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"Ah wonder whit he wears underneath."

Bikers Rev Up In Bid to Buy Historic Cottage

Harley-Davidson fans across the world are coming together in an attempt to raise funds to secure the family home of one the iconic brand's founders, Arthur Davidson. His father, William, was born just outside of Brechin, but emigrated to the States, where he met his wife, Margaret.



Harley Fans Touring Scotland

Arthur, the youngest of six, met William Harley in 1901, and began making motorcycles in William's family shed. A real outdoorsman, Arthur wanted to explore the wilderness without the hard work of pedaling a bicycle. Over the next two years they created their first motorcycle. Unfortunately, it couldn't cope with the Milwaukee hills, but served as a learning curve, with the result being the building of a larger engine. The rest, they say, is history.



A 1916 Harley-Davidson

Today, the 300-yr-old Davidson ancestral home is up for sale, with fans fearing the property could be demolished to make way for new housing. A crowd funding effort is aiming to raise £55,000, but has only received £3,500 so far. A UK Government Community Fund has confirmed £250,000 in assistance,

but only on the condition that the group can provide the rest. At this moment, they only have until the end of November, as they have already been granted an extension.

Fundraising coordinator, Nyree Aitken, expressed the urgency of meeting the funding target, stating "This extra time is invaluable and we must show progress." He has been advised that a further extension for conveyancing would be likely, but only on the condition of meeting the target by the end of next month. As with most fundraising efforts, everything comes down to the wire. Anyone interested in helping the effort to preserve history can go to the gofundme site [here](#), or look up "Save The Davidson Legacy Cottage From Getting Bulldozed."

MONTHLY MEETING

Attendees are welcome to bring along any snacks, finger foods, desserts, etc. Soft drinks are provided at all meetings, although you can bring your own if you prefer. If you can't bring a snack, bring a friend, although we'd like both!

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Venue – Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church,
(Audry Reich Hall-at rear of building)
2221 Chippewa St, New Orleans, 70130

Time – 2:00-4:00pm

Program- Halloween

Information – Learn more about the meaning of Halloween in Scotland, and how it is celebrated.

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Venue – Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church,
(Audry Reich Hall-At rear of building)
2221 Chippewa St, New Orleans, 70130

Time – 2:00-4:00pm

Program- Teas

Information – Laurie McConnell will be giving a presentation on the history of tea, as a prelude to our Christmas party.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Venue – English Tea Room,
734 E Rutland St, Covington, 70433

Time – TBC

Program- Christmas Tea

Information – After a long hiatus, the Society returns to the English Tea Room for its Christmas party. More information will be available at the October meeting from Virginia Urquhart.

Member and Society News

If you have any member news to include in the newsletter, please contact me by email at shawfield27@gmail.com. No information is too small. We're happy to hear of our members' exploits.

Society News

Teddy Bear Outreach 2024 - At their recent meeting your board approved the continuation of last year's outreach to the Police and Justice Foundation who provides teddy bears to the New Orleans Police Department. Officers carry them in their patrol cars to comfort children caught in crisis situations.

For ease of participating in this worthwhile cause we are offering a second "shopping" option. (It became apparent last year that our bears hibernate early). Cash donations will now be accepted at our next two meetings and a member has volunteered to purchase them in bulk at a discount.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Festivals & Games

The **Celtic Fest Mississippi** will be held on October 11-13 in Brandon, MS. In addition to the standard athletic competitions, you'll also have the chance to meet a highland cow! Separate tasting sessions for whisky, mead, and tea, are available for an additional fee. Also displaying their skills will be blacksmiths, spinners, and weavers. For more information, please go to, <https://celticfestms.org/wp/>

The **Houston Highland Games & Celtic Festival** will be in Humble, TX, on October 12th. Open from 9am-6pm, tickets are \$10 per person for ages 13+. Attendees will experience athletics, piping, dancing, entertainment, with food being available. Find out more at <https://houstonhighlandgames.com/>

