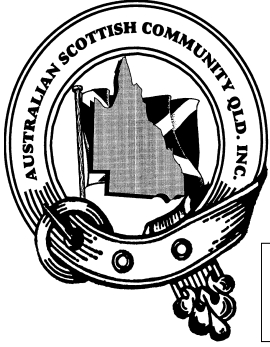


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NEWS FROM HAME

Edinburgh Airport Now Scotland's Busiest

Until now, Glasgow Airport handled more passengers each year than any other air terminal in Scotland. But the Edinburgh hub has been growing at a faster rate than Glasgow, which suffers from its location to the west of the city, making access from the rest of Scotland more difficult, and competition from Prestwick airport in Ayrshire. Overall, Edinburgh's traffic is growing at nearly 5% a year, but Glasgow's is shrinking by 0.7%.

The latest figures for the twelve months to the end of November show that for the first time Edinburgh carried more passengers than its rival in the west. Glasgow is still Scotland's biggest international gateway despite a decline in recent years in charter holiday flights. A major part of that market has moved to low-cost budget carriers such as easyJet, Flyglobespan and Ryanair.

Appeal for Black Watch Memorial Funds

A campaign was launched this week to restore and repair the Black Watch Memorial at The Mound in Edinburgh. The monument depicts a Highland soldier with rifle and bayonet and displays the names of members of the regiment who fell during the Boer War. It was commissioned by the Black Watch on a site donated by Bank of Scotland in 1906. In addition to dealing with decades of weathering, the plan is to replace missing features such as the soldier's bayonet. The cost of the renovation work is a modest £15,000 and Bank of Scotland is contributing £5,000 to give the project a flying start.

Edinburgh Tattoo Tickets On Sale

Although details of who will be performing will not be available until next summer, tickets for next year's Edinburgh Military Tattoo are going on sale via the Internet and by post on 10 December, nine months before the event begins. The performances in 2008 are from 1st to 23rd August. Tickets for the 2007 event sold out in January, so clearly there is plenty of demand. The 58th Edinburgh Military Tattoo, held on Edinburgh Castle's Esplanade in August 2007,

involved 500 musicians, 200 dancers, 35 motorcyclists and 30 horses.

Scots love New York

The weak dollar and availability of more flights between Scotland and North America has meant that a record number of Scots have been flying to New York from Edinburgh and Glasgow. New York is now the number one long-haul destination from Scotland, with a total of 50,000 passengers going there in October and November, according to the airport operator BAA. The exchange rate of over \$2 to the pound means that shoppers can combine a holiday with some bargain shopping. Price comparisons published in newspapers show that it is possible to buy some digital cameras £130 cheaper than in Scotland while iPhones were £76 cheaper and iPods cost £54 less. Passenger numbers could rise even further next year when Delta airlines launches daily Edinburgh-Newark flights next May, after scrapping its Edinburgh-Atlanta route in October.

Fort George under attack

Fort George, ten miles west of Inverness, was completed in 1769 as a defence against further attacks by the Jacobites, following the uprising led by Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745/46. It never was used for that purpose, but in recent years it has come under increasing attack - from the sea. Situated on a promontory jutting into the Moray Firth, the beach around the fortification is being eroded, allowing waves to crash into its walls.

A plan has been formulated to try to halt the declining beach level. It involves strategically positioning several thousand stones from a local quarry, each weighing up to a tonne in weight, along the sands. Historic Scotland describe the measures as "rock armour" designed to take the energy out of the waves and reduce the impact when they reach the walls of the fort. The walls are having to be repaired - using lime mortar as in the original construction.

GREAT SCOTTISH ENTERTAINERS

Lonnie Donegan

Lonnie Donegan MBE (29 April 1931 – 3 November 2002) was a skiffle musician, possibly the most famous of them all, with more than 20 UK Top 30 hits to his name. He is also known as the King of Skiffle and is often cited as a large influence on the generation of British musicians who became famous in the 1960s.

He was born **Anthony James Donegan** in Bridgeton, Glasgow, Scotland, the son of a professional violinist. He moved with his mother to East Ham, Essex at an early age, after his parents divorced. Inspired by blues music and New Orleans jazz bands he heard on the radio, he resolved to learn the guitar, and bought his first at the age of fourteen.

Lena Zavaroni

Lena Zavaroni was a Scottish child singer (November 4, 1963 - October 1, 1999). With her album *Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me* at ten years of age, she is the youngest person in history who has had an album in UK album chart top ten. She died at the age of 35 after a long battle with anorexia nervosa.

Lena grew up in the small town of Rothesay on the Isle of Bute with musical parents. Father Victor Zavaroni played the guitar, mother Hilda sang, and Lena herself sang from the age of two. Her Italian surname came from her immigrant grandfather.

