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Surge in sightings leads to whale watching bases on Firth of Forth

Naturalists have set up a whale-watching base on the Firth of Forth to “improve the science” in the wake of a surge of humpback whale sightings in the waters.

The Forth Marine Mammal Project will keep a record of marine life in the Firth.

The project’s first base will be at Kinghorn, Fife, where enthusiasts flocked earlier this year for a sight of visiting humpbacks.

A series of whale-watching “kits” of binoculars and recording equipment, funded by an anonymous donor, will be installed on paths overlooking Kinghorn Beach and the project’s first 15 volunteers have already completed a training session.

The group behind the community scheme, Shorewatch, plans to establish further watching stations at Pittenweem, also in Fife, and at Granton, Edinburgh, and North Berwick on the southern side of the Firth.

As well as the four humpback whales recorded in January and February, minke whales are seen regularly, and in the past there have been sperm whales and orcas. Project co-leader Sam Tedcastle said: “We don’t want to see sperm whales – if they



come to the Forth it means there is something wrong. The humpbacks, we think, are coming here to feed which we think is a good sign, although it could indicate there is a problem with their food source elsewhere. “The more we find out the more questions arise and these are the questions we want to answer.”

The Forth Marine Mammal Project boasts a diverse membership of amateur enthusiasts, including scientists, fishermen and photographers.

Read more at: <https://www.scotsman.com/news/environment/surge-in-sightings-leads-to-whale-watching-bases-on-firth-of-forth-1-4766394>

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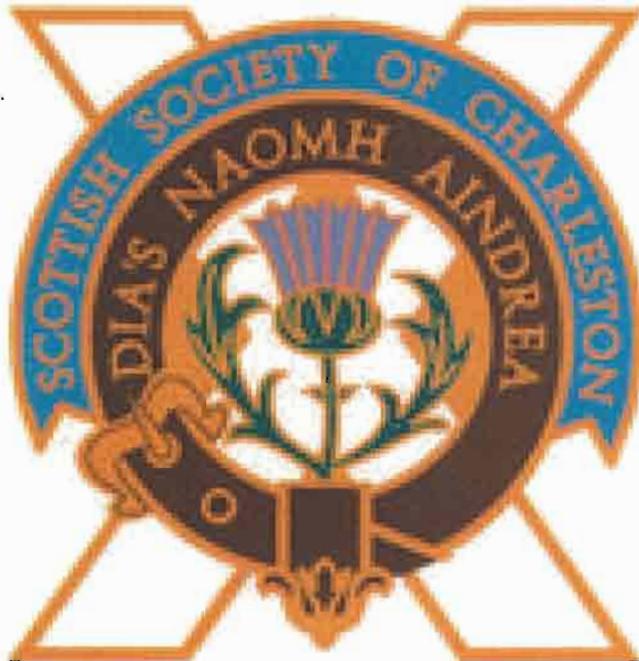
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The Scots played an important part in shaping life in North America. In the United

States they tended to become part of the melting pot, whereas in Canada, they tended to retain their ethnicity."

In Nova Scotia (New Scotland) and especially on Cape Breton Island, they harbored or replicated Scottish culture with Gaelic, a preferred language.

The last all Gaelic newspaper, *MacTalla* (Echo), was published in Sydney, Nova Scotia, where there still is a Gaelic university.

The Scots pioneered in the west as explorers, fur traders, farmers, clerics, miners, cattle ranch

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managers, orchardists, sheep men, politicians, businessmen.

Also, in education, newspapers, authors, activists (both in labor and feminist movements), music, and many cultural events.

"Both Robert Burns and St. Andrew's Day were major celebrated events - and recently, the various local highland games have also expressed the culture," writes the author.

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Septs: Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.



Flowers of the Forest



Paisley - Stewart

Our sympathies go to Gary Paisley and his family upon the passing of Gary's mother, Mrs. **Cleta Suitt Paisley** on May 29, 2018 at the age of 91. She resided her entire life in Grayson County, VA, and was the devoted wife of Vance Cleveland Paisley.

Surviving are Gary and his wife Cathy Paisley of Monroe, GA, grandchildren, Zachary & Rebecca, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following the death of her husband in 1977, Mrs. Paisley developed her own independent life that she carried forth for her remaining 41 years. She worked as a garment inspector for various local mills and traveled frequently with friends and tour groups to many places across the continent.

Mrs. Paisley was also an accomplished seamstress, quilter, and crafter.

During her life, she made many custom quilts and quilt tops, all of which she gave away to relatives and friends, or donated to auctions to benefit causes such as the local volunteer fire department.

She was a very highly regarded friend to the community, frequent care giver, active church member, as well as a devoted parent and grandparent.

Mrs. Paisley had a keen interest in local history and genealogy. She was an avid collector of historical photographs, many of which have been published in various books and journals about her

community, and she often assisted her son in genealogical research.

A memorial service was held June 3, followed by burial in the Hall Cemetery, Volney, VA.

Byron Blue Wingfield, "Big B" has passed away.

Byron's life was filled with friends, laughter, travel and joy. He lived larger than life and touched people's hearts all over the world. Born in the Netherlands, he grew up in Belgium and spent his teenage years in Jensen Beach, Florida.

He loved the outdoor life and joined the scouts there. In high school, he was part of the *Men's Choir of Jubilate*.

His job in marine construction was his passion and he was planning to start his own business.

He loved shoes, watches, music festivals and traveling the world, connecting with people.

He managed to put a lifetime of experiences and fun in just 20 short years, and did more than most people accomplish in a lifetime. He will always be remembered as the divine warrior that he was.

He also was a Stewart, and was very interested in finding out more about the history of Stewarts, and showed interest in participating in CSSA activities.



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 *Your birthstone,*
according to the Middle Ages

Cait Stevenson, MEDIEVALISTS.NET

The *Canterbury Tales*' Prioress, more concerned with luxury than fighting luxuria, notoriously carries a set of prayer beads ending not in a cross but in a pendant reading "Love conquers all."

When Chaucer specifically mentions that its dainty beads are made of coral, it's not an idle description—polished coral, like gems and minerals, had significant meanings and powers in the medieval geological imagination.

In the late fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, in fact, coral was undergoing a change in meaning. To high medieval scholars like Thomas of Cantimpré, the branching nature of living coral took the shape of Christ's cross, giving it strong powers as a ward against things like storms and epilepsy.

