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PLEASE REMEMBER 2ND SATURDAY IN JULY IS TARTAN DAY THIS YEAR

Ted & Val Ebb both received an award at the 2015 PAN CELTIC DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT held at the Easts League Club at Coorparoo on the 11th April for their involvement in the Scottish Community for over 20 years. Congratulations Ted and Val from the Aussie Scots



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L to R

Edward Ebb D.Ua Scottish Community Valerie Ebb D.Ua Scottish Community
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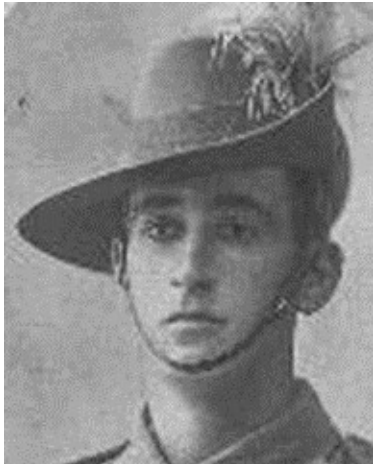
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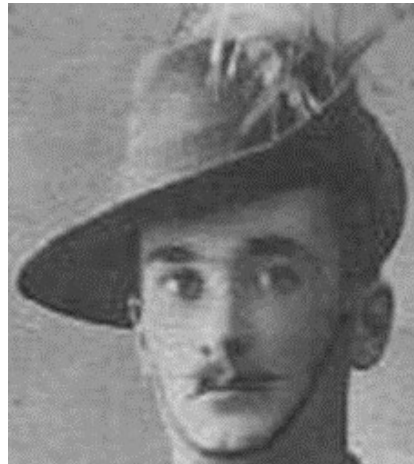
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B EDINBURGH SCOTLAND
DIED BRISBANE 9/7/1920 AS A RESULT
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WILLIAM CARSON GILCHRIST
B RENFREW, SCOTLAND
DIED UK 23/10/1917 AS A RESULT
OF WAR INJURIES



ALEXANDER McCOWAN
B PERTH, SCOTLAND
DIED CALOUNDRA 9/2/1916



PETER McCOWAN
B PERTH, SCOTLAND
DIED BRISBANE 1962



ROBERT SUMMERS GILES
B ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND
KIA FRANCE 30/5/1918



JOHN McCREADIE
B NEWTON-ON-AYR, SCOTLAND
KIA 10/7/1917 BELGIUM



JOHN MCGHIE
B GLASGOW, SCOTLAND
DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED AT
GALLIPOLI 12/5/1915



JOHN McDONALD
B APPLECROSS, SCOTLAND
HOSPITALISED RTA 5/1/1919





Scots in the AIF



JOHN McINTOSH '5709'
B BROXBURN, SCOTLAND
DIED OF WOUNDS 6/5/1917



ARCHIBALD McKELLAR
B PERTHSHIRE, SCOTLAND
KIA 29/9/1918 FRANCE



THOMAS McKELLAR
B STIRLING, SCOTLAND
RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA 1919



ALEXANDER McLEOD
B MILIVARY, SCOTLAND
WOUNDED GALLIPOLI
RTN AUSTRALIA 1915



JAMES McMANUS
B HAMILTON, SCOTLAND
KIA 8/8/1918 FRANCE



HERBERT STUART NAIRNE 9TH BATT
B ANNESLAND SCOTLAND
WOUNDED GALLIPOLI APRIL 1915
RTN TO AUSTRALIA 5/7/1915



LIEUT. GEORGE SIDNEY DODDS 41ST BATT
B EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
DIED OF WOUNDS 29/9/1918



WILLIAM DONALDSON 25TH BATT
B LOCHEW, SCOTLAND
KIA 27/12/1916 FRANCE



SGT. PETER DRUMMOND 15TH BATT
B BALQUHIDDER, SCOTLAND
WOUNDED MESSINES 1917
RTN TO AUSTRALIA AUGUST 1918



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Saints Preserve Us!

Legend tells us that a Scottish queen was given a ring by her husband. But she gave it to a handsome soldier and the king found out. He came across the soldier asleep by a river bank, took the ring, threw it in the water and challenged his wife to produce the ring. St Mungo, who was to become the patron saint of Glasgow, miraculously returned the ring by catching the right salmon and finding it in its stomach. The arms of the City of Glasgow now include a salmon with a ring in its mouth.

