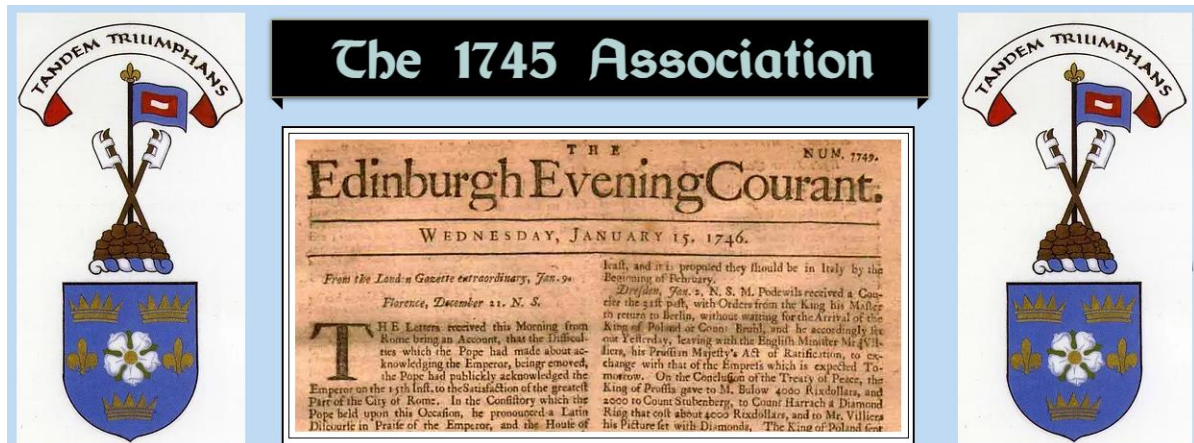


NEWS & EVENTS ARCHIVE - 2024



Battle of Clifton Event - Wednesday, 18th December 2024

You will find in the attachment news of the forthcoming commemoration of the Battle of Clifton on 18 December 1745.

The commemoration is organised by 1745 Association vice Chair, Mr Ian Wear and will be held on the 18th December 2024 commencing at 10.30 am.

Full details including contact details can be found [here](#).

Mass for Rev'd Robert Lyon Martyr - Sunday, 27th October 2024

Please be aware that there will be a Mass for Rev'd Robert Lyon Martyr, to be held at St Ninian's Cathedral Perth on Sunday 27th October at 16:00. The service will be led by Provost Stephen Holmes with our President The Very Reverend A. Emsley Nimmo as preacher.

All welcome to attend.

Robert Lyon was a young Episcopal priest who ministered to St John's congregation at Perth during the '45. He decided to follow the Prince's army into England and served in Lord Ogilvy's Forfarshire regiment. He wrote later: 'I never bore arms, for this I thought inconsistent with my sacred character.' After the Battle of Culloden on 16th April 1746, Lyon was captured and imprisoned at Montrose, then York, and finally moved to Carlisle for trial. He was sentenced to execution on 28th October, along with 76 others. He was hung, drawn and quartered, one of the last in Britain to suffer such a barbaric fate. He forgave Cumberland. He never bore arms as a Chaplain in the Forfarshire Regiment. He was denied the right along with other prisoners to be tried by the Scots Legal system. All were sentenced in England.

2024 AGM of The 1745 Association

The AGM of the 1745 Association will be held at 8pm, in the Falls of Lora Hotel, Connell Ferry, PA37 1PB, as part of the 2024 Annual Gathering. You will find the agenda here.

Item 5 of the agenda concerns the election or re-election of Trustees. The meeting can also take offers of help from those who may wish to help on an ex-officio basis.

Should you be prepared to be considered for helping in the management of our Association we should be pleased to hear from you. We particularly need a regular minutes Secretary and also a Secretary for other written works. Our editor of the Jacobite does a brilliant job in the production of that journal but it is a big job and an assistant editor would be very useful. We hold Council meetings three times a year by Zoom so travel is not required.

Modest computer skills are useful for all potential helpers, especially in the field of word processing. Other qualities that are useful are enthusiasm for the Association and an ability to be pro-active, having the ability and desire to see what needs to be done without waiting for instructions from others.

