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Robert the Bruce and Leprosy

"The inspiration to write the review was the inspection of the most recent facial reconstruction of Robert the Bruce. This gave the impression of a fearsome, ruthless and cunning warlord; the type of individual required to defeat opposition in Scotland, keep Edward I at bay and hammer his pleasant but less effective son into the ground. Another feature was that his upper incisors and associated maxillary alveolar bone indicated that he might have suffered from epilepsy, a condition rare amongst medieval royalty."

The above introduction is taken from an article received from Professor M H Kaufman, Department of Biomedical Sciences, joint author with Emeritus Professor W J MacLennan, Geriatric Medicine Unit, University of Edinburgh.

It is hoped that a condensed version will appear in the next issue of the HDRG newsletter.