By the early modern era, coral amulets promised success in earthly, lustful love.

Chaucer's use of coral, therefore, seems to add to the devotional ambivalence of the character.

Most of us today are probably familiar with the concept of birthstones—precious gems associated with each month, like a petrological Zodiac.

It turns out birthstones are more or less an invention of modern jewelry manufacturers, whose meanings all boil down to "Buy this ring."

But this is boring.

So I thought, why not make birthstones mean something today by looking at their superpowers according to the Middle Ages?

Aquamarine stone with the portrait of Julia Domna (died AD 217), the wife of Emperor Septimius Severus.



Fortunately, there's an entire genre of texts known as lapidaries, from authors like Bartholomeus Anglicus and Albert the Great, to help us out!

March Aquamarine is a form of beryl, to which were attributed all sorts of fantastical powers....except medieval lapidary authors' descriptions make it clear their idea of beryl was really clear rock quartz.

So instead, the stone "diacodos" or substitute was lightly colored quartz or beryl, like aquamarine. It was a favorite of magicians in the Hermetic tradition—perhaps used for some crystal-gazing fortune telling, but also supposed to help a person summon demons.

What gives, March? Your other birthstone, bloodstone, also had a much stronger presence in necromantic texts than quasi-scientific ones (and not because of its vaguely creepy modern name—it was called "heliotropium" in the Middle Ages and linked to the sun).

According to ancient magicians repeated by medieval authors, a bloodstone placed in water could darken the sun or turn its light red as blood, and boil the clouds of the sky into thunderstorms.

It was also said to stop bleeding, but who needs that when you can trigger a solar eclipse on demand?

April Tired of having an expensive but ubiquitous birthstone? Grab a time machine!

Thanks to the tremendous hardness of diamond and skill needed to cut it properly, medieval lapidaries (the people, not the books) didn't really bother to invest the time to master the optics of refraction to make diamond look like it does today.

So writers like Thomas of Cantimpre were

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After ten years work! **The Third Edition**
of *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*
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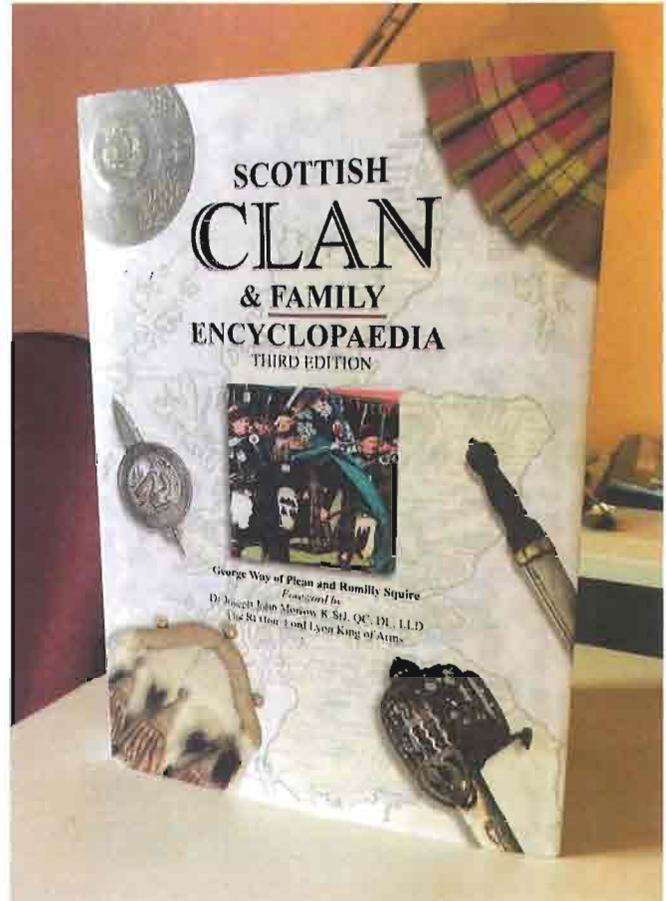
Every person interested in their own Scottish clan or interested in Scottish history needs a copy of The Third Edition of the *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*. Authored by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire.

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The book is very lavishly illustrated with photographs of the Lyon Court, clan



chiefs, et al.

Revised and updated to reflect changes in clan society since its original publication in 1994, the *Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopaedia* is the definitive single-volume reference work on the Scottish Clans as well as the lowland dimension and Romilly Squire's heraldic illustrations.

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first of all concerned with describing ways to destroy it. For example, soaking the stone in the blood of a goat—especially a drunk goat—might soften it enough to cut it.

Diamonds could, however, protect the wearer against insanity and nightmares. Now that is how to market an engagement ring.

May The green beryl we know as emerald was, in the Middle Ages, one of the recognized types of a gemstone category/variety called “smaragdus” (or the more recognizable *esmaraldus*). Consequently, an enormous set of abilities granted to individual varieties came to apply to the whole group. Wearing an emerald amulet could help you win arguments, get rich, cure epilepsy, prevent thunderstorms, improve your memory, and predict the future.



Medieval Emerald ring
— British Museum

Well, as long as you don't have sex. Albert the Great repeats a legend that the King of Hungary wore an emerald ring to bed. The stone was so upset even by legal and licit intercourse between the king and queen that it broke into three pieces.

June Perhaps unsurprisingly, many qualities attributed to moonstone in the Middle Ages related to the moon. It was said to grow and shrink in size with the moon's waxing and waning, and the strength of its powers skyrocketed on certain days of the lunar cycle.

The moonstone was above all a tool for divination: placing it under your tongue could inculcate knowledge of a specific action one must take (or not).

...As for pearl, really the most important thing we learn is that Albert the Great really liked eating oysters, and often ended up with a mouthful of pearls for his haste in consuming them.

July The ruby was another gem invested with poison-neutering ability, but most of its reputation related to its deep clear red color—the color of Mars.

Its monetary value to jewelers depended on how much it shown in the dark: not at all, only

when water was poured over it, or all on its own “like a live coal.”

Also, congratulations—your birthstone in Greek is “anthrax.”

August Sixteenth-century heraldry and arms encyclopedist Gerard Legh carefully acknowledged his debt to the medieval lapidary tradition when he noted that sardonyx could “put away lechery” and keep its bearer chaste in thought and action. But he added a military meaning onto the usual set of mystical attributes of stones. Sardonyx reminds its bearer that in battle, care is better than haste.

