and both Stuarts were killed. **1429**

9 - John Noble, co-founder of Loch Fyne Oysters and Loch Fyne Restaurants died. It began as an umbrella and a trestle table and then transferred to a cowshed. Soon the venture became a restaurant, and then evolved into a chain of oyster bars. **2002**

9 - Gordon McQueen, 25-year-old Scotland central defender, becomes Britain's first £500,000 footballer in a transfer from Leeds United to Manchester United. **1978**

10 - Robert the Bruce murdered John 'Red' Comyn in Dumfries. Bruce met Red Comyn at the old Greyfriars Church and killed him at the high altar and Bruce began his bid for the throne. **1306**

10 - Lord Darnley, husband of Mary Queen of Scots, assassinated. **1567**

10 - Death of Lord Joseph Lister, pioneer of surgery and antiseptic at the University of Glasgow and Glasgow and Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. **1912**

11 - Tolls are removed from the Erskine Bridge, the Tay Road Bridge, and the Forth Road Bridge. These bridges were the last three remaining toll bridges in Scotland. **2008**

11 - Coldest temperature ever recorded in Scotland, -27.2 (-16.96F) at Braemar. **1895**

11 - Author and politician John Buchan died in Canada. **1940**

12 - Rev Henry Duncan, founder of the world-wide savings bank movement, died near Ruthwell. **1846**

12 - George Heriot, goldsmith to King James VI and founder of Heriot's School, died. The school was originally founded as Heriot's Hospital, Edinburgh. He is thought to be the inspiration for the character, Georgie Heriot, in Sir Walter Scott's novel, *Fortunes of Nigel*. **1624**

13 - Kenneth MacAlpin, King of Dalriada and the Picts, died at Forteviot. **858**

13 - Massacre of 38 of the Clan Macdonald by government order at Glencoe. **1692**



13 - Scottish Youth Hostel Association formed. **1931**

14 - Mary Queen of Scots meets Lord Darnley for the first time. They married in July 1565. **1565**

14 - Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone (Patent 174461). Two hours after it was lodged, his rival, Elisha Gray, applied for a similar patent. Bell's was granted. **1876**



14 - Dolly the sheep died. Dolly was a female domestic sheep, and the first cloned mammal (at the Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh) ever to be created from an adult cell, her birth was of huge excitement both to the scientific world and to the public. **2003**

15 - Decimal currency introduced, abandoning 12 pennies to a shilling and 20 shillings to a pound. **1971**

15 - The Caledonian Railway company opened. The Caledonian Railway ran trains from London to Glasgow and was in fierce competition with the Edinburgh based North British Railway. **1848**

16 - Government forces under Lord Loudon attempted to capture Prince Charles Edward Stewart at Moy Hall. **1746**

16 - Scottish crime and science fiction writer Iain Banks was born in Dunfermline, Fife. He was named one of The 50 greatest British writers since 1945 and sadly Banks died from cancer on June 9, 2013. **1954**



16 - Scottish actor, author and artist John Cairney was born in Glasgow. Best known for his one-man shows on Robert Burns, Cairney also starred in BBC's *This Man Craig* and films *A Night to Remember*, *Cleopatra* and *Jason and the Argonauts*. **1930**

17 - King James V passed a law which recognised Scotland's gipsies. **1540**

17 - James Renwick, last Covenanter to be executed. **1688**



18 - Glasgow's Queen Street train station opened. Originally called Glasgow Dundas Street the station was built by Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway to link the thriving city of Glasgow to the nation's capital. The station and line took four years to build. A £120m redevelopment has taken place to see the station into the future. **1842**

19 - James Douglas retook Roxburgh Castle and razed it to the ground. The Black Douglas, as he was known, and sixty men gained access to the castle by climbing the castle walls using hooked scaling ladders. **1314**

20 - King James I murdered in Perth by a group led by Sir Robert Graham. **1437**

20 - Orkney and Shetland annexed from Norway. **1472**

20 - Gordon Brown, former UK Prime Minister (2007-2010), born in Giffnock, Renfrewshire. **1951**

21 - Intercity railway between Glasgow and Edinburgh opened by Queen Victoria. **1842**

21 - Eric Liddell, *Chariots of Fire* athlete, winner of 1924 Olympics 400 metres, died in Japanese internment camp in China. **1945**

22 - David II died at Edinburgh Castle. **1371**

22 - King Robert II crowned. **1371**

23 - Battle of Roslin in which a Scots army of 8,000, led by Sir Simon Fraser, Sinclair of Rosslyn and the Red Comyn, surprised an English army of 30,000 led by Sir John Seagrave and defeated them. **1303**

23 - James Herriot (pen name of James Alfred Wight), author of *All Creatures Great and Small*, died aged 78. **1995**



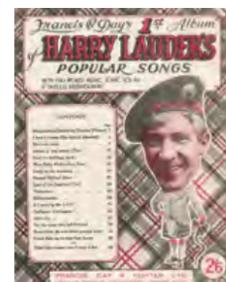
24 - Steam train, the *Flying Scotsman* went into service with London and North Eastern Railway (LNER), on the London (King's Cross) to Edinburgh route. The train was the first and the first to reach speeds of 100 mph. **1923**

24 - Footballer Denis Law who played for Manchester United and Scotland, born. **1940**

25 - Bishop Henry Wardlaw established St Andrews as a university although it was not officially inaugurated until 4 February 1414 when a Bull of Foundation was promulgated by Pope Benedict XIII. **1412**

26 - Philip van der Straten, a Fleming, was granted Scots naturalisation and set up a factory in Kelso, thus starting the Border woollen industry. **1672**

26 - Robert Watson Watt demonstrated radar for the first time. **1935**



26 - Entertainer and singer/song writer Sir Harry Lauder died. Lauder had become the highest-paid performer in the world, and was the first British artist to sell a million records. **1950**

