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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 Koala Tartan



Just a quick note to say how great the Koala Tartan is, I bought a length of the tartan and it is lovely. I think all your readers should buy something made from tartan whether it's a scarf, wrap, shall, blanket or even a kilt or skirt. The Koala Tartan is made in Australia and a beautiful fabric. Come on Aussies please buy our very own tartan. I really enjoy *the Banner*, thank you.

Gerry Browne
Peakhurst, NSW
Australia

The Burrell Collection



How wonderful to see The Burrell Collection in Glasgow is now opening up again (*The Burrell Collection in Glasgow to open following major refurbishment, the Scottish Banner*, March, 2022). I have visited The Burrell a few times before and never leave without feeling how impressive it is Glasgow holds such a collection. Glasgow is such a great city for museums and visiting the new and improved Burrell Collection will be one of my 'must do's' on my next visit to Scotland. For anyone interested the location of The Burrell is Pollok Country Park, I believe the largest park in Glasgow, and so worth a visit as well. I so miss visiting Scotland and have enjoyed each issue of *the Scottish Banner* and it has helped keep my Scottish fires burning and continues to give me great information on what to do on my next trip across the pond. Thank you to all the staff and writers of *the Banner!*

Ann Forsyth
Chicago, Illinois
USA

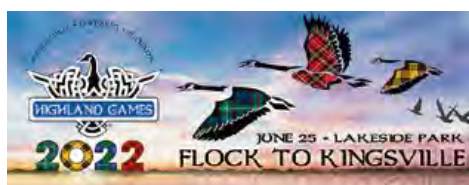
Cancellation of 2022 Caledonia Celtic Festival and future Festivals



It is with regret that we announce the cancellation of 2022 Caledonia Celtic Festival and future Festivals. With the festival just getting off its feet in 2019, then COVID happening, and unable to have the last two year's Festivals, the Board of Directors have no choice but to discontinue the Caledonia Celtic Festival. COVID was not expected and continues to cause uncertainty. Therefore, we are in the process of dissolving the Caledonia Celtic Festival corporation. Our main concern was always the safety of our participants and visitors along with following public guidelines. We wish you all the best in the future and hope that you stay safe and healthy. The Board of Directors thank you for your continued support.

John Duff, President
Caledonia Celtic Festival
Caledonia, Ontario
Canada

Calling the Clans to Kingsville Highland Games



Visit the Clan Village at the Kingsville Highland Games and connect with your Scottish family. Clan Societies and Clan Members will gather here to share stories and connections and to get their Scottish on. The Clans will be an integral part of the Opening Ceremonies and will follow the Honour Guard onto the Main Field to be welcomed. If you represent a Clan and would like to register for a booth in the Clan Village, register today at: <https://forms.kingsville.ca/Highland-Games/Clan-Registration> Deadline for registration is April 29, 2022. Please complete the on-line registration form. If you have any questions contact kingsvillegames@gmail.com.

Kingsville Highland Games Committee
Kingsville, Ontario
Canada

Outlander



I just love receiving my *Scottish Banner*. Love the recipes, the news from around the world and particularly that you feature *Outlander*-and on the front page of the March edition!

Thank you,
Pat McLean
Victoria, Australia

Loch Lomond- A story of Culloden



Thank you for sharing such a fascinating account (*Loch Lomond- A story of Culloden, the Scottish Banner*, February, 2022). I've been to Culloden on a windy grey morning in October. It was bleak and sombre, and I'll never forget it. Your ancestor seems a noble, selfless man of great strength and character. Little wonder you're so proud. My ancestors (the Robertson's) were tenant farmers not far from yours. I really do hope they somehow knew such honourable people as your Robert King.

Paul Robertson

Ae Fond Kiss

Cold grey mornings loved ones crying,
Onto the airport soon we'll be flying
Back to Australia with its desert and plains
Wull ye no come back again

Meeting old friends starts memories anew
Places we went and things we would do
We talk of the humour but never the pain
Wull ye no come back again

This tired old country of mountains and clans
Whisky and peat marching pipe bands
Proud pipers playing soft haunting refrain
Wull ye no come back again

Heads turn away as tears mist the eyes
Crying farewells as we climb to the skies
We gently hold hands settle back in the plane
Wull ye no come back again.

Time takes its toll on the weak and the strong
You've made a choice its there you belong
We aw love ye dearly that much ye ken
Wull ye no come back again.

Davidson Harris

FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



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Corpach Shipwreck



A moody day at the Corpach Shipwreck and Ben Nevis.

Zen Escape Photo
<http://instagram.com/zenscapephoto>

Cambuskenneth Abbey



Cambuskenneth Abbey, Stirling. Steeped in history and reputedly where part of William Wallace was interred.

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Eilean Donan Castle



Eilean Donan Castle, my only image of this iconic location.

Ronald Stokes

Highland Coo



Taking in the beauty of Edinburgh from the Pentland Hills.

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