

Newsletter

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Clan Events



Clan Murray Society AGM and Gathering, Sept 1 @ Wisconsin Highland Games, Waukesha, WI



Clan Henderson Society AGM and Gathering, Sept 2/3 @ The Virginia Scottish Festival



Clan MacLaren AGM and Gathering, Sept. 2 @ The Pleasanton Highland Games, California



Largs Viking Festival, The Promenade Largs, Scotland, Sept. 2



Clan Young Annual Gathering & Meeting - Sept. 9 @ Middle Tennessee Highland Games



Clan Lindsay Society Gathering - Sept. 23 - Falkland Palace, Fife



Clan MacFie International Clan Gathering - Sept. 28 - Clyde Bank, Scotland

Clan Rose Society's Ambitious Bid: Saving Kilravock Castle for Future Generations

Kilravock Castle, a magnificent 15th-century fortress near Inverness, has been put on the market for £4 million. This storied castle, once the ancestral stronghold of Clan Rose, has witnessed centuries of history and hosted illustrious figures like Mary, Queen of Scots, Bonnie Prince Charlie, and the Duke of Cumberland during the Battle of Culloden.

The A-listed castle boasts 13 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, and an enchanting atmosphere that transports you back in time. The estate, spanning 481 acres, includes nine charming

cottages, a former hostel, a games hall, and lush farmland, making it a true gem of Scottish heritage.

Intriguingly, there's talk of the Clan Rose Society rallying to rescue Kilravock Castle through a community buyout bid. The vision is to preserve its historical significance and transform it into a communal asset for the people of Croy and Cawdor.



Torsa Island once owned by Clan Campbell, Clan MacDougall and Clan MacLean" is now up for sale

Rich in heritage, Torsa Island bears the historical imprints of Clan Campbell, Clan MacDougall, and Clan MacLean, each having once held sway over its landscapes. Situated off the Scottish coast, this island's story unfolds through the remnants of Caisteal nan Con, a fortress that witnessed the ebb and flow of power. Originally with Norse origins, it became a part of the Kingdom of the Isles, embodying the region's complex history. Today, Torsa takes a new turn as it is put up for sale after 85 years. This landmark event raises questions about the island's future and potential uses, carrying forward its legacy of cultural significance. As the island transitions ownership, it prompts us to reflect on the historical layers that have shaped Torsa and the legacy it leaves behind.

<https://torsa-island.co.uk/>



Tales of Forgotten Scottish History

DELVE INTO THE PAST WITH 'TALES OF FORGOTTEN SCOTTISH HISTORY', A CAPTIVATING NEWSLETTER THAT UNVEILS THE HIDDEN NARRATIVES AND UNTOLD STORIES FROM THE RICH TAPESTRY OF SCOTLAND'S PAST. UNEARTHING FORGOTTEN HEROES, ENIGMATIC LEGENDS, AND OVERLOOKED EVENTS, THIS NEWSLETTER BRINGS TO LIGHT THE INTRIGUING AND OFTEN OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF SCOTTISH HISTORY.

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"Meet the Clan": A Documentary Journey into Heritage and Unity and Clan Buchanan's Historic Revival

"Meet the Clan," filmed in the 2022, immerses viewers in the revival of the Clan Buchanan, a historic Scottish clan that had remained without a chief for more than three centuries. This documentary offers an intimate look into the momentous event of appointing a new chief and provides insights into the meticulous planning and emotions that accompanied the revival.

"Meet the Clan" takes audiences on a journey through time, capturing the essence of the Clan Buchanan's resurgence. The clan's history dates back to 1010 AD, and its legacy had endured despite the absence of a chief since 1681. The documentary paints a vivid picture of the events that led to the investiture of the new chief, John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan, affectionately known as 'Mike.' This milestone event, marks the end of centuries of waiting and sets the stage for a new era in the clan's history.

The filming of "Meet the Clan" took place across multiple locations, including New Hampshire, Mexico City, and Cambusmore, the expansive Trossachs family estate of the new chief. The documentary captures the intricate preparations that went into the lavish gathering held in October 2022, a ceremony that breathed life back into a dormant heritage.

