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Scotland's end of the Giant's Causeway

Fingal's Cave on Staffa was formed at the same time as the Giant's Causeway in Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Fingal's Cave on the isle of Staffa has inspired legend, overtures, paintings and even psychedelic rock over the years. The stunning natural wonder was formed by the same type of lava that created the Giant's Causeway in County Antrim between 50 and 60 million years ago.

The cave named was named after James Macpherson's 18th Century epic poem *Fingal*, which was inspired by the legend of Irish chief Fionn mac Cumhail who is said to have built Giant's Causeway to reach his great foe over the Irish Sea.

The roots of the connection between the Giant's Causeway and Fingal's Cave go back much further than the poem, however. Both geological wonders were created up to 60 million years ago by the same Paleocene lava flow and share the same stunning hexagonally joined basalt pillars.

According to local experts Staffa Tours, the columns of rock at both Giant's Causeway and Fingal's Cave were laid down at the same time. Fingal's Cave was formed when pressure forced



open a crack, which was further moulded by violent waves striking Staffa over thousands of years ago.

The natural wonder of the cave has inspired and enthralled over centuries. Its natural acoustics amplify the sounds of the waves with its arched roof earning the cave the Gaelic name 'Uamh-Binn' - or the cave of melody.

Composer Felix Mendelssohn visited the cave in 1829 while on a tour of Scotland and completed his *Hebrides Overture*, which is also known as *Fingal's Cave*, the following year.

The work helped the landmark become a tourist destination with famous visitors including Sir Walter Scott, Keats, Turner, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, Prince William of Orange, William Wordsworth, Jules Verne and Robert Louis Stevenson.

Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D is back! *Spring Comes to the Highlands* starts pg.15 this section!

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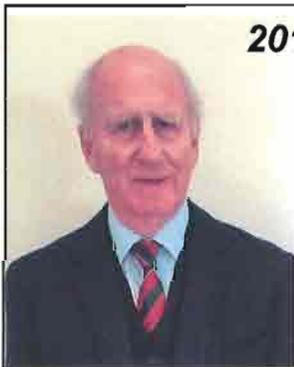


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Réttir

Iceland's annual tradition of rounding up 800,000 sheep



Every September for centuries, Icelandic farmers have rounded up their sheep from picturesque summer grazing grounds. On foot and atop trusty Icelandic horses, they join with family and friends to partake in a centuries-old event called réttir.

The annual sheep round-up is one of the country's oldest traditions. Iceland's 800,000 sheep spend most of the year roaming the country's sublime hills and valleys, and each one needs to be rounded up. During réttir, waves of the woolly creatures cascade down the mountainsides, flanked by equestrians and pedestrians. They're then shuffled into holding pens, where farmers read their ear tags to determine which sheep belong to which farmer. Once farmers have collected all their stock, they decide which animals to shear for wool and which

ones to butcher for meat.

While réttir has a festive atmosphere that attracts increasing numbers of tourists, it remains hard work. Wrangling the sheep requires braving wet terrain and bouts of cold, cloudy weather. Participants spend hours in the saddle—for one day or several—and traverse switchbacks under the moonlight. It's common for participants to share a flask to stave off the chill.

That work pays off, though, when the event is capped with a celebratory réttaball. Communities gather for a night of traditional folk singing, dancing, drinking, and (of course) feasting on mutton dishes such as svið (sheep's head) and lamb chops. And after the party ends, and as winter approaches, Icelanders can pull on warm, wool sweaters and look forward to next year's réttir.

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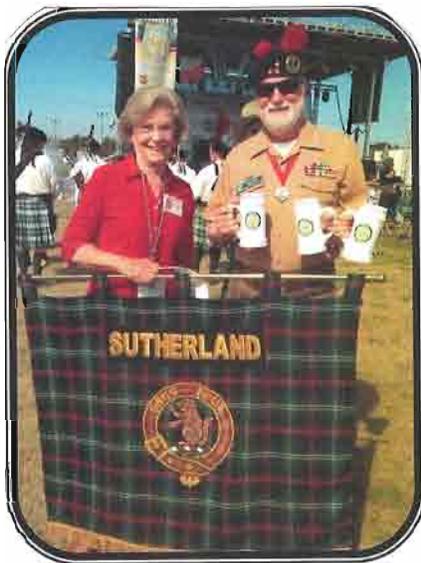
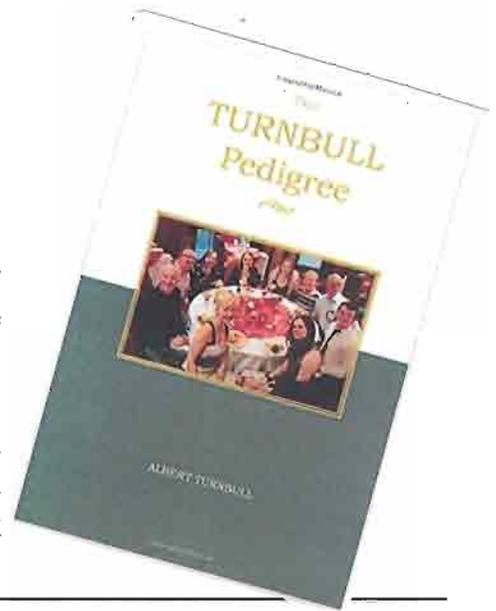


Amazon.com presents the new Turnbull Pedigree - only 6 left!

Albert Turnbull has announced that an up-coming new book he has written, *The Turnbull Pedigree* is now on sale from Amazon.com.

Cost estimated around £5. 99 p English.

Amazon's review: Albert Turnbull's clear and thorough genealogical research, which has confirmed the link to Edward III's third son, the Duke of Clarence makes this book a book you will enjoy for a long time.



Clan Sutherland Society wins big at St. Augustine!

The Clan Sutherland Society "cleaned up" at the Clan Awards Ceremony on Sunday at the St. Augustine Celtic Music and Heritage Festival.

CSSNA took the trophies for Best Clan Tent, Most Clan Members Attending and Clan Member Who Travelled the Greatest Distance.

For more information on the Clan Sutherland Society North America, just visit <www.clansutherland.org>



Does anyone know the full story on this?

