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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?



The Glasgow Cabbie
Glasgow, Scotland

I get my subscription to *the Scottish Banner* for Christmas each year and read it from cover to cover and get so much information from it and pass it on in all directions.

Mrs Beverley Mason
Raymond Terrace, New South Wales
Australia

Culzean Castle



I loved reading about my favourite Scottish castle in the November edition of *the Scottish Banner* (*Hidden doorway revealed at Culzean caves*). I have visited the castle on three different trips to Scotland and always love being there which such great history and architecture. The castle has one of the most impressive stair cases I have ever seen and the surrounding grounds are gorgeous with bird and plant life nestled on the edge of the Ayrshire coast. My husband is a avid golfer and the area is home to great golf courses and overall stunning scenery.

I love *the Scottish Banner* and there really is nothing quite like it in the market-thank you for continuing to provide Scots worldwide with such an informative read each and every month.

Kelly Ferguson
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Ed note: Thanks Kelly for your note and you are so right, this castle is a stunner, both inside and out. Do other readers have a favourite Scottish castle? Please share with us!

Family of Bruce International



Family of Bruce International had their AGM at Stone Mountain, Georgia Highland Games October 20, 2018. There were 26 members present representing seven states.

Polly Bruce Tilford
National Secretary to Family of Bruce International
USA

Ed note: Great to see the Bruce's proudly gathered!

FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



Send your photos or letters via social media

Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk



The Learned Kindred of Currie made a great showing at misty Alexandria (Virginia) Scottish Christmas Walk. Our colours don't run! Thanks to all who organized and marched!

The Learned Kindred of Currie
USA

The Forth Bridges



Few words needed - what a stunner of a view #ForthBridge.
View From My Camera
Scotland

Bruce & Wallace



Bruce & Wallace in Stirling.
Robert Gibb
Scotland

Outlaw King



Thank you for the article on the *Outlaw King* in your November edition. I had never heard of this film until reading this article in your very informative publication. I am history obsessed and the story of Scotland is so fascinating, in part due to my Scottish heritage, but also for the fact you just can't make some of this stuff up!

I really enjoyed the film and hope this now gives producers the push to feature more of the life of Robert the Bruce and Scottish history in general. The appeal is not limited to Scots but all the more fascinating for us!

Love *the Scottish Banner!*
Stuart Craig
Wellington, New Zealand

Ed note: Thanks Stuart and we agree the Outlaw King deserves a follow up. It was only based on one year of Robert the Bruce's life, so much more to tell.

Reply to social media ref Sharon Connell

Reply to *Scottish Banner* Volume 42, Number 5, November 2018, Page 4, regarding the social media request by Sharon Connell. In reply to your enquiry regarding Grandparents from Kirkintilloch. As a past resident of Kirkintilloch now living in Australia I Robert McAlpine still have family living in Kirkintilloch. My sister passed on information for you, this is what we found: M Baillie Flat C 11 Shamrock St, Kirkintilloch L H Baillie 60 Boghead Road, Kirkintilloch D Connell 123 Lock Road, Kirkintilloch I Connell 37 Boghead Road, Lenzie I Connell 3 Burns Drive, Kirkintilloch

Wish you all the best in your research.
The Scottish Banner is indeed a great paper to keep us all in touch.
Kind regards,
Robert McAlpine
Australia

Oliver Cromwell

I just read the story of Gilder Roy (*Scottish Banner*, November, 2018). I was pleased to read about him, you also mention in the story of Oliver Cromwell. I have been interested in Oliver Cromwell for some time and only get small pieces of information. It is many years since my school days and I only have vivid memories of him mentioned in history. It would be wonderful if the *Scottish Banner* did an article on Oliver Cromwell in the future.