



# Scot Pourri



Send us your inquiries on life's little question marks.

Ever wanted to know what happened to your old pal from home, how to make your favourite Scottish meal, or wondered about a certain bit of Scottish history? Pose your questions on Scottish related topics to our knowledgeable readership who just may be able to help. Our letters page is a very popular and active one and many readers have been assisted across the world by fellow passionate Scots. Please keep letters under 200 words and we reserve the right to edit content and length. Letters, photos and any other items posted to the Scottish Banner cannot be returned. We prefer letters to be emailed to your nearest office or please visit our on line Scotpourri form at [www.scottishbanner.com](http://www.scottishbanner.com), alternatively you may post or fax your letters to us. Please ensure you include your full contact details, when emailing it is best to include your post address for those without internet access.

This page belongs to our readers so please feel free to take part! Thanks to all our readers from around the world who have made this such a special page.

## Missing Cousin

Rosemary Bone (born June, 2, 1956) Dumfermline, and lived with grandparents at Castlandhill Road, Rosyth. Grandparents changed her name to Rosemary Brown. Grandmother (Annie Brown) worked in dockyard as a cleaner and grandfather (Harry Brown) in the shipyard. Whole family moved to Hillbrook, Cornwall, and mother re-married to John Campbell. May have moved to Canada.

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## Matthew Newsome

I was reading your column in the "Scottish Banner" going back into the history of kilts.

I remember many years ago reading a history of the Roman Empire. There was a bit about the Picts described as vile and wicked people who wore a skirted cloth part coloured in black and white and also brown and white. When I was a boy in Scotland, I used to go out as a grouse beater and some of the gentlemen used to wear kilts, which we called the shepherd tartan. A sort of grey, black and white check.

It is a mystery where the Picts vanished to. I remember our teacher telling us about the man in marriage to a Pictish Princess, became the King. The Picts were also the only race never conquered by the Romans.

Thank you for your page in the "Scottish Banner" Matthew.

I always enjoy reading it.

Billy Macaulay  
Boonah, Queensland  
Australia

## Very Connor-ey

The (May 2010) cover is very 'Connor-ey'

David N. Barclay  
USA

Message sent via Facebook

## Showing the Edinburgh Military Tattoo on American TV

I have attempted, with no luck, to get an answer from both BBC and the Tattoo itself, as to why the rest of the world gets to see the Tattoo, but we here in the USA do not. Would you pull some strings and try to get an answer? We have a great many Scots living in this country and yet we don't get to see what the rest of the world sees, the glorious Edinburgh Military Tattoo. My parents came here in 1929 from the Glasgow area and instilled in me and my brothers, the love of everything Scottish. So it begs the question, WHY ISN'T THE TATTOO SHOWN IN THE US?? My thanks for your assistance.

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**Ed note:** Ronald thank you for enquiry. We have no idea why it is not shown on TV, as in other countries. But you certainly can own your own DVD copy of the Tattoo. Buy direct from the Scottish Banner.

## The Wonderful Haggis

For years now I have been sampling haggis from various butchers and Scottish shops. I have yet to find one that compares to Pat Henrys (Hendry) recipe. Pat had a butchers shop in Scarborough, Ontario, some years ago, but sadly, he passed away. He sold his recipe four times to my knowledge, but to who?

If any readers know who is making 'Pat's' Haggis I would love to know.

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## Carrying On The Tradition



I have been a subscriber for some years now and a while ago, I sent in a photo of my great grand daughter, Kathryn, in her highland dancing outfit.

Since then she has acquired many medals, four of them gold, the photo above, shows Kathryn with her trophy she recently won.

I thought this was an excellent example to all the ex-pat Scots that the traditions do flow to our descendants.

Alf Floyd  
Tecoma, Victoria  
Australia

## "Dressed To Kilt"

Great pictures in the May issue of Dressed to Kilt Mad for Scotland. It is great exposure for Scottish culture and design and I hope it all helps the Scottish community. So many of us attend Scottish events such as highland games and though they may not be as glitzy as the New York cat walk with Sir Sean, they too are such an important vehicle to promote our culture and I am so glad the Banner obviously supports these events and along with other Scottish businesses it is important to keep these events flourishing.

I now I will attend as many as I can this year partly because they are a fun day out and also because my heritage is so important to me as I too am "Mad for Scotland!"

John Bruce  
Chicago, Il.  
USA

## 78th Fraser Highlanders

The 78th Fraser Highlanders, Victoria Garrison is looking for pipe band members, no experience required. Ages 10 years and older are welcome. Pipe lessons are free and chanters will be provided. The Garrison is putting together a band for youth and not-so-youth who are interested in helping the 78th Frasers promote Scottish history and Scottish-Canadian history and culture.

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Canada

## Lachlan Macquarie

So happy to read about Lachlan Macquarie in the May edition of the Scottish Banner. He is so important to Australian history. Many today probably have no idea of just how important he was (and still is today).

This year there are celebrations here in New South Wales to honour this important figure. I hope more new (and old) Australians can learn about him in 2010, and the contribution he made to our Australian life as we know it today.

I am also excited to read more from Ben Wilkie. What a great idea to highlight important Scots in our history. Knowing the Scots, the column could go on for years!

Thanks so much "Scottish Banner".

Glen Kennedy  
Newcastle, NSW  
Australia

## The Haggis

As an avid reader of the "Scottish Banner" for many years, I am sorry to read of people hurling frozen haggis in Orlando, Florida.

Scotland and her people have great respect for the haggis, as it is piped in at Burns Suppers, and the address to the haggis says it all!

Please no more hurling of our staple diet. This is disrespectful to our Scottish heritage and culture.

Your Aye,  
Ellen Aitchison (nee Renfrew)  
Late Paisley, Scotland  
Rotorua, New Zealand

## Scottish Island Memories

I really loved the cover of the April issue, it brought back some great memories of sailing around the Scottish isles one summer on holiday with my friend. We island hopped and loved it and each island really has such a

unique personality and history. If any Banner readers are heading to Scotland it can be easy to forget these gems over the big cities and highlands. They offer much for the visitor and the scenery is out of this world, even now sending this wee note makes me want to go back again!

I love the paper it just gets better and better.

Thanks again  
Alice McMaster  
Hamilton, Ontario  
Canada

## McLeods and Denglers in Australia

I want to make contact with descendents of Margaret Robertson, from Aberdeen, Scotland. Married to Alexander McLeod and Christina Robertson of Aberdeen, Scotland, married to Hans Dengler.

Should you be one of these or know of them please contact me,

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## May Edition 'Scottish Banner' Cover

Fantastic cover photo! Wish I had started playing the pipes at this young fellow's age instead of my fifties.

Fred Greenwood  
USA

Sent by Facebook

**Keep those letters coming! We enjoy them - and so do other readers!**