In the Clan Home publication, *The Home Works*, was this photograph from the Central Florida Highland Games at Winter Springs.

It is a CAT in a very handsome tartan suit... leading his/her owner about with a leash.

Who is the cat? Does it attend many Scottish games? What is its own tartan?

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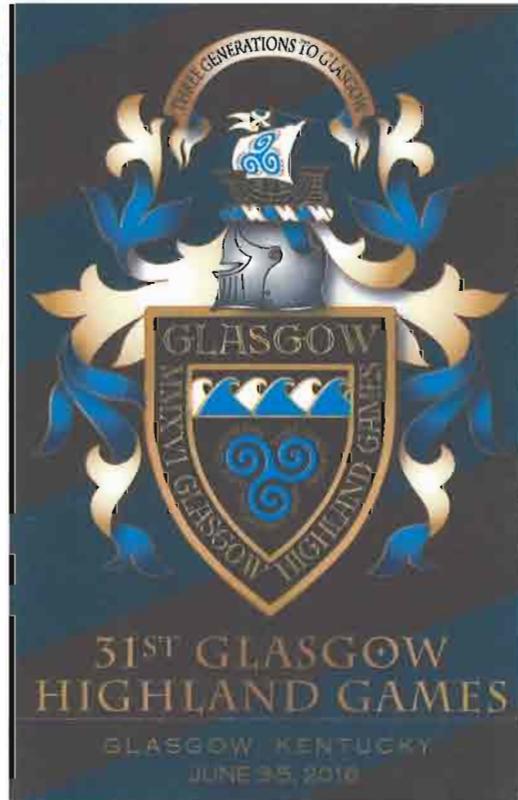
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The Scottish island that buried America's dead



Glenn Campbell - *BBC Scotland* correspondent

It is the whisky-making Scottish island, world famous for its peaty single malts and warm hospitality.

But the isle of Islay, in the Inner Hebrides, is now being recognised for an almost forgotten example of huge courage and humanity.

A hundred years ago, Islay was on the front-line in the battle at sea during World War One.

The island coped with mass casualties from two major troopship disasters just eight months apart.

The story featured on the front page of the American newspapers

Between them, the sinkings of the *SS Tuscania* in February and *HMS Otranto* in October, claimed the lives of about 700 men in the last year of the war.

Both will be officially commemorated on Islay this week.

A century ago, the island was enduring considerable pain. It had already lost about 150 sons on the Western front, from a population of just 6,000.

Every household grieved for someone killed in a far away field. And then the carnage of war came to them.

The *Tuscania* had almost completed its transatlantic voyage, carrying US troops, among a convoy of ships.

As it turned into the north channel between Scotland and Ireland on 5 February 1918, danger lurked beneath the waves.

The *SS Tuscania* was carrying more than 2,000 US troops when it was torpedoed off Islay.

A German U-boat stalked the convoy, got the *Tuscania* in its sights and fired two torpedoes - one of which ripped a huge gash in its side.



It was a fatal blow. The former luxury liner, converted for the war effort, would soon be on the seabed.

Incredibly, most were rescued by the Royal Navy. But some of those who made it into lifeboats were not so lucky.

They were swept towards the cliffs and rocks of Islay's Oa peninsula and shipwrecked for a second time.

Private Arthur Siplon was thrown into the sea when his lifeboat capsized.

"He thought he was going to die," his youngest son Bob told me.

"But at last he grabbed hold of a rock and when the sea receded he managed to hang on and climbed to the shore."

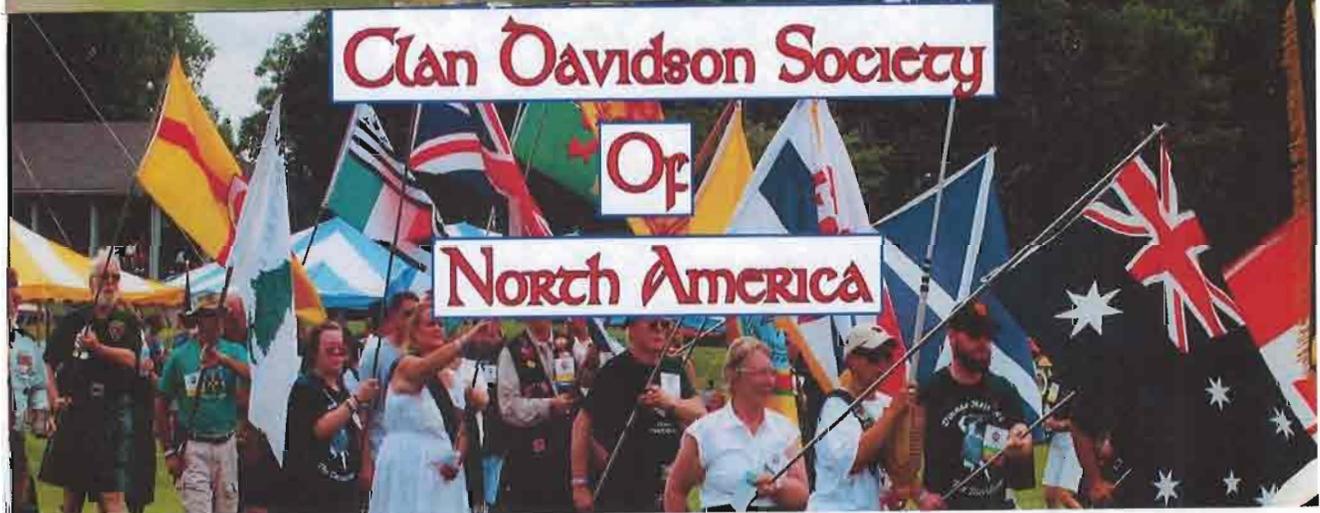
Private Siplon was rescued by one of two Islay farmers who risked their own lives pulling men to safety.

Robert Morrison and Duncan Campbell gave food and shelter to dozens of survivors and were later awarded the OBE.

I have reason to feel particularly proud of Duncan Campbell because, while researching this story, I discovered that he was my great, great uncle.

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Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society of North America**.

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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.

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Bob Siplon knows that he and his family would not exist if his father had not found help on Islay.

