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## FAMOUS SCOTS

It is said that the Irish monks saved civilization by copying and keeping safe the many books, scrolls and literature of the world. But where would we be without so many famous Scots? Here are a few:

**John Loudon McAdam 1756-1836.** You can guess what he brought to the world just from his name. Around 1820 he invented a process in which crushed stone is placed in shallow, convex layers and compacted thoroughly. A binding layer of stone dust may form; it may also, after rolling, be covered with a cement or bituminous binder to keep dust and stones together. Modern road construction still reflects McAdam's influence with subsequent improvements of tar to bind the road surface's stones together, called "tarmac" for tar Macadam.

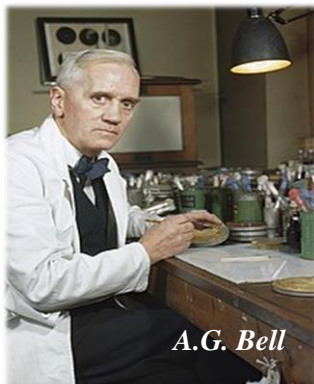
**Alexander Graham Bell 1847-1922** was a Scottish-born (*Edinburgh*) inventor, scientist and engineer who is credited with patenting the first practical telephone. He also co-founded the American Telephone & Telegraph Company (AT&T) in 1885.

Bell's father (Alexander Melville Bell), grandfather and brother had all been associated with work on elocution and speech, and both his mother and wife were deaf; profoundly influencing Bell's life's work. His research on hearing and speech further led him to experiment with hearing devices which eventually culminated in Bell being awarded the first US patent for the telephone. Yes parents, you have Mr. Bell to thank for your kids being permanently wedded to those pesky smart phones and Tic-Toc!

**Isabella MacDuff (probably d. 1314)** daughter of Donnchadh III, Earl of Fife, and Johanna de Clare, she was married to John Comyn, Earl of Buchan and thus was the Countess of Buchan (*the Earl was on the English side in the Scottish Wars of Independence and Isabella took the contrary*).



John McAdam



A.G. Bell

According to tradition, the crowning of the monarch was performed by a representative of Clan MacDuff and Isabella, arriving at Scone Abbey a day late for the first crowning, performed a second coronation to make it acceptable by being performed by a MacDuff.

**John Boyd Dunlop 1840-1921** was a Scottish inventor and veterinary surgeon! Familiar with making rubber devices, he invented the first practical pneumatic (inflatable) tires for his child's tricycle and developed them for use in cycle racing. He sold his rights to the tires for a small sum and withdrew from the tire business in 1896.

There are so many more Scots who made significant contributions to society and there is not enough room here to mention them all. Suffice it to say that the Irish monks may have saved civilization, but the Scots improved it tenfold!

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# THE OLDEST PUB IN SCOTLAND?

*Rob Roy MacGregor*



Located close to Loch Lomond at Drymen, the Clachen Inn claims to have the longest-running license in the UK dating back to 1734. A favorite with walkers on the West Highland Way, it even has links to Rob Roy MacGregor.

Raibeart Ruadh MacGriogair, 7 March 1671-28 December 1734 was a Scottish outlaw, who later became a folk hero. He married Mary MacGregor of Comar and they had four sons, James, Ranald, Coll, and Robert.

Like many other Scottish clan chiefs during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, MacGregor operated an extra-legal Watch over the cattle herds of the Lowland gentry in return for protection money, which was used to feed the families of his tenants and clansmen. Any cattle that were stolen from herds under his Watch were either retrieved or paid for in full.

MacGregor became a respected cattleman and borrowed large sum to increase his own cattle herd, but due to the disappearance of his chief herder, who was entrusted with the borrowed money, MacGregor defaulted on his loan. As a result, he was branded an outlaw, and he, his wife and family were evicted from their house at



*Article and pictures thanks to Wikipedia and Clachen Inn*

Inversnair, which was then burned down.

After his principal creditor, James Graham, the first Duke of Montrose, seized his lands. MacGregor then waged a private blood feud against the Duke both raiding his cattle and robbing his rents. MacGregor's feud against the Duke continued until 1722 when he was forced to surrender, later imprisoned and then pardoned in 1734 aged 63.

