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UK flights cancelled: More than 100 flights have been cancelled as travel disruption continues



THE SCOTSMAN

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Airline passengers have been hit with further disruption as more than 100 UK flights scheduled for Wednesday were cancelled.

British Airways axed at least 78 flights at Heathrow, while easyJet cancelled at least 30 at Gatwick.

The aviation industry is suffering from a

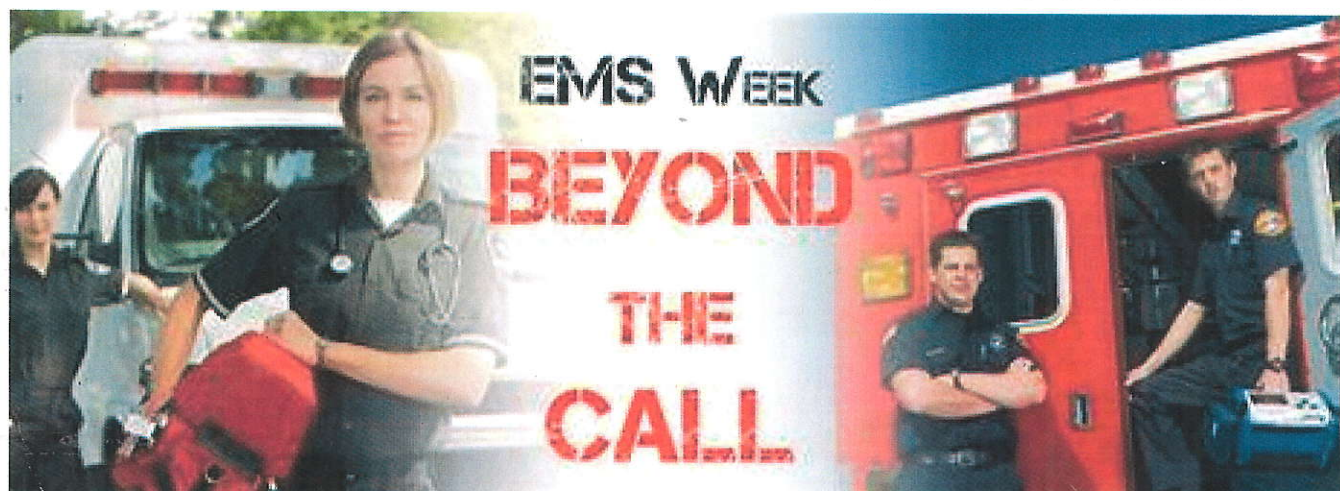
surge in coronavirus-related staff sickness and a shortage of workers following job cuts made during the virus crisis.

To reduce the impact on passengers, most cancellations are being made at least a day in advance and on routes with multiple daily flights, so passengers can be offered alternative departures.

British Airways said many of its cancellations include flights cut as part of its decision last month to reduce its schedule until the end of May.

This was done to boost reliability due to rising Covid-19 cases.

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Glasgow's Burrell Collection has reopened following a £68.25m refurbishment

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The museum, which opened in Pollok Park in 1983, has been closed since October 2016.

Visitors can now view items and collections which have not been seen for decades.

The collection - which includes objects from Europe and Asia - was donated to Glasgow by art collector Sir William Burrell in 1944.

Sir Hector Hetherington, former principal of Glasgow University, described the donation of the collection as "one of the greatest gifts ever made to any city in the world."

He devoted more than 75 years to amassing the collection with his wife, Constance.

It is renowned for its quality of Chinese art, exquisite stained glass, intricate tapestries and fine art.

The museum was due to open in 2020 but was pushed back because of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Before the renovation, only around 20% of the collection would be displayed at any one time.

However, the renovation project has increased the museum's gallery space by 35%, allowing more items which have never been on permanent display to be shown.

These include the Wagner garden carpet, one of the earliest surviving Persian garden carpets in the world.

The building now includes a central stairway, giving visitors access to the lower floor for the first time, and new galleries on upper floors.

The refurbishment has also replaced power, heating and lighting systems with more efficient and sustainable technologies.

Dr Bridget McConnell, chief executive of *Glasgow Life*, said: "The Burrell Collection is one of Glasgow's great cultural institutions, displaying one of the finest per-



sonal collections ever assembled.

"Visitors will again appreciate one of the world's great museums and enjoy the quality and beauty of the works left to Glasgow by Sir William and Constance, Lady Burrell in its spectacular home in Pollok Country Park."

Prof Frances Fowle, senior trustee of Sir William Burrell's Trust, said: "The additional gallery space has vastly increased the areas for display, enabling visitors to see and appreciate much more of the collection, reinterpreted through the most modern and sophisticated technology."

Sir Angus Grossart, *Burrell Renaissance*, welcomed the fact the collection will be enjoyed again for its "immense quality, diversity and beauty"

Nearly half of the funding for the project was committed by Glasgow City Council with more than a quarter coming from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Significant donations were also made by the the Scottish and UK governments as well as from trusts and private donors.

Eilish McGuinness, chief executive of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "The Burrell is well known in Glasgow, Scotland and the UK, but I can see that this is going to be the start of a major new chapter in the life of the museum. It is truly a beautiful landmark for the 21st Century."

Culture Minister Neil Gray said the project was a

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LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Some ideas you might be able to use...
You'll have fun no matter what!



When I was in fifth and sixth grade, my teacher was Mrs. Peggie McCubbin. We were in a mobile home that had two classrooms at Ruth N. Upson Grammar School in Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Land was the teacher on the other side of that sort of rickety building and she was Mrs. McCubbin's best friend.

We had "observers" from Florida State University all the time as our classes were something special. I never did figure that one out. After just a little bit we (the kids) just ignored the observers and forgot about them.

We did do unusual things for that time. We would get both classes together and square dance. Billy King, our classmate in the fifth and sixth grades, would play the music for our square dancing on the piano with no music. Billy could pick up any instrument and play it and play it well. We just took it for granted. Would you believe that George William Brooks King is still my friend? He is.

He spent his working career first with the Miami, Florida, opera. During the last half of his career, he was with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. He could sing, too! Love you, Billy!

Mrs. McCubbin taught me a most valuable lesson. I liked to draw, so I remember doing a mural in the hallway of Ruth N. Upson. I remember asking her if I had to do things like everybody else. I can hear her now, "No, Elizabeth, you can do things any way you wish to do them. Your creativity is the most wonderful thing. Follow your ideas, always." I did and I have.

Ideas have been how I made my living. I had two ideas that were so much fun and went further than I thought they would. When I was in radio, I was Promotions Director in Ocala and made our "Rollin' Radio Road Shows something special at WMOP in Ocala,

Florida. I sent articles about them to the Radio Advertising Bureau magazine and that got me a spot on the program at the National Radio Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, that year. What fun that was!