"It's like the actions of those people 100 years ago ripples through time to affect me 100 years later.

"It tells me that what we do makes a difference" he said.

This was a massive disaster for a small island to manage. In 1918, Islay had no electricity, no air service and few motor vehicles.

The civil authority on this almost crime-free island was a police sergeant on a bicycle, called Malcolm MacNeill.

Sgt. MacNeill and his three constables had to recover, identify and bury the remains of almost 200.

His grandson - former Nato secretary general, Lord Robertson - considers their task on a scale comparable with recent terrorist attacks.

"This is like Lockerbie (air disaster) or 7/7 or even 9/11 occurring in a small community.

"A huge event taking place with deaths, bodies, survivors - the calamity that was involved".

Most impressive was the funeral of the American soldier victims of the *HMS Otranto* Disaster at Kilchoman, Islay Scotland, On Friday October 11, 1917. One hundred ninety-nine bodies were buried, the services being attended by all the local population



Despite their trauma, the islanders worked tirelessly to bury the dead with dignity.



The American flag held by a survivor of the tragedy was hand made by locals from materials they had.

They did not have an American flag for the funerals, so a small group of locals hand-stitched one from the materials they had - working late into the night.

That flag has been preserved by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, which is sending it home on loan to Islay for the centenary.

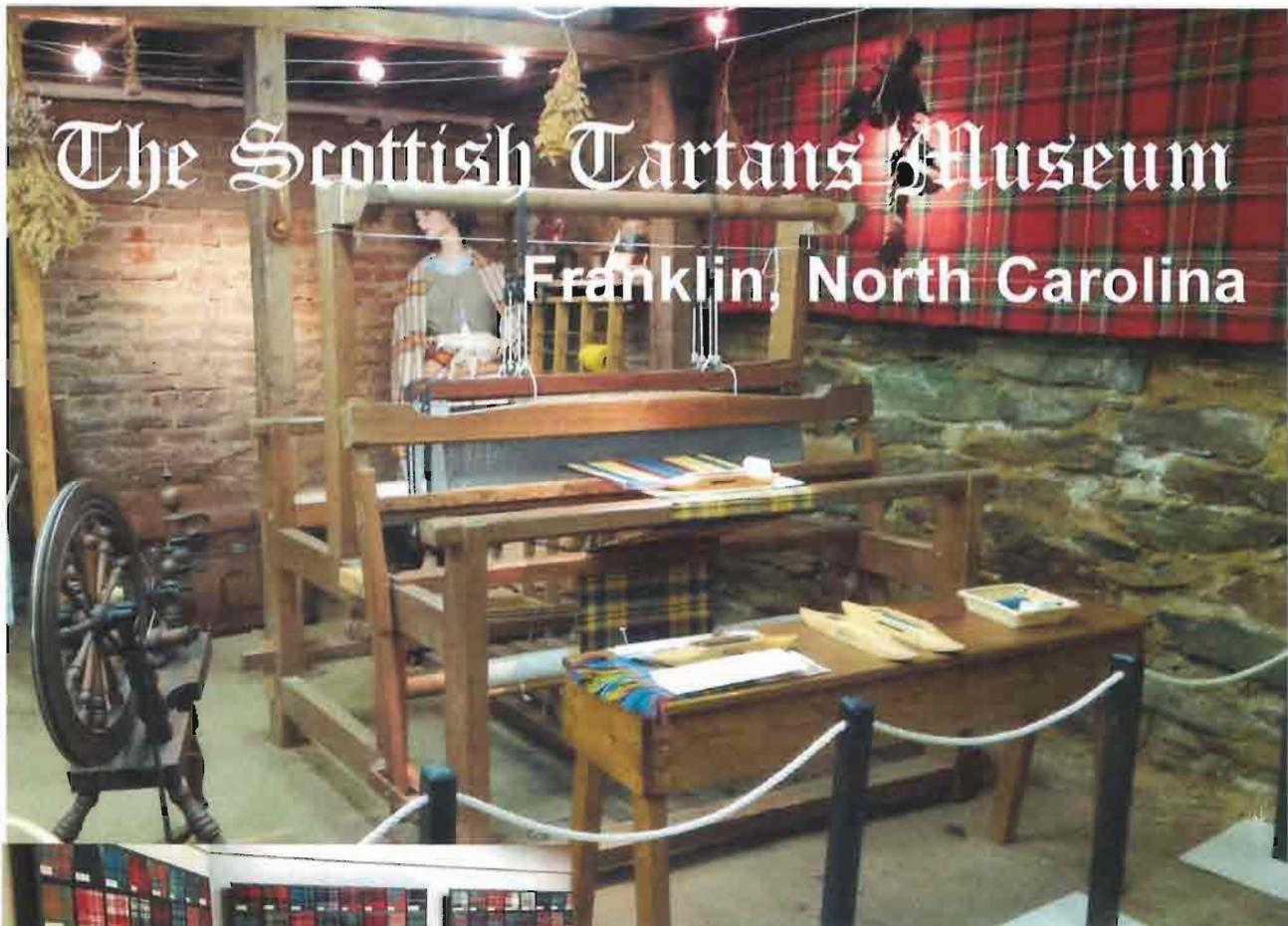
The Smithsonian's Jennifer Jones is impressed by the care the islanders showed for the American soldiers washed up on their shores.

"It was very heartfelt, that people went out of their way to respect those who had recently

lost their lives" she said.

Islanders pulled together to respond to the Tuscania sinking.

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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.

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What they could not know is that this was only a preparation for a much bigger disaster to come.

Like the *Tuscania*, *HMS Otranto* was carrying US troops across the Atlantic in a convoy when disaster struck.

But it wasn't an act of war that sank the *Otranto* on 6 October 1918, within weeks of the armistice. It was a navigational error in a storm.

As the convoy approached the west coast of Scotland in near hurricane conditions, there was confusion over their exact position.

The *Otranto* was rammed by another ship in the convoy - *HMS Kashmir* - which ripped its steel hull wide open.

The *Kashmir* and the rest of the convoy sailed on, under orders not to give assistance for fear of U-boat attack.

