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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 Wallaby's on Inchconnachan



Just comment about the wallaby's on Inchconnachan ('Hopping' to stay on the Bonnie, Bonnie banks, the Scottish Banner, March, 2022). They have been there for 80 years and not caused a problem, why move them? They are very

timid animals and do not bite or scratch. People are very lucky to see them, I don't think even a lot of Australian's have seen or even heard of them. The people who want them culled have they ever thought of the animals on farms or in zoo's that are not native to Scotland?

I hope they are left alone. I enjoy *the Banner*, keep it going.

All the best,
Gerry Browne
Peakhurst, New South Wales
Australia

Ed note: The petition now has over 9v0,000 signatures, people can still add to that at: www.change.org/p/scottish-government-save-the-wallabies-of-loch-lomond

Lismore City Pipe Band



Thank you for doing such a great job on the article in *the Scottish Banner* (*Lismore City Pipe Band marching on despite devastating flood damage*, April, 2022), it has certainly brought attention to our plight. On 30th March we were once again inundated by another major flood in Lismore, thankfully this one only entered the lower level of the hall, which made it a lot easier to clean up.

We have managed to clean up most of our uniforms and a lot of equipment that was in the hall during the first flood so are finally beginning to feel like we are achieving something although there is still a lot of repairs to do. We would like to assure everybody that the band's heart is still beating and getting stronger by the day. Our goal is still to be on the streets of Lismore on Anzac Day.

Regards,
Marcia Cameron
Acting Secretary Lismore City Pipe Band
Lismore, NSW
Australia

Ed note: You can still help get Lismore City Pipe Band back on their feet after catastrophic floods damaged equipment and their band hall at www.pipebandsqld.com

John Paul Jones Birthday (July 6, 1747)

Dear *Scottish Banner*,
John Paul Jones has been my hero since I was age five. He inspired me to attend the US Naval Academy (Class of 1976) and make the US Navy a career. I retired from the US Navy after 24 years as a CDR. I am a lifetime supporter of the John Paul Jones Birthplace Cottage and Museum, Scotland. In 2008 I was honored as the first non-Scot to be named as a Trustee of the Museum. I live in New Hampshire and am a proud volunteer guide at the John Paul Jones House, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. On April 24, 2022, I hosted a celebration at the John Paul Jones House honoring how New

Hampshire/John Paul Jones/US Ranger changed the course of the American Revolutionary War in just 3 days in 1778.

John Paul Jones was born and raised in Scotland. Son of a Scottish groundskeeper, at age 12 John Paul Jones went to sea as a cabin boy. Working his way up the ranks, he became a Ship Captain in the British Merchant Marine at the unheard age of 20! Jones' older brother, who had earlier immigrated to Virginia, was a successful tailor in Fredericksburg, VA and Jones would visit him often during his voyages on various merchant ships. Jones grew to love America and adopted her as his country since England mistreated Scotland.

Through an incredible string of incredible incidents, Jones was eventually selected to serve as a junior officer in America's fledging Continental Navy. Quickly rising through the ranks, Jones became the most important naval officer in the Continental Navy. He went on to become an internationally known naval warrior. Not only was Jones one of America's most important Founding Fathers, but he is also known as the Father of the US Navy! After the Revolutionary War and with no American Navy, Jones was given permission to serve in Czarina Catherine the Great of Russia's Navy. Despite winning several impressive naval battles, for which he is still highly regarded by the Russian Navy today, the leaders of the Russian Navy conspired against Jones. They spread false stories about Jones that Catherine believed and subsequently removed Jones from his command. Jones left Russia in disgrace. He spent his last couple of years living in Paris, where he died almost penniless in 1792.

Jones was buried with honors by the French. But since he was a Protestant and France was Catholic, he was buried in an unmarked grave outside the walls of Paris. In 1905, after five years of searching and at the cost of more than \$35,000 (his own money) the American Ambassador to France discovered the coffin of John Paul Jones. President Teddy Roosevelt sent a fleet of US warships to Paris and brought Jones back to Annapolis, Maryland to the US Naval Academy. Jones' remains are in a magnificent marble sarcophagus beneath the Chapel of the US Naval Academy.

Every July 6 we celebrate the birth of John Paul Jones at the cottage where he was born and raised in Dumfries. We would like to invite everyone to join us in this celebration. Free food and drink, along with free tours of the Cottage and Museum, along with other exhibits and entertainment will be provided (see: www.johnpauljonesmuseum.com). Come and enjoy the beautiful Scottish countryside and raise a toast to an incredible hero of Scotland and America!

All the best,
CDR James L Poole US Navy (ret)
Trustee, John Paul Jones Birthplace Cottage and Museum, Scotland
Member/Volunteer, John Paul Jones House, Portsmouth, NH
Exeter, New Hampshire
USA

Ed note: Thank you for sharing with our readers some of the background of a great Scottish American.

The Battle of Littleferry

Thank you *Scottish Banner* for the story on the Battle of Littleferry (*Commemorating The Battle of Littleferry, Scottish Banner*, April, 2022). I will admit I had never heard of this battle before and was quite intrigued of it, being so close to the very infamous Battle of Culloden. How wonderful to read there are passionate members of the Scottish community working hard to have this historic event remembered and passed on to future Scots and visitors alike. It is also of course wonderful to have a publication like *the Scottish Banner*

as I truly have no idea where else I would get to learn of this story. I am mad for Scottish history, and have a particular interest in battles, and will be doing some background reading on this battle and the area of Littleferry, which I have never been to but hope to change that on my next visit.

Chris Davie
Hamilton, Ontario
Canada

Bay City Rollers tartan to march at New York's Tartan Day Parade



And I for one as a lifelong Alan fan who then became a personal friend for which was beyond my wildest dreams will be honoured to march in his memory.

#Dontletthemusicdie
Jan Deighton

It was last year the 50th Anniversary of their first song release and top ten hit *Keep on Dancing*. Let us not forget to keep on Rolling thru' the decades ahead. Just as in the decade's past. We never let their music die.
Moira Anne Shearer

FROM OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



Sent to our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts-send us your photos or letters via social media (#ScottishBanner or #TheBanner):

The Corpach Wreck



The wreck at Corpach (MV Dayspring), with Ben Nevis in the background.
Mik Coia

The Prince Albert Cairn



One of Scotland's Pyramids, The Prince Albert Cairn. There are eleven stone cairns on the Balmoral estate in Deeside, Scotland, and a single cairn on the adjoining Birkhall estate. The cairns commemorate members of the British royal family and events in their lives. The majority of the cairns were erected by Queen Victoria.
The Kilted Photographer
Scotland

Glencoe



"Buachaille Etive Beag" with the top of Lagangarbh Cottage to the left in Glencoe.
Ronald Stokes

I belong to Glasgow



A very still Glasgow morning.
Gary Chittick

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