

Touch Not – Magazine of the Clan Chattan Association

Chairman's Letter

Dear Clansfolk

A warm welcome to you all in this our 3rd edition of Touch Not. Many of you will recall that in last year's magazine I mentioned it was my last Chairman's letter. Well you will have to put up with me a bit longer.

Before we go any further I would like to mention the wedding of our President, John Mackintosh of Mackintosh, to Vanessa Heng in Singapore. I am sure all members will want to wish them all best wishes for their future together. We have a photographic record of this happy event within the magazine.

At a recent meeting of the Council it was unanimously agreed to bestow on Nigel MacFall an Honorary Vice President of the Association in recognition for his generosity of time, resources and support. This appointment will be re-confirmed at our AGM in August.

The events calendar is quite busy this year. By the time you read this, we will have attended the anniversary memorial ceremony at Culloden and on behalf of all the membership, a wreath will have been laid.

Arrangements for the 'Year of Homecoming in Scotland 2014' are still very fluid. Plans for Bannockburn live are to be cut down to 2 days instead of 3. I would urge all interested in attending to keep an eye on local press and our website on which we hope to keep you informed. The Association is committed to be there for this event and have booked a tent.

The Inverness Highland Games on Saturday 19 July, is highly recommended, a

great day out, and one at which we hope to have a presence.

The main highlight of our calendar is of course our Gathering in August, of which there are more details in the magazine. Denise and I have arranged for a Scottish Country dancing demonstration this year for after the meal. This I hope will prove to be very interesting and entertaining.

On 12 and 13 September, Inverness is hosting The Masters World Championships and once again CCA hope to be participating in some form or other. Please keep an eye on our web site and Facebook for updated info on what is happening.

I know you will enjoy this year's edition, there are some interesting pieces to read, and this year, some profiles of your Council members. Enjoy.

Yours aye



Donald McIntosh

THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE CLAN CHATTAN ASSOCIATION

31 July – 2 August 2014

**The Annual General Meeting
of The Clan Chattan
Association**

**will take place in the
Lochardil House Hotel**

Thursday 31 July 2014

**4pm: Gather together. Light
refreshments will be
available**

**5pm: The AGM of the Clan
Chattan Association**

**Friday 1 and
Saturday 2 August
THE HIGHLAND FIELD
SPORTS MOY**

The Clan Tent

Relax and enjoy some Highland hospitality in the Clan Tent. Browse through some of the past journals and visit the museum or take a walk up to the Lachlan Mackintosh memorial and enjoy the view. Council members will be on duty throughout the day, and refreshments will be available.

**The Clan Tent will be open Friday 1st August 10am – 5pm and
Saturday 2nd August 10 am – 2pm**

Please note that there is an entry fee for the Field Sports (cash only) There is no charge for car parking

The Clan Chattan Association Dinner - Thursday 31st July

6pm: Join us for the pre- dinner gathering

7pm: The Dinner – 3 courses and coffee

8.30pm: Entertainment

£30 per person

Congratulations to
John and Vanessa
Mackintosh
of Mackintosh
on their wedding on
Sunday 30 March 2014
in Singapore.

See centre pages for
wedding photos.

Changes to Clan Chattan Association subscriptions and payments.

At the Clan Chattan Association Council meeting and AGM held in Inverness in August 2013 decisions were made to change the structure of the membership subscriptions slightly. There will now be 2 different tiers – those who are resident in the 'UK' and those who are resident anywhere else in the 'Rest of the World'.

Also due to the continuing increases in postage our subscription prices have been slightly increased. There has not been an increase in over 10 years.

The three different levels are as follows and with effect from January 1st 2014:

| | UK | ROW |
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| Annual | £12.00 | £15.00 |
| 5 year | £45.00 | £60.00 |
| Life | £250.00 | £250.00 |

The Life membership price for either tier has not been changed as it was felt that it would cover the costs for many years and it will be reviewed in the future.

A further change was discussed at length by the council. Over the last few years bank charges and exchange rates have increased to the point where we can no longer sustain accepting US\$ personal cheques or cash. Therefore subscription payments for new

members or renewal may only be made in Sterling.

All the changes appear on our web site and payment is encouraged through this system. www.clanchattan.org.uk

A decision is still to be made on sending the 'Touch Not' magazine electronically. If you would like to receive your copy in this way please let the membership secretary know by e-mailing her at

clanchattanassociation@btinternet.com

The Council of the Clan Chattan Association would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support.

Profiles of Council Members

Denise and Donald McIntosh



Denise and Donald have been married for 34 years. For 32 of those years they have lived in Penicuik, Midlothian, Scotland. They have two grown up children who both live and work in Edinburgh.

Donald runs his own Handyman business which also involves property management. Denise now works part time in a GP surgery in Edinburgh where she was previously the Office Manager for 15 years.

Donald was born and brought up in Edinburgh and bar a short sojourn in Ayr has always lived and worked in the Lothians. He has 2 brothers. His older brother Alistair is the current treasurer of CCA and his younger brother, Kenneth lives in Kelso in the borders, and he too is a member of the Clan Chattan Association

Many members will remember Donald's Parents – David and Mary McIntosh. They joined the Clan Chattan Association in the mid 1950's, David being Treasurer and Chairman and Mary was Membership Secretary.

Denise was born in Toronto, Canada. Her parents had emigrated there in the late 1940's, from England. In 1959 along with Denise's older sister, the family returned to live in the South of England.

In 1973 Denise moved to Edinburgh when she worked with Clinique Cosmetics, starting the first Clinique counter in Edinburgh in Patrick Thomson's department store. She met Donald in 1977 and they married in 1980.

Donald and Denise remember attending the 'Clan Tent' at Moy, even before they were married. Donald joined the CCA Council in 1996 followed by Denise in 1998. Denise immediately became membership secretary, a post she still holds. Donald is now in his second term as Chairman.