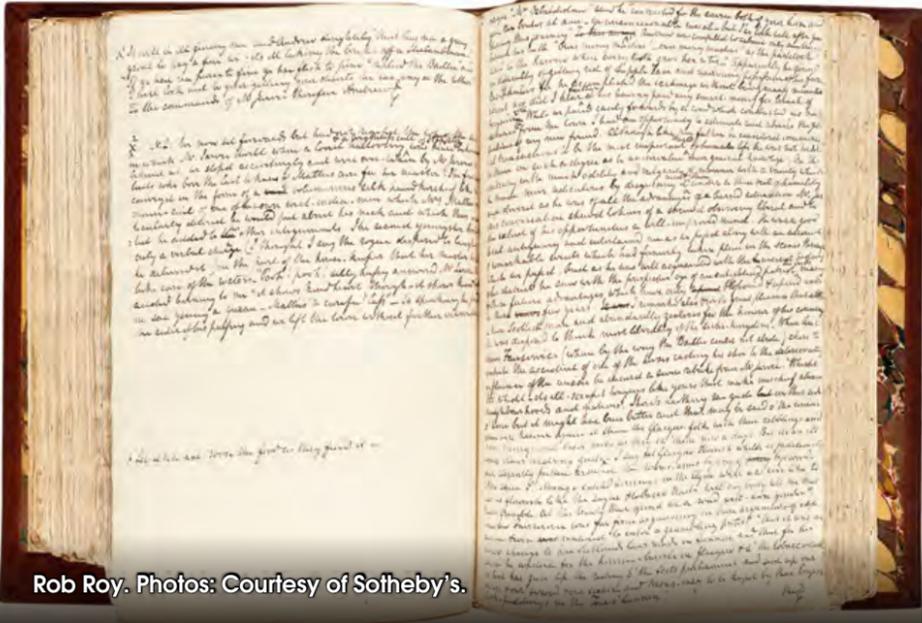
27 - Battle of Ancrum Moor in which Scottish forces, led by Earl of Douglas, defeated an English army twice their size. **1545**

28 - Second National Covenant signed in Greyfriars Churchyard. The document was a direct response to Charles I's attempts to introduce a Book of Common Prayer across the whole of Britain, as Presbyterians were incensed that the General Assembly had not been consulted. **1638**

29 - The famous Glasgow theatre, The Pavilion, celebrated its opening performance. **1904**

29 - Patrick Hamilton was burned at St Andrews for the crime of heresy. Hamilton is regarded as the first Protestant martyr in Scotland. After studying in Europe, where he came into contact with the ideas of Martin Luther, Hamilton began to preach Protestant ideas in Scotland, leading to his arrest. Hamilton was sentenced to be burned at the stake but, horrifically, his inexperienced executioners underestimated how much kindling would be needed, and the fire petered out with Hamilton badly burned but alive. In all it took six hours for the flames to consume Hamilton. **1528**

Saved for the nation - Scottish institutions celebrate appeal's success



Rob Roy. Photos: Courtesy of Sotheby's.

The Scottish members of a consortium set up to save a unique collection of literature for the nation have welcomed the news that their international appeal has reached its target of £15 million. This means that the Blavatnik Honresfield Library (formerly Honresfield Library) – a treasure trove of items from the world's most beloved writers, unseen by the public for almost a century – will no longer be sold at open auction and instead will be shared with libraries and other organisations across the UK. The library, collected and curated

by a Rochdale businessman in the 1800s, comprises priceless manuscripts, rare first editions and irreplaceable letters. These include works by Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Jane Austen and the Brontë siblings. A UK-wide consortium led by The Friends of the National Libraries, which includes Abbotsford, the National Library of Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland, was successful in raising half the funds needed from hundreds of individual donors, as well as the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the Scottish Government, the Foyle Foundation, and

other organisations, with the balance coming from a generous donation by Sir Leonard Blavatnik – the largest ever given to the UK by an individual for a literary treasure. This achievement has also been made possible by the vendor's willingness to give the consortium the time needed to launch and run the fundraising appeal, to which countless people from Scotland, the UK and around the world contributed.

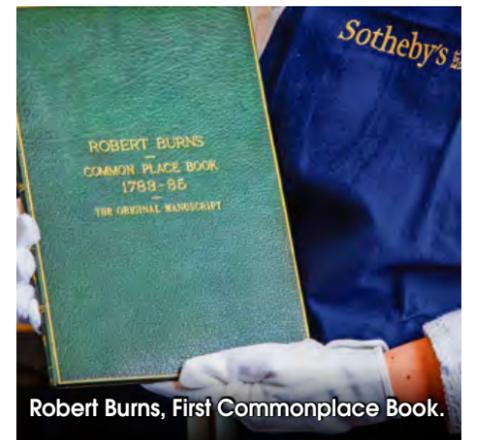
Coveted collection of literary treasures

Arrangements will be made in the coming months for the Scottish organisations to take possession of key works from the collection, conserve them and make them publicly accessible. These include an early volume of poems by Robert Burns in his own hand – containing some of his earliest recorded literary works – known as the *First Commonplace Book*, as well as individual autograph poems (*Cessnock Bank* and the *Brigs of Ayr*), and some of the poet's earliest correspondence, including the only extant letter to his beloved father.

Other Scottish material of huge importance is the complete working manuscript of Sir Walter Scott's iconic novel *Rob Roy*, part of the autographed manuscript of Scott's verse romance, *The Lay of the Last Minstrel*, his travel journal of an expedition off the Scottish coast in 1814, a copy of *Border Antiquities* with

extensive manuscript revisions, and an exceptional group of Scott first editions in their original condition.

Culture Minister Jenny Gilruth said: "It's important for the nation that this coveted collection of literary treasures has been saved from being sold into private hands. Once again, books which play a crucial part in Scotland's literary history were in danger of being withheld from public view. These include some of Robert Burns's earliest works and the manuscript of Sir Walter Scott's *Rob Roy*. The Scottish Government is pleased to support the Honresfield Library appeal by providing £400,000 to ensure these valuable books return to Scotland where our culture and heritage organisations will ensure they are cared for, preserved and made available to the public."



