



The Flag from Fort McHenry (photo courtesy bibliophemera)

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HAPPY 4TH TO ALL!

We celebrate our independence from England and King George III on the 4th of July. However, historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on 4 July, even though Jefferson, Adams and Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on 2 August 1776. Whatever is true, we celebrate on the 4th and that is that!

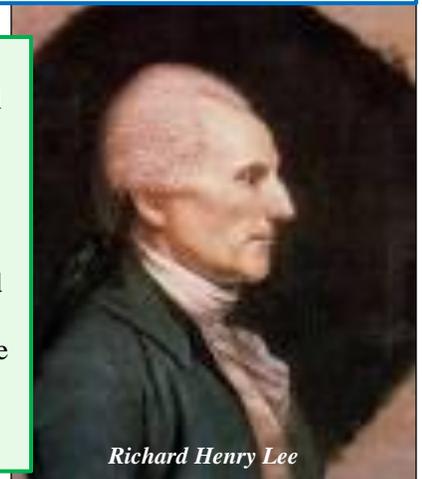
On another note, by a remarkable coincidence, Jefferson and Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: 4 July 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. And, although not a signatory, James Monroe, elected as President, also died on 4 July 1831 making him the third President who died on the anniversary of our independence. The only U.S. President born on the 4th of July was Calvin Coolidge in 1872.

Did you know that Richard Henry Lee, Founding Father from Virginia and 6th President of Congress in 1784, penned the Lee resolution which was the formal assertion passed by the Second Continental Congress on 2 July 1776 which resolved that the 13 colonies in America were “free and independent states separated from the British Empire” and creating what became the United States of America and led to the Declaration of Independence which he signed.

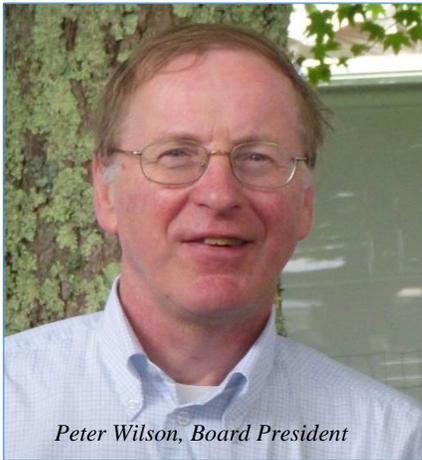
One of the first readings of the Declaration to the British is believed to have taken place at the Rose and Crown Tavern on Staten Island, NY in the presence of General Howe.

After hearing the Declaration, crowds in many cities tore down and destroyed signs and statues representing royal authority. A statue of King George in NYC was pulled down and the lead used to make musket balls!

Richard Henry Lee



LETTER FROM SCOTTISH HERITAGE'S PRESIDENT



Peter Wilson, Board President

As we seem to be nearing the end of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we hope you are all doing well.

You have probably received at least one issue of “Scotland” by now as a replacement for the now defunct “Highlander”. We hope that you are enjoying the new magazine with its stunning pictures and interesting articles. We have had a few glitches with the turnover and hope that your issues are being delivered efficiently.

Owing to the pandemic crisis, travel to Scotland has been curtailed and the National Trust sites have been closed. We are hopeful that travel will get back to normal soon and members can take advantage of the huge savings in free admissions, parking and gift shopping. You can still take advantage of the gift shops on-line at nts.org.uk. In the meantime, don't forget that there are National Preservation sites here in the US that are open for visiting. You can see a list of these sites and pictures at:

<https://savingplaces.org/collections/distinctive-destinations-national-trust-historic-sites>.

We will be in full force at Grandfather Mountain Games and hope to see many of you there. I first visited the Games in July 1976 and having visited many other Games throughout the U.S. I can honestly say the location and ambience of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games beats them all. We will hold our informal reception on Sunday evening at the Eseeola Pool House. Tickets are available now on our website (www.scottishheritageusa.org) \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. We appreciate your purchasing tickets in advance. However, they will be available at the Games or at the door. It's a great way to end the weekend and say a fond fare well to good friends until we aye came again.

The campaign to create an endowment of a Scottish Gaelic Studies chair at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill took a back burner due to the pandemic but we are imminently planning to engage the services of a professional fund-raising company. We need to raise \$3 million within the next 3 years but the funds may be eligible for a 2 for 1 matching program offered by the State of North Carolina. We will continue to keep you posted regarding these plans.



SOME THINGS SCOTS SEE AS NORMAL BUT THE REST OF THE WORLD DEEMS SLIGHTLY WEIRD:

- Calling soft drinks juice. If someone offers you a glass of juice, you may want to check to see what they really mean
- Square sausages and triangular potato scones – geometric shapes for breakfast
- Ceilidhs or wild dance brawls - as one high schooler Dayna McAlpine tweeted “I have left all my non-scottish pals mindblown that PE at Christmas was country dancing – just jiggling about and hurling each other around a hall....”
- Singing Loch Lomond at the end of every wedding
- At a certain age certain age, many Scots suddenly just take up hill walking: Hangovers, early mornings and the thought of strenuous exercise - nothing seems to be able to put Scots off a spot of Munro-bagging when the notion takes them.
- Don't mess with Irn-Bru – there was almost a national day of mourning when Barr's removed some of the sugar content from their original Irn-Bru recipe.
- In Scotland, its customary to try and fit a full meal in a pie – for instance the delightful Macaroni Pie or Haggis Pakora and then there is the favorite – Irn-Bru pulled pork.
- And of course, Hogmanay is more important than Christmas. The fact that Christmas was technically banned in Scotland for almost 400 years has meant that Hogmanay has become the pre-eminent holiday for many Scots.