Stuart and Louisa Cross



Stuart and Louisa are a husband and wife team on Council as Vice Chair and Administration Secretary/Touch Not Editor respectively. Both have been on Council since 1995 and Stuart also served as Treasurer for a period prior to Alistair McIntosh taking over the reins. Louisa was editor of the Newsletter for 14 years and Stuart was instrumental in pushing forward the www site and Facebook pages.

Stuart and Louisa have been married for 27 years and met when they both worked for the legal firm Dundas & Wilson in Edinburgh. They live on the banks of the River Tay, on the Wormit side of the Tay Rail Bridge and both work at Dundee University – Stuart as a Senior Lecturer in the School of Law – and Louisa as a postgraduate student in History, having formerly been an Administrator in the School of Computing. Stuart is also active on local arts boards including Fife Cultural Trust of which he is Chair and Dundee Contemporary Arts and is a Fellow of Scottish Antiquaries. Stuart has also recently been elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and appointed to the board of OSCAR (Office of Scotland's Charity Regulator). Having been brought up at Moy Hall as the eldest daughter of Lachlan and Celia Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Clan Chattan has always been close to Louisa's heart and she is delighted that Stuart feels the same way and shares in Council and clan activities with her.

Alistair David McIntosh, M I Biol., FSA Scot. Hon Treasurer



Born and brought up in Edinburgh, eldest son of David (past elected Vice-President) and Mary (past Hon. Secretary) McIntosh, brother to Donald, current Chairman of the CCA, and Kenneth. Alistair and Irene were married in 1972 and have one daughter, Rhea.

After leaving school, Alistair attended Napier College then worked for the Medical Research Council's Endocrinology Unit for two and half years working with a group pioneering fertility drug treatment before moving to Aberdeen and joining the Marine Laboratory (now Marine Scotland Science) in January 1972.

Early involvement included measuring and evaluating the long term sublethal effects of heavy metals on marine food chains. As the offshore oil exploration and production took off, the emphasis changed to monitoring hydrocarbons in water, sediments and fish. In time, the focus of the work turned to the longer term biological effects of hydrocarbons and similar chemical compounds in both inshore and offshore marine environments using a number of biological markers.

Marine Scotland Science (MSS) plays an important part in supporting the Scottish Government's vision of having marine and coastal environments which are clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse and undertakes research and provides scientific and technical advice on a number of marine and fisheries issues including aquaculture and fish health, freshwater fisheries, sea fisheries and the marine ecosystem.

With this primary brief to protect the Scottish fishing industry and its environment, this group has reacted to and been heavily involved in many offshore and inshore 'incidents' from the Ekofisk blowout, through Piper Alpha and the grounding of the Braer off Shetland and a number of other incidents which had the potential to affect the Scottish fishing industry.

Alistair became a Life member of the Clan Chattan Association in 1995 and has served on the Council as Hon. Treasurer since 2003.

Very Rev Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch



Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch has been involved with the Clan Chattan Association for fifty years, stretching back to a memory of attending the Highland Industries Exhibition at Moy in 1964. He there met CCA stalwarts, Karleen and Alison McIntosh, and through them, along with Bert and Pauline MacGillivray, he went to CCA events in Edinburgh, when he was a student there. However, it was in the 1980s that Allan joined the CCA Council for a five year stint, and, when his father died in 1999, he was automatically back on the Council, as one of the chiefs, becoming Chairman during the memorable celebrations when the Clan Chattan Bond was renewed in 2009.

Allan is by profession a clergyman, and for nearly 20 years was Provost [Dean] of the Episcopal Cathedral at Oban in Argyll. His degree is in Scottish History; and Highland history and genealogy, along with historic architecture, are among his interests. With his wife Anne, and their family of Hector, Augusta and Lochie, Allan is a familiar figure at all events concerned with the Clan Chattan. They divide their time between Edinburgh and Hazelbrae, Glen Urquhart, which Allan's parents bought in 1976 as their Highland home. He is very proud of his family's long connections with the Mackintoshes and Clan Chattan, but he is equally proud of its involvement with the Clan Maclean of which he is the current Association's President. Allan has a great concern to foster the future of the clans, as relevant for the world of today, with their unique family links and connections round the globe.

John Mackfall



John has been involved with the Clan Chattan Association since 1990 and a Council member since 1995. He is the founder President of the Clan Phail Society (MacPhail's) which he formed in 1986. He is also a Freeman of the City of York and a local Councillor where he lives with his wife Cheryl and four Rhodesian Ridgebacks. His employment is with the Police Service where he has been for almost thirty years. He had the honour of having two books published: "The Clan Phail, History of a People" and "The Mackfall's of Irby" both of which are family and Clan histories.

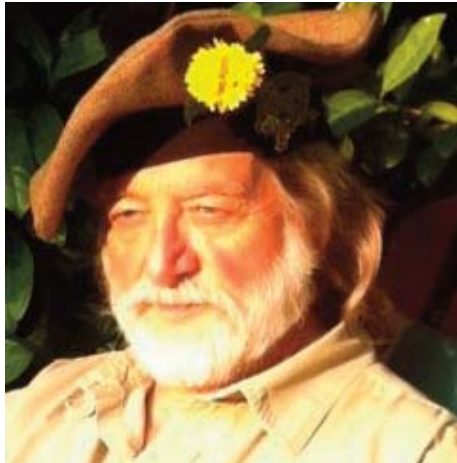
His hobbies are (when time allows) Scottish Clan History, Dog Show Judging and showing, Restoration and customising American and British motorcycles.

