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Get Your Scottish On!

Come out for some celebration with the Scottish Society. As you can see on the regional events calendar on page 2, Scottish and Celtic themed event season is underway! And the Society is participating in two of these events: the Church Hill Irish Festival Parade, and the “Bagpipes and Kilts” event at Walkerton Tavern.

March 24: The Church Hill Irish Festival boasts one of the easiest parade routes in the country—all of two blocks! Come join us and wear a bit of tartan. Music, food, fun, all in historic Church Hill. The parade gets underway about 10:00 a.m., so make sure you get to the area in plenty of time to find decent parking and to join us. We’ll gather on 24th Street across from the Fire Station. We are hoping, fingers crossed, for the return of the Mrs. Yoder’s doughnut truck! And I’m sure the Festival would appreciate your coming back again on Sunday the 25th! The event suggests a reasonable donation for entry (get in with the parade folks and bypass the entryway—though I’m sure they’d still appreciate any monetary help you could give).

April 7: Walkerton Tavern Museum in Glen Allen (2892 Mountain Road, Glen Allen) hosts “Bagpipes and Kilts” in honor of Virginia’s Scottish Heritage Month, from noon to 3:00 p.m. The Society will host a table. We’d love to have you come out; we’d love even more if you could help with hosting the table, and spreading the word about the Society to event visitors. Food, music, and crafts at the event. The Scottish Pig will serve up barbecue. The event is free to the public.

We’re also trying to get critical mass for a trip to the Historic Christ Church Kirkin of the Tartans (Irvington, VA), April 29. Please contact a board member if you are interested in going. (contact info on back page).



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TheChurchHillIrishFestival/](https://www.facebook.com/TheChurchHillIrishFestival/)

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Have a suggestion for a meeting program or other event? We'd love to hear from you! We're always interested in knowing what the membership would like to do—that would help out event planning greatly!

THE RIVER
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CALEDONIAN

Are you interested in lending a hand in the functions of the Scottish Society? Contact an officer or board member about volunteering and/or serving! We'd love an influx of "fresh blood" into our ranks!

Local and Regional Events Calendar, March-April-May

March 5: Society Board Meeting, 7:00 pm*

March 11: Onancock St. Patrick's parade, Onancock, Va, 2:00 p.m., Celtic festival, 11 am-4 pm

March 16-18: Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium, St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC

March 22-25: Tartan Day South Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Columbia, SC

March 24: Church Hill Irish Festival and Parade, 10:00 a.m. *(Festival continues Sunday, March 25)

April 2: Society Board Meeting (7:00 pm)*

April 6: National Tartan Day (all of U.S.)

April 7: Scottish Heritage Month Event, Walkerton Tavern, Glen Allen, noon-3 pm*

April 7: New York City Tartan Day Parade

April 15 Kirkin of the Tartans, Washington National Cathedral (4:30 pm)

April 20-22: Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC

April 26-29: Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk, VA

April 28: Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, Jefferson Patterson Park, MD

April 29: Kirkin of the Tartans, Historic Christ Church, Irvington, VA, (12:30 pm)**

May 7: Society Board Meeting, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 pm*

May 5: Bethabara Highland Games, Winston-Salem, NC

May 26: Greenville Scottish Games, Greenville, SC

* = official SSR participation ** = tentative SSR participation

Member News

We wish a happy birthday to the following Society members:

March/April /May Birthdays:

Kathy Sutton March 8, Gwen Fisher March 21, John Maxwell March 27, Joseph Schaub April 4, Cary Straton April 27, Marian Baxter May 13, Margaret Ann Murphy May 19, Dick Harman May 20, Fay King May 27

(If we don't have your birthday in our database, please let us know so we can wish you the best on your special day! Contact newsletter editor Joseph Schaub—see contact info on page 7.)

Recipe: Homemade Sausage Rolls <https://www.christinascucina.com/scottish-sausage-rolls-great-for-snack-or-meal/>

Ingredients:

- one package puff pastry
- 1 lb ground beef
- water
- 1 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 tsp black pepper
- 3/4 tsp coriander (dried, ground) do not use fresh cilantro
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 cup plain breadcrumbs
- 1 slightly beaten egg white, to brush pastry

In a large bowl, mix together the salt with all the spices and breadcrumbs.



Add the ground beef, and about 1/2 cup of water. Using your hands, mix all the ingredients together until it has a meatloaf texture, adding water as needed. The sausage should hold together when squeezed, without being too wet.

Place the puff pastry on a clean counter, mat or board and cut into rectangular(ish) pieces, they don't need to be exact, depending on the size of the rolls you want to make; from cocktail size to "man" size. Alternatively, you can make a long roll, and cut into the size desired.

Shape some meat into logs, and place close to one end of the pastry, but don't put too much meat or they will burst open when baking.

With your finger, lightly dampen one of the edges with a little water, seal shut, then crimp with a fork.

Place on a lined (silicone sheet, aluminum foil or parchment paper) edged baking tray, make three or four small cuts in the top of the pastry, and brush with a little beaten egg white.

Scottish sausage rolls are wonderful served hot, right out of the oven, with HP Sauce. Isn't your mouth watering already?

The following solicitation might be of interest to you. The Scottish Society of Richmond has no connection to this nor are we making an official recommendation; we are merely passing along information sent to us.