Foretelling the Future

There is a long tradition of claims to be able to foretell the future and having the ability to have Second Sight. The most famous of these, was Coinneach Odhar, better known as the Brahan Seer, some of whose visions for the future are said to have come to pass. He foretold the site of the Battle of Culloden, the construction of the Caledonian Canal and the doom of the Mackenzies of Seaforth while the "black rain" on Aberdeen is said by some to be the coming of the oil industry. But his fame rests on a best-selling book by Alexander Mackenzie published in 1877 and there is little historical evidence for the seer or his prophecies!

Thomas of Ercildoune lived in the Scottish Borders 700 years ago. He lived near the Eildon Hills - where Michael Scot the Wizard instructed three imps to split the single hill into three (it is actually one hill with three peaks). Thomas is supposed to have met the Fairy Queen in the Eildon Hills and she made him to go to Fairyland for three years. On his return he had the gift of poetry and prophecy and usually made his prophecies in rhymes, similar to the more well known Nostradamus. He thus became more popularly known as Thomas the Rhymer. He is credited with predicting the Union of the Crowns which came to pass in 1603. One of his rhymes was "Tide, tide, whate'er betide, There'll aye be Haigs at Bemersyde". The Haigs did indeed last at Bemersyde in the Borders for many centuries but the line died out in the 19th Century. It looked as though the prophecy had failed - until a grateful nation bought Bemersyde for the World War I leader, Earl Haig - a distant relation.

Castles with Ghosts

Buildings with long histories tend to collect legends and stories like the moss on their stonework. There have usually been some dire deeds carried out within their walls which give rise to tales of ghosts and tortured spirits still, occasionally, to be seen walking (or floating) around. Scottish castles are no exception. Haunted Castles of Scotland provides an comprehensive selection but here are a few for starters:

Borthwick Castle, Lothian - an apparition of Mary Queen of Scots, dressed as a page boy, is said to appear; she escaped from Borthwick Castle in 1567 in a similar disguise.

Braemar Castle - said to be haunted by a blonde haired, pretty girl, possibly a newly married bride who committed suicide because she thought her husband had abandoned her. (A sighting of her was reported in 1987). The spirit of John Farquharson of Inverey is also around - he is known as the "Black Colonel".

Castle Fraser - a young woman who was murdered in the castle in the 19th century and dragged down the stairs before being buried. Her blood on the stairs could not be removed.

Cawdor Castle, Invernesshire - the ghost of a lady in a blue velvet dress has been sighted and so has John Campbell, 1st Lord Cawdor.

Corgarff Castle - ghostly screams have been heard in the castle, but nobody has hazarded a guess at who, or what, is making them.

Craigievar Castle - the ghost here is of one of the Gordon family who was murdered by being pushed out of one of the windows of the castle.

Culzean Castle, Ayrshire - a ghostly piper is heard when a Kennedy is getting married (the castle used to be a Kennedy stronghold). Another ghost seen here include a young woman dressed in a ball gown.

Edinburgh Castle - needless to say many ghosts have been reported here, including a headless drummer (seen in 1960), a ghostly piper and one of the dogs buried in the pet's cemetery in the castle.

Eilean Donan Castle, Wester Ross - A Spanish soldier, killed in the castle or in a nearby battle is said to haunt the castle. And one of the bedrooms is haunted by a Lady Mary.

Kellie Castle - The spirit of Anne Erskine who fell from one of the upstairs windows is said to haunt a spiral staircase in the castle.

Skibo Castle - although the present castle was built as recently as the 19th century, it is on the site of much earlier buildings. A ghost of a young girl used to haunt old castle. Bones were later found in the castle walls and once they had been buried, the hauntings were never seen again.

Stirling Castle - Mary Queen of Scots appears here again - in the guise of the "Pink Lady". There is also a "Green Lady" who appears as an omen of bad news (green is an unlucky colour in Celtic mythology).





Mythical Objects

Many objects, other than castles, have accumulated their share of myths and legends. Some like the Grave Slabs and Pictish Stones and Stone Circles and Cairns have been around for a long time - well over 2,000 years. In particular, Megalithic Mysteries - Stones of Scotland is an excellent collection of photographs of standing stones and megalithic remains, emphasising the mystical aspects of these reminders of the ancient inhabitants of Scotland.

The Fairy Flag of Dunvegan associated with Clan MacLeod is said to be a scrap of cloth torn from the dress of a fairy who had married a chieftain of the MacLeods but had to leave mortal life after twenty years of marriage. Also at Dunvegan Castle is "Rory Mor's Horn" from which a new chief must drink a bottle and a half of claret in one go! According to the guide book for the castle, the present chief achieved this - in under two minutes!

Legend has it that the Stone of Destiny, or Stone of Scone, was used by Jacob in Israel and was brought to Scotland via Ireland. It was used by the kings of Dalriada at their coronations and was taken to Scone around 840AD. King Edward I removed it to London in 1296 and it was placed under the throne in Westminster Abbey. It was returned to Edinburgh Castle in 1996.

