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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?

Scot of the Year Award 2022



The Scottish Studies Society invites you and your friends and family to its annual Scot of the Year Award event on September 9th during which we will pay tribute to this year's recipient: internationally acclaimed historian Margaret MacMillan.

The venue for this year's event will be Seeley Hall in the University of Toronto's Trinity College. It will be a magnificent evening of fine food, music and dance.

The international demands on Margaret's schedule are currently higher than ever and so this is a wonderful opportunity for us to spend time with her while she is still in Canada and before she departs to continue her assignments in the UK and elsewhere for the rest of the year.

The dress code for the evening will be formal (black tie or Highland dress) so this is your chance to dress up for one of the most sophisticated events in the Scots-Canadian calendar.

This will be our first in-person event since the onslaught of the pandemic and so we do hope you will be able to join us for this memorable evening, the proceeds of which will go to support the Scottish Studies Foundation, a registered Canadian charity established to raise awareness of the Scottish heritage in Canada through education at the university level.

For more information please visit www.scottishstudies.com

David Hunter
President, Scottish Studies Foundation
Canada

good man...and his lad Jamie (my name to) just called my old pal Ian last time I was up at Ballater...as Billy has shared that he was in the wrong queue at the Glasgow shipbuilders...the truth is there are so many on this planet that have so happily queued to experience a magical moment with Billy...

Jamie Bowers

First saw him at Kings Buildings Union Edinburgh circa 1967/8. My face was sore laughing! I particularly remember the "Come Dancing" skit, so funny. Also enjoyed his banjo playing. Thanks for the memories Billy and congratulations on your award, well deserved.

Lois McLaren
Alnwick, Northumberland

PipingLive!



I am very excited to be heading to Glasgow this August and was so glad to read about PipingLive! in the July issue. I thought how lucky was I to be going during the World Pipe Band Championships, and to now read there is a whole week of pipes and drums to be had when I am actually there is fantastic. We have family in Paisley and East Kilbride and will be with them as my

base as I get to travel around. Scotland packs in so much for me with all the great scenery, history, events and if I am lucky the weather! I love everything about it and love going to the Highland Games as well when in Scotland, also here in Canada.

The Scottish Banner definitely whet's my appetite for all things Scottish.

David Gillies
Ajax, Ontario
Canada

Scottish Identity Overseas

Hello descendant Scots!

I'm Campbell, a current undergraduate student at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. This summer, I am conducting research into the Scottish identity as felt by Scottish expats the Scottish diaspora. I am circulating a survey for people whose ancestors are from Scotland or who have an affinity to Scotland. If you are a descendant Scot living overseas, I would love to invite you to get involved with my research by filling out a short (5 min) survey about Scotland, your Scottish identity, and how being Scottish impacts your life overseas.

Participation is voluntary and confidential, and if you are interested, you can find the link at the bottom of this message. If you have any questions about participation or the research in general, please reach out to me at: cm476@st-andrews.ac.uk

See survey at: https://standrews.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bHs49ioVnCOFdnE?fbclid=IwAR3dTv3O1fKcP1F2JwU8gbeg-FtdQy5lBXAJv2syTO8rRB32KWU9WwujQLk

Yours aye,
Campbell MacPherson
Scotland

Help needed



I recently had the pleasure of reading your Scottish Banner, and thoroughly enjoyed it. It is the first newspaper that have actually read every article. Really an excellent paper. I am hoping you or one of your readers can help me with these attached photos In 1970 during Commonwealth Games, I worked for Ushers Breweries at a pub in Princess St, and at the entrance to the stadium. The manager gave me this and said it would be worth a lot one day. But don't know what it was used for. I have written to a museum In Edinburgh, but i never heard back from them. So I am hoping someone could tell me more about it? I believe Ushers Breweries do not exist anymore.

Thanking you
Fred Ericson-Miller
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Clan Buchanan to reunite as Chief takes the 'throne' after 340 years



My Buchanan great-great grandparents emigrated to Australia in 1853, settling in the gold mining town of Mt Blackwood in Victoria where they raised six daughters and two sons. I am a descendant from their third daughter. It delights me beyond words that the clan has a Chief again.

lostredsock
via Instagram

Sir Billy Connolly CBE honoured with Fellowship at the 2022 Virgin Media British Academy Television Awards



Such an inspiration...and he has lifted so many hearts and minds across the planet with his profound gift to share happiness and 'awfy sore laughter'...a good guy...a

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The Kilted Photographer

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The Balmoral, No.1 Princes St. An early morning walk around Edinburgh with my camera.
Paul Watt Photography

Isle of May Puffin



Breakfast, dinner and tea.
Mik Coia

Iona



Idyllic Iona, Inner Hebrides.
Debbie Neilson

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