



Vol. XIV No. 6 Beth's Newfangled Family Tree November 2020 Section B

Edinburgh's Christmas festivals for 2020 have been cancelled because of the Covid-19 outbreak

City of Edinburgh Council and event producers Underbelly said the decision followed the "latest advice" from public health experts.

Any event which could attract a gathering or crowd - including market stalls and rides - will now not happen.

The council said the focus would move to celebrating Edinburgh's Christmas online this year.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay street party was called off in July because of the pandemic, but organisers had hoped that other events could take place with access controlled to ensure social distancing.

However, the council said it was now clear the "best place" to experience Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay would be from home.

Cases of Covid-19 are on the increase across Scotland and new measures designed to stem the rise came into force on 22 September, including a 22:00 curfew for bars and restaurants.

Adam McVey, leader of City of Edinburgh

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Thanksgiving 2020 is November 26



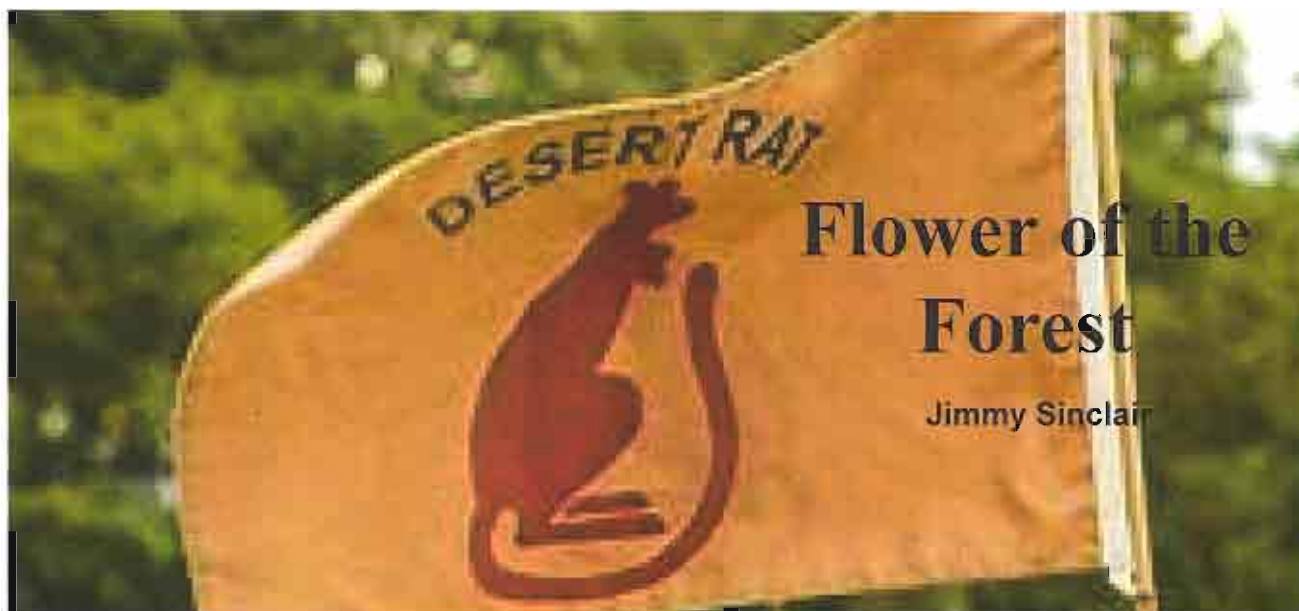


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Jimmy Sinclair passed away at the age of 107. Before his death, he had the distinctions of being both the oldest living person in Scotland and the last surviving member of the Desert Rats.

His death came just weeks after being celebrated on the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

The Desert Rats were the British troops that fought and defeated Erwin Rommel's North Afrika Korps during World War II. Sinclair fought with the Cheshunt Troop of the 1st Regiment Horse Artillery in the 7th Armoured Division.

The First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, called Sinclair "one of the most remarkable people" she had ever met. She went on to say that she was proud to call him friend.

Sinclair was born in 1912. His mother died a month after he was born so he was raised by his grandparents.

The heads of two different Scottish charities for veterans called Sinclair an "incredible man." They noted in a joint statement that Sinclair refused to wear his medals received for his service out of solidarity with his comrades who did not survive the war.

After school, he began work as a slater. He joined the Territorial Army in 1931 and served with the Newburgh platoon of the Black Watch.



World War II began shortly after he married and he joined the Royal Artillery. He received medals for his part in the siege of Tobruk, the battle of El Alamein and assaults on Monte Cassino in Italy.

When explaining why that group became known as the Desert Rats, he recalled a time that he held a piece of chocolate in his hand and a rat came out from between the sand bags to take the chocolate and then disappear back into the bags.

He was badly burned at Monte Cassino which left him in hospital for eight weeks. After his recuperation, he became the driver for Hugo Baring of Baring Bank.

After the war, Sinclair played trombone in an acclaimed brass band and worked for the Control Commission in Berlin.

His wife passed before him. He is survived by two children and three grandchildren.

Until the end, Sinclair enjoyed a shot of whiskey every evening before bed. When asked the secret to his long life, he responded simply, "Johnny Walker."

He also stressed the need to have a sense of humor and to keep a good attitude at all times.

He maintained a correspondence with
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New Nessie photo: 'convincing' proof of Loch Ness Monster?

Benjamin Radford

George Edwards, a Scottish skipper who spent decades searching for the beast said to inhabit Loch Ness, claims to have finally spotted his elusive quarry and gotten what he calls photographic proof of the monster.

On Nov. 2, 2011, Edwards photographed what appears to be a single hump in the water from the deck of his boat, "Nessie Hunter." Edwards said that "It was slowly moving up the loch towards Urquhart Castle and it was a dark grey color. It was quite a fair way from the boat, probably about half a mile away but it's difficult to tell in water," according to the *Daily Mail*, which has posted Edwards photo. He watched the object for five to ten minutes before it slowly sank and did not resurface.

Edwards said he waited to release the photograph until after unnamed experts had examined it. Oddly, he is quoted in the *Daily Mail* as having had the photograph "independently verified by a team of US military monster experts." In fact, the United States military does not have a team of "monster experts" that it dispatches to investigate huge, unknown creatures around the world. Nor, for that matter, is it clear what "verifying" his photo would mean other than suggesting it was likely a real (i.e., not digitally faked) image of something in the water — though what that "something" might be is, of course, the relevant question. The shape could theoretically be anything from a fish to a floating log to a lake monster.