Since we were a Country Music Station, it just made sense to me to invent a WMOP Country Club. We ended up with thousands and thousands of members - all of who were "card-carrying" WMOP Country Club" members and saved money with our sponsors.

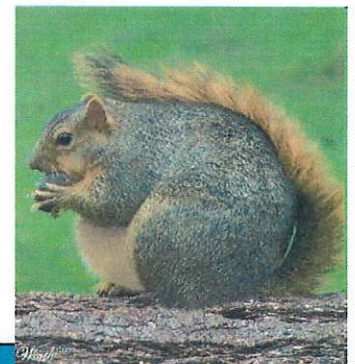
A little later, they had an awful winter out west and the deer there were starving to death. I was living in Moultrie, Georgia, and working for a small radio station there. I remember thinking, "Colquitt County is the largest farming county east of the Mississippi. I'll bet we could help those deer. With help from Anne Carlton, the first woman president of the Moultrie Chamber of Commerce, we got the railroad to donate a bunch of freight cars and the farmers in Colquitt County brought "spare" hay and the nonfarmers bought deer feed from the feed stores to donate and "Hay for Hungry Deer" was born. That was on the national news and written up all across this country. Most importantly, it helped the deer, too.

Nowadays, my ideas are mostly for around home. I thought I'd share a couple with you that really, truly work.

I love having a bird feeder and feeding the birds. I've done it forever.

In North Georgia, we have a large population of squirrels whose favorite foods are birdseed. Mmmm. I would go to my back door and see a very fat squirrel sitting on

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the edge of my bird feeder greatly enjoying himself/herself. What to do?

Now, to do this too, you need a couple of things. You need a tree and you need a porch with columns within a clothesline ropes range. My tree and porch are about 25 feet apart. I hooked a bit of rope to the rope that was already on the tree. I nailed two nails into a wooden porch column. I managed to get an extra garbage can lid and drilled a hole in the center of that lid. I ran the rope through the hole and hooked the bird feeder where it is under the garbage can lid. Squirrels can't beat this one.

I pull the rope tight which makes the bird feeder and lid get high. I weave the rope between the two nails so the bird feeder is fixed. That's it.

If a squirrel climbs the rope, he can't get to the bird feeder without getting on the garbage can lid. The squirrel is too heavy and the garbage can lid will buck him right off. Score points for this simple way. (KISS.)

Where we live, we are near a national park where there are all manner of critters including bears. Bears love bird feeders too. How to foil bears? It's really simple and takes maybe five minutes each day. You simply let the rope loose (with a loop in the end so it won't go to the ground.) and go outside with a garbage bag. Just fit the bird feeder into the bag and take it inside for the night.

Take the feeder outside again in the morning and rehang it. You won't get bird seeds on your floor if you use that trash bag!

There's one more idea I've used for a long time.

We enjoy cats. Now, we only have one inside. That's Harry. Using a regular litter box, I had to sweep the

bathroom floor every day and most days two or three times as Harry would throw litter out of the box and onto the floor. What to do?

Our electrician happened to be here the same day I was figuring this one out. He had a six-inch drill bit for his drill. He drilled a six-inch hole in a heavy-duty tote a little bit over halfway on the side of the tote. Put the three inches of litter in the tote and that's it. Harry goes in and out of his six-inch "door." He can't throw high enough to get litter on the floor. Not so far, anyway.



You let the rope down to add birdfeed. You pull the rope tight to bring the birdfeeder up to it's regular heighth.

You just have to make a loop the end of the rope to keep everything where it belongs.



For those of you who knew and loved Miss Narra, you can see her wee grave under the prayer flags here. Her little stone reads, "If love could have cured you, you would have lived forever." I miss her and love her always.

I'll hush now.

Thank you, Miz Peggie! I've never forgotten you told me to think outside the box.



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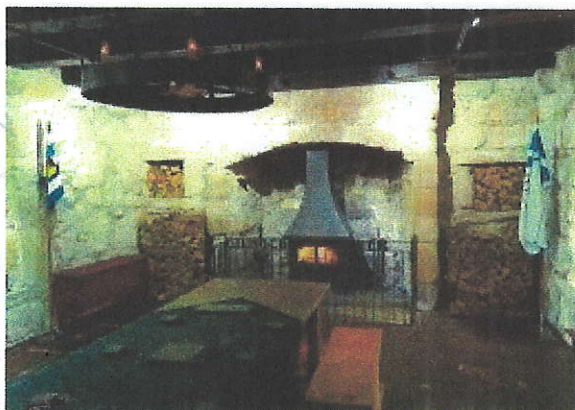
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Robert "Bob" Barr

Robert Barr, 94, of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away on March 27, 2022. Robert was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and colleague. Born in North Tarrytown, New York, on October 21, 1927, to Robert & Jean Bond Barr, he is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean Phillips Barr; his sister, Jean Barr Galella; and his brother, John "Jack" McColl Barr. He is survived by his brother, George Bond Barr; his loving children, Barbara Barr Grigg (David Grigg) of Vernon, CT, Robert David Barr (Kathy Butterfield) of Centreville, VA, and Nancy Ellen Barr, of Birmingham, AL; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

From a young age, Robert always showed his optimistic outlook, his enthusiastic demeanor, and his penchant for hard work. He filled those around him with joy, and humored them with his many stories! He cherished his family and friends, and left each of us better off for having known him. He welcomed others with warm hospitality – no one was a stranger to Robert Barr – and he formed long-lasting friendships wherever he lived and welcomed lively conversations and connections with anybody he met.

After graduating high school in 1945, Robert attended the New York State Merchant Marine Academy at Fort Schuyler, which shaped the trajectory of his life. Robert relished the discipline, the rigorous academic challenges, and the navigational training, which allowed him to travel internationally and fostered his love of the sea. He remained close to many of his Academy classmates throughout his life, and organized several class reunions.

After the Maritime Academy, Robert headed to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where he served as Chapter President of Sigma Chi his senior year. He met Jean Phillips in freshman English. They courted until his graduation weekend in June 1952, when they married

and became a "Miami Merger" for 64 years, ending only with Jean's death in February 2017. Miami always figured predominately in his activities, as he joined local alumni chapters wherever he lived, served as Alumni Association President in 1970-71, traveled back to campus for football games and reunions, and enjoyed several Miami Alumni cruises in retirement.

Robert accepted a US Navy commission in August 1952 and served in the Korean War as a service officer on the *USS Telfair*.

Robert began his career at Eastman Kodak in 1954 in Rochester, NY. His Kodak career spanned 35 years and took him and his family to Buffalo, Dallas, Atlanta, and Orlando.

His joy in photography was evident in any conversation with him about work. He especially relished his final Kodak posting as Operating Manager of EPCOT's *Journey into Imagination Pavilion* at Walt Disney World, Florida.

His magnanimous personality and love for "Disney Magic" made him the perfect host to any visitor to the Pavilion, from the smallest child to the most famous celebrity.

