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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Linville, NC



Kennedy Clan Tent



Samantha Dodson, Vice President/Deputy Chief Manning the Tent

A Weekend of Highland Spirit at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina, once again proved that it takes more than a little rain—or even a lot of it—to dampen the spirit of the Highland community.

Thursday's setup went remarkably well. The weather was overcast and cool, making for comfortable conditions as everyone worked to get their tents, and displays, ready for the weekend ahead.

Thursday evening brought an unexpected adventure during the Calling of the Clans. As the evening progressed, the organizers ran out of torches before everyone had the opportunity to be called. Unfortunately, that meant the Kennedys never got their chance to officially call themselves in that evening. It was certainly an unexpected hiccup, but like everything else during the Games, it became part of the weekend's story.

Friday continued with overcast skies and showers coming and going throughout the day. Despite the unpredictable weather, the grounds remained active, and visitors continued to make their way through the Games. One of the best parts of the weekend was seeing so many people stop by the clan tent. Rainy weather couldn't keep people away from the opportunity to learn about their Scottish heritage, talk about family history, and share stories. The conversations and connections are what make these Games so special.



The athletes continue
despite the rain!



Welcome to New Members
Ryan Chriscoe, Owen, Clara &
Lauren Chriscoe

Saturday brought what seemed to be a never-ending series of rain showers, with only a few breaks in between. But if the weather was trying to test the Highland Games spirit, the athletes certainly passed.

The incredible athletes hung in there through the rain and performed remarkably well. Their determination and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. They continued competing despite the wet and challenging conditions, reminding everyone watching that Highland strength isn't just about physical power—it's also about perseverance. Even with the constant rain, visitors continued stopping by, and the clan tent remained a place for fellowship, conversation, and sharing our love of Scottish heritage.

Sunday morning started much like the rest of the weekend: very overcast, with gray skies hanging over Grandfather Mountain. For a while, it looked as though we might make it through another day with only occasional showers. Then, around lunchtime, the weather changed dramatically. The bottom dropped out.

Rain came pouring down, and before long, water began making its way into the tents. What followed was a frantic effort pick things up, move equipment, displays, and keep our belongings from being washed away.

It was one of those moments when you simply have to laugh, work together, and do whatever you can to get through it. Somehow, in the middle of all the weekend rain and chaos, there was still something wonderful happening.

A New Member Joined the Clan

Sunday also brought a bright spot to close out the weekend: we welcomed a new member.

That's one of the things that makes participating in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games so rewarding. Through all the weather, long days, setup, cleanup, and everything in between, we're there to connect with people and help them discover more about their heritage.

This weekend certainly gave us our share of challenges. But it also gave us plenty of memories, new friendships, meaningful conversations, and another opportunity to celebrate Scottish heritage together.

The rain may have soaked the tents, the grounds, and probably just about everything else—but it never washed away the Highland spirit.

Until next year, Grandfather Mountain!



The 67th Ligonier Highland Games was held this year on July 18th . This was a big move earlier than the traditionally held September date. We had hot stormy weather which delayed our initial set-up until the rain slowed. Lucky for us, we chose to rent a tent canopy this year and therefore avoided the worst of the soaking. Because of the weather, we chose to minimize the tent displays and the delay hardly mattered.

The noontime Parade of Tartans was postponed because of lightning. Then the storms threatened once again for the re-scheduled closing ceremony, but we missed that too since we packed up to stay dry. There were at least six pipe bands and about 27 clans represented. The following statement on the Ligonier Highland Games website sums it up well:

APOCALYPTIC WEATHER DIDN'T KEEP YOU AWAY. FIRE, BRIMSTONE, ASH FALLING FROM THE SKY, THUNDERBOLTS, LIGHTNING, RAGING DOWNPOURS, FLOODING, STIFLING HEAT AND A TORNADO TO END THE DAY! WHEN WE PROMISE A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE, WE MEAN IT!