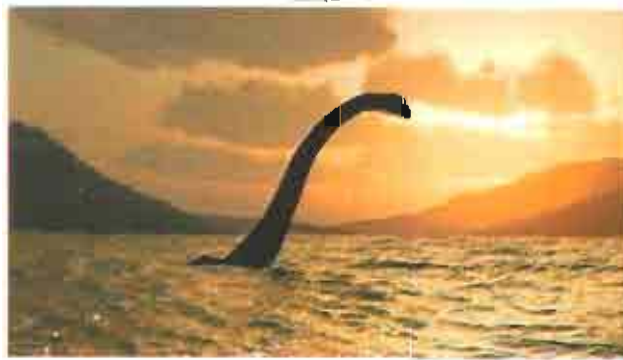
Edwards' description of his sighting raises

more questions than it answers. For example, if he had the object in sight for five to 10 minutes, why is there (apparently) only one photograph of it? That's enough time to capture dozens or hundreds of photographs. And though the unknown object

seems large, there's no way to determine its size since we don't know the exact distance to the object (though he's quoted as saying it was a half-mile away), and there's nothing of scale nearby to help judge. Depending on how close it is to the camera, it could be 5 feet long or 50 feet long.

There are many unknowns, but if Edwards' account is accurate, it may provide an important clue as to the "monster's" identity. Other mysterious objects floating in lakes have been known to behave exactly as Edwards described — for example, the most famous sighting of "Champ," the monster said to live in Vermont's Lake Champlain. A woman named Sandra Mansi sighted and photographed "Champ," resulting in what was called the "best photo" of the monster, and indeed of any lake monster anywhere.

That dark, humped "creature" was later revealed to almost certainly be a submerged tree trunk brought to the surface by buoyant gases created during decomposition. It rose to the surface, floated for about five to 10 minutes (during which time it looked exactly like a monstrous hump), then sank back down into the cold water never to be seen again. It is a well-established phenomenon that can — and has — created false lake monster sightings and photographs.





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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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Flower of the Forest

Lord Lyon
Sir Malcolm Innes of
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Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Modernist Lord Lyon who brought Scots heraldry into the 21st century. Born: 25 May 1938 in Edinburgh; Died: 20 September 2020, in Edinburgh, aged 82.



Lord Lyon Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight maintained the position of Scots heraldry as the purest and finest in the world, developing a modern matrix

envied by heraldically developing nations such as Canada, Finland and South Africa. When breaches of heraldic law occurred, his was the swift hand in correction.

When the first British Airways flight into Edinburgh, boasting a new coat-of-arms on the tail, Lyon Innes firmly informed BA that they were employing arms not legally recognised in Scotland. BA speedily matriculated their arms in Scotland to satisfy Scots law.

The cliché of “the Lyon’s den” was anathema to the modernising Sir Malcolm. While enforcing centuries-old heraldic law, he ensured that legislation met current standards, presiding as a judge of the realm in the only country where a court of her-

aldry and genealogy is fully integrated into the judicial system.

He appointed the first woman herald in the world in 1992, a move so far copied only by Canada and Ireland. Thus, the heralds on duty at the first opening ceremony of the Scottish Parliament in 1999 proved gender balance in an era before the term ever entered common parlance.

His reign (as the term of office of a Lyon is quaintly termed) oversaw the introduction of heraldic charges (the devices on shields) to cope with late 20th century needs such as computing and electronics, a period by which time he had long been familiar with heraldic use representing DNA and space travel.

He encouraged a move away from Latin as a base for mottoes, suggesting that a language relevant to the petitioner for arms be considered. His father Sir Thomas had as Lyon in 1956 granted Shetland Isles Council the motto in Old Norse “Med Logum Skal Land Byggji” (By law shall the land be built up). Thus, in Sir Malcolm’s time came mottoes in English, Greek, French, Welsh and several Asiatic tongues. He took particular interest in the use of Scots, with “Leal” (True-hearted) being granted in 1987 – the shortest motto in Scots of all time. His example encouraged his Lyonic successors. Thus, Aberdeen and North-East Scotland Family History Society bear the Doric motto of

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Make an Ancestral Timeline

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

For many genealogists, the most satisfying aspect of research is discovering fascinating details about their ancestors' lives.

The identity of the ancestor is more than a name. It encompasses as much information as can be found concerning the individual, their relationships and their origin.

As we progress through the research process, family information appears in snippets, from different places at different times. These snippets may appear in letters, journals and/or diaries, books, periodicals, public and private documents, and other materials that may be in possession of other family members or close friends.

Because there is seldom any chronological order in how this information is located, the task of putting it all together in an understandable format may be overwhelming at first.

One of the best ways to begin the process is to create a timeline of the major events in the life of whichever ancestor or family is the current subject of research.

The next step is to target your research location.

Search for any document created during the time your ancestor lived. Make sure you understand the circumstances under which every document was created, continually comparing, contrasting and questioning details.

One of the best sources to consult about the history and purpose of genealogical record types is *Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Records* edited by Kory L. Meyerink.

Keep track of where any documents, family records, or information were located is essential.

The best tool for keeping track of these documents is by using a Research Log.

If any correspondence was sent out as part of the research process, it should be recorded on a correspondence log. Ancestry.com offers free downloadable access to the most important genealogy forms at the following link: <<https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Free-Charts-and-Forms>>

Taking the time to create an ancestral profile can benefit your research in a number of ways.

1. Identify and organize the information gathered during the research process.

2. Analyze the quality and accuracy of your source citations.

3. Create a timeline that lists the major events in the ancestor or family's life in chronological sequence. Timelines offer multiple research advantages:

- a. Helps identify gaps in research
- b. The chronological sequence makes the in-



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Camilla, Duchess of Rothesay, whose father also served in the Desert Rats. She regularly sent letters and photographs to Sinclair. The Duchess called Sinclair "a true one-off," and praised him for his humility, his kindness and his sense of humor. She went on to say that it was a privilege to have known him.

Sinclair never held a grudge against the Germans saying that the soldiers on both sides did not want to be there. He even began a friendship with



Rommel's son that continued until the junior Rommel's death in 2013.

Sinclair had been the oldest known living man in Scotland since the death of Alf Smith in 2019 (at 111 years old). He was the last surviving Scottish soldier to have served with Field Marshall Montgomery in the 7th Armoured Division. His death came just one day before the death of Bob Weighton who was the oldest living man in the UK at the time.

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formation easier to view and understand.

4. Read an ethnic or county history of the locality and focus on the chapters and subjects that cover the specific time period and circumstances

5. Compile a factual profile about the individual based on the evidence uncovered. Genealogy research is not just about collecting birth, marriage and death data. Consider all aspects of the individual's life that make them unique, such as their name, education, occupation, religious and civic associations, social and financial status, precise locations of residences, personality traits and signature.

6. Place the individual in his or her family, neighbourhood and cultural context.

7. Search for and identify individuals from the same place and time who have the same name and sort out their respective identities.

8. Learn about their relationships. Rela-

tionships are proven by linking people through known interaction, the proximity of where they lived, common ownership and patterns of migration, naming and so forth. Knowing these things will give you a fuller picture of the life your ancestor lived and provide ideas for sources to find additional records.

9. Determine their origin. Origin can be established from statements and documents associated with the person, as well as by identifying migration patterns of associates and family.