As a form of olivine, peridot was typically tagged as *chrysolitus* in medieval lapidaries. Thus, it was considered one of the twelve stones building the walls of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21.

This was of far less concern to lapidary authors—even the theologians in religious orders!—than its medical, magical, and moral powers.

Marbode of Rennes said to wear peridot in a gold setting as a bracelet on your left wrist, from which it could ward off nightmares and demons.

Albert the Great said he knew from observation and testing that if you ground peridot to a powder, it could cure asthma. And “expel stupidity.”

Clearly, a fitting birthstone for a common “back to school” month!

September What we know today as sapphire was most probably identified as the blue form of hyacinthus or iacinthus in medieval sources.

A blue “having nothing watery about it” hue was considered the most valuable form.

In some accounts, sapphire was reputed as a remedy against poison—and made its wearer rich, clever, and happy.

October Ancient and medieval authorities worried that staring too long at opal, trying to capture all its colors, would damage people's eyesight.

Either for that or for the similarity of its Latin name (*ophthalmus*) to *ophthalmia* the eye disease, it was associated with vision but in a deeply ambivalent way.



14th century gold ring with a ruby —
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

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Scottish history you can drive to, *continued from page 3*

The clan culture related closely to the tribal culture of the First Nations. They tended to develop collaborative relationships, not only in the fur trade, but also with the drovers and sheep men that opened the west, especially in Manitoba, Okanogan, Montana, Idaho and New Mexico where there are settlements.

"Why did the Scots have such an impact on the nineteenth century North American West?" asked author Szasz, who wants to be called MacSzasz! He notes the Scottish character of pragmatism, honesty, logic and a democratic ethos."

"I will add, frugality and self-reliance, too.

Maybe stubbornness sums it up."

Also, other factors of sense of adventure, self-confidence, work ethics, individualism, group loyalties and a set of practical, industrial or agricultural skills."

He notes a focus on animal husbandry.

"You can drive to great places of Scottish history right here in North America!"

The book, *Scots in the North American West - 1790 to 1917* by Ferene Morton Szasz, provides great overviews and rich references in the Notes to Facts, and also in the Bibliography. So, get in your car and explore Scottish history."



Your medieval birthstone, *continued from page 11*

It could protect the eyes of someone who wore it as an amulet, but damage other people's.

Oh, yeah, and it could turn you invisible.



Byzantine pendant showing the Virgin and Child – includes pearls, emeralds, garnets, sapphires, and a sardonyx.

— *The Metropolitan Museum of Art*

November In the Middle Ages, topaz was thought to take the forms either of the clear orange-yellow stone we know today, or a mockery of gold—our pyrite or fool's gold.

As the transparent topaz, it could instantaneously cool boiling water or cure hemorrhoids; as pyrite, it could scare off tornadoes.

December Albert the Great describes the color and opaqueness of turquoise: "as if milk had penetrated the blue color and risen to the surface."

Turquoise was said to heal eye problems, and amulets were worn to ward off basically every kind of misfortune.

In itself, lapis lazuli was considered a strong opposition to disorders caused by excessive black bile, especially fever and fainting. (Sometimes it was considered a form of sapphire with the attendant powers...the more valuable form!)

However, lapis lazuli is the semi-precious gem whose primary special use was artistic rather than medical. It was the source of the famous (and infamously expensive) pigment ultramarine so loved by late medieval and Renaissance painters—at least, those who could afford it.

January The stones medieval people recognized as garnet tended to be darker red or red-violet than rubies.

Jewellers recommended setting them against black. Garnet was the happy gem!

Forget poison prevention—garnet warded off sorrow and brought gladness.

February Amethyst was said to prevent drunkenness.



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



Contact Lloyd Gibson, CBSI President, at <azbuchanan12@gmail.com>

Escaped zoo flamingo, on the lam since 2005, spotted near Lavaca Bay, Texas

Flamingo No. 492 has been enjoying south Texas for the past 13 years after escaping the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas.

It's incredibly rare to catch a glimpse of an African flamingo on the Texas coast, but if you do, it's definitely Flamingo No. 492. The conspicuous pink bird has been on the run from the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas, since escaping 13 years ago. Sightings of No. 492 have been rare, but the fugitive flamingo was spotted last month in Lavaca Bay, Texas, about halfway between Houston and Corpus Christi, *The New York Times* reported.

No. 492, along with 39 other flamingos, was sent to the Sedgwick County Zoo from Tanzania in 2003. Typically, zoos prevent flamingos from flying by amputating a part of their wing when they are newborns — a part that hasn't yet developed sensation. But the flamingos from Tanzania arrived at the zoo as adults, so curators there decided to clip the birds' feathers instead, as a more humane solution to keep the animals grounded, the *Times* reported.

Clipped feathers grow back, however, and if they're not kept short, the bird will regain its ability to fly. So, in June 2005, flamingos No. 492 and No. 347 took advantage of their unclipped wings and flew out of their enclosure, the *Times* reported. The pair settled in a drainage canal where they evaded capture until a large thunderstorm forced them to separate. No. 347 went north to Michigan and hasn't been seen since.

No. 492 moved south to Texas, where the bird found a great place to settle down. "As long as they have these shallow, salty types of wetlands, they can be pretty resilient," Felicity Arengo, a flamingo expert at the American Museum of Natural



No. 492, with "gull friends" having a lovely time in Lavaca Bay, Texas.

History in New York, told the *Times*. No. 492 found not only a great habitat, but also a companion: a Caribbean flamingo that was likely displaced during a tropical storm, the *Times* reported.

Ben Shepard, an intern with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, spotted No. 492 on May 23 while on a bird survey in Lavaca Bay. He didn't see No. 492's Caribbean companion, but experts told the *Times* this doesn't mean the companion is gone.

"It's possible they're separated and will show up back together again," Arengo told the *Times*. Experts also told the *Times* that No. 492 could live another 10 to 20 years, as flamingos can live well into their 40s.

Why?

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Just because your editor is a Florida native!

If you are from Florida, you love flamingos! Yep! Go, 492!



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The postage stamp was invented by James Chalmers, who lived from 1782-1853.

The early times of the nineteenth century challenges of delivering a parcel or note was usually paid for by the recipient.