Robert Burns, *First Commonplace Book*.

Tartan of the Month

Love Gaelic Tartan

The Scottish Banner is pleased to be offering the Tartan of the Month series highlighting a variety of different, unique and colourful tartans from around the world which are registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh. The Scottish Register of Tartans was established by an act of the Scottish Parliament in November 2008 and promotes and preserves information about historic and contemporary tartans from Scotland and throughout the world.

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A tartan for the company Love Gaelic (Love Gàidhlig) Ltd. It was created to reflect the love and passion which exists to keep the Gaelic language alive. Gaelic learners and native speakers worldwide, form the backbone and hope to overcome any obstacles the Gaelic language encounters. This tartan (SRT reference: 13290) was designed by Mr Blair Urquhart, House of Tartan and registered in September, 2021.

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IN THE SCOTTISH KITCHEN



Scotch Lamb Broth

Ingredients:

450g/16oz. Scotch lamb shanks
1.2 litres/5 cups cold water
40g/1.5 oz. pearl barley
1 potato, cut into 5mm, dice
1 carrot, cut into 5mm, dice
1 onion, cut into 5mm, dice
1 leek, cut into 5mm, dice
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
100g/3.5 oz. fresh or frozen peas
1 stick celery

Method:

Put the lamb shanks and the water into a large pan. Season and add the stock cube. Bring to the boil, then cover and simmer very slowly for about 1 hour 30 minutes, until the meat is very tender. Lift the meat out onto a plate and set aside to cool slightly.

Add the pearl barley to the pan, bring back to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the potato and simmer for another 10 minutes. Then add the carrot, celery, onion and leek and simmer for a further 15 minutes. If at this stage the soup looks a bit too thick, add a little more water and bring back to a simmer.

Cut the meat from the cooked lamb shank into 5mm dice and add to the soup with the peas and the chopped parsley. Simmer for 5 minutes, check the seasoning and serve - it tastes even better if it's left to cool and then reheated the next day. It also freezes well.

Steak Balmoral

Ingredients:

4 rib-eye steaks
30g/1oz. butter
1 shallot, chopped
4 tbsp. Scotch whisky
1 tsp. coarse grain mustard
150ml/¼ pint beef stock
110g/4oz. sliced mushrooms
290ml/½ pint double cream
handful of fresh parsley, chopped
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Method:

Pan fry the steaks to desired 'doneness' and keep warm. In a separate pan, melt the butter. Sauté the chopped shallot until soft. Add the whisky to the pan and carefully set it alight. When the flame goes out add the grain mustard, stock and mushrooms. Add the cream and bring to the boil. Simmer gently until the sauce has reduced by half, stirring from time to time. Add the chopped parsley just before serving. Season well. Pour over steaks to serve.

Cullen Skink Bridies



Ingredients:

250g/9oz. strong bread flour, unbleached
75g/2.5 oz. plain flour
1 pinch salt
175g/6oz. unsalted butter, cubed
3 tbsp. cold water
For the filling:
500g/18oz. smoked haddock (can substitute with cod or halibut) fillets
300ml/1¼ cup milk
20g/.5oz. chopped flat leaf parsley, stalks retained
25g/1oz. unsalted butter
25g1oz. plain flour
2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
1 unwaxed lemons, grated zest
1 pinch black pepper

Method:

First make/prepare the pastry. Sift the flours and a pinch of salt into a food processor. Add the butter and process until incorporated. Add just enough cold water to bind into a stiff dough. Gather dough into your hands, wrap in cling film and chill for at least 1 hour. Make the filling. Place the smoked haddock in a pan with milk and parsley stalks.

Bring slowly to the boil, bubble for one minute, then remove from the heat and cover. Leave for 30 minutes or so then strain through a sieve over a jug, reserving the fish liquor.

Flake the fish. Melt the butter in a pan, add the flour, stir for one minute, then add the reserved fish liquor. Cook, whisking constantly, over a medium heat to low heat until smooth. Stir in the mustard, lemon zest, chopped parsley leaves, flaked haddock and season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Cool. Divide the pastry into four and roll each piece into an oval. Divide the filling into four and spoon on to one half of each pastry oval, leaving a border. Dampen the edges and fold the top half of the pastry over the filling to enclose it. Trim the edges into a neat horseshoe shape. 'Dunt' and 'nick' by pressing down the edges to seal to give a nicely finished look. Using a sharp knife, make a small hole for the steam to escape in the top of each bridie. Place on a lightly buttered baking sheet and chill an hour or so. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Bake the bridies for 40 minutes, or until a pale golden brown. Serve with a rocket or watercress salad.

Deep-filled Lemon Meringue Pie

Ingredients:

For the pastry
200g/7oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 tsp. caster sugar
125g/4½oz cold butter, cut into cubes
1 free-range egg, beaten
For the lemon filling:
50g/1¾oz cornflour
350ml/12fl oz. cold water
200g/7oz. caster sugar
4 lemons, zest and juice
1 free-range egg plus 3 free-range eggs yolks
For the meringue topping:
3 free-range eggs whites
175g/6oz caster sugar
½ tsp. vanilla extract

Method:

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Grease a 20cm/8in fluted flan tin. To make the pastry, place the flour, sugar and the butter in a food processor and pulse until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

With the motor running, gradually add the beaten egg and blend until the mixture forms a ball. Do not over blend or the pastry will be tough. Tip onto a floured board, knead briefly, then roll out to a 5mm/¼in thickness, turning the pastry and flouring the surface regularly. Use it to a line the prepared flan tin. Trim the edges neatly, prick the base lightly with a fork and chill the pastry for 30 minutes. While the pastry is resting, make the filling. Put the cornflour in a small bowl and mix with enough of the cold water to make a thin paste then set aside. Pour the remaining water into a large saucepan and add the sugar, lemon zest and juice. (You should have around 225ml/8fl oz. lemon juice.) Heat gently until the sugar dissolves then bring to the boil. Reduce the heat slightly and quickly stir in the cornflour mixture - the sauce should thicken immediately.