The connection from Rob Roy to the Clachen Inn begins with one of his sisters, Mistress Gow, who was the first licensee of The Clachen! The connection then continues just outside the inn. The Village Square is the start of The Rob Roy Way, a long-distance walk between Drymen and Pitlochry which Rob Roy used to walk during his hiding in the nearby caves while he was an outlaw.

## NATIONAL CELEBRATION DAYS



There are quite a few funny and interesting National celebration days in March. Here are a few:

- 3-1 National Pig Day
- 3-4 National Pound Cake Day
- 3-5 National Cheese Doodle Day
- 3-6 National Oreo Cookie Day
- 3-11 National Prom-Posal Day

- 3-9 National Get Over It Day, 3-13 National Napping Day,
- 3-14 National Potato Chip Day, 3-16 National Corn Dog Day,
- 3-19 National Let's Laugh Day, 3-22 National Goof Off Day,
- 3-26 National Spinach Day, 3-28 National Respect Your Cat Day,
- 3-30 National I Am In Control Day, 3-31 National Back-up Day

*Picture courtesy Foodista*

### Answers to This Month's Quiz

- #1. About 900, #2. Baird Television Development Company, #3. Largely filmed in Ireland,
- #4. On the West coast of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, #5. Fingal's Cave, #6. The oldest cinema in Scotland, #7. Skye Terrier or Dandie Dinmont Terrier, #8. John Gray, Nightwatchman; d.1858,
- #9. 14 years; d. 1872 #10. No. They come from Japan

#### **Bonus:**

**The new police force's original building backed onto Great Scotland Yard, a medieval palace which housed Scottish Royalty on their London visits.**



# RECIPE CORNER

## KEDGEREE



The beautiful House of Dun, overlooking the Montrose Basin, was designed by William Adam and built in 1730 for David Erskine, Lord Dun and Lady Augusta Kennedy-Erskine, the daughter of William IV. The house was bequeathed to the National Trust for Scotland by Millicent Lovett, the last Laird of Dun in 1980. The Trust discovered all the original furnishings in the attic and spent 9 years returning the house to its original state.

This recipe was given to Scottish Heritage USA for its inclusion in its "Piping Hot" cookbook by David Sharland, NTS Property manager, House of Dun, Montrose, Scotland.

## DIRECTIONS

1. Boil the rice.
2. Wash and trim the fish; place in a saucepan and just cover the fish with cold milk and bring the fish to a boil slowly.
3. Turn off the heat and let stand 10 minutes, drain and flake the fish, discarding skin and bones.
4. Chop one hard boiled egg and slice the other, set aside.
5. Melt butter in large saucepan and lightly fry the onion until cooked but not browned.
6. Add rice, fish and chopped egg, salt and pepper.
7. Mix well and leave to warm through 5-10 minutes.
8. Serve in heated dish and garnish with sliced egg and parsley.

## INGREDIENTS

2/3 cup long grain rice	1/2 stick butter
3/4 pound smoked haddock	1 small onion, chopped
Milk	Salt and Pepper
2 eggs, hard boiled	Parsley, chopped



*Pictures courtesy NTS  
and Yahoo*



# A GARDEN OF COSMIC SPECULATION & KINETIC THEATER



If you are looking for a special place to visit while you are in Scotland, try this garden. Located in Dumfries, this spectacular place is a 30-acre sculpture garden created by landscape architect and theorist Charles Jencks. The garden is said to be inspired by modern cosmology.

Sharmanka Kinetic Theater is another unusual site. This awe-inspiring theater of kinetic sculpture is based in Glasgow.





# SCOTTISH HERITAGE AWARDS GRANTS

Scottish Heritage USA is pleased to announce several grants for 2023:

**The Pipes of Christmas \$5,000:** Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing-room only audiences. Now a cherished Holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas Season and Celtic Spirit.

