

Stirling Castle 'Mither Tongue' event 2015

Quiz answers

Thank you to everyone who spoke to us at the Stirling Castle event and showed such interest in our work and in Scots language generally.

Answers to the Scottish Language Dictionaries 'Parritch Quiz'

In the contexts given:

1. '**Creesh**' means fat or grease.
2. '**Spurtle**' means a short, round stick used for stirring porridge, soup, etc.; a pot-stick.
3. '**Porritch**' is personified in this context as an important leader so it needed a capital letter.
4. '**back tae auld claes and porridge**' means that the writer has to go back to ordinary everyday life.
5. A '**bicker**' is a bowl, which was usually wooden.
'**Slaister**' means to work messily.
'**Brose**' is a dish made by mixing boiling water or milk with oatmeal or pease meal, and adding salt and butter.

Please consult the Dictionary of the Scots Language at www.dsl.ac.uk to explore Scots words and phrases in more detail.