He has a very busy and full life with little time to spare. He is either at work which is demanding as his role is to manage internal police force issues and everything that goes with that or is attending dog shows with Cheryl to either show their dogs or judge other peoples. In between this he manages local council issues and sometimes has the spare time to actually spend some time at home with the family and dogs. Recently his Mother was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) by the Queen for entertainment, which was the proudest moment of her life.

Over the years on the CCA council he has had the pleasure in supporting and working with many loyal and enthusiastic clans folk none more so that the current council. He has had the honour of also knowing many of our clan Chiefs and their families who have always been so

helpful and supportive in the work we do on behalf of our members. In 2009 he had the honour of signing the 600th anniversary of the signing of the "Band of Union" for the Clan Chattan on behalf of fellow MacPhails at our great event in Inverness, something he will never forget.

William Rex Davidson



Rex was born on the west coast of Canada and educated in Canada, Scotland and England. As a wee lad his father gave him wise advice: always follow your heart. He has.

He began as a journalist and historian in Great Britain, lived in Ireland for a few years, and returned to Canada as public relations director for a major natural gas transmission company. He owned two large restaurants in Vancouver for fifteen years, was executive director of a non-profit social agency for six years, and was president and remains a director of a natural gas company based in Pittsburgh. Now, with his Swiss-born architect wife, Ruth, he owns and operates ThistleDown House, a five-star inn in North Vancouver.

He joined the Clan Chattan Association in the early 1970s and was first elected to Council in the late 1980s. Rex's is a familiar face at Moy and the Field Sports in August.

Today his primary interests revolve around his businesses, his second home on the Sunshine Coast of BC, northern European history, an active steering committee role with the Centre for Scottish Studies at Simon Fraser University, woodworking, gardening and co-moderation of a 20,000-member internet forum.

William Shaw of Easter Lair



William Shaw of Easter Lair is an armigerous scion of the Shaws of Crathienaird. The founder of his line, James 'Og' Shaw left Tullochgrue in Rothiemurchus and settled in the Balmoral area at Crathienaird circa 1630. In 1711, many of the small clan emigrated en masse a few miles south to Glenshee and Glenisla, where some of the family still lives.

Bill Shaw is the great-great-great grandson of the Rev. William G. Shaw, Minister of Saint John's Episcopal Church, Forfar, Angus. The Reverend was an ad-hoc Seannachie of clan, and published 'Memorials of the Clan Shaw' (1868, rev. 1871). Ever active in Clan Shaw affairs, in 1995 Bill was appointed for a time as a Seannachaidh of the clan, and in 1996, Bill also held a five-year Commission as one of Tordarroch's Lieutenants.

Living on Squak Mountain in Issaquah, Washington, Bill is married to Mary Beth Haggerty-Shaw and together they have two children, Liam and Mora. He is also active in the Pacific Northwest Scottish and Celtic communities. With an inherited ethos of story-telling, Bill is also the Regional Publisher of four local community newspapers/websites: the Bellevue, Issaquah-Sammamish and Mercer Island Reporters and the Snoqualmie Valley Record.

Bill is a Member of Council of the Scottish Armigerous Clans and Families, the Heraldry Society of Scotland and is a Royal Arch Mason. His passions are learning new things, gardening, cooking, hiking, horses and, of course, both Clan Shaw and Scottish history.

Bill recently writes to us: "In light of the upcoming 700th Anniversary of Bannockburn, I was thinking of Clan Chattan's role in the battle. One dark rainy morning last December, I was driving to work when this little rhyme just popped in to my head, almost in entirety. I pulled over and wrote it down before I forgot it. The last time I wrote a poem I was 18!" WSEL

Blàr Allt a' Bhonnaich

Under King Robert's gaze our fears had fled.

'My Hope is Constant with Thee' he said.

Banners bright with English might, their hooves began to pound.

But shoulder to shoulder, Scots brothers we, stood our muddy ground.

Our heart and hand, and sword and axe, the English began to fear.

But most of all - they quailed and cried on the point of our Scottish spears.

Earl and Shepherd, Chief and Cotter, together we gave the English Slaughter.

At Bannockburn the English fled, and defiant roared the Lion Red,

And defiant roared the Lion Red.

Robert J McIntosh, Australia



Member of CCA since May 1997 and currently Australian Member on Council

He answers to 'Rob' but also known as 'weerobbie' (not original he knows) He lives in Melbourne, Australia with his wife, Linda, the love of his life, their two great kids Dallas and Hayley and a feisty, black (and very determined) Scottish terrier, named Torrah. For many years, Rob worked as a Secondary School teacher within the Arts and Technology areas, but is now working with Autistic children in a Primary School setting.

Rob's sporting prowess is 'very average, more of a participant' and his interests are all things Scottish, including: Heritage and Family History/Genealogy; Malt Whiskies (no real preference- they all taste wonderful); Music; the Gaelic Language; Working with wood, especially Cromag (stick) crafting; Stained Glass- design and production/restoration; Collecting Whisky Water Jugs; Gardening (especially orchids) and (of course) Travel- where they have been very fortunate to be able to visit and travel around Scotland on several occasions- experiencing the culture, history, fabulous scenery and meeting fantastic people.

He is looking forward to more adventures and travel in 2014 and attending as many Highland Gatherings/Events as possible to say hello.

Nick Hide



Nick Hide, Clan Davidson Association

Nick has been a member of the Clan Davidson Association for over ten years, and also acts as Membership Secretary. He is a descendant of the Davidson of Tulloch family through his mother. The Clan Davidson Association has a wide spread membership across Scotland, England, Ireland, and Europe, North America, and South Africa, and Australasia. They also maintain close contact with the Clan Davidson Societies in Australia, New Zealand, and the USA.

He is also one of a network of Clan Davidson researchers who follow up the many enquiries which come through the clan website, [see www.clandavidson.org.uk] and helps maintain the rapidly growing clan archives. He is also fortunate in being greatly assisted by his wife Katrina, who also plays the key role as the Secretary of the Clan Davidson Association.