Colleen and Dan Caldwell



In its 48th year, the Savannah Scottish Games took place on the beautiful Bynuh's Field at Bethesda Academy. The day started out with heavy rain and didn't get much better as the games went on. People visiting the tent were Michael and Tammy McChessney



Karen & Robert Kennedy
Tent Conveners

Thank Heaven there were no storms this year (as there were last year) for the 2026 Games. There was fine weather for our set-up on Friday and for the Games on Saturday and Sunday. Retired Chief Dave Carrick and I got the set up complete and enjoyed a barbeque dinner on the grounds. Karen joined us, along with Keith and Cynthia Kennedy from Walland, Tennessee (right adjacent to Townsend). Again this year we did not have the torch light parade and calling of the clans. "Too bad"- this was always a "great start" to the weekend. Both Saturday and Sunday were sunny and warm (low 90's), but we had a nice breeze most of the time. There was "lots of participation" in the games and throughout both days many a cheer was heard! We had a great selection of vendors- both Scottish foods and Scottish Regalia.

We had numerous visitors and guests in our tent all weekend long: Keith & Cynthia Kennedy (members) and Bill and Melissa Kennedy (members) helped with hospitality and take-down on Sunday. We had others who were interested in KSNA but we did not get any new members this year (alas). As an aside, Maryville College has, just hired a new Director of Physical Plant, Chris Kennedy. I have recently met our new "cousin" and hope to recruit him to the Clan. (Maryville College is in nearby Maryville, Tennessee, is the home of the SCOTS and is Dave Carrick's and my Alma Mater). Our son Geoffery, his wife Patricia, and their sons Finley and Lochlan also attended on Saturday. Again this year our Scottie, Douglas, did not go: black dogs and temperatures in the 90's do not mix well! We did save him some haggis for his dinner when we got back from the kennel.

Aye for 2026

Karen & Robert Kennedy, Tent Conveners



Geoffrey Kennedy
holding Lochlan
Patricia Kennedy
Finley Kennedy
Cynthia Kennedy
Robert Kennedy
Keith Kennedy

Melissa Kennedy
Robert Kennedy
Bill Kennedy
Dave Carrick , Chief First Class, Retired



Highland Sheep (Just look at
those Horns!)



Kennedy Tent



Gallabrae tartan parade
Dave Carrick, Chief First
Class, Retired



Grey Skys at Gallabrae

A braw, bonnie day it was not in Greenville for the games at Furman on Saturday, May 23, as there was heavy rain during the night and early morning - followed by intermittent showers for the rest of the day. It also rained Friday afternoon, thus forcing the cancellation of the parade on Friday evening. All of the rain affected the attendance on Saturday, and also factored into the rescheduling and/or cancellation of events, specifically the flyover and the parachutists. Regardless, the games went on, and it did not rain during the tartan parade! The tent was convened by Amy and Dave Carrick, and assisted by Sean Carrick and Samantha Dodson. It was also great to see Ed Norwood! Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative and inviting next year.

Middle Tennessee Highland Games,

Hendersonville TN

We attended the Middle Tennessee Highland Games in Hendersonville TN Sept 12th & 13th 2026.

Bill & Melissa Kennedy of TN hosted the tent.



The Kennedy Tent

Inside The Tent



Bill Relaxing in the back of the Tent

Middle Tennessee Highland Games

Hendersonville TN



Tent Decor



Hospitality Area

Middle Tennessee Highland Games Continued, Hendersonville TN



Bill & Melissa Kennedy Lining up for the Tartan Parade



Melissa Kennedy



Bill Kennedy



David & Irene Phelps holding down the Kennedy Tent

Hiawassee was ready to start weekend games with sunny weather.

Friday night started with music in the fairgrounds including a favorite Colin Grant-Adams.

Saturday was busy with people stopping by to say hello, It was definitely a hot sunny day so having electricity was a plus. We enjoyed having a fan blowing cold air.

Sunday was not as busy but still had children stopping by for their passport stamps.

West Virginia Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival & Highland Games Beverly, WV

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We had a pleasant, breezy day for our event at Beverly, WV. It almost made me forget about the extreme heat of last year!

This was the 4th year for this event and we have been there each year. Now that we are seasoned conveners, we enjoy greeting folks from previous events and meeting the new ones. The food selection was good. The music was audible from the tent. And we had a clear view of the athletic field for the moments when we had no visitors.

There were quite a few visitors! But no Kennedys. Once again, it was the curling stone display that attracted the most attention. Curling fans now recognize Ailsa Craig from the news coverage of the Winter Olympics. It was nice to talk with everyone.

We look forward to participating again next year.

Colleen and Dan Caldwell



Our tent with beautiful skies in the background!

