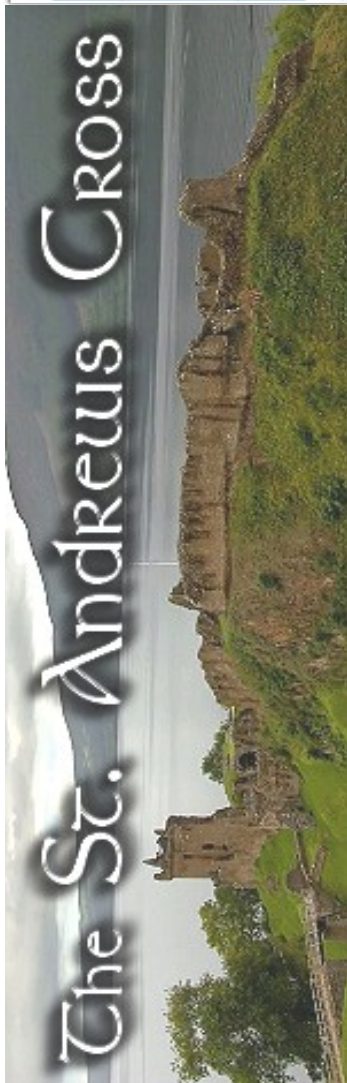


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Aff Tae Glesga Toun by Xenia Schiller

Xenia Schiller is one of our "Bruce Mitchell Scholarship" recipients for 2011. She will be working on her master's degree in creative writing at University of Glasgow. We are delighted that Xenia has agreed to "gie" us a monthly up-date "frare deare auld Glesga toun". She is presently busy getting ready for her new challenge. We wish her every success!

going to be me. I've got it all planned out.



Xenia Schiller

I collect Scotland. I have the calendar. A saltire mouse pad. My tartan purse. A westie pin. An actual westie - it's come to that. Her name is Lacey. In September, she'll be joining me in Glasgow. I can't wait to see if she experiences the pull of her ancestral Highlands. "Do you feel anything?" I'll ask her whenever we travel. "How about now?" We'll wet our paws in Skye's fairy pools, and pose for pictures with the handsome Greyfriar's Bobby. One of us will adore Haggis, and it's not

Last year the BBC deployed an expat shield to enable the Scotland-obsessed to watch British programming. I can't turn back the clock to catch "Portrait of Scotland", but I'm not bitter. There are always reruns. Next time I'll be ready - and local. Not counting the weather one night in April, I haven't watched American prime time in over a year. Birmingham stations have

been replaced with Radio Scotland, and my ipod is bursting with BBC podcasts. I'm confident I know an Edinburgh accent from a Glaswegian one, although a native weegie dismissed this claim as naïve American fantasy. I love a good challenge.

This weekend I bought my suitcases. For two days I've dreamed of how to fill them. I need wellies and a sub-zero coat. My sisters laugh at my sandals, but I'm pretty sure Glasgow gets a couple weeks of spring, a few weeks of summer and one week of autumn, at least. So they'll get some use. I often imagine myself in Scotland, but it's never clear what I'm wearing. Mostly I see me - with a camera in hand, a wooly hat on my head, and a huge smile across my face.

The Michael Report From Edinburgh

Time flies! We've been on the ground now for close to two months. On one hand it's been crazy, on the other, very normal. Yes, we are now living in a European city that is amazing, but we are also just a normal family, going to the grocery store, paying bills,



doing school work, and seeking to serve God.

Getting to know our community and culture has been fascinating. There are so many new things to discover every day. From foods to sports, to shopping, to healthcare. There are vast differences from the culture

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Mark Your Calendar

- Sept. - 6:30 - Covered Dish Dinner - Fellowship Presbyterian Church.
- Oct. - New Members Reception - TBA.
- Nov. - St. Andrew's Day Dinner - TBA
- Jan. - Burns Supper - TBA

Rory McIlroy Wins 2011 US Open



Rory McIlroy, from Holywood, No. Ireland won the US Open last weekend at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD with a record-setting 16 under par 268 total. This is two in a row for this wee country no bigger than the state of Rhode Island. Last year's Open was won by Graeme McDowell from Portrush, N.I. (UAB '02).

McIlroy, apparently adopted by American fans, made his way around the course to strains of "Rory!" "Rory!" and "Let's go Rory!" After finishing on Sunday he said: It's just been incredible the way people have supported me and cheered for me the whole week. It feels like a home match. To be able to have that when you come over here and feel like

you're one of their own is probably going to be pretty important in the next few years."