The **Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival** returns for its 52nd event on October 18-20. Held in the historic Stone Mountain Park, attendees will be treated to dancing, piping, and athletic competitions, in addition to various seminars and presentations. There will also be a tartan forest and tartan museum. This is the highlight of the



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games calendar, so anyone interested in attending should find out more at the following site, <http://www.smhg.org/index.php>

The **Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival** will take place on November 11-12, at the Harrison County Fairgrounds, in Gulfport, MS. Tickets for general admission begin at \$10 per day, but there are discounts available for various groups. Visitors will have a wide array of events to choose from, with pipe bands, live music, highland games, clan tents, and a highland dancing display led by our own Society board member Wendy Grubb. Visit <https://www.mshighlandsandislands.com/> for more details.

Events

St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church plays host again to the annual “Scottish & Heritage Sunday,” on October 27th. The event begins at 10am, with the Kilts of Many Colours piping outside. A procession of people in traditional Scottish attire will follow behind them at the beginning of the service. All are welcome to take part in the procession, but please turn up early and be dressed as noted above.

Our guest minister will be David Fergusson, originally from Glasgow, now the Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University. He was personal chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II, Dean of the Chapel Royal, Scotland, and of the Order of the Thistle. He also took part in the memorial services for Queen Elizabeth II. Our liturgist is a choir member who is originally from Aberdeen.

Following the service there will be a traditional Scottish tea hour with music by the now reconvened New Orleans Strathspey & Reel Society.

Scottish Country Dancing classes, hosted by Wendy Grubb, start back up again at Carrollton United Methodist Church. This is a great way to exercise your brain and your body. Classes run every Friday, unless otherwise stated, beginning at 7pm. Entrance is via Freret St. For more information call

Wendy on 504-957-0251, or email at wgrubb52@gmail.com.

Have you ever considered learning to play the bagpipes? If so, now is your chance. Pipe band, **Kilts of Many Colours**, has bagpipe lessons running every Monday, from 6-9pm, at Chafunkta Brewing Company at 69069 Sky Brook Rd, Mandeville. Lessons are free. Learn more at, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1325294228348193/1325294718348144/>

Interested in learning how to use the traditional Scottish broadsword? Sam Irving, a certified fencing instructor, runs the **Caledonian Broadsword Academy** here in New Orleans. In addition to the broadsword, you will also practice with Singlestick, Rapier, Saber, Longsword, and, ultimately, the steel Broadsword. At present, this is only open to people aged 18 and up. Walk-ins are not allowed so, please complete the application form on the following website before attending any classes. <https://broadswordno.com/>

Daughters of the British Empire has created a chapter here in New Orleans. Eligible Caledonian ladies are invited to join the Edinburgh Chapter. Eligibility for DBE requires British or Commonwealth birth or ancestry, or being married to a man of British or Commonwealth birth or ancestry. Interested ladies should contact Betty Calzada at bcalz75@gmail.com or 504-909-4115.

Yearly Dues

Members can now pay their dues online! Just go to our website and click on the membership tab. You'll see the section in the bottom righthand corner. The Society relies on dues and donations to continue to operate. Non-payment will result in a cancellation of membership, meaning you miss out on all advance notice for invitations and ticketed events, such as whisky tastings, Burns Supper, etc. Anyone wishing to confirm their status can also email wgrubb52@gmail.com. Don't miss out, make sure you're up to date with your fees.

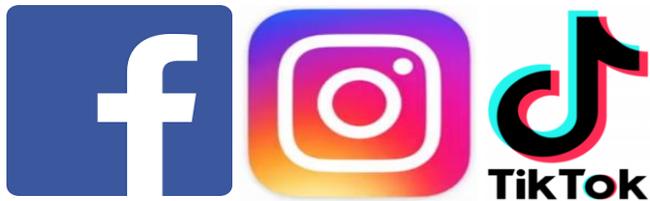
If you are currently receiving our newsletter on our courtesy list, why not consider upgrading to become a member. As you can see, the fees are low and you will receive news of all events and invitations and receive advance booking opportunities.