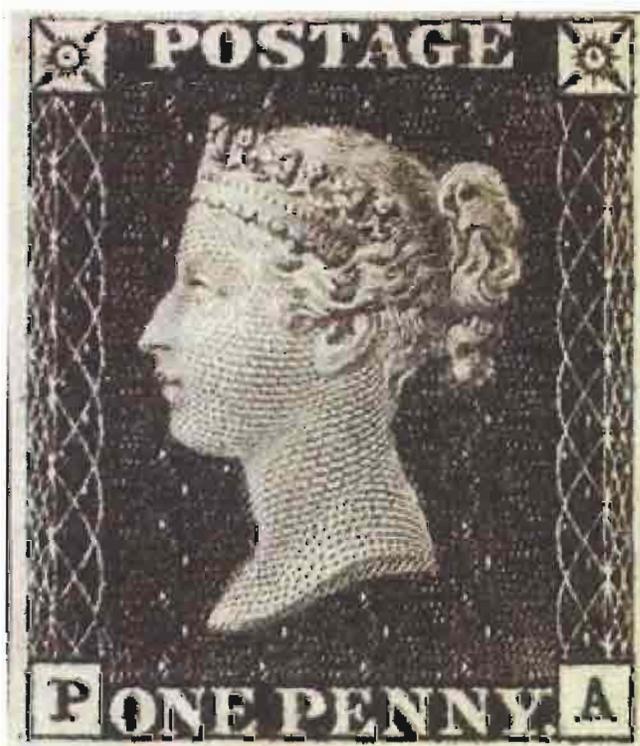
However, this was fraught with complications of distance tariffs and indeed the complexity of the unreliable delivery system itself.

The situation also became messy when many recipients refused to pay the cost of the delivery and ultimately the Post Office lost revenue.

Then a Scottish weaver's son, James Chalmers, a printer and bookshop owner from Arbroath, came up with a new system. He stated that a postage stamp should be introduced and paid for at the senders end. The Post Office would then cross the stamp with a postmark so that it couldn't be used again.

The parliament approved the idea and the 'Penny Black' stamp with new regulations was introduced in 1840.

James Chalmers did not profit with his inven-



tion, however a plaque was erected on the site of Chalmers's Dundee bookshop



<electricscotland.com>'s Alastair McIntyre now on *YouTube*!

Alastair McIntyre, FSA Scot

Alastair writes, "I do a weekly newsletter - archives of which can be found at <<http://www.electricscotland.com/newsletter/index.htm>> - I am also doing a *YouTube* video to introduce each issue.

"In the newsletter I now cover news stories about Scotland and Brexit from both Scotland and

around the world in each issue. On my index page of <www.electricscotland.com> I have a *ScotNews* feed where I post up news stories from the press daily and throughout the day. I take a selection of those to add to my newsletter each week.

"You can view the last *YouTube* intro at: <<https://youtu.be/NUjnoq0CwmU>>

Clan Bell International



This

old- West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Bill and Claudia Trimble

One of the highlights of the Turnbull Clan Association's AGM is to present the Clan Member of the Year. It was President Wally Turnbull's honor to present this year's award to Clan Members of the Year, Bill and Claudia Trimble.

In addition to their tent hosting, Bill and Claudia have worked hard at increasing tent representation the past two years.

They were also instrumental in organizing the 2018 Turnbull Clan AGM at New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS, Bill and Claudia. Well deserved.

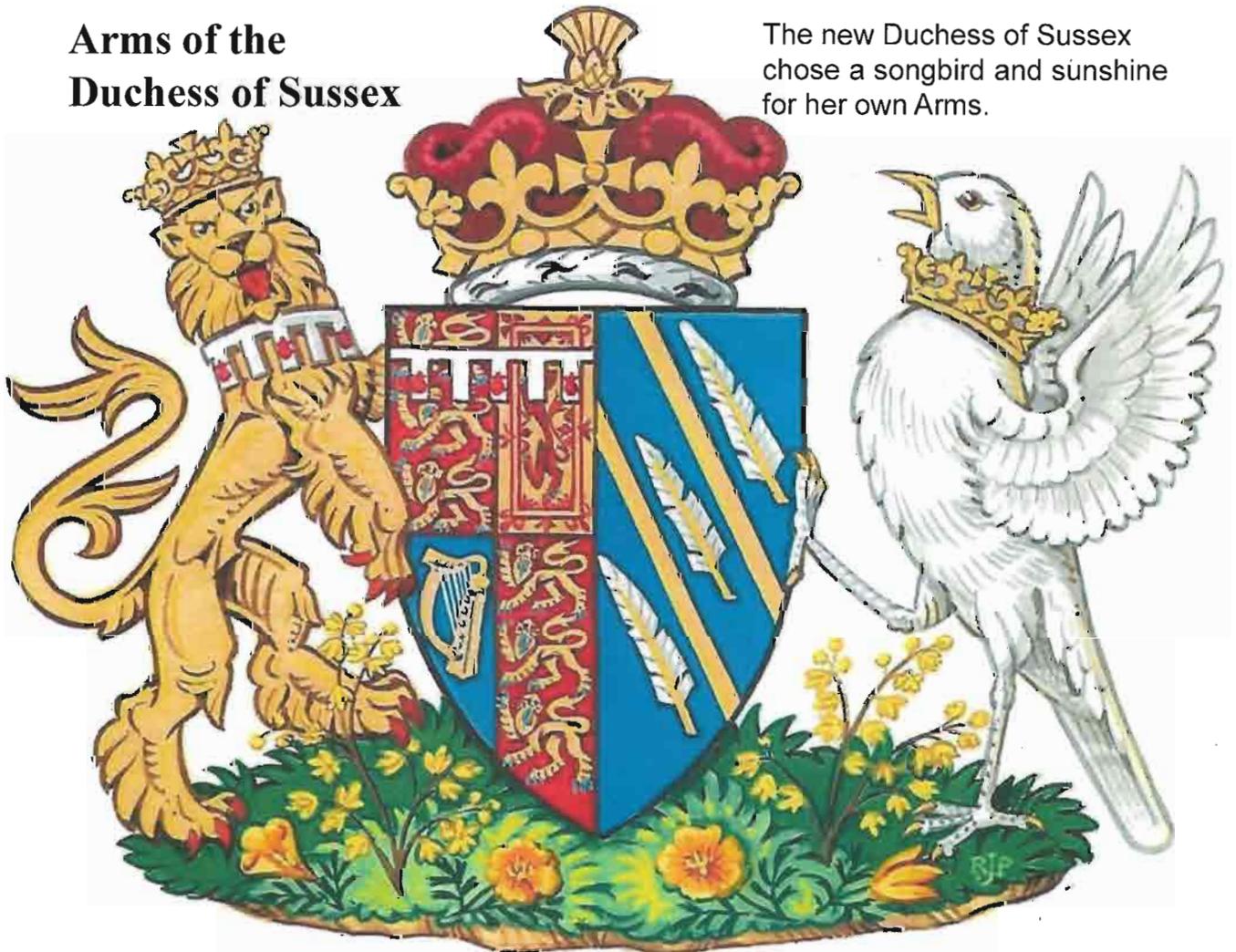
The New Smyrna Beach, Florida, AGM was held in coordination with that city's celebration of its founding 250 years ago by Dr. Andrew Turnbull.

