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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?

Highland Inspiration



What a stunning cover you had in the March edition of the *Scottish Banner*. It screamed out Scotland to me and what a lovely read. I love to see young people keeping the traditions of Scotland going and also mixing them in a modern way to keep them relevant. I had not heard of Lorna

Gillies before but will look at her collection in the hopes to add to mine!

I also love reading about Scotland's first female knight, Scottish women sure are a force to be reckoned with.

Gail Fraser
Chicago, Illinois
USA

Visiting Scotland

I have never set foot in Scotland but my love for the land of my ancestors runs deep. I love the history of this ancient land which my great grandparents left to settle in New Zealand. I am sure many readers of the *Scottish Banner* can relate to this and possibly have the same 'pull' as I do to Scotland.

To say it is on my bucket list would be an understatement and I will get there and when I do I plan on going for at least a month. I think I will need it with all the places to visit. I learn about Scotland every month with the *Scottish Banner*, the only place to get Scottish news in these parts, and with each issue my trip seems to get longer as I learn more. I love my country but will always be a proud Scot!

Craig McAlpine
Wellington
New Zealand

Ed note: Thanks for your note Craig. We hope you continue to enjoy the *Scottish Banner* and we remind our New Zealand readers they can subscribe direct with us.

Clydebank Blitz

While reading my March edition of the *Scottish Banner* about *This Month in Scottish History*, I handed it to my wife Audrey about the bombing in Clydebank in 1941. She was seven years old then and lived in Knightswood, Glasgow and was in the shelter with her mum and three wee sisters. Her father was a POW in Germany for five years and mum said; "Don't be afraid girls, daddy is looking after you." Then when the all clear went two days

later they found their house was still standing, but they saw the poor people passing who weren't so lucky. Audrey is writing her life story now for our grand and great grandchildren, to let them know what she went through. Both of us now are 85 years old, me who was lucky to come from Edinburgh and her from Glasgow. We were both evacuated Audrey for one year and me three years.

Charlie and Audrey Brewer
Ringwood, Victoria
Australia

Ed note: Thank you for your letter Charlie and what a wonderful gift Audrey is leaving her family, sharing family history so it does not get lost.

Munro Bagging

What a delightful article (*Climb every mountain*) in the March edition of the *Scottish Banner*. Whilst I will never be a 'Munro compleator', I admire those who do manage to 'climb every mountain'. I have certainly been to the Highlands on many occasions and the hills and mountains fill me with appreciation for the raw beauty of Scotland.

It is articles such as this that set the *Scottish Banner* apart, constantly delivering an informative view on Scotland and also keeping us to date on all the Scottish events taking place-thank you to all involved!

Roz Ferguson
Washington DC
USA

Ed note: Thanks Roz for your kind note and we agree Scotland is a natural beauty!

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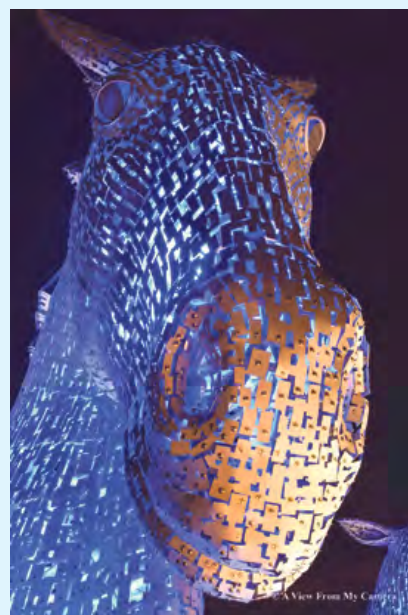
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Clan Baird

Clan Baird Society will host their 2019 General Meeting in St. Trinnean's Room, St. Leonard's Hall, University of Edinburgh, 18 Holyrood Park Road, Edinburgh, Scotland EH16 5AY, on 5 August 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM. All Bairds are invited. A representative from the Office of the Lord Lyon will be meeting with us. Please contact Debra Baird, President of the Society, at djbaird4@gmail.com to sign up to attend. We must have a count of those who are coming.

Debra Baird
Clan Baird
USA

Felt like I was being watched!



The Kelpies are definitely worth a visit if you haven't been, and if you have...go again.

A View From My Camera
Scotland

Linlithgow Palace



Popped into Linlithgow Palace today. Here is Mary Queen of Scots who was born in the Palace. More recently a biopic film *Mary Queen of Scots* has had a stint at the box office.

Historic Tours Scotland
Scotland

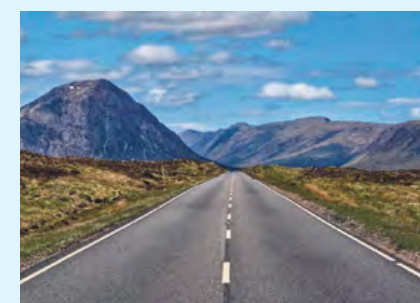
Up Helly Aa



Shetland Up Helly Aa 2019 the most amazing day.

GN Photography
Scotland

Glencoe



Summer or winter. Glencoe always outstandingly beautiful.

Robert Gibb
Scotland

Delighted to be on the new cover



Delighted to be on the new cover of the *Scottish Banner*, oh and along with fellow Scots The Proclaimers too!!! Available across Australia, NZ, Canada & USA #SoHappyAndGrateful
Lorna Gillies
Scotland