Captain Glen A Cook of Kingerly



Kingerly is Past Chairman of the Society of Scottish Armigers, an organization for those who have grants of arms from the Lord Lyon, who serves as the Society's President. He has received grants of arms from both the Earl Marshall of England and the Lord Lyon of Scotland. A member of various British cultural organizations, he is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Commander in the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem and a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Scriveners in London. Admitted to practice as an attorney in the United States and as a solicitor in England and Wales, he is a former Chief Reserve Judge and Appellate Judge of the United States Navy. He has homes in the United States and Easter Ross. His territorial designation (Kingerly) is that of another holding on the island of Rousay, Orkney. He has served on Council since 2005.

Nigel Mac-Fall



Many members will know Nigel Mac-Fall. He has been an enthusiastic life member since 1973 and runs a very successful design studio in London. I would like to remind readers of the 'Mental meanderings from a designer' which appeared in our first edition of the magazine. Nigel has over the past few years been very generous with his time, his experience and resources and in order to recognise and acknowledge this, the Council decided to make him an Honorary Vice President of the Association. I am sure all members will join me in congratulating Nigel and wish him every success in the future.

Donald McIntosh Chairman

Message from Clan Macpherson

Clan Macpherson had a good 2013 with a capacity attendance at our August Ball, and about 70 kilted males in our March to the Newtonmore Games! USA at St Augustine, Florida, Canada at Waterloo, Ontario, and Scottish and English Branches in traditional array! Australia at Bundanoon, and no doubt many informal occasions worldwide. We all send warm greetings to our Clan Chattan colleagues.

Sir William Macpherson of Cluny

Finegand and his lady visit the United States - 2013

Finegand and his Lady were guests of Honour at the Greenville, South Carolina Gallabrae, Scottish Games the last weekend in May 2013. We were all treated to legendary Southern hospitality and the long weekend was quite wonderful. The weather was picture perfect, the events, activities and banquet lovely, and the company delightful.

Finegand and his Lady arrived several hours earlier than Clan MacThomas North America representatives, after a rather gruelling marathon airplane experience that included delays, missed flights and alternate routes. They both were in fine spirits, however, at the Thursday reception held at the Games organiser's private residence – a lovely home in a gated community with its own 'wilderness' cabin down a ravine deep in a forest. We were very warmly welcomed and had a chance to meet other attendees in an informal setting.

Friday morning we were up early to join the eight Edinburgh Fusiliers, the British Consulate's Attache for Scottish Affairs and his wife, and several other guests at the local BMW Performance Driving School. We spent the entire morning making vehicles of all sorts do rather unnatural things, both off-road and on the speed track. We were treated to a lovely lunch and left with souvenirs of baseball caps and T-shirts (decidedly American – what I wouldn't give to get a picture of the Chief in his BMW T-shirt and baseball cap.) We had a

few hours to rest before leading the parade through downtown Greenville just before supper. It was a grand event, complete with a 'Brave'-themed float. Finegand and his Lady were perched on the boot of a Mercedes convertible (my American-to-British guide tells me that might be more identifiable to UK members as a drop-head coupe) leading the parade. They were dropped off at the viewing stand as the remainder of the parade sallied forth. It seemed that the entire town had turned out to line the way. Clan MacThomas marched with other Clan Chattan clans, which was apparently a very unusual event. We met delightful fellow Clan Chattan friends! After the parade, there was a lovely reception banquet back at the hotel, where the Chief had the opportunity to take to the podium and deliver some prepared remarks. Finegand and his Lady were presented with a beautiful leaded glass gift as a token of appreciation from the Games Committee.

On Saturday, we headed off to the Games grounds, held at a local university. The Chief was driven to the official viewing stand after a tour around the main grounds, again atop a boot. The March of the Clans did not take place until after three paratroopers landed on the field, flags flying. There was a solemn ceremony delivering the folded flags from US troops to the Fusiliers, and the Chief had the opportunity to address the crowd. After formal opening ceremonies, Finegand and his Lady made a point to visit every Clan tent. After a lovely but full day, we had back to the hotel to attend the Clan banquet. A most enjoyable way to end a wonderful day.

Sunday morning we held our Branch AGM, followed by a lovely lunch served on an outside terrace. It was a great experience to have the Chief attend our AGM, and we are all enriched by the experience. After lunch, we made our farewells: Finegand and his Lady heading first to Charleston and then north to visit friends in New York City, and the rest of us to our respective homes.

Wendy Thomson
(from Clach Na Coilich)



Finegand and his lady arrive at the Games



Finegand arriving at the Games



Finegand and representatives of Clan Chattan
Ed Judice, Finegand, Billy Been, Carl McIntosh

The Clan MacThomas Society holds a Clan Gathering every three years. Today, there is nowhere large enough for us to host the event in Glenshee itself so this year's gathering will be held over 22-26 August in Pitlochry. If you hold one of the Clan's sept names, please join us where you will be made most welcome. Full details can be found on the Society's website
www.clanmacthomas.com

NEWS FROM THE STANDING COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH CHIEFS

The Executive Committee of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs (SCSC), on which I represent Clan Chattan, organised a service at St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh on 9 September 2013 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden during which hundreds of clansfolk were killed as well as King James IV and some sixty Chiefs. It was a most moving event and a huge success. The SCSC received much praise not only from its membership - some forty of today's Chiefs attended - but also from amongst the other four hundred people who were present. Even those who perhaps do not know much about the SCSC were impressed. All the proceeds went to military charities. The Executive intends to seek other occasions where the SCSC can make a difference.