Despite the ferocious weather, the Royal Navy destroyer, *HMS Mounsey* came to the rescue under the command of Lieutenant Francis Craven.

"In my viewpoint, Captain Craven was a real hero. Perhaps the real hero of the event" said Chuck

Freedman, whose grandfather, Sam Levy, was on the *Otranto*.

Lieutenant Levy was among almost 600 soldiers who successfully jumped for their lives on to the deck of the *Mounsey*.

Many others tried and failed and were crushed to death between the two ships.

By the time the *Mounsey* left the scene there were still hundreds of men aboard the sinking *Otranto*.

Their best hope was to be swept towards one of the beaches on Islay's Atlantic coast. But that wasn't to be.

The *Otranto* was lifted by a huge wave and dumped down onto a reef that broke its back and tore the ship to pieces.



Only 21 men made it ashore alive.

Some were pulled from the sea by members of Donald-James McPhee's family.

They were shepherds and used their crooks to reach survivors - the length of their staffs, the distance between life and death.

But this was largely a recovery operation with bodies piling up along the coast.

"It must have been so sad for them to see that" said Mr McPhee.

"Waking up in the morning to a normal day's work and hundreds of dead bodies by the evening. It must have been horrendous."

Sergeant MacNeill painstakingly recorded the details of every body washed ashore, in a notebook which now has

pride of place in the Museum of Islay life.

Many of the victims were from the US State of Georgia, which is planning its own commemorations later this year.

Some of the 700 victims of the *Otranto* and *Tuscania* disasters were never found.

The majority were buried on Islay.

After the war, the remains of the American soldiers were exhumed and returned home.

Only one US serviceman is buried on Islay

Only one American - private Roy Muncaster - is still on the island. At the request of his family, he was left to rest where the people of Islay buried him.

In 1918, the *Tuscania* disaster represented the

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biggest single loss of US military lives since the American civil war.

Islay's rugged coastline was a difficult place to be shipwrecked

The sinking of the *Otranto* accounted for some of America's heaviest losses at sea during the 1914-18 war.

Yet the stories of these ships are not well known - lost perhaps in a century of Islay mist.

There is a large lighthouse-shaped memorial on Islay's bleak Mull of Oa.

But when I was growing up on the island, the troopships were rarely talked about.

That's changing. Today, every child at my old school - Bowmore primary - is learning about them.

On Friday 4 May, Princess Anne led commemorations on Islay to mark the centenary of these twin tragedies.



These events will honour those who lost their lives and honour what the people of Islay did for those in peril on their shores a hundred years ago.



Islay's Oa Peninsula

PS If anyone ever asks me why I am so proud to be of Scottish family, I'll simply ask them to read this article and know what those Islay Scots did for us. Beth



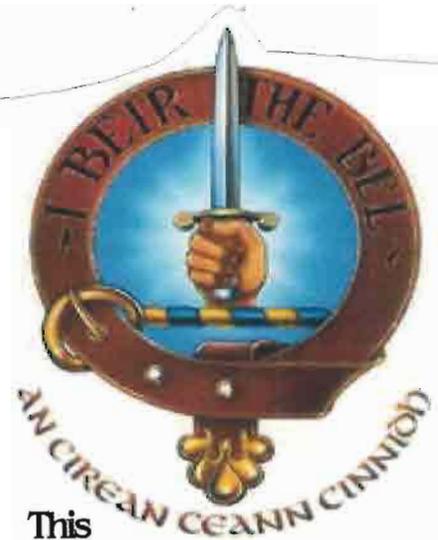
Above: Horseback reivers in the Hawick Reivers Festival Parade. (Photo: Robert Turnbull) For more information: Betty Turnbull, <editor@turnbullclan.com>

Hawick Reivers Festival 2018

Bill and Robert Turnbull sent along photographs of some of the highlights of this year's Reivers Festival held in Hawick, Scotland.

The procession, they say, is related to the tradition of the Hornshole Raid, which was a skirmish fought in 1514 between youths from Hawick and an English raiding party.

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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.

CBI cordially invites membership inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D., Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and Fulbright Scholar...is BAAACCCKKK with more travels!

When we returned, the chocolate making was over, and they had created some interesting flavors, like rosemary, basil & lime, and passion fruit and ginger. NOT your everyday flavors. But she had a good time.



Last year I joined the European Masonic Association (EMA). This year our spring meeting was in the lovely seaside town of Llandudno in Wales.



If you don't know where Llandudno is, it is located between Dwygyfylchi and Gwaenysgor, just a bit north of Pentre-tafarn-y-fedw, on the north Wales coast.

We toured the town of Conwy, where we had the opportunity to visit Conwy Castle and walk the walls of the old medieval city. Entrances to the town are through the original gates in the wall. If you like castles, I have included a selection of pictures of the castle and city walls.



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An Círcleán Seann Cinnidh

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The castle was built in the 1280's by King Edward as part of his effort to subdue the Welsh. We checked out the rest of Conwy, including the Elizabethan Plas Mawr House, one of the earliest suspension bridges, built by Scottish Engineer Thomas Telford in 1822 and also the world's smallest house – which for one pound you can step inside....and that is literally all you can do. There is a bench, a stove, a bed and barely room to turn around. It was actually lived in until the early 1900's.



We also had some meetings, some shopping, time for mingling with friends, and a truly Welsh gala dinner featuring Terrine of Welsh cheese followed by leek & potato soup. Braised shoulder of Welsh lamb was followed by custard over a bread pudding made with a Welsh fruit bread called bara birth. After dinner entertainment was provided by Cantorion Gogledd Cymru ('The North Wales Choir'), a gathering of 30 excellent male voices.

After that we said goodbye to lovely Wales: gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri (land of poets and singers, and people of stature) and headed back north for a weekend in the Orkney Islands, where I went exploring in a couple of 5000 year old stone burial cairns. First there was Cuween Hill Chambered Cairn, which you find by climbing this hill toward the standing stones.



These are usually entered by a long crawlway.



Once inside, there is often a surprising amount of room. The main chamber of this one was 8 feet tall, with four side chambers, each around six feet tall.