In 1974 she appeared on Hughie Green's *Opportunity Knocks* and won the show for a record-breaking five weeks running.. She followed this with the album *Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me*, a collection of classic and then-recent pop standards which reached #8 in the UK album chart. At 10 years, 146 days old, Zavaroni is still the youngest person to have an album in the top 10 and was also the youngest person to appear on the BBC's *Top of the Pops*.

Zavaroni also sang at a Hollywood charity show with Frank Sinatra and Lucille Ball in 1974, at which Ball commented, "You're special. Very special and very, very good," although some sources attribute the words to Sinatra. Following this, Zavaroni guest-starred on *The Carol Burnett Show*. She also appeared in the *Morecambe and Wise Show*, the 1976 *Royal Variety Show* and performed at the White House for US President Gerald Ford. "Ma! He's Making Eyes at Me," originally an Eddie Cantor song from 1921, became her only US chart record when it reached #91 during a four-week run on the Billboard Hot 100 in the summer of 1974.

While attending London's Italia Conti Academy stage school, Lena met and became long-term friends with child star Bonnie Langford. The two starred in the TV show *Lena and Bonnie*.

Between 1980 and 1982, Lena had her own TV series on the BBC, *Lena Zavaroni and Music*, which featured singing and dancing, and included guests such as Spike Milligan and Les Dawson.

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Onward, the sailors cry.
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.

Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar.
Thunderclaps rend the air,
Baffled, our foes stand by the shore,
Follow they will not dare.

Chorus

Though the waves leap, soft shall ye sleep,
Ocean's a royal bed.
Rocked in the deep Flora will keep
Watch by your weary head.

Chorus

Many's the lad fought on that day
Well the claymore could wield
When the night came silently lay
Dead on Culloden's field.

Chorus

Burned are our homes, exile and death
Scatter the loyal men;
Yet, ere the sword cool in the sheath,
Charlie will come again.

Chorus

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Christmas Party 2007

The Christmas Party held on 16 December at the Toowong Community Rooms was well-attended by members and a few visitors. Our thanks go to Bruce Mitchell of *Scotch on the Rocks* for his excellent work on the keyboard, Brian Bisset for his voice and MC ing, *Gaelic Dream* for providing the sound system and their normal high class performance, Hilda Maclean for her magic harp, Jan Morrison and Tom Hamill for their cheerful singing and Ken McMillan for his great piping. It was enjoyed by all and we thank them heartily. Barbeque fare provided by Aussie-Scots was followed by a delectable range of desserts brought along by members. After lunch, everyone was in fine voice joining in the singing of Christmas carols and Scottish songs after some encouragement from Crystal.

It was good to see Chris Dixon able to attend.

Many thanks to Ben Power for his hard work in cooking the barbeque to feed the masses and Vic and Jeanette Haselich, Jan Morrison who with Margaret Campbell and others attended to the indoor foodstuffs.

Ian Campbell thanked all who attended and the entertainers for an enjoyable event. He also thanked all who provided desserts and especially those involved in the setting up and the clean up afterwards. A special award goes to Vic Haselich for getting three carloads of artifacts into one car and conjuring a vanishing act to Jeanette. When we last saw Jeanette on that day it was just a wrist and hand waving from amongst a pile of bags.

We had three raffles and a lucky door prize. Thanks goes to June Ryan and Tom Hamill for selling the tickets.

A big thank you to all who have helped over the year from the management committees and if we have missed anyone, our sincere apologies.

Editor

SCOTTISH BRAGGING PAGE

ROBERT ADAM

Son of an architect, Robert Adam and his three brothers (John, James and William) all followed in their father's footsteps. Robert was able to travel in Europe on a "Grand Tour" which was to greatly influence his architectural style. Contemporaries in Edinburgh were philosopher David Hume and economist Adam Smith.

Robert and James set up a practice in London in 1758, developing there an integrated style, an elegant sense of proportion and unified facades such as in Portland Place and the Adelphi. In 1762 Robert Adam was appointed as a royal architect and became the most fashionable architect in England. He had a great impact on interior design with elaborate plaster work and neo-classical figures.

Adam spent the last ten years of his life in Scotland where he influenced the design of the New Town, Edinburgh, particularly in the wonderful Charlotte Square (illustrated here) and also Register House and the Old College of Edinburgh University. A high point in Robert's work was Culzean Castle for the Earl of Cassilis. Robert Adam is buried in Westminster Abbey.

That great Highland philosopher, Lachlan McLachlan, propounded a number of irrefutable laws of life, the universe and everything, usually after a "bevvy" in the Auchenshuggle Arms on a Saturday night. Here is another example: "Middle age is when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise."



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JOHN LOGIE BAIRD

Born in Helensburgh (there is a bust of Baird on the waterfront there - see above), Baird studied electrical engineering at the Glasgow Royal College of Technology (now Strathclyde University). He suffered from ill health and could not obtain regular employment so he turned to invention. An early failure was trying to make synthetic diamonds. For a time he worked in the USA, where a jam-making enterprise also failed.