The SCSC does not have a secretariat so is not able to organise larger events such as International Clan Gatherings, it can only advise. International Gatherings have to be arranged by the Scottish Government and the tourist/events agencies. There has been some disappointment that there is no International Gathering in Scotland this summer. The SCSC made its views known in a well received submission to the Economic, Energy and Tourist Committee in the Scottish Parliament and some thirty five Clans, including Clan Chattan have decided to have stands over the three days of the Battle of Bannockburn 700 year celebrations later this year. The re-enactment of the Battle promises to be a spectacular event and for those within reach I believe well worth a visit.

Over the last three months of 2013, the Executive Committee of the SCSC spent much time on the implications for Clan Chiefs and their heirs on the Equality of Titles Bill when it came before the UK Parliament. The Bill

proposed that eldest children of either gender inherit titles, which would affect Clan Chiefs. As it turned out, the Bill ran out of time at Committee stage so further progress at this time is unlikely. However, the subject is likely to re-emerge in the future so the work undertaken to understand exactly what was being proposed, how it could affect current Chiefships now, and into the next generation, has not been wasted. I am pleased to say that the SCSC Executive is on top of this issue and should be able to speak with a reasonable degree of authority about the matter, and its impact on inherited Chiefships, whenever the topic raises its head again. Within thirty years, there are likely to be many more Lady Chiefs.

Finally, the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs has launched - in a more contemporary and relevant form - its new website - www.clan chiefs.org.uk

Andrew MacThomas of Finegand

CCA EVENTS 2013

CCA were involved in a number of events in the highlands in 2013. Donald and Denise McIntosh attended the annual commemoration of the Battle of Culloden in April 2013 and Denise laid the wreath in memory of all those who died from Clan Chattan.

In July 2013, Donald and Denise manned the Clan Chattan stand at the Clan Village at the Inverness Highland Games at Northern Meeting Ground, Inverness. Nick Hide was on the Clan Davidson Association stand and Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch and family were at the Clan Maclean stand. The Association of Highland Clans had successfully managed to have all Clan Chattan stands together in the tent - thank you Anne Maclean!



Denise McIntosh at Culloden 2013



Denise lays wreath at Culloden April 2013



Nick Hide and Clan Davidson Association



Macleans of Dochgarroch and Clan Maclean stand



Clan Macpherson Association

The Gathering 2013

The Gathering in August 2013 proved to be another success and the weather remained dry for us all which is always a bonus! Rob Macintosh from Boston, President of Clan Macintosh North America, has kindly given us the photographs he took of the events which go with this article.

The AGM and dinner in the Lochardil House Hotel on the Thursday was a relatively small but nonetheless convivial occasion with lots of laughter and cheerful conversations with regular attenders and those who were there for the first time, such as Lachlan and Mary Hyatt and Stuart Macpherson. We celebrated the 80th anniversary of the Association with a cake, which was cut by Cluny and John Mackintosh. After a delicious three course dinner, we were entertained again by Shona and Paul, singer and fiddler from Aberdeenshire.



Denise McIntosh, Alistair McIntosh, John Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Louisa and Stuart Cross



Cluny Macpherson gives vote of thanks



Rob and Anna Macintosh; Stuart and Dee Macpherson; Lachlan and Mary Hyatt



John Mackintosh and Cluny cut the 80th anniversary cake



Shona and Paul – our entertainers

The two days at Moy at the Highland Field Sports Fair were fun and full of variety. John Mackintosh of Mackintosh, over from Singapore for the event, opened the Fair in his inimitable style, welcoming the gathered crowds with some history of Moy and Clan Chattan and setting the scene for two very happy days. Clan members were entertained to a buffet lunch by Celia Mackintosh of Mackintosh on the Friday.

Highlights of the Field Sports Fair this year were the stunt bike displays and terrier racing in the main arena, and the helicopter rides over Loch Moy and the surrounding area. One of the visitors to the clan tent, Fergus Montgomerie, also succeeded in achieving second prize for his family's Airedale Terrier puppy, Stella in the pet parade! Many clan visitors also enjoyed discovering the many trade stands, selling a range of outdoor clothing, local crafts and, for the foodies amongst us, some wonderful examples of Highland fare.



John Mackintosh opening the Fair



Fly Fishing demonstration – Heather Cary



Loch Moy and Island



Smokies



Clay pigeon shooting



Lunch in clan tent



Stunt bikes

Joseph (Joe) William McIntosh 25 October 1927 - 11 June 2013

This year, we held a special commemoration of Joe McIntosh, master tailor from Bradford and piper for Clan Mackintosh and Clan Chattan, who had sadly passed away in June 2013. Joe had been involved with clan activities since the early 1960's when he would come over the years with his wife, Joan, and family, daughter Kathryn and son Craig, grandson, Jacob, and latterly with his dog, Nell. They come to Moy in their caravan and Joe piped at clan gatherings and also at the weddings of Louisa and Stuart Cross in 1987 and Bridget and Paul Dickson in 1993. Not only did Joe pipe for the clan, he also helped out with the Highland Industries Exhibitions which took place at Moy in the 1960s and early 1970s. Joe was a very dear friend to the Mackintosh family at Moy and to all in the Clan Chattan Association. Celia Mackintosh raised a small memorial to him in the spot where he used to park his caravan. Following the lunch in the clan tent, we were, fittingly, piped to the spot where tributes were given by John Mackintosh of Mackintosh and Joe's daughter, Kathryn.

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch led us in prayer and floral tributes were placed at the memorial.



Joe McIntosh Memorial



Kathryn McIntosh – Joe's daughter



Joe's Memorial and flowers



Joe McIntosh - piper

Welcome *Touch Not*

Would Gibbon have written his *Decline and Fall*

If the transitory email was all

He had to research?