KSNA member Paul Kennedy

The weekend of September 11-13 was momentous for both Paul Kennedy and the Robert Burns World Federation, as he was installed as its first American president at its annual conference, this year held in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire. The venue was the Park Hotel, and the event was made even more exciting as it is located immediately adjacent to the Kilmarnock FC stadium - which had a home Scottish Cup match against Aberdeen at the same time as the Saturday night installation banquet. Needless to say, it was easy to differentiate between the Burns attendees vs. the football crowd. Past president Jean Abdulrahim passed the ceremonial chain to Paul at the start of the banquet, thus adding another chapter in his Burnsian legacy. Previously, he had been president of the Robert Burns Association of North America. Attendees to the conference came from Scotland, Canada, Australia, Portugal and the US, among others. Accompanying Paul were members of his home Burns organization located in New Jersey, who also performed musically during the weekend. Representing the Kennedy Society were Dave and Amy Carrick, with his cousin, Liz Sclater, and her husband, Malcolm. Dave's guest was James Brown, Carrick historian who previously owned Kennedy affiliated Baltersan Castle, which is right next to Crossraguel Abbey. The Kennedy Society is quite proud that one of its members has attained such standing and contributions to Scottish culture, and congratulates Paul for not only his achievements, but for a job well done!



Dave Carrick congratulating Paul Kennedy after being installed as president of the Robert Burns World Federation



At the RBWF banquet: Liz Sclater, Amy Carrick, Paul Kennedy, Dave Carrick and Malcolm Sclater.



Newly installed RBWF president Paul Kennedy with immediate past president Jean Abdulrahim.

Lord Archie, Earl of Cassillis



**Lord Archie, Earl of Cassillis &
Dave Carrick Chief First Class Retired**

Lord Archie will be a Distinguished Guest of the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

We are happy to announce that Lord Archie, Earl of Cassillis has agreed to be a Distinguished Guest at the 2026 Stone Mountain Games so he will be in attendance for our 2026 AGM. We are intending on having a special AGM banquet. I would like to thank David for his setting this up.

We are working on a banquet, with details forthcoming. Members are encouraged to book rooms ASAP at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. per the Stone Mountain Highland Games website. Call the Hilton at (770) 447-4747 and ask for the SMHG rate or use the link [Hilton-Stone Mountain](#).

AGM Game Information

Stone Mountain, GA

The Kennedy Society 2026 AGM will be held outside Atlanta at Stone Mountain, GA, and the Society is excited to note that Lord Archie Cassillis, the current Earl, will not only be in attendance but also designated as a Distinguished Guest of the games! As a Society member, your attendance and participation is more than welcome! In order to assist you in your decision, please note:

THE WEBSITE

The official website for the [Stone Mountain Highland games](#)

THE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT, October 16: As a Distinguished Guest, Lord Archie is required to attend two receptions at the host hotel: one from 6-8pm for games officials and dignitaries, and the Patrons/Clan Conveners from 8-10pm. To attend the Patrons/Clan Conveners reception, you will need to purchase a Patrons pass for \$120 single/\$175 double. This will include being able to park in the Patrons/Sponsors area and admittance to the Patrons/Sponsor tent at the games.

If you don't want to partake of this option, the hotel has a restaurant, bar, and an exceptional deck where you can hang out with fellow Kennedys.

All of the games fees, etc. can be found here [Stone Mountain Highland Games, ticketing](#). Cost per day is \$22.50. PLEASE NOTE: Stone Mountain is a "for profit" state park in Georgia and, in addition to your tickets to the games themselves, there is a \$20 entry fee per car per day charge. If you live in the area, or are thinking about attending next year as well, you should consider purchasing an annual pass for \$35 through the games available [here](#), that will be in effect through the end of October 2027, a savings of over \$25 at the gate price. Just use the promotional code HIGHLAND.

SATURDAY, October 17: gates open at 8am, and the opening ceremonies at 12pm with the guest introductions and massed bands. Lord Archie will be participating in this as he will be on the reviewing stand.

Closing ceremonies will be at 5pm.



AGM Game Information Continued

Stone Mountain, GA

The Kennedy Society has reserved banquet space at Dominick's of Historic Norcross (near the hotel) 95 South Peachtree Street, Norcross GA 30071 (770)-449-1611 at 7pm. Cost and sign up link will be posted soon. Early arrival can be accommodated at the bar.