At 22 years old, McIlroy is Europe's youngest major champion since 1872. Ladbrooks has him at 7/1 to win the British Open next month and 16/1 to break Jack Nicklaus' major championship wins of 18.



McIlroy being congratulated by his father Sunday after winner the US Open.

(MICHAEL from page 1)

we grew up in, but we have also seen a great 'same-ness'. It has, however, already been somewhat of a challenge getting to know the people in our neighborhood. Unless you know someone, you do not smile, greet or make eye-contact when you pass. We do A LOT of walking, so we are constantly passing. We're praying for how we can meet our neighbors, without seeming like weirdos.

Recently, we went to the local Lawn Bowling open day and met some nice people. We hope to go back soon now that we know what we're doing. It was also exciting to see that new people just moved into the apartment across the hall. We've been hoping to get new neighbors so that we can take them some goodies and welcome them to the building. I don't know if it's "normal" here to do that, but we're not normal, right?

We have still not met our monthly needed expenses, which is making things very tight with 2 house payments.

We are incredibly thankful for those who have already partnered with us, and look forward to seeing who God will continue to raise up.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to get caught-up with what's new for our family as we live and serve in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Peace and love,
Mark, Andrea, Jordan & Ashlyn
Michael

Mark and Andre Michael are members of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee who have been called to be missionaries in Scotland. According to the Greater European Mission (GEM) only 2% of Europeans attend church with any degree of regularity.

Name Tags - Membership Badges - Tartan Banners

We are proud of the Tallahassee St. Andrew Society and our membership in it. If you haven't already done so, express that pride by ordering your SAS Name Tag and Membership Badge today.

Name Tags may be ordered from Nick Baldwin at 877.0249. Name tags with magnetic backs can be purchased for \$10.25. Tags with pin backs are \$8.25.

Membership Badges (seen below.) These attractive metal and enamel badges may be purchased from Babs Stewart at 385.3037 for \$5.00 each.



Don't forget to call Laurie Long at 510.9866 for shirts, blouses, jackets or hats with our SAS badge embroidered on them.

Tartan Banners may be purchased by calling Dunedin Scottish at 800.237.5836 and asking for Daryl MacDonald.



Be sure to mention you are a member of the Tallahassee St. Andrew Society. You can also call Eric King at 894.8955 for more information or he can order it for you saving sales tax.



Notes from the Editor

On Tuesday, June 7 your new Board members were warmly welcomed by out-going members to the monthly meeting. Although the new Board begins functioning on July 1, the Board traditionally goes on hiatus for the months of July and August and then reconvenes on the second Tuesday of September.

During the intervening summer months, you may very well be contacted and asked to serve on one of the vital SAS committees. If you are, PLEASE consider contributing a wee bit of your time. *"Many hands make light work."*

If you are a relatively new member, we suspect that one of the reasons you joined was to learn more about Scotland. Getting involved is a sure way to get a head-start. Committees for which we need members include:

Finance - the committee shall solicit endowments, gifts, and grants; and it shall advise the Board of Trustees regarding investments. The committee shall prepare a budget for the current fiscal year and present it for adoption at the September Board meeting.
Members needed: 4

Audit - the committee shall audit the financial records of the Society for the preceding fiscal year and report its findings and recommendations at the next Board meeting.
Members needed: 3

Events - the committee shall plan the program of events of the Society for the year and shall propose the plan to the Board for its adoption at the September meeting. The committee shall arrange for the facilities, food, ceremonies, decorations, entertainment and collection of funds necessary to implement the adopted program of events.
Members needed: 4

Education - the committee shall provide educational experiences in Scottish history and traditions as an integral part of the program at events of the Society. The committee shall produce a quarterly newsletter.
Members needed: 3



Membership - the committee shall be responsible for the membership recruitment and retention, for membership and guest identification at Society events, the maintenance of membership records, and for other membership services as determined by the committee or the Board.
Members needed: 3

Benevolence - the committee shall visit members who are hospitalized and shall send condolence cards or letters to ill or grieving members. The committee shall recommend benevolent activities to the Board

and shall administer benevolent activities approved by the Board.