The "Curse of Scotland" is the name given to a playing card, the nine of diamonds. The Duke of Cumberland is said to have scribbled the order to give "no quarter" on such a card before the Battle of Culloden. Others say that the derivation is from the coat of arms of John Dalrymple, 1st Earl of Stair who signed the order for the Glencoe Massacre.

And finally, no overview of Scotland's myths and legends would be complete without the Legend of Nessie! As mentioned earlier, he/she/it was first spotted by St Columba in 565AD but most of the sightings have been in the last 100 years. Perhaps this is due to the greater number of people looking out for the monster or perhaps it is due to the growth in the Scottish tourist industry? But Nessie is now so up to date that she now has her own Internet Diary!

Tam turned up at the local pub with his arm in a sling. His pals asked what had happened and he replied *"If you must know, it got broken while I was fighting for a lassie's honour."* His pals were impressed until he went on to say *"Aye, she wanted to keep it."*

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"We only switch the telly on once over Christmas.... we'd better switch it off when we get to New Year's Day though!"

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This one combines the Scots characteristics of reticence and understatement:

Two brothers worked a croft together. One day the youngest brother went out into the world. After twelve years he was back again. The elder brother asked: "Whar are thoo been?" His brother answered: "Oot!"

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A group of Boy Scouts went camping in the West Highlands. As the sun went down on the first day, the midges appeared, biting and tickling despite everything the lads could do to stop them. Then, as it grew darker, some glow-worms appeared. *It's not fair!"* shouted a harassed Scout. *"They've got searchlight support."*

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The old soldier was reminiscing to his grandchildren about his wartime experiences with the Gordon Highlanders. *"Yes, I fought in Africa, Italy and Germany. I fought with Montgomery, I fought with Wavell and I fought with Alexander."* His granddaughter looked up and said *"Couldn't you get on with anybody, Grandad?"*

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Sadie called her cat Ben - until it had kittens when she changed the name to Ben Hur.

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"I've just washed my kilt and I can't do a fling with it."

Dugald was asked the perennial question *Is anything worn under your kilt?* to which he replied *No. Everything is in perfect working order."*

Two fishermen, out on a loch one Sunday heard the church bells in the distance. Alex said *We really should be at church.* 'to which Jamie replied *I couldn't have gone today anyway. I've got the wife sick in bed."*

The accountant ordered a pint of beer and the barman pushed it across to him. *Do you think you could get a nip of whisky in that?* asked the accountant. *Certainly, sir,* said the barman. *In that case,* said the accountant, *perhaps you would just top it up with beer?"*

A dog ran into a butcher shop in Dundee and grabbed some sirloin steak off the counter. But the butcher recognized the dog as belonging to a neighbor of his - who happened to be a lawyer. The butcher called up his neighbour and said, *"If your dog stole steak from my butcher shop, would you be liable for the cost of the meat?"* The lawyer replied, *Of course, how much was the sirloin?"* The butcher replied *"Seven pounds."* A few days later the butcher received a check in the mail for seven pounds - and an invoice that read *"Legal Consultation Service: 150 pounds."*



Beginners Scottish Gaelic Class 2015

Location:

Brisbane Square Library

266 George Street

Brisbane 4000

Community Meeting Room (Ground Level).

There are tea/coffee making facilities in the community room, just bring along a tea/coffee bag. Some people find the parking expensive.

To cut down on expense, some drive to a suitable train station and then catch the train to Central Station and walk up the Mall to the library.

Contact: Diane Lingard (07) 3269 1761/0407 158 781

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The classes are designed for people with no exposure to the Gaelic who would like to be able to use some Gaelic phrases and make a little conversation in the language.

This is an initiative of the Scottish Gaelic Association of Australia

SEE DATES AND TIMES BELOW

(4th Sunday of month)

