



Chieftain's Ceilidh 2021

It was hard to believe this was our first Chieftain's Ceilidh since 2018. During May 2020 we were all under some form of lockdown and not able to gather, all due to COVID. In 2019 the interest shown was so flat and insufficient we had to cancel the event.

The Chieftain's Ceilidh 2021 was an astounding success with numbers up close to 100 and with members making up around 80% of the attendees. A big thanks must go to the committee who put in a lot of hard work prior to and on the day to make it a rewarding and enjoyable night. It would be amiss of me not to mention the Yokine Bowling Club for allowing us the use of the facility (especially the large dance floor), the caterers 'Only Foods and Sauces' (no need to ask what their favourite TV was), 51 ACU Swan Regiment Drums and Pipes who put on a great performance, our honorary piper Alisdair who entertained us at the beginning of and during the night (standing outside on his own and in the cold). What a delight it is to have him as our piper, and the Heel N' Toe band who were on top form. See the article below



Membership

New Members

We are pleased to announce that our membership has gone over the 100 number.

Congratulations to Warren and Rhonda Kerr who became our 100th and 101st members and who joined the day after the Chieftain's Ceilidh.

Renewal of Membership Reminder

Do not forget to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Membership is a yearly subscription which runs from AGM to AGM and is only \$30. Membership renewal s for 2021/2022 will expire at the end of October 2021. You will still qualify for a discount on tickets to both the St Andrew's Day Ball and the Burns Supper if you renew before 31st October 2021. To join the Society or renew your membership please visit our website <https://saintandrew.org.au/> and go to Forms

Events

2021 – 2022 Calendar year

Since the Spring Saltire the committee have now planned our events for the rest of the year. Details will be posted on our website, Facebook and via Mailchimp.

Winter in Perth is usually a time for many of our members to fly away to warmer climates or to visit family and friends back in Scotland. With overseas travel not possible at the moment we have decided to try and keep our members entertained over the winter months with a series of Scottish Country Dance nights and a 'Family' Winter Ceilidh. Both the Dance nights and the Ceilidh will be held at the Irish Club in Subiaco. These events are currently up on our website and on our Facebook page.

So far, the following events and dates have been confirmed

Winter Dance Nights: 8th and 29th June, 13th and 27th July, 10th and 24th August, and 7th and 21st September. All will be at the Irish Club starting at 7.30pm. See website for details.

Winter 'Family' Ceilidh: 31st July at the Irish Club starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are now on sale. See website for details.

St Andrew Day Ball Dance Practice: These will be at the Irish Club. See website for dates and times.

St Andrew Day Ball: 27th November. Pan Pacific Hotel. See website for details

Burns Supper Dance Practice: 11th January and 18th January. Both at the Irish Club at 7.30pm.

Burns Supper: 25th January. Pan Pacific Hotel. See website for details.

As was noted in the Spring edition of the Saltire, one of our commitments this year will be to work with the Irish Club to see what other opportunities there may be to encourage members and friends to come along, have a meal, have a drink, and just socialise – maybe listening to some music. We are currently in negotiations with the Irish Club to have our own club membership cards which will allow our members to receive 5% discount off drinks and bar snacks. We will release more details on this scheme as it develops.

Heel N' Toe Ceilidh Band

A band for all occasions



How many of our members could recall when the Heel N' Toe first played at an event for the Society? Not that many would be my guess. During a discussion with Rob Thompson recently we discussed the long connection the Heel N' Toe have had with the St Andrew Society.

The band's involvement with the Society dates back to around 1990/1991, a total of 30 years. Rob mentioned he believes it was Jim Ramsay that had the foresight to engage them to play at the first Ball at the Chesterton Lodge in South Perth, a venue where he and Col had for their wedding reception (he did not say when).

The original band comprised of Ian Smith and Col on accordions, Greg Scott on fiddle, Bill Smith on keyboard and Rob on guitar. Ian and Greg were the masters of the reels and jigs and all things Scottish. There have been many musicians who have either played with or supported the band over the last 30 years including the likes of Merlene Smith, Jack Charles, Val Cutler, Anita Webb, Laurie Dodd, Johnny Parkinson, and the inimitable Tony Menezes – the keyboard maestro.

The current band comprises Col on accordion, Keri Seator on fiddle (Rob says she left the Orkney Isles so that she could join the band), Katrina Humphries on keyboard, Katrina's husband Stephen on drums (a recent addition to the band), Kieran Aherne (from Ireland) vocals and of course Rob on guitar.

Rob recons the band has played at over 90 events over the 30 years of association and are as committed and enthusiastic as ever to supporting the Society. Well done the Heel N' Toe.