For more information on this topic, feel free to contact me about detailed study guides relating to timelines and important genealogical



forms.

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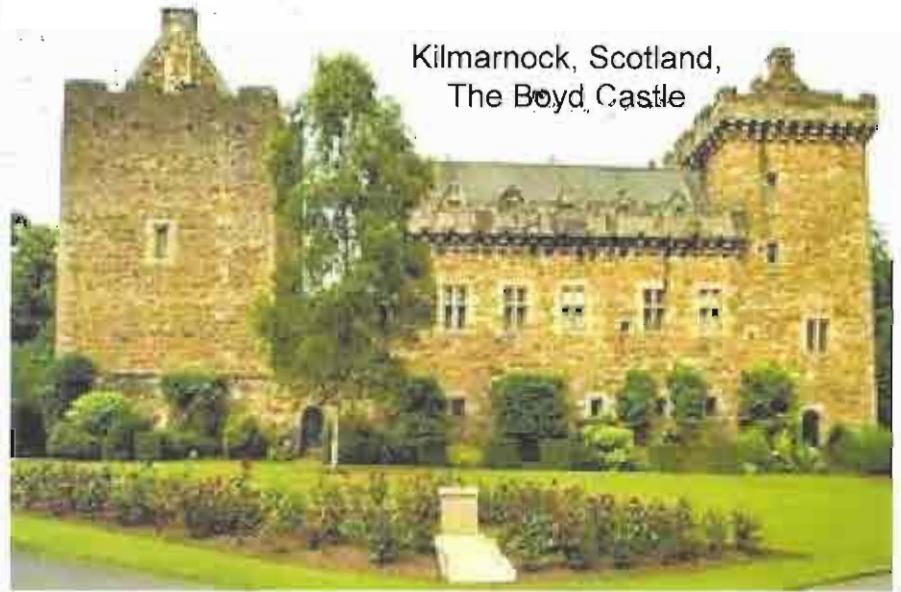


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Christmas celebrations cancelled,
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Council, said: "Whilst we understand the absence of popular events will bring some disappointment, we want to be clear that Edinburgh's Christmas isn't cancelled and our businesses right across the city will be offering their usual festive cheer for us to take advantage of.

"We look forward to announcing details of an innovative digital 2020 programme soon to help in these celebrations."

'Sad decision'

Events in Edinburgh over Christmas and New Year have traditionally included markets, fair-ground rides and a fire parade which starts the city's Hogmanay festival.

The city would have also marked its 28th Hogmanay street party, which has had a capacity of 75,000 in recent years.

Charlie Wood, director of Underbelly, said: "We very much wanted to bring some festive cheer and light to Edinburgh this Christmas and to support local makers and producers, at the end of what has been a challenging year for everyone.

"Public health is our absolute number one priority, and with the ongoing uncertainty concerning Covid-19 and the possibility of further restrictions, we have taken the collective and very sad decision with the council, NHS Lothian and Scottish government not to proceed with this year's Edinburgh's Christmas sites in the city centre.

"There will be no public events which might encourage gatherings of people at either Edinburgh's Christmas or Edinburgh's Hogmanay."



A Ramsay Scottish Supper in Southern France

Laurent Jaunaux,
Ramsay Convener, Europe

An unexpected and amazing opportunity. In February we, Clan Ramsay Europe, had the opportunity to represent the Clan Ramsay for a Scottish Supper organized in the South of France.

It all began with a bet; in a place where the Catalan culture is quite heavy, could we organize a Scottish supper with haggis, pipes and so on?

Challenge accepted and extended!

Around thirty plus people came to see what a Scottish night could be. At the Cuisine was our Chef (no... not Gordon) Philippe. He cooked us some wonderful meals; salmon, haggis and cranachan. By the way, Gordon, you shall get in touch with Philippe, I think the both of you cooking would be fantastic.

We had the chance to have a great piper named Alex. He played all the songs we suggested despite he had a left arm surgery a couple of months ago. Of course, he played *Flower of Scotland*, also

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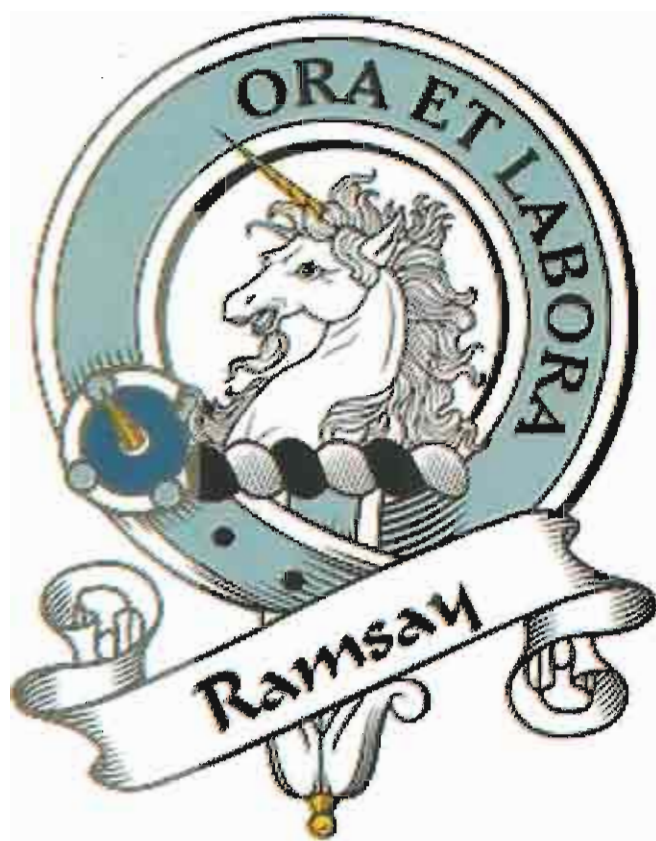
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The event took place at the "Domaine de la Perdrix" a venue which produces an excellent wine.

André and his wife warmly welcomed us, provided some excellent wine, and arranged everything to please us, including the large wine barrels.

With thanks to the Ramsay Report, Newsletter of the Clan Ramsay International.



I Have You Heard? About the Anglo Scottish Border

Hello everyone, we hope that all is well and you are safe from this affliction we have at the moment? Gilnockie Tower remains open but with limited access, so if you are in the area, please phone us, to ensure we can give you our best available timetable.

Once again we have to disappoint our readers; the planned story of our work over the last five years is still safely laid up in the 'weapons store'. Our current situation, without doubt the same as many others, has not allowed us to prepare our admin work as efficiently as we could or should have.

Not an excuse, just a case of we are so involved with the care within the tower, and the safety of our guests when they arrive to see us. Many of the artefacts have had to be stored away for obvious reasons and this alone makes our building look unoccupied and uncovered. Safety is our priority so that's the way it has to be for the moment.