Members needed: 3

Scholarship - the committee shall advertise and otherwise promote the availability of the *Bruce Mitchell Memorial Scholarship* of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee. The committee shall gather and review applications, interview scholarship applicants, make applicant recommendations to the Board and insure scholarship funds are properly administered by Board-approved recipients.
Members needed: 3

Dues Due

You have recently, or will be very soon, received your dues renewal notification for 2011-12. Your Board of Trustees asks that you please renew by July 1.

While our Tallahassee Society is relatively young (est.1976) many St. Andrew Societies have been "relieving distress" since the late 17th and early 18th Centuries. Here in Tallahassee, we have provided many scholarships, financially supported the Tallahassee Highland Games and the Tallahassee Pipe Band. We have contributed to the world-class literary collection at FSU's Stroz Library begun by our founding president John MacKay Shaw. We celebrate and honor the contributions Scots, Ulster-Scots and Scottish Americans have made to the world and to the United States. Your timely personal and financial involvement is vital to that endeavor.



Answers to Scottish Trivia on page 8
1. Holyrood; 2. Bannockburn; 3. Forfar; 4. Arbroath;
5. Braemar; 6. Inverness; 7. Ft. William; 8. Loch
Lomond; 9. Dear Green Place; 10. Alloway

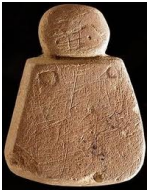
Educator's Column

By Jean Holzapfel



ORKNEY'S ISLAND OF WESTRAY'S TOURISM SOARS AFTER 5,000-YEAR OLD DISCOVERY.

Archaeologists working on a Historic Scotland excavation on Westray came upon a find of astonishing rarity – a small carved sandstone figurine, created some 5,000 years ago. The Orkney Venus (Also called the Westray Wife), which measures just over 1" x 1", is the only known Neolithic carving of a human form to have been discovered in Scotland – and just one of three ever found in the whole of the British mainland. By most estimates, tourism in Westray has absolutely soared due to the figurine, with shops seeing as much as a 40% increase in revenue. For more information, visit the Westray Heritage Centre's Web site at www.westrayheritage.co.uk.



GLASGOW PROPOSES DRIVERLESS SUBWAYS.

In an effort to help the Glasgow subway system to slash expenses by as much as one-third, the already semi-automatic trains would do away with drivers and have only door openings manually controlled. Computerized signaling and control systems would allow trains to run more frequently and efficient-



ly. These plans are expected to increase ridership by 40% and boost the number of off-peak trains, while reducing the workforce by nearly a quarter. These and other upgrades to Glas-

gow's 113-year-old subway, the third oldest in the world, behind only London and Budapest, are now awaiting funding approval by the Scottish Government.

AMERICAN BILLIONAIRE HERB KOHLER DENIED MEMBERSHIP TO ST. ANDREWS GOLF COURSE:



Kohler owns the Old Course Hotel overlooking the historic 17th and 18th holes in St. Andrews and has recently purchased Hamilton Hall next door, which he plans to turn into high-end timeshare apartments. He also counts Tiger Woods as a friend and was sponsored by a world-renowned golf course designer and the Commissioner of the PGA Tour so he thought he would have no problem being accepted into membership. Wrong! He was informed "Mr. Kohler, unfortunately, you weren't aware of our rule – if we give you an exception we can't, with a straight face, maintain our rules as they ought to be maintained." It seems that the 70-year old was ten years over the age limit. Well, that goes to show that money can't buy you everything!

S I R SEAN CONNERY, the former milkman who rose to fame starring in Dr. No and six other James



Bond movies, has come out of retirement to play his first animation role as the voice of Sir Billi, a retired Highland veterinarian who wears a kilt, rides a skateboard and is attempting to save a fugitive beaver from powerful lairds. The movie, "Sir Billi" is Scotland's first animated feature film. Eighty-year-old Sir Sean took the role after his grandchildren fell in love with the story. Why not? Connery has made a career out of fighting the forces of evil, so it was only natural that he would fight the good fight once again. For a preview see www.billiproductions.com.

IF YOU ARE VISITING EDINBURGH

there is a walking tour that takes visitors through a warren of ancient streets, now buried below Edinburgh's Royal Mile, where the 16th to 17th centuries have been frozen in time (The Real Mary King's Close



Tour). Now there is a second tour just above on street level to complete the story. The Auld Town Walking Tour will answer questions about what life was like in the city's narrow alleyways and throughout the Old Town in the 1600s and 1700s, and why the Royal Mile has always been one of the most important streets in Scotland. The one-hour tour runs three times a day, seven days a week. For details on tours, visit www.realmarykingsclose.com.