Cook over a low heat for three minutes, stirring until thickened and glossy. Remove from the heat and cool for five minutes. Whisk the egg yolks with the whole egg until smooth, then whisk vigorously into the sauce. Set aside to cool for 25 minutes. Put the pastry case on a sturdy baking tray, line with crumpled baking parchment and fill with baking beans. Bake blind for 15 minutes then carefully take out of the oven and remove the paper and beans. Return to the oven for a further 3-4 minutes until the surface of the pastry is dry. Remove from the oven and reduce the temperature to 150C/ 300F/Gas 2. For the meringue topping, whisk the egg whites in a large bowl until stiff then gradually whisk in half the sugar. Add the vanilla extract and whisk in the remaining sugar. Stir the cooled lemon filling and pour into the pastry case. Cover very gently with large dessert spoonful's of the meringue topping, starting at the sides then working your way into the middle, and gently swirl the top. Bake for 25 minutes or until the meringue is set and very lightly browned. Leave to cool before removing from the tin.

Scottish Raspberry Romance



Ingredients:

1 shot scotch whisky
1 shot Chambord Rose Champagne

Method:

Pour whisky and Chambord into a flute glass, then add in rose champagne to fill. Delicious!

TENEMENT TALES

By: Brian Diamond

Canadian Brian Diamond has developed a collection of short humorous stories which were written to create a book that he could give to his 13 grandchildren. The stories are 100% true and accurately portray his childhood growing up in a tenement in the industrial suburb of Springburn in Glasgow in the 1940's and 50's.

Fish and the Landed Gentry Vol. 2



Hopefully dear reader you will by now have read my previous fishy story on salmon and the landed gentry (*Tenement Tales, Fish and the Landed Gentry Vol. 1, the Scottish Banner, November, 2021*), so time for salmon story number two, a light hearted tale. I had grown up, got married, left Springburn and was on holiday with my wife and two sons on the Isle Of Bute (Rothesay to the uninitiated).

While my wife and family played and had a picnic by the water's edge, I spent practically the whole day out on the rocks fishing, and much to my son's disgust had caught absolutely nothing. There must have been close to fifty fishing enthusiasts out on the rocks with me that day, and apart from the odd cod, we caught nothing of interest. Eventually the tide started to come in forcing

even the most diehard fisherman of the rocks where we assembled by our cars at the kerb side to pack our gear and call it a day.

King salmon

Suddenly there was quite a commotion as a wee lad appeared, he was walking along the pavement and had his finger hooked in the mouth of an enormous salmon, the tail of the fish was dragging on the ground easily a foot behind him, I don't think that I have ever seen a bigger salmon at that point in my life. All the fishermen coming off the rocks stared in wonder and envy at the sight of this kid with such a huge fish, it was a sight to see, we had fished all day for nothing and here is this kid walking along with a king salmon.

So as the crowd gathers around to observe this wonder, the local police

constable appears in the middle of the gathering and immediately demands to know where this fish came from. "Ah caught it" says the wee lad, "You did not" says the constable, "Ah DID SO", screams the wee lad right back. "OK, where did you catch it then?", says the constable. "Over there in that pond" says the lad, pointing to a shallow kiddies wading pond that fills up when the tide comes in. "So, where's your fishing rod?" says the Constable. "Ah did'nae need wan" says the kid, "AH HA, if you don't have a fishing rod, how could you have caught this fish?", says the constable.

Fishy tales from the tenements

Clearly the constable thought that with his deductive reasoning powers that this was game, set and match, but happily, not the case. With a shy wee smile the lad says, "Ah hit it oan the heid wi a brick", this response elicits gales of laughter and bravo's from the assembled fisherman. "Where are you from son?" asks the constable, "Springburn in Glasgow" says the lad, I liked him already, "I'm doon here oan ma holiday". "Do you have a fishing license?", asks the constable, "Naw ah don't" says the lad, "Well in that case, I will have to confiscate that fish as it legally belongs to the Earl of Bute, he owns this island and I will have to return it to him", said the constable.

By this time a large crowd had gathered, and they were getting uglier by the minute. Upon hearing the constable's verdict, the members of the fishing fraternity treated the constable to a lesson with variety of alphabetic f words, none of which referred to fish. Some even questioned the constable's parenthood. So, with discretion being the better part of valour, the constable, made a wise decision and decided to overlook the fact that the kid had no rod or license to catch this fish. What the kid did have was an ugly crowd of friends who were keen to prevent the constable from purloining the kids' fish, under the guise of the law. The constable beat a hasty retreat, with a warning to the kid of "Don't do that again", as if he ever could, it was a million to one long shot.

That said, I have to admit that the following day I wandered around to the magic wading pool with a few rocks in my hand just in case and was not surprised to find a few of my fellow fishermen who appeared to have the same intention as me, just in case. For a happy ending, one of the fishermen took the kid and his fish over to the local hotel where they sold it to the chef and the kid went home to his parents with a substantial holiday cash bonus. Two true fishy tales from the tenements, and not one of them about the size of the one that got away this has to be a fisherman's record of some sort.