Airing on a Tuesday evening, the documentary provided viewers with an opportunity to witness the revival of a clan that spans generations and continents. The timing of the screening allowed audiences to experience the excitement, anticipation, and sense of unity that permeated

the investiture event.

"Meet the Clan" is not just a chronicle of the Clan Buchanan's revival; it's an exploration of heritage and unity. The documentary delves into the lives of the new chief, his family, and the extended clan members who came from around the world in the year 2022 to participate in the event. It captures the essence of reconnecting with one's roots, igniting passion for tradition, and weaving threads of unity among diverse individuals who share a common lineage.



Battle of Falkirk Mural



Experience history live on September 3, 2023, at 8 AM UTC-03, as The Society of John De Graeme unveils the Battle of Falkirk 1298 mural, commemorating the pivotal clash between English forces and Scottish clans. Witness the 725th-anniversary tribute at Victoria Park's Sir John De Graeme memorial fountain, Falkirk, Scotland.

Clan Lindsay vs. Clan Ogilvie Famous Clan Feud

The 15th-century feud between Clan Lindsay and Clan Ogilvie in Scotland was a poignant example of the intense rivalries that characterized the era. The central figure in this conflict was Alexander Lindsay, known as the "Tiger Earl," who rose to prominence as the Bailie of Regality, a title granted by the Abbey of Abroath. Lindsay's misuse of authority, which included housing his unruly followers within the abbey and allegations of financial misconduct, led to his removal from the position. Sir Alexander Ogilvie succeeded him. Unfazed by his dismissal, Lindsay orchestrated a significant gathering in 1446, uniting forces with Clan Hamilton, and confronted Ogilvie at the abbey gates with the intention of reclaiming his role. Tragedy struck during negotiations, leading to the accidental death of Lindsay's father. This

misunderstanding ignited violence, resulting in a fierce battle where Lindsay's forces clashed against Ogilvie and their allies. Consequent conflicts at Leysmill and Kinnell followed, causing significant losses on both sides.

In response, Lindsay, now the Earl of Crawford, launched a retaliatory campaign, attacking Ogilvie territories, orchestrating mass killings, and besieging Inverquhar Castle. This feud

exemplified the tumultuous nature of medieval Scottish clan disputes, although its specifics require verification from historical



sources. The narrative underscored the pervasive themes of power struggles, ambitions, and the grim toll exacted by unbridled conflicts during a time marked by upheaval. The feud gradually subsided.

Historic Clan Castles of Scotland



Loch Ore Castle

Isle of Bute, Scotland

Loch Ore Castle, an ancient ruin on the Isle of Bute, Scotland, boasts a rich and tumultuous history dating back to the 12th century. Constructed by Duncan de Lochore, it served as a defensive stronghold amid frequent battles between English and Scottish forces. Over time, ownership shifted, each owner leaving their mark



on the castle's evolving structure.

The castle's significance persisted through destruction and reconstruction, embodying the region's historical upheavals. The Wardlaw family's addition of the keep in the 15th century bolstered its defensive capabilities. Subsequent damage in the 19th century failed to extinguish its allure.

Today, despite its dilapidated state, Loch Ore Castle continues to captivate historians and tourists alike. Its architecture, including the impressive stone walls of the keep and a surrounding wall dating back to its inception, reflects changing construction techniques and styles. The castle's location on the Isle of Bute enhances its appeal, offering a blend of history and natural beauty.

From battles to rebuilding efforts, the castle's enduring presence symbolizes Scotland's resilience. As a testament to the country's past, Loch Ore Castle stands as a reminder of the determination of its inhabitants. Tourists, history enthusiasts, and nature lovers converge to explore its historical significance and appreciate its wildlife-rich surroundings, making it a unique and captivating destination.

The Haunting Journey of Lady Jane Douglas

Born into the noble Douglas clan in 16th century Scotland, Lady Jane's lineage placed her at the center of a political maelstrom. Her family's prominence thrust her into a world marked by uncertain alliances and constant power plays. In an era where loyalty was as fickle as the wind, Lady Jane's fate was bound to be entwined with the shifting tides of political fortune.