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY MEMBERS TRAVELING TO SCOTLAND THIS SUMMER: We always have several lucky members visiting Old Scotia and look forward to them coming home and reporting on their travels at our Covered Dish Suppers. Take

“Queen Mary’s Ain Cranachan”??

Sooner or later every Scot faces the same agonizing decision. This arose recently as I was discussing with our President Doris Henderson possible offerings for the April potluck which featured Scottish dishes. That decision is whether to commit a wee dram of one’s single malt to supplement a dish or to steadfastly reserve it for drinking.

Doris’ dilemma was related to a Glenfiddich Mousse. (Doris’ mousse lost.) In my case, I faced that dilemma over a Valentine’s Day Cranachan. Rather than exhaust my precious supply of single malt, I resorted to the allowed Drambuie alternate. You will have to make your own choice but I preferred the sweetness the Drambuie offered (how is that for rationalization) and only used the wee dram of the SMS to fortify the chef.

I know that a Cranachan recipe has appeared here before, but *this* one is *authentic*, really, really authentic...honest! Furthermore, I have it on good authority that this was Mary Queen of Scot’s favorite food and that she requested it as her last indulgence the night before she lost her head. No doubt she had plentiful portions, especially the single malt part.

Of course, one can throw together some local ingredients and come up with a perfectly passable Cranachan or you can really make an effort and put together a truly authentic one like this.

This recipe calls for ingredients straight from the *mitherland*: heather honey, pinhead oats, and single malt scotch or Drambuie. I was fortunate to be able to bring them back with me on my last trip to Scotland but I think you can find them online.

Queen Mary’s Personal Favorite Cranachan

For 4 servings you will need:

- 2 ½ cups of fresh raspberries
(keep ¼ cup to decorate)
- 5 Tablespoons Drambuie or
single malt scotch
(divided)
- 1 ¼ cup heavy whipping
cream (or double cream
or crème fraiche)
- 2 Tablespoons of heather
honey divided
- ½ cup of pinhead oatmeal
- ¼ cup soft light brown sugar

Toss the raspberries in 2 tablespoons of the Drambuie or scotch and set them aside to get really yummy.

Whip the cream with 2 tablespoons of Drambuie or scotch and 1 tablespoon of the heather honey.

Mix 1 tablespoon of Drambuie or scotch with 1 tablespoon of heather honey and set aside as a final topping.

In a sauté pan on the stove over medium high heat mix the oats and the brown sugar, stirring constantly, until they are combined and the oats are toasted and caramelized. This takes about 3-4 minutes once the pan is hot.

Using tall glasses or compotes, layer

the ingredients, starting with the caramelized oats, then cream, then raspberries. End with a layer of cream topped with the reserved raspberries and drizzled with the chosen liquor mixed with honey. Serve immediately as the oatmeal goes soggy!

Happily contributed by
Linda Frazier



The Power of the Pipes

An old Scot, after living for many years in a far-away land, was dying.

He called his doctor and asked for one last favor.

The doctor agreed and the old Scot said he wanted to hear the pipes played one more time before he died.

A piper was duly summoned and marched up and down the hospital hallway playing mightily.

In the morning, the old Scot was so invigorated he arose, dressed, and went home. All of the other patients were dead.

The Scottish Husband

A Scots boy came home from school and told his mother he had been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful," says the mother, "what part is it?" The boy says, "I play the part of the Scottish husband!" The mother scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

- above stories from the FORSYTH NOTES
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John Witherspoon – Scottish Patriot and American Declaration of Independence

Signatory

By Jay Breeze

Ironically, our English friends Gary and Sue were the first to take notice of the modest bronze plaque on the garden wall of the village church. At the time, we were lodging at Goblin Ha' (Hall), a cozy little hotel in the East Lothian hamlet of Gifford, our base for excursions into nearby Edinburgh.