Should you feel able to help, please let us know on stevlord888@gmail.com

Please note you must be a member of the Association.

Jacobite 175F Summer Edition - Special Edition

A new paper has been made available via our website. Please visit the Articles section for access to "Prince Charles Edward Stuart and Music: A Lifelong Love", authored by Mr Stefano Baccolo and Dr Calum E. Cunningham.

New Appointment - Charlie Zahm

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Charlie Zahm as our "Ambassador of the 1745 Association to North America".

Many members will be aware of Charlie and his wonderful online performances as part of our '45 in '45 Minutes meetings which can be found on our Audio/Visual page.

Welcome Charlie !

Association YouTube Channel Strengthens

We recently received very positive statistics regarding the 1745 Association YouTube channel where you will find all our '45 in 45 Minutes presentations along with many other interesting videos.

The highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- 70 New Subscribers
- 9,166 Views
- 243 Likes
- 70 Shares

This shows the real interest in the events around our period of interest and is proving another valuable method of communication.

Thanks go to our Honorary Vice-Chair Mike Nevin for maintaining this channel.

Brigadier John Macfarlane - by Michael Nevin

It is my sad duty to report that Brigadier John M. Macfarlane, former Chair and President of The 1745 Association, passed away peacefully at his family home in Taynuilt, Argyll, on Monday.

Born in Tobermory in 1939, John was educated at Tobermory School, Oban High School and the University of Glasgow, where he studied Modern Languages. He began his Army career training Gurkha soldiers as an officer in the Royal Army Educational Corps (RAEC) in Malaya during the 1960s, and subsequently served in a number of intelligence-related posts, retiring in 1994 after more than 30 years' service. He later held posts in the Middle East before coming home to Argyll, where he played an active role in community and church affairs and in actively promoting wider knowledge of Gaelic culture and history.

In 2005, he presented a BBC Alba programme on the Battle of Monte Cassino (1944) which, for me, remains the definitive account of the WW2 battle, and included interviews with Scottish veterans of the battle in their native Gaelic.

He also served as Chieftain of the Gaelic Society of Inverness and gave the Chief's Address at the annual Commemorative Service on Drummossie Moor on April 17th 2010, drawing on his military experience to evoke in most vivid terms what was going through the minds of the Jacobite soldiers who stood at Culloden on April 16th 1746.

He gave tireless and invaluable service to The 1745 Association as our Chair between 2003 and 2009 and President between 2009 and 2019. At the time of his death, he was an Honorary Vice Chair of the Association, continuing to generously contribute to the Association's activities whenever called upon, most recently supporting the transfer of Association's collection of books and records to the A.K. Bell Library in Perth last September. In 2020, he kindly recorded a few lines from John Roy Stuart's poems 'The Day of Culloden' and 'Lament for Lady Macintosh' for the Association in Gaelic and English, where his rich baritone rendition will hopefully still be heard for years to come at <https://www.1745association.org.uk/audio-video>.

One anecdote he told me of his military career comes to mind at this sad time. Serving in Northern Ireland during the Troubles, he received an urgent command late at night to deploy his unit to a border farmhouse where armed Irishmen had been seen. On arrival, his platoon heard an ominous squealing which enabled them to locate and surround the Irishmen and demand their surrender. Their flashlights shone to reveal a motley group of men carrying pigs and piglets. Their leader claimed that it was all an unfortunate misunderstanding, and sure they were just trying to take the pigs and their poor wee piglets to safety as they seemed to be lost. He then most helpfully offered to return them to the farm where they belonged before heading back over the border.

As related by John, the story was an amusing cameo during a difficult period, but at the time, in the dead of night at the height of the Troubles, it can have been no laughing matter. The incident could have had tragic and potentially fatal consequences had it not been for John's calm temperament and characteristically measured response. As it was, the Irish rustlers and British platoon parted, if not exactly the best of friends, at least on as amicable terms as could be expected under such circumstances.

Brigadier John Macfarlane, British Army Officer and dedicated supporter of the Gaelic language and culture, passed away at his home at Taynuilt, Argyll, on Monday, May 8th 2023