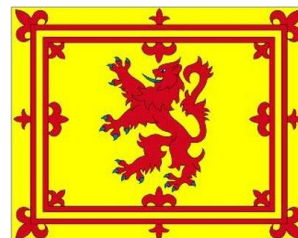




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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

This has been a busy month, with the passing of Valerie, my wife of 42 years. She will be sadly missed.

I am looking forward to our gathering at Dundee. This is a great Celtic Festival. I hope to see you all--please stop by our tent and have a chat or give us a hand.

Thank you all,

Richard K. Mason, Chief



Our condolences to the Chief for the unexpected loss of his devoted wife, Valerie. She will be dearly missed by all.

"Grief can't be shared. Everyone carries it alone, his own burden in his own way."

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Condolences also to our Treasurer, Alastair Cormack, on the recent loss of his father.

Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was.

Hebrew Proverb

YON TARTAN TEA...

...was a splendid event, indeed. We met some new people via our FaceBook page, and had an enjoyable afternoon of sipping and sampling the plethora of goodies attractively displayed for our pleasure. Our scholarship fund was greatly enhanced as well, so we will mark the event an all-around success. Thank you all who attended for your support! Thanks also to the Board members who provided and prepared the goodies!



Chief Rick picking up a few cooking tips



Tea's not just for sissies...

In Scotland we have mixed feelings about global warming, because we will get to sit on the mountains and watch the English drown.

—Frankie Boyle



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, IAN!

We helped Ian Mackenzie celebrate his 9th decade (a week early, the big day was the 18th) with a gathering at Ruby Tuesdays at the Mall. It was a surprise party, and very successful: Ian was quite surprised, to say the least.

A NOTE FROM IAN MACKENZIE:

Sincere thanks to all the kind SAS friends who came to my surprise 90th birthday dinner on June 10. And special thanks to Barbara Cunningham, Linda Ferris and Nedra McElroy who helped organize it. I was honored by this enjoyable event and greatly appreciated it.

ANNUAL PICNIC

It's time to celebrate our Scholarship winners at the annual picnic!

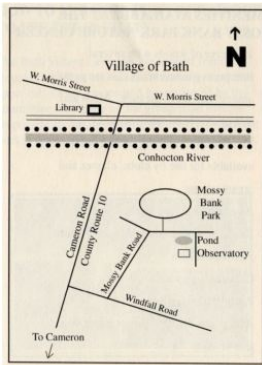
MOSSY BANK POND PAVILION

BATH NY

JULY 21, 2018

Bring a dish to pass and your table service. We'll provide hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, good cheer! Please be so kind as to notify Chief Rick if you are planning to attend!

DIRECTIONS TO MOSSY BANK PARK

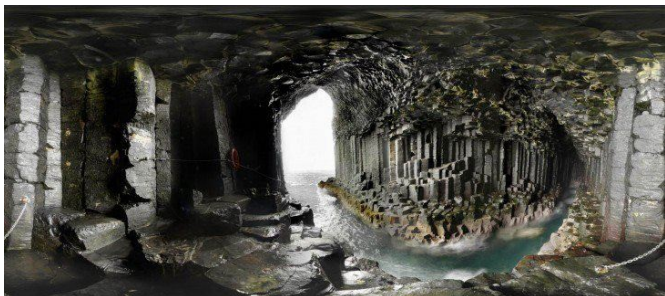


From Rte 86, exit 38, turn right at the first light, onto W. Morris St; go past Tops.
Stay right at the fork; go past the library.
Right on Cameron St.
Over Cohocton River
Continue about 1.6 mi.
Watch for small Mossy Bank Park signs.
Fork to the left onto Windfall Rd.
Go about .4 mi.
Left onto Mossy Bank Park Rd.
Right onto Davenport Hill Road.
Next right: Pond Pavilion is in view.

TRAVELOGUE: Fingal's Cave, Scotland

Staffa, from the Old Norse for stave or pillar island, is an island of the Inner Hebrides in Argyll and Bute, Scotland. The Vikings gave it this name because its columnar basalt reminded them of their houses, which were built from vertically placed tree-logs.

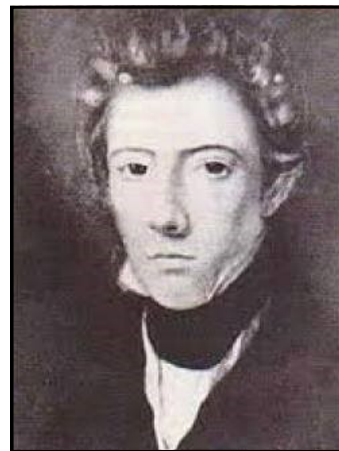
Staffa's most famous feature is Fingal's Cave, a large sea cave located near the southern tip of the island some 20 m high and 75 m long formed in cliffs of hexagonal basalt columns. This cliff-face is called the Colonnade or The Great Face and it was these cliffs and its caves that inspired Felix Mendelssohn's *Die Hebriden* (English: *Hebrides Overture* opus 26), which premiered in London in 1832. The original Gaelic name for Fingal's Cave is An Uamh Bhin – "the melodious cave" – but it was subsequently renamed after the 3rd-century Irish warrior Fionn MacCool. Mendelssohn was nonetheless inspired by the sound of the waves in the cave and



waxed lyrical about his visit, claiming that he arrived in Scotland "with a rake for folk-songs, an ear for the lovely, fragrant countryside, and a heart for the bare legs of the natives."

A stream of famous visitors came to view Staffa's wonders including Robert Adam, Sir Walter Scott (1810), John Keats (1818), J. M. W. Turner, whose 1830 visit yielded an oil painting exhibited in 1832, William Wordsworth (1833), Jules Verne (1839), Alice Liddell (the inspiration for Alice in Wonderland) in 1878, David Livingstone (1864), Robert Louis Stevenson (1870) and Mendelssohn himself in 1829. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were rowed into the cave in 1847.

TIDBITS: WOMEN IN HIDING



James Barry was a woman disguised as a man in order to study medicine. Admitted to Edinburgh University in 1809, she graduated from her studies and was quickly assigned to various British colonies where "he" was noted for his tireless efforts to improve the standard of life for all of his patients. After working forty six years as an army medical officer, "James" died, finally revealing "his" true identity, that of MISS MARGARET ANN BULKLEY, a woman. Margaret accomplished many things as a physician, but is particularly noted for becoming the first British Surgeon to successfully perform a C-section.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 14 - **Dundee Celtic Festival:** We'll be there!
(We could use some help setting up and 'manning' our booth!)

July 21 - Annual Scholarship Picnic, Mossy Bank, Bath

August 11 - Central NY Scottish Games & Celtic Festival
Long Branch Park, Liverpool NY

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