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2018 Turnbull Clan Association tent hosts and Clan Members of the Year, Bill & Claudia Trimble.

Arms of the Duchess of Sussex



The new Duchess of Sussex chose a songbird and sunshine for her own Arms.

The first four pages of Dr. Hylton's article will be in Section A of August *BNFT*. (That is because I do Section B first...but, after this month, most folks will read the publication Section A and then Section B. It makes sense to me to do it this way.)

Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D., *continued from BNFT Section A - August 2018*



Scots are very intent on saving their history, as I discovered when I found this prehistoric stone circle preserved in the middle of an Inverness industrial park.



The university sent me to Ullapool recently, and I ate dinner looking out at this view of the harbor and mountains.



I recently took a hike to one of Scotland's lesser known, but historically interesting spots, the Brethren Well, here in Caithness. This freshwater spring is named for the fact that it is near the ruins of a priory, and the monks reputedly were the first to use it.



The priory has been dated to the sixth century and is believed to have been an attempt to introduce Christianity to the Picts. This is based on a Pictish carved stone, which has been relocated to a nearby church for preservation purposes. You can see the early Christian cross, consistent with what Pictish Christians, carved, on the upper left of the stone.



The Brethren Well is also known to have been used by ancient crofters, modern farmers, and today some of the older locals believe that it has curative properties for rheumatism, and they send some of their younger family members to bring home water from the well. That means this spring has been in use for over 1500 years, which has to be near to some kind of record.

The trail also went past Herring Gull Stack and Cormorant Rock. The white spots on the stack are all Herring Gull nests, the closest of which you can see on the right with the arrow. The black spots on the water-level rock are Cormorants, sunning themselves after a fishing dive. Cormorant feathers have no water repellent, so after each dive they must spread their wings and dry out in the sun...which they do on this rock.

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This is the burn flowing down out of the hills, under the ancient bridge, and into Lybster Harbor.



Another sunny day, another mountaintop in Easter Ross, and another of Sir Hector's 3 follies. And

the third one off on a distant ridge, a bit too far off for me.



I finally got our 1948 MG-TC running again. It had spent all of its 70 years in the USA, having won a number of Sports Car Club of America races in the fifties. But it had never turned a wheel in its native Britain, until this spring. So we excitedly took it to the John O'Groats Vintage Car Rally held annually by the Caithness & Sutherland Vintage Car Club (of which we are members). Our nice display of trophies, drivers gear, and photos from the fifties drew lots of attention from the many spectators, as well as the local newspaper.



Here are a few more of the cars from our age class....a pair of British Racing Green MG T-series...and a row of Wolseleys and Austins.



And a few other eccentric vintage British cars.



I spent a couple of days hiking in the Glen Devon Woodlands, on a trip back to Knockhill. Lots of wonderful hillwalking trails.

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And I saw a rare British Red Squirrel (endangered species) with its bushy red tail and tufted ears.....as well as a yellow wagtail.



I also followed the Tower Trail in Clackmannanshire, visiting several historic towers. Here are a few photos. First there was Sauchie Tower, built in the 1430s for protection, and expanded to include a manor house in the 1600s. Only the ruins of the tower stand today. Then there is the tower remaining from the Auchinbaird Windmill, built in the early 1800s to drive a water pump to drain the coal pit which was mined to supply the growth of industry in Scotland



Next was Clackmannan Tower, built in the mid 1300s and owned for four centuries by the family of Robert The Bruce. In 1787 Robert Burns was knighted here.....not by King George, but by a descendent of The Bruce.....who claimed (rightly so) a stronger lineage to the throne of Scotland, than did the imported German who sat on the English throne.



The other photo from the village of Clackmannan (above right) is of the Tolbooth in the middle of town. Built in 1592, it served as courthouse and jail for the shire. To its right is the Mercat Cross, dating from the 17th century and carrying the Bruce coat of arms. A number of Scots villages still have their Mercat Cross intact. These marked the site where the local market (mercat) was held. Further to the right of it is The Stone, a sacred marker from pagan times, dating back to pre-Christianity.

Next was Alloa Tower, which is restored, and can be toured.



And finally, there was Castle Campbell, formerly known as Castle Gloom, because it could only be approached through dense and gloomy woodland, which today is known as Dollar Glen and contains a number of walking trails that crisscross several streams with waterfalls and cascades. It was perhaps the most magically mystical spot I have visited in all of

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Scotland...and that is saying a lot. Look carefully to see the wee fairies hiding amongst the ferns.



I headed back to Knockhill and Cowdenbeath Racewall in June. Knockhill was running time trials and races for a wide variety of cars, of which I have included a few photos. They ranged from the common.....



To the sporty....like this SEAT Cupra and Lotus Elise



Or this SEAT Leon Supercopa



To the exotic.....like this Genesis



Or this Westfield

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Or this absolutely wild Westfield that looked more like the Batmobile.



Here they tend to run all the classes together, which can make for some really interesting racing.



Cowdenbeath Racewall was hosting a series that rarely comes as far north as Scotland, so I just had to go see them. I talked earlier about the different types of Hot Rods, which is what the UK calls short track racecars which resemble road-going stock cars. They also race several types of single seater, purpose-built racecars that bear some distant resemblance to American sprint cars. But since they have engines based from road-going cars, here they are referred to as stock cars. But they look nothing like what we would call a stock car in the USA. There are F1 stockcars which run Chevy V8 engines that make up to 600 horsepower and F2 stockcars which run 2 liter four cylinder engines. And there are micro stockcars which are for young drivers age 7 and up.