Scottish Stramash Perth



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Since the last Saltire, a few of us went along to the Seasonal Brewing Co. last month to listen to and support the Scottish Stramash who play there on the last Wednesday of every month. They are a group of musicians made up of fiddlers, accordion players, pipers, guitarists and others, who play a great selection of both Scottish and Irish music. At the end of the night, I had the opportunity to speak with Fiona Davidson, one of the founders of the group, and we discussed having a night of total Scottish music at the Irish Club on Thursday 12th August starting at 7.00pm. We are in discussion and will let you know more very soon.

If you want more information about Stramash, their music and venues go to

Facebook: [Scottish Stramash](#)

Email: scottishstramash@gmail.com

House of Tartan



The House of Tartan which started business in Perth back in 1995 has been under the proud ownership of Heather and Jim Anderson since 2007. Heather and Jim sold the business in late 2019 to Greg and Jennifer McAdam who have over 20 years' experience in supplying kilts and accessories.

The society have always had a connection with the House of Tartan through Heather and Jim and wish to continue that connection through Greg and Jennifer. Whether it be a wedding, a Ball, or any other Scottish event click <https://www.thehouseoftartan.com/> to view their website

Tartan Day – July 1st

A day to wear your tartan with pride

Wear something tartan on July 1. You are bound to evoke questions from friends and neighbours, and you can proudly tell them that you are celebrating freedom - the right to proclaim your Scottish heritage and wear the garment so strongly associated with Scotland - the tartan.

In an effort to crush the clan system in Scotland, the English government of the day passed an act on August 1, 1747 banning the wearing of the tartan. Following the Jacobite defeat at Culloden, Prince Charles fled to South Uist then eventually went across to France. His supporters suffered under the 'Butcher of Cumberland' and to further punish Scotland, Parliament issued Acts to destroy the clans, their identities, and economic structures. New laws were imposed to ban the playing of the bagpipes and the wearing of highland dress.



After 35 years, the law was repealed on July 1, 1782, and once again the Scot could wear his plaid with pride and without the fear of punishment. In Australia and New Zealand, we celebrate Tartan Day on July 1 - the day the proscription was lifted.

RAAF celebrates 100 years

With a new tartan



A new tartan has been created to celebrate 100 years since the Australian Air Corps became the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The Scottish Register of Tartans in Edinburgh advises that the new tartan, designed by Betty Johnston from New South Wales, is intended for use by serving, reservist, retired and support staff members of the RAAF. The tartan was registered in April 2021 and prepared for weaving by Marton Mills and Ingles Buchan in Glasgow. It cannot be produced without express permission from The House of Tartans Australia. In June 1921, HRH King George V approved the use of the word 'Royal' in the Australian air force name. The tartan was created to honour the service of all the men and women who have served in the RAAF for the last 100 years, and those who continue to serve.

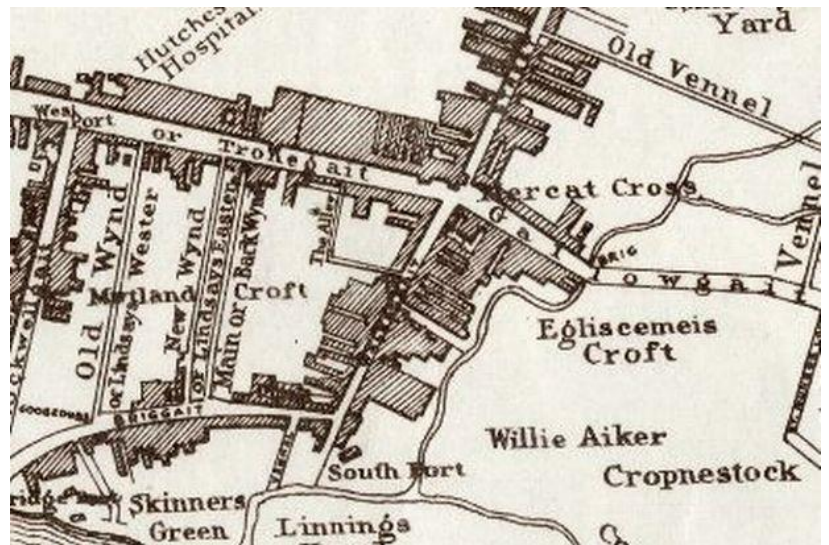
For further information please visit the following

<https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/tartanDetails?ref=13136>

Great Fire of Glasgow

June 17th, 1652

ONE-THIRD of the city of Glasgow was destroyed on June 17, 1652 as fire raged for an agonizing 18 hours. Lives were lost and more than a thousand families made homeless because of the devastating inferno. Fourteen years before the Great Fire of London, Glasgow was a city already experiencing death and suffering from plague. The fire began in the house of James Hamilton in the High Street. With unseasonal north-west winds fanning the flames, the fire soon took hold of neighbouring properties.



