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## Scottish Banner Says Shock at the release of Lockerbie Bomber...



Valerie Cairney, FSA Scot

Last month the release of Abdel Baset Mohamed Al Megrahi, the Lockerbie Bomber, by Scottish Justice Minister Kenny Mac-Askill sent shock waves, not only throughout Scotland, but most of the rest of the world.

Jailed for the deaths of 270 people, 239 passengers plus crew died on board the PanAm flight bound from London to New York. Another eleven people from the town of Lockerbie were also killed when their homes were devastated by the plane crash. Megrahi was imprisoned by judges in international courts. He was serving a life sentence for those deaths when he became terminally ill with prostate cancer.

Doctors, believing his cancer was progressing, felt he had only three months to live. Shortly thereafter, his release was decided on compassionate grounds, which allowed him to die among family and friends in his native Libya.

Mr. Megrahi was flown back to his own country last month to receive a hero's welcome—and be a free man.

### Initially Shocked

Here at the "Scottish Banner", we were initially surprised at the biggest mass murderer in Scottish history being released after just eight years imprisonment. We then heard from others living in Scotland who understand Scottish law much better than we do, and who gave us their reasoning for this behaviour.

We were also approached by those who had a closer insight into this terrible crime offering their views on the events at the time. We were happy to receive these and are pleased to publish them within these pages.

We also felt it important to publish news reports filed in Scottish newspapers the day after the bombing took place, the 22nd of December, 1988.

Here is one of those accounts:

"The friendly market town of Lockerbie leans against the A74, and is the main artery between Scotland and the south. Yesterday this friendly little place laid bare its wounds to the world, its wounded, its dead, and the hundreds who had died on its gentle fields.

Local people walked through the town looking for neighbours, friends and family, hoping they had been evacuated from their homes, and were safe today. Many buildings exposed in the bright sunshine yesterday are now mere blackened shells. The town

hall is currently serving as an emergency morgue. Last night's crew and passengers from the PanAm Jumbo along with some local people lay dead. Dumfries and Galloway police estimated more than 150 bodies lay in six acres.

One writer told of his experience looking over a dyke, at the remains of the cabin of the Jumbo jet.

It lay broken on its side like a giant toy discarded by a spoiled child.

Yet this mindless fit of insanity had the bloody hand of a mindless zealot behind it.

### Sheep Grazed

Walking past an old churchyard, sheep grazed on the left of the field the reporter recalled looking twice at something motionless, possibly a dead, sheep with a gash in its side. Looking closer he realized it was the naked body of a middle-aged man. A pole stuck into the ground with a piece of cloth fluttering at the top marking the spot. On his right a small bundle, no doubt the body of a child, lay wrapped in plastic sheeting. Looking up he saw more poles and more bundles. The full impact of the terrible massacre hit home to him. He was, silently, stunned.

A local farmer said that most of the bodies were naked, apart from socks. When questioned this he was advised that the effects of the planes decompression had pulled off their clothes. In one appalling incident, a falling body had killed one of his sheep.

When the plane came down it cut a mighty swathe from west to east across the south of Lockerbie. Some locals thought the noise might be an electrical storm. Others took it to be thunder. It was actually the PanAm jet coming down over the quiet fields. When the power went out in their homes, they blamed lightning.

Sadly, it was all part of experiencing international terrorism at its very worst.

### No life in this field

Almost immediately local doctors were at the scene. Upon arrival, they took a horrified look at the amount of bodies, before quickly returning to Lockerbie to tend the wounded. Some bodies had hit the earth with such force they could have been buried in the indentations they made in the ground. Another local tried to find the pulse of a stewardess—but there was no life in this field.

Down the hill into town was the local golf course. This too contained another 60 bodies.

More sticks! More bundles! More flags!

One farmer counted 50 bodies on his land—many of them he had discovered himself. Yet no one knew what age they might be; they were battered beyond recognition.

Such was the devastating effect on this peaceful small Scottish town of international terrorism at its worst.

Lives were lost! Innocent victims were killed.

The person allegedly responsible is now free.

Yet fresh news seems to unravel daily on these events. We hope to bring more updates to our readers prior to going to press at months end.

Check our pages 14 and 15 to see how other Scots living in Scotland feel about this.

**Note:** As we go to press we have learned the medical condition of Megrahi has recently worsened.

## From the 'Banner' Mailbag

Give us *your* opinion by writing to:

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### The Mystery Church

I refer to your edition of June 2009 which featured an article about Shetland Weddings.

It was pointed out to me by one of my parishioners who could not believe her eyes when she saw the photograph attached.

The church pictured (see above) is the church of which I am minister. It is about as far from Shetland as one could possibly be while remaining in Scotland as it is actually in Hawick in the Scottish Borders (an area featured elsewhere in the magazine).

Brides, and others, do appreciate its beauty and simplicity, inside and out, and we welcome visitors



from around the world to visit and worship with us but I have yet to be asked to transport it to Shetland to conduct a wedding.

*Marina Brown*

*Minister St. Mary's and Old Parish Church*

*Hawick, Roxburghshire*

*Scotland*

### Happy To Find The "Banner"

I happened to first find the "Banner" in local newsagent - now I have subscribed for the next year! I was born in Bonnie Scotland but have lived in Oz most of my life.

The "Banner" is a way to keep connected! I still have lots of family over there.

The "Banner" is also interesting, informative and very well written/laid out.

Keep up the good work.

*Fiona Day*

*Australia*

Gracing our cover: Scottish Country Dancers having a fling of a time. Photo courtesy of VisitScotland.

# Meet the Chief - Clan MacThomas

*The Scottish Banner is pleased to be running a series to help readers get to know their Clan Chief and quite literally put a face behind the name. Scottish Banner readers will be "meeting" a variety of Clan Chiefs over the months to learn about the person who connects Scots around the world.*

*If your Clan would like to take part please contact the Scottish Banner.*

This month we welcome Andrew MacThomas of Finegand the 19th Chief of Clan MacThomas.



By: Sean Cairney

**SB:** Can we begin by you telling us a brief bit about yourself and when you took on the role of Clan Chief? Do you have a role outside the Clan itself?

**AM:** Since completing my education, I have lived for the past forty five years in Scotland and London. I retired a couple of years ago from my job as Director of Public Affairs at Barclays plc, then the 8th largest financial institution in the world. My wife and I have two children. Our son has just left Edinburgh University with a degree in chemistry and our daughter is studying in Bristol. My father died in 1970 when he was only 60 and I was very unprepared for the role when I became Chief at the young age of 28. I remember that there was an International Gathering shortly afterwards and all the other Chiefs were so much older and more worldly wise than me and I was worried about how I was to meet and greet my own clansfolk. Somehow I survived and am far more relaxed now! Over the past forty or so years, I have been fortunate to attend various Scottish events in Australia, Canada, South Africa and the United States. My wife and I both thoroughly enjoyed the recent Gathering 2009 in Edinburgh, which was such a great success and every few years we always look forward to welcoming clansfolk from all over the world to Glenshee.

**SB:** Many people are fascinated by the Clan ancestral home? Where is the official Clan residence and do you in fact live and run the property? Also can the general public visit?

**AM:** My seat is Finegand in Glenshee, but it was sold in the 17th century, and I do not think the current owners would be very happy if hundreds of clans folk knocked on their front door every year! There are clan sites to visit in Glenshee, but sadly no Chief's residence.

**SB:** Do you get to meet many international Clan members and if so how/where? And if not how do you best communicate with the international Clan membership?

**AM:** I was able to meet many Clan members on my overseas visits, and we gather every few years in Glenshee when I meet more. Although I would like to, it is not possible to meet all members of my Clan. That is why other forms of communication are so important. We have an excellent website [www.clanmacthomas.com](http://www.clanmacthomas.com) which includes everything a clansman/women needs to know. There is a well produced annual Clan Magazine too in addition to various Newsletters. Clan MacThomas also has active branches in Australia, Canada and the United States and I am keen to see more activity in New Zealand too. The Clan Society is very active around the world and there is a lot going on. Full details can be found on the website.

**SB:** For those readers who are not part of your Clan, is there a favourite piece of Clan history or information that you find interesting or that may not be general knowledge?

**AM:** The 7th MacThomas Chief, John McComie of Finegand (McComie being a shortened phonetic form of MacThomaidh i.e. the Gaelic for MacThomas) fought for the King's side alongside the Marquis of Montrose at the beginning of the British Civil War but after the defeat at Philiphaugh in 1645, he returned to cattle raising in Glenshee. He was won over by the prosperity that Cromwell brought Scotland and started to co-operate with Cromwell's men. This was too much for his Royalist neighbours. When Charles II came to the throne, after law suits, decrees and fines my ancestors were forced to leave their lands. Upon reflection, supporting Cromwell was a terrible mistake!

**SB:** If it's possible to describe what would you say is the most rewarding aspect of being a Clan chief?

**AM:** Apart from meeting a huge number



Chief Andrew MacThomas and his wife

of interesting people involved in the Clan Movement globally, who I would never have met if I had not been a Chief, the most rewarding aspect of my Chiefship has been to re-establish the Clan MacThomas in Glenshee. Fifty years ago, this ancient Clan was not well known. Today, the Clan owns its ancient Gathering Ground in Glenshee which has recently been fully redesigned and replanted, a road bridge over Shee Water is called the MacThomas Bridge after the Clan which settled there 500 years previously, and you can not today be in Glenshee without being aware of the glen's connection with the Clan MacThomas. Importantly, visiting clansfolk contribute once again to the local economy. Also, recently I have thoroughly enjoyed compiling a modern up to date History of the Clan MacThomas, which was last written in 1887 and was much needed.

**SB:** What future projects or goals do you have planned for the Clan? Is there anything specific you wish to accomplish whilst Clan Chief?

**AM:** A successful Clan today depends on the hard work and enthusiasm of a handful

of people. I am lucky to have some such dedicated supporters around the world and together we have accomplished a great deal. I should love to see the Clan membership double in a few years time, see more young people become involved in an official capacity, set up an Educational Trust which benefits the children of members and open a museum in Glenshee. Now that would be good to achieve in my life time!

**SB:** Genealogy is gaining more popularity all the time. What is the importance you feel of belonging to a Clan and the modern day Clan system as we know it?

**AM:** The Clan MacThomas is unusual because very few people bear the main clan name whereas most carry the more familiar Clan names such as Combie, McColm, McComas, McComb, McCombie, McComie, McComish, MacOmie, MacOmish, Tam, Thom, Thoms, Thomas and Thomson. We live in an increasingly complex fast moving jet set age and so it perhaps not surprisingly more and more people are keen to find out more about their roots. Tracing one's ancestry provides identity and gives a greater meaning to life. If your

name or that of your mother is in the list above, then your roots are Celtic and your family probably originates from the glens of Eastern Perthshire in Scotland (although in the case of the last two names shown above a little more research may be necessary). The Scottish Clan Movement has an important role to play in our modern Society in fulfilling such needs and in helping the 40 million people of Scottish descent around the world trace their ancestry (which often turns out to be fascinating), maintain links with their "home" in Scotland and provide a memorable programme of events for those that are able to return to the glens of their forebears.

**SB:** What message do you have to both your international Clan members and our Scottish readership in general?

**AM:** Don't ignore where you came from. It is part of you. Become

actively involved in your Clan Society. Whether you are interested in genealogy and tracing your ancestors, meeting people with close links and similar interests or keen on social networking, including facebook and twitter, you will have a lot of fun and be able to communicate with people all over the world. It can be immensely satisfying for those of Scottish descent of all ages.

**SB:** If people wish to know more about your Clan how do they get in touch?

**AM:** If you know of anyone who carries one of the above names, tell them about our Clan website [www.clanmacthomas.com](http://www.clanmacthomas.com). They will find their names there and much interesting information as well as details on how to contact the Clan Society or their local branch in Australia, USA and Canada.

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Ron Dempsey, FSA Scot

# What's in a Name?

*This month Ron guides us through the meaning of more familiar and un-familiar names*

October is upon us. For our readers in Australia and New Zealand, things will just be starting to heat up for the summer. Let me offer three wishes for your season: that it won't be too hot; the drought in "Oz" will abate soon; and the forest fires will be at a minimum. Here's wishing for a pleasant summer. Here in the north, October is always a nice month with the turning of the leaves from the green to a riot of colors. Walks are delightful in sunny days that require the first wearing of a jumper or cardigan in the lowering temperatures. In Scotland of the 1950's we kids already were scavenging fuel for our Guy Fawkes Day bon fire in November 5. It took a month or so of scouring the neighborhood to collect a respectable pile of combustibles to mount our "Guy" on top, but we managed to take a break for Halloween on October 31.

## Pleasant Memories

As I have mentioned in previous articles, no cheeky challenges or dares of "trick or treat" were tolerated. We arrived at a prospective home hoping for a quick dole out of goodies but invariably we had to perform for our treats, tell a joke,

sing a song etc., before any bounty was forthcoming, all pleasant memories.

## Clan Bannerman

This month's clan or family is Bannerman. From the name it is easy to ascertain that the original bearer of the name had the privilege of carrying the Royal Standard. The office has been in existence since the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> century. During the reign of an early

## Clan Bannerman



king, the monarch arrived at the river Spey to confront some rebels. However, the river was in spate and incensed as the king was at seeing the rebels within his grasp his advisors urged that the royal person not cross the torrent of water. Not heeding their advice, the king rushed into the water, first to follow him was Sir Alexander Carron, the royal Chamberlain, who seized the royal standard

and plunged ahead with the king which stirred the king's host to follow. Victory followed and Sir Alexander was made hereditary Royal Standard Bearer a title his descendants still hold.

## Bannermans Of Aberdeenshire

Aberdeenshire became the home of this family when David II granted the lands Clyntrees, Waterton and Weltown in the parish of Ellon. Over the generations, the Bannermans were in the shadow of two great Aberdonian houses, namely Gordon and Forbes. The Bannermans tended to favor the Forbes. Through the following centuries, the Bannerman were loyal to the crown and in particular the Stuart cause. Patrick Bannerman supported the Old Pretender in 1715 and was captured only to escape to France. Sir Alexander, the second Baronet supported the Young pretender, like his predecessor he escaped punishment by fleeing to France. Another Alexander was MP for Aberdeen from 1832 until 1840. His only daughter married Carnegie of Southesk.

The present chief is Sir David Bannerman. Clan Badge is a demi man in knight's armor holding a



*The beauty of Lennoxlove House is breathtaking at any time, but more so against the backdrop of nightfall. The castle is located only 20 miles outside Edinburgh. Photo courtesy Lennoxlove House.*

sword all in natural colors. The Clan Motto is Pro Patria, For Country, and there is a Bannerman tartan.