ROBERT BURNS: For Love and Liberty

Hello:

If it's in order, could I ask that you please forward this to your members as it may be of interest.

I have contacted you from Scotland just after this year's Robert Burns celebrations. We are reaching out to Scots, Scottish interest groups and others around the globe to help us with our crowd funding request in support our major new drama with music, ROBERT BURNS: FOR LOVE AND LIBERTY. We have started well but our over-all target is £6600 and we need to raise this within 26 days in order to proceed. The story brings the inspiring and colourful life story of Scotland's young national Bard to the theatre with a vibrant, passionate, and enthralling production. We are planning to stage the play c/w new music using Burns' lyrics in Glasgow at Burns Night next year, with follow-on plans to then take it to Scots around the globe. In the meantime this support to help us though Stage 1 which will be a full Rehearsed Reading of the play in Glasgow at the end of March. If your members would like to know more about the project, the crowd funding page with offers can be seen at: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1128344676/robert-burns-for-love-and-liberty>. We also have a website with further information: www.forloveandliberty.co.uk. Your support for this project would be greatly appreciated and thank you in anticipation. I'll be delighted to answer any queries that you or your members may have.

Kind Regards

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Ian Couper

Clan Profile: Clan Graham <http://www.scotclans.com/scottish-clans/clan-graham/>

There is a legend that says the Antonine Wall was broken by Greme, a great Caledonian chief, as he drove the Roman legions out of his country. This, unfortunately, might never be proven. From the records available, the first Graham known in Scotland was Sir William de Graham, a knight who accompanied David I, England's premier baron, on his journey north to claim the Scottish crown.

In 1128 he witnessed the foundation charter of the Abbey of Holyrood. Sir William's name can be traced back to the English manor of Grey Home, which is recorded in William the Conqueror's Domesday Book.

The first Earl of Montrose was created in 1504 of William, 3rd Lord Graham, who died fighting at Flodden in 1513.

But it was the 5th Earl and first Marquis, James Graham, who made the name legendary across Europe as one of the greatest generals ever. In 1644 and 1645, with the smallest of forces, he managed to effectively stop the terror of the Calvinists and Campbells. Pushing over the border, however, his tiny army was taken by surprise on the 13th September 1645. Although he escaped, his men and their families, who accompanied in those days, surrendered and were rounded up. At first General David Lesley was prepared to spare their lives, but the Calvinists persuaded him to slaughter every man, woman and child.

In Europe, Montrose was made a mareschal by the Germans, and a similar honour by the French, but he returned to Orkney in 1650 to recover Scotland for Charles II. He was betrayed and executed in Edinburgh like a criminal, with every possible degradation. His body parts were displayed in cities across the kingdom for ten years, till Charles II was restored and arranged for him Scotland's greatest ever State funeral.

As well as a fighter, he was a poet and scholar, and on the eve of his death he wrote:

Let them bestow on every airt a limb,
Then open all my veins that I may swim
To Thee, my Maker, in that crimson lake;
Then place my parboiled head on a stake,
Scatter my ashes, strew them in the air.-
Lord! Since Thou knowest where all these atoms are,
I'm hopeful Thou'lt recover once my dust,
And confident Thou'll raise me with the just.

A later thorn in the side of the Calvinists was John Graham of Claverhouse, Bonnie Dundee to his friends, Bloody Claverhouse to his enemies. He died fighting in the pass of Killiecrankie in 1689 for the last Stewart King.

In 1782, James Graham, 3rd Duke of Montrose, persuaded Parliament to remove the law forbidding Scots to wear their tartan.

(More Graham facts on page 5.)



Graham Crest and Tartan

Mugdock Castle



The Mugdock Castle, located 12 miles north of Glasgow, Scotland, was the ancient seat of the Clan Graham between 1372 and 1700. Built around a courtyard, the castle was entered through a gatehouse with a portcullis. The South West Tower has four stories with a single room on each floor. The main entrance to the tower is by external stairs that leads to the Laird's bedroom. In 1641, the castle was partly destroyed on orders from Parliament, but **James Graham** lived there until 1644. On the execution of James in 1650, the lands were forfeited to the Marquis of Argyll, **Archibald Campbell**. In 1655, Mugdock was returned to the Grahams and restored over a two-year period. In 1682, the Grahams bought Buchanan Old House near Drymen, a dwelling more fitting the title of "Marquis" but kept the family official seat at Mugdock for a long period of time.

Now, several centuries later, the castle still stands with the Graham heritage intact with a special room housing historical artifacts and documents with valuable clan and Scottish information. The grounds are now a park, which is one of Scotland's most popular visitor attractions offering a great countryside experience. Tours, cultural events, recreational activities, corporate functions and private celebrations take place at Mugdock.

Want to get your Irish as well as your Scottish on? Want to avoid the insanity of Irish pubs on St. Patrick's Day? Try out the "Irish Wake" at O'Toole's Pub (4800 Forest Avenue) in preparation for St. Patrick's—Friday, March 16. Call the restaurant for details or check out their Facebook page. They also host a "St. Practice Day" on Thursday the 15th.



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The Scottish Society of Richmond was founded in 1978 for the purpose of sharing ideals of Scottish heritage. It provides a gathering place for those with an interest in Scotland, educational programs and events on Scottish themes, as well as scholarships and awards for those studying Scottish arts and culture.