According to Glasgow City Archives, the city minute read '*unless speedy remedy be used and help sought out from such as have power, and whose hearts God shall move, it is likely the town ANNIVERSARY Great Fire of Glasgow raged for 18 hours JUNE 17, 1652 shall come to utter ruin*'.

It spread south to Saltmarket and east and west along Trongate and Gallowgate. Houses, which were made of wood and thatch, were quickly destroyed. Glasgow did not have a fire service at the time. Crews

were despatched from Edinburgh, while locals formed human chains, passing buckets of water to try and quell the flames. As they tried to rebuild the city, the Town Council appealed to the British Government for funds. The cost of the damage was estimated to cost around £100,000. The Parliament sent just £1,000.

Oliver Cromwell said they would recommend them to charitable donors. Meanwhile, families took shelter in church halls, and wooden huts which were built in nearby fields. The council looked at protective measures in the wake of the blaze. Candlemakers, now viewed as a fire hazard, were moved to the outskirts of Glasgow. To this day, that area is known as Candleriggs.

Glencoe Folk Museum

Redevelopment Works

We had an interesting email from the staff and volunteers of the Glencoe Folk Museum in Glencoe about their redevelopment works which they are currently undertaking and planning for completion in 2023.

They are an independent museum recording life in the Glencoe area between the 17th - 21st centuries – a history which spans huge events like the infamous Glencoe Massacre in 1692 as well as Clan history and local stories of daily life and work, including how the community has supported each other through the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020.

The museum was founded in the 1960s by and for the local community but has grown to attract thousands of visitors from all over the world. Sadly, the pandemic we have all endured over the last year has prevented international travellers from visiting in person.

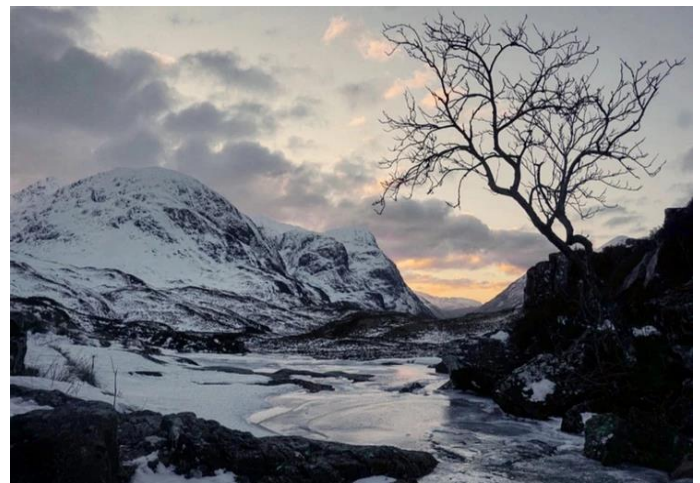
Despite the global events the museum also has exciting news. They are undergoing their greatest redevelopment since moving into our historic 18th century cottages over 50 years ago, aiming to refresh and improve themselves ready for the next 50 years and beyond. To spread the word about their plans they are reaching out to all Scottish groups around the world in the hope that interest in what they are doing will be generated and it becomes a place to visit when we get back to travelling again.

The Massacre of Glencoe

The Massacre of Glencoe, or *Murt Ghlinne Comhann* (the Murder of Glencoe), was one of the most brutal events in Scottish history.

In the early hours of the morning on 13th February 1692, soldiers who had - for almost a fortnight - shared the MacDonald's homes, tables, and company, turned on their hosts in an unprecedented act of treachery.

The massacre is often depicted as a simple case of clan rivalry between the MacDonalds and the neighbouring Campbells, but the truth is a bit more complicated than that....



To read more about the Murder of Glencoe and the work the staff and volunteers are doing at the Glencoe Folk Museum please go to their website <https://www.glencoemuseum.com>

Secret Scotland

Some of Scotland's most iconic destinations

SBS television have been showing a series of light-hearted jaunts around Scotland visiting some of Scotland's destinations and discovering the nearly forgotten legends and secret stories. They are currently showing on a Monday night but are also available through 'SBS-ONDEMAND' and 'YouTube'

The show is presented by Scottish comedian Susan Calman and journeys through places such as Edinburgh, Stirling, Loch Ness, The Borders, Orkney, Cairngorms, North Coast, Glasgow, and Skye.