The full sized versions sport a variety of wings. Some look like USA winged dirt sprint cars.



Some take more of a formula car aerodynamics approach



Some run multilevel wings like old Indycars, like this red one. Some run oddly slanted wings like the yellow.



And some run bizarre wings like this.....which I understand are the norm when these cars race on the dirt tracks down in England. Someday I may have to go see one of those races.



That's it for now. We have some American visitors coming this summer and have another visit to Norway planned as well. We are keeping busy for as long as our visas allow us to stay.

"Did not strong connections draw me elsewhere, I believe Scotland would be the country I would choose to end my days in."

Benjamin Franklin

The ritual of public dining and its trappings in the time of Charles II

Dining in public was an important aspect of royal display and a way of offering access to the sovereign. Important members of the court were given the honour of serving the king, carving his meat and pouring his wine in front of a crowd of spectators.

Public dining was a frequent practice in the reign of James I (1566–1625), who liked elaborate spectacle and lavish entertainment. Following the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660, the custom was revived by Charles II (1630–85) with great splendour and ritual. While breakfast and supper were private, the king's dinner, eaten in the mid-afternoon, was held at least once a week in the Presence Chamber of the state apartments or in the Banqueting House at Whitehall.



On these occasions, Charles II was served with 26 dishes prepared by his Master Cook. Even when the king was not dining in public, 16 dishes were still served as a symbol of his presence.

The king followed the ritual he had known as a child at Whitehall Palace using the salt, silver-gilt plates, spoons, forks and four gold dinner plates. The table was covered in fine linen embroidered with his monogram and his chair positioned under the canopy of state (a permanent fixture in the Presence Chamber and Banqueting House).

A great cupboard of estate positioned next to the table was used for the storage and display of



the king's silver.

Each member of the household in attendance had a specific role in serving the meal. Three officers attended: a carver, server and a cup bearer who each presented the king with dishes while on bended knee. A procession of liveried servants would then bring the food to the king's table.

The king would choose from the food offered and his attendants would carve and taste each portion before placing it before him.

Spectators were allowed to revel in the ritual feasting from behind a balustrade or a rail.

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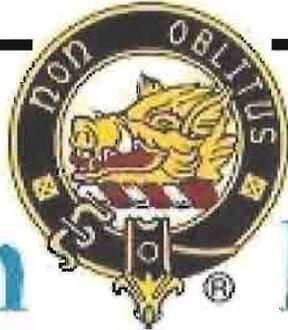


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2018



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Clan MacTavish

September 8 set for Clan MacTavish Annual General Meeting

The Clan MacTavish AGM will be held on September 8th in conjunction with the Middle Tennessee Highland Games at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, Nashville, TN.

We have reserved a block of rooms at Super 8 by Wyndam Hermitage, 1414 Princeton Place, Nashville, Heritage, TN 37076. For reservations, contact Jessica at (615) 953-9650. Dr. Charlie Viar and Tom

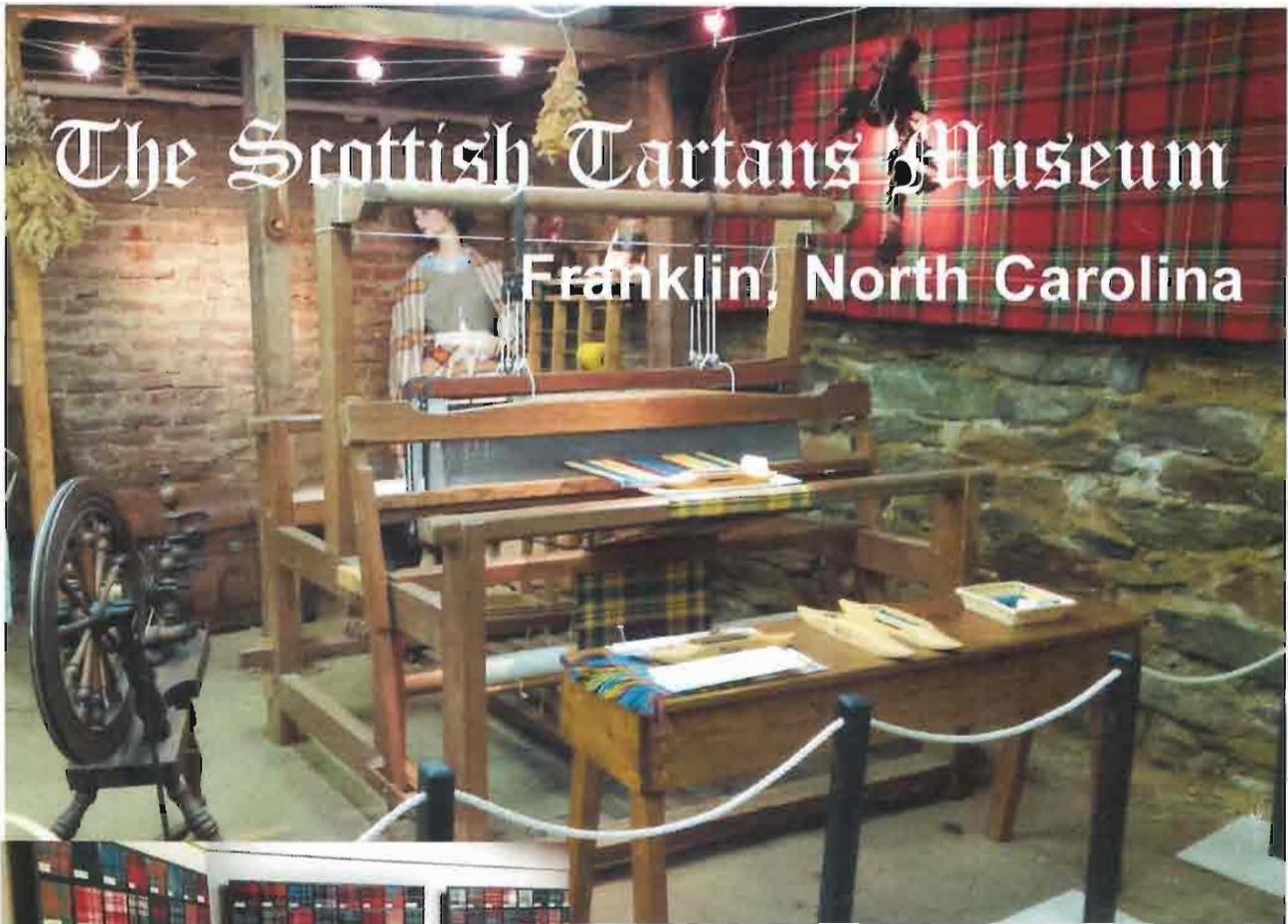
Stevenson will be convening the Clan MacTavish Tent.