PRE-HISTORIC CARVINGS FOUND IN SCOTTISH TOMB

Delicate prehistoric carvings of adult red deer, thought to be the oldest of their type in the UK, have been found in a tomb in one of Scotland's most famous Neolithic sites.

The carvings, which depict two male red deer with full-grown antlers and several thought to be young deer, were discovered by chance in Kilmartin Glen in Argyll, home to one of the UK's richest accumulations of Neolithic and bronze age sites.

Archaeologists estimate the carvings are between 4,000 and 5,000 years old, a period which spans the Neolithic and early bronze age and are the first in the UK located alongside prehistoric cup and ring markings found throughout Kilmartin Glen.

The carving was found by Hamish Fenton an amateur archaeologist from Oxfordshire who was visiting the area, and who was exploring Dunchraigaig cairn, a bronze age burial mound. After deciding to explore a burial cist on the side of the cairn, he slid inside with a torch. An archaeology graduate from Bournemouth University, Fenton spotted the delicate and unusual markings on the capstone (cover) of the chamber.

"This was a completely amazing and unexpected find and, to me, discoveries like this are the real treasure of archaeology, helping to reshape our understanding of the past."

The cairn has been cordoned off to allow further surveys and preservation of the chamber, the site's owners, Historic Environment Scotland, said its rock art project has already made detailed 3D scans and digital models of the carvings to allow the faint markings to be properly seen and studied.

Dr. Tertia Barnett, the project's principal investigator, said these were the first prehistoric animal carvings found in Scotland. Their figurative style also contradicted the assumption that British rock art of this date was mainly geometric.



Neolithic carvings in Scottish Tomb show full antlers of male deer

Photo courtesy Historic Environment Scotland



JULY IS NATIONAL PICNIC MONTH SO HERE IS A PICNIC RECIPE

CORONATION CHICKEN SALAD

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| ½ cup mayonnaise | 1 Tbs flaked almonds |
| ½ cup natural yogurt | (optional) |
| 2 Tbs mango chutney | |
| 2 spring onions | |
| 4 dried apricots, finely chopped | |
| 2 Tbs curry powder, toasted | |
| ½ small bunch coriander, finely chopped | |
| squeeze lemon juice | |
| ½ Tsp nigella seeds (<i>black cumin</i>) | |
| 2 ½ cups left-over roast/cooked chicken, shredded | |



Mix mayonnaise, yogurt, chutney, curry powder, apricots and onions with seasoning in a large bowl.
Add a squeeze of lemon to taste
Add coriander, nigella seeds and shredded chicken

Serve in jacket potatoes, salads or sandwiches or spoon into Little Gem lettuce leaves and served with a sprinkle of nigella seeds, coriander or some flaked almonds.

Recipe courtesy of Olive Magazine, Jessica Carter

ROBBIE BURNS HOSTS A DISTILLERY?

A new distillery in Ayrshire where Robert Burns lived and worked is set to bottle its first-ever whisky. The whisky production site is based at Lochlea Farm in Ayrshire which is known for being the home and workplace of Scotland's national poet from 1777 to 1784. The distillery is independently owned and has been distilling, casking and maturing its inaugural release, due to be out in late 2021. The Lochlea team has been working on creating a truly distinct whisky under the watchful eye of distillery manager Malcolm Rennie. Malcom has been in the industry for 34 years and began his work on Kilchoman, Bruichladdish and Ardbeg. He sees Lochlea Whisky as the result of his life's work.



We wish them well and look forward to a taste!



Saltire above Macrae Meadow

Scottish Heritage **will** maintain a tent in their regular space to the right of the entrance at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July (9th-11th). We hope to see you there!



Dance competition at GMHG

SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What is a Jethart Snail?
2. Where on Scotland's coast can bottle-nosed dolphins still be seen?
3. Where was the Revised Book of Common Prayer for Scotland first read in public?
4. What is the largest granite-built church in the British Isles?
5. Where is Black Mount ?
6. Where can you take a trip on the SS Sir Walter Scott?
7. Which tree is believed to protect against evil spirits?
8. What was the purpose of a lykewake?
9. When was the "Rough Wooing"?
10. Where is McCaig's Folly?

Bonus: *What marriage alliance was to have been forced by the Rough Wooing?*



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Instagram too!



*Loch Katrine
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1. Sweet blob of dark mint toffee
2. Moray Firth
3. St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh
4. St. Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen
5. Rannoch Moor
6. Loch Katrine
7. Rowan
8. To protect the deceased from evil spirits until its Christian burial
9. 1543-1551
10. Oban

Bonus: *Mary, Queen of Scots and Edward, Son of Henry VIII*