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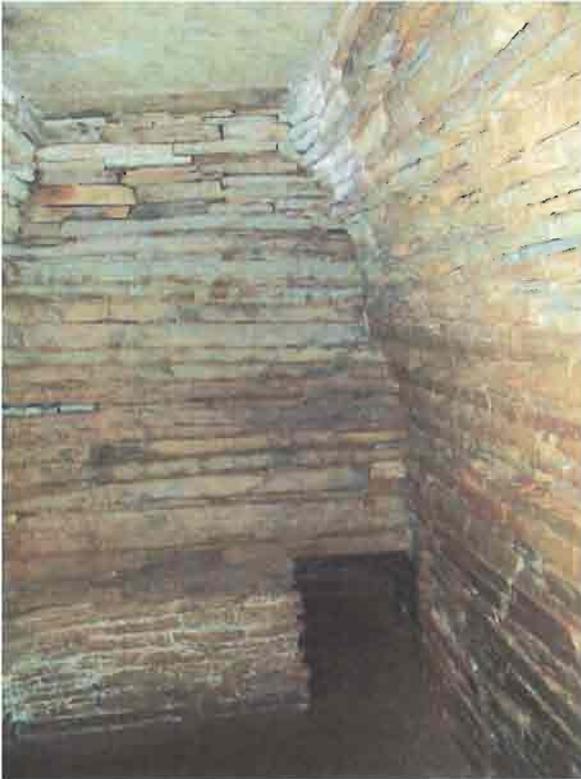
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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose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



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Next I hiked a mile and a quarter around the ridge of a hill to Wideford Hill Chambered Cairn. It is quite different looking from the outside, with terraced walls. It is also unique in that it is entered from a trap door in the top. That isn't the original entrance, as it had a crawlway like all the others. However, the crawlway is not excavated enough, and the roof had collapsed, so a protective hatch way is now installed on top, which you can move so as to climb down in.



Also on this trip, we attended church service at St, Magnus Cathedral. Magnus is the patron saint of the Orkney Islands. The cathedral was begun in 1137, when Orkney still belonged to Norway. After the islands came under Scotland in 1468, and then the Scottish reformation occurred in the mid-1500s, King James gave the cathedral to the people of Orkney. It is maintained in trust, and while it holds weekly Church of Scotland services, it is available for use by any Christian denomination.



That's about it for our spring travels. We are excitedly looking forward to having friends from the

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Dr. Pete Hylton, *continued from page 19*

USA to visit us this summer, as well as a return to Norway. And I have a number of race track visits planned.

One thing about the Highlands....if you do any traveling, you end up on a lot of one track roads. These are bi-directional roads that are only one lane wide, with occasional passing places. They are the norm, rather than the exception way up here.



We are thoroughly used to them.....but visitors from America are usually rather uncomfortable with them. The dawg and I composed a song to them during one of our walks.

Take Me Home, One Track Roads
(with apologies to John Denver)

Almost heaven, Scottish Highlands,
Rugged coastline, heather by the roadside,
Life is old there, older than the trees,
Younger than the stone cairns, blowing Caithness breeze.

One track roads, take me home,
To the place I belong,
To the Highlands,
Scotland's far north.
Take me home,
One track roads.

My best memories, gather round her,
Northern Highlands, surrounded by blue water.
Hills of gold gorse, reaching to the sky.
Misty taste of whisky, teardrop in my eye.

One track roads, take me home
To the place I belong,
To the Highlands,
Scotland's far north.
Take me home,
One track roads.

I hear her voice, in the gloaming hours she calls me.
BBC reminds me of my home far away.
Driving down the road I ken the feeling
That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday.

One track roads, take me home
To the place I belong,
To the Highlands,
Scotland's far north.
Take me home,
One track roads.



Dr. Hylton's wonderful adventures continue in the upcoming
Section A of June 2018 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

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

Benjamin Franklin

This will make sense in a minute - truly! Dr. Pete Hylton's wonderful travels around Scotland are 8-pages long this time.

There simply is not enough room for an 8-page anything in this publication...so, I have divided the article into two sections...one for this B section and one for the A section.

I do Section B first, as I never know what extraordinary thing will happen for the front page of Section A - until the last minute before finishing just before the 1st of the issue month.

So, eventually, folks will read Section A first and then Section B. In order to make that work, I have to start with the last four pages. The first four pages will be in Section A.

See? It does make sense. (To me, anyway.)

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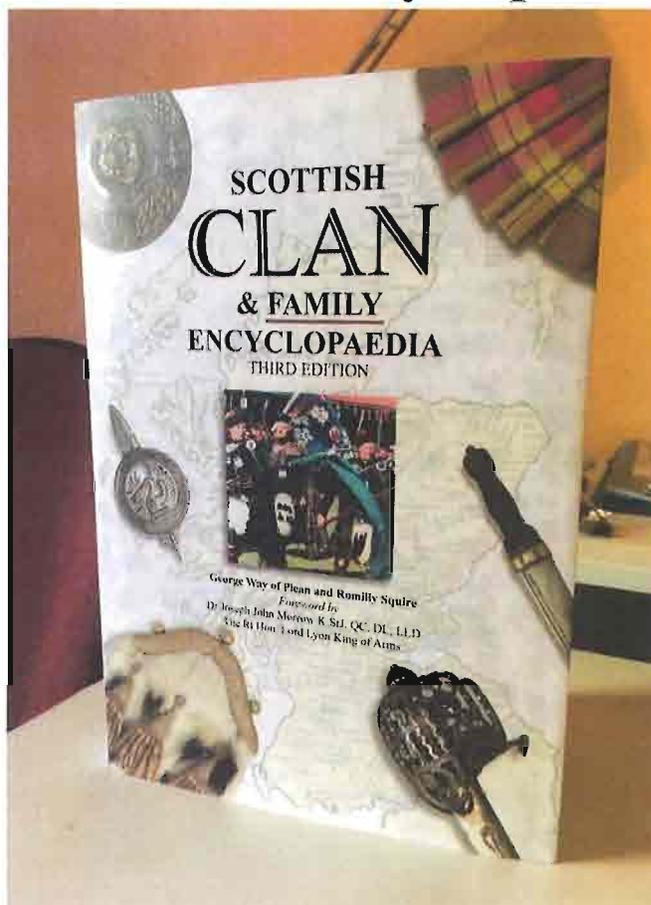
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Clan Blair Society William Campbell Blair Scholarships are available now!