Baird started work on the transmission of pictures and in 1925 he constructed a 30-line system using a mechanical scanner with a spinning disc. He demonstrated this to members of the Royal Institute on 26 January 1926. He transmitted pictures across the Atlantic in 1928. He started the first TV station in the world and provided broadcasts for the BBC, including the first outside broadcast of the Derby horse race in 1931.

A poor businessman, he did not have enough capital to develop his company and turned down an offer of £100,000 for his invention, saying he could not sleep at night with that amount of money. Meantime, the cathode-ray tube system was being developed by Marconi and the BBC adopted the rival system in 1937. But he continued to develop new sound and vision systems including high definition colour and stereoscopic television and a "phonovision" system recording video on a disc storage system, a fore-runner of compact discs. During the Second World War he was involved in the development of radar and fibre optics.

Modern Art

Visiting the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow, a lady from Kelvinside turned to an attendant standing nearby. "This," she said disapprovingly, "I suppose, is one of those hideous representations you call modern art?" "No, Madam," replied the attendant. "That one's called a mirror."

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Plans for "Iconic" New Forth Road Bridge

Scotland's biggest construction project for a generation, costing between £3.25 billion and £4.22 billion, has been announced by the Scottish Government's Finance Minister. The decision brings to an end speculation about a possible tunnel under the river Forth. A new crossing is needed because the cables on the present bridge (opened only in 1964) have corroded and there is a prospect of it having to be closed to heavy vehicles by 2013 and all traffic by 2019. The proposed new bridge will have three pylons or towers, with cables running from these supporting the decks. This was estimated to be the cheapest option, as well as one of the quickest to build. Even so, construction will take at least five and a half years. It will run from the northern shore, just west of the existing road bridge, to a point west of South Queensferry. In addition to lanes for cars and trucks, there will be dedicated lanes for public transport.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 19th January Wellers Hill, QLD - Burns Supper Night Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Night at Wellers Hill Bowls Club. Info 07 3369 2232

Saturday 19th January Irish Pipe Band Burns Supper, Irish Club. Contact Rowena on 3369 4014 or Mavis on 3849 8271

Sunday 20th January Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary.

Sunday 20th January Redlands Pipe Bands Burns Supper 7 for 7.30pm start. Info 3207 0928

Friday, 25th January. Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band invites you to join us for an evening of traditional Scottish dishes and culture at our Burns Supper Dance (7. 30 P.M Start) at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cnr., Bloomfield St., & Russell St., Cleveland. Bookings are essential through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783. A licensed bar will be open. No B. Y. O is permitted.

Saturday 26th January Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland Burns Night dinner dance Southern Cross Sporting Club Klumpp Rd (Cnr Logan Rd) Upper Mt Gravatt 7-7.30pm 32009536 Ern Thompson

Sunday 17th February Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Sunday 9th March Ormiston House Highland Celtic Day, gates open 10.30 to 4 entry \$5 adults \$1 children Devonshire teas \$4 contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Saturday 15th March Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band in the evening at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cnr., Bloomfield St., & Russell St., Cleveland. You don't have to be Irish to participate in the Wearing of the Green, easy reels and jigs to live music, a taste of Guinness Beer and an Irish Blessing or two. You can sit back and enjoy the displays of traditional Irish dancing by the Jill Dobbs School of Dancing and the pipes and drums by the host band. No B. Y. O is permitted. Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783.

Sunday 16th March Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

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11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Sunday 11th May Ormiston House Heritage Day & Mother's Day combined contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Saturday 24th May Q I A Pipe Band Debutante Ball. Contact Rowena on 3369 4014 or Mavis on 3849 8271.

Saturday, 21st June The glamour and glitz of a Highland Debutante Ball hosted by the Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band will once again be offered to the young ladies of the Redland Shire. in the air conditioned comfort of the Redlands Sporting Club (Anson Rd., Wellington Point). Tickets can be booked now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783

Sunday 29th June Ormiston House Camelia Day contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 27th July Ormiston House Rolls Royce Concours de Elegance contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 6th July Tartan Day at South Bank Cultural Forecourt.

Sunday 10th August Ormiston House Mercedes Benz Day contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Sunday 31st August Ormiston House Spring Garden Party contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Saturday 4th October Ormiston House Music beneath the stars contact Meg O'Driscoll on 38241285

Saturday, 25th Oct. Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band invites you to celebrate the Celtic tradition of Halloween in costume-(optional); dance; fun & games; treats and much more at the Thornlands Dance Palais Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783. Scare you later!

Saturday 29th Nov Join us to celebrate St. Andrew's Day in the relaxed atmosphere of a concert at the Redlands Sporting Club (Anson Rd., Wellington Point). The evening will include a great flow of traditional Scottish entertainment & of course the serving of Haggis. Book now through Joy on 3207 0928 or Enid on 3286 2783



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