## Lennox And Lennoxlove

In the July, 2009 edition of the *Scottish Banner*, I addressed the surname Lennox. Mr. F. Forsyth of Barrie, Ontario Canada wrote the "Scottish Banner" office and mentioned that I failed to mention Lennox castle as part of the family lore. The castle dates back to at least 1238 as a Royal fortress and was given to the Earl of Lennox in the name of the king. It has played its part dramatically in Scottish history over the centuries, but it is in this century that it comes to the forefront. It was sold to the

city of Glasgow and became a hospital especially for the care of mental patients and was at one time the biggest facility of this kind in Britain. It has also had a maternity ward where our very own "Lulu" of pop star fame was born in 1948. There is much to be seen on this castle's history and its afterlife as a hospital on the internet.

With us all fighting for space on the overcrowded highways of our respective countries of residence, it's difficult to consider when there was time there were no automobiles to carry ourselves or our freight.

It has been barely a hundred years since the automobile began to take over and reform our lives. Prior to that, our best friend for conveyance was the noble horse or pony.

## Horse Or Pony

From the beginning of recorded history, even when those recordings were pictographs, horses or ponies have been a part of the history of Scotland. They have carried or pulled

our loads or been a mode of transport right up until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The indigenous pony, which now has an average height of 55" high at the shoulder is descended from a native breed that was recorded as early as the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

## Highland Pony

The Highland Pony is also known as Garron from the Gaelic for pony. The ancestry of this pony hasn't been determined as to whether it was already in Scotland at the retreat of the last ice age, like similar breeds that are native to the northern parts of Europe or were introduced by succeeding waves of settlers. Most still have hints of the zebra like striping around the shoulder which is indicative of the breed. The markings would have been altered with the introduction of newer breeds as new people settled in Scotland. Their ability to carry heavy loads and a surefootedness

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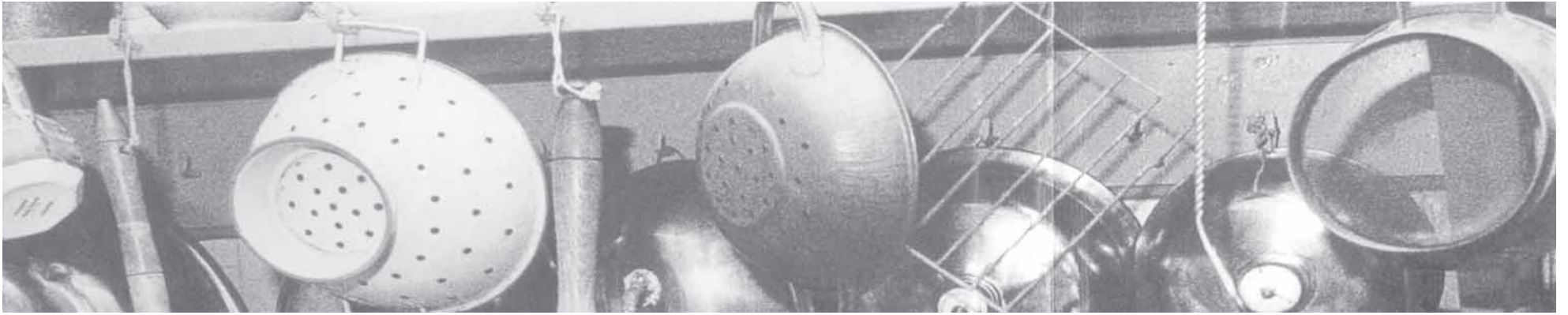
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# In The Scottish Kitchen



Halloween, celebrated on 31 October, is widely assumed to be an American festival but it's actually an ancient Celtic pagan celebration. The term Halloween comes from All-hallow-even or All Hallows' Eve - the evening before All Hallows' Day, or All Saints' Day. The festival originated as a pagan ritual among the Celts in Ireland and Britain, who regarded 31 October as the last day of summer, November being associated with the death and slaughter of animals that provided meat for winter. In the old Norse religion, sacrifices were made to the elves, and food was blessed and stored for winter. Irish and Scottish immigrants carried Halloween festivities to America in the 19th century.

## Lantern Soup (pumpkin and haricot bean soup) Serves 4-6

### Ingredients:

1 tbsp olive oil  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
675g/1½lb pumpkin flesh, cubed  
450g/1lb sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed  
1 tsp mixed dried herbs  
1 tsp chopped sage  
1.5L/2½ pint vegetable stock  
400g/14oz canned haricot beans, rinsed and drained  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method:

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the onion and garlic for about 10 minutes until softened and starting to colour.

Add the pumpkin, sweet potato and herbs and cook for a further 5 minutes.

Add the vegetable stock and bring to the boil. Cover the pan and simmer for 30 minutes, until the vegetables are cooked and tender.

Add the haricot beans and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, then serve hot with crusty bread.

## Tattie Scones

Tattie scones are a popular part of a full Scottish breakfast. They are sometimes called potato scones; you may also hear them called fadge or potato bread in Ireland. They are quick and easy to make and are a useful way to use up leftover mashed potatoes.

### Ingredients:

1lb/500g potatoes, cooked and mashed  
1 oz/30g butter, melted plus for greasing  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 medium egg  
4 oz/125g flour, plus a little extra  
1tsp baking powder

### Method:

Preheat the oven to 395F/200C/Gas 6

Place the mashed potato in a large baking bowl and add all the other ingredients to form a sticky dough. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to approx ½ inch/1 cm thickness. Cut

into saucer sized rounds then score a cross into the dough to mark 4 equal wedges.

Grease a baking sheet with butter and bake the scones for 15 minutes until golden brown and risen. The scones can also be cooked on the stove top on a griddle or heavy based frying pan. Cook the scone 5 minutes on either side until golden and risen. Eat while warm.

## Corned Beef Hash

A combination of corned beef, potatoes and onions equals comfort food! Don't forget to serve with brown sauce. This recipe makes enough to feed a hungry crowd of Scottish students!

### Ingredients:

6 large potatoes, peeled and diced  
1 (200g) tin of corned beef, diced into chunks  
1 onion, chopped  
300ml (1/2 pint) of beef stock or gravy

### Method:

In a large deep pan, over medium heat, combine the potatoes,



Lantern Soup

corned beef, onion and stock or gravy.

Cover and simmer until potatoes are of mashing consistency, and the liquid is almost gone.

Mix well, or as I say up here in Scotland, "baet well" and serve.

## Devilish Red Cabbage

Serves 4

### Ingredients:

1 tbsp sunflower oil  
1 onion, chopped  
450g/1lb red cabbage, shredded  
225g/8oz cooking apples, peeled, cored and diced  
2.5cm/1in piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated  
pinch of ground cinnamon or allspice  
150ml/¼pt vegetable stock  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method:

Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the onion, red cabbage and apple and cook gently for 5 minutes. Add the ginger and cinnamon or allspice and the vegetable stock. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer gently for 15-20 minutes

until most of the liquid has evaporated and the vegetables are tender. Season to taste and serve.

## Sausage and Vegetable Stovie

This is a very easy and basic recipe adapted from the traditional Scottish dish. It's ideal for utilising leftovers or working from a limited kitchen. Serves 4.

### Ingredients:

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 large onions, coarsely chopped  
500g sausages  
3 large potatoes, cubed  
2 carrots, sliced  
2 swede, peeled and cubed  
75ml chicken stock  
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce (optional)  
salt and pepper to taste

### Method:

Heat the vegetable oil in a large pot with a tight fitting lid over medium-high heat. Cut the sausages in half and gently place into the pot. Cook the sausages for a few minutes until they begin to brown on all sides, then add the onions, and cook until

the onions begin to brown, about 5 minutes.

Gently stir the potatoes, carrots and swede into the sausage and onion mixture, then pour in the chicken stock and Worcestershire sauce; season to taste with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer, then reduce the heat to medium-low, cover, and cook until the sausages are no longer pink in the centre, the vegetables are tender, and the stock has been mostly absorbed, 25 to 30 minutes. If you wish, add additional chicken stock to make the dish saucier.

## SpiderWeb Chocolate Fudge Muffins

Special Halloween chocolatey bakes for lucky trick or treaters - you can make ahead and freeze.

### Ingredients:

50g dark chocolate (55% cocoa solids is fine)  
85g butter  
1 tbsp milk, water or coffee  
200g self-raising flour  
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda  
85g light muscovado sugar  
50g golden caster sugar  
1 egg  
142ml carton soured cream  
For the topping:  
dark chocolate (as above)  
100g white chocolate

## Highland Mary

### Ingredients:

2 Dashes of Tabasco Sauce  
1 Splash of Worcestershire Sauce  
1 1/2 ounces scotch whiskey  
1 sprig of fresh rosemary, slightly bruised

### Method:

Pour over ice in large rocks glass, stir well  
Garnish with rosemary. Serves 1



Tattie Scones

# The Beautiful Queen

Like many others, I have been following along the interest in bringing Mary Queen of Scots hame tae her ain folk & so I have woven a Halloween tale on Mary.

With the possible exception of Anne of Boyeln, oor Mary must have possessed one of the most psychically charged personas ever to drift across time to fascinate us. It must have been terrifying to be told you would have your head chopped off -political player, Catholic martyr: whatever we think of Mary, she has the power to fascinate us still.



On Halloween / Samhain we remember those who have gone on before and try not to be afraid of the darkness, for on this night the veil between the worlds is thin. The dead walk; shadows paint sinister shades of fear on our souls.

There has been much said of late about returning Mary Queen of Scots to Scotland to rest with her ain folk.

### Game Of Intrigue

She was beautiful and learned to play the game of intrigue in the French Court where she matched wits with her

formidable mother-in-law Catherine de Medici. Fate rolled the dice and a young widowed Queen returned to Scotland. She married Lord Darnley. His mysterious murder set Mary on the pathway to her own death. An appeal to Elizabeth of England was a fatal misstep. After years of captivity, on February 8, 1587, Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded.

### Virgin Queen

The Virgin Queen of England kept suitors in a cauldron of boiling hormones and aroma of power. Yet on her deathbed, 'twas Mary's

son James who gained the Crown. He ordered Fotheringhay Castle raised to the ground. The landlord of The Talbot Inn in nearby Oundle, Northampton saw an opportunity to refurbish his ancient inn in grandstyle at a reasonable cost. He purchased the stone from the walls, the great horn windows and the very staircase the tragic Queen had descended to her death: solid oak, such a bargain! AND, at no extra cost he got Mary's ghost!

### Ghostly Stories

Shortly after the renovations were complete, the stories began. Patrons walking up or down the fine staircase felt cold as if wrapped in a shroud; felt a sense of impending doom overwhelm them.

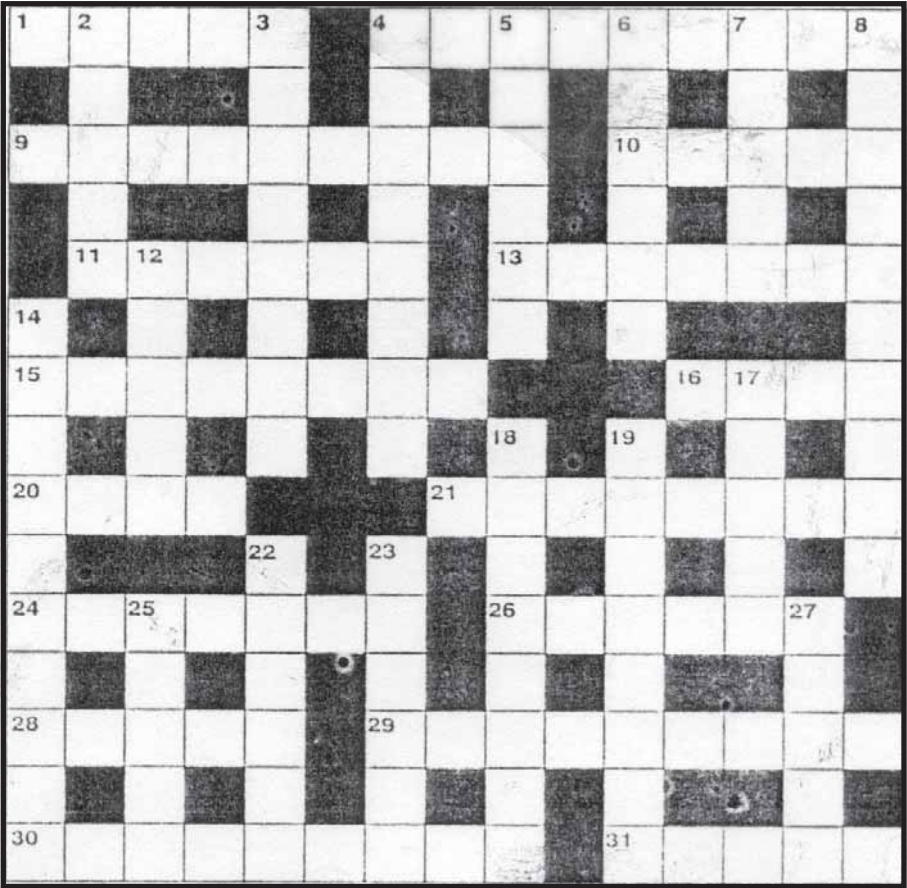
By an ironic twist of fate, the Royal Executioner had stayed at The Talbot on the night before he murdered the Queen in the name of the Crown. His ghost can be seen enjoying a fine meal 'n' a pint.

Dare to stay the night and you may hear a woman sobbing. Mary, crying for all that could have been?

by Donna Portree  
The Portree of Skye

# Scotword

Here is a fun crossword for you to try with a few of the answers to be found in Scotland! If you are in doubt, you may need a wee peek at a Scots dictionary or a map. Or, if you are really stuck, the answers can be found on page 19



### Clues Across

- 1) Soak at an angle! (5).
- 4) Two-edged swords (9).
- 9) Tayside flower! (5, 4).
- 10) In Scotland he's a provost (5).
- 11) A tumshie to a Scot (6).
- 13) An undershirt (7).
- 15) Major police commission (8).
- 16) Minerals (4).
- 20) Smoke to Scots (4).
- 21) Dance movement put together! (8).
- 24) A gathering of Scots! (7).
- 26) Apprehensive (6).
- 28) In debt to (5).
- 29) Yee-Haaa! (5, 4).
- 30) Valley, village and forest in Central Region (9).
- 31) Edible seaweed (5).