However, it was the unfounded accusations that truly defined her life. Lady Jane found herself ensnared in a dark web of treason, rebellion, and even conspiracy to poison the king. These grave charges, seemingly stemming from her noble connections, cast a shadow over her reputation and future. Her trial, a theater of justice tainted by personal vendettas, showcased her unwavering courage and moral conviction. In a time when women's voices were often suppressed, Lady Jane's bold defense stood as a testament to her resilience and determination to clear her name.

Amidst the trial, a sinister twist emerged—an accusation of plotting to assassinate the king. This shocking turn intensified the stakes, painting Lady Jane in a menacing light. The



timing, with the nation mourning the death of the queen-consort, further emphasized the stark contrast between personal vendettas and communal grief.

Despite her resolute defense and lack of credible evidence against her, Lady Jane's fate was sealed. Sentenced to a gruesome execution, her tragic end highlights the ruthlessness that unchecked power can wield. Her story serves as a stark reminder of the fragility of justice and the lengths individuals in power can go to satisfy their personal agendas.



Scottish Clan Myths and Legends

Robert the Bruce and the Spider

In the tapestry of history, certain stories capture the imagination and resonate across centuries. The myth of Robert the Bruce and the spider is one such tale, a powerful narrative that exemplifies resilience, determination, and the unyielding human spirit.

Set against the backdrop of Scotland's struggle for independence in the early 14th century, Robert the Bruce emerged as a pivotal figure in



the quest to free the nation from English dominion. Amidst battles lost and spirits tested, he found himself seeking solace in the confines of a cave, grappling with doubt and the weight of leadership.

Within this secluded refuge, Robert's gaze fell upon a tiny spider, diligently working to construct its web. Despite repeated failures – each time the web was destroyed by the elements – the spider persisted. Its relentless determination, its refusal to surrender, resonated deeply with Robert's own inner turmoil.

Observing the spider's indomitable efforts, Robert saw a reflection of his own journey. The spider's persistence became a mirror to his struggles, a symbol of the resilience required to rise above adversity. Inspired by this seemingly insignificant creature, he resolved to renew his fight for Scotland's freedom.

The path ahead was fraught with challenges, and yet Robert's determination remained unshaken. In 1314, at the pivotal Battle of Bannockburn, his leadership and unwavering spirit culminated in a triumphant victory against formidable odds. This historic turning point laid the groundwork for Scotland's eventual independence.

The Battle of Traigh Ghruinneart, 1598

Famous Clan Battle

The Battle of Traigh Ghruinneart, a significant event in Scottish history, unfolded in 1598 on the Isle of Islay. The clash, between Clan Donald and Clan Maclean, centered around the disputed ownership of the Rhinns, a valuable territory on the island.

At the heart of the conflict was a disagreement over a dowry. Clan Maclean argued that the Rhinns had been given to their leader's wife by Angus MacDonald, the chief of Clan Donald South. Yet,



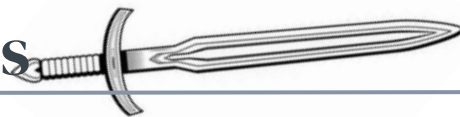
Angus later bestowed the same land upon Brian Vicar MacKay of Clan Donald, igniting a bitter feud that culminated in the battle.

The battlefield saw a remarkable clash of strategies. Clan Maclean intended to charge downhill, forcing Clan Donald to defend uphill. However, Clan Donald's leader, Sir James MacDonald, displayed strategic prowess. He divided his forces into three groups, with the main group engaging uphill while the other two circled the hill and attacked from the rear upon a signal.

The tactical brilliance paid off. Clan Donald's maneuver caught Clan Maclean off guard, leading to their defeat. Casualties were substantial, including Sir Lachlan Mor Maclean and a significant number of his followers. Tragically, Kilnave Chapel, where some Maclean soldiers sought refuge, turned into a deathtrap when it was set ablaze.