Many of you may already know that Gilnockie Tower was an empty ruin up until the mid to late 1970s. The shell and that's what it was in those days, was purchased by Major Roy and Elizabeth Armstrong-Wilson, and following text written by their son Charles and tells the story of Gilnockie

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If you attend a Scottish Highland Games look for the SAMS unit which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk with you.



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Tower in the mid to late 1970s.

Elizabeth Armstrong-Wilson (née Robertson) 1936 – 2020

Gilnockie Tower takes this opportunity to thank Charles Armstrong-Wilson, who sent us the following moving words.

One half of the married duo who were responsible for rescuing the tower died recently. Aged 84, Elizabeth Armstrong-Wilson and her late husband Roy bought the tower as a roofless ruin in 1978 and converted it into a family home. Following a series of renovations of old properties in Cumbria, they came north of the border to fulfill Roy's lifelong dream of restoring this famous Armstrong stronghold.

The building had been open to the sky since at least 1780 and, although much work had been done to stabilise it in the early 20th century, nature was starting to invade, endangering the historic structure.

Following negotiations in the mid 1970s, the owners, Buccleuch Estates agreed to sell the tower, relieving themselves of an asset that, although historically interesting, was potentially an onerous financial responsibility. When it came to formalising the deal, deeds for the property had to be drawn up as none existed, giving an insight into how long it had been in the same ownership.

Roy and Elizabeth used local expertise di-

rected by an historic buildings architect and made the place habitable in just over a year. They lived at the tower for four years with their three sons before moving on, but stayed close by for the remainder of their lives. In later years Elizabeth remembered the restoration as the most exciting episode of her life.

Elizabeth was born near Hull but spent much of her young life in The Lakes near Ullswater and in Cartmel. She went to art school but married and started a family before she was able to pursue it as a career. The artistic training served her well, though, in the interior design and decoration of the properties she and Roy renovated. Between them they made a good team and many visitors recall the impact of entering one of their creations.

She is survived by her sons and five grandchildren.

Our condolences go out to her family.

The Esk Valley is opening up to this brave, but strange new world of ours with loads of new products, please enjoy our New World journey!

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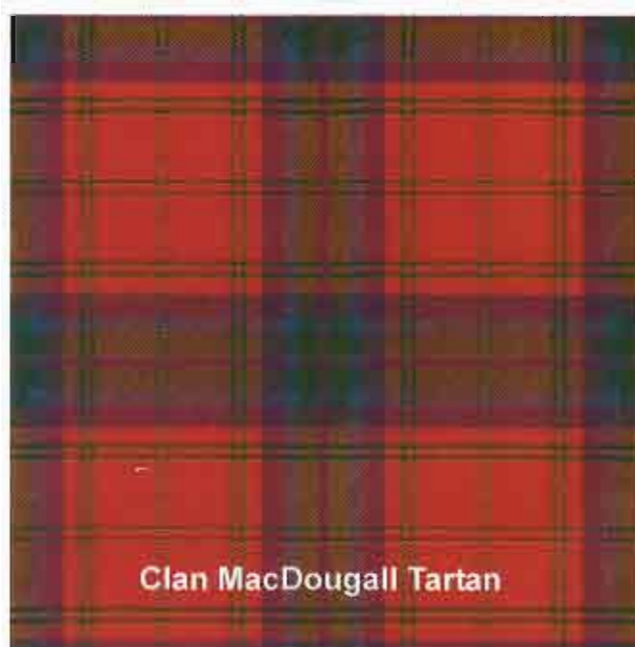
Researchers Find Genetic Signature of Ancient MacDougall Bloodline

<richard@eastman.net> **Dick Eastman**
Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

Genetic markers for the Clan MacDougall have been discovered by genealogy researchers at the University of Strathclyde.

The clan line they have discovered descends from Dougall, King of the Isle of Man and founder of the ancient Scottish Kingdom of the Isles and Lorn. Dougall (c1140-c1207) was the eldest son of Somerled, the ancient warrior sea-king and progenitor of the MacDonald, MacAllister, and MacDougall clans.

If you have ancestry from one of these clans and if you think you have Scottish ancestry, you might want to know that you also have Scandinavian (Norse) ancestry and it probably will show if you take a DNA test.



It seems that Dougall, the King of the Isle of Man and founder of the ancient Scottish Kingdom of the Isles and Lorn was the eldest son of Somerled, the ancient warrior sea-king and progenitor of the MacDonald, MacAllister, and MacDougall clans.

Somerled was a Norseman paternally, having a genetic signature that is more common in Scandinavia than in Scotland.

You can read all this and a lot more in an article written by researchers at the University of Strathclyde and published in the phys.org web site at: <<https://phys.org/news/2020-09-genetic-signature-ancient-macdougall-bloodline.html>>.



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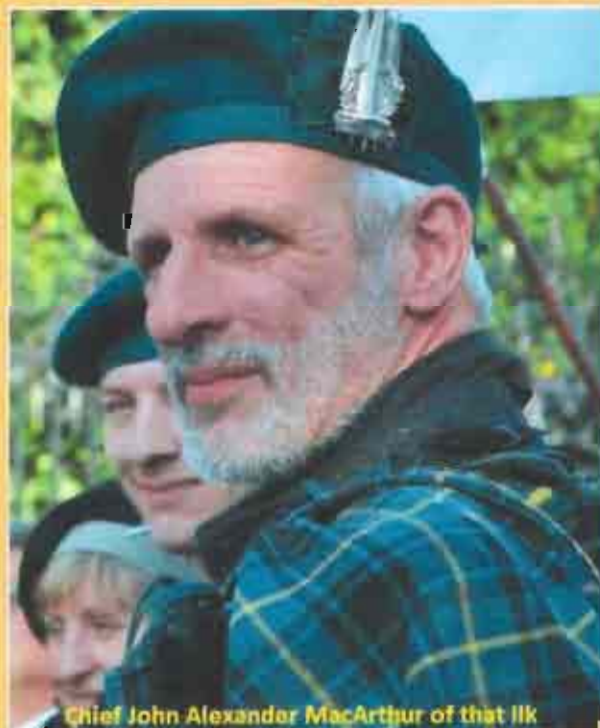
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Chief John Alexander MacArthur of that Ilk

Newton, MA, sergeant decorated for valor after fighting Boston Marathon terrorists, retires

Watertown, MA: When Watertown Police Sgt. John MacLellan pulled over a black Mercedes on April 18, 2013, he did not know he would soon have a potentially lethal encounter with the men inside the stolen car.

They were the suspects responsible for killing three people and injuring more than two hundred and sixty people just days earlier during the bombing of the Boston Marathon.

Two brothers also shot and killed a campus police officer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The police stop that night would escalate in a shootout between the suspects and MacLellan, as well as other law enforcement officers, leading to the death of one of the Tsarnaev brothers.

Later, MacLellan received a Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor from Vice President Joe Biden at the White House. The medal is the highest national award for valour that can be presented to a public safety officer. It is given to officers who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal



Sgt. John MacLellan is greeted by Watertown Police Chief Michael Lawn as MacLellan finishes his last shift.

safety, in the attempt to save or protect a human life.