CCA and the rest have fine permanent print such as *Touch Not*, *the Journal* and *Pheon*

Much Better to rely on

With their pictures and prose

Than the email which, all right as far as it goes,

Is a thing of the present and soon of the past

Touch Not we can see is a gift that will last.

Kind regards,

Iain S. Davidson,
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Peter Alexander McGillivray (22 April 1922 – 15 October 2013)

Peter was born in Richmond NSW – he was eldest of three children born to George and Mary (nee Hall) McGillivray. He married Leila Scott in Turrumurra NSW, on the 23rd August 1952 – they had three children Alex, Jane and John and have six grandchildren.

Most of his professional working life he was an industrial chemist with the Shell oil company – working in the UK, U.S.A and in Australia.

Peter enlisted in the Australian Army in 1941 and served with the 2/11 Australian Armoured Car Regiment and attained the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2.

Residing in Victoria he also worked as a steward in the Cattle Showing section at the Royal Melbourne Show where he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership by the Royal Agricultural Society for his more than 25 years of service as a cattle steward.

He was actively involved in the local bowls club and the Probus Club of Victoria. He often said that he could do better with his bowling performances but he will always be remembered for his sportsmanship and camaraderie with his fellow bowlers.

Peter, in his role as the Australian Clan Chattan Correspondent, then of Doncaster, Victoria was approached and was invited to the position of Chief of the Clan MacGillivray Society, which he accepted. He was officially introduced to clan members at their 2nd Gathering in 1977. From that time to his passing he was a keen supporter and participant at many Scottish Highland Gatherings and Games and thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere and friendly fellowship amongst like minded people. In this he was ably supported by Leila who also enjoyed the travelling, meeting people and the promotion of Scottish Heritage and Culture here in Australia and together they showed great interest and enthusiasm towards all things Scottish. He and Leila looked after Lachlan and Celia Mackintosh of Mackintosh superbly at Scottish Week in Sydney in the 1970s and John Mackintosh of Mackintosh on a visit in the 1990s.

As the Clan Chattan Australian member on council, Peter promoted the ideals of the Association at many forums involving the various Clans and their affiliated societies/associations, both here in Australia and overseas. Peter also took a keen interest in his role dealing with the many Association matters as they arose whether it be membership, meetings, society functions, correspondence and genealogy.

Peter was also interested in the learning and speaking of the Gaelic language and had a great knowledge of Scotland- its history, places and people. He too enjoyed sharing a wee dram when the occasion arose and felt completely at ease with a glass in one hand and the other hand welcoming either an old friend or a stranger for the first time.

Peter was a active, energetic person who always had a smile on his face and an easy going demeanour and showed a genuine interest in his family life, those people around him and those who he met and shared similar ideals.

Peter passed away whilst in care and is survived by Leila and their children and grandchildren.

Rob McIntosh



John Mackintosh of Mackintosh and Vanessa Heng Wedding

Many thanks for all the good wishes that so many of you have conveyed in so many ways on the occasion of our wedding on 30 March. It was great to have you there in spirit as we enjoyed a wonderful day of celebration.

We were blessed with fantastic weather on the shores of Sentosa Island, just to the south of mainland Singapore, and it was lovely to be in the company of not just my mother, Louisa and Stuart, Bridget, Heather and Calum, as well as many friends, but also some of the Clan, including Donald and Denise McIntosh and Rob and Linda from Australia.

Thanks to Rob MacIntosh, Boston for sharing many photographs. We have many very warm memories of the day and we look forward to meeting many of you soon.

John and Vanessa



Mackintosh and Heng family group



John



John and Vanessa on stage



Vanessa coming down the aisle with her father Jeffrey Heng



Calum Dickson, nephew and best man



John and Vanessa just married



Vanessa greets John



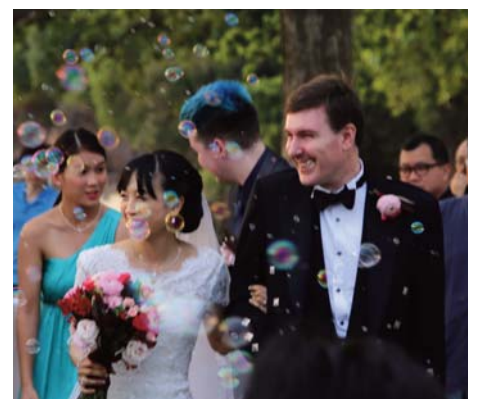
Ceremony with Louisa and Randy Heng as witnesses



John and Vanessa start the wedding ceremony



John lifts Vanessa's veil



John and Vanessa with best man Calum and bridesmaid Olivia Cheong



John and Vanessa with soap bubble confetti



Rev Francis Bruce, brother of Celia who gave prayer, Bridget and Heather Dickson



Donald McIntosh, banner into dinner



Going to dinner



Cutting the cake



Vanessa with men in Mackintosh kilts
- Rob (USA and photographer), Donald, Stuart, John, Lachie, Rob (Aus), Graeme



John and ukulele playing George Formby



Louisa, Vanessa, John, Celia and Bridget



Celia, John, Vanessa, Irene and Jeffrey Heng



Yvonne Tan, piper



More celebrations on stage



John and Vanessa at the bay

New Members

Will MacQueen-Carpenter, USA
Elizabeth Abbey, USA
John McIntosh, UK
Elizabeth Mackenzie, UK
Ann MacGillivray, UK
Lachlan Hyatt, USA
Zoe Mackintosh, UK
Kathleen Findlay, Canada
Dennis McIntosh, USA
John Manning, USA
Julie Harper, UK
Alistair Shaw Mackintosh, UK
James Doug Johnson, USA
Gary Forsch, USA
Norman Macpherson, USA
Jeremy McBain, USA
John Winslow, USA
Andrew Mackintosh, UK
Charles Alfred Mackintosh, UK
Kathryn McIntosh, UK
Donald McBean, UK
Michael Shaw, UK
Howard Farquharson, USA
Stuart Knappmiller, USA
Jeff Moulton, USA
Cole Finley, USA
Lynn Manton, USA
Geoffrey MacGillivray, USA
James Cowan, USA
Doug Thomas, USA
Daniel Joseph Clark Jr, USA
Ian Cruzen, USA
Kathleen Ladislaus, Canada
Michael McCombe, USA
Chere Mirasole, UK

Scottish Dancing

I am 31 and have been Scottish dancing since my teens. I dance for a display group called Corryvreckan and thoroughly enjoy the recreation.

