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NEXT GATHERING

Our October gathering will be on Sunday, October 13th. We are back to our usual second Sunday meeting date.

As usual, we will gather at 2:00 pm at Haller Lake United Methodist Church, 13055 1st Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. 98125.

The program will be a presentation by Tyrone Heade of Elliot Bay Pipes and Drums on his experiences as a professional piper.

Facebook

The Caledonians have a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/seattlecaledonians/?ref=bookmarks>

Diana Smith frequently posts interesting articles and notices, so check back often.

Sunshine Report

Bonnie Munro sends cards to members who are ill. If you know of anyone who needs a card, please let her know.

Bonnie reminds people that she does not have e-mail, so please call her when you have information about Caledonians who are ill or passed away. Her phone is 425-806-3734.

Calendar of Seattle Area Scottish Events

October

2 Skerryvore Band, The Triple Door, 216 Union St., Seattle, WA. Tickets at

<https://tickets.thetripledoor.net/eventperformances.asp?event=1626>. <https://skerryvore.com>

5 Fred Morrison Concert, Littlefield Celtic Center, 1124 Cleveland Ave., Mount Vernon, WA. 7pm. \$30. 360-416-4934 <https://celticarts.org/celtic-events/fred19/>

8 SSHGA Meeting, 7:30 pm. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 111 NE 80th St., Seattle, WA. Info: (206) 522-2541

10 Gaelic Supergroup Daimh Ceilidh, Lake City Eagles, 8201 Lake City Way NE, Seattle. 7pm. \$15. Reservations at amadansn0@gmail.com or 206-861-4530.

11 Gaelic Supergroup Daimh Concert, Ballard Homestead, 6541 Jones Ave. NW, Seattle, 7:30pm. \$25.

12 Gaelic Supergroup Daimh Concert, Littlefield Celtic Center, 1124 Cleveland Ave., Mount Vernon, WA. 7pm. \$25. 360-416-4934 <https://celticarts.org/celtic-events/daimh-19/>

13 Caledonian & St. Andrews Society Gathering, 2:00 pm. Haller Lake United Methodist Church, 13055 1st Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. 98125. <http://www.caledonians.com>

26 MacToberfest Scotch Ale Competition, Littlefield Celtic Center, 1124 Cleveland Ave., Mount Vernon, WA. 7pm. \$30. 360-416-4934 <https://celticarts.org/celtic-events/mactoberfest-19/>

Articles and Topics About Scotland and Things Scottish

From ebooks.visitscotland.com

Famous Scots

Sports

Jackie Stewart
1939 -

Jackie Stewart was born in Milton, Dumbartonshire and, after impressing spectators at a test drive, was recruited

by Ken Tyrell for the Formula Junior team in 1963. He entered Formula One in 1965 with BAR and soon won his first Grand Prix in Monza, later going on to win 27 Formula One races and three World Championships. He formed the Stewart Grand Prix with his son in 1997, and is still involved in Formula One today.

Sir Chris Hoy

1976 –

A native of Edinburgh, Chris Hoy became interested in cycling at the age of six. Before retiring in 2013 he won a total of six Olympic golds and one silver, making him Britain's most successful Olympic athlete and the most decorated Olympic cyclist of all time. Fans can visit the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow, and look out for a gold postbox commemorating his achievements at London 2012 just off Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

Andy Murray

1987 –

Born in Glasgow and raised in Dunblane, Andy Murray comes from a sporting family and first picked up a tennis racket when he was two. He was offered a place at Rangers School of Excellence but chose tennis over football, becoming British Number 1 in 2006 and entering the world top 10 in 2007. Recent highlights of his illustrious career including winning a gold and a silver medal at the London 2012 Olympics, winning the US Open in 2012, and beating Novak Djokovic to win Wimbledon in 2013.

Danny MacAskill

1985 –

Trials rider Danny MacAskill grew up in Dunvegan on the beautiful Isle of Skye, a veritable playground for cyclists. After releasing a video of feats entitled Inspired Bicycles in 2009, he shot to fame in cycling circles and was able to give up his job as a bike mechanic to ride full-time. He has since been nominated for numerous awards, including National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. Visit our blog to read an exclusive interview about his latest short film The Ridge, which sees him scale the vertiginous Cuillin Ridge on Skye.

Katherine Grainger

1975 –

Katherine Grainger was born in Glasgow and studied at the University of Edinburgh, where she took up rowing in 1993. In addition to numerous titles at the World Rowing Championships, she has won four Olympic medals: silver at Sydney, Athens and Beijing, and gold for the Women's Double Sculls with Anna Watkins at London 2012. She currently holds the record as Great Britain's most decorated female Olympian, along with swimmer Rebecca Adlington.

