

Rail Transport in Scotland

Barry Links in Angus was named Britain's least used station with just 24 passengers annually. The count was based on ticket sales. Local people jumped to defend the stop, stating that since there is no way to buy tickets at Barry Links, commuters from that neighborhood ordinarily purchase a ticket to Canoustie, much of which is closer to Barry Links than the official Canoustie station.

The national golf Open Championship will be held at Barry Links this year, and supporters of continuing that stop expect thousands of spectators to use the station. Meanwhile, Glasgow Central remains Scotland's busiest station at 32.1 million boardings in 2016, 3d busiest in the UK after Birmingham. Edinburgh Waverley is second in Scotland at 22.6 million. London Waterloo holds top spot with just shy of 100 million boardings annually.

Viking Shipyard on Skye

A 12th century Norse shipyard has been found on the Isle of Skye, complete with boat timbers from the 1100s and a stone-built quay.

Aerial investigations revealed a small canal leading to the sea from the loch on Skye's Rubh an Dunain peninsula, at which point a marine archaeologist was invited to explore further. Skye was seized during Viking raids of the 750's. It was part of the staging area for Viking fleets which executed the Siege of Paris in the 850's. Following the Siege of Paris, the county now known as Normandy was yielded to Rollo whose Viking name was Rolf "Ganger" = Rolf Walker, so called because he was too large to ride a horse. Skye was a secure location for repairing and rebuilding Norse long boats. The official badge of the Campbells of Argyle includes a stylized Norse longboat.

Dave Cowley from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland said the shipyard could have supported "quite an extensive maritime network".

Our National Poets: Edwin Morgan

Edwin G. Morgan, born in April, 1920, in Glasgow, grew up in Rutherglen where he completed common school, entering Glasgow University 1937. World War II interrupted his studies. He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps, resuming his academic study in 1946. Awarded First Class Honours, he became lecturer at Glasgow after turning down a post at Oxford. He died in his beloved Glasgow in 2010. He was a prolific scholar in addition to his poetry, and from 1910 the Scottish National Poetry Prize has been named for him. Among his works, he translated Ros-tand's *Cyrano de Bergerac* into Scots.

Scots Names: Sinclair

Anglo-Norman family descended from Walderne, Count de Sancto Claro who came to England in 1066. A son William came to Scotland in 1162 took lands under Richard de Morville at Herdmanston & Carfrae. Knighted about 1190, he obtained the barony of Rosslyn. A grandson William who was influential with King Alexander III, was Sheriff of Edinburghshire about 1263, and was granted the lands of Inverleith, Edinburgh. He signed the Ragman Roll 1296. His son Sir Henry first sided with King Edward I of England, but soon sided with The Bruce, who granted him the lands of Pentland, and designated him Royal Butler. The family steadily expanded influence, A grandson William, Earl Caithness, built the Rosslyn Chapel so famous in Freemasonry.

Scots Tongue

- ha' (v) = have, or ha' = hall, great room.
- haaf, haaf fishing (n) fishing for cod or ling.
- haaf-fish (n) the great seal.
- haaflan, ha'flin (a) half grown, adolescent.
- haar, haur (n) fog or chill east wind.
- haave (v) to fish with a pock-net.
- habber (v) to stutter.
- habbie (a) stiff in motion.
- habble (n) confusion, a difficulty.
- ha'bible (n) large format family Bible.
- habil (adj) well qualified
- habitakle (n) habitation, dwelling place.
- hace, hairs, hers (a) hoarse.

SCOTS RUINS: KELSO ABBEY.

The abbey was founded by Tironensian monks from Tiron, near Chartres in France, invited by King David I. Originally settling at Selkirk, the monks relocated to Kelso in 1128, moving close to David's new castle at Roxburgh on a site near the confluence of the Tweed and Teviot waters. It occupies the site of what was once the Royal Burgh of Roxburgh.