On May 21st, the police sergeant was honoured again, this time by his friends, family and community members as he retired after serving thirty years on the police force.

The retired sergeant plans to keep giving back to the community and doing more work in his parish, the Church of St. Patrick.

With thanks to the Quarterly Newsletter of the Clan MacLellan, *Think On!* For information on Clan MacLellan membership, contact Treasurer, John B. McClellan, Jr., <treasurer@clanmaclellan.net>.

Who Are You? Take a DNA Journey to Find Out

An online video about DNA, produced by Momondo, is very impressive. I would suggest every genealogist should watch it. Perhaps every human on the face of the earth should view it. I decided to encourage YOU to click on <<https://youtu.be/tyaEQEmt5ls>> to see what a DNA test could do for you.

I was not familiar with Momondo so I looked it up on Wikipedia.org:

“Momondo (stylised momondo) is a travel fare aggregator and travel fare metasearch engine. Momondo also operates a travel information blog,

Inspiration. The website is a white-label of the Kayak.com subsidiary of Booking Holdings.”

So why would a “travel fare aggregator and travel fare metasearch engine” produce videos about DNA? It seems that the company asked 67 people from all over the world to take a DNA test.

The video will tell you the results.

Check it out for yourself. Watch the DNA Journey at <<https://youtu.be/tyaEQEmt5ls>>.

My thanks to Terry Mulcahy for telling me about the video.

With thanks to *Eastman's Online Genealogy publication*. Subscribe with <richard@eastman.net>

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Ceud Mile Failte! 100,000 Welcomes!

Tyaavin Awa”.

Third son of Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, redoubtable Lord Lyon for nearly a quarter-of-a-century from 1945, and his wife Lady Lucy Buchan, Malcolm Rognvald Innes grew up steeped in heraldry and armory.

At Edinburgh Academy age 10 in 1948, he saw service as a Lyon Court page, and while still at Edinburgh University in 1957, he gained the appointment of Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary.

A non-heraldic memory was that so little alcohol was ever served in his boyhood home near Torphins, Aberdeenshire, that the young Malcolm grew up believing that whisky was solely to counter wasp and bee stings.

Learning and authorship saw his rapid rise through heraldic ranks, being appointed Lord Lyon in 1981, the 35th Lyon since Henry Greve (Greve) in 1399, a position with origins in the seannachie of Celtic kings.

Aware that heraldry could become stultified, he readily acted on a suggestion in late 1976 by heraldist Charles Burnett (later himself a distinguished officer of arms) to form an association for the study and use of heraldry.

In February the following year, he started out as first chairman of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, today an active grouping with some 400 members.

Of early society days, he recalled: “We went on many wonderful (heraldic) excursions, fortified with good picnics and bottles of decent wine.



Coat
of arms of
Sir Malcolm
Innes of
Edingight

In those days, I was described by Lady Olga Maitland in her column (in the *Daily Express*) as “a robust partygoer!”.

In a lecture to the society, Sir Malcolm predicted heraldry in globalisation would increasingly occupy a role in preserving identity for the individual and family, and for institutions local and national.

Adding that the desire for individual identity ran very deep in Scotland, he invoked his famously dry wit, turning for authority to his wife’s hairdresser, this lady informing Lady Innes that Edinburgh’s “leading tattoo parlour” never applied exactly the same tattoo to customers. “Each pattern is absolutely individual”, she said.

As Lyon, Sir Malcolm was responsible for several far-reaching decisions on the laws of arms, passing judgement on numerous claims and disputes on the succession to titles and chiefships, including the Earldom of Annandale, the Lordship of Borthwick, and the Dunbar of Mochrum baronetcy.

His extensive writings included a revised edition of *Scots Heraldry*, from the original written by his father. Heavily involved in Scots culture and history, Sir Malcolm was a founder and later president of the Scottish Genealogy Society, and an active past president of the Royal Celtic Society.

Essentially modest and never one to seek the limelight, Sir Malcolm welcomed visitors of all distinction and none to Lyon Office. Many an intending armiger (owner of a coat-of-arms) has benefited from his kindly intervention in heraldic design. He retained the dignity of his ancient office while leaving admiration of the majesty of it to others.

Sir Malcolm, 16th laird of Edingight in Banffshire, was appointed CVO in 1981, and promoted KCVO nine years later.

He died of cancer, and was predeceased in 2013 by his wife of half-a-century Joan Hay, scion of the Tweeddale Hays.

He is survived by his three sons, John, now 17th of Edingight; Michael of Crommey; Colin of Kinnairdy; and eight grandchildren ranging in age from seven to 24.



CLAN BUCHANAN

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If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

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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.





We are very excited to be able to invite you to join the **VIRTUAL CLAN SINCLAIR USA AGM** for 2020 using Zoom.

It will be Sunday afternoon, November 15 and will begin at 4:00 PM EDT.

If you wish to attend, please send an email to <mcasper@tweny.rr.com>

This has been an unusual year and as a result, we have had to cancel our Scotland Gathering and have had to miss Scottish Highland Games and Festivals.

We are expecting many, if not all, of the Games to resume in 2021.

We have lots to talk about at the

AGM. - Along with the standard reports including Financial, Membership and Regional reports, we also wish to talk about: New enhancements to member benefits starting in 2021; Scotland 2021 update; and any information currently available regarding Highland Games in 2021.

Here is how to attend the Virtual AGM: Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link: <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85908977821?pwd=WTYrQXNCUzNhWmliU05ac0hEZXs9IUT09>>

The meeting ID is 859 0897 7821 and the Passcode: 025842.

Never buy a border collie when you're drunk.



And we think we're old!

Did you know that the oldest rock in Britain is Lewisian Gneiss. It forms the bedrock of much of the northern coastal regions of mainland Scotland, along with the islands of the Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland.

Lewisian Gneiss is a hard metamorphic rock, formed from igneous rocks subjected to extremely high pressure and intense heat, before life developed on earth. It is more than 3,000 million years old!



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



All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <mbrown2205@aol.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit
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Clan Paisley Society webpage at
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Lockdown in Scotland

What a truly bizarre and unexpected year we have all had. It seems that no matter where you were in 2020, you experienced a major change in your way of life, and some form of the dreaded lockdown. Scotland applied one of the most stringent lockdowns of any country. From mid-March until the first of July we had no shops open except those deemed "essential" like food suppliers and pharmacies (and liquor stores). Unless you had an "essential" job (as in working in one of the above shops plus health care workers, delivery people, and those tasked with maintaining infrastructure) you were supposed to not leave home at all. All businesses were shut down unless employees could work from home. The university classes that we teach were all taken completely on-line, and all examinations were cancelled and we had to create new assessments that could be done at home and submitted on-line. The move to teaching on-line from home (with questionable Scottish internet connections) posed quite a challenge for us, but we persevered, and I am proud to say that we managed to get almost all of our students across the finish line.

