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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 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.

Clan Lennox and descendants of Lennox

Looking for descendants who live in Australia and New Zealand. I am on a committee organizing an international clan society for Clan Lennox. We have representatives from all the major countries with populations of Lennox people - except Australia. If any Lennox's in Australia would like to help start our Clan in Australia please do get in touch.

Thank you,
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Tartan Day Ottawa



The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band welcomed the sun and so many people up to Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Sunday, April 23 – a record breaking crowd cheered on the band and dancers as they celebrated the band's 12th annual celebration of heritage, music and culture. 46 different tartans were represented, and the wonderful day was enjoyed by hundreds of locals and visitors to the nation's capital!
Bethany Bisailion
Sons of Scotland Pipe Band
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Ed note: Congratulations to the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band for celebrating Tartan Day for 12 great years and highlighting our great culture.

Scottish Autism fundraiser

Hi Folks,
This is my 4th year fundraising for Scottish Autism. I would like to thank all who have donated and supported me to date. At the age of 72 I feel this could be my last chance to do something very special for a

very special granddaughter (Holly) and all her classmates at Kaimes Special School, I would be very grateful if you could donate to this cause at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ken-hanley

Yours aye, slainte
Ken Hanley
Scottish Tourist Guides Driver/Guide
Scotland

Scottish tablet



In the May issue of the *Banner* Andy Duff asked for a recipe for Scottish tablet, well here is one my mother-in-law made in Edinburgh for years.

125grams/4oz salted butter
1 kg./21 1/4 lb. granulated sugar
1 cup full cream milk
4 grams/14 oz. tin condensed milk

Over a low heat melt the butter in a heavy bottomed pan. Add the sugar and milk. Keep stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Add the condensed milk. Turn the heat up a little and slowly bring to a boil. Turn the heat down and let it simmer for 20 minutes. Test the mixture after 18 minutes by dropping a spoonful in a bowl of cold water. If it turns into a softball in your fingers it is ready to remove from the heat. Beat it for 3 to 5 minutes. Pour into a baking tray and score the top with a knife into fingers. My mother-in-law used to put in walnuts in the bottom of the tray sometimes.

My husband always looks forward to your competitions and he has won a few in the past.
Mrs Judy Wajer
Maryborough, Queensland
Australia

Ed note: Thank you Judy for being so helpful to a fellow reader and we hope Andy gets to try your mother-in-law's great recipe.

Learn, reflect and relax

I need to tell you about one of my favourite days of the month-the day I get my *Scottish Banner*! I look forward to receiving my copy each month and when it arrives a system of routines begin for me. The kettle goes on and the world around me stops. I do not take phone calls or have the TV or radio playing, this is my time to learn, reflect and relax. I so enjoy the articles and snippets of information in each issue, after my first read I will then go back and take in more and find perhaps something I missed earlier. Thanks so much *Scottish Banner* for producing this great and informative publication that is so very loved. My copy gets passed on to several friends all who wait eagerly to also fall in love with Scotland each month with *the Banner*.
Emma Stewart
Auckland, New Zealand

Ed note: Thank you Emma so much for this lovely note and sharing with us what your paper means to you, hearing this means much to all of us involved.

Scottish associations

Last week I happened to pick up a copy of *the Scottish Banner* and noticed your interesting page on surnames. I am three parts Sassenach, one quarter Scot (my mother a Beattie, her family coming originally from Cathcart and Glasgow- in the 19th century days the two distinguished from each other). I have had

the pleasure of visiting Scotland on many occasions, most recently including a visit to the Langholm associated with the small Beattie Reiver clan long ago.

Our town here, of course, has many Scottish associations, having been founded by our greatest Governor, Lachlan Macquarie, in 1820 and named after his wife, buried on Mull. A few years ago we had a statue of her placed in what is now a park but which was originally the town market square (and a place I think where some were hung) next to St Peter's Parish Church which he also founded, opened in 1822. Campbelltown has grown greatly though is almost part now of the ever-spreading metropolis of Sydney. Many of Campbelltown's "suburbs" have names with a Scottish character of one kind or another – Airds, Ruse, St Andrews, Glen Alpine, Ingleburn, Glenfield, Macarthur, Blairmount, Blair Athol (without the original double l), Claymore, Kentlyn and Wedderburn! Macquarie did give his own name, his wife's name, and his poor son's name to many, many places in our country but can certainly be excused – he received no proper recognition or recompense from the Government of his day.

Yours sincerely,
(The Revd Dr) John Bunyan
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Campbelltown, NSW
Australia

Omaha Pipes and Drums



These three pictures were taken in 2004 when I was in Scotland with the Omaha Pipes and Drums The top one was I think taken in Glasgow, the one in the middle was taken in Stirling and the lower one was taken in North Berwick. This coming August I'll be making my second trip to Glasgow with them, it will also be my third trip to Scotland as my second trip was to attend the Clan Cameron Gathering in 2009. I will also be meeting up with some pipers from Canada while over there.
Jon Evans
USA

Kilts for Kancer

I have come up with the idea of wearing kilt every day for a year. Not matter the weather.

It gets cold here in winter. For one reason was for prostate cancer awareness and to raise money. The second is I wanted to show people that kilts are no longer just for weddings. I was also going to try and have people wear a kilt for a day to raise money for prostate cancer research. I thought it was a good idea and a good cause.

Thank you,
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Ed note: Great initiative James-good luck with helping a great cause and promoting a great way to dress!

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The Glasgow Cabbie
Glasgow, Scotland

Bridge of Allan Highland Games



The Maple Leaf set to "fall" on this year's Bridge of Allan Highland Games Sunday August 6th. The Hamilton Police Service, Ontario, Canada are now confirmed to be gracing the games. Also attending are the long arm of the Canadian law with the Peel Regional Police Pipe Band as an international competitor.
Bridge of Allan Highland Games
Scotland