**National Trust Burns On-Line Resource Development \$20,000:** aims to bring the work of Scottish poet Robert Burns to the fingertips of an international audience. The Trust owns some 6,000 artifacts, manuscripts and books relating to Burns that are housed at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, a purpose-built facility in the small Ayrshire village where the poet was born.

**Scottish Cultural Outreach Foundation \$2,000:** This grant is in support of their educational program to broaden the area served. Teachers are provided with pre-packaged programs for their classrooms and integrate with the current curriculum to bring Scottish culture into the classroom.



**The National Trust Threave Garden Project \$5,000:** Is a program for six first-year students. The Trust covers accommodation and living costs for students as well as providing them with a small stipend. Each apprentice is provided with basic PPE for their role, typically safety boots, safety glasses and waterproofs, along with the occasional hand tool. The student also travels to other Trust gardens locally to take part in additional learning (e.g., working with fruit and vegetables, pruning, experiencing different gardening styles, etc.).

**The National Trust USA Foundation \$20,000:** This grant is to be used for support of the National Trust for Scotland's other programs of their choice.



## Kids Corner

BY SCOTLAND IN THE CLASS

### Highland Games For Kids

**The Caber Toss**  
The Caber made from a long tree trunk that has been trimmed down so one end is slightly wider than the other. The caber is stood up for the thrower with the large end up. The thrower takes a short run with the caber holding it upright, then stops to push the caber so that the large end hits the ground and the small end flips over and faces away from the thrower. The goal is for the caber to land at 12:00 (like on a clock face).  
You can try this at home with pool noodles for a safer and easier version!

**The Haggis Hurl**  
The haggis hurl is when Haggis is thrown while standing on top of a whiskey barrel. Should the haggis burst upon hitting the ground it is immediately disqualified, because the haggis must be ready to eat after landing.  
Try this with some ground meat or old meatloaf stuffed inside a rubber gloves tied off at the end, (outside of course!)

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## SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Approximately how many islands are part of Scotland?
2. The first transatlantic TV transmission was made by what company?
3. Where was "Braveheart" filmed?
4. Where are the Standing Stones of Callanish?
5. What famous tourist attraction is on the island of Staffa?
6. What is the Cameo in Edinburgh?
7. What kind of dog was Greyfriars Bobby?
8. Who was Greyfriars Bobby owner?
9. How long did Greyfriars Bobby stand by the grave?
10. Are fortune cookies Chinese?

**Bonus:** Where did Scotland Yard get its name ? (If you have been reading our newsletters for a while, you should know the answer to this)!

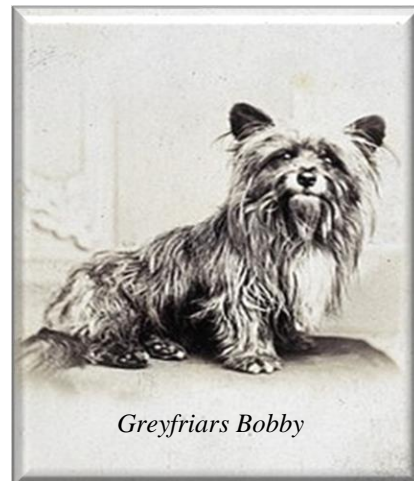
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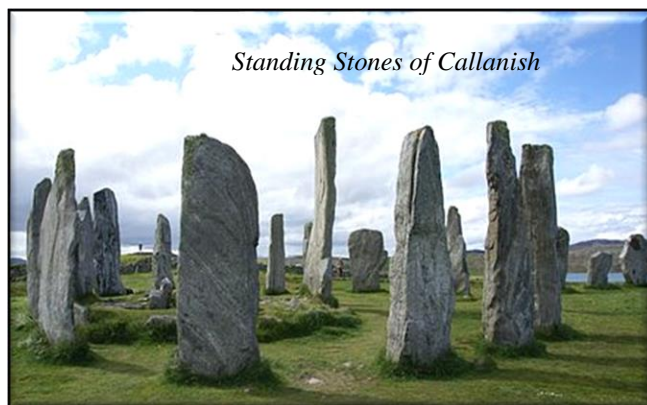
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