He was also active in the Big Brother program while living in Atlanta. In later years, he devoted a significant amount of his time and talent to *Give Kids the World*, a philanthropy which hosts terminally ill children and their families for visits to central Florida attractions.



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Robert's family was his heartbeat, and he loved taking trips with them. Robert's love of his Scottish heritage was infectious, and he was thrilled to have visited Scotland several times. Another highlight was serving as the Master of Ceremonies at the Stone Mountain Highland Games for over twenty years. He presided over numerous other Scottish Games around the Southeast. His booming voice and friendly presence were made for announcing. He was a founder of the Atlanta Pipe Band and spent many Sunday afternoons practicing his bagpipes at Stone Mountain Park with Tippy, the family's beloved Sheltie. Robert and his wife were also very active members of St. John's United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert enjoyed many happy years in retirement in Orlando and then DeLand, Florida, serving in the community Men's Club, visiting his children and grandchildren, and taking other trips with Jean. Just for fun, he started modeling, appearing in several local advertisements and in a national commercial promoting grapefruit (which he loved!). Surprisingly, he was cast against type as a prison inmate extra in a Hulk Hogan movie. But he went to great lengths for his art, which meant that, for a week before filming, he went without shaving.

Robert's three children will not forget his devotion to Jean during her battle against Alzheimer's. After Jean's passing, he joined The Cloisters Community in DeLand, where he met his dear companion, Iris Scammell. In 2020, Robert moved to the Sunrise at Fair Oaks senior living center in Fairfax, Virginia. The Barr Family would like to thank the staff of The Cloisters for his happy residency there. Additionally, the family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and caregivers at Sunrise at Fair Oaks. The community at Sunrise is warm

and welcoming, a perfect match for Robert's sunny disposition, and they dealt with some very difficult situations that arose from the pandemic in the best way they could for residents. Even more, the respect, grace and caring shown to Robert during his final days was superb in every way.

A celebration of Robert's life will be held on Friday, May 6, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at the Homewood Suites by Hilton, 115 Fort Evans Road, Leesburg, Virginia. All are welcome. An additional family ceremony honoring both Robert and Jean Phillips Barr will be held at Miami University later in 2022.

In lieu of flowers, the Barr Family invites you to donate in his name to any of the following charities:

- Miami University - Robert and Jean Phillips Barr Scholarship Fund - <https://www.miamioh.edu>
- Give Kids the World - <https://www.gktw.org/>
- The Alzheimer's Foundation - <https://alzfdn.org>
- United Methodist Church Children's Home, Orlando, FL - <https://www.fumch.org>

Bob Barr was such a wonderful friend to me when I went to work for the library so many years ago. I was new to the Scottish Games world as I had worked in radio for so many years - and, weekends are work days for most radio folks. Bob's guidance and advice and friendship were so appreciated.

Bob came and was Master of Ceremonies many times at Scottish Weekends and was just a friend who could always be counted on without fail.

I can't remember when or how we first met, but even in the last years, cards have kept is in touch - loosely, but in touch. I will continue to think of him and miss him and love him dearly.

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reminder of how important culture was to everyone's lives.

He added: "Alongside the incredible pieces themselves, I was really impressed to see the new tactile, child-friendly elements around the museum which has greatly enhanced the interaction and accessibility of the collection."

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said: "I was lucky enough to get a sneak preview of the new Burrell Collection last week and it's truly magnificent - a stunning space to house one of the most important personal art collections in the world."

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Winter Adventures in Scotland and England



This winter the weather in the Far North of the Scottish Highlands was rather dreich. Dreich is one of a number of Scottish words for wet weather. If you aren't familiar with the dialect, let me share with you some of these words:

- **Dreich** — Wet, dull, gloomy, dismal, dreary or any combination of these. Scottish weather at its most miserable.
- **Drookit** — Extremely wet, drenched, from an Old Norse word meaning drowned.
- **Fret** — A cold, wet mist from the sea.
- **Oorlich** — Damp, chilly and unpleasant, raw, bleak, depressing.
- **Plowetery** — Messy, dirty and wet.
- **Smirr** — Drizzle.
- **Snell** — The most biting of wet weather, the type that you can feel right down to the bone.
- **Stoating** — When heavy rain bounces off the ground.
- **Sneet** — Wintry mix changing back and forth between snow and sleet

There were several ranger walks scheduled this winter in the Far North, and I signed up to join them, for exercise and for the scenery. While it may rain a lot, there is absolutely nothing more glorious than Scotland in good weather. That is why it is said that a Scotsman is the only person who would be homesick in heaven. Fortunately, these walks happened to fall mostly on nice days. The first was a walk along the Armadale Gorge, through which flows the Armadale Burn. It began at a parking lot by an old stone bridge.



Along the walk were some very scenic views of the gorge.



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Then we reached the perpetually wet ground of Britain's largest peat bog, known up here as The Flow Country, where the water table is essentially at ground level, so you are always squishing along.



Along the way, we passed the foundations of a number of shielings. A shieling was a hut, used 150-200 years ago, commonly found in wild or lonely places in the hills and mountains of Scotland where sheep and cattle were brought for the summer grazing.

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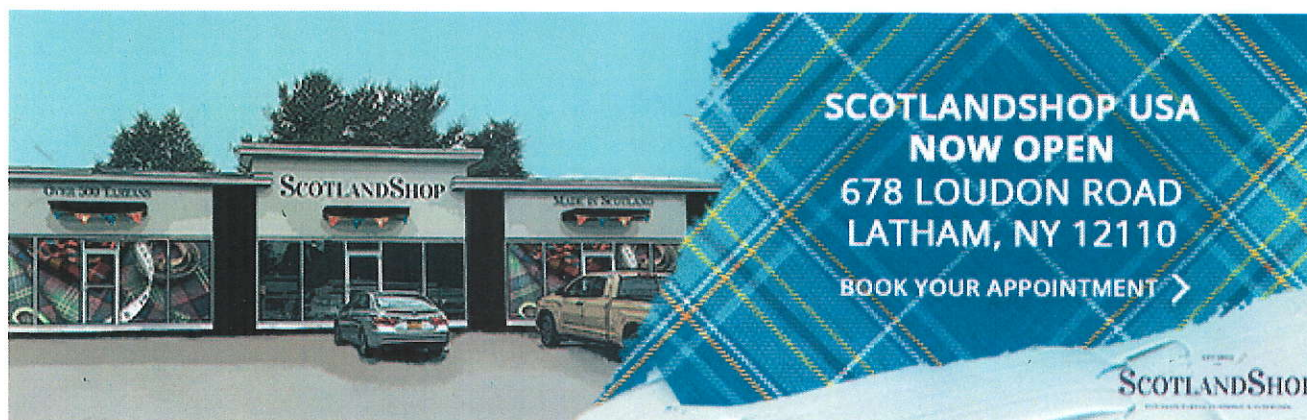
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Bring Scotland Home this Spring

According to *Vogue Magazine*, vibrant colours and bold patterned fabrics are on trend for interiors this Spring, and what could be better to introduce either of these trends into your home than tartan? Especially as there's over 500 colourways to choose from!