One perfect summer evening after an excellent dinner (washed down with multiple pints of Cairngorm Brewery's premium Wildcat ale), we took a stroll around the tiny, photogenic village, so quiet and peaceful in contrast to the din of Dunedin. Pausing on our walk through the churchyard, Gary and Sue examined the bronze plaque and exclaimed in mock horror, "*Cor blimey, another revolting colonial! Jay and Carol, come see this!*"

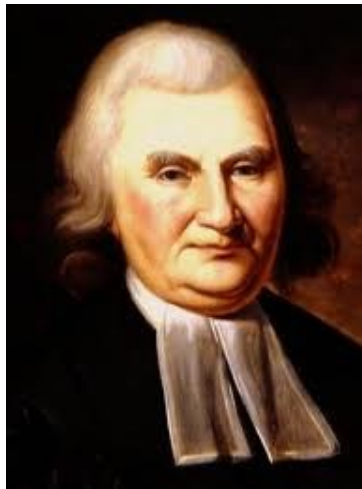
The "revolting colonial" commemorated on the plaque to which our friends drew our attention was Gifford native John Witherspoon (1723-1794), who achieved lasting fame as an American Founding Father by defying King George III, monarch of the world's mightiest empire, in a very risky and public way – adding his signature with a select group of patriots to the American Declaration of Independence. But Witherspoon was no hot-headed rebel.

Reflecting on the subject of rebellion in a considered, thoughtful manner, he concluded: "*On the part of America, there was not the most distant thought of subverting the government or of hurting the interest of the people of Great Britain; but of defending their own privileges from unjust encroachment; there was not the least desire of withdrawing their allegiance from the common sovereign till it became absolutely necessary – and indeed it*

was his (King George III) own choice."

What were the formative influences in the life of this Scottish-American Founding Father? A solid Scottish education capped by a doctorate from St. Andrews University, a distinguished Church of Scotland career from 1745 to 1768, and exposure to the heady moral ideals of the European Enlightenment that so influenced 18th C. Scotland were certainly among the personal assets and accomplishments that Witherspoon brought to the newborn American Republic.

Other important assets included the effective leadership and organizational skills developed during his clerical career, skills that came to the attention of the Presbyterian Church in America.



In 1768, Witherspoon accepted an invitation to become the sixth president of a small Presbyterian institution, the College of New Jersey (the future Princeton University), emigrating with his family from Scotland to New Jersey in 1768. Here he proved that his reputation as a leader was well deserved, improving academic standards and achieving financial solvency for the struggling institution. As president of a college that put a high priority on the education of clergy, he also became a key leader of the Presbyterian Church. Witherspoon's support of the revolutionary cause led to his election to the Continental Congress as a member of the New Jersey delegation, serving from 1776 to 1782 and playing a major

role in building a government for the new nation. He was also influential in drafting the Articles of Confederation, and his reputation and prestige tipped the balance in favor of New Jersey's adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

Twin statues of Witherspoon by Scottish sculptor Alexander Stoddart in Paisley, Scotland, and at Princeton University honor his memory. A third statue, looking a bit lost and forlorn in the constant flood of heavy traffic and nervous pedestrians, stands on the Connecticut Avenue NW median near DuPont Circle in Washington, DC.

But, somehow, the little commemorative plaque in Gifford, as we viewed it in the quiet of that perfect summer evening, seems most appropriate in conveying the moral strength of a wise and natural leader who gave his support to American independence. Being a Scot with a strong sensitivity toward the troubled history of his homeland, Witherspoon fully understood the price to be paid for taking a moral stand opposing the will of a powerful and unforgiving empire.

His son James was killed at the Battle of Germantown, and British forces vandalized the College of New Jersey campus, necessitating postwar rebuilding at great expense that almost bankrupted the institution. But Witherspoon, the College and the new Republic prevailed. Witherspoon understood that the final outcome is never in question: "*If your cause is just, if your principles are pure, and if your conduct is prudent, you need not fear the multitude of opposing hosts.*"



Jay & Carol Breeze at Witherspoon plaque in Gifford, East Lothian





Ameireaganaich Albannach

In one of last year's issues, Jean Holzapfel suggested that we read *The Mark of the Scots* by Duncan A. Bruce. Of particular notice is chapter 3, "The Creation of the United States". It is of particular interest because it compares two Scottish documents, "The Declaration of Arbroath" (April 6, 1320) and "The National Covenant" (1638) with our own Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States (1787).

Indeed, it points out that not only were many of our founding fathers from Scotland (Witherspoon) but even native-born founding fathers were directly and clearly influenced by the Scottish enlightenment. (Franklin was an intimate of and guest of Adam Ferguson. It was even said that James Madison - writer and framer of the Constitution - "...spoke French with a Scottish accent, no doubt due to his Scottish tutor Donald Robertson and later his attendance at Princeton under Witherspoon.

