



# 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 <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.

## Searching Relatives in Scotland and Australia

I am trying to trace some long lost cousins and their descendants.

Mildred Hutcheson Blain (b 1899) 96 N Woodside Rd, Glasgow. Parents Andrew Clelland Blain and Margaret Bushe (married 31 January 1889). Mildred had four brothers Andrew, Frank, John and William Blain.

Mildred married William Wilson 17 Sept. 1920, Williams parents William Wilson and Agnes Hutchison. William was a co-op bread van salesman and he and Mildred lived in Maryhill, Glasgow.

They moved to Australia, possibly after 1945 or even earlier between 1935-1938. I have no other information and hope our Aussie readers can help fill in the blanks. I am a long time subscriber and love my "Banner". Keep up the good work!

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## Confused!

In the April issue of the "Banner", Lord Bryon was referred to as Robert Bryon. His correct name is George Gordon, Lord Bryon. His mother was Miss Gordon of Gight, Aberdeenshire before she married his father and she took her son to Scotland and he had a Scottish accent all his life. He inherited the title when he was ten on the death of his uncle. Best wishes,

Mary Woods

St. Catharines, Ontario

Canada

Ed. Note: Thank you for this. Your comments are appreciated!

## Lost friends

I am trying to get in touch with two sisters that I went to school with. Their names are Anna and Sandra Spence. I was told that Anna had come to Canada about 1965. Later she sent for Sandra to come over. Anna would be 62 and Sandra would be 60. I now live in Canada have been here since March 2000, my maiden name was Margaret Ower.

I would appreciate any information.

Thank you

Margaret Wattie

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## Letter to Joyce

Joyce, I hope this message reaches you as I enjoy reading your column every month especially about Whifflet as I was from there. I grew up in Barrowfield Street which as you know is not far from Hozier Street. I thought the story about the horse entering the chapel was hilarious. I love the stories about your "granny" as they remind me about my own "granny" who by the way had the last name of Fox. One time when we were over there visiting we were driving down through Rosehall and there was a horse running up the pavement. That certainly made the people scatter. I don't know where it went. It was headed for Shawhead. I love the article about all the Scottish words which are so full of expression and a lot gets lost in the translation (if indeed there is one).

Meantime, keep up the good work.

Rena Trapnell,

North Inglewood, CA

USA

## Searching For Old Friends

I have been getting the "Banner" for many years now and look forward to receiving it each month. It is almost a struggle to see who gets to read it first, my husband or I, especially the new series of "View from the Surgery".

The July article was close to the heart as I too was evacuated at age four to Lanark and lived with wonderful people. I would dearly love if you could find space in your paper to enclose a letter and picture (see below). I have been having no luck finding lost friends. The women are more likely married, so I didn't know their names or like us could have immigrated. No less I would appreciate any help I can get.



We left Scotland for the USA in 1962, and through moving around we have lost contact with many of our friends. We would dearly love to get in touch with them.

If anyone recognizes yourself or anybody else in this picture, please get in touch with Tommy and Sophia Barr (Langmuir). We would love to hear from you or anyone who remembers us. Tommy is from Cardonald and Sophia is from Penilee, then Lorne Street after we were married. We have been receiving the "Banner" now for 10 years or more and love every bit of it. Keep up the good work.

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## Purveyors of Tartan Tat

It is rare to see an article in the press these days which is both tackles a not unimportant topic AND is so clear, comprehensive and persuasive. Yet the writer of "Purveyors of Tartan Tat" (September 2008) has done precisely that and should be applauded.

The stealing of intellectual property rights is a worldwide problem, there is a continuing legal battle against it. We should all stand up and support this.

Robert E Osborne

Paddington, Sydney,

NSW, Australia

Ed. Note: Yes and thank you to Matt Newsome for this

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## Who can help with Scots Herring?

I am writing in hopes that some one reading the "Scottish Banner" could tell me the recipe for Salt Herring?

I come from the Hebrides and it was a main meal served with boiled potatoes, and is still popular.

Hopefully the "Scottish Banner" readers can help.

Many thanks and always look forward to the paper.

Anne Douglas

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## Stone of Destiny

In the August Editorial I read that the Stone was found at Scone. I am confused since I have seen a picture in the Arbroath local press of the caretaker at the Arbroath Abbey uncovering the Stone. Which is correct?

I really enjoy the "Scottish Banner".

A Red Lichtie fae Arbroath.

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## Looking For Family

I am looking for my family in Scotland and I can't find them I have been in Australia for 53 years, my father was Alfred Brown and my mother was Jean McAlpine Brown nee Wilson. Can anyone help me please?

Andrew Mill Wilson Brown

Australia

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## Maw Broon's Cookbook

Dear Ms. Cairney,

It was a pleasure meeting you. I couldn't wait to read "Maw Broon's Cookbook".

It took a while reading the writing, but once I did I had a great time going through it. Some of the recipes were not my taste, but overall it was a fun read. I may even try "tablet again". I hope you had an enjoyable & profitable visit & will see you again next year!

Helene MacMillan

Michigan, USA

Ed Note: Our North American readers can purchase this fantastic Scottish cookbook from the "Scottish Banner" mail order service. See page 13.

## Girdle Scones

In one of your Scottish Banner going back a few years I was delighted to see a recipe for Girdle Scones. To my great disappointment the issue has disappeared and hope one of the readers can help with this recipe.

My mother used to make these when we were kids, we lived in the country and they were enjoyed by many including; travellers, the local minister and even a hungry swag-man asking for something to eat, all waiting until they were freshly cooked.

I must say coming from a Scottish family the "Scottish Banner" was truly a delightful publication to read and loved by all.

Thank you and hoping someone will be able to help.

Janet Williams

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## The Scottish Banner is Moving

The Scottish Banner will be moving at the end of September. We will be resuming the address that we had prior to coming to New York. The new address and fax number is shown on page 4. The toll free telephone number remains the same, 866-544-5157.

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