Edinburgh's train robbery link



EDINBURGH'S GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY CONNECTION

Edinburgh, The Burnbake Trust and The Highland Tolbooth Church are all mentioned in two new books called '101 Interesting Facts on Ronnie Biggs And The Great Train Robbery' And 'The Great Train Robbery Quiz Book' by True crime author Mike Gray, in what most people now refer to as the Crime Of The Century. it is now just over 50 years since the 1963 crime.

In August 1978 The Prison Artists Festival Exhibition was held in Edinburgh, organised by the Burnbake Trust, a charity for prisoners, from August to September 1978, at the Highland Tolbooth Church, and one of the Great Train Robbers exhibited numerous items.

Roy James was sentenced to 30 years for his part in the 1963 Train Robbery as the gang's getaway driver. He was a silversmith by trade prior to the train robbery, and picked up the nickname of The Weasel for his quick and fast getaways, Many of his silver items were on sale at the exhibition for £200 or less.

He was released from prison in 1975 and attended the Exhibition in Edinburgh, but was arrested shortly afterwards for assaulting his father-in-law and was sentenced to another two years, James passed away in prison after heart problems.

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