From *The History of Scotland in 25 Objects*

<https://ebooks.visitscotland.com/25-objects/>

Captain Scott's Snow Goggles

These carved wooden snow goggles belonged to Captain Robert Falcon Scott, captain of the RRS Discovery. The only visibility is provided by a cross cut out in front of each eye. Holes are drilled on the side to tie them to the wearer's head with a leather strap, and the initials of their owner are carved above one of the eye areas.

Captain Scott wore these goggles on his British National Antarctic Expedition in 1901-1904. They were essential because the intense glare of sunlight reflecting off the wide expanses of snow in Antarctica often caused "snow blindness" among explorers. It could burn their corneas and exposed skin, leaving them in excruciating pain and unable to see.



The crew set out in 1901 on the RRS (Royal Research Ship) Discovery, a vessel specially commissioned for this task and built by the Dundee

Shipbuilders' Company, with three years' worth of provisions. They mapped hundreds of miles of coastline and discovered more than 500 marine animals along the way.

You can get on board the RRS Discovery, the actual vessel that was built for this historical journey to Antarctica. The goggles, along with many other insights into Captain Scott's trip, are on display. You can get a close-up view of how the crew lived, what they ate and the hardships they had to endure on their voyage. The ship is docked at the Discovery Point in Dundee.

The goggles are important in Scottish history because they are an intimate reminder of the heroism of the leading figures in this golden age of exploration, and of Scotland's legendary shipbuilding expertise. They also underline the hardiness of the explorers, who did not have access to the sort of light-weight cold-weather clothing that their modern-day counterparts rely on.

From *The Scottish Banner*

Tartan of the Month

Nessie Tartan



Created for Loch Ness monster lovers all over the world. Colours: dark blue for Loch Ness; green for the hills and glens surrounding Loch Ness; white for the clouds reflecting on the loch; blue for the skies of a sunny highland day and the dark colour of Nessie's skin.

Scotland's genetic landscape echoes Dark Ages



Experts have constructed Scotland's first comprehensive genetic map, which reveals that the country is divided into six main clusters of genetically similar individuals: the Borders, the south-west, the north-east, the Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland.

These groupings are in similar locations to Dark Age kingdoms such as Strathclyde in the south-west, Pictland in the north-east, and Gododdin in the south-east. The Dark Ages are widely considered to be from the end of the Roman Empire in 476 AD to around 1000 AD.

Professor Jim Wilson of The University of Edinburgh's Usher Institute and MRC Human Genetics Unit said: "It is remarkable how long the shadows of Scotland's Dark Age kingdoms are, given the massive increase in movement from the industrial revolution to the modern era. We believe this is largely due to the majority of people marrying locally and preserving their genetic identity."

From *The Scotsman Newspaper*

Carbisdale Battlefield Is Up for Sale

History enthusiasts are being offered the chance to purchase Carbisdale battlefield near Bonar Bridge in Sutherland for offers over £70,000. The site is where, in 1650, James Graham, the 1st Marquis of Montrose, fought his last battle in support of the royalist cause.

The 17th century military genius, poet and patriotic Scot, who became known as the Great Montrose, had led his outnumbered army to six successive victories against the Covenanters in the space of a year. His tactical brilliance, leadership and sheer daring helped him to consistently beat the odds — 300 years on, Field Marshal Montgomery would quote his line about daring 'to win or lose it all' to inspire the troops on the eve of D-Day.

Following a defeat at Philiphaugh in 1645, Montrose fled abroad only to be re-appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Scotland by Charles II and return to Scotland in 1650.

In March 1650 he landed in Orkney then moved south to try to raise an army of Highlanders. However, on April 27, 1650, his small force was defeated at the Battle of Carbisdale.

The battle was a decisive victory for the Covenanter forces against Montrose, with his forces routed almost without firing a shot.

Montrose himself escaped the field but he was handed over to the Covenanters a few days later and taken to Edinburgh to hear his sentence, then hung, drawn and quartered on May 21, 1650.

Carbisdale also marks the end of the internal struggles within Scotland as part of the Wars of the Three Kingdoms. Their subsequent agreement with Charles II meant the Covenanters came into open conflict with Oliver Cromwell and the Protectorate

instead, rather than Royalist supporters in their own lands.

The site where he met his defeat comprises 53 acres of heather moor, pine woodland and open burns.



The battlefield is one hour's drive from Inverness, and is approached by a private lane. It sits on a rise with views to the Kyle of Sutherland. The nearest railway station is a 10 minute walk from the battlefield, and for those who wish access to amenities, the nearest pub is a 25-minute walk or 10 minute cycle ride away. Much of the land is designated by the Forestry Commission Scotland as native woodland, and there is not a house on the site.



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