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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 online Scotpourri form at 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.

was of Irish descent. Therefore I regularly sport the Airseag Dress Royal Stuart. I do this on the premise that a piper's kin can wear his laird's breacan. If anyone knows anything about the MacIntyre's during the Forty-Five or of Jacobitism on South Uist, please get in touch with me.

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Irn-Bru



On reading your newspaper I find it full of interesting information! There was an article regarding Barr's Irn-Bru in a recent edition. I have discovered in my search for Kerr's Aerated Water that there could be a connection between these two. Is there anyone out there who could give me a lead regarding this, I would be 'over the moon'. I have a great amount of info on Kerr's if anyone would like to contact me.

Regards,
Catherine Kerr (in Australia since 1966)
hailed from Househillwood, Glasgow.
Australia

Scottish Cromach



I am the 2016 President of the Nationalities Council of Indiana, Past President of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, I stand 6 ft. 2 in. tall, and I am looking for a proper Scottish Cromach or Shepherd's Crook.

I remain, yours, aye!
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The Lost Songs of St Kilda



Last year my husband and I visited the Outer Hebrides and tried to journey to St Kilda but the weather was poor and we were committed to travelling on due to booked accommodation. The closest we got was the Kilda Cruises office in Tarbert (Isle of Harris). My dear departed Dad was a great St Kilda supporter in the AFL and every Saturday during the season our family went to their games in Melbourne. Thank you so much for the prize of the CD *The Lost Songs of St Kilda*. I think the tunes are hauntingly beautiful and very evocative of those remote and forbidding islands. The CD will give me much pleasure. The story of the preservation of these songs is wonderful, if only we knew the accompanying words.

Keep up the good work at the Banner, my husband and I really enjoy reading it as we both have Scottish heritage.

Robyn Whigham
Engadine, NSW
Australia

Always very interesting reading

Please find enclosed my cheque for next year's subscription to *the Scottish Banner*. I look forward to receiving it every month - always very interesting reading.

Marion Brown
Bankstown, NSW
Australia

The Clydebank Blitz



"See, dead knockin' cute and cuddly." A few days ago I did receive the March and April back issues of *The Banner* you sent to me, as a result of non-delivery of same. I contacted the post office but have had no feedback yet as to what the problem might be.

I was so thankful to find the story of the Clydebank Blitz in the March issue as it is very personal to my family. My parents were living with my grandmother at that time in Clydebank and during the first air raid, part of the roof was blown off my grandmother's home from a bomb blast some distance away. The family was forced to leave the house and were loaded into the back of a lorry "wae ma Grannie's big dug licking the dust aff her face." "Ony wie, she went back hame next day and

managed to stye there as there wis bad yins goin' aboot stealing frae others' hooses, ye ken?" "Ah didnae ken ony o' this as Ah wisnae born until a month later on 12th May. Och, well Ah think a' that fuss about the new wain must ha'e cheered them all up quite a bit 'cos ah wis sae cute and cuddly. Nae kiddin'...dead knocking cute and cuddly.' Jist take a peek at thon photie an' that cute wee face and them eyes...ah could get anything. Ah wantit jist by flashin' ma 'een. A wee rascal, so ah wiz! HeHe!" Still a bit of that today, I think!

Brian Beatson
Port Hope, Ontario
Canada

Mary Garden

I was astonished and disappointed that you failed to include the world-renowned diva, Mary Garden, in your mention of famous Aberdonians (*Scottish Banner*, March, 2016). You even made a point of noticing other singers. What an unfortunate oversight.

Kathleen Teillet
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

Informed of the things happening back home

Thanks for an excellent paper which keeps ex-pats like me informed of the things happening back home, and the stories from the past. I've been away from "Glesga" since 1964 but it will always be the Dear Green Place to me.

Duncan Quinn
Waiheke Island
Auckland, New Zealand

40 years of the Scottish Banner



On behalf of the Honorary Chief, Vice Chiefs, Committee and members of Clan Macdonald Yarraville, I extend our heartiest expression of thanks to *the Scottish Banner* for their 40 years, congratulations on your commitment and service. The work and enthusiasm to the presentation of *the Banner* every month, the communication, information and dedication to our collective heritage is evident in the monthly offering. Your dedication has, in my opinion, assisted in keeping our community cohesive and vibrant, lang may your lum reek. Congratulations to you on 40 years! Gun cuireadh do chupa thairis le slainte agus sonas.

Yours sincerely,
Jan Macdonald
Secretary
Clan Macdonald Yarraville

The MacIntyre's

When I was a child, a now long-departed grand-uncle used to tell me how my mother's MacIntyre ancestors helped to pipe Bonnie Prince Charlie into battle at Culloden Moor. One, of course, can't wear one's mother's tartan and my late father

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Lochaber sunset



Sunset crossing the Corran Narrows, Lochaber.
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