

Independent State of Embo

Embo Independence Day is 16 July and permission for this event was sought from the **Queen** and the **Prime Minister** (Mrs Margaret Thatcher).

On 16 July 1988 a 'Customs Post' was set up on the road into the village. Each car coming in was stopped and searched for illegal contraband (polo mints, as they would take away the taste of the whisky, and lemons, as they would sour the visit), Visa's were then handed out in exchange for a donation and these were then stamped at Government Buildings (alias Grannie's Heilan' Hame) and the holder given a free dram of Clynelish Malt Whisky.

On 16 March 1989 the Embo Government were invited to Clynelish Distillery to check the assets of the Independent State and to ensure that security on the whisky pipeline, which runs from Brora to Embo, was still up to standard.

The buffet set out for this state visit represented different dishes from countries who were to be represented in the **Embo Olympics** (held on 16 July 1989).

On 25 March 1989 the Embo Government held the **Opening of Parliament** in Government Buildings. This was attended by our Greek Ambassador to the Embo Olympics.

On 17 June 1989 the Embo Government was invited on a state visit to **United Distillers in Leven, Fife**. This is the company which bottles Clynelish Malt Whisky.

On 30 June 1989 Embo was awarded a **Tourist Award** for the Independent State of Embo event.

On 16 July 1989 we held the **Embo Olympics**. The countries to be represented were chosen on the basis that their flags were made up of the same colours as the Embo flag.

16 July 1990 the **Last Dram Relay** took place. The baton was a Clynelish Malt Whisky presentation box and bottle. The relay began at the Distillery and ended at Government Buildings where the bottle was drunk!

Money was raised from this event by guessing the correct time the relay team would take to cover the route - 3 hrs 55 mins 55 secs.

16 July 1991 will see the Independent State celebrating their official **twinning with Hawaii**.

<i>Embo Government</i> - Donald Ward	<i>Prime Minister General</i>
Elizabeth Gill	<i>Minister for Internal Affairs</i>
Christine Gill	<i>Ambassador to all Nations</i>
Jeanette McGrath	<i>Minister for Health & Wealth</i>
Christine Fraser	<i>Minister for Good Relations</i>

<i>Souvenirs</i>	Cuddies	<i>The Embo Currency</i>
	Entry Visa	
	Whisky	<i>Specially labelled for the Independent State</i>
	National Anthem	<i>Recorded live by North Sea Gas and the</i>
		<i>Embo Government at Platform One in</i>
		<i>Edinburgh</i>

<i>Events</i>	Guinness Book of Records	2 May	1987
	UDI	16 July	1988
	1st Tank Regiment (Float - Dornoch Annex)	23 July	1988
	National Anthem Record	March	1989
	Clynelish State Visit (Embo Olympics)	16 March	1989
	Opening of Parliament	25 March	1989
	TV AM	29 April	1989
	Distillery Visit - Leven	17 June	1989
	Tourist Award	30 June	1989
	Embo Olympics	16 July	1989
	Viking Float (Embo Navy)	22 July	1989
	Last Dram Rely	16 July	1990
	Hawaiian Twinning Celebrations	16 July	1991

Misc

- * *Independent State of Embo Flag*
- (Red - Viking heritage
- Yellow - for the sun and sand
- Blue - for the sky and sea)

Stamp -- Cross between a thistle
for Scotland and a
pineapple for Hawaii

Raised over £4000 so far

Community Centre

Renovation work cost approximately £30,000.

Our contribution towards this figure was about 12½% (approx £3,750).

Embo Community Centre officially opened on 10/5/90 by Mrs Liz Duncan from Help the Aged, one of the groups who grant aided the project.

Events held in the Community Centre - Church meetings

Library

Luncheon Club (winter months)

Village Hall Scheme (summer time)

Sales of Work

Meetings

Highland Dancing

Keep Fit

Weight Watchers

Night Classes (Gaelic)

Youth Club activities