The battle's aftermath saw King James VI intervene, awarding the contested lands to Clan Campbell, further stoking animosity between the clans. Clan Donald's reign over Islay ended in 1612 when Angus MacDonald, 8th of Dunnyveg, sold the land to Sir John Campbell of Cawdor from Clan Campbell of Cawdor.

Scottish Clan Artifacts



The Fairy Flag of Clan MacLeod

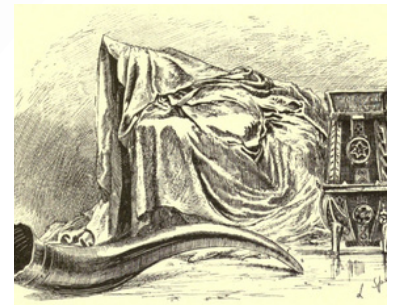
Nestled within the ancient walls of Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye, the Fairy Flag of Clan MacLeod holds a mystique that has captured hearts for generations. A square of silk, about 18 inches in size, adorned with red "elf dots," this heirloom carries an aura of Celtic folklore and enigmatic history.

Legends entwine the flag's origin with Celtic fairies. Some stories speak of it being gifted to a chieftain as a baby, while others tell of a departing fairy-lover's gesture. Its powers are attributed to repelling evil spirits, multiplying armies, healing cattle plagues, ensuring fertility, and even summoning herring into nearby waters. However, tradition cautions against unfurling it more than three times, as it might vanish or lose its magic.

The fabric's roots trace back to the Far East, adding to its allure. The flag's association with the Crusades and Viking raven banners deepens its historical significance.

Throughout time, the flag was safeguarded by hereditary standard bearers, unfurling during pivotal clan battles where its powers were believed to sway outcomes.

A prophecy adds an intriguing layer to the Fairy Flag's story. It predicts the rise and fall of Clan MacLeod. While some elements of the prophecy seem to have come to pass, its ultimate fulfillment remains a mystery.



Highland Games and Festivals

September

Wisconsin Highland Games
September 1
 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI
United States

Pleasanton California
Gathering & Games
September 2
 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA
United States

Capital District Scottish Games
September 2
 129 Grand Street, Altamon, NY
United States

Virginia Scottish Games
September 2
 5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, VA
United States

Canmore Highland Games
September 2
 Centennial Park, 6th Street, Canmore, Alberta
Canada

The Braemar Gathering
September 2
 7 THE PRINCESS ROYAL AND DUKE OF FIFE MEMORIAL PARK
Scotland

157th Scottish Highland
Gathering and Games
September 2
 Alameda County Fairgrounds
United States

The Calgary Highland Games
September 2
 Calgary Rugby Union Pitch
Canada

Blairgowrie and Rattray
Highland Games
September 3
 Bogles Field, Essendy Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire
Scotland

Festival Celtique De Quebec
September 8
 Quebec City, QC
Canada

Sherwood Music Festival &
Highland Games
September 8
 Sherwood Celtic Festival, McDade, TX
United States

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish
Highland Festival
September 8
 Estes Park Colorado
United States

Edinboro Highland Games
September 7
 219 Meadville Street Edinboro, Pennsylvania 16444
United States

Southwest Missouri Celtic
Festival
September 8
 401 E Park Drive, Buffalo, MO, United States, Missouri
United States

Flathead Celtic Festival
September 8
 Centennial Farm, 563 McMannamy Draw, Kalispell, MT
United States

Columbus Scottish Festival
September 9
 Bartholomew County Fairgrounds
 750 W 200 S, Columbus, IN 47201
United States

The Covenanter Scottish Festival
September 9
 tCochranville, PA
United States

Kalamazoo Scottish Festival &
Highland Games
September 9
 122 N Riverview Dr. Parchment, MI 49004
United States

VFW Celtic Festival
September 9
 Washington, Missouri
United States

Middle Tennessee Highland
Games
September 9
 Sanders Ferry Park, 513 Sanders Ferry Road, Hendersonville, TN
United States

Pitlochry Highland Games
September 9
 RECREATION GROUND, FERRY ROAD, PH16 5DZ
Scotland