David intended it to be the administrative center of the fertile and prosperous Scottish Border district. But during the 14th century, relentless and brutal attacks by English expansionists shattered the Royal Burgh, which eventually removed to the magnificently fortified Edinburgh Rock. As the English kings carved off pieces of the old Scots district of Northumbria, the active border came perilously close to the Roxburgh, causing it progressively to be abandoned and deserted. Kelso is not ruin so much because of religious warfare, but because of the ceaseless English warfare against Scotland.

Next to nothing remains of the once-sprawling monastery precinct. Following the Reformation, and the closure of the monastery, many parts were demol-

ished as they became public hazard. But what survives of the church is one of the most spectacular architectural achievements in medieval Scotland. It is situated on the edge of the historic burgh of Kelso, itself one of Scotland's prettiest towns, and has been a favourite subject for artists since the late 1600s.

Rally Planned to Block Housing Development at Culloden

Protestors will gather at Culloden [September, 2017] to demonstrate against plans to build 16 new homes close to the core site of the 1746 battle. Plans by Kirkwood Homes to build houses at Viewhill Farm, which sits around 400 yards north of the main battleground, have been met with resistance. The proposed homes sit in the Culloden Muir conservation ADVERTISEMENT area with land at Viewhill Farm considered significant at the time of the battle given Government lines may have extended into this area. READ MORE: Culloden Moor, April 16 1746: The worst place on earth. Conflict archaeologist Dr Tony Pollard, whose work at the battlefield has done much to aid understanding of events of April 16 1746, is amongst those who have raised concerns. He said: "Culloden is an incredibly sensitive site. The site is very important to a lot of people...it's almost a place of pilgrimage. There's a particular aspect to that landscape that you could quite easily destroy by building something that was unsuitable for that environment."

Connect to the St Andrews FaceBook page, of which Bret McLay is the monitor. Go to: <<https://www.facebook.com/vtsaintandrews/>>. The Society has experimented with a closed group Facebook page for communications among the Officers and Directors. It will be open by invitation. <<https://www.facebook.com/groups/575290872653373/>> Ask to Friend either or both.

Note: The St. Andrews web site has a short URL, <www.SASVT.org> which takes you to the same website as the longer version.

39th Annual ROBBIE BURNS DINNER 259th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WORLDWIDE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 At the Barre Elks Club



Evening filled with music for listening, dancing and singing with musicians from The Highland Weavers, Vermont's own Celtic Heritage band.

Also featured, The Pipes and Drums of St. Andrew's, St. Andrew's Highland Dancers of Vermont, and our famous Wee Raffle. [Contact Lynn Murray to donate items]

Price \$40.00 per person \$15 for ages 12 and under.

(note menu choice on reservation)

Dinner:

1) Oven Roast Beef with Mashed Potato & Gravy, Whole Baby Carrots, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea. or 2) Vegetarian Stir Fry with white rice.

RESERVATION DEADLINE, Saturday, January 20, 2018.

Make checks payable to St. Andrew's Society of Vermont mail with form to Pauline Kirkpatrick 88 Hedgerow Dr. Shelburne, VT, 05482
<pnwkirksa@gmail.com> or (802) 985-3903

• For event information contact Pres Allison Menday Norton (603) 938-2736

Schedule:

- 5:00 PM Social Gathering**
- 5:30 Seating of members & Guests**
- 6:00 Haggis Ceremony**
- 7:45 Pipes & Drums, Dancers**
- 9:00 Music of the Highland Weavers and Social Dancing**
- 10:00 Raffle Drawing**
- 11:00 Auld Lang Syne for closing.**

RESERVATION FORM;

The following persons will be attending the Burns Night Celebration:

Name on Ticket Dinner Choice w/Price Clan Affiliation (if any)

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_____ ! Contact for the party is: Phone #

A total of _____ will be attending. Enclosed is a check for \$_____.
 Seating will be by assigned tables. Indicate preference of whom you would like to sit with below.

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Correct your address promptly to <<cfar-row@ieee.org>>

SCHEDULE OF Coming EVENTS

- *27 January, 2018 Robbie Burns Night*
- *April, 2018 Annual Meeting*
- *July 15, Kirkin O'th Tartan, Mosquitoville*

Bring friends to these events. We have good food, good company, and a great introduction to Scottish heritage and culture.

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