### Clues Down

- 2) Contort at this dance (5).
- 3) Laurel & Hardy, Martin & Lewis (8).
- 4) Competitor's ultimate aim (8).
- 5) Town 3 miles W. of Invergordon (6).
- 6) A short time (6).
- 7) Top stag! (5).
- 8) Dance it or play it (10).
- 12;) Loosen (5).
- 14) Symbol to gather and fight (5, 5).
- 17) Loose gowns (5).
- 19) Annuled (8).
- 22) Move in fits and starts (6).
- 23) Spanish wine (6).
- 25) More slipper (5).
- 27) Egg centres (5).

# Scotspeak

Scotspeak is a selection of quotes which made headlines in Scotland last month on a variety of current Scottish affairs. We hope you enjoy. Please let us know your thoughts on any of its content.

"Any profits would be seen as blood money. Regardless of whether he is guilty or innocent."

Danuta Kean, media commentator on the freed Lockerbie bomber wanting to write an autobiography on his deathbed.

"Megrahi should have been kept in Scotland. I am sure there will be a parliamentary majority in condemnation of Kenny MacAskill's decision."

Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Tavish Scott on Kenny MacAskill's decision to release the Libyan Lockerbie bomber.

"It was supposed to allow people to go out into the countryside and enjoy it, not turn up with alcohol and party all weekend."

Graeme Archibald, an NPA ranger team leader on the tough measures proposed by the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority (NPA). Loch Lomond is implementing camping bans in a bid to beat yobs.

"I'm really glad I grew up in Aberdeen and had time to develop the skills and sense of perspective I needed"

Aberdonian 22-year-old medical student Emeli Sande has emerged as one

of the most promising singers to come out of Scotland in years.

"There is evidence of significant unmet demand for taxis in Edinburgh."

Edinburgh City Council member on a call for at least 30 more taxis to be on the road, the Council also found that the current fare tariff in Edinburgh is cheaper than in five other council areas: Midlothian, Aberdeen, Fife, West Lothian and East Lothian.

"Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Glasgow School of Art is my favourite building in Scotland. Like me, he was a Glaswegian, he

was world renowned for his chic architecture and design, and he's still inspiring many people to this day."

Scottish singer Lulu said the School of Art was a building that had always been an inspiration to her.

"This sad news will be felt very deeply throughout Scotland and particularly so in Perthshire, which has such close ties with the Black Watch."

Roseanna Cunningham, the SNP MSP for Perth, as recent Black Watch deaths bring the toll to 210 British soldiers that have been killed in Afghanistan.

"Rugby is a key part of our national sporting heritage, not least in the Scottish Borders where the towns' names are synonymous worldwide with the game"

First Minister Alex Salmond assures backing for bid to host the world rugby sevens. Salmond also gave the government's support, plus an extra £10,000, to the work being done to expand the number of people playing rugby in Scotland after the sport's governing body announced



Scottish singing star Lulu

that it had given 120,000 pupils a taste of the game over the past ten months.



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In last month's column we dealt with the subject of day wear. This month we will tackle the somewhat more regulated world of evening wear. I'm afraid that in many regions today the dress codes of past generations are falling out of disuse. Too many that I correspond with about Highland Dress, for example, "day wear" is assumed to be casual and "evening wear" is viewed as synonymous with "formal." Such is not truly the case.

#### Degrees of Formality

There are actually varying degrees of formality with evening wear. Black tie, for example, is actually classed as semi-formal, with white tie dress being formal. It is important, when attending a formal event, for one to be familiar with the customs and expectations of the local culture. Certain society events will have a very strict code dictating how one is to be dressed at certain functions; others may have a much more casual approach to formal wear. When attending an event, it is always a good idea to find out in advance the expectations of your host – and then make every effort to adhere to those expectations!

#### Quality Accessories

I'll begin with the assumption that you have a well-made traditional Scottish kilt, and are looking now to invest in some quality accessories that will serve you well for evening wear. What would my personal recommendations be?

**From The Top Down**  
We will begin at the top and work our way down. Starting with head coverings, the simple rule is don't wear any. The polite gentleman does not keep his cover on indoors, which will be the venue for most formal evening activities. If you'd like to wear your Balmoral or Glengarry to and from the ball, feel free. But indoors, please keep it off.

#### The Jacket

The jacket or double will be of large concern to most. It represents a significant investment for many and you will want one that will last and suit you well for most occasions. The style preferred by many is the Prince Charlie. This is essentially the Scottish equivalent of the tuxedo jacket and looks best when worn with a three-button waistcoat (normally supplied with the jacket) and a bow tie. Usually this jacket is seen in black. Though other colors can be had, black is always an excellent choice.

I, personally, do not own a Prince Charlie jacket. My preferred jacket for evening wear is an Argyle jacket made in black baratheia wool. The cut of the jacket allows me to wear it with a long neck tie for less formal occasions, but I can also dress it up by wearing a black bow tie with it. I can wear the jacket alone, with a five button waistcoat, or with a three button waistcoat, which is the most formal. The waistcoat can be black to match the jacket, or tartan to match the kilt. It is the versatility of the Argyle jacket that has made it my go-to jacket for evening wear.

Some will wear a white lace jabot collar and cuffs with their Argyle or Prince Charlie jackets. While some can pull this off, these styles of jacket look best when worn with a neck tie (for the Argyle)



The author in black Argyle, waistcoat and cravat, with hair sporran, diced hose and buckle brogues.

or bow tie (Prince Charlie or Argyle). The lace jabot looks works best with a more formal doublet.

#### The Doublet

There are many styles of doublet which one will want to consider especially if attending white tie events. We don't have space to detail each one, but some

commonly seen styles are listed below.

The Kenmore doublet is a single breasted doublet, usually made from velvet or baratheia wool, worn buttoned and without a waistcoat. It is worn with a belt and lace jabot. The Montrose doublet is very similar to the Kenmore but double

breasted. My personal favorite is the Sheriffmuir doublet. This latter style is a wonderfully old fashioned doublet worn open, which spreads at the waist (great for those of us worried about expanding around the middle!) It is generally worn with a high button waistcoat.

There are many other styles of doublets, and some Highland gentlemen go so far as to have their own style of doublet designed and made for them. True bespoke tailors should be able to offer customized options.

#### The Waistcoat

One piece of personal advice regarding the waistcoat. While a waistcoat to match the jacket always looks nice, give some consideration to having one made in tartan to match your kilt. Tartan waistcoats, especially when made on the bias, add a very authentic Highland look to your evening wear ensemble.

#### Formal Sporran

Moving further down the body, the formal sporran should be of good quality. Perhaps the most common is a so-called "Prince Charlie" sporran, made with a round metal cantle and a fur body. My only advice is not to feel limited to that option. If you look

around you will see all manner of sporrans available. I long ago stopped telling people that this or that style of sporran must be worn for evening or day wear. All I offer now are rules of thumb. Generally speaking, fur is considered more formal than leather. Black leather is more formal than brown. The more metal on the sporran the more formal it is. Within these guidelines, though, use your best judgment as to what style of sporran suits you and the occasion best.

#### Hose

As I mentioned in the last column, diced or argyle (tartan) hose are an excellent choice for evening wear. If you have the option, a pair of argyle hose made to match your tartan look. For diced hose, red and black or red and white are most commonly seen, and these color combinations work well for many tartans. But it is possible to have diced hose made in other colors to match your tartan.

But diced or tartan hose are not a requirement. Solid hose are acceptable. We will not "white hose debate" this month, but white or ecru deserve serious consideration!

*Continued on page 26*

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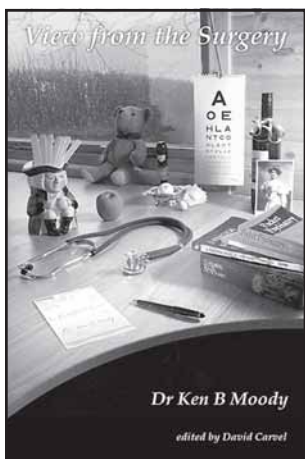
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# View From The Surgery

## Being a team player

By: Dr Ken B Moody

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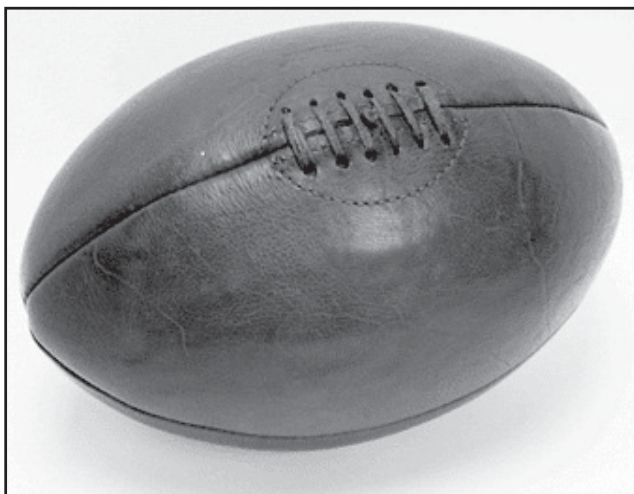
*Loveable old curmudgeon Dr Ken B Moody is a general practitioner, his hilarious but often poignant series of articles, written over many years, has been recently edited and features in the book "View from the Surgery" ISBN 978-1906510-039*

"I didn't know you used to play rugby Dr Ken", Jim McPatient chuckled as he studied a photo on my surgery wall. Rather than object to his certain use of the past tense, I beamed with pride. It had been taken by a press photographer on the day of my greatest sporting moment. I worked several years ago in a Maori community in rural New Zealand. Living there I had no option other than to lace up the boots again having not played since school. That particular day, despite having the precision and dexterity of a startled giraffe, I managed to score two tries.

I recall also another time when, one Friday afternoon, a chap in his forties visited surgery with a worsening of his

asthma. I prescribed steroid tablets and a change in his inhalers. Steroids, as you may

were playing. As the game kicked off he winked at me saying how much better he felt and how grateful he was. As the game



know, can have a euphoric or disinhibiting effect in some people. The following day I was taken aback to see he was refereeing the match we

proceeded he complimented me on every touch of the ball I made and all refereeing decisions went in our side's favour. Needless to say we won. My team

mates were incredulous, and the opposition was fuming, at the sway I seemed to have over the ref.

I learnt that year the social cohesion rugby can bring, from the youngsters tearing around playing "touch" to the Golden Oldies being penalised for trying too hard! Everyone in the town knew the individuals in the team and the game itself,

intimately. It was a tremendous privilege for me to be welcomed in so graciously. Rugby clearly gave meaning and structure to life for several of the lads who I am sure would otherwise have drifted into trouble having no other outlet for their aggression, energy and passion. I have seen this happen too here in Scotland with our local team, where even fathers and other followers of the

game experience an "inclusion" they have never known before. I believe local sport should be encouraged, not so that youngsters can emulate their prima donna heroes, but can run, kick and breathe fun and sportsmanship for all it is worth.

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## 13th Century Coin

*Found at the new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum*

700 year old coin excavated during construction work at site of new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum

A 13th century English coin, thought to have been buried underground for 700 years has been unearthed by a construction worker whilst digging the foundations of the new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway.

### Edward I

The coin, a long cross silver penny minted in London and bearing the head of Edward I (known as Hammer of the Scots), was discovered by David Nelson, an employee of Border Construction, as work continues on the site on the new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum which is due to open in the summer of 2010.

Project Curator of the National Trust for Scotland's Robert Burns Birthplace

Museum, David Hopes explained the coin's relevance to the bard:

"This coin has a nice connection with Burns in that it was found near the cottage where he was born and where he grew up reading stories about William Wallace who was, as well documented, a great source of inspiration for the young bard. The coin bears the head of Edward I, known as 'Hammer of the Scots' who was repelled by Wallace.

### 700 Years Old

"The coin dates back to the late 13th century so it is likely that it has lain buried and undiscovered for over 700 years.

It's a surprise find for us and will go on display when the new museum opens next summer."

Since work began on-site in May 2009, a number of interesting artefacts have been re-discovered including most recently an intricate hand-painted portrait of Robert's son James Glencairn Burns and a letter from General Giuseppe Garibaldi detailing his admiration for the bard. The items will be displayed alongside the 13th century silver cross long penny when the museum opens its doors in the summer of 2010.

Individuals interested in the new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum should visit [www.nts.org.uk/Burns/CelebrateBurns/](http://www.nts.org.uk/Burns/CelebrateBurns/)



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I am sure that every country has them... a National Treasure. Our latest is a beautiful blonde British actress who hit the headlines after campaigning for rights for Gurkha soldiers. And now that glamorous lady has another fight on her hands. Joanna Lumley is trying to save a historic property in Dumfries.

#### Saving Moatbrae House

Moatbrae House is a red sandstone B-listed Georgian mansion in the centre of the town, and it's where the author of Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie, played as a child. He called the garden beside the River Nith 'an enchanted land', and said it gave him the inspiration for the story. Miss Lumley lives in England but she has a holiday home in the south of Scotland - hence her interest. There is another reason to protect the place; Moatbrae was designed by a leading Scottish architect. Walter Newall was born in Dumfriesshire in 1780 and began his career with a local cabinet-maker. He went on to build Greek-style villas and Gothic churches and conservationists have

long recognised the importance of his work. Moatbrae was one of his triumphs; pillared and domed, for many years it was used as a private house; it then became a nursing home, but since 1997, it's lain empty. Last year, though, it was bought by a local housing association and they announced plans to pull it down and build on the site (although they will keep the façade). Restored to its former glory, the mansion would make an impressive place, but the group hoping to save it, the Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust, admits it's a major challenge.

#### Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust

Because of the worldwide name of Peter Pan it now plans to make a global appeal - and you can't get more global than America. Supporters of Moatbrae have written to the mother of the late musician Michael Jackson, asking for her support. The pop star was a big fan of Peter Pan, even calling his US ranch 'Neverland'. J.M. Barrie himself was awarded the Freedom of Dumfries in 1924 and his acceptance speech went thus: 'When the shades of night began to fall, certain young mathematicians shed their triangles, crept up walls and down trees, and became pirates in a sort of Odyssey that was long

afterwards to become the play of Peter Pan. For our escapades in a certain Dumfries Garden, which is enchanted land to me, were certainly the genesis of that nefarious work.'

#### What One Pound Will Buy

It'll cost around three million pounds to restore Moatbrae - and in the nearby town of Moffat they're facing a similar problem. One British pound would barely buy

goes that 800 years ago William Wallace went there on his own, but left with half a dozen men, the first recruits for his freedom-fighting army. In later times, Robert Burns was a regular visitor at the local inn, and the Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia also stopped off in Moffat on one of his tours of Scotland.