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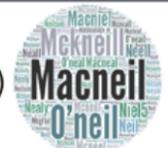
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The international Scottish event community worldwide has been greatly impacted by event postponements, scaled down presentations and cancellations due to restrictions related to COVID-19. We are listing both events taking place and that have been cancelled/postponed. Please check direct with event contacts for the most up to date information. You can also see our latest updates (including events across Scotland and Australia/New Zealand) or add your event at: www.scottishbanner.com/events

Canada

FEBRUARY 2022

Great Canadian Kilt Skate — Home Edition 1-28, Nationwide

Tartan up! Celebrate Scottish heritage by skating in kilts, tartans or anything that reminds you of Scotland. Everyone, everywhere can join: on your backyard rink, on the outdoor rink at the community centre, on the frozen pond down the road. To participate, simply put on your tartan or kilt, head out on the ice and share your photos and video clips! Send your photos and videos to communications@ottscot.ca. #TartanUp #ottscot #kiltskate2022

Great Canadian Kilt Skate - Saskatoon 13, Saskatoon, SK

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The Gaelic Society of Toronto Ceilidh 18, Virtual event

A Ceilidh is all about community and coming together! If you have a story, a song, or an instrument you play, we invite you to contribute – skill level is not the important thing at a Ceilidh, so simply join and tell, sing or play! Most of all, we invite you to contribute with your presence and join us via Zoom. Info: gaelictoronto@gmail.com or www.gaelicsocietytoronto.com

Great Canadian Kilt Skate - Fergus 20, Fergus, ON

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Kilt Skate

27, Williamstown, ON

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MARCH 2022

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Across:

- 8) Nation,
- 9) Oilfield,
- 10) Galloway,
- 11) Dollar,
- 12) Ideal,
- 14) Bap,
- 15) Apron,
- 18) Chanter,
- 20) Thistle,
- 23) Glens,
- 24) Pap,
- 25) Fiery,
- 29) Crieff,
- 31) Aberdeen,
- 33) Montrose,
- 34) Tocher

Down:

- 1) Tabard,
- 2) Gill,
- 3) Knowe,
- 4) Copycat,
- 5) Clyde,
- 6) Will,
- 7) Ullapool,
- 13) Ain,
- 16) Dee,
- 17) Shy,
- 19) Hollyrood,
- 21) Ski,
- 22) Parapet,
- 26) Reeked,
- 27) Afton,
- 28) Keith,
- 30) Efts,
- 32) Dyce

Kilted Kulture for Year of Stories

19, Virtual event

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APRIL 2022

Tartan Day Pub Night

2, Toronto, ON

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Tartan Day

6, Nationwide

Tartan Day is a celebration of Scottish heritage on April 6, the date on which the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. Wear some tartan with pride today!

Burns Supper

7, Montréal, QC

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National Tartan Day

24, Ottawa, ON

Join the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band on Parliament Hill to celebrate Tartan Day. Info: www.sospb.com

USA

FEBRUARY 2022

Sarasota Highland Games & Celtic Festival 4 - 5, Sarasota, FL

February 4th, 7PM-10PM Ceilidh, followed by a full day of Scottish celebration February 5th, 9AM-5PM with the Games at Sarasota County Fairgrounds. Info: www.sarasotahighlandgames.com

Ninth Annual Celtic Family Jamboree

4 - 5, Brooksville, FL

Celtic music, workshops, Highland athletics demo, Celtic merchandise at The Rustic Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Myers Rd. Info: www.celticheritageproductions.com/fj.htm

Balmoral Winter Workshop Online

4 - 6, Virtual event

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City of Dunedin Pipe Band presents

"Highland Roads," LIVE in concert

5, Alexandria, VA

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Tartan Kilt Skate

6, Concord, NH

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Kilt Skate NYC

10, New York, NY

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Asheville Celtic Festival

19, Fletcher, NC

A winter indoor Celtic Festival bringing the Celtic spirit of the Seven Nations to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, will be held inside of the Davis Center at the WNC Agricultural Center. Info: www.ashevillecelticfest.com

Mount Dora Scottish Highland Festival

19 - 20, Mount Dora, FL

Celebrate the Scottish Culture in Mount Dora with bagpipers, Highland Athletics, Celtic music, dancing, Society and Heritage Clan Village, Shortbread Contest, and more. Info: <https://ci.mount-dora.fl.us/698/Mount-Dora-Scottish-Festival>

The 27th Annual Burns Night

Gala Celebration

25, New York, NY

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Games and Festival

26, Green Cove Springs, FL

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MARCH 2022

Phoenix Scottish Games

4 - 6, Gilbert AZ

New location is the Gilbert Regional Park, at Queen Creek Rd. and Higley Rd. (3005 E. Queen Creek Rd) Info: www.phoenixscottishgames.com

Southeast Florida Scottish

Festival & Highland Games

5, Plantation, FL

A celebration of Scottish culture at Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane (W 63rd Ave), presented by Scottish American Society of South Florida. Info: www.sassf.org

36th Annual Celtic Heritage Celebration

11 - 13, Angels Camp, CA

The largest Celtic event on the West Coast at Calaveras County Fairgrounds, 2465 Gun Club Rd. Info: www.celticheritagecelebration.com

The St. Augustine Celtic Music

& Heritage Festival

12 - 13, St. Augustine, FL

Find the Celt in you at America's oldest Celtic city at the multi-award winning St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival, a weekend of great Celtic entertainment. Info: www.celticstaugustine.com

Tartan Day South

31 - April 3, Cayce, SC

A celebration is a four-day event honoring Celtic heritage, featuring unique sports, incredible music, great foods and interactive as well as interesting exhibitions. Info: www.tartandaysouth.com

APRIL 2022

The Wallace Award

1, New York, NY

The American-Scottish Foundation introduced the Wallace Award in 1970 to recognize the extraordinary diversity of contribution that Scots have made to the world - and, in particular, to recognize one or more living citizens or residents of the United States of Scottish descent for their individual contributions to the wellbeing of this country. Held at the University Club. Info: www.americanscottishfoundation.com

Dunedin Highland Games & Festival

2, Dunedin, FL

Highland dance competitions as well as Pipe Band and Heavy Athletics contests. Food, craft beer, Celtic merchandise and more at Highlander Park. Info: www.dunedinhighlandgames.com

San Antonio Highland Games

& Celtic Music Festival

2-3, Helotes, TX

A weekend of Scottish celebration and culture at Helotes Festival Grounds, 12210 Leslie Rd. Info: www.sahga.org