The annual business meeting and dinner will be held that evening at a location and time to be announced.

For additional information, contact Tom Stevenson at <tomstev#pclnet.net>.

For information about the games, go to <<http://www.midtenngames.com/>>

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The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

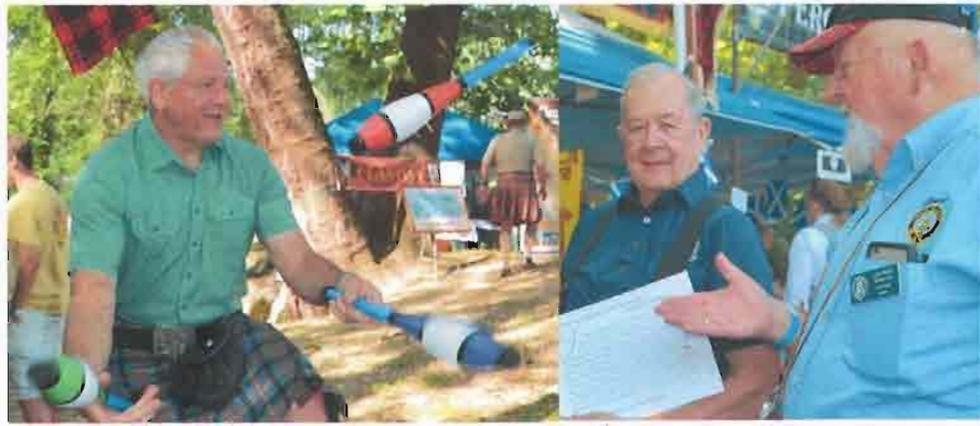
Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

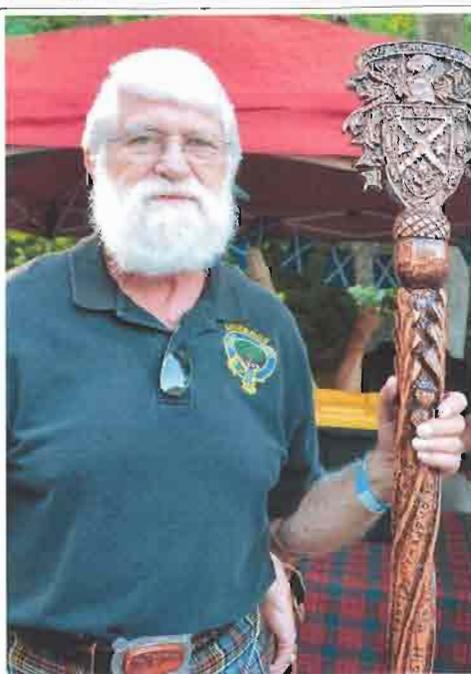
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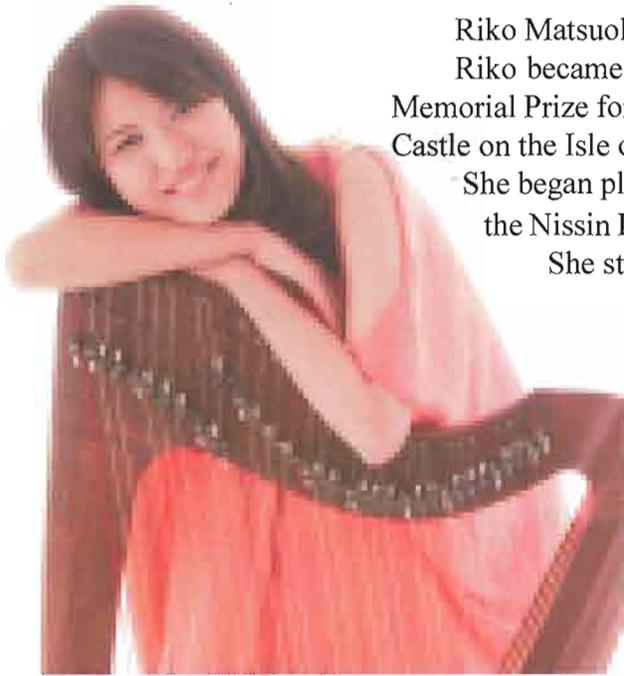
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For more information, check out our website at clandavidson.org or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at sennachie@earthlink.net.

Riko Matsuoka wins the 2018 Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clarsach



Riko Matsuoka was born in Osaka prefecture of Japan.

Riko became the winner of the 2018 Princess Margaret of the Isles Memorial Prize for Senior Clarsach. The final took place at the Armadale Castle on the Isle of Skye.

She began playing the piano at the age of three. Riko won a prize in the Nissin International Piano Competition in 2006.

She started playing the harp at the age of fourteen.

Later on, she immersed herself in Scottish traditional music and the sound of the clarsach. She started flying over for courses at the harp festival in Ireland and Edinburgh International Harp Festival from Japan and she became the finalist of the Osaka International Music Competition in 2013.

She moved to Edinburgh to study the Clarsach (Scottish harp) and traditional Scottish music in 2016.

She has since been a recipient of prizes and scholarships including The Clarsach Society Annual Scholarship and The Col. William McMurdo Currie Memorial Scholarship (Scotland).

In 2017 Riko began her master studies at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland on the Scottish Traditional Music Course under the tuition of Corrina Hewat and Heather Downie.