In reiving times the Armstrongs weren't very welcome in Moffat, for it was very much Moffat and Johnstone territory. We

families turned out to fly their flags - among them the Moffats, Grahams, Elliots, Johnstones and Turnbells. At one stage the Johnstones, led by their Chief the Earl of Annandale, seemed to be making a takeover, there were so many of them!

#### Border Clans Day

They were last seen tucking into the hog roast - which seemed enormous but rapidly disappeared into hungry reiving mouths. Also included in the day was a genealogy tent, some re-enactment of border reiving life, a bird of prey display and music from the Borders' based Riddle Fiddles - and there was rain! Masses of it which fell on the already soggy field; nevertheless, we donned our wellies and our tartan and made the most of it. And thanks must go to our overseas visitors who came from Canada and America... they joined in with the best of us! It just goes to

show you can't simply keep a Borderer down...

#### Langholm Pipe Band Wins At Braemar

And finally, congratulations this month to a team of Dumfriesshire pipers. The Langholm Pipe Band took itself off to Aberdeenshire and managed to win the top prize at this year's Braemar Gathering. Now that's quite an achievement for the Borderlands to carry off a Highland prize! And they got their award, a silver shield, from the Queen herself. The Langholm Pipe Band was formed back in 1900 and they've been many times to Braemar, but have never quite carried off the laurels. This time, though, it is real success, and we are all very proud of Pipe Major Craig Irving and his team... Langholm is the Muckle Toon, or Big Town - and it's big in so many ways!

**"The Langholm Pipe Band was formed back in 1900 and they've been many times to Braemar, but have never quite carried off the laurels" (until now).**

you a cup of tea these days, but that's what's just been paid for one of the town's best-known buildings. Yes, Dumfries and Galloway Council has just sold the historic Moffat Town Hall for a pound. It's gone to a local charity who will now have to raise a whole stack of money to bring it back to its former glory. Moffat was a famous spa town and in the 19th century, the Town Hall was a bath house and people travelled from as far away as Europe to relax in the mineral water that was piped in from the surrounding hills. Lots of famous faces have visited Moffat. The story

were much more likely to be found in Eskdale and Liddesdale - and that's exactly where we were this month, at the annual Armstrong gathering and Border Clans Day in Langholm. Other reiving

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## Happy Birthday Scottish Banner

I have been getting the Scottish Banner for about five years now, I really enjoyed your July issue and wanted to pass on my congratulations for reaching 33 years of publication, here in New Zealand we have had some publications disappear from the newsstands and it's great to see the Scottish Banner go from strength to strength. I really enjoyed the Homecoming 2009 lift out as if it were not for the Scottish Banner I would not hear of any Homecoming news or stories from Scotland as the year is not being reported in the main stream media.

We have just had our first baby and cannot make the big trip over with a wee bairn. We will go in a few years when he can appreciate it!

Thanks again for all the wonderful stories from my ancestral homeland and again congratulations on such longevity and keeping us Scots in touch with Scotland.

Mike Fraser

Auckland, New Zealand

## Memories of Montrose

I would just like to say I love getting my Scottish Banner and reading from the front to the last page. I was also happy to read on page 10 in the July edition my home town of Montrose was in the news, being awarded the Blue Flag for its beach and its surroundings.

I was born and bred in Montrose and as a young laddie I remember when I used to get a tool (in other words a towel) and off to the beach for a dook (a swim). We used to walk over the Southesk Golf Links and the sand hills to get to the beach, I remember the horse drawn cabins, mostly for the visitors, as we could not afford them. It was a lovely long beach from the Southesk River to the Northesk River, silver sands all the way. In the summer months there was plenty of entertainment and dancing in the Pavilion.

I came to Sydney with The Royal Navy on the HMS Rodney, during my Sydney stretch I was married and we have been together for sixty-four years, as they say in Scotland "Nae Bather Ata."

Norman Poustie Famer

Arncliffe, NSW Australia

## Scottish Death Mystery

While visiting my sister Sadie at Sunset Beach, North Carolina, USA after the loss of my brother Hugh in Florida. We got talking and I discovered that I had a younger sister Margaret who died at child birth at nine months of age between 1946-1950. I'm in the process of trying to get a Death Certificate but how could we find out what happened to the body as to where she could be buried or what was done in those times? Maybe a reader could throw some light on this for us and get her laid to rest with the rest of the family.

Jim McGinlay

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## Searching For McLeods

I have a request for MacLeod/McLeod's in eastern Ontario, Canada. I am trying to find information about my Great, Great Grandfather, John MacLeod. He arrived in Lochiel Twp, Glengarry Co. Ontario in 1794 at the age of five. He became a farmer and may have moved to the Kingston area. He married Margaret Morrison and had eight children; Catherine, William, Allan, Alexander, Christy, Norman, Janet, and Mary. William is my Great Grandfather who moved to Michigan as a young man. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

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## Lockerbie Bomber

My name is Rebecca Stevens. I came to the United States in 1952 from Scotland and have always been very proud of my heritage, so when all this hullabaloo about Abdel Basset Al-Megrahi, the Lockerbie bomber, came up in the news last week my Scottish blood almost boiled over.

Back in 1988 my sister came to the United States from Dumbarton, Scotland for a visit. Thankfully, she was not on board the December 23rd flight. However, as we watched the plane crash unfold on TV, she paled as she realized her plane would have come over on that same route. You can only imagine what a sigh of relief we felt at that time that she had avoided such a tragedy.

I want to tell all who read the Banner, that the people in Scotland are not just angry over this; they are livid, especially when they hear that the Americans are being told "Don't go to Scotland". I feel that the Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill should be fired for letting this man go back to Libya because he is dying of prostate cancer and Mr. MacAskill is feeling compassion for him. Obviously he didn't have anyone close to him lose their lives on that plane.

One of the stipulations for freeing this man was that the Libyans would not make a hero out of this man. However, upon his arrival back to Libya, they were waving the Scottish flag. How compassionate is this to the families who lost their loved ones in the plane crash?

I talked with my sister, Mrs. Ella Wilson, today and she told me the anger really hit home when they saw the "Saltire" Scotland's Flag being waved at the airport.

This flag is named in honor of our Patron Saint, St. Andrew. She also told me this flag was made in Libya, as no Scot in his right mind would have agreed to send a Scottish flag to Libya. I would hope and pray that the Scottish people will not suffer for this terrible injustice.

Thank you,

Rebecca Stevens

USA

## Scottish Plain Bread

Can any reader please tell me if there is a baker in the Melbourne area that bakes Scottish plain loafs, if there is you would make a lot of expats very happy.

Thanks,

Christine McDevitt

Melbourne, Victoria Australia

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## Lockerbie

I like many around the world was shocked to see the release of Abdel Basset Al-Megrahi, the Lockerbie bomber. This heinous crime should be shown no compassion due to his failing health.

I am however concerned about the US campaign to boycott Scotland and Scottish business. I have family in Scotland who are also furious with this decision and let's not forget Scottish lives were both lost and impacted and the town itself will always be linked with this tragedy. People looking to boycott products and travel to Scotland (especially during the year of Homecoming 2009!) are only hurting Scottish industry and jobs. The "compassionate" move by one political party (SNP) does not represent the nation. I wonder if the US Scottish businesses will be affected?

Some could say George W Bush was also a murderer but people were not out to boycott the USA and its products during his years in power. I am sure many Scottish Banner readers have opinions on this subject but let's not take out our feelings on the many good Scottish businesses who have nothing to do with this and are, I would think, just as shocked and distressed as we are.

Dr. Bruce Grant

Wellington, New Zealand

## Rory Malcolm McLeod

We are researching our Family Tree and looking for info on Rory Malcolm McLeod, born around 1756 Isle of Skye Scotland and married 1780 and then emigrated to Van Diemens Land (Tasmania, Australia) are there any decendants of Rory still living? Also anyone with the name Brysland, Bryceland?

Kate C

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## "The Gathering"

Just a quick reminder regarding The Gathering. The Canadian Massed bands had the honour of being the first band invited to The Gathering, leading the parade of clans up the Royal Mile and performing on the Esplanade. They also had the opportunity to perform on the Esplanade one evening prior to a



Canadian Massed Band at "The Gathering 2009"

Photo: Chris Watt

performance of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. There were musicians from Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and Nova Scotia. Thought you might like to know.

John Ohara

Canada

Ed note: Thank you for your note John, the massed bands certainly did Canada proud.

## Release Of Lockerbie Convict According To Human Rights

I have learnt with great appreciation of the release by the Scottish government, of the Libyan Lockerbie convict, Mr. Megrahi, on humanitarian grounds. According to medical reports, Mr. Megrahi is terminally ill.

His release is not only according to the Scottish Law, it is an internationally acknowledged humanitarian principle, to release seriously ill or dying prisoners, to spent their last days in their own environment. Recently the Dutch Queen Beatrix has pardoned a terminally ill prisoner, who had committed a double murder.

Therefore I was shocked by the American indignity about the release, as well from President Obama, as the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Clinton, followed by FBI Chief, Mr. Mueller

It is evident, that the Lockerbie bombing in 1988, by which 270 civilians died, is a heinous crime and had to be punished strictly.

But since Mr. Megrahi has served his punishment in jail and is dying, his release is a matter of common humanity and civilisation

According to human rights values, all seriously ill prisoners should be released, regardless the committed crime.

Therefore the decision of the Scottish government sets a great example in common humanity and civilisation

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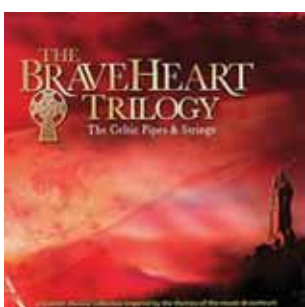
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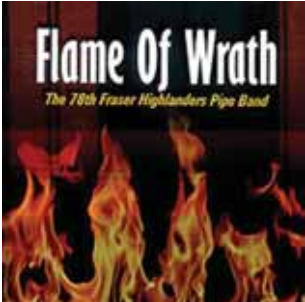
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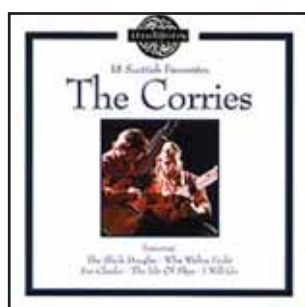
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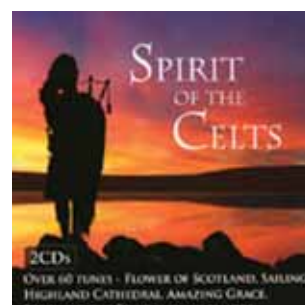
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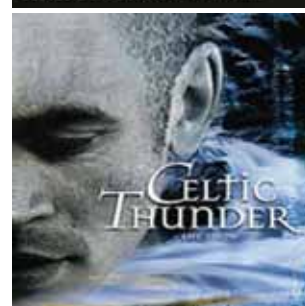
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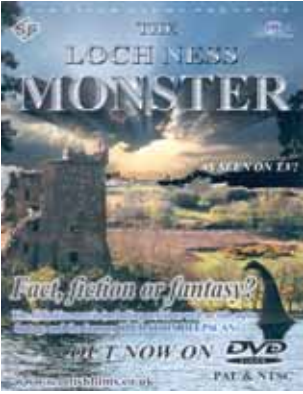
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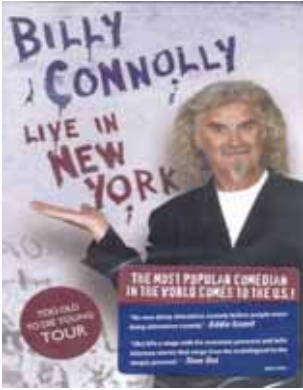
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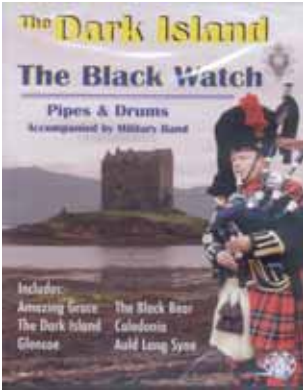
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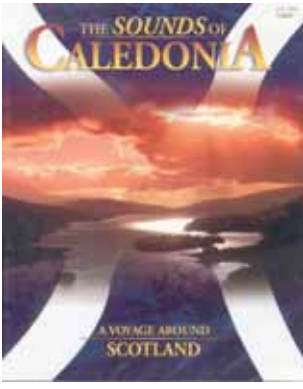
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# Trick Or Treating In Edinburgh This Year?

*Careful.....! The trick may be on you!*

Halloween would not be the same without some unexplained paranormal activity. With centuries of fascinating history dating back through the centuries, surely there are few

finally subsided, some 18 months later, many thousands of Scots were dead.

Because medical treatment at the time was limited, doctors could do very little to help.

When construction in Edinburgh started many years later, the old closes were once again revealed showing a unique and breathtaking look at a very old way of life.

Because of the rarity of such a rare look at the past, Mary Kings Close was eventually re-opened to the public in April 2003.

It is now a historically accurate example of life in Edinburgh between the 16th and 17th century.

If your lucky enough to be in Edinburgh this coming Halloween, the Real Mary King's Close is the perfect place for a 'ghoulish' visit.

Join costumed guides on ghostly tours through the warren of buried streets below the Royal Mile to find out more of the supernatural activity that has been experienced on this Close. Such as the unexplained mysteries of scratchings from within a bricked up chimney breast and the sounds of a tavern, long since closed.

## Tales Of Witchcraft

Hear tales of witchcraft during a time when residents were tortured to admit their guilt, before being burned at the stake at Castle Hill. Listen to the unnerving legends of how plague victims' bodies were chopped up by butchers and tossed into the Nor Loch.