Tartan Day

6, Nationwide

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Loch Norman Highland Games

8-10, Huntersville, NC

Come and experience all the fun with Highland dancing, pipe bands, Highland athletics, a Giant Kid's Zone, Scottish merchants, Haggis, Celtic rock and traditional performers, historic re-enactments, Scottish Country Dancing and more at Historic Rural Hill, 4431 Neck Rd. Info: www.lochnorman.com

24th Annual NYC Tartan Day Parade

9, New York, NY

The swirl of kilts, the skirl of bagpipers and the cheers of thousands of spectators await. This beloved celebration of Scottish-American culture promises to be extraordinary in scope, talent and turnout as we gather in person for the first time since 2019. Info: www.nytartanweek.org

Las Vegas Highland Games

9-10, Las Vegas, NV

A festival for the community presented by the Las Vegas Celtic Society, featuring Celtic music, food, vendors, and athletics at Floyd Lamb Park. Info: www.lasvegascelticsociety.org

A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures

14, New York, NY

Join the National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA for an evening of Scottish music, dining and dancing with presentation of the Great Scot Award to Diana Gabaldon, The New York Times bestselling author of the Outlander series, at The Metropolitan Club. Info: www.ntsusa.org/about-us/celebration-gala

Ormond Beach Celtic Festival

23-24, Ormond Beach, FL

Live music, traditional Celtic food & vendors, Celtic clans, Highland Games, and plenty of activities for the wee ones. Info: www.ormondbeachcelticfestival.com

Southern Maryland Celtic Festival

24, Saint Leonard, MD

Music, dance, vendors, crafters, living history, genealogy, clans and societies, Highland athletics, the pipes and more at Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum. Info: www.cssm.org

The 2022 Virginia International Tattoo

28-May 1, Norfolk, VA

The Tattoo will return to its long-time home at Scope Arena in Downtown Norfolk; international performers will be back with a renewed desire to share their music, culture and traditions; and the free preshow Tattoo Hullabaloo will once again wow crowds for hours every day. Info: 757-282-2800 or www.vafest.org/tattoo

Auld Lang Syne ritual lodged in Scotland's past



It is a custom observed worldwide by millions every New Year, now research has uncovered why revellers link arms when they sing *Auld Lang Syne*. A study of Robert Burns' best-loved song links the practice to freemasonry, where singing with arms crossed and hands joined was a parting ritual in many Lodges. University of Edinburgh musicologist Morag Grant, who has just published a book about the song, spotted the Masonic connection while sifting the archives of Glasgow's Mitchell Library. A newspaper report of an Ayrshire Lodge's Burns Supper in 1879, describes the song being sung as members

formed 'the circle of unity' — a common masonic ritual, also called the 'chain of union'.

Global popularity

Dr Grant says the tradition of singing the song at times of parting, and doing so with crossed hands, emerges in the mid-19th century — not just among Freemasons, but in other fraternal organisations too. The Masonic link is hardly surprising, according to Dr Grant. Burns was a Freemason all his adult life and the organisation was instrumental in promoting his work during his lifetime and after his death. Dr Grant has studied

a range of historical sources — including written accounts, newspaper reports, theatre playbills, printed music and early recordings — to illuminate the song's path to global popularity.

"*Auld Lang Syne's* sentiments didn't just resonate with Freemasons", says Dr Grant. "Some of the earliest reports of the song's use at parting come from American college graduations in the 1850s." Within decades, the use of the song at graduation had crossed to Japan, where the well-known tune — known as Hotaru no hikari—is still played at the close of business in some shops.

Dr Grant's study shows that *Auld Lang Syne's* global fame predates the invention of sound recording and radio. Many commentators had previously linked its rise to the dawn of the broadcast era. Historical analysis suggests otherwise. In 1877, Alexander Graham Bell used it to demonstrate the telephone, and in 1890 it was one of the first songs recorded on Emil Berliner's gramophone. The song's use at New Year emerged around the same time, principally through exiled Scots gathering outside St Paul's Cathedral in London, but also expatriates living abroad. By 1929, the tradition was so well established internationally that a line from the song was displayed on the electronic ticker at New Year's celebrations in Times Square. The Scouts too played a key role in spreading its fame. The song was sung at the end of the first World Scout Jamboree in 1920 and versions in French, German, Greek and Polish soon followed.

Song's origins

Dr Grant's book, *Auld Lang Syne: A Song and its Culture*, also explores the song's origins and Burns' role in creating the modern song from older models. The book examines the part played by his publisher, George Thomson, in picking the tune generally sung today, which is not, in fact, the one Burns intended. *Auld Lang Syne* quickly became popular with Scottish audience when it was published in this form in 1799 and soon became well known elsewhere.

A key step in this process was its inclusion in an opera called *Rob Roy Macgregor*, or *Auld Lang Syne* — which premiered in London in 1818. Before long, it was being performed in North America. Says Dr Grant, who's based in the Reid School of Music at Edinburgh College of Art: "It's remarkable how this song, written in a language which even most Scots don't fully understand, has become so synonymous with New Year the world over. The many traditions and rituals associated with the song — as well as its simple, singable tune — are key to understanding its phenomenal spread, and why we still sing it today. *Auld Lang Syne* is a song about the ties that bind us to others across the years and even though its appeal is now global, it's very much rooted in the world Burns inhabited," says Dr Grant.

Auld Lang Syne: A Song and its Culture by M J Grant is published by OpenBook Publishers and is available to read free online at: www.openbookpublishers.com/product/1253



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Diana Gabaldon, Bestselling author of *Outlander* novels, to be honored as NTSUSA'S 2022 Great Scot



Diana Gabaldon visiting Falkland Palace in Fife, Scotland, a property cared for by the National Trust for Scotland.



Great Scot Award honoree Diana Gabaldon with *Outlander* stars Catriona Balfe and Sam Heughan.