We were only supposed to leave home once per day to exercise or for "essential" trips (food, medicine, etc.) and any travel was supposed to be of not more than 5 miles. When in mid-July, we were allowed to broaden travel, and shops were allowed to re-open, it was mandatory to wear a mask in all shops and social distancing was required. Unlike what we saw on the news from many countries, people here followed the rules closely, and worked together to minimize the spread of infection.

Although draconian, these measures kept the Covid19 infection rate remarkably low here in the far-north. As of the end of July, Caithness had only 1 death, and Scotland had only had one death in the last 20 days. Frankly, folks here were very grateful for the way it has all been handled, as we continued to watch daily numbers in the thousands in other parts of the world.

However, as a consequence of the virus, our planned trip to the Canaries was cancelled, as was a trip to attend a meeting and do some touring in Northern Ireland. And our planned trip to America this summer to include Aeron's wedding and seeing many old friends was impossible, due to the USA being on the "red list" of countries with rapidly rising infection rates. Since the UK government advises against travel to red listed countries, therefore our UK health coverage, our private insurance policy, and our travel insurance policy would

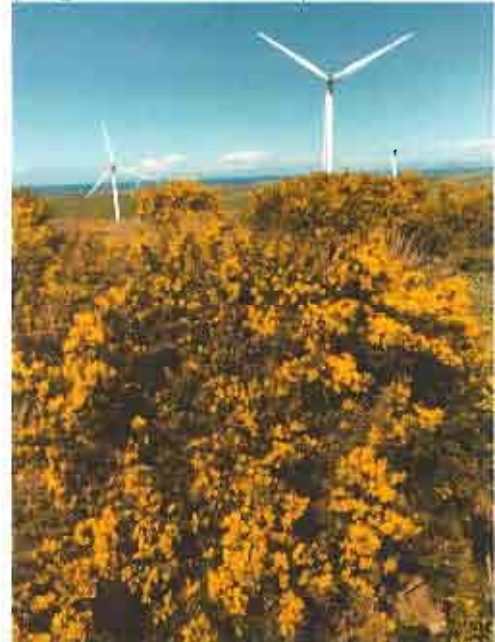
all be invalidated if we landed in America, and we would be subject to a 14 day quarantine going both ways. Given American infection numbers, we could not risk being stranded in the USA with no health care coverage.

On the positive side, all of the restrictions have forced us to some positive changes in lifestyle. The dog and I have spent many pleasant afternoons walking the trails of the nearby windfarm, and have watched Caithness move from its spring flowers (mostly yellow) to its summer flowers (mostly purple). And the slower pace has allowed us to spot some wildlife that we don't normally see. When things opened up in July, we managed some walks further afield. So, although not as exciting as the photos that I normally send back, these may give you a taste of the slower pace of lockdown life here in Caithness at the top of Scotland.

Here are some of the views from my wind farm walks.



Yellow is the color of Caithness when it blooms in the spring. Gorse covers many of our hillsides.



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The Ancestral Home
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Bog Iris grows in the low boggy areas.



As spring moves to summer, the Caithness wild flowers move from yellow to purple.



The infamous Scottish Thistle is beautiful. But don't touch!!!!



More purple



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• Highland Echoes "Scotland in the Class"	\$16,900
• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
• Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20	\$6,000

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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



The Hill House, Helensburgh

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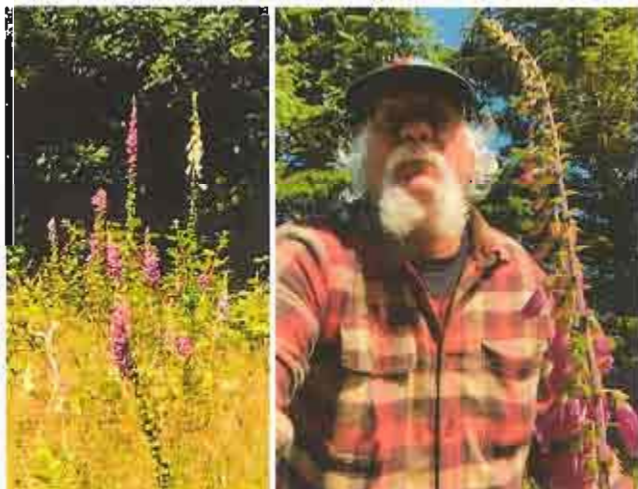
Memberships range from \$25 to \$500 and are well worth the price! – JOIN ONLINE
Come visit us at Grandfather Mountain Games July 9 – 12 2020



The green ferns and moss are growing like crazy in the woods.



We have fields of purple foxglove, with a few of the more rare white version. Some of them grow even taller than me at 6 foot 3.



We have a few other colors thrown in, like these poppies.



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Membership shall be open to all persons/organizations
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Piping and Drumming scholarships at the NAAPD sponsored for qualified students.

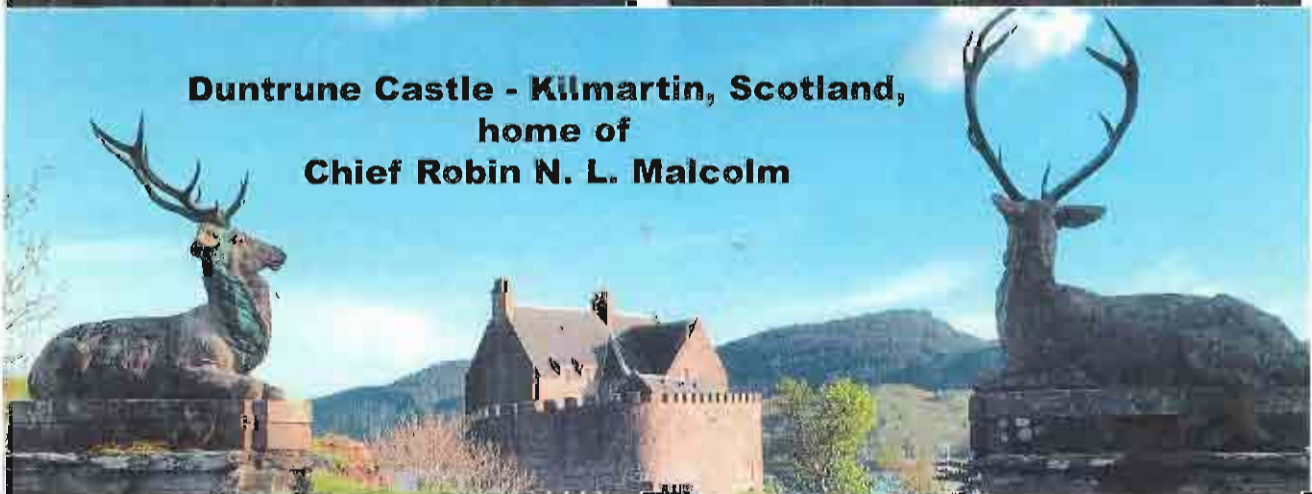
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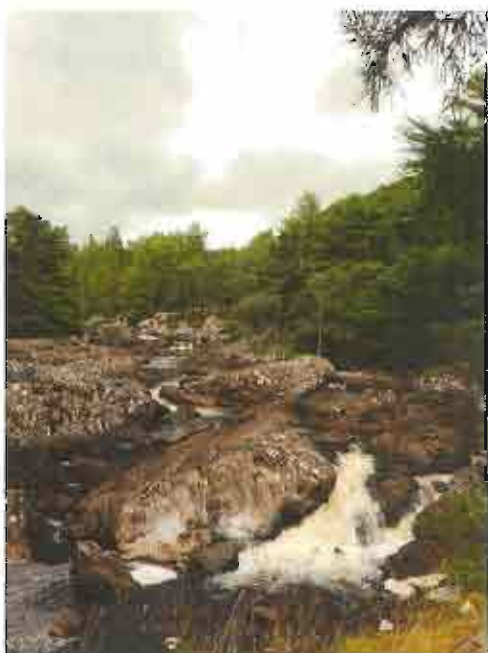
Malcolm Tartan