In many ways dance is an undervalued activity by both adults and youngsters. However, there are still some stigmas attached to dance that should have long since been banished. When talking about fitness and weight loss (that's the last time I'll mention those) people advocate gym, aerobics, Pilates and yoga but few advocate dance. This is something I would love to see changed, as dancing is equally good for your health and (in my opinion) a lot more fun.

Scottish Dancing has many things to recommend it. Aside from having a strong tradition and a variety of styles, it is also both welcoming and very sociable. When Scottish Dancing, even at demonstration and display level, you are likely to partner more than one person. This doesn't mean that you can't go with a partner but it does mean that you don't need to have one to participate. Also it is (relatively) cheap. Even now you can enjoy a night out with live music for £10-15, which is, for most people, cheaper than going clubbing. Even a ball ticket may cost only £25 - £30 (and that includes food and live music). Enjoyment is to be had at all levels of experience from beginner to those who are proficient. Additionally even proficient dancers make mistakes and part of the fun is laughing about these.

Dancing has been a unique part of Scottish heritage and includes ceilidh, country and highland dancing. Various forms of dances come from the different regions with Highland dancing coming from the highland area and the islands having their own particular styles. Currently there are at least several thousand recorded dances. Scottish dancing is based on patterns. These patterns are created by a choreographer selecting some figures or steps to represent the idea they have. These are selected from a variety of known steps or figures at the time of creation. In ceilidh and country dancing emphasis is placed on figures whereas in highland emphasis tends to be placed on steps. Patterns represented in Scottish dancing include: weaving, the tartan, knitting, battles, places, people and events to name a few.

A little now needs to be said about ceilidh, country and highland dancing relating to how they overlap and what their differences are. Even in southern Britain many people are now familiar with a ceilidh. This 'simpler' form of Scottish dance has a caller, some basic figures and often ends with the Eightsome Reel or a variant of it. Ceilidhs can include well-known dances like The Dashing White Sergeant; Strip the Willow (Drops of brandy) and the Gay Gordons. People will arrive and join in, with the caller leading a quick walk-through and 'calling' the dance whilst it is in progress or at least until most people can dance it on their own.

Country dancing has been largely preserved and perpetuated by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS). They have gathered together a lot of dances that otherwise would have no doubt been lost. Country dancing has many things in common with the Ceilidh but incorporates a wider selection of figures and places slightly more focus on 'steps' and 'technique'. Unlike a Ceilidh, dancers will usually attend classes to learn the figures and dances before going to a 'dance.' Dances being taught often reflect what is happening on various programs around the locale.

In some of the more complex dances some 'basic' Highland steps have started to be included. Ironically the Eightsome Reel, mentioned earlier, gives you an opportunity to exhibit a highland step should you be able and choose to do so. The Glasgow Highlanders has a specific step named after it (although more advanced dancers may choose to use a rocking step instead). The rocking step is also used in the more modern dance Schiehallion and the Highland Schottische can be found in a number of Strathspeys.

Whilst all of this may seem a little daunting for someone new – and this is a modest and extremely abbreviated description of Scottish dancing – I would encourage everyone to give it a go from children to those on a pension. It is great fun! Scottish dancing is available in a wide variety of places across the world and there may well be a club near you! If not come over and enjoy some Scottish hospitality – we'd love to see you and your family.

Stephen MacGillivray

Wildcats

The plight of the Scottish Wildcat has been of concern for many years now and the issue has been highlighted again in the press more recently, "2013 will decide whether the Scottish wildcat lives or dies": Highland tiger on its last legs following persecution by gamekeepers and interbreeding with domestic cats. Control by gamekeepers and interbreeding with domestic cats means an historic species is dying"; The Independent. An article appeared in last year's 'Touch Not' providing some background and current conservation projects and this is by way of an update.

Few people in Britain have seen a Scottish wildcat in its natural surroundings, as the species now only exists in more isolated areas of the Highlands. As its Latin name, *Felis sylvestris sylvestris*, suggests, the Scottish wildcat is really a forest animal that requires extensive tracts of woodland, or wild country, to flourish. Although it belongs to the same species as the domestic cat (*Felis sylvestris catus*) and has similar markings to the domestic tabby, the wildcat is considerably larger and more robust with dark stripes on their bodies, broad, blunt heads and bushy tails which are strongly marked with between three and five black rings, ending in a rounded, bushy black tip. The eyes are generally amber and the nose a distinctive pink colour. It was once widespread in Britain, but disappeared from lowland farming areas by the end of the 18th century because of the spread of agriculture and persecution by Edwardian and Victorian gamekeepers who saw them as a threat to grouse stocks. The wildcat is undoubtedly one of the most iconic and evocative mammals in Scotland, and yet almost hunted to extinction – it is now rarer than the Bengal tiger with fewer than 400 (updated from previous estimates) thought to be left in the wild - an alarming statistic that has prompted a rescue bid that will be the UK's largest ever conservation project.