We also found the foundations of hut circles, which were stone and thatch living structures from the 2nd century BC, so roughly 4000 years ago. And we passed the ruins of a broch, shown in the next photo. Brochs date from approximately 2-4 thousand years ago, and were large stone structures, often 40 feet tall, in which a number of families lived together. These were often built in protective locations and this one was perched on the top of the gorge, where the yellow arrow indicates. The next photo is a close-up of the ruins.



The next ranger walk began in The Flow Country, as shown in the next two pictures. You might think the burns (streams) and lochans (ponds) would collect the water that drains off of the bog. But it does not work that way. The peat is so dense that it holds water all the time,..... everywhere.....even on the side of the hills. No matter where you walk in The Flow Country, low or high, even on the top of a ridge, you find yourself squishing through wet peat.



This next photo is a peat cutting. The Far North of the Highlands was one of the last places in Britain to get connected to the electric grid, and peat from The Flow Country was the fuel of choice for heating here in the Far North. In fact, some of the very rural cottages still use it.



These next photos are of the Rabbit Islands, which sit in the Kyle of Tongue, a shallow sea loch that leads to the village of Tongue. Local legend is that several

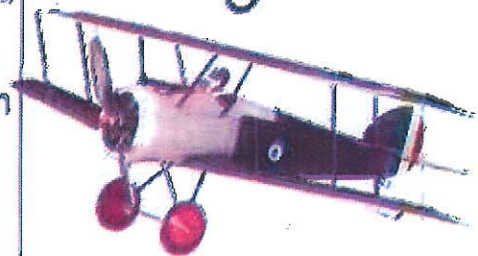
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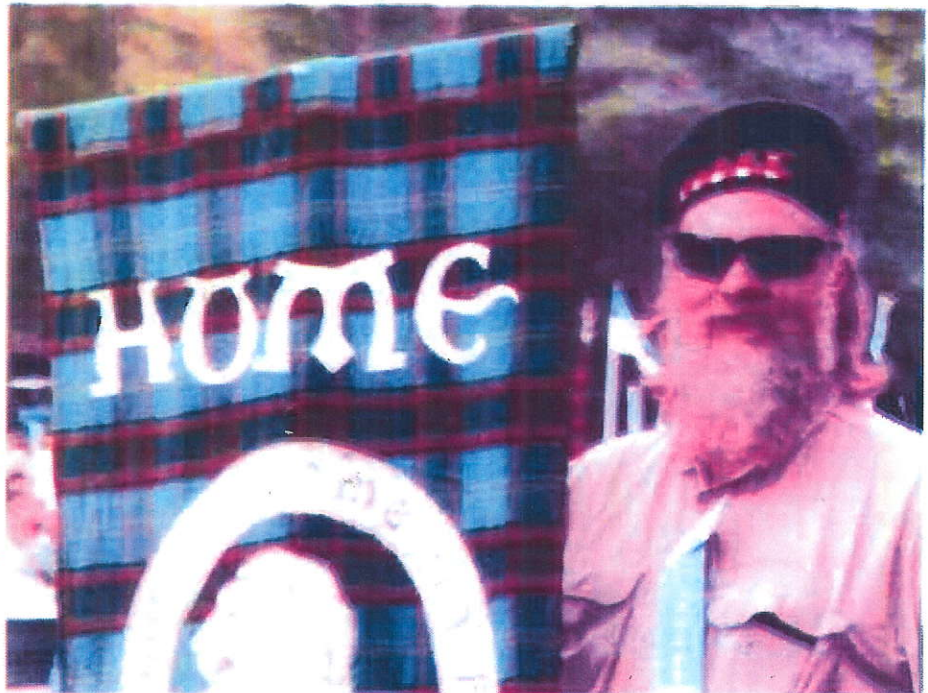


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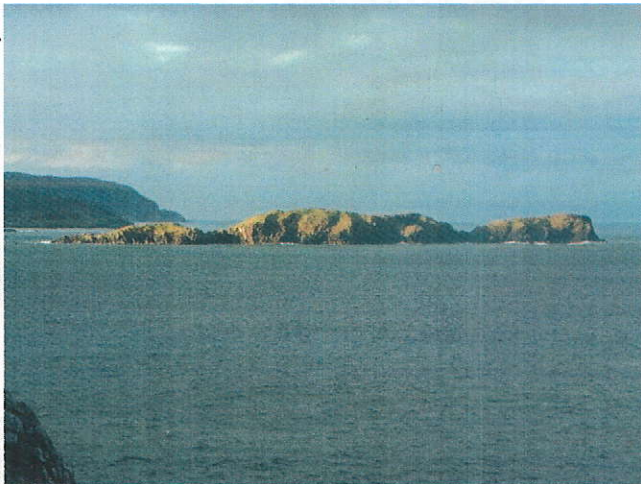
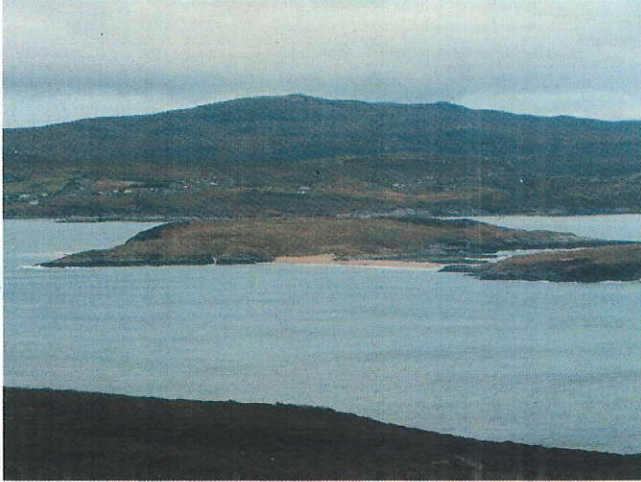
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generations ago, the Laird of this region loved to eat rabbit pie, and so these islands were populated with wild rabbits. With no stoats, or foxes or other land-bourne predators, and with no access except by water, the rabbits flourished. And thus, there were plenty available to trap for dinner.



The next islands are known as Eilean Nan Ron, and they once supported a small crofting community. Now only the ruins remain, visible in the distance.



Here is another shieling, with more structure left than the one on the last walk, so a better photo.



Imagine that the lady of the croft and the young children would live in this, during the summer months, up high in the hills with the livestock, while her husband and older children would tend the crops back at the croft (next photo).

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The coast line on this walk was typical of the Far North. We are surrounded by ruggedly beautiful coastline, including the ones shown here, which are known locally as the Sleiteil Rocks.



I saw two interesting forms of lichen growing on the walks. The first is either beard lichen or bushy lichen, and stands out quite a bit from the rocks it grows on. The next is known as devil's matchstick, for obvious reasons.