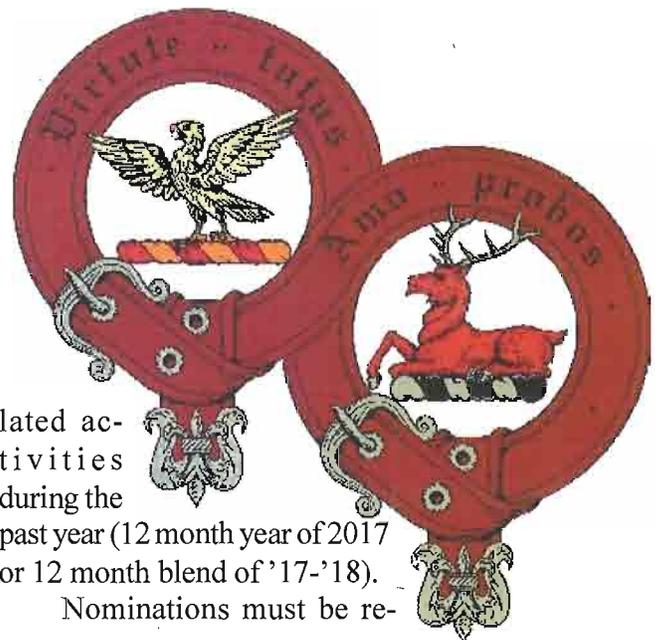
Fellow Scots – The Clan Blair Society Board has announced the second annual William Campbell Blair Youth Scholarship Award. The award is in honor of Dr. Bill Blair who was one of the founders of our organization and served as president and long-time Northern California Commissioner.

This is the invitation for your nominations of youth members (members of families) to be considered for the 2018 award. The award recognizes member youth who have excelled in Scottish re-

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Flowers of the Forest

Buchanan - Rattray

Elmer “Junior” Watson, 76, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2018.

He was born on October 30, 1941 in High Point, North Carolina to the late Elmer and Ramalee Breedlove Watson. A resident of this area all of his life, he was a veteran of the US Army, having proudly served for 6 years.

He worked for the Guilford County School System as a Bus Driver, having driven for Ragsdale, Central, and Oak Hill. He considered all the students he had in his care as “his kids”.

Junior was active in the Highland Games and had served as Co-Regent for the Clan Buchanan as long as his health permitted. He was a loving brother, uncle and great uncle, and will be dearly missed.

In addition to his parents, preceding him in death was a brother, Bill Muse.

He is survived by his sister, Charlotte Breeden; his nieces, Cindy Herbert and her husband, Rick, Teresa Tysinger and her husband, Kim; his nephew, Tommy Witcher and his wife Susan; his aunt, Betty Miller; and a number of great nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Junior’s life was held on Thursday, May 3rd in the Chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service, 206 Trindale Road in Archdale, North Carolina with Reverend James Capps officiating. A committal service followed in Floral Garden Memorial Park Cemetery, 1730 English Road in High Point, with Military honors ac-

corded by the Randolph County Honor Guard.

His family will see friends following the committal service.

Memorials in Junior’s memory may be directed to The American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

Margaret Pizzey died on 8 October 2017. She was a proud member of the Clan Rattray and attended the Clan Rattray International Gathering in 2008.



Joan Olive Rattray (nee Nugent) passed away peacefully on November 11, 2017, in her 90th year. She was beloved wife of 65 years to Norman. Loving mother to David, Janet and Anne

Buck (Stephen). She was a very proud Grandma to Blair, Blake, Julia, Alyson, Colleen, Adam, Ian and Cameron.

She will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews, Jo-Anne, Tim, Susan, Geoff, Jessica, Joanne, Bruce and Ross and their children.

She was a special sister-in-law to Evelyn Nugent.

Joan was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. She was also blessed with countless friends and had a special gift of making others feel special.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Fresh Air

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NORTH TEXAS IRISH FESTIVAL

The North Texas Irish Festival was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2-4.

Shown on the left, Gary Tate, Clan Donald USA Texas Commissioner, new Youth member, John McDaniel, and Nicole Jones and baby.



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Flowers of the Forest, continued from page 25
Fund and the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Mary-Joan Winter died in Calgary, Canada. She was the 6th great granddaughter of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Rattray of the Rattray Laird Line.

Joni taught art and religion for 28 years, then moved to the real estate business. She is survived by her father, Hubert Winter; her brother, Bob Winter and his partner Ruth MacRae; her sister, Barb Roycroft; her two daughters, Rosie Grady and Sara Jane dela Torre and spouse Chris and also by five grandsons.

She will be remembered as a warm and loving person who went out of her way to help others.



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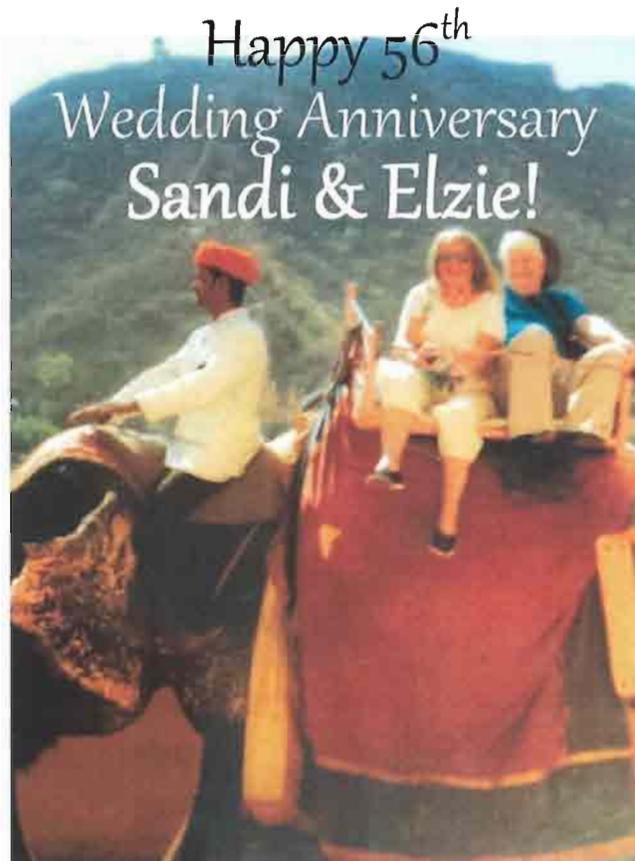
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Earlier this month, Sandi emailed me: This is our 56th Anniversary picture! We are at the Amber Fort near Japur, India.