SUNDAY, October 18: Gates open at 8am, and the Massed Pipes and Drums/Parade of Tartans at 1pm. Lord Archie will again be on the reviewing stand.

Mid-afternoon, enjoy being serenaded at the tent by the Atholl Highlanders - featuring KSNA member Bobby Harwell. A Kennedy Society tradition!

The games will officially end at 4:30 pm, and dinner for Sunday evening can be decided upon at the tent that afternoon.

THE HOTEL

The host hotel is once again "The Castle On The Hill", the Hilton Atlanta Northeast at 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Peachtree Corners GA 30092, (770)447-4747, and make sure to get the games' rate. There are other hotels in the immediate area should you choose otherwise. The hotel is about 1/2 hour-45 minutes away from Stone Mountain. However, you are in Atlanta! You can go [here](#) to find the websites for multiple local hotels.

THE AGM

The time for our annual meeting has not been set, but most likely will be on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. More on this later!

HELP WELCOME LORD ARCHIE!

This will be his first trip to the US, and we are excited to host him in Atlanta!

Please join us in welcoming him on his inaugural visit!!!



Scotland Tour 2027

The Relaxed Explorer, located in Pittsburgh, PA, has been working with me to create a customized tour for the Kennedy Society. Here is the itinerary for next year's tour which was announced in the Spring Gazette. Based on 20-24 participants, the cost will be \$5057 per person double occupancy/ \$7302 per person single occupancy. Some meals are included. Flight costs are extra. Final payment is due around April 1st.

If you are interested in joining the tour, please let me know so that I can send you additional details and booking information.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Colleen Caldwell caldwellkids@earthlink.net



Day 1

Wednesday, June 23, 2027

- Private Coach Transfer: From Edinburgh Airport to Edinburgh Hotel for general group arrival
- Central Edinburgh Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Spend your first day acclimating and familiarizing yourselves with Scotland.
- Welcome to Scotland Arrival Group Dinner



Day 2

Thursday, June 24, 2027

- Central Edinburgh Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Coach and Private Guide for 8 hrs.
- Start your day with transportation and a guided tour in Edinburgh of the Royal Yacht Britannia to visit the oceanic liner used by Britain's royal family. Then head with transportation, to Falkirk to visit the Falkirk Wheel, a unique rotating boat lift connecting the Forth and Clyde Canal with the Union Canal. Then visit the Kelpie Sculptures, Rough Castle Fort and the Antonine Wall. You will then be transported back to Edinburgh.



Day 3

Friday, June 25, 2027

- Central Edinburgh Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Free day to explore Edinburgh on your own, possibly visit Georgian House, Edinburgh Castle, Scottish National Museum, Holyrood House.

Scotland Tour 2027, continued



Day 4

Saturday, June 26, 2027

- Central Inverness Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Coach for 8 hrs.- Inverness Tour
Depart Edinburgh. On the way to Inverness, visit Culloden Battlefield, the site of last battle of Jacobite Rising. Then explore the prehistoric site of Clava Cairns.



Day 5

Sunday, June 27, 2027

- Central Fort William Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Coach for 8 hours.
Stops in Fort Augustus for some free time on the southern tip of Loch Ness on the Great Glen Way. Then immerse yourself in the setting of the world-famous Glenfinnan Viaduct and the Glenfinnan Monument which is a striking tribute to those who fought in the Jacobite Risings. End the evening in Fort William.



Day 6

Monday, June 28, 2027

- Central Ayr Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Transfer: Fort William Hotel to Fort William Rail Station
- West Highland Line Rail - Fort William to Glasgow
- Private Transfer: Dalmuir Rail Station to Ayr Hotel



Day 7

Tuesday, June 29, 2027

- Central Ayr Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Morning Kays of Scotland Visit
- Private Alloway - Robert Burns Tour
With Private Coach and Private Guide for 8 hrs.
visit the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Burns Monument, Burns Cottage and other points of interest.

Scotland Tour 2027, continued



Day 8

Wednesday, June 30, 2027

- Central Ayr Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Coach for 8 hrs.
Visit sights historically significant to the Kennedys, to include Greenan Castle, Maybole Castle, Dunure Castle, Kennedy Mausoleum, Crossraguel Abbey, Baltersan Castle, Ardstinchar Castle, and Dalquharran Castle



Day 9

Thursday, July 1, 2027

- Central Ayr Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Coach for 8 hrs. - Culzean Castle Tour
Spend the day at Culzean visiting the castle and surrounding area. Additional activities can be added.