The next hike was just before Christmas. It climbed up Ben Dorrey, and then went cross-country across more of The Flow Country, where we saw more interesting lichens and mosses.

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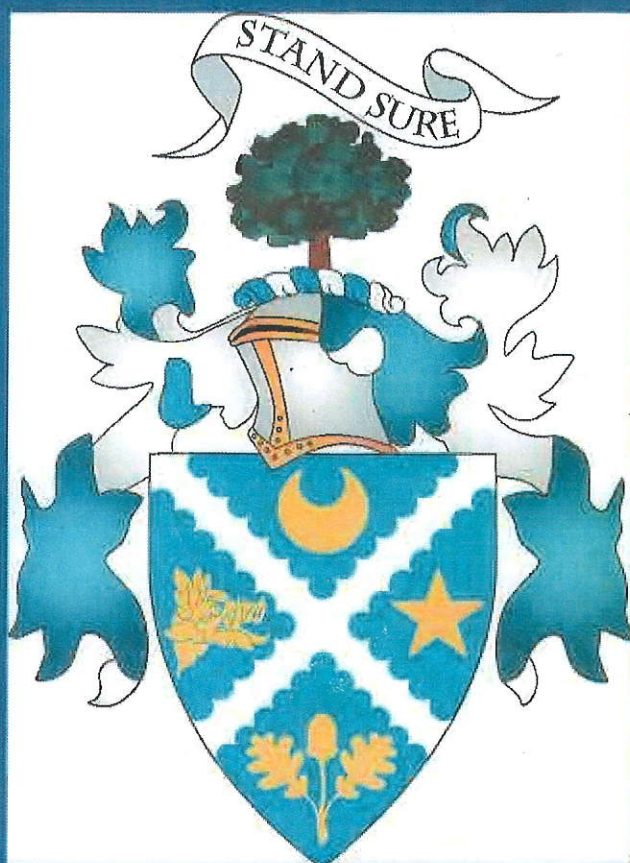
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We came across a lone standing stone. The northern Highlands have many stone circles and arrays, and even more lone standing stones, left by the local residents of thousands of years ago. One might wonder how you tell whether this is a true standing stone, erected by the ancients, as opposed to a stone which just happens to be vertical as left by nature.



Well, first of all, there aren't a lot of natural stones just sticking up out of the bog of The Flow Country. But secondly, the erected standing stones actually sit on a foundation, made from smaller stones, set into the ground so as to stabilize the large standing stone at its base. So an erected standing stone has some engineering work to keep it upright.

We also visited the remains of a bronze age hill fort. It sits atop Beinn Freiceadain. Beinn is the Gaelic word for a large hill or mountain. Ben is the Anglicized version of that word, and is what almost all mountains in Scotland are called. In this case, Beinn Freiceadain means "watching hill," and indeed, this fort, atop the hill, would have been an excellent observation position, as well as an excellent defensive position.

The top of the hill once held a fairly extensive structure, which is now nothing but rubble in the peat. However, hikers have dug up a few of the stones and constructed a modern cairn.



As you descend the hill, and look back up, you can see why the fort would have been a good place to defend, as attackers would have had to climb this slope while under fire from above.



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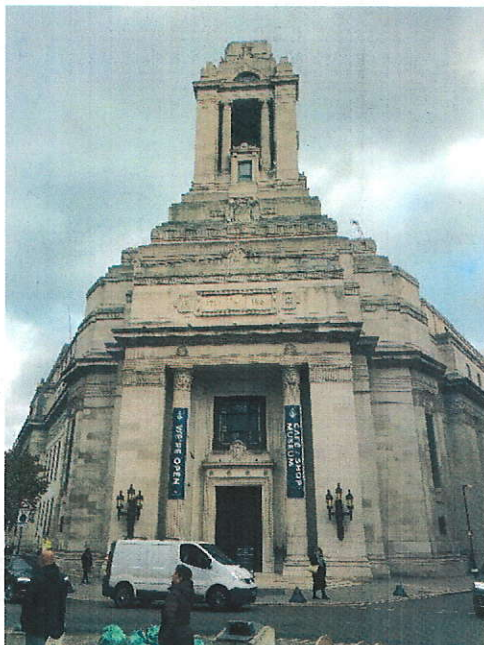
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Additionally, a barrier wall was constructed all around the hill about halfway up the slope. Here you can get a sense of what it would have been like to have to climb over this embankment, going uphill, while under fire from stones and spears thrown at you from above.

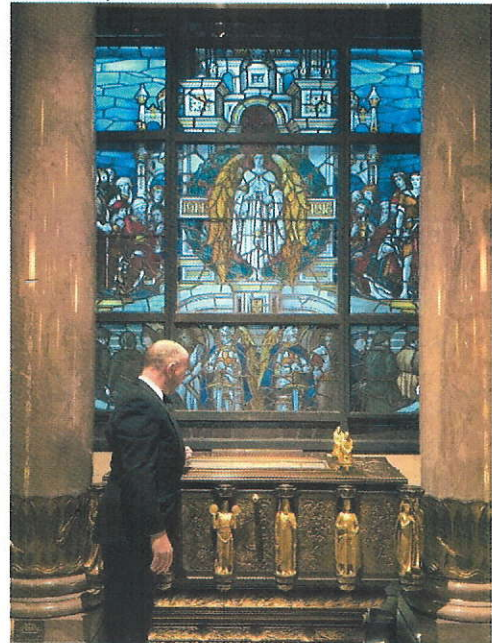
There were a few small openings in the wall, which would have made it easier for the defenders of the hill to get up and down during more peaceful times. This photo shows one of the small breaks, or gaps, along with a single stone excavated from the wall, which would have likely been one side of the gate, rather than a ceremonial standing stone. That is a bit of guesswork by archaeologists as it is a bit difficult to sort out exactly when the denizens of the Highlands were thinking a few thousand years ago.



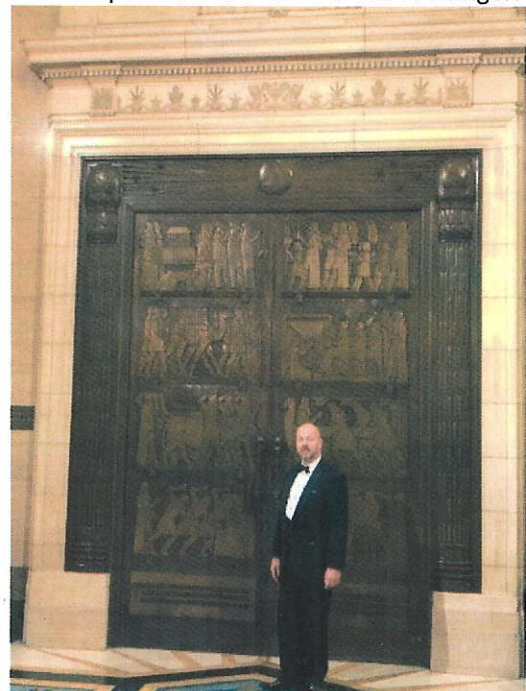
I was honored to be invited to present a lecture at London's Freemason's Hall. The building, constructed in 1927, is huge as you can tell in this picture of the main entrance.