Sandi and Elzie are world travelers...they went to Thailand and Cambodia a few years ago...plus just about anywhere you can name...but, chose India to celebrate this big anniversary.

I can never remember not knowing the beautiful and talented Sandi. She was a dancer through school and a majorette with our Robert E. Lee High School Band - and a great friend.

She studied to be a teacher in college and taught history for a long time.

She and Elzie live in a small town in Florida where Elzie is an attorney and judge...I think he might be retired now...but never thought to ask.

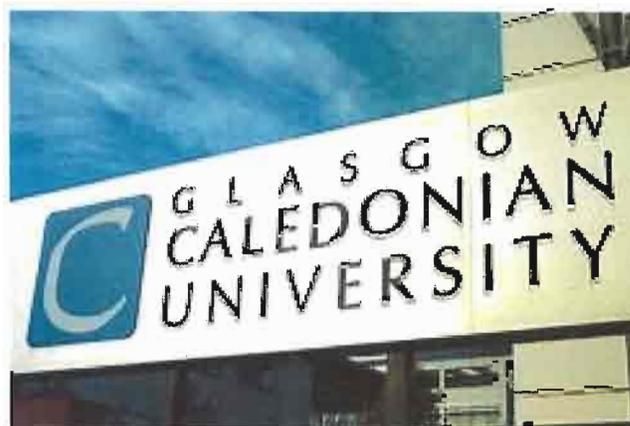
During my radio days, I did ride an elephant in an elephant race...and won. How? I got to the circus grounds early and asked the Mahout, "Which one wins?"

"This one," he said.

"May I ride that one in the race?" I asked.

"Of course!," he said.

So, with a *WMOP All American Country* bumper sticker on her hip, we did win!



Here's a blog you might find interesting

"Poverty, health, diet and education in Glasgow: from domestic science to the allied health professions, 1875-1933," is a project by Glasgow Caledonian University Archives, to sort, catalogue, reserve and share the collections of the Glasgow School of Cookery (1875) and the West End School of Cookery (1878), amalgamated in 1908 to form the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, later renamed Queen's College Glasgow, which merged in 1993 with Glasgow Polytechnic to become Glasgow Caledonian University.

A blog highlights interesting finds in the collection: <<http://www.caledonianblogs.net/library/category/archives-and-special-collections/>>

With thanks to *Clish-Clash*, the e-newsletter of the Scottish Local History Forum.

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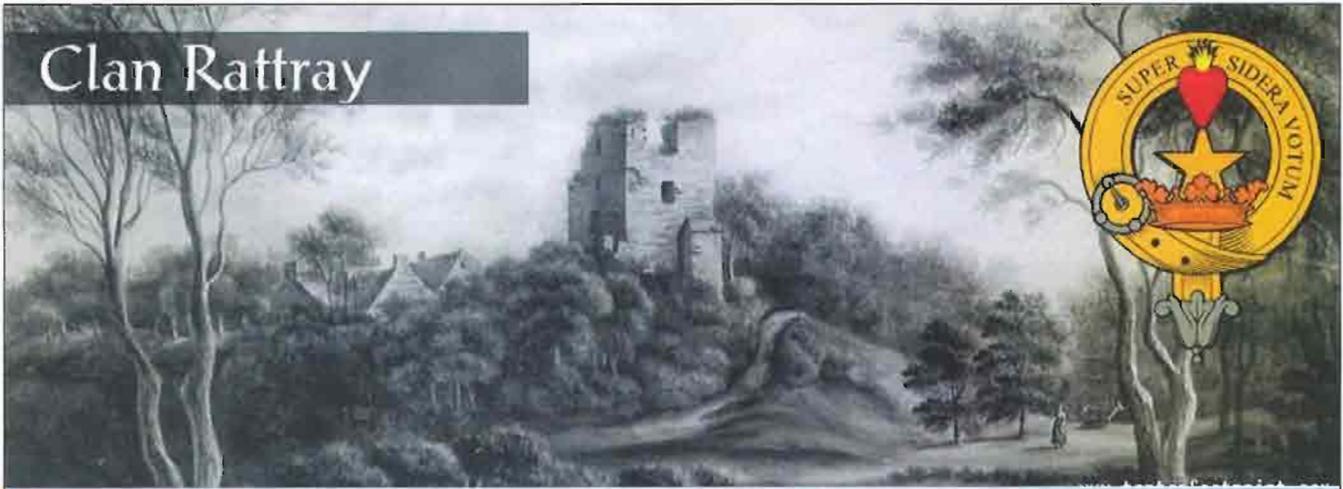
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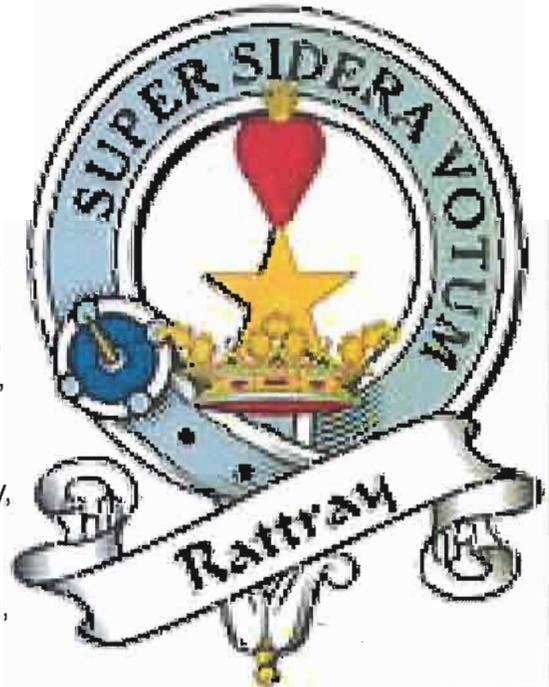
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Septs: Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.