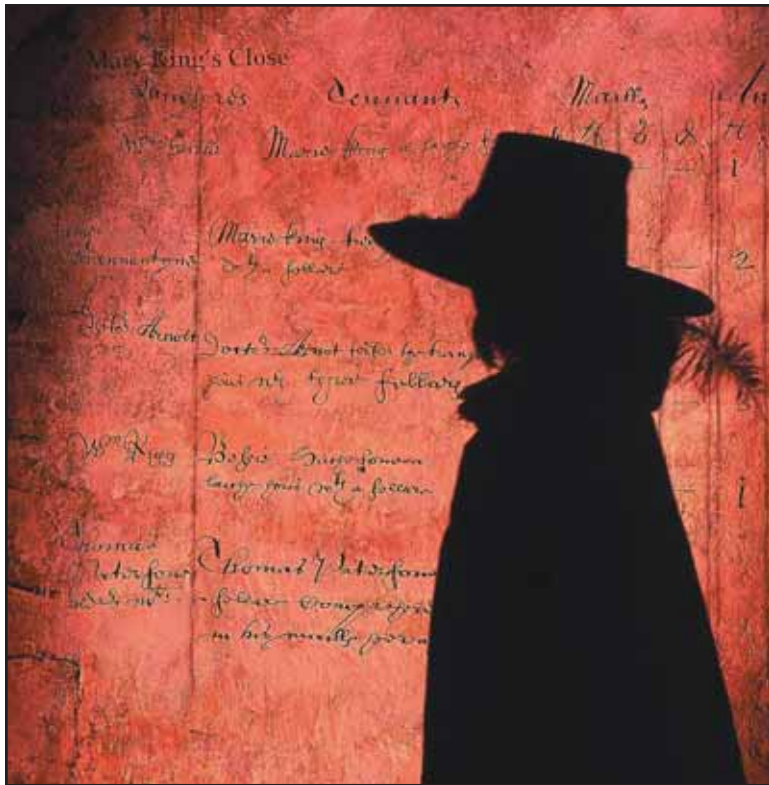
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Halloween?

Have a ghostly one! And if you offer trick or treat -

Remember!

The trick just may be on you!



*A Ghostly Presence in Mary Kings Close*

places with more strange activity than in Edinburgh.

This historic city has numerous areas which have been shrouded in myth and mystery since the 1600's.

Just walk through the Old Town for a few blocks and gaze for a moment at some of the signs pointing to areas where executions were carried out in various and unthinkable ways during times past. These ranged from burnings, to hangings or beheadings, and other ghastly ways to end the lives of fellow human beings.

Such were the times, and the horrors, of living in those "good old days".

## The Great Plague

It was during the mid-1600s, when the great plague first arrived in Scotland, and indeed throughout Britain. For many years it was unknown how this deadly killer first arrived in Edinburgh.

Now it is believed to have been brought by ship from Europe, via the port of Leith. From there it travelled throughout Britain on fleas carried on the backs of rats.

When the plague

Unfortunately, many of these died too.

Victims of the plague were encouraged to stay inside and away from others as much as possible. Patients were advised to hang a small white flag outside their window to tell others of their misfortune.

The sick were cared for by those around them. They had bread, coal and even ale, delivered to them daily. Also a 'plague doctor' would visit them on a regular basis.

## Plague Doctor

Edinburgh's first official plague doctor was also, unfortunately, a victim of the illness he tried to help others survive.

Around this time a winding series of closes or narrow streets with tenement houses on either side stretching up to seven stories high, were built deep down in Edinburgh's streets.

These streets stretched for many miles along Edinburgh - almost like a hidden underground, soon became home to many.

Eventually these homes were hidden from time for hundreds of years.

# Tribute to Senator Edward Kennedy

Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond has paid tribute to Senator Edward Kennedy.

Mr. Salmond said:

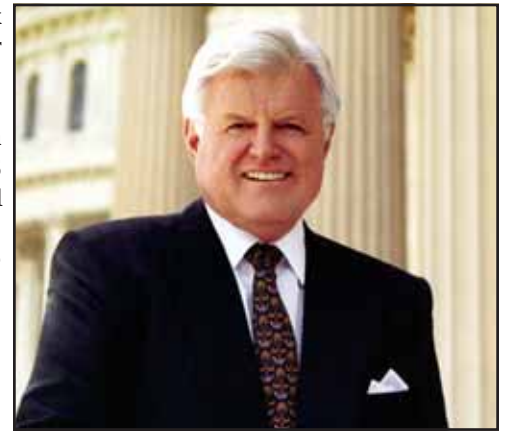
"Senator Edward Kennedy was a towering figure in progressive US politics and the most influential Senator of his generation.

"Although he never attained the presidency, he did reach the heights of oratory during the 1980 presidential campaign.

"Senator Kennedy pursued a lifetime of public service and was passionately committed to social justice and fairness.

"He was also a strong opponent of conflict, consistently advocating peaceful resolutions. His loss will be felt across the globe and my thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time."

The week prior to his death Senator Edward Kennedy wrote to the Scottish government, protesting the release of Lockerbie Bomber, Abdel Baset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi.



*Senator Edward Kennedy, Official Portrait*

# Fast Train For Scottish Travellers

UK train travel could be revolutionised within 20 years with a high-speed rail link taking passengers from Scotland to London in just over two hours and new train stations that would be built in Edinburgh and Glasgow city centres as part of a £34 billion rail plan.

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But the plans require a high-speed track to be laid and new stations large enough to cope with the rolling stock, raising the prospect of years of disruption in Scotland's two main cities.

## "The Union Railway"

It has also emerged Labour ministers are planning to call the new link "the Union Railway", a move that has sparked a political row in Scotland.

The name, intended to celebrate the political

partnership that has linked Scotland and England for more than 300 years, irritated Nationalists who slated the UK government for politicising the project by making it an overt symbol of the Union.

Environmental campaigners said the new service would cut down on the pollution caused by the 100 short-haul flights that take place every day between Scottish airports and London.

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# The Lockerbie Incident And Its Aftermath

John Crawford worked as a detective on Lockerbie while investigations were carried out in Scotland and parts of Europe. He lives in Scotland



The mangled nose cone of Pan Am Flight 103

by John Crawford

There were a number of ‘incidents’ that had taken place in the years leading up to what became known as the Lockerbie Incident. Either or all of them could have played a part in the conspiracy that eventually ran its course over the skies of Scotland.

**Maid Of The Seas**

At precisely 7.03 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1988, the Maid of the Seas, Pan Am flight 103 from London Heathrow crashed to the ground killing all 259 passengers and crew onboard and 11 people from the small border town of Lockerbie, Dumfries & Galloway.

**Biggest Murder Investigation**

It was soon established that this was no accident, a bomb had been placed onboard and traces of Semtex explosive had been found on clothing originating from the aircraft. The



The reconstruction of the “Maid of the Seas”

biggest murder investigation in the UK was underway to identify and bring the perpetrators to court. Teams of police officers and HM forces personnel scoured the area recovering the bodies of the passengers and crew of the aircraft. The wreckage and the personal belongings of the passengers and crew were recovered. The search area was vast and it was the dead of winter. We did not have daylight until around 9 a.m. and it was dark again at just after 3 pm. We worked hard to ensure that all the bodies would be recovered before Christmas day. This was achieved.

**Evidence Leads To Malta**

Evidence was gathered from the area, evidence that would eventually take a small team of detectives to the small Mediterranean island of Malta, it has once been a stronghold of the British Empire. The

trail of evidence led us to the island and what we found there was to point



Death and destruction on Sherwood Crescent

the finger of blame at Libya and in particular to two of its citizens, Abdel Baset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi and Lamen Khalifah Fhimah both were Libyan officials, Fhimah was the manager of Libyan Arab Airlines in Malta airport and Megrahi was a Libyan Secret Service agent.

A n International warrant for their arrest was notified to the world. The state of Libya was a pariah state and the free world punished her by imposing strict sanctions on her over a number of years.

With his country falling apart Colonel M u a m m a r Ghadaffi decided to give up the

two men for trial in a Scottish Court situated in the Netherlands. They were arrested and taken into custody.

**Trial Under Scots Law**

The trial was to take place under Scots Law before three of its High Court Judges in Camp Van Zeist and ex U.S. airfield in the Netherlands. Part of the accommodation was to be turned into a High Tec Court Room and another part was to be a prison for the two accused persons. It took months to get the place ready for the trial. In the meantime the Crown Office officials who would lead the prosecution of the case in the court were hard at work with detectives who had been recalled to assist them in gathering and ensuring the witnesses were still



Al Megrahi on his way to court

serve his sentence in a Scottish prison and was flown by helicopter to Barlinnie prison in Glasgow to begin his punishment.

**Questions Still Remained**

Almost immediately there were a number of

guilt of any other party and so could not bring them before the High Court of Scotland. So although we knew that Megrahi had to be assisted by others we had no evidence that would stand up in the court . We had some intelligence (which is not evidence) that the Iranians, Syrians, PFLP GC and others had a hand in the atrocity and of course the Libyan leadership was believed (again not evidence) to have had a supporting role in the atrocity.

**Scottish Law Is Different**

It is also fair to point out that the punishment meted out to criminals in Scotland is different from that in the United States. In Scotland the prison system is largely there to rehabilitate those who have committed crime in the hope that they will become good citizens when they have finished their sentence. In addition we have a clause that a prisoner who is within months of dying in prison can petition to be released from his sentence to allow him/her to die at home. If an appeal is made it must be heard and a decision made by the Justice Minister. It might be pie in the sky to a lot of people but it is the system that operates in Scotland.

Another consideration is that while still in office as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair and best friend of George W Bush (the then President of the US) went to see Colonel Ghadaffi in his tent in the desert. A deal was brokered by the two of them which would allow an exchange of prisoners held by their respective countries to be released into custody in their country to serve out

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questions being asked, was the man really guilty, could he have been alone, why was Ghadaffi not hanging from a lamppost, what about the Iranians? All sorts of questions were coming in from all quarters.

The fact is that under Scots Law you can only be guilty of a crime if sufficient evidence is put forward that proves beyond reasonable doubt that you were guilty of having committed the crime. Others that you could prove were aiding and abetting you would also be brought before a court and you would be dealt with on the same level as the actual perpetrator.

**Did Al Megrahi Act Alone?**

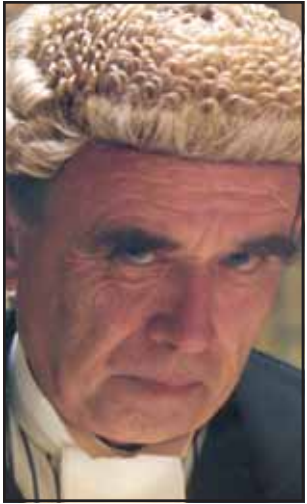
The other fact was that we had no evidence that was in itself sufficient to prove the

**Al Megrahi Found Guilty**

His co-accused was a different matter; he was found guilty of murdering 270 people in the aircraft and on the ground at Lockerbie and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was to

# Ian Hamilton's Thoughts On MacAskill's Release Of Megrahi On Compassionate Grounds

*One of a group of university students who broke into Westminster Abbey on Christmas Eve 1950. Their quest was to retrieve the Stone of Destiny from under the Coronation Chair and return it to Scotland. Ian has since pursued a legal career in Scotland as a Queens Council, during which time he wrote two books, one 'A Touch of Treason', the other 'Stone of Destiny' - recently made into a film.*



Ian Hamilton, QC

Kenny MacAskill, like everyone else in this country is ruled by Scots law. Over the years we have taken a different view of the value of human life, even that of murderers.

Between 1928 and 1946 no one was executed in Scotland. During these years we had the Great Depression and then the War. Scots

juries have been very reluctant to convict where they know that the accused will hang. It was in this way that this small country developed the crime of culpable homicide. That is a blameworthy crime which didn't carry the death penalty. I am not for a moment suggesting that Megrahi's crime was not blameworthy.

## Blameworthy in the Extreme

It was blameworthy in the extreme. Nevertheless just as we adopted and developed the law of culpable homicide there is another principle which we have adopted and which is ingrained in our law. That is we must have a humanitarian attitude to the punishment of crime.

## Courts of justice

It seems to me that many readers would have us adopt the same

morality as Megrahi and care nothing for the sanctity of human life. In Scotland we do not let murders dictate our sense of what is right. From our long history of religious wars has come the doctrine that the supreme duty of a judge is to stand between the accused in the dock and the baying of the mob for revenge. We have to be very careful that our courts are courts of justice and are never the mere instruments of the public lust for revenge.

## Humanity of the law

Such a view of the necessary humanity of the law is also carried over to modify punishment. Where it is known that a prisoner is so ill that he (she) will die in custody it has been our practice to release the prisoner, when appropriate, so that he may die in the comfort of his family. This used to

be done under the Royal Prerogative. More recently an Act of the Scottish Parliament, passed unanimously, has enshrined this ancient practice in statute law and imposed the duty of deciding the issue on the Minister for Justice. In the last ten years twenty seven prisoners have been released on compassionate grounds to die at home. This is what happened to Megrahi.

Megrahi is a very sick man. It is outrageous that anyone should challenge this. At least two eminent doctors have examined him and reported on soul on conscience that he is likely to die within three months and that he has stopped responding to treatment.

## Recommended release

He has applied for compassionate release. It was then the duty of Kenny MacAskill to follow the proper procedure. He

had to be sure that the application was genuine.

He met with Megrahi and his solicitor. He met with the prison governor who recommended release. He consulted the parole board who likewise recommended release.

The Minister was thus faced with the dilemma.

Should he act on principle or should he do something to please the United States of America that was contrary to principle?

## Old Scots Lawyer

As an old Scots lawyer I am proud that he acted on principle.

Are there actually people in the States who think it is wrong to act on principle?

If there are then they are hypocrites. Let me remind them that it was an American Senator who greatly helped to solve the continuing spate of murders in Northern Ireland.

Far more people were killed by the IRA and the Ulster Loyalists than were killed in the terrible disaster at Lockerbie for which only one man was convicted.

These murderers were all, or most of them, in prison. It was part of the Northern Ireland Settlement arranged partly by a US Senator that the murderers from both sides were released from prison.

This was done for pragmatic reasons, not as, in Megrahi's case, for reasons of principle.

Do readers think this was wrong?

## Captains and Kings

The captains and the kings depart. So do newspaper headlines and primitive and uncivilised cries for vengeance. Vengeance in civilised countries is left to a higher court than any we have in Scotland

Scotland has set an example for the world to follow.

## The Lockerbie Incident continued

their sentence there. Nothing much was said at the time as it seemed to suggest that this would not apply to

grant him a compassionate release from prison.

The UK government (which is different from

it may bring down the Scottish Parliament which is run by the Scottish National Party (a minority party).



The memorial to those who died in the Lockerbie disaster Photo: V. Cairney

Megrahi as he was in prison in Scotland and it would be a decision of the Scottish Parliament as to whether they hear the appeal or not.

We all know now that an appeal was made on behalf of Megrahi and the Justice Minister Kenneth MacAskill has made his decision to

the Scottish Government which is devolved from the UK) has been keeping a low profile saying it was nothing to do with them and it was a Scottish Decision that had been made in Scotland.