Inside, there is a beautiful altar containing a book with the names of all of the Masonic Brothers who gave their lives in the World Wars. You can mechanically turn the pages and find your lost Masonic relatives



The Grand Temple room can seat over 2000. The next photo is of the doors to the temple, each of which weigh over a ton. They are so well hung, that you can push them open with the mere touch of a finger.



Inside, the room is simply amazing. Here are some pictures, including one of the four mosaic panels in the ceiling made of an incredible number of tiny mosaic pieces.

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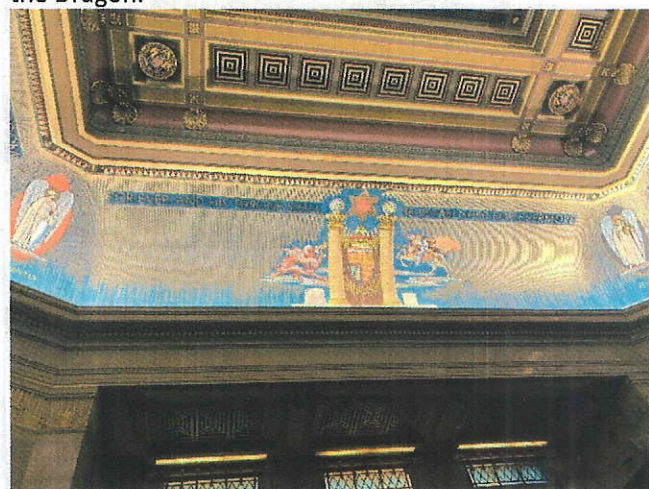
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This mosaic is very English, and is of Saint George and the Dragon.



My hosts for the London meeting also toured me around the county of Kent. Rochester was one town that we visited. It has been kept in a very Victorian style, including the bridge over the River Medway.



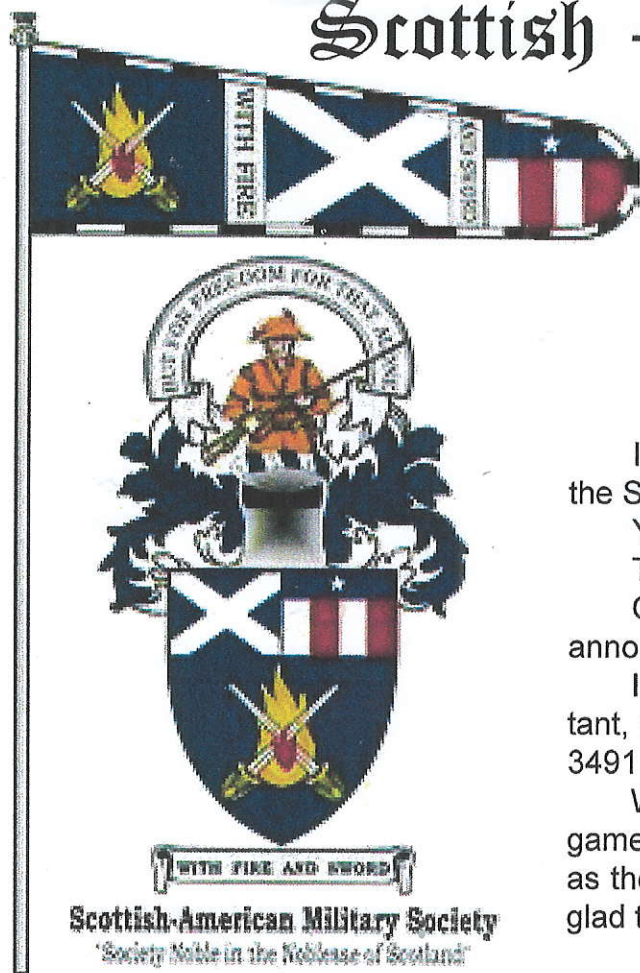
The buildings in the old part of town definitely harken back to the time when Charles Dickens lived nearby.



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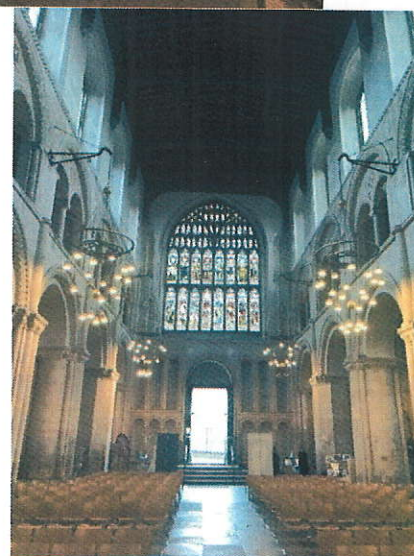
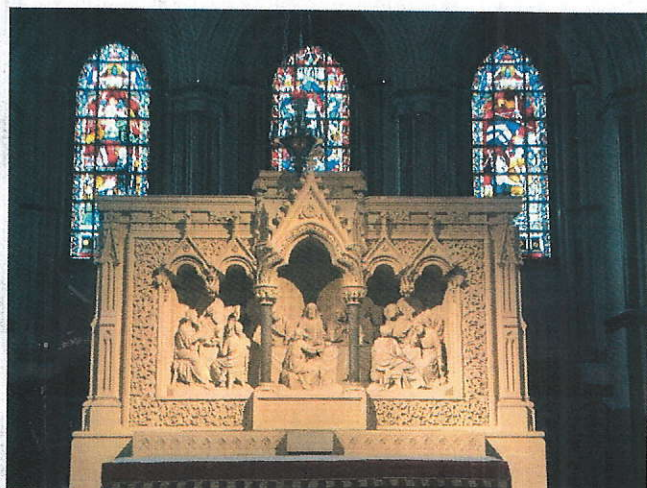
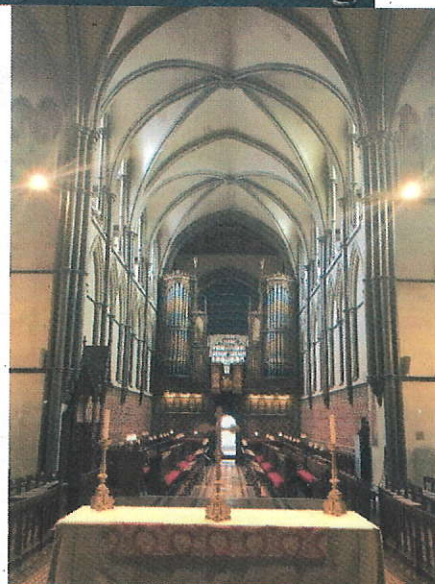
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There is a century-old Catalpa tree right outside the cathedral, founded by the Normans in the year 604, pictures of which follow.