Newsletter

CSoNO members receive this newsletter by e-mail or post. A complimentary e-mail newsletter is also sent to non-members who have expressed an interest, so if you know of someone who would like to be on this list, please send their information for inclusion in the courtesy e-mail group. All mass e-mails are sent to recipients “bcc” for privacy.

Social Media

The Society has a website with many links and gallery pictures for everything Scottish! In case you haven't seen the site yet, all you need to do is go to <http://www.caledoniansocietyofneworleans.com/>. The site also has a very useful resources page, where you will find almost everything you could think of needing.



Have you checked out our other social media pages? We're now on Instagram and Tiktok! If not, then you're in the minority. You can find us by looking for “Caledonian Society of New Orleans,” and hit the like or follow button.

September's most popular post came on the last day, with viewers enjoying some Scottish trivia. Why not let us know what type of posts you would like to see on our page. We want to engage with everyone, so please like, comment, and share our posts whenever you see them. That way we can reach more people.

Time For Gaelic

*Fàilte mo chairdean! Ciamar a tha sibh, an diugh?
A bheil sibh deiseil airson ag ionnsachadh? Tha mi an dochas. Dèan do dhìcheall!*

Learning a new language, even if you've been trying for years, can be tough. Don't worry about taking a break. Sometimes this helps. I did exactly this a few weeks ago, breaking a Duolingo daily streak of over 1660 days. Doing that took the pressure off from feeling forced to learn. Make it fun. You'll learn much more. With this in mind, I am going to point out the issues you may encounter when missing a small, but vital, part of the language – the accent.



Bàta – boat / **Bata** – staff or stick
Bòd – Bute (the island) / **Bod** – a man's genitalia!
Fèis – a festival / **Feis** - sex
Bràmair – a lover / **Bramair** – a flatulent person
Òr – gold / **Or** - prayer

As you can see, you could make a major faux pas by missing this little accent. Just remember that this little feature extends the letter it is above, so now you can't get in trouble if someone wants a hole in a stick!

We are trying to create a casual Gaelic group, with the aim of improving our overall skills. It's tough learning alone, so this would provide an opportunity to practice what you learn amongst other like-minded learners. Let me know if you are interested, at shawfield27@gmail.com.

Don't forget to check out these learning apps.



Bluebird / Duolingo / Mango / uTalk

In addition to these apps, you can also find useful resources on the following sites,
<https://www.learnghaelic.net/>
<https://www.fluentin3months.com/scottish-gaelic/>
<https://go-gaelic.scot/>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/GaelicwithJason>

Castles Of Scotland

Name: Dunrobin Castle
Location: Sutherland, Highlands
Year Built: 1401
Clan Affiliation: Sutherland



Dunrobin was not the first castle to be on this site, with records showing another being here in 1235, on top of a medieval fort. This one, however, was unusual for its time, as its floors were supported by stone vault ceiling rather than the normal wood.

The castle moved into the possession of the Gordons in 1514, through marriage, rather than battle or forfeiture. Though not all Sutherlands were happy with the arrangement, which was made worse when the head of the family died. His sons actually attempted to reverse the wedding. Infighting continued for over 50 years, with the murder of the 11th Earl - an unsuccessful attempt to change the lineage.

The 17th century was a more peaceful time, with the castle undergoing an expansion, which saw a new house built within the courtyard. The final Jacobite uprising in 1745, saw the Laird fleeing the castle grounds as Charles Stuart stormed Dunrobin. A supporter of the British Government, he fled to Aberdeen until the rebellion was quelled.

The late 18th century saw more improvements, before the final changes in the mid 19th century which saw the final phase of converting a castle stronghold into a stately home. WWI saw the castle being used as a naval hospital but, after the war, the downturn in the economy led to job losses and deterioration of the estate. The 1960's was a brief period where it became a boarding school for boys until the family reverted this to a home in 1973, when they opened

the grounds and part of the castle to the public, which people can still visit to this day.