The Scottish people are not happy at all. They are very unhappy in fact and it is fair to say that

If that happens then the decision made to release Megrahi will have destroyed the fledgling government of Scotland and will have proved to have been a woeful decision to have made no matter how compassionate they might think it was.

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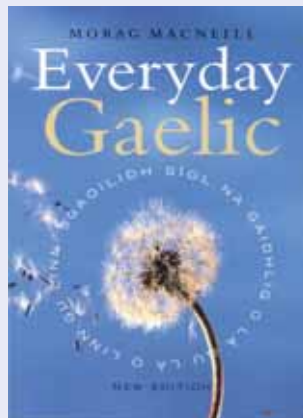
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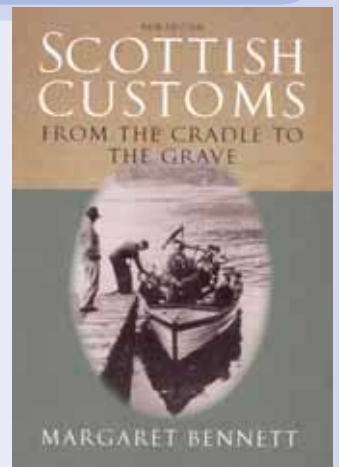
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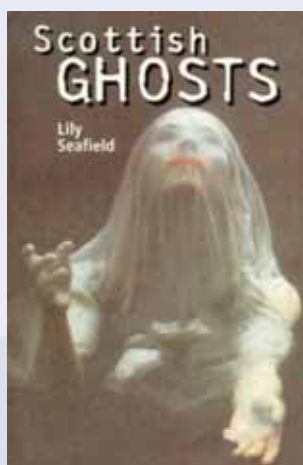
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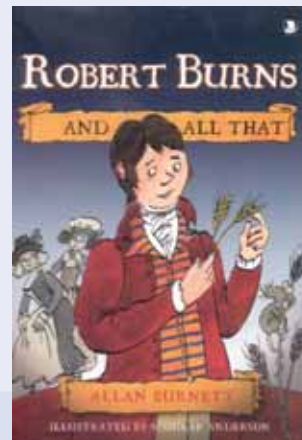
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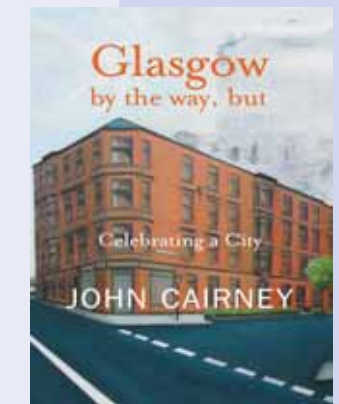


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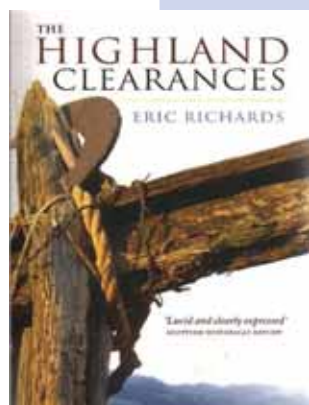


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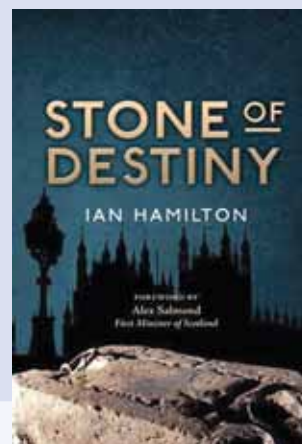
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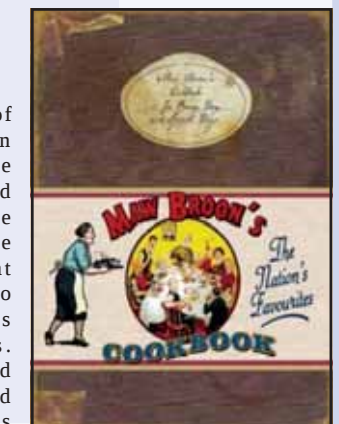
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## What's In A Name

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that let them traverse hilly terrain and the road less interior was ideal for Scotland of two or three hundred years ago.

In the Lowlands, the Clydesdale breed came about with the need of heavy draught horses especially in the industrial revolution where their size and bulk could draw large carts of coal. Possibly, some of their bloodlines went back to the destriers,

the large bulky horses ridden by knights. The bulk helped them carry the knight and his heavy armor as well as being a formidable weapon of war when in motion. I can remember them still in use for drawing old fashioned farm wagons at potato picking time, in the nineteen fifties when as a five year old they seemed massive to me. I was intrigued at how these

gentle giants heeded the farmer's every utterance. It was delightful to have the opportunity in the last few years to once again view them on display at our local highland games.

Send your queries to the "Scottish Banner". Enjoy your month, try to attend a Scottish event in your community. It's not too early to book your St. Andrew's Day celebration on November 30.

## Classic Clouties at the Click O' A Moose

A classic, but endangered, Scottish dish has enjoyed a revival thanks to an enterprising new e-commerce initiative.

Campbell's Clouties ([www.campbellsclooties.com](http://www.campbellsclooties.com)) has brought the centuries old cloutie dumpling to the web, allowing sweet toothed Scots and their descendants across the globe to indulge in a slice of nostalgia.

Once a staple of Scottish kitchens, the cloutie dumpling - which can take two hours to prepare - has become a casualty of long working

hours and modern living. Launching Campbell's Clouties - brainchild of Fiona Campbell, brings this rich, fruity and versatile dish for everyone to enjoy.

By selling the dish online, Campbell's Clouties offer the ideal nostalgia gift, and bring a taste of Scotland to the world.

Fiona said: "Many families have cherished recipes that have been lovingly handed down through the generations.

"I was proud to be one of the latest in a very long line to be handed my family's authentic cloutie

dumpling recipe.

"Our aim is to ensure this once much loved treat Scottish families used to enjoy together is not lost and will be available to enjoy once again."

The recipe Fiona uses originated with the Campbell family on the Isle of Skye, dating back to the mid 1800's.

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# In Scotland Today

a look at current affairs and what is making recent headlines in Scotland.



## Two New Windfarms Approved

Two wind farm developments that will supply green energy to around 43,000 more homes have been approved. The 29 turbine Berry Burn wind farm, on



the Altyre Estate near Forres, will have a capacity of 78 Megawatts (MW).

The six turbine extension to the 20 turbine Millennium wind farm near Fort Augustus will increase the capacity by 15 MW to 65 MW.

Scottish Government targets are to meet 50 per cent of electricity demand from renewables by 2020, and an interim target of 31 per cent by 2011.

## The Loch Ness Monster On Google Earth?

A security guard claims to have spotted the Loch Ness monster while browsing Google Earth.

Jason Cooke said he spotted "Nessie" while browsing the website's satellite photos. Mr. Cooke, 25, of Nottingham, said: "I couldn't believe it. It's just like the descriptions of Nessie."

Earlier this year it was reported that climate change may have killed the Loch Ness Monster. There have been "no credible sightings" of Nessie for over a year.

Veteran American monster hunter Bob Rines thinks environmental conditions in the Highland loch have changed and can no longer sustain the elusive reptile.

Gary Campbell, of the monster's official fan club, said: "I'm concerned. There have been none of the normal sightings that verify that Nessie and her family are still alive and well."

The animal was first brought to the world's attention in 1933. Since then there have been dozens of sightings, many of which have turned out to be hoaxes.

There have also been a number of searches for the creature. The most recent was in 2008 when scientists used sonar and underwater cameras in an attempt to find the animal.

## Lockerbie Bomber Plans to Write Autobiography

The freed Lockerbie bomber has announced his intention to write an autobiography. Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed al-Megrahi announced upon his return to Tripoli that he wanted to clear his name with a new autobiography.

Speaking from his home in Tripoli, Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed al-Megrahi said he wanted to clear his name through a book and a public inquiry into the 1988 terrorist attack on an American airliner.

The only man convicted of the bombing said the book would raise new evidence and "might be shocking to some people". But publishing experts warned that public anger, a legal minefield and potentially small sales would make such a publication unlikely.

Literary agent Lucy Luck said she was "very uncomfortable" with the idea of a Megrahi autobiography.

She said: "There's no public interest. I think it unlikely there would be a bidding war for the publication rights."



The Dook has been a tradition since 1884

## Hogmanay Tradition To Comply by Health and Safety

A Scottish Hogmanay tradition which has been happening since the late 1800's is set to be hit with modern day officialdom. The Hogmanay Dook which takes place annually on New Year's Day where people start the new year by taking a dip in the frigid waters will now have to comply to health and safety rules with participants needing to fill an assessment form in advance before taking part in the event.

Hardy souls have been plunging into the sea at Broughty Ferry every 1 January since 1884 – a time when the Tayside seaside town was known as "the Brighton of the North".

But this year, for the first time, they have been told they will have to register and fill in a form before taking part in the New Year's Day Dook, which attracts up to 140 participants and more than 2,000 spectators every year and raises huge amounts of money for charity.

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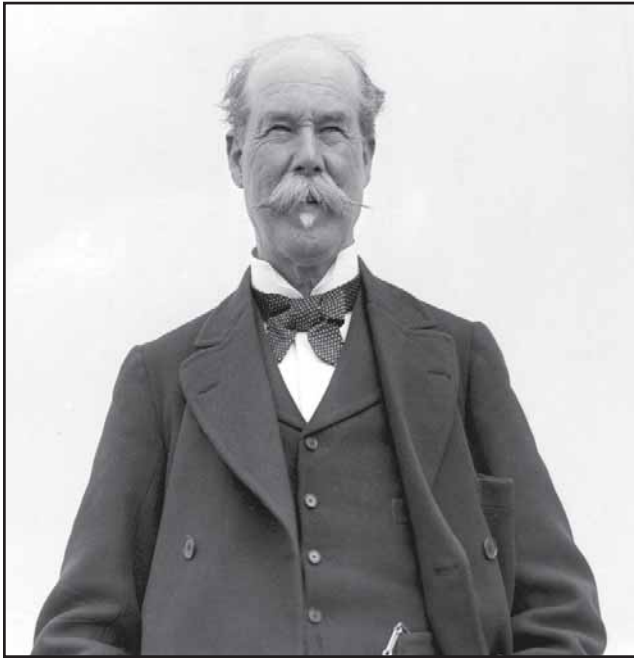
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# This Month In Scottish History

## *Names & Places In The News From The Past*



*Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton*

**1/5** - Battle of Largs - Scots defeated the Vikings who were attempting to invade.1263

**2** - Death of Sir Thomas Lipton, grocer, tea

English. 1357

**4** - Boys' Brigade founded in Glasgow.1883

**5** - Balloon flight by Italian aeronaut

Manse at Lochrutton. 1774

**9** - King James IV ratified the Charter incorporating the Surgeons and Barbers. 1506

**10** - Writer and geologist Hugh Miller born on the Black Isle, Cromarty 1802.

**11** - Letter from Wallace and Moray to the mayors of Lubeck and Hamburg saying that "The Kingdom of Scotland has, by God's Grace, recovered by battle from the power of the English". 1297

**11** - Scotland's first First Minister Donald Dewar died suddenly after a fall on the steps of his official residence in Edinburgh. 2000

**12** - Ramsay MacDonald, first Labour Prime Minister of UK, born in Lossiemouth. 1866

**13** - Battle of Aberdeen, James Graham, 1st Marquess of Montrose, sacked the city. 1644

**14** - Edward Bruce, brother of Robert the Bruce, killed in a battle near Dundalk, Ireland. 1318

**14** - The 50 pence decimal coin was first issued, replacing the ten shilling note. 1969

**15** - Edinburgh's Balmoral Hotel opened its doors for the first time. 1902

**16** - King James II born. 1430

**17** - James "Paraffin" Young obtained a patent for the extraction of paraffin from shale, starting the chemical industry in West

Lothian.1850

**17** - Bridge to the Isle of Skye opened. 1995

**18** - Denis Law became the youngest footballer to play for Scotland when he took part in the match against Cardiff when he was 18 years and 7 months old. 1958

**19** - First sedan chairs available for public hire introduced to Edinburgh. 1687

**20** - Explosion at Clarkston Toll shopping centre, killing 12. 1971

**21** - Last tram car ran in Dundee. 1956

**22** - Foundation stones of main Post Office and National Museum of Scotland laid by Prince Albert in his last public engagement before his death. 1861



*Decimal 50 cent*

**23** - Treaty between King John Balliol of Scotland and King Philippe IV of France which promised mutual help against the English - the start of the "Auld Alliance". 1295

**25** - Elvis Presley touched down at Prestwick airport, his only visit to Scotland. 1960

**26** - Lady Caroline Nairne, songwriter and poet, died at Gask. 1845

**27** - James Cook, circum-navigator of the globe, born to Scottish parents in Yorkshire. 1728

**28** - Birth of Robert Liston in Linlithgow who was to carry out the first operation in Britain with the aid of an anaesthetic. 1794



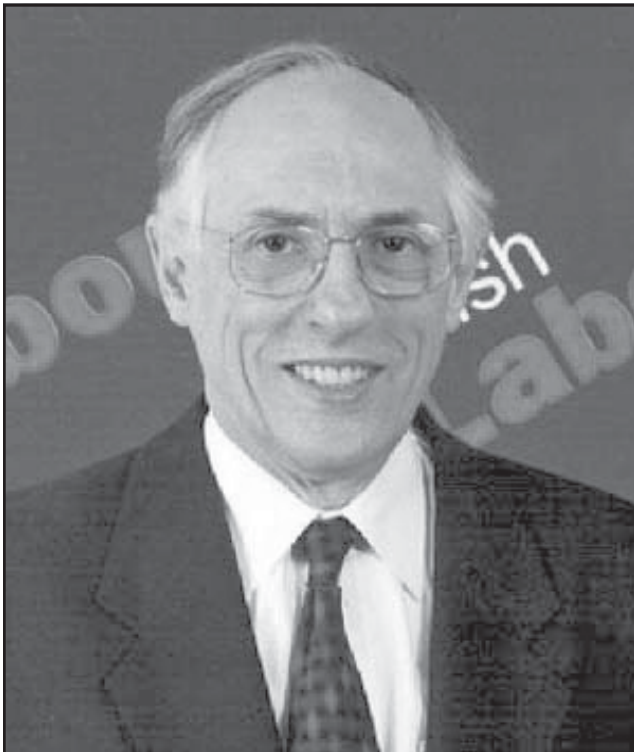
*John Logie Baird*

**29** - James Boswell, biographer of Dr Johnson, born at Blair's Land, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.1740