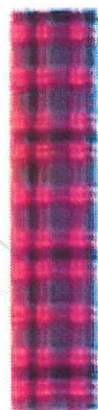
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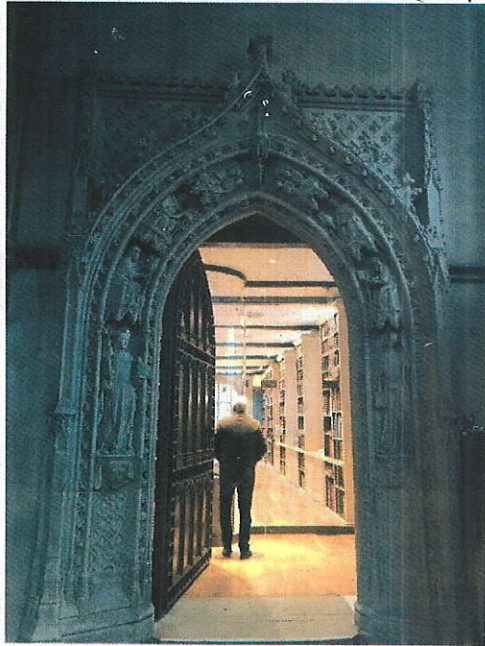
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The Chapter Doorway, dating from 1350, leads to a library containing some incredible old manuscripts



Across the street, Rochester Castle, dating from the 12th century, is the best preserved Norman castle in Britain.



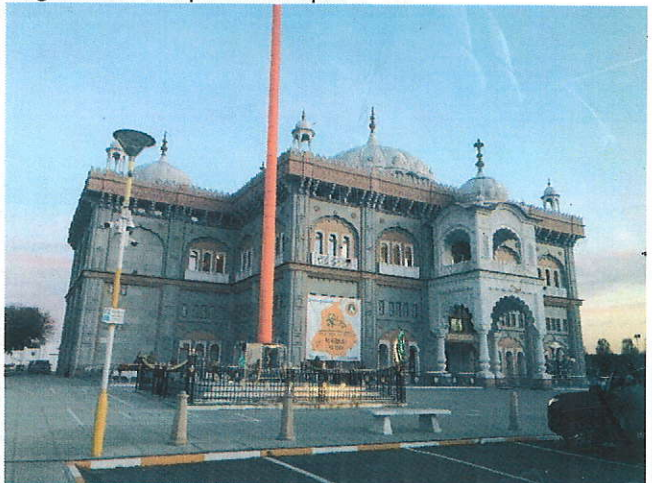
Rochester served as an inspiration for a number of locations in Charles Dickens' novels. This building was the Nun's House in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.



And this house, now operated as a private school, was Dickens' house.



I also toured the town of Gravesend, home to the largest Sikh temple in Europe.



Gravesend has many unique downtown structures like the central clock tower shown here.

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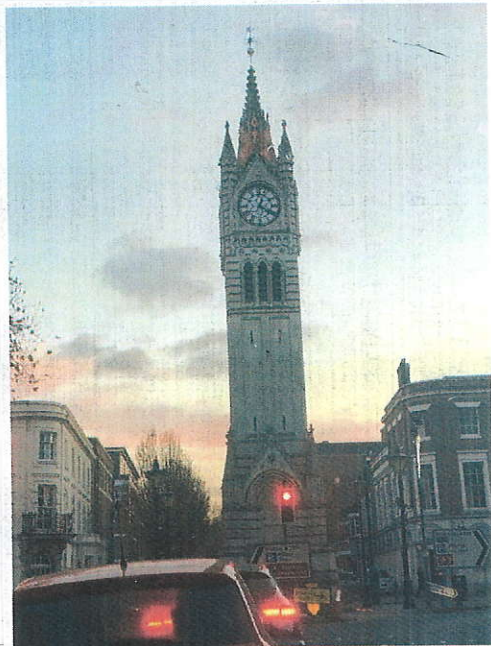
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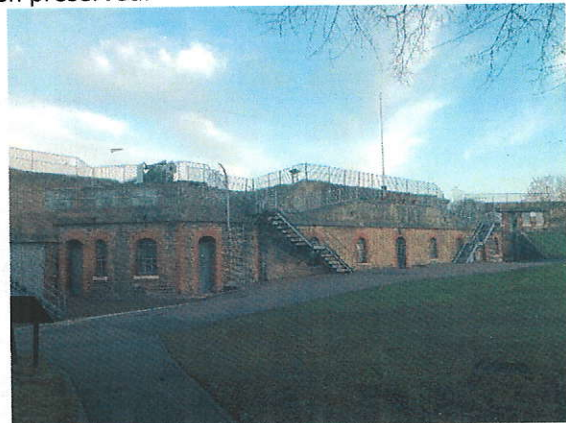
This is St. George's church, the burial site of the famous Indian princess, Pocahontas, notable for her assistance to the first white settlers at Jamestown in the New World. A monument to her stands in the church yard.



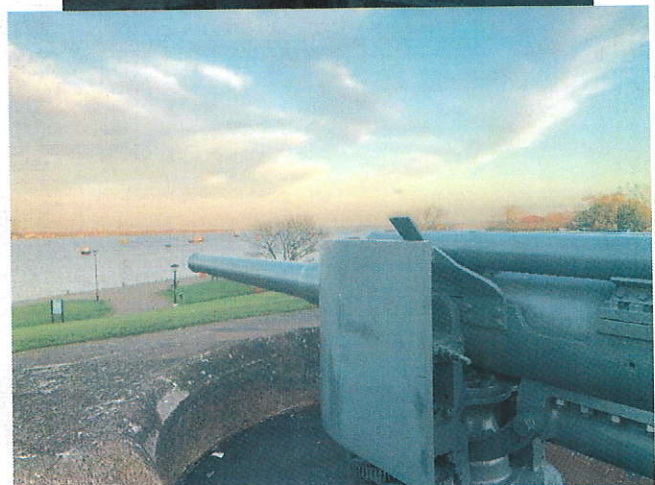
Floating in the River Thames, was a very unique lighthouse ship, which could be sent out into the mouth of the river to mark shoals for incoming ships, when necessary.



Gravesend is positioned on the south bank of the Thames, nearer the mouth of the river. Thus, it is well positioned for a defensive fortress, to keep invading ships from sailing up the river to London. New Tavern Fort, was constructed for this purpose, and still stands alongside the river. A similar fortress once stood opposite, on the north side of the Thames, but has not been preserved.



Guns from the Napoleonic Wars up through World War 2 are still in position overlooking the river.



One last photo from my London Masonic trip, for any Harry Potter fans, I found this in Kings Cross Station when I got off my train.