Susan Calman adds so much fun and laughter to the journey that it draws you into the journey. The shenanigans she gets up to are so entertaining.

Did you know that Susan Calman is the niece of our dear friend and Honorary Life Member Cameron Dickson? Having the Dickson family together in one room would be priceless – non-stop blethering.

Anniversaries in Scottish History

June

June 1, 1878 - First Tay rail bridge opens. It was to collapse 18 months later in the Tay Bridge Disaster.

June 7, 1690 - The Scots Parliament ratified the establishment of a Presbyterian religious system, rejecting Episcopacy.

June 8, 1333 - King Edward III orders the capture of the Isle of Man from the Scots.

June 10, 1688 - James Francis Stuart born. In honour of the "Old Pretender", this is known as White Rose Day in Jacobite circles.

June 10, 1903 - The floral clock in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, began operation - driven by clockwork and with only an hour hand. It was the first of its kind in the world.

June 16, 1586 - Mary, Queen of Scots recognised Philip II of Spain as her heir.

June 17, 1652 - Great Fire of Glasgow, destroying nearly one third of the city.

June 19, 1566 - Mary Queen of Scots gives birth to the future King James VI of Scotland and I of England.

June 23, 1650 - Charles II sailed into the estuary of the river Spey and signed the Covenant before going ashore.

July

July 1, 1505 - Seal granted by Edinburgh Town Council to the Incorporation of Barbers and Surgeons to practise their craft. The organisation is now known as the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

July 1, 1782 - Proscription Act Repealed, thus allowing again the wearing of tartan and the carrying of weapons (banned as a result of the 1745 Uprising in support of Bonnie Prince Charlie).

July 7, 1559 - John Knox became the first Protestant minister appointed in Edinburgh.

July 8, 1296 - King John Balliol abdicated at Montrose.

July 10, 1451 - King James III born at Stirling.

July 13, 1249 - King Alexander III crowned at Scone

July 13, 1469 - King James III married Margaret of Denmark.

July 16, 1309 - James Stewart, High Steward of Scotland, died.

July 16, 1328 - David II, son of Robert I (the Bruce) married Joan, sister of Edward III (he was 4, she was 7).

July 17, 1895 - The east coast express train from London to Aberdeen set a record time of 10 hours and 21 minutes for the 540 miles.

July 19, 1333 - Battle of Halidon Hill in which Sir Archibald Douglas (guardian of David II) routed by Edward Balliol and Edward III. Scots losses were nearly 600, English losses 14.

July 21, 1796 - Robert Burns dies in Dumfries, aged 37.

July 22, 1298 - The army of the English King Edward I, using longbows for the first time, defeated the Scots led by Sir William Wallace at Battle of Falkirk.

August

August 1, 1747 - Proscription Act introduced, banning tartan and the carrying of weapons. The penalty for a first offence was six months in jail and a second offence resulted in transportation for seven years.

August 3, 1305 - [William Wallace](#) betrayed and handed over to the English.

August 5, 1704 - Act of Security passed by the Scottish Parliament. This allowed Scotland to choose a successor to Queen Anne, other than the one elected by the English Parliament, if Scottish conditions were not met. This precipitated the demands in London for an Act of Union of the two parliaments.

August 8, 1296 - King Edward I removed to England the Stone of Destiny on which generations of Scottish kings had been crowned.

August 10, 1872 - Education (Scotland) Act passed, providing elementary education for all children.

August 15, 1963 - The last hanging in Scotland - 21-year-old Henry Burnett who was executed at Craiginches Prison in Aberdeen for the murder of seaman Thomas Guyan.

August 19, 1561 - [Mary Queen of Scots](#) lands at Leith on her return from France, after the death of her husband, King Francis II

August 21, 1937 - Birth of [Donald Dewar](#), former Secretary of State for Scotland and First Minister in the new Scottish Parliament.

August 22, 1567 - James Stewart, Earl of Moray and a half-brother of Mary Queen of Scots, proclaimed Regent of Scotland.

August 23, 1305 - [William Wallace](#) executed.

August 24, 1482 - [Berwick on Tweed](#) finally ceded to England (Edward IV) after changing hands 12 times.

August 28, 1296 - Edward I of England held a parliament at Berwick to which he summoned all Scottish landholders to sign the [Ragman Roll](#).

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Dance Nights and the Winter 'Family' Ceilidh.

Sláinte

Reggie McNeill

Chieftain

St Andrew Society of W.A.