American author Diana Gabaldon has brought the romance and drama of Scottish history to life for more than 50 million readers worldwide with her bestselling *Outlander* novels. Gabaldon's novels, and the Starz television series they inspired, tell the story of a British army nurse who mysteriously travels back in time to 18th century Scotland. Now, The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA will recognize her extraordinary contributions to Scotland and America's shared heritage by presenting her with the 2022 Great Scot Award at their 15th annual fundraising gala, *A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures*, on April 14, 2022.

"2022 has been designated Scotland's Year of Stories, and so it seems especially appropriate to honor Diana Gabaldon, whose stories have come to embody Scotland and Scottish culture for millions of readers and television watchers around

the world," said Helen E.R. Sayles CBE, The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's chair. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to thank her for inspiring so many readers to explore and fall in love with Scotland."

Ms. Gabaldon's first novel, *Outlander*, was published in 1991, and the story has extended across eight additional *New York Times* bestselling volumes. Her books have sold 50 million copies in 39 languages and 114 countries. The latest and ninth book, *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone*, was published in November 2021. Largely set in 18th century Scotland, many of the *Outlander* novels use actual historic events as the backdrop for Claire and Jamie Fraser's romance. Some of these, including the 1746 Battle of Culloden, are historic sites now in the care of the National Trust for Scotland. In addition, National Trust for Scotland properties including Falkland Palace, Preston Mill, and the Village of

Culross, have been used in filming the Sony/Starz television series based on Ms. Gabaldon's work. The series stars Catriona Balfe and Sam Heughan, and its sixth season premieres on March 6, 2022.

Americans have embraced Scottish culture through their love of *Outlander*

"I have seen firsthand how Americans have embraced Scottish culture through their love of *Outlander*," said Kirstin Bridier, executive director of NTSUSA. "Many *Outlander* fans have contributed generously to the preservation of National Trust for Scotland sites associated with the novels and television show – sites like Preston Mill. We could not ask for a better ambassador for our work."

The presentation of the Great Scot Award is at the heart of a black-tie event that raises funds to support Scotland's largest conservation charity. Past recipients of the award include documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, comedian Sir Billy Connolly, award-winning actors Alan Cumming and Brian Cox, endurance athlete and world-record breaking cyclist Mark Beaumont, sculptor Andy Scott, and authors Denise Mina and Alexander McCall Smith.

A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures is a festive evening that features a whisky tasting by The Macallan; the recitation of Burns' Ode to a Haggis by Alasdair Nichol,

Chairman of Freeman's auction house and a frequent appraiser on PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*; Scottish country dancing; and live and silent auctions. Before heading home, guests form a circle, clasp hands, and sing *Auld Lang Syne*. The National Trust for Scotland cares for 100 natural and cultural heritage properties across Scotland, including several sites that commemorate historic events described in *Outlander* or used for filming the Sony/Starz television show.

The Great Scot Award will be presented on April 14, 2022, at The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA's first in-person fundraising gala since 2019. The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA (NTSUSA) exists to support the work of Scotland's largest conservation charity. NTSUSA makes grants for projects that protect Scotland's natural, built, and cultural heritage on behalf of future generations. Since 2000, NTSUSA has committed more than \$10 million in funding for the National Trust for Scotland's most urgent conservation priorities. Donations to NTSUSA, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. To learn more about NTSUSA or to become a member, please visit www.ntsusa.org.

To learn more about the A Celebration of Scotland's Treasures gala, visit www.ntsusa.org/about-us/celebration-gala.

Scotland's Anthrax Island



Tucked away in a secluded bay on Scotland's west coast, the remote island of Gruinard concealed one of British Intelligence's most deadly secrets for over half a century. Gruinard Island is a small island approximately 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) long by 1 kilometre (0.6 mi) wide, located in Gruinard Bay.

The island was selected by Second World War scientists as the perfect spot to test an anthrax bomb after the government of the day became anxious about Hitler's capacity to develop biological weapons. The experiment in 1942 was horrifically successful, in that it annihilated a flock of sheep and left the 520 acre island enshrouded in anthrax and out of bounds to any human being until 1990. Approximately 95% of people infected with anthrax die.

Gruinard's importance

Even though particulars of the pollution programme were familiar locally, Gruinard's importance was officially recognised in documents declassified in 1997. It was during the 1980s that Dr David Kelly (who tragically committed suicide after being involved in the controversy about Iraq's

weapons of mass destruction), was head of microbiology at the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton Down and oversaw the operation to decontaminate the island. Cleaning and purifying an entire island proved a mammoth challenge, but ultimately it was accomplished in 1986 with the help of 280 tonnes of formaldehyde dissolved in seawater.

On 24 April 1990, after 48 years of quarantine and four years after the cleaning of Gruinard, the island was certified as safe and four years later a local crofter, John Robinson successfully reintroduced sheep. According to the wartime newspapers, scientists concluded that anthrax had 'enormous potential'. The wartime government was so taken aback by this statement that it declared that "these forms of frightfulness" should play no role whatever in the war effort.

Today you can take kayaking tours around the island and take it in its beauty. However some experts still today insist that the island will remain dangerous for several hundred years, as it is simply impossible to destroy the remnants of the anthrax in its territory.

Balmoral 2022 Online Winter Workshop

MacLeod, Gandy, Mathieson & Carlisle to teach at Balmoral's Winter Workshop.



The Balmoral School of Piping & Drumming is offering a weekend-long Winter Workshop for Pipers, February 4-6, 2022, for a fee

of \$275 USD. Students who refer new students will receive \$50 off the price of the Workshop for each new student referred.

Attendees will receive online instruction via Zoom, with tech help available for those who need it. Our guest piping instructors—Roddy MacLeod, Andrew Carlisle, Bruce Gandy, Robert Mathieson—have all won major awards and have incomparable records of teaching and promoting pipe music around the world.