**Duntrune Castle - Kilmartin, Scotland,
home of
Chief Robin N. L. Malcolm**



These are the photos from a walk along the Oykel River.



Walks along the Caithness coast are always beautiful.



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Clan *Blair* Society

**Memberships are cordially invited
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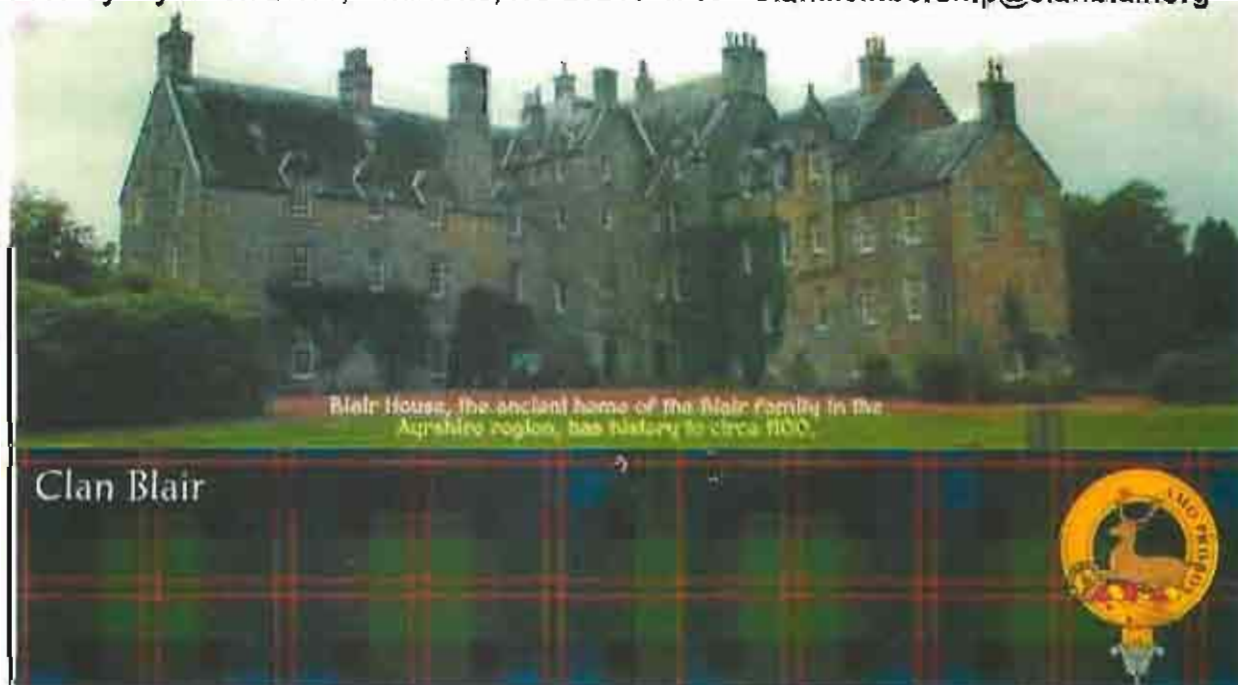
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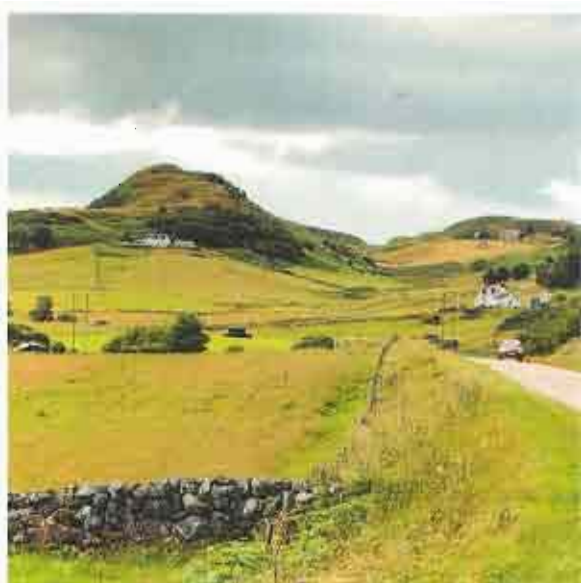
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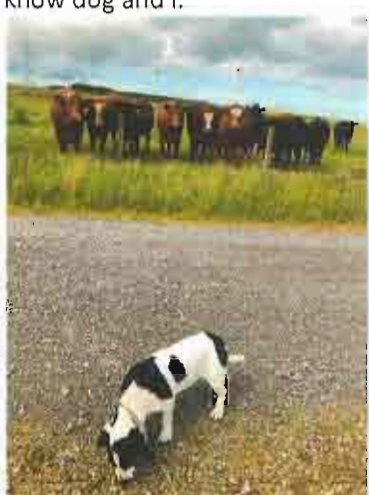
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On our nearly daily walks at the wind farm, the cows got to know dog and I.



I guess the Scottish Thistle isn't too sharp for the butterflies.



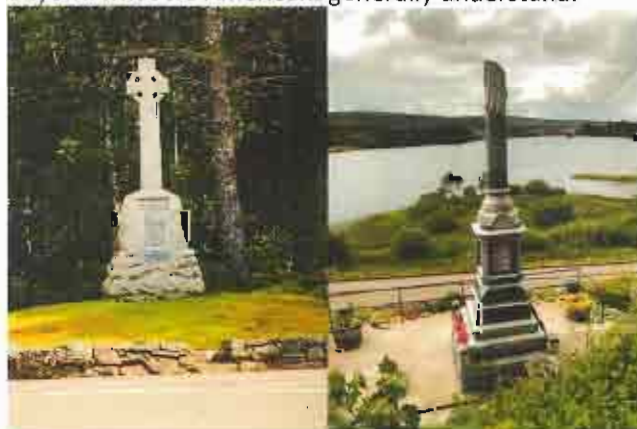
There is a nest of Oyster Catchers at the wind farm, and they squawked a lot whenever we got too close.