The New Hampshire Highland
Games
September 15
 B60 Loon Mountain Road
 Lincoln, NH 03251
United States

Scot Fest
September 15
 River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK
United States

Fresno Scottish Society
Gathering & Games
September 16
 Kearley Park, 6725 W Kearney Blvd, Fresno, Ca
United States

Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival
& Highland Games
September 16
 Niagra County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave. (Rte 78), Lockport, NY
United States

Central Kentucky Celtic Festival
& Highland Games
September 16
 KY Renaissance Fair Site, 955 Elm St., Eminence, KY
United States

Ligonier Highland Games
September 16
 Idlewild Park, Route 30, Ligonier, PA
United States

Celtic Classic Highland
Games & Festival
September 22
 Downtown Bethlehem, Bethlehem, PA
United States

Prescott Highland Games & Celtic
Faire
September 23
 Loch Watson, Prescott Arizona
United States

Southeast Alabama Highland
Games
September 23
 Culpepper field in Daleville Alabama
United States

Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival
September 30
 Dandridge Main Street, Dandridge, TN
United States

KVMR Celtic Festival
September 30
 Nevada County Fairgrounds
United States

Indianapolis Scottish Highland
Games and Festival
September 30
 7300 East Troy Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana
United States

October

Kilt Fest USA

October 5

186 Scotch Rd, Ewing Township, NJ 08628

[United States](#)

Northeast Louisiana Celtic Festival

October 7

820 Kiroff Rd, West Monroe, LA, United States, 71291

[United States](#)

Scotland County Highland Games

October 7

13043 X Way Road, Laurinburg, NC

[United States](#)

MAC Scottish Festival

October 7

YAMHILL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, MCMINNVILLE, OREGON USA

[United States](#)

Aztec Highland Games & Celtic Festival

October 7

Riverside Park, Aztec, New Mexico

[United States](#)

Harpers Ferry Highland Games

October 7

235 Sam Michael's Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

[United States](#)

Scotland, Connecticut Highland Festival & Games

October 8

96 Waldo Road, Scotland, CT 06264

[United States](#)

CelticFest Mississippi

October 13

1112 NORTH SHORE PARKWAY BRANDON, MS 39047

[United States](#)

Houston Highland Games

October 14

Humble Civic Center Arena in Humble, Texas

[United States](#)

Radford Highlanders Festival

October 14

801 East Main St., Radford, Virginia 24142

[United States](#)

Seaside Highland Games

October 14

Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA

[United States](#)

Moab Celtic Festival

October 20

center street ballpark, Moab UT

[United States](#)

Oklahoma Highland Gathering

October 20

2001 N Harper Rd, Choctaw, OK 73020

[United States](#)

Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival

October 20

Stone Mountain Park, 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083

[United States](#)

Crystal Coast Highland Games

October 21

293 W Beaufort Road Ext., Beaufort NC 28516

[United States](#)

RedStone Highland Games & Festival

October 21

293 W Beaufort Road Ext., Beaufort NC 28516

[United States](#)

ARKANSAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

October 27

2300 Highland Road, Batesville, Arkansas 72501

[United States](#)

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Featured Clan Crest



CREST: A demi-lion rampant with a star in its dexter (or right) paw
MOTTO: Audaciter
TRANSLATION: Boldly

Clan Ewing traces its roots to medieval times through Clan Ewen of Otter, descending from the eleventh-century prince Anrothan O'Neill and sharing kinship with notable clans. In the seventeenth century, religious persecution led to migration, with six brothers and their chieftain settling in Northern Ireland after insurrection. Participating in the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, Clan Ewing supported William of Orange, shaping Irish history. The clan's legacy endures through its diverse name variations, heraldic elements, and descendants around the world.

About Us

Our Scottish clan newsletter is a publication dedicated to exploring the rich history and culture of the Scottish clans. As a community of proud Scots, we are passionate about preserving and sharing our heritage with the world.

We are committed to celebrating the unique character and identity of each Scottish clan, highlighting their achievements, and exploring their place in Scottish history. Whether you are a member of a clan, a descendant, or simply a lover of Scottish culture, our newsletter has something for you

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