

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 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.

Valerie Cairney

Dear Valerie,
I have just finished reading your editorial in the July edition of *the Scottish Banner*. First of all I would like to wish you all the very best in your future endeavours whatever they may be. I will miss your editorials very much. I am a long time subscriber but have never contacted the paper before so let me say now how very, very much I enjoy all the articles contained in the paper. To be entering 41 years of publication is absolutely fantastic and may *the Banner* have many more years of publication to come. Like many, I have my favourite articles but I still read every part of the paper. I know Sean will do a very good job but I will miss you. Thank you for all your work and dedication over the years. I have met you at Scottish Games and you were always so warm and friendly. I wish only the best for you.

Kind Regards,
Grace Bruce

Congratulations Val!

Valerie what a lovely editorial you wrote in the July issue and congratulations on seeing *the Scottish Banner* through 40 amazing years. I have been an avid reader for many of those years and trust me when I say yes *the Banner* is family to our family. My kids grew up seeing it around the house and many of my friends have enjoyed reading my copies. I personally have learned so much not only about Scotland's past, but the dynamic nation it continues to be through *the Scottish Banner*.

Without doubt this publication is a tremendous asset to the Scottish community and thank you for all your dedication and service.

John Ferguson
Auckland, New Zealand

Stephen Alcorn White

I am trying to locate my cousin (the above). He left Scotland late 60's or early 70's, he went to Tauranga in New Zealand. As I am trying to do my family tree on my mother's side, my mum's name was Sadie, Stephen's aunty. His

sister name was Isobel, his mum's name Bessie, his dad Mick (Michael).

He represented Scotland at the Rome Olympics in boxing. Last known address in Scotland at 43 Barshaw Rd, Paisley, Glasgow.

Hoping readers may be of some help.
Regards,
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The Kilted Yogi's



What a superb cover with the June issue of *the Scottish Banner*. I have heard of both the Kilted Yogi's (cheeky videos on YouTube!) and the New York Tartan Day parade. This is in fact the second year you have provided great coverage of this event and it has sold me to book a ticket to New York and experience it all for myself. It looks like a great time to be in the "Big Apple" and while I may not be able to balance someone on my legs like on your June cover I will wear my kilt and be just as proud to be a Scot!

Keep up the great work at *the Scottish Banner*-its read monthly and passed on to others who love everything about it. I learn much about Scotland from your pages and thank you for this.
Brett Scott
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

Ed note: Thanks Brett for your note and looks like we know where you will be next April! Enjoy.

Sinclair Drive, Battlefield, Glasgow

In the November 2016 issue of your newspaper in the *Scotpourri* section there was a letter about Galbraith's store on Sinclair Drive, Battlefield, Glasgow, Scotland. Please, could anyone tell me the name of the person surnamed Sinclair for whom this street was named? My mother, Ruth Louise Sinclair (Mrs. John P. Green), is age 95. Her grandfather was James Adams Sinclair. He was born in 1837 in Barony Parish Finnieston, Glasgow. His parents were John Sinclair, a power loom weaver, and Mary MacArthur Sinclair. They had three children: John Sinclair who died in Victoria British Columbia, Canada, James A. Sinclair who died in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1913 (he owned a hardware store), and Eliza Sinclair (Mrs.

Moses Oliver), who died in Somerset, Massachusetts. In 1847 the Sinclair family went to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. In 1850 the three children entered the United States through Watertown, New York.

We would be very glad to know if Sinclair Drive was named for my mother's Sinclair family.

Sincerely,
Ms. Susan M. Grady
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USA
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Port Patrick tombstone

How is this for a prophecy? From a tombstone in Port Patrick Churchyard (Scotland) dates 1440:
When pictures look alive with movement free
When ships like fishes swim beneath the sea.
When men oustripping birds shall span the sky
Then half the world deeped.
Drenched in blood shall lie.

Sent to me by my late Mother from Scotland, god only knows how long ago and found amongst some papers.
Charlie Nibloe
Werrabee, Victoria
Australia

Strip the Willow World Record Attempt



The world record remains intact and in Edinburgh's hands. We had several hundred "strippers" on the day but couldn't reach the numbers required to beat the record.

After the Giant Strip took place the attendees partied on doing YMCA, The Cha Cha Slide and Superman on the High Street. Just under £1k was raised in aid of the Highland Hospice and everyone had a great time.

Plans are now underway to have a further attempt next year as we learned a lot on the day. Marketing for the new event will require a Sponsor to attract the numbers we need to beat the record and bring it to Dingwall.
Liam Christie
Director
North Highland Events and Promotions Ltd
President Inverness Chamber of Commerce
Inverness, Scotland

Ed note: Good luck with the record attempt in the future and hope you can get the 1915 "strippers" needed.

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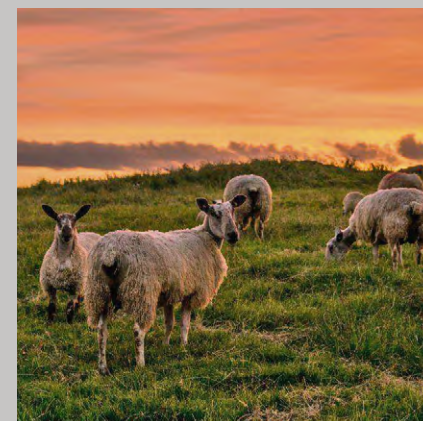
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Eilean Donan Castle



Some mornings walking the dog is simply no chore whatsoever.
Sent via Twitter by Eilean Donan Castle
Scotland

Who is the best poser?



Scottish sheep enjoying a Lanarkshire sunset. Who is the best poser?
David Wilkinson
Scotland

Isle of Skye



Last month, I holidayed in the UK, and spent 9 days traveling around Scotland. This photo was taken near Sligachan, on the Isle of Skye. My Great Grandparents, and their children, lived on an estate there. I had the opportunity to see the land where my ancestors once lived. The photo shows the remains of a stone footbridge.
Sent via Facebook by Scott McPhee
Melbourne, Victoria
Australia

Ed note: Thanks for sharing Scott and how special to walk the land of your ancestors.