**30** - First moving image on a television screen when John Logie Baird

transmitted the image of a 15-year-old office boy in his London workshop. 1925

**31** - Pneumatic bicycle tyres were patented by inventor John Boyd Dunlop from Ayrshire.1888



*First First Minister Donald Dewar*

merchant and contestant for the "Americas Cup".1931

Vincenzo Lunardi from Heriot's School, Edinburgh to Ceres in Fife. 1785

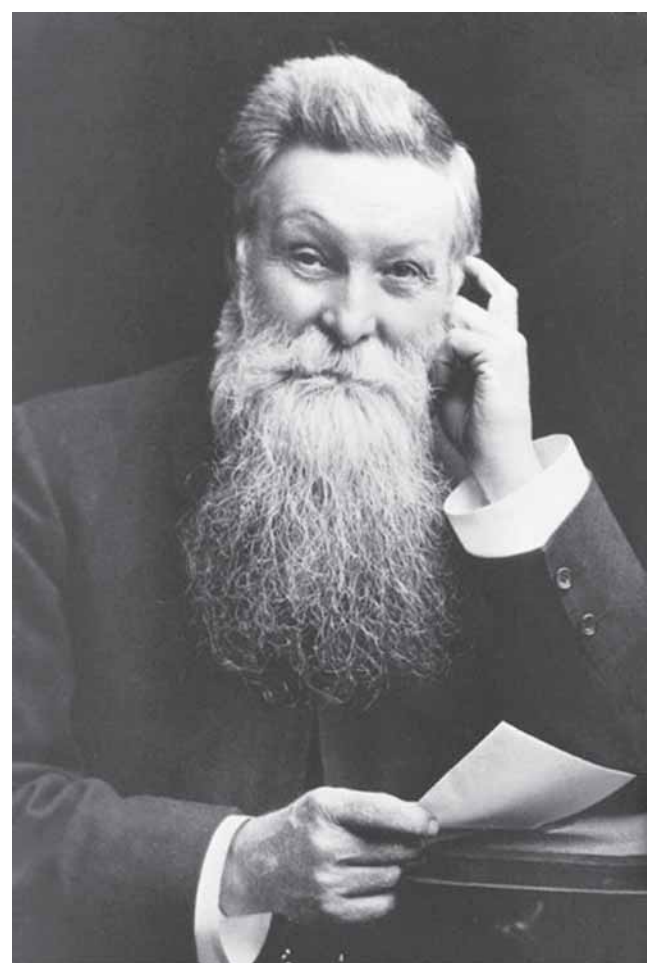
**3** - Treaty of Berwick, freeing David II from imprisonment by the

**8** - Rev Henry Duncan, founder of the first savings bank, born in the

### Answers to Scotword on Page 6

**ACROSS:** 1) Steep; 4) Claymores; 9) RiverEarn; 10) Mayor; 11) Turnip; 13) Singlet; 15) Interpol; 16) Ores; 20) Reek; 21) Assemble; 24) Ceildh; 26) Uneasy; 28) Owing; 29) RebelYell, 30) Strathyre; 31) Dulse

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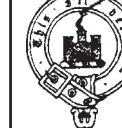


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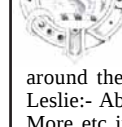
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## USA

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## Scotland

- ### October 2009

**2 - 4: Laurinburg, NC** - The Scotland County Highland Games will take place at the historic John Blue Home and Historical Complex. Info: [www.schgnc.org](http://www.schgnc.org).

**2: Lanexa, VA** - 2009 Williamsburg Scottish Festival 32nd Anniversary Honoring Our Nations Military and First Responders. At Rockahock Campgrounds. Info: [www.wsfonline.org](http://www.wsfonline.org)

**3: Ocala, FL** - Ocala Scottish Highland Games. Holy-Martin, Inc. is proud to host the 2009 Ocala Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival at Ocala Livestock Pavilion 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd. Info: (352) 840-5606 or [www.ocalascottishhighlandgames.com](http://www.ocalascottishhighlandgames.com)

**3: Reno, NV** - Reno Celtic Celebration at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. Pipe bands, Celtic musicians, highland games, Scottish and Irish dancers, Celtic vendors and more. Info: [www.renoceltic.org](http://www.renoceltic.org)

**3: Hartwell, GA** - Hartwell Highland Games. Don't miss the opening ceremonies when the massed Pipes and Drums crest "Piper's Hill" in their opening march to the games & evening Ceilidh. Info: (706) 376-6761 [LHHG@hartcom.net](mailto:LHHG@hartcom.net)

**3: Salisbury, MD** - 20th Chesapeake Celtic Festival. Furnace Town Historic Site, Snow Hill. Info : [www.celticfest.net](http://www.celticfest.net)

**3: Ben Lomond, CA** - 13th annual Loch Lomond Highland Games and Celtic Gathering at Highlands Park presented by the Loch Lomond Celtic Society P.O. Box 1024, Felton CA 95018. Tel: (831) 457-6716 or [www.lochlomondceltic.org/games](http://www.lochlomondceltic.org/games)

**5: Alexandria, VA** - Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair at Ft. Ward Park. A free event co-sponsored with the City of Alexandria. Info: [www.scotfair.org](http://www.scotfair.org) or (703) 212-7064.

**10 - 11: Eminence, KY** - Central Kentucky Highland Games Join us for the first Central Kentucky Highland Games. These sanctioned games will include Piping & Drumming competition, Band competitions, Massed Bands. Vendors, Clans, Music, Athletic's and more. Info: [www.kyhighlandgames.com](http://www.kyhighlandgames.com)

**10: Ventura, CA** - Seaside Highland Games at Seaside Park in beautiful Ventura County,Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W Harbor Blvd. Info: 818-886-4968 or <http://seaside-games.com>

**10: Crownsville, MD** - Anne Arundel Scottish Festival at Anne Arundel Fairgrounds Heavy Athletics, Highland Dancing, Pipe & Drum, and Fiddling competitions. Children's Highland Games, Tug-O-War, Rugby demonstration, 40+ clans & societies, Celtic entertainment, and more. Info: 410-451-4343 or [www.aasfi-md.org](http://www.aasfi-md.org).

**11: Scotland, CT** - 22nd Annual Scotland Highland Games at Edward Waldo Homestead, Waldo Rd. Info: [www.scotlandgames.org](http://www.scotlandgames.org)

**16 - 18: Atlanta, GA** - Stone Mountain Highland Games. For 37 years, the picturesque grounds of the Stone Mountain Park meadow, a short drive northeast of Atlanta, Georgia, have resounded with the sounds of bagpipes, fiddles and harps. Info: (Ph.) 770-521-0228 or [www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org)

**17: Murray, KY** - Western Kentucky Highland Festival. A celebration of Scottish-Celtic heritage featuring all things Scottish such as: bagpipe bands, music, amateur athletic competition including, Clan tents and more. Info: 270.761.2848 or [www.wkyhighlandfestival.com](http://www.wkyhighlandfestival.com)

### November 2009

**7 - 8: West Point, NY** - Jeannie Carmichael Ball (New York Scottish Country Dancing Branch 50th Anniversary) at Thayer Hotel, US Military Academy. Sat: Dinner 6:30pm, Ball 8pm-midnight, After-party midnight; Sun: Brunch dance 11am-2pm. Sponsored by RSCDS New York Branch and NY Area Groups. Contact Mary Zagami 718-823-0119 [MZagami@aol.com](mailto:MZagami@aol.com) or [www.rscdsNewYork.org](http://www.rscdsNewYork.org)

**7: Wyoming, OH** - Golden Founders Scottish Country Dance Ball at Wyoming Center for the Arts, 322 Wyoming Ave. 5:30pm Sherry party, 6:30pm Dinner, 8-11pm Ball. Sponsored by Cincinnati Branch RSCDS. Formal attire. Buffet. Contact Tracey Applebee [jtapplebee@fuse.net](mailto:jtapplebee@fuse.net) or
- Andy May 513-227-1974 [familymay@fuse.net](mailto:familymay@fuse.net) or [www.rscdscincinnati.org](http://www.rscdscincinnati.org)

**13 - 15: Salado, TX** - 48th Annual Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games. Join us in November at Pace Park presented by Central Texas Area Museum. Info: (254) 947-5232 or [www.ctam-salado.org/Gathering/Gathering](http://www.ctam-salado.org/Gathering/Gathering)

**14 - 15: Gulfport, MS** - Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival at Harrison County Fairgrounds. Mississippi Gulf Coast. Info: [www.highlandsandislands.org](http://www.highlandsandislands.org)

**21: Dunedin, FL** - Dunedin Celtic Festival at Highlander Park, 8am - 5pm. Info: 727-733-3197 or [www.dunedinhighlandgames.com](http://www.dunedinhighlandgames.com)

**21: Troy, MI** - Detroit Scottish Country Dancing Branch 30th Anniversary Ball at American Polish Cultural Club, 2975 E Maple Rd. Dinner 6:30pm, Dancing 8pm. Sponsored by Detroit Branch, RSCDS. Semi-formal attire. Full dinner, cash bar. Contact Margaret Sarna 248-637 2824, [dsarna@sprintmail.com](mailto:dsarna@sprintmail.com) or Susan sboczek@voyager.net or [www.rscdsDetroit.org](http://www.rscdsDetroit.org)

**2 - 4: Manitou Beach, SK** - Saskatchewan Branch Scottish Country Dance Workshop at Danceland & Manitou Springs Spa. Fri: ceilidh 8pm; Sat: classes 9am-noon & 1-3pm, dinner & dance 6pm. Sponsored by RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch. Contact Workshop Registrar Ph: 306-244-8283 E: [workshop@rscdsSask.org](mailto:workshop@rscdsSask.org) or [www.rscdsSaskatchewan.org](http://www.rscdsSaskatchewan.org)

**9 - 17: Sydney, NS** - 2009 Celtic Colours International Festival Celtic Colours International Festival, for nine days in October, Cape Breton Island is home to a unique celebration of Celtic music and culture. Info: 902.562.6700, 1.877.285.2321 (Toll-free NA) or [www.celtic-colours.com](http://www.celtic-colours.com)

**15: Toronto, ON** - Fall 2009 Scottish Country Dance Classes for Advanced Dancers Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 pm, at Swansea Town Hall (Council Chamber), 95 Lavinia Ave., (SW of Runnymede Stn.) Free Parking. Cost \$10 for ten lessons. No partner needed. Bring soft-soled shoes. Info [www.rscdstoronto.org/courses.html](http://www.rscdstoronto.org/courses.html)

**16: Toronto, ON** - Scottish Ceilidh Dance Nights. Informal ceilidh dancing, led by Keith Bark. 7:30-9:30 pm At St.Leonard's Anglican Church, 25 Wanless Ave. Nr. Lawrence and Yonge stations. Street parking. No partner needed. \$8 at the door. Bring soft-soled shoes. Carole Bell 416-221-1201

**17: Kamloops, BC** - Kamloops Scottish Country Dance Club Fall Workshop at St. Paul's Cathedral Parish Hall, 321 Battle St (4th Ave & Battle St). Classes 9am-noon & 1-2:15pm, Dance 2:30-4:30pm. Sponsored by Kamloops Scottish Country Dance Club. Contact Bill Flynn 250-828-2094 s-b-flynn@shaw.ca or Jill Field 250-828-1355 [jfield5@hotmail.com](mailto:jfield5@hotmail.com).

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**14 Toronto, ON** - 2009 Toronto Workshop. Classes for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced dancers. 8:45am - 3:45pm at the Toronto French School, 318 Lawrence Ave. E., NW corner of Bayview & Lawrence. Musicians: Bobby Brown, Laird Brown, Don Bartlett. Lunch, refreshments, available. Info: [v.fisher@sympatico.ca](mailto:v.fisher@sympatico.ca) and [www.rscdstoronto.org/events.html](http://www.rscdstoronto.org/events.html)

**14: Toronto, ON** - November Monthly Dance 8:00 - 10:30 pm at Crescent School, 2365 Bayview Ave (north of Lawrence Ave E. 1st light north of long bridge) Music by Bobby Brown & The Scottish Accent. Can be combined with the Toronto Workshop. Cost (dance only): Members
- \$20; Non Members \$25; children & Spectators \$4. Free parking. Info: Forbes Duncan 416-266-3377. Map, crib sheets at [www.rscdstoronto.org/events.html](http://www.rscdstoronto.org/events.html)

**14: Toronto, ON** - Toronto Scottish Country Dance Association Workshop The Toronto Workshop is an annual tradition for those who wish to experience new teachers and learn to improve their technique.Info:Valerie Fisher (416) 497-4186 or [www.rscdstoronto.org](http://www.rscdstoronto.org)

**20: Toronto, ON** - Scottish Ceilidh Dance Nights Informal ceilidh dancing, led by Keith Bark. 7:30-9:30 pm At St.Leonard's Anglican Church, 25 Wanless Ave. Nr. Lawrence and Yonge stations. Street parking. No partner needed. \$8 at the door. Bring soft-soled shoes. Carole Bell 416-221-1201

**22: Ottawa, ON** - Scotland Tonight. The Sons of Scotland are proud to present the 8th annual showcase of Celtic talent, Scotland Tonight, to be held at the Bronson Centre at 211 Bronson Ave.Info: [www.sospb.com](http://www.sospb.com)

**25: Toronto, ON** - Fall 2009 Scottish Country Dance Classes for Beginners Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 pm at Swansea Town Hall (Council Chamber), 95 Lavinia Ave. (SW of Runnymede subway) Free parking. \$80 for ten lessons. Pay after the first two. No partner needed. Bring soft-soled shoes. Info: Sue Ann Bryce 416-266-5423 and [www.rscdstoronto.org/courses.html](http://www.rscdstoronto.org/courses.html)

**28: Toronto, ON** - St Andrews Day Ball. The 2009 Ball at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel by Co-Hosts: St. Andrew's Society of Toronto and 48th Highlanders of Canada. Info [information@standrews-society.ca](mailto:information@standrews-society.ca) or [www.standrews-society.ca](http://www.standrews-society.ca)

**30: Toronto, ON** - Fall 2009 Scottish Country Dance Classes for Beginners Mondays, 7:30-9:30 pm at St. Leonard's Anglican Church, 25 Wanless Ave (nr. Lawrence subway stn) Street parking. \$80 for ten lessons. Pay after the first two. No partner needed. Info: [www.rscdstoronto.org/courses.html](http://www.rscdstoronto.org/courses.html)

**20: Edinburgh** - The Edinburgh International Festival The Edinburgh International Festival is Scotland's annual 10-day celebration of live storytelling right at the heart of Scotland's vibrant Festival City. Info: T: +44 (0)131 556 9679 or [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)

**30 - 8: Perth** - 5th Annual Perthshire Amber Festival Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and composer Dougie MacLean presents Perthshire Amber Festival, this year Dougie will be joined by Eddi Reader, Beoga, Malinky, Eliza Lynn, Michael McGoldrick, Ross Ainslie & Jarlath Henderson and Heidi Talbot to name but a few at the Perth Concert Hall. Info: [www.perthshireamber.com](http://www.perthshireamber.com)
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**1 - 8 Perth** - 5th Annual Perthshire Amber Festival Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and composer Dougie MacLean presents Perthshire Amber Festival, this year Dougie will be joined by Eddi Reader, Beoga, Malinky, Eliza Lynn, Michael McGoldrick, Ross Ainslie & Jarlath Henderson and Heidi Talbot to name but a few at the Perth Concert Hall. Info: [www.perthshireamber.com](http://www.perthshireamber.com)

**5 - 30: Aberdeen** - Aberdeen Winter Festival Winter events in the Granite City. Info: [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk) or Dawn Schultz Ph01224 522767,E: [Dschultz@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:Dschultz@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

**13 - 15: Galloway** - Galloway Antiques Fair The ever-popular Galloway Antiques Fair will be making a welcome return to Scone Palace. Nationally known antiques and fine art dealers .Info: Susan Galloway, Tel. 01423 522122, E: [info@gallowayfairs.co.uk](mailto:info@gallowayfairs.co.uk), or [www.gallowayfairs.co.uk](http://www.gallowayfairs.co.uk)

**27: Edinburgh** - Clan MacLaren Society Annual Dinner At the Clubhouse of the Royal Burgess Golfing Society, Edinburgh. 7:30 for 8pm. All members invited. Info: Nicholas Law n.s.law@intbiogcentre.com.