Day 10

Friday, July 2, 2027

- Central Glasgow Hotel
- 3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Private Transfer: Ayr Hotel to Glasgow Hotel
- Free time in Glasgow
- Farewell to Scotland Group Dinner



Day 11

Saturday, July 3, 2027

- Central Glasgow Hotel
3 to 4 Star Hotel - Standard Rooms with breakfast
- Free time in Glasgow

Day 12

Sunday, July 4, 2027

- Private Coach Transfer: From Glasgow Hotel to Edinburgh or Glasgow Airport for general group departure for flights departing before 12 pm.



Share the inspiring story of Scottish icon

ERIC LIDDELL

Free Tool Kit includes ways to engage the next generation

Eric Liddell was a Scottish athlete, Olympic champion, and Christian missionary whose purposeful life, unwavering convictions, and astonishing achievements in sports and community service stunned and inspired people around the globe. Today, his story continues to inspire through books and movies, including the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Eric's gold medal win at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, the Edinburgh-based charity that bears his name created a campaign called The Eric Liddell 100. Its mission is "To bring his achievements to life for everyone, and to inspire new generations to make a positive impact on their community, their society, and the world."

To help do that, the campaign includes sports, educational, cultural, and faith programs designed to promote universal values that Eric inspired: Passion, Compassion, and Integrity. The activities were created to have particular appeal to young people – the next generation.

These free resources are now being offered to Scottish diaspora outside of Scotland. Scottish clans and associations can access these ideas and support materials through the new "Tell His Story Tool Kit" that launched on Tartan Day, April 6.

The Tool Kit includes ways to integrate Eric's story at member events, in classrooms and churches, and at Highland Games and Scottish festivals. Sponsoring an "Eric Liddell 100 Award" also offers the opportunity to recognize local young people who exhibit sportsmanship and citizenship, as Eric did.

To download the Tool Kit, go to www.ericliddell.org/us-canada or use the QR code below. For more information, contact Mart Martin, US Ambassador, The Eric Liddell 100, at martinm@ericliddell.org. Sponsoring an "Eric Liddell 100 Award" also offers the opportunity to recognize local young people who exhibit sportsmanship and citizenship, as Eric did.

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A Message from the Chief



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Welcome to the South! We have gone from the “Yellow Cloud” of spring pollen to the “Wall of Water” humidity of summer! It is going to be near 100 degrees later this week with swamp level humidity. Oh joy!

The KSNA leadership team is currently in full swing planning our 2026 AGM at Stone Mountain Highland Games, October 17th-18th. I am pleased to announce that Lord Archibald (Archie) Cassilis, Earl of Cassilis will be in attendance with his partner, Molly McGehee. Stone Mountain Highland Games has been gracious to add Lord Archie as a Distinguished Guest of the games. We are very excited to get to know Lord Archie and Molly better as this will be the first time to the US since the death of Lord Charles in 2015.

We are working very hard to make this year's AGM a very special event not only in honor of Lord Archie but also for our Society membership. We will be deploying a 2026 AGM web page to provide further details about the AGM, allow for online banquet registration/payment and online ballot submission for those who cannot attend the AGM in person.

Many thanks for all of the flowers, phone calls, notes, cards, and text messages of condolence on the passing of my sweet Tammy. She is now perfected and at home with our Savior, Jesus Christ and is no longer in pain. Please keep Meaghan, Brendan and me in your prayers as we navigate her loss. As my childhood pastor used to say, grieving is for the living.

Up the Coast!
Avisé la fin!

Sean Carrick



Did You Know?

Area: 78,789 sq km (30,420 sq miles) including the islands. About twice the size of the Netherlands and almost the same size as South Carolina in the US. Scotland counts 787 islands from which around 130 are inhabited.

Size: Scotland measures 441 km (274 miles) from north to south. From east to west it varies from 38.8 km to 248 km. The overall coastline including the islands is 10,000 km! (69% of the total UK coastline)



<https://www.scotlandinfo.eu/scotland-facts-and-figures/>

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Future Games

Including the games that have already occurred, the Kennedy Society will be represented at the Upcoming games for the few months:

**Scotland County NC Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC
10/2-10/4 Laurinburg, NC Sean Carrick**

**Scotland Connecticut Highland Games, Brooklyn CT
10/12 Leo Kennedy**

**Stone Mountain, Stone Mountain, GA 10/17 - 19
Dave & Amy Carrick**

DUES REMINDER

Did you know that you can pay in-person at events where Kennedy Society of North America members host a tent? Check our Events Calendar on the website for locations.