Mark Twain smokes a cigar ca 1906

*“No people so few in number
have scored so deep a mark in the
world’s history as the
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greater right to be proud of their
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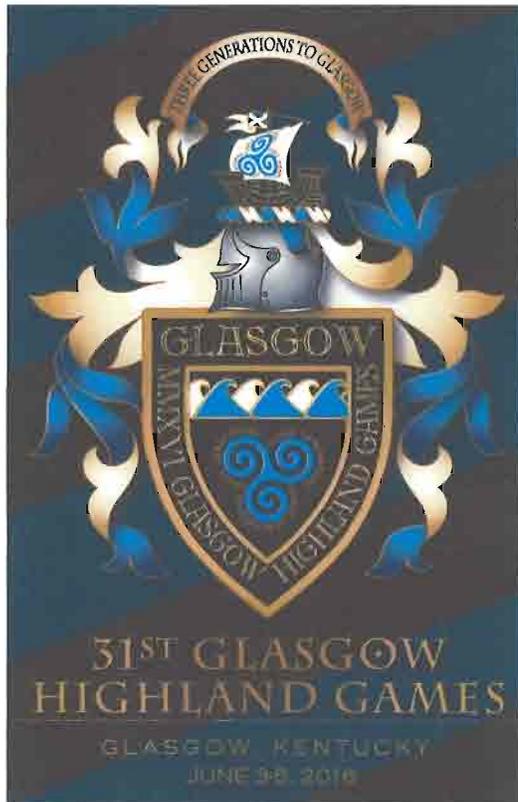
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Clan Forrester is saddened by the deaths of these clan members. Sympathy and prayers are offered to all the families and friends.

Gerhard Wolf has passed away. We learned of his death in April. He lived in New Fairfield, Connecticut. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Wolf.

While at the Loch Norman Scottish Games, we learned of the death of the mother of Clan Forrester's, Becky Phillips - **Mrs. JoAnn Self**.

The Self's, not only had nine children of their own, but adopted 2 more and were foster parents to over 125 children over the past 60 years.

Ike and Becky are very active in helping at the Forrester games tent.

We send our sympathy to them and their whole family.

Mary Paige Forrester-Blalock, one of our most active members, passed away very suddenly on April 28, 2018.

She and her husband, Tom, had just been to the Loch Norman Highland Games with us.

Services were held in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina with graveside services in Mt. Holly, North Carolina.

Mary was the daughter of Mary Frances Forrester. Mary Paige is going to be sorely missed.



Greetings, Davidson Clansmen of North America!

Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot

Welcome to the 21st Century and the new Global Clan Davidson International Inter-clan Courtesy Membership Program (IICM)! This new program was announced in the January edition of our very own *Sporran*.

After a few send-outs earlier yesterday, I've determined the efficacy of distributing document download links to the documents I have pre-loaded in one of my DropBox accounts, rather than the PDF-formatted documents themselves.

Some of our documents run into 3 to 5 or more MB in size and most email delivery service inboxes won't take two or more of that size. I freely confess that I reived this idea from Beth Gay...

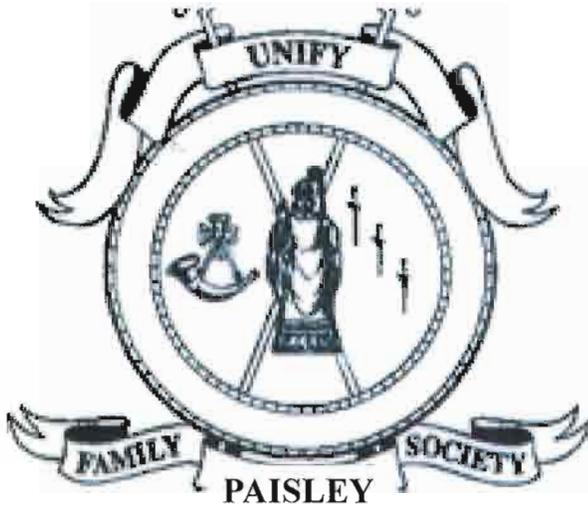
In addition to Clan organizational publications, I've opted to include at least one other mail out, one from Beth Gay, *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*.

Beth is an old friend who has been putting out this all-around gossip newsletter for years which has a wide-ranging selection of articles of interest to Scots of all flavors.

So, here's what future distributions will look like: An introduction of a quarterly mailout composed of my deathless prose and a line-up of links to various documents from which you can choose, any or all of: *CDS-NA* January 2018; *CDS-AUS* March 2018; *CDA-UK* 2018 Spring; *BNFT* March 2018 A; *BNFT* March 2018 B; *BNFT* April 2018 B.

(You need Dave's email to do the above. Just email <bethscribble@aol.com> and I'll be happy to forward his email on to you. No charge, no strings.)

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The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

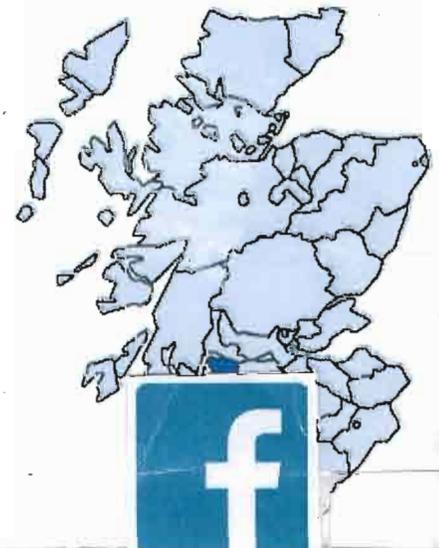


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at mbrown2205@aol.com. For the Paisley DNA Project, visit dlangsto@yahoo.com



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardfalla, Scotland



The changing of the guard

We are sad to note that **John Shaw of Tordarroch**, aged 80, 22nd Chief of Clan Shaw, died on Mallorca on October 22, 2017

Although he retired to Mallorca, Mr. Shaw's Scottish home was in Balblair, Dingwall, Rosshire, the tradiditonal family seat of Tordarroch Tower House, seven miles south of Inverness.

Centuries earlier, Clan Shaw had owned the now famous Loch an Eilein Castle at Rothiemurchus.

Tordarroch will be missed.

He was known personally to many of our members, having visited the United States on several occasions. He celebrated with us at a number of our games and gatherings.

May he rest in peace.

Tordarro is succeeded as Chief of Clan Shaw by his son, Iain. Iain, like his father, resides in Mallorca.

Dave Chagnon, *continued from page 33*

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As always, critical comments are very welcome, pro OR con.

Yours, Aye! Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot,
Clan Chief's High Commissioner for North America

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