Roddy MacLeod, MBE, of Glasgow, Scotland, won his first Gold Medal at the Northern Meeting in 1986, Argyllshire Gathering Gold Medal in 1988. He is a 10-time winner of the Piobaireachd at the Glenfiddich Solo Piping Championship and has won the overall title five times. While Pipe Major of the Scottish Power Pipe Band, he led it to over 45 Grade 1 Championship prizes including the Cowal Championships and All Ireland Championships. He was Principal of The National Piping Centre from 1996 -2020.

Originally from Northern Ireland, now a resident of Pittsburgh, Andrew Carlisle has won numerous top awards: A Grade Strathspey and Reel at Oban, the A Grade Piobaireachd & Overall at The Cowal

Highland Gathering, US Gold Medals for both Light Music & Piobaireachd, and three All-Ireland titles at Senior level. He's 3-time winner of the Macallan Trophy at Lorient, Brittany, France. Andrew holds the prestigious positions of Professor of Music and Director of Piping at Carnegie Mellon University.

A resident of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Bruce Gandy was a member of the 78th Fraser Highlanders Pipe Band when they were the first non-Scottish pipe band to win the World Pipe Band Championships in 1987. His solo awards include the Canadian Gold Medal, Gold Medal at the Northern Meeting, Gold Medal at Oban, and Bratach Gorm. He is a 3-time winner of the MacCrimmon Memorial Cairn for Piobaireachd and is a Vancouver Indoor 6-Time Metro Cup Winner.

From Hamilton Scotland, Robert Mathieson is a composer of pipe music, as well as an award-winning Pipe Major. He served as pipe major of the Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band of North Lanarkshire, Scotland, from 1986 to 2010. The band won 30 major championships under Mathieson's leadership and was a 5-time winner of the World Pipe Band Championships.

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Affric Highlands to rewild half a million acres of Scottish Highlands



30-year project joins prestigious European group of awe-inspiring rewilding areas.

An ambitious 30-year landscape-scale rewilding initiative to link up a majestic sweep of the Scottish Highlands as one vast nature recovery area connecting Loch Ness to Scotland's west coast has been launched by charity Trees for Life, and joins a select group of prestigious European rewilding areas. The Affric Highlands initiative follows three years of consultation between Rewilding Europe, Trees for Life, and other local partners and stakeholders. It will restore nature across a network of landholdings potentially covering an area of over 500,000 acres stretching from Loch Ness across the central Highlands to Kintail in the west, and encompassing Glens Cannich, Affric, Moriston and Shiel.

Trees for Life has brought together a broad coalition of landowners, communities and others to boost habitat connectivity, species diversity, and social and economic opportunities in the region, while tackling climate breakdown. With community involvement and partnership working central to the project, a diverse group of 20 landowners covering at least 25% of the total area and six organisations are already on board, with hopes that more will join. Work is underway to further involve local people, with practical action to connect areas of rewilding land due to begin in 2023.

Affric Highlands

During a ceremony attended by partners and stakeholders at Glenurquhart Public Hall in Drumnadrochit by Loch Ness, Affric Highlands was officially welcomed by Rewilding Europe as the ninth member of its network of large pioneering rewilding areas – taking the organisation one step closer to its ultimate goal of 10 such areas in Europe. Rewilding Europe's eight other awe-inspiring rewilding areas are Portugal's Greater Côa Valley; the Danube Delta in Ukraine, Romania and Moldova; Romania's Southern Carpathians; Croatia's Velebit Mountains; Italy's Central Apennines; Bulgaria's Rhodope Mountains; the Oder Delta in Germany and Poland; and Swedish Lapland.

"With Scotland's rewilding movement growing rapidly – and the Scottish Rewilding Alliance calling for Scotland to become the world's first Rewilding Nation, with the rewilding of 30% of the country's land and sea by 2030 – Affric Highlands will take large-scale nature recovery to a new level, providing a catalyst for the local economy at the same time," said Steve Micklewright, Chief Executive of Trees for Life. He continued: "The Highlands have huge potential to help nature to come back and so help people to thrive, and to make

a leading contribution to tackling the global climate and nature emergencies. We are delighted Affric Highlands is now one of Rewilding Europe's large rewilding areas that are inspiring hundreds of other rewilding projects across the continent."

Because engaging and involving stakeholders from the beginning is crucial to the success of any rewilding initiative, Rewilding Europe has been working with Trees for Life to lay the foundations for this over the past three years – including through meetings with over 50 local stakeholders, drawing on experience from other major rewilding sites across Europe, and a scoping study.

A beacon of hope

As well as connecting habitats, Affric Highlands will bring people together to help nature recover, and strengthen connections between communities and the wildlife on their doorsteps. Forest rewilding has been at the root of Trees for Life's work for three decades. The charity has so far established nearly two million native trees to restore the unique and globally important Caledonian Forest at its own 10,000 acre estate at Dundreggan in Glenmoriston, and at dozens of other sites in the Highlands, including Glen Affric. In 2023, Dundreggan will become home to the world's first Rewilding Centre – showcasing how large-scale nature recovery can give people amazing experiences, create jobs and benefit local communities. Rewilding Europe says this work in the Highlands has been a beacon of hope for reversing declines in habitat and wildlife that have left vast swathes of Scotland overgrazed, treeless, denuded, drained and over-managed, to the point that little remains unmodified by humans.

"Affric Highlands is a bold, exciting and inspiring venture for nature's recovery as Scotland moves up the biodiversity league table. Our decision to accept the project as our ninth rewilding area reflects the hard work and achievements of Trees for Life, its volunteers and its partners," said Frans Schepers, Managing Director of Rewilding Europe. "Including Affric Highlands in our portfolio of major European rewilding areas will help magnify rewilding's impact in the Highlands, and put it firmly on the global map."

The project will take a grassroots, community-driven approach that grows organically – harnessing an interdependence of nature, people and businesses to create a more resilient area for the future. Rewilding Europe's rewilding principles, best practices and wealth of Europe-wide practical experience will help to shape and guide Affric Highlands on its rewilding journey.

Find out more about Affric Highlands at treesforlife.org.uk/affric-highlands





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