Credit card payments can be made on the website by responding to the automatic email reminder. If that link has expired, or you don't receive one, email me at caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Paying your dues with a check? Send it to the address below. Please let me know if you are sending a personal check in the mail so that I can watch for it.

**Colleen Caldwell
KSNA Membership
278 Reservoir Road
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666**

Membership dues are \$35 for one year, payable to Kennedy Society of North America.

Summer Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

I am happy to say that many of the early issues with the website have been resolved! Take time to look around and enjoy one of your member benefits.

While you are there, navigate to My Account and update your Profile, Account, Plan, and Billing information. Your subscription Plan will tell you when your membership is due for renewal. (Note that Hereditary, Honorary, Lifetime, and Military Plans, will not show a renewal date.) Your accurate contact information will help immensely with overall communications.

Also of note, Cash/Check is not a self-service checkout option. I will still process these manually as in the past. Please check on your renewal date first and let me know if a check is being mailed to me.

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership Chair

My Account

Profile

Account

Plan

Billing

Welcome to these new Members:

Evan Bain of New Braunfels, TX
Bryan Kennedy of Greer, SC
Deeanna Hagara of Alma, WI
Jazmine Roof of Yakima, WA
James Kennedy of Portland, ME
Gregory Kennedy of Blanchard, OK
Ryan Chriscoe of Holly Springs, NC
Michael Juillerat of Woolley, WA
Wesley Kennedy of Laramie, WY

New Lifetime Members:

William D. Kennedy of The Villages, FL
Wendy Schoffstall of Richmond, VA



Summer Recipe

Creamy Neeps

INGREDIENTS

- 400ml double cream
- 150ml semi-skimmed milk
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 (about 1.5kg) swedes, quartered
- Thinly sliced Butter, for greasing
- 175g crumbly goat's cheese, plus extra to scatter over the top



Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 190°C/fan170°C/gas .
- Heat the cream, milk and whole garlic cloves in a small pan over a low heat boiling. Remove from the heat and set aside to infuse for at least 15 minutes.
- Blanch the swede in a pan of boiling salted water for 4-5 minutes until almost tender, drain, then layer in a medium buttered oven proof dish with the cheese and lots of seasoning. Pour over the cream, discard the garlic, and sprinkle with the extra cheese.
- Bake for 30-35 minutes until the swede is cooked and the dish is bubbling and golden

Nutrition

Calories: 367k cal | Carbohydrates: 11.5g | Protein: 7.7g | Fat: 33.7g | Saturated Fat:21.1g saturated |Sodium: .05g | Fiber: 2g | Sugar: 10.6g

Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

The thistle – Scotland's National Flower



Here are some fun facts about Scottish Thistle

No-one is truly sure of how the thistle came to be Scotland's national flower. A well-known story though attributes the thistle being chosen as the emblem of Scotland to the Battle of Largs (a coastal town in Ayrshire) in the 13th century. A Norse army journeyed to Scotland, intent on conquering the land. The legend has it that they left their ships under cover of night, and were planning to ambush the sleeping Scottish Clansmen. In order to be as quiet as possible, the Norsemen had removed their shoes. However as they crept across the countryside, one of them stepped onto a thorny thistle. His cry of pain roused the Scots, and the warriors rose up and defeated the invaders.

The thistle is now well ingrained into the cultural identity of Scotland, and you can find it everywhere. Amongst other things, it is the logo of Scottish Rugby, adorns the crest of Scotland's national football team, is a core component of the Police Scotland logo, and is a popular choice for any number of Scottish businesses.

Thistles can be found right across Scotland, from the Lowlands to the Highlands, and even on the islands! There are a number of different types which grow in the UK, and a variety of thistles can be found in the wild around Scotland, the most common being the spear thistle, the creeping thistle, and the marsh thistle.

Fall Edition

It's never too early to start preparing for our next edition. Due to recent changes in formatting it's taken a while to get everything put together nicely for you. Please remember that the deadline for the next edition will be October 15th