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# Burnsong At The Scottish Parliament

The 10 finalists of The Burnsong International Song Contest will play a songs to an audience of MSP's and the Scottish public as part of a full day of events at the Scottish

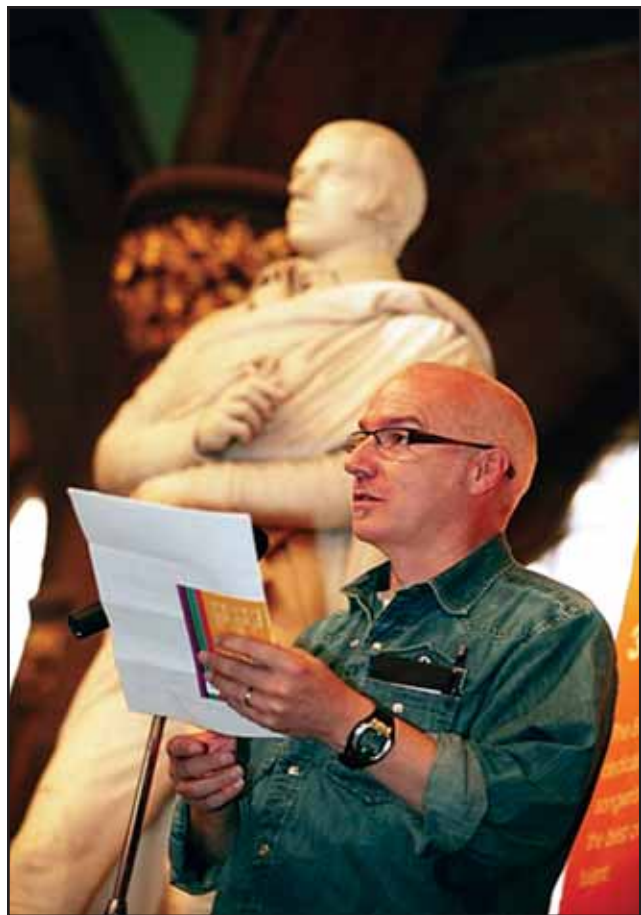
and encourage songwriting in Scotland; started in 2005 it has been held bi-annually. During this Year of Homecoming, inspired by the 250th Anniversary of Robert Burns, the song-writing competition named in the Bard's honour is looking for new songs of hope and optimism.

For the first time, the competition is international, and is open to songwriters from around the world. Songwriters are invited to enter their song in the 2009 Burnsong Competition via the Sonic Bids platform at [www.burnsong.org](http://www.burnsong.org).

Ten winners will then be invited to take part in a week long residential Song-house at a rural farmhouse in the Scottish countryside that Burns knew and loved.

The results of the week will be showcased along with the winning songs at "The Big Gig" on November 30th.

Speaking at the 2009 launch Midge Ure OBE said "When I was asked to become patron of Burnsong, I jumped at the chance, because I think that it's incredibly important that



*Burnsong patron Midge Ure OBE*

showcase concert in the Scottish Parliament on St. Andrews Day November 30th as part of Parliament marking St. Andrew's Day. The concert will be hosted by the Presiding Officer Alex

**"During this Year of Homecoming, inspired by the 250th Anniversary of Robert Burns, the song-writing competition named in the Bard's honour is looking for new songs of hope and optimism."**

the finale celebrations for Scotland's Year of Homecoming.

The finalists will perform their winning

Fergusson MSP and presented by Burnsong patron Midge Ure OBE.

Burnsong's objective is to promote, nurture

songwriters are nurtured and people with raw talent are given the chance to let that talent grow"

## 2009 Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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## Map of the Clans and Families Of Scotland



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## Map of the Border Reiver Families

The Border country between England and Scotland was, during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, a no mans land where robbery and blood feud were taken for granted. This map gives a



general idea of where the main pockets of activity were and where the various families were located. 15 3/8" x 22 3/8", **Price: \$29.95 USD, \$29.95 CDN + S/H Use order form on page 12 to order any of the maps on this page.**

# So - What's So Good About Scottish Country Dancing?

How often have you got those funny looks from your non-dancing friends when you tell them that you go Scottish Country Dancing? So what do you say? How do you answer them?

Try this. Tell them there are four, no five, no, make that six GREAT things about Scottish country dancing.

Firstly it's GREAT physical exercise. And people of our age (whatever your age may be) need regular physical exercise. We need to exercise our cardiovascular system to keep the heart working properly.

We also need to keep our weight under control. And the regular physical exercise provided by weekly dancing classes helps us keep the weight off.

But the sceptics will answer you: "Yes, but you can get all that by visiting your local gymnasium, or jogging." Have you ever seen a person working out in a gym or a jogger smile?

Secondly, it's GREAT mental exercise. We are all literally thinking on our feet. We're using our brain to concentrate on the next move and where we should be heading.

Researchers believe that mental stimulus, like that provided by Scottish country dancing, help stave off Alzheimer's disease. So our brains will keep ticking over.

Thirdly, Scottish country dancing is done



*The Joy of Scottish Country Dancing*

to GREAT Scottish music. It's a bit like trying to walk out of step when you hear a pipe band. The beat gets you in and

keeps you in step and the tune stays in your head for ages.

Fourthly, you meet GREAT people. People

who (mostly) want to help you through those trying first few years. People who genuinely want to encourage you to come

back and stay with them.

Do you remember when you first started Scottish country dancing? The main reason you kept coming back and persevering when you first started 10, 20, 30 or more years ago was the enthusiastic encouragement you received from the "old hands".

When those "old hands" (who may well have preferred to dance with others who knew what they were doing and where they were going)

Compare that with the costs associated with going to your local gym.

And then there's the sixth and final GREAT thing about Scottish country dancing. It's GREAT fun. We laugh a lot. And that helps us relax in an ever-increasingly complex world.

Scottish country dancing is a GREAT circuit-breaker from the stresses and strains of modern-day living and working.

Oh, and as for those

***"Tell them there are four, no five, no, make that six GREAT things about Scottish country dancing."***

would get you up and steer you through dances like Bratach Bana or those confusing reels.

Great people like that can be hard to find, but find them you can at Scottish country dancing.

Fifthly, Scottish Country Dancing is GREAT value for money – and every Scot love that! Where else can you join a group for as little as \$10.00 a year and four dollars a week to get all the exercise you need, met great friends, dance to great music for so little financial outlay.

joggers and gymnasts; are they having fun? Not likely! And if it's not fun – don't do it! Do something that is fun – like Scottish country dancing.

So next time you get those strange looks from your non-dancing friends, you'll have some GREAT reasons to encourage them to join in the fun that is Scottish country dancing.

*Graham Stanley  
President,  
St. John's Scottish Country  
Dancing Group  
Melbourne, Australia*

## Dressing Like A Gentleman

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Lastly, just a brief mention of shoes. I once had a Scottish mother tell me that she would not have her son (whom I was outfitting for his wedding kilt) married in any style of shoe other than ghillie brogues. To her mind, they were the only shoes proper for formal Highland dress. Nonsense. Ghillies look fine, but they are by no means the only shoe worth wearing.

Many people think a good pair of buckle

brogues look infinitely better, especially with white tie. But barring that even, really any style of formal man's shoe that you would wear with ordinary saxon evening wear will work with the kilt. Don't feel bound by what the Highland dress catalogues are selling!

There is oh so much more we could delve into on the subject of evening wear, including fly plaids and the like – but that will have to wait till next month's column.

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# Tartan Blanket Being Hand-woven For Rabbie Burns' Birthplace

Tartan blanket being hand-woven for Rabbie Burns' birthplace- 200 year old weaving technique being used to commemorate the bard.

The National Trust for Scotland's Weaver's Cottage in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, has woven a blanket which will be exhibited on the bed where Burns was born, at the new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, opening in Alloway in Summer 2010.

## Weaver's Cottage Museum

The idea was generated by head weaver and property manager of the Weaver's Cottage Museum Christine MacLeod, who wanted to draw together those who have a passion for Burns' work and allow individuals to actively contribute to the redevelopment of the Burns National Heritage Park.

The names of those who contribute to its

production on a 200 year old loom at Weaver's Cottage, will be listed and presented to the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum during the hand-over of the blanket. Christine said: "Ultimately the blanket will appear to be like a piece of tartan, covering the bed, but it is in fact a story in cloth. It is not only a link with the story of the birth of the first child of William Burness and Agnes Broun in the cottage, but a link with those today who continue to do what they can to promote and cherish the work of Robert Burns throughout the world."

"I feel really privileged and proud to be involved in the new Robert Burns' Birthplace Museum as it will provide a lasting legacy of our greatest cultural icon for generations to come.

Cottage staff and Weaver's Cottage volunteers are also making three rag rugs for



Weaving at Weaver's Cottage

the floor of Burns' bedroom and members of The Weaver's Cottage Support Group are hand

sewing the linen curtains for the bed and windows.

Picturesque Kilbarchan was once the

centre of a thriving hand loom weaving industry. In the 1830s its population of just over 2000 worked on the village's 800 looms. But, as large factories began to compete, the number of hand looms diminished until, at the end of the Second World War, there were only two still in production.

## Living History

The Weaver's Cottage in Kilbarchan was left to the National Trust for Scotland by its last owners and was opened to the public in 1957. As well as preserving the living conditions of 19th century weavers, staff make sure visitors can witness the traditional skills. Weaver's Cottage, built in 1723, pre dates Burns cottage of c1759. Robert Burns would have been entirely familiar with the techniques which are still in use at the Cottage today, so much so he wrote about it in poetry and song.

The Robert Burns Birthplace Museum is set to house the most important Burns collection in the world, bringing Burns to life for the 21st century by celebrating his life, work and contribution to Scottish culture. The new state-of-the-art museum project also includes the restoration of the Burns Birthplace Cottage where Robert Burns was born and the development of a centre for learners of all ages and abilities to engage with Burn's work life and Scottish poetry, song and literature.

There is £3.8million still to raise for the project. Individuals interested in donating to or fundraising for the new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum should visit [www.nts.org.uk/Burns/CelebrateBurns/](http://www.nts.org.uk/Burns/CelebrateBurns/).

The Burns blanket remains at the cottage until it closed for the winter season.

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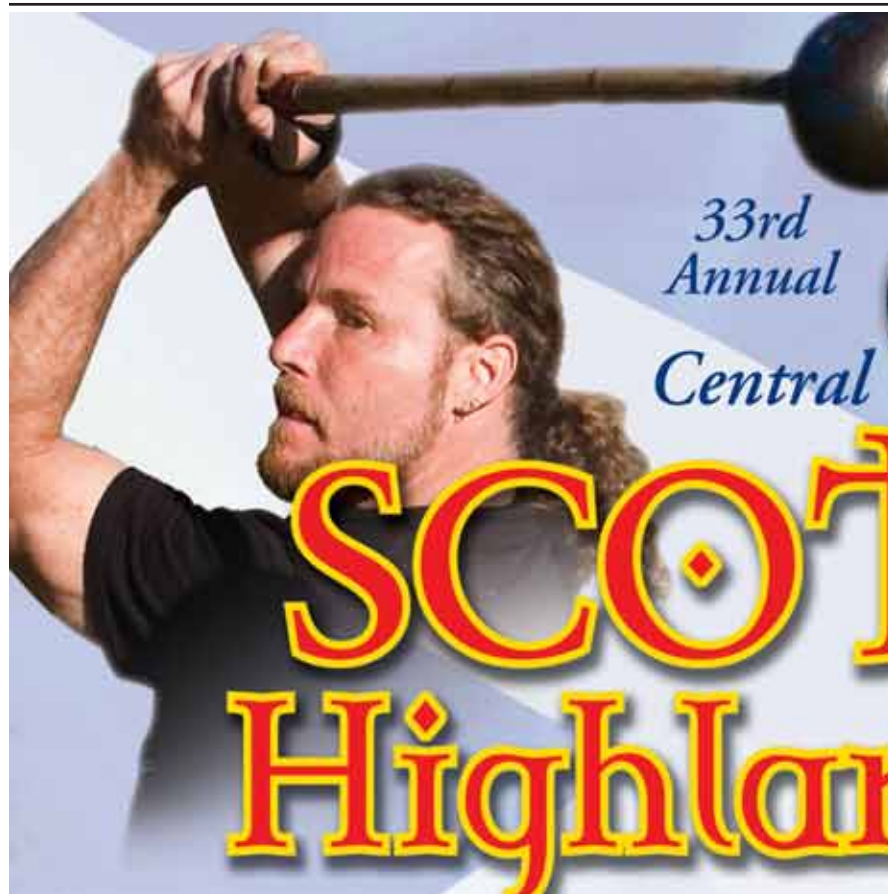
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