Distilleries Of Scotland

Name: Glenburgie
Location: Alvez, Moray
Whisky Region: Speyside
Whisky Type: Single Malt, Blended
Website: <https://www.ballantines.com/en/>



The first distillery on this site was called Kilnflat, and began production, albeit illegally, in 1810. Nineteen years later, it "appeared" after receiving an official license. Unfortunately, financial troubles saw the site close in 1870, but came back to life in 1878, with a new owner and the Glenburgie name. The next four years saw the property change hands twice.

Alexander Fraser & Co provided a more stable time, with them running the distillery for over 40 years. The effects of WWI and a poor economy led to the business going into liquidation in 1925, with Glenburgie closing two years later. A new owner came along in 1930, and had the first female manager of a distillery, Margaret Nichol, run the site.

Hiram Walker, famous for their Canadian Club brand, bought the property, as well as the nearby Milnorduff, in 1936, before acquiring Ballantine's one year later. Both these distilleries became the backbone of the Ballantine's name and continue to this day. As the brand strengthened, so did interest, with Allied Lyons buying out the company. Production ended in 2000, which saw the site being demolished and rebuilt with new stills in 2004. Pernod Ricard acquired the brand in a takeover the next year, and added two extra stills. 2017 saw the launch of their Glenburgie 15-yr-old under the Ballantine's name. It is said Glenburgie sightings are as rare as the Loch Ness Monster, so if you see one, take a picture or, better yet, buy it!

Just For Fun

Are our Scottish trivia questions making y'all more knowledgeable? I certainly hope so! How did you do with last month's teasers?

1. Which Scottish band sent a "Letter from America" in 1987? *The Proclaimers*
2. Which city was once renowned for "Jute, jam and journalism"? *Dundee*
3. What burn (creek) runs through the old golf course at St. Andrews? *Swilken Burn*
4. Marti Pellow was the lead singer for which Scottish band? *Wet, Wet, Wet*
5. Which fictional doctor had his surgery/office at Arden House in Tannochbrae? *Dr Finlay*

Now for this month's questions

1. King Bridei III, of the Picts, led an attack on which "foreign" region?
2. Which Scottish sportsperson was born in Glasgow in 1987, although he is most associated with Dunblane?
3. The vacuum flask was invented by which Scottish scientist?
4. Which island is sometimes referred to as "Scotland in miniature"?
5. Where in Orkney did the Germans scuttle their High Seas fleet in June 1919?

I'm Fixin' To

When you live in Louisiana you know that a favorite topic here is either eating, talking about eating, or talking about eating while eating, and not necessarily talking about what you're eating!

Barley Pudding

Barley crops up in a number of Scottish traditional recipes, ranging from barley bannocks to malt whisky. Barley provides a distinctive flavor which comes through in this simple recipe.



Ingredients:

8 ounces (225g or a generous US cupful) barley

3 ounces (75g or one-third cup) currants

3 ounces (75g or one-third cup) raisins

4¼ cups of water

Pinch of salt

Caster (superfine) sugar and single (light) cream to serve

Method:

Mix the barley and water in a heavy-based saucepan and bring slowly to the boil. Simmer for one-and-a-half hours, stirring occasionally.

Add the currants, raisins and salt and simmer for another 15 minutes.

Serve sprinkled with caster (superfine) sugar and the cream.

We hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter. Our aim is to educate and entertain, as well as keep our members informed and up-to-date on all things Scottish.

If you have any news or items you would like included in the newsletter, then you can contact me at shawfield27@gmail.com. It can be anything at all, but should have a Scottish element, or be related to a member. If there are other items you would like to see in the newsletter, then please let me know.

Tioraidh an-dràsta!

(Chee-ree an draa-sta)

(Bye just now)