

A photograph of a bagpiper in a kilt playing bagpipes. The piper is wearing a black jacket and a black kilt with a green and blue plaid pattern. He is standing in front of a black metal fence and a castle in the background.

Today in History

April 17, 1747

▲ English authorities banned playing of the bagpipes and other aspects of Scottish Highland culture following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie

1895: China and Japan recognised the independence of Korea

1989: Thousands of Chinese students marched into Tiananmen Square in Beijing, calling for democracy

1993: The discovery of a 75 million year-old fossil provided a link between dinosaurs and birds

2014: The first Earth-size planet was discovered in the habitable zone of another star