And the Dippers entertained us along the coast.



Every village in the Highlands seems to have its own memorial to those lost fighting in the two world wars. Most have a Celtic Cross, but the one overlooking the loch at Lairg is a more unique broken granite pillar draped with a cloth, to represent the fallen cut off by death. These villages were nearly devastated by the wars. In the First World War, tiny Lairg village alone lost three MacRae brothers, three MacLean brothers, and three MacKenzie brothers plus their sister who was a nurse, and 45 other men. The devastation of the Highlands population in the great wars goes way beyond what we Americans generally understand.



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We visited a rather unique little place in the middle of sparsely populated Sutherland. It is the Crask Inn Episcopal Church of Scotland and Beer Garden.



It is a 200 year old Drover's Inn, where men stayed while driving livestock south from Caithness and Sutherland to markets in Inverness. It existed before there were any roads through the area. Today it is owned by the Episcopal Church of Scotland and it is used for occasional services, and operated by one of the church elders as a pub in between. Here is photo of the sanctuary and bar room. This is NOT a joke.



During lockdown we were unable to travel back to visit the kids in Indiana. So we started having weekly on-line pub quizzes, taking turns being quiz master. Quite fun. And as you can tell from the facial expression, intensely competitive.



If you have read my other newsletters, you will be aware that the wee property that we purchased here in Caithness, turned out to be a snail ranch. The climate and soil is perfect for them, and we encounter the little things every time we move a pot, or weed the flowers, or add to the compost. They do not eat Wendy's flowers or vegetables, so we peacefully co-exist.



I have spent a fair amount of time observing the wee beasties (back to that slower pace of life here in the far north) and Wendy claims that this picture proves

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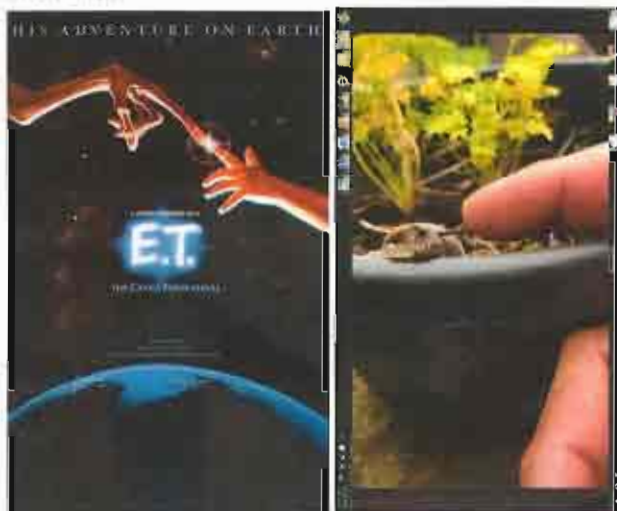


that I have not only welcomed them, but taught some of them to read.



In this coronavirus world, it is the little things that can keep us sane.

If you recall the movie ET from several decades ago, you may recall the "finger-tip" photo which was used in posters for the film. Well, in my attempts to study the wee beasts in our yard, I developed a bit of a relationship with one of them, who would reach out an antenna and touch me the same way. Reminding me of another movie of that era.....Close Encounters of the Snail Kind.



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

With many thanks to:
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Jamie Laval



Jamie Laval is the fiddler's fiddler! Initially classically trained, Jamie found his first love to be Celtic music, so much so that he won the 2002 U.S. Scottish Fiddle Championship. He has played for rocker Dave Matthews and for Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. His repertoire encompasses the music of the Seven Celtic Nations. What makes Jamie's concerts unique is his desire to share the background story of the music along with tales from the Celtic lands with the audience. This educational component enhances the audience's appreciation and enjoyment of the music.

For the past several years, Jamie has taken on tour an annual Celtic Christmas/Winter Solstice/Midwinter concert with an acclaimed cast of dancers, singers, bagpipers, harpists and Celtic instruments - a concert you don't want to miss!

Solo Highlights - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51qikOQ-2yY>

Jamie & Megan - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KJ3hW1tESs>

Christmas Highlights - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGSF3wvgrRM>

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56 Surnames That Could Get You a Fortune – if You Have Family in Worcestershire

If you have one of the surnames listed at <https://bit.ly/3jyBweI>, you might inherit money, land, and who-knows-what-else.

There are hundreds of unclaimed estates in the West Midlands of England worth huge sums of money. Dozens of people across Worcestershire could potentially be entitled to huge sums of money after residents died and no rightful heir could be found.

You can find the article and the (lengthy) list of surnames in the BirminghamLive web site at <https://bit.ly/3jyBweI>.

I will mention that I already checked the list for my surname. That isn't one of names listed. (sigh)

With thanks to *Richard Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*.

Email: www.eogn.com/archives/news0328.htm

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Rich and Rita Shader

The Covid-19 crisis has affected every aspect of our lives and especially hard hit has been the music industry.

Artists have been unable to tour, which generates their primary income.

We are blessed to know two of the finest performers of fiddle music, Jamie LaVal, and dance, April Verch. We would like to introduce you to them and their formidable talents.

To this end, we are enclosing for Beth a flyer describing them and their work, which includes listings for their websites and videos.

We encourage all of you to read and listen, and, most importantly, consider purchasing from their webstores.

Videos and other merchandise will not only add to your own enjoyment but also make wonderful Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Please feel free to copy and distribute the flyer to all who may be interested.

Thank you.

For more information, contact: Rich and Rita Shader, 173 Greystone Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Email: celtichighlander@msn.com

If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



April Verch Band



While April Verch is perhaps best known for playing traditional fiddle styles from her native Ottawa Valley, Canada, her performances extend into old-time American and Appalachian styles with roots in the British Isles and beyond, for a well-rounded tour-de-force of North Americana sounds. She was Canada's Grand Masters and Open Fiddle Champion. She tours with world-class musicians as a trio, featuring Cody Walters on acoustic guitar, bass and clawhammer banjo and Korey Brodsky on mandolin and guitar in addition to April's vocals, fiddle and foot percussion. One might suspect a performer with as many talents as she would pause to take a breath, or need to somewhat compartmentalize her skills during a live performance. But on stage, April is almost superhuman, flawlessly intertwining and overlapping different performative elements. She stepdances while fiddling. She sings while stepdancing. Sometimes she sings, steps and fiddles all at once, with apparent ease and precision. April Verch is - as they say - a triple threat in performance, her live show a beautiful companion to her music: versatile, robust, and masterfully executed.

In early 2020, during months of self isolation in North Carolina, April wrote and recorded *Top of the Hill*, an album for children and the young at heart. It features seven (of ten) original songs and offers important, heartfelt messages and stories with an old-timey vibe.

Compilation Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=maleuHLkMXY>

Celtic Colours International Festival

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3uO17VqVZc>

Singing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LOrdZN30uE>

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