The National Wallace Monument in Stirling, Scotland seeks volunteers

Stirling - The National Wallace Monument has launched its 2018 volunteer programme as the tourist attraction welcomes a new Learning and Volunteer Co-ordinator, Catherine Morrison to the team.

Enthusiastic individuals are being sought to join the team as The National Wallace Monument in Stirling, that welcomed over 140,000 visitors in the last 12 months, enters its busiest period.

Responsible for helping to meet and greet visitors, volunteers are integral to maintaining the attraction's high standard of service. With no qualifications required, the opportunity enables

individuals to help with the smooth running of a popular visitor attraction, while meeting people from all over the world and gaining invaluable experience working in the tourism sector.

Starting her new position in March 2018, Catherine was previously Libraries and Culture Assistant at Clydebank Museum. She has first-hand experience of volunteering, having previously spent her time volunteering at the National Railway Museum in York and for West Dunbartonshire Council.

Speaking about the volunteer search,

Catherine said: "Volunteering is a great way to gain experience in the heritage sector and to support the local community. I can't wait to work with our

existing volunteers and new recruits to build new and exciting roles which enhance the overall visitor experience."

The visitor attraction would like to hear from prospective volunteers with friendly personalities who are happy to talk to visitors. Full training will be provided, however a passion for Scottish history or the ability to speak another language would be an added bonus.

Catherine added: "We hope that volunteer-

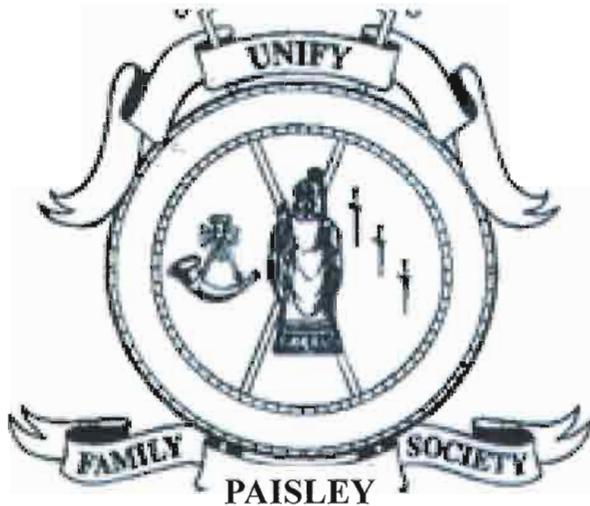
ing gives people who are passionate about Stirling and who have a love for the Monument the opportunity to share their enthusiasm with others. The National Wallace Monument is an iconic building which draws in visitors from all over the world, and we're looking for friendly volunteers to help ensure that visitors leave us with special memories of the fantastic time they have had in Stirling."

Anyone interested in volunteering at the popular heritage attraction should email volunteer@nationalwallacemonument.com



Learning and Volunteer Co-ordinator Catherine Morrison with volunteers Margaret McLeish and Colin Hemfrey.





The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

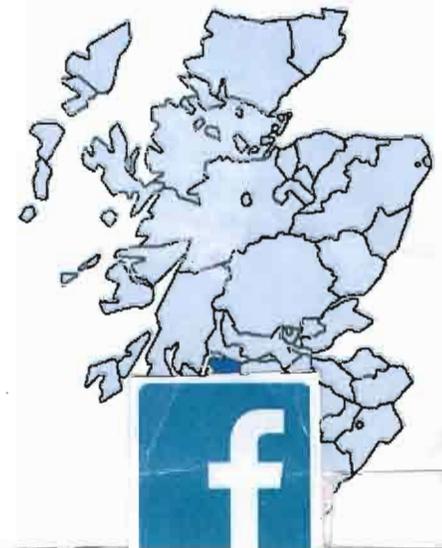


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

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

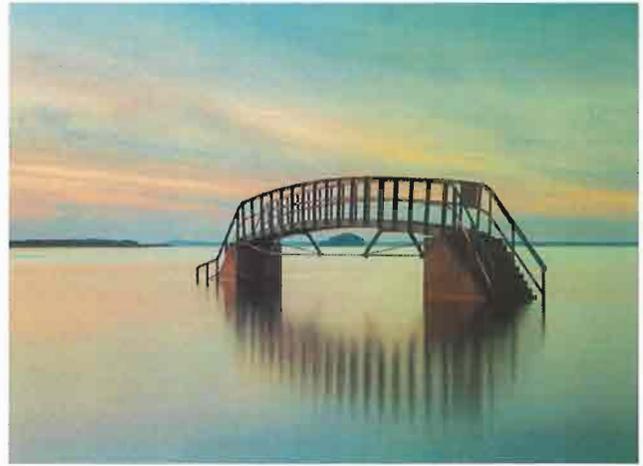


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Bridge to Nowhere

At high tide this strange footbridge appears to have no purpose whatsoever.



The sea frequently threatens to drown this forsaken bridge, whirling around its base and cutting it off from the land. But surprisingly, this strange “bridge to nowhere” actually does lead somewhere.

It’s used by those looking to cross the Biel Water, a reasonably large stream that runs through the village of Biel just to the south of Dunbar, Scotland. The stream runs for almost three miles from the Luggate Burn before eventually finding its way into to Belhaven Bay.

Just before it discharges into the North Sea, the stream flows under a short metal footbridge with concrete pillars and steps. At low tide you can walk over this bridge to access the beach beyond it.

But when the tide comes surging into the shore, what should be an easy path to the beach

becomes impassable. At high tide, the water swallows the land around the bridge, making it look as though it’s stranded in the middle of a sea. Though not helpful for those looking to cross, the sight of the lonely bridge surrounded by swirling waters that reflect the colors of the sky above makes for a beautiful photograph.

Know Before You Go

The sands on the far side of the bridge are soft and subject to movement. Do not be surprised if stepping off the far side of the bridge involves stepping into water.

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