There is little doubt that these American leaders were aware of and influenced by the "enlightenment" that even Voltaire said began in Scotland. The concept of ruling with the "...consent of the governed" expressed in both the Declaration of Arbroath and the National Covenant, and usually credited to John Locke, were in fact written 312 years before he was born, and when he was six years old respectively.

If you have not read Bruce's book, I once again, encourage you to do so - primarily Chapter 3. Quite honestly, the other chapters are tedious and repetitive. I would be happy to lend my copy, and I am sure Jean would lend hers' as well.

Below are a few comparisons Bruce makes between the documents:

Declaration of Indep. 1776

- *all men are created equal*
- *certain inalienable rights, life, liberty*
- *we mutually pledge our lives*
- *deriving just power from the consent of gov.*
- *...the right to alter or abolish...*
- *...history of repeated injury, death, desolation*
- *...sent...swarms of officers to harass our people*
- *A prince whose character...may define a tyrant*
- *merciless Indian savages*
- *...plundered our seas...burnt out towns*
- *...destruction of all ages*
- *...absolved of all allegiance to the British Crown*
- *appealing to...Supreme Judge...for the rectitude...*
- *...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence*

Declaration of Indep. 1776

- *usurpations...direct object...tyranny*
- *with firm reliance...of Divine Providence*
- *we mutually pledge to each other*
- *our lives, our fortunes*

Preamble to the Constitution of US 1787

- We the people
- in order to form a more perfect union
- establish justice
- insure domestic tranquility
- provide for the common defense
- promote the common welfare
- ...secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity
- do ordain and establish this Const. of US

Declaration of Arbroath 1320

- *nor distinction Jew, Greek, English or Scot*
- *we fight for liberty alone which no good man loses but with his life.*
- *we will maintain even to the death*
- *must reign...due consent of us all.*
- *...expel him as our enemy...subverter of our rights*
- *perpetrated...injury, slaughters, deeds of violence*
- *...unfriendlywise harassed our Kingdom*
- *this prince perpetrated...these evils innumerable*
- *the most savage tribes*
- *plundering, burnings*
- *sparing no age or sex*
- *For so long as a hundred remain alive, we will never ...be subject to the domination of the English*
- *to Him, as the Supreme King and Judge*
- *(by the help of) Divine Providence*

The National Covenant 1638

- *usurped authority of...all tyrannous laws*
- *we call on the Living God to witness...and bless*
- *to the mutual defense...everyone...to another*
- *with our means and our lives*

Nat'l. Covenant & Ordaining Act 1638-9

- we noblemen, barons, gentlemen, burgesses, ministers and commons
- considering the great happiness...and perfect union
- judicatories...established...among us
- procure true and perfect peace
- stand to the mutual defense
- for the common happiness to conduce for so good ends and promote the same
- secure liberties to ourselves/our posterity
- do ordain the Covenant and Constitution of this Kingdom



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Scottish Trivia

- The capital of Scotland, Edinburgh. What is the name of the Queen's official residence here?
 Edinburgh Castle
 Craigmillar Castle
 Holyrood House
 Bute House
- Travel along the River Forth to the ancient town of Stirling. What famous battle took place on the southern outskirts of the village in which the Scots defeated the English in 1314?
 Preston Pans
 Flodden
 Culloden
 Bannockburn
- County of Angus: which county town, is famous for its bridies, a local variety of the Cornish pasty?
 Forpar
 Coupar Angus
 Brechin
 Alyth
- County of Angus: we head to the coast and another town famous for *Smokies* - smoked haddock. Which town are we in now?
 Arbroath
 Carnoustie
 Montrose
 Monifieth
- Along Royal Deeside, what is the small town famous for its annual Highland Gathering when the Queen and Royal Family attend the Highland Games?
 Balmoral
 Banchory
 Ballater
 Braemar
- Which city is the capital of the Highlands?
 Elgin
 Inverness
 Nairn
 Dingwall
- Which town lies in the shadow of Scotland's (Britain's) highest peak Ben Nevis?
 Oban
 Fort William
 Ballachulish
 Mallaig
- The picturesque village of Luss sits on the banks of which famous loch?
 Loch Ness
 Loch Lomond
 Loch Long
 Loch Fyne
- Scotland's largest city, Glasgow: its name comes from the Gaelic meaning?
 Church by the Wood
 Big River
 Dear Green Place
 Gordon's Fort
- Ayrshire and the birthplace of Robert Burns?
 Kilmarnock
 Ayr
 Alloway
 Cumnock

Answers will be found on page 3.