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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?

St Monans Church



St Monans Church from the harbour, exterior and interior. St Monans Church dates from 1369 and is situated in an isolated position to the west of the village on the very edge of the sea.

It is perched on a low rock, over a small valley with a burn. As seen from most directions it has the sea as a backdrop. The original graveyard surrounds the church, and a more modern cemetery stands further westwards on the upper slopes of the little hill. This contains the local war memorial.



Standing at the extreme west end of this the ruin of an earlier church can be viewed across fields, again perched on the sea edge. It is often said that St Monans is the church nearest the sea in the whole of Scotland, and this may well be the case, being only around 20 m from the edge. The church, one of the finest remaining from the Middle Ages in Scotland, was built by King David II Bruce (1329-71).

Tam Eadie
Scotland

The Beginning-Golf video

This is part of a seminar that I give to my students and anyone else that cares to watch the videos. My idea on how the game of golf began.

Video 1. How, where & when.
A PowerPoint video on "The Beginning"
<https://youtu.be/g670xn-yjZM>
Take care, keep safe and enjoy playing your golf,
Tom McCowan
Alicante, Spain

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo



Thank you for the wonderful article on this year's Edinburgh Tattoo (*Celebrating Stories The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2023, the Scottish Banner, August, 2023*). Reading this brought back so many happy memories of me attending the

Tattoo, I have been truly blessed to have gone four times over the years. The show never disappoints and is always filled with such spectacle, color and incredible music. I highly recommend anyone visiting Scotland in August to get some seats (hopefully on a dry night!) and take in an international show like no other, where of course pipe bands take a starring role. The lone piper playing across the historic city of Edinburgh is also something that really brings a tear to the eye.

I hope to get back to Scotland, and the Tattoo, in the next year or so. Until then thanks *Scottish Banner* for keeping my Scottish connection well and truly going strong.

Jen Stirling-Ricci
Trenton, New Jersey
USA

David John Fraser

Hello,
I just joined/liked your Facebook page, I hope it meets with your approval. I'm the daughter of David John Fraser, who this Facebook page was created in memory of. Not only do I want to keep my father's memory alive, but I also want to hear from any long lost relatives and I'm sure this will accomplish both.

Thank you for the opportunity.
Anna Fraser
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Canada
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A Lament



Come lay the notes upon blades of grass which hide his mortal being...

bring to me the pibroch's pain to a soul is all consuming.

raise high the scream of man's desire to be the one immortal.....

to find that god was kind and called him through the portal.

Kit Duddy
kitspoems
Artwork
'Her Lament'
By Scottish Artist
John Trevorrow
Trevorrow Art
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100012346999088

Morton Clan Coat of Arms

I am searching for my clans correct coat of arms. I'm a long descendent of the 13th Earl of Morton, which I believe the Morton Clan is derived from the Norman clan which emigrated to Scotland from Norway and possibly France. The coat of arms for my clan that I'm searching for has a particular shade of green and unfortunately that's the only lead I have with it. Is anyone able to help me find the correct coat of arms?

Ryan Morton
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The World Pipe Band Championships



What an incredible event 'The World's' looks to be. Your August coverage (*Bathgate band is crowned 2023 World Pipe Band Champions*) really piqued my interest in attending this event. I absolutely love pipe bands and the power of massed bands at a Highland Games live is incredible to me. Pipe bands en masse is really something to behold, the sound, the visual and the emotion. To see so many international bands from around the world, which I could never see otherwise, is really something I have now decided to do. I was also happy to see a Scottish band win 'The World's' but of course hope to see Canada again at the top spot.

I am now making plans with my wife and possibly kids to go to the home of pipe bands.
Alex Stewart
Cambridge, Ontario
Canada

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Isle of Harris



The house on the hill, Isle of Harris.
Mik Coia

The Wallace Statue



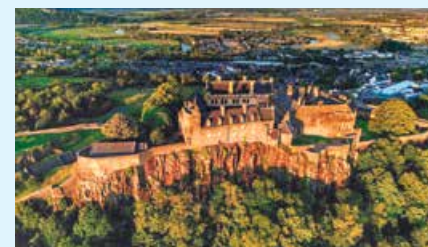
The Wallace Statue, The National Wallace Monument.
The Kilted Photographer

Ashton Lane



Walking the cobbled Ashton Lane in Glasgow's West End.
IG: eadietam

Stirling Castle



High above the mighty Stirling Castle.
Robert Gibb