

National Records publish thousands of historic records

The birth of Hibs footballer Gordon Smith has been published by National Records of Scotland (NRS).

[Gordon Smith](#) was born on 26 May 1924 in Edinburgh and played his first game for Hibernian FC in April 1941, scoring a hat-trick in a friendly against Hearts at Tynecastle Park.

He became part of Hibs' "Famous Five" forward line alongside Bobby Johnstone, Lawrie Reilly, Eddie Turnbull and Willie Ormand. All five were later inducted into the Scottish Football Hall of Fame.

Smith won league championship medals with Hibs, Hearts and Dundee, the only person to have won the league with three different clubs. He scored 400 goals in 900 appearances. He was capped 19 times for Scotland, captaining the national team to a 3-1 victory over Hungary in 1955. He died in 2004 aged 80.

Other records now published as they are more than 100 years old is the birth of comedian Rikki Fulton revealed among 245,000 records newly released online by NRS. Robert "Rikki" Fulton is best known for playing the dour minister the Reverend I.M. Jolly in his annual comedy sketch show Scotch & Wry. He was born in Glasgow on 15 April 1924.

Other records now added to the NRS online research website [Scotland's People](#) include:

- The 1949 marriage entry of the 10th Earl of Selkirk and

Audrey Sale-Barker, who both served as pilots during World War II. Sale-Barker also captained the British women's skiing team at the 1936 Winter Olympics.

- The 1974 death entry of pioneering Orcadian bird expert Eddie Balfour, known for his studies of birds of prey.

Birth records over 100 years old are added to the site annually, along with death records that are 50 years old and marriage records that are 75 years old. Family historians and researchers can access them wherever they are.

National Records of Scotland Chief Executive Alison Byrne said: "The annual birth, marriage and death records are our most hotly anticipated records release every year.

"Scotland's People helps researchers all over the world to investigate their heritage from the comfort of their own homes. If you've always wanted to look into your own family history, now would be an excellent time to start.

"I'm delighted to add these new records of Scotland's ordinary and extraordinary people to the centuries of Scottish history already available."

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19⁴⁹. MARRIAGES in the District of St. Giles in the City of Edinburgh

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Names (in full) of Parties, with Signatures. Rank or Profession, and whether Bachelor, Spinster, Widower, Widow, or Divorced.	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a Regular Marriage, Signature and Designation of Officiating Minister or Registrar, and Address and Residence of Witnesses. If an Irregular Marriage, Date of Decree of Divorcement.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
587	19 ⁴⁹ . on the Sixth day of August, at St. Giles' Cathedral Edinburgh	<i>(Signature in full)</i> George Nigel Douglas- Hamilton, Earl of Selkirk <i>(Signature)</i> Selkirk	43	Dungavel, Strathaver, Perthshire	Alfred Douglas Douglas Hamilton, 13 th Duke of Hamilton (deceased)	<i>(Signed)</i> Charles Laing Wan C.V.O., B.D., LL.D.	19 ⁴⁹ . August 9 th . At Edinburgh.
	after Banns: According to the Forms of the Church of Scotland	<i>(Name in full)</i> Audrey Burrell Brunmond Sale-Barker <i>(Signature)</i> Audrey Brunmond Sale-Barker	34	53 Porchester Terrace, London.	John Horace Maurice Brunmond Sale-Barker Doctor of Medicine (deceased) Florence Byer Sale- Barker, now Brooks, Mrs. Sedgard	F. B. Brooks, 4 th Howe Street, Howe Street, Witness Hamilton, Lennoxlove, East Lothian, Witness	<i>(Signed)</i> Asst. Registrar.

Earl of Selkirk and Audrey Sale Barker marriage certificate



Eddie Balfour



Rikki Fulton

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1924. BIRTHS in the DISTRICT of MORNINGSIDE in the CITY of EDINBURGH

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
211	Gordon Smith	1924 May Twenty-sixth 7h 20m. am H Springvalley Terrace Edinburgh	M.	Robert Smith Grocer's Assistant Christina Smith do. S. Sutherland 1918 December 7 th Edinburgh	Robert Smith Father Present	1924. June 13 th At Edinburgh Thomas H. Selfe Registrar.

Gordon Smith birth record



Photo] LADIES' SKI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. [C. E. Brown.
Miss D. Elliott, Miss Sale-Barker (Winner, 1928), Miss Mackinnon (Winner, 1927).

Miss D Elliott, Miss Sale-Barker and Miss Mackinnon (LtoR),
1928, Murren



Gordon Smith playing against Partick Thistle at Easter Road