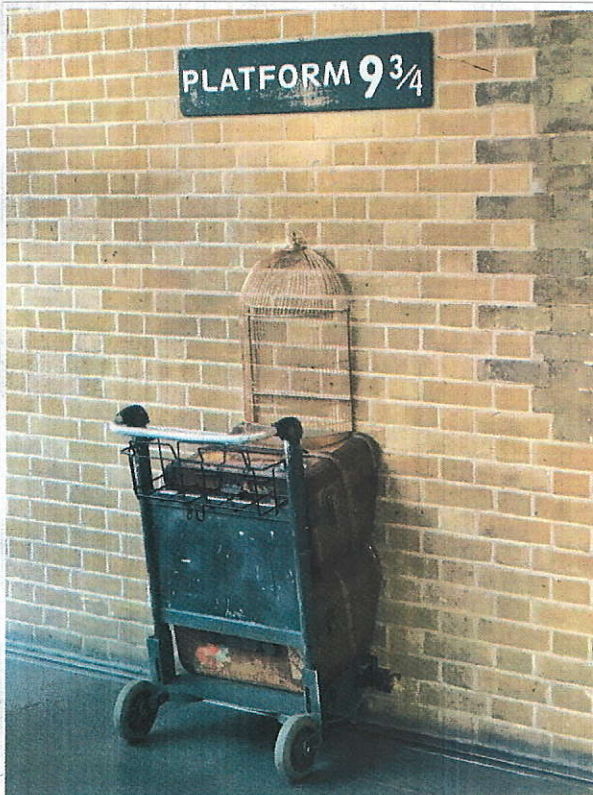


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Back home in Caithness, Wendy, dawg and I went on a hill walk with three unique features. The first was crossing the old Ord Road which, once upon a time, was the only road into Caithness and was considered the most dangerous road in Scotland. It ran literally along the cliff edge of the Ord of Caithness, which is the mountain seen from the trail in this photo.



The second thing on this walk was the ruined village of Borg. It became the home of poor crofters who found that resistance was futile when their land was assimilated into the large estates during the Highland Clearances (sorry Star Trek fans – I couldn't resist the play on words).



The third thing on the walk was the Oursdale Broch. I have mentioned brochs, as they were common in the Far North.



The first photo is from the outside, showing the entrance and the second is taken from the walls, looking down into the insides and the other side of the entrance.



There was a storage closet built into the wall to the right of the entrance.

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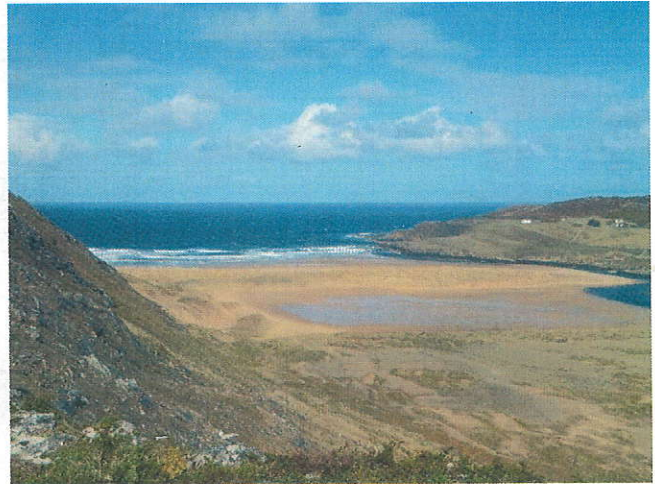
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There were a number of other side cavities and small rooms, and a stairway in the wall leading up to where the second story would have been.



I took another ranger hike that followed the Borge River to the ocean and visited one of the Far North's lovely beaches. You could easily have convinced yourself that it was a Caribbean beach.....until you turned around and saw the snow on the mountains behind.



Walking along the beach I found a sea potato.....the shell of a sea urchin. And a mermaid's purse.....the egg sack of a ray or a skate.



The hike then headed up the hill. We were told there was another broch at the top of this hill if we climbed it.

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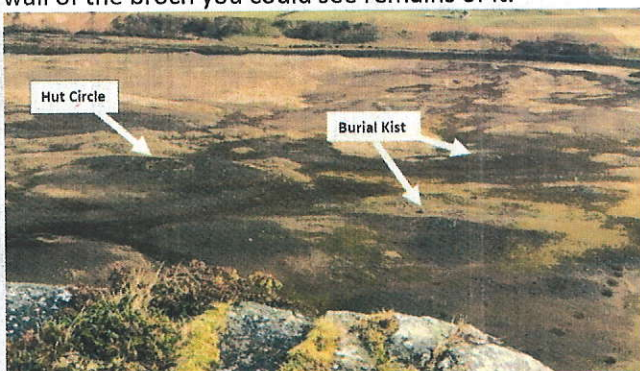
And we found it.



There were also several burial kists. These are less substantial than the burial cairns that are found around Caithness. The kists (or cists) are simply a pile of stones with a few hollow spaces where bodies would have been buried. The next few pictures show this better.



It was much smaller than the other brochs I have visited. This one apparently was just built as a watch tower, rather than living accommodations. The village was built on the level ground below. Looking over the wall of the broch you could see remains of it.



That included the base wall of a hut circle. These had a stone wall about 3 feet high, then a sod wall for another 3 feet, then poles that leaned in toward the center, much like an American Indian teepee. Three or four families would have lived together in it. Here is a closer view of the remains.



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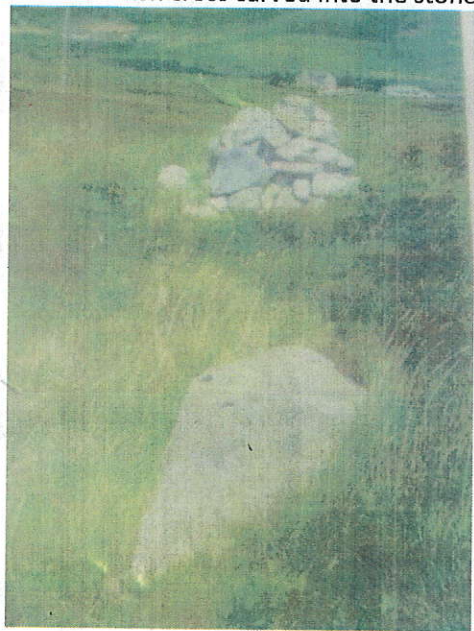
The snow may have been on the ground during this last hike, but the golden gorse was pointing the way toward spring. In Scotland it has long been said that you could only kiss your sweetheart when the gorse is in bloom. Of course, in six years of living here, I have never found a time of year that you cannot find at least some of the gorse in flower. April through June is when the hills are a glorious golden color with it fully in bloom.



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I found another of the Far North's Pictish stones. This one is called the Priest's Stone and is believed to have marked the grave of a respected early Christian leader after the Picts began to convert to Christianity. You can faintly see the Pictish cross carved into the stone.



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