Beginners: 10:30am - 12noon

2PM

22 March, 2015

Continuing: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

24 May, 2015

26 July, 2015

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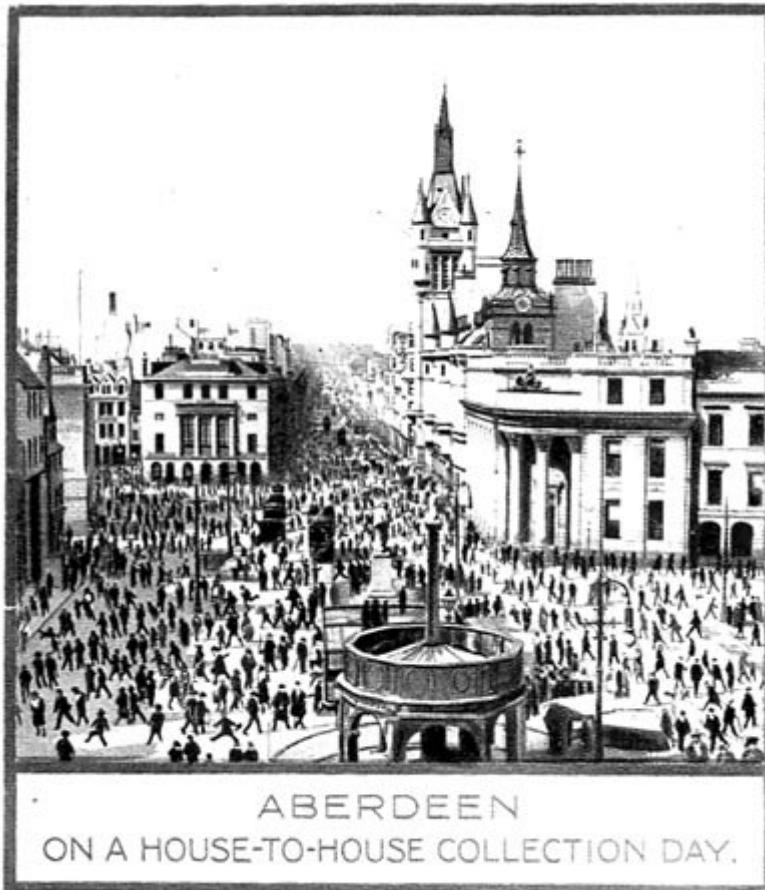
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WHAT DID YOU SAY DEAR ?, YOU'VE JUST
TRIPPED OVER THE COOKING FAT.



I don't understand it? . We move from Glasgow to
London and yet we've still got the same milk man.



Donald hadn't come across his friend Sandy since the Wedding Day, now six months past, and at last they met in Union Street. "Weel, Sandy," said Donald, "and hoo are ye likin' merried life?" "No' bad," replied Sandy, "but she's aye ask, ask, askin' for money!" "Hoo much hae ye gi'en her?" "Nane as yet."

Glasgow teachers are known to use the following translations for the remarks they make on pupils' report cards:

"A born leader" - *Runs a protection racket*
 "Easy-going" - *Bone idle*
 "Good progress" - *You should have seen him a year ago*
 "Friendly" - *Never shuts up*
 "Helpful" - *A creep*
 "Reliable" - *Inform on his friends*
 "Expresses himself confidently" - *Impertinent*
 "Enjoys physical education" - *A bully*
 "Does not accept authority easily" - *Dad is in prison*
 "Often appears tired" - *Stays up all night watching television*
 "A rather solitary child" - *He smells*
 "Popular in the playground" - *Sells pornography*

"Heaven seems vera little improvement on Glesca" a Glasgow man is said to have murmured after his death to a friend who had predeceased him. "Man, this is not Heaven," the other replied.

SINGLE, PLEASE!



The only plumber in Glasgow to charge reasonable fees died and was sent to Hell by mistake. Eventually it was realised in Heaven that there was an honest Glaswegian plumber in the wrong place so Saint Peter telephoned (on the hot line) to Satan.

"Have you got an honest plumber there?"

"Yes."

"He's ours, so can you send him up?"

"You can't have him!"

"Why not?"

"Because he's the only one who understands air conditioning. It's really cool down here now."

"Send him up at once," shouted Saint Peter, "or we'll sue."

"You'll sue?" laughed the voice at the other end. "And where will you get hold of a lawyer in Heaven?"

Jimmy was walking across the suspension bridge on the Clyde when he saw a man about to jump into the water. Jimmy tried to stop him by suggesting he should think of his family. *I dinna have a family*'was the response. *Well, think about Rangers*'but the man was not a Rangers supporter. *Well think about Celtic then.* But he was not a Celtic supporter either. *Och in that case,* said Jimmy, *Jump, ye atheist.*

How do you know when you're staying in Glasgow? When you call the hotel desk and say *"I've gotta leak in my sink"* and the response is *"Go ahead."*

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## DIARY DATES 2015

**Sunday 17th May 2015** Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IT WILL BE THE SECOND SUNDAY FOR THIS MEETING DUE TO A BOOKING CLASH**

**Second Sunday 14th June 2015** Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

## 19th Tartan Day 2015

**Saturday 11th July King George Square**

**Please note 2nd Saturday not 1st as usual**

**Fourth Sunday 26th July 2015** Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

**Fourth Sunday 23rd August 2015** Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, Josling St, Toowong. Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, 12 mid-day BYO lunch. Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary 0435 326 206

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