A conference was held in Aviemore in April 2008, which heard from a wide range of experts, and concluded that the main threats to the future survival of the species in the National Park and elsewhere in Scotland were:

- introgressive hybridisation with domestic (especially feral) cats
- confusion in identifying wildcats during otherwise legal predator control activity
- fatal diseases spread by domestic cats

Following the conference, a partnership of organisations including the Cairngorms National Park Authority, the Forestry Commission Scotland, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Scottish Gamekeepers Association and Scottish Natural Heritage, and by a wider circle of supporting organisations, came together to design a conservation project for wildcats in the Cairngorms.

The Cairngorms Wildcat Project was launched in 2009 to protect the wildcat's future in the Cairngorms National Park and raise awareness of

the species' predicament. This iconic Scottish animal is threatened by hybridisation with domestic cats, and the confusion in cat identification that this creates in the countryside.

The Project aims to tackle the threats facing wildcats by:

- raising awareness of the plight of the Scottish wildcat
- encouraging responsible domestic cat ownership (i.e. increased neutering and vaccination)
- supporting the work of cat welfare organisations which neuter feral cats around towns, villages and farms
- working with land managers to ensure that predator control is wildcat-friendly
- monitoring the wildcat population and the extent of both hybridisation and disease with the input of land managers and the public

A further action plan to reverse the decline of the Scottish wildcat, within six years, was launched in September 2013 by the Environment Minister and sets out a package of measures that land managers, conservationists, and researchers have agreed are the best expectations for the 'Highland Tiger'. The aim is to conserve Scottish wildcats by reducing the chances of cross breeding with domestic and feral cats and by lowering the risk to wildcats from feline diseases by targeting areas which support the most viable wildcat populations and a conservation breeding programme will be set up to reinforce wild populations in the future and scientists will also carry out further research to improve understanding of wildcat ecology and genetics. By 2019 the partnership project aims to

- Identify and secured at least five stable populations of Scottish wildcats in the wild
- Promote in these areas greater awareness of the threats to wildcats from feral cats, domestic cats and hybrids
- Ensure that householders and others in wildcat 'hot spots' recognise the importance of having their cats neutered and vaccinated
- Provide a better understanding of wildcat distribution, numbers and the extent of hybridisation with domestic cats

The Clan Chattan Association, along with some Clans and individuals gives financial support to the Scottish wildcats in the Cairngorms National Park project which contributes towards

- Conserving wildcats through practical conservation and research.
- Developing educational materials to improve awareness of wildcats.
- Expanding captive breeding facilities to support the wild population

Further information can be obtained through a number of websites including www.highlandtiger.com; www.cairngorms.co.uk; www.scottishwildcats.co.uk along with other sites.

Alistair McIntosh

Mackintosh Families in Australia

While the Clan Mackintosh Society is no longer active in Australia, the website still exists as "Mackintosh Families in Australia" and helping members discover their Mackintosh heritage. The aim is to form a lasting record of Mackintosh (any variation) families in Australia, unite family members, and assist in their research. The records available on the website date from the beginning of the archives of the clan society to the present day, so represent approximately 20 years of research.

While the website primarily focuses on assisting Mackintosh descendants, membership is open to anyone researching a Mackintosh family. You do not have to live in Australia - if a member of your family was here, you are most welcome to join and add your information or find out what we know. We have a quite a few brickwalls and would welcome any help from the wider Clan Chattan community.

One is Rev. William Mackintosh, minister of Berridale, Caithness from December 1795 to August 1805 when he transferred to Thurso, Caithness where he remained till his death in 1830. In 1851, William's widow Christian Sutherland was living in the same house as Charles Fraser (later Fraser-Mackintosh, of the Borlum family). Can anyone help us with William's parentage? He was supposedly born about 1764 in Inverness-shire. Is there anyone conversant with the Borlum family who can tell us if William numbered among them?

The Australian connections are: Rev. William's son Dr James Sutherland MACKINTOSH, who arrived in Adelaide, South Australia in April 1853. Dr James became a very valuable and well respected member of the medical community; and Rev William's daughters Catherine and her husband John SUTHERLAND who settled in Bathurst, New South Wales; and Camilla Manners and her husband James HENRY who was a teacher in Fitzroy, Victoria.

Jeanette Wickham, Australia

A fall of white petals.

On April 16th, we honour the Jacobites who stood shoulder to shoulder at Culloden. Exhausted, hungry, out manned and out gunned, these brave men of The '45 answered their officers' calls of 'Claymore' with the resolute cock of firelocks and the determined scrape of drawing blades.

The Jacobites fought for many reasons. Some for the 'King over the Water'. Others at the behest of their chief or laird. Some mustered alongside friends and family, or went out to fight against the Union. And some fought just for the fun of a good *creach* against the Sassenach.

The story of the Shaws of Crathienaird, Glenisla and Glenshee in the 1745 Rising is only the tiniest footnote in the history of '*An Bliadhna Tearlach*'. However, like many other families during The '45, their actions are a small yet golden thread in the tapestry of the history of the Highlands.



The pillar of our sept was **Donnachaidh 'Riem Aon' Shaw of Crathienaird**, or Duncan the 'Man of Power'. A Jacobite at heart, Duncan of Crathienaird was trusted by both the Williamite government and by his Jacobite friends and relatives. Duncan was Chamberlain to the Earl of Mar, and had a Captains commission to command a company of 20 men for the local 'Watch'. He was also Factor for Balmoral, Abergeldie, and Invercauld. After his death in 1723, his sons' Jacobite proclivities began to bubble. By 1745, they reached the boiling point.

When Lord Lewis Gordon initiated the Deeside Jacobite movement in 1745, he appointed Francis Farquharson of Monaltrie as Colonel. Monaltrie, or the 'Baron Ban' was a very close friend of the Crathienaird,

Glenisla and Glenshee Shaws. When Monaltrie mustered the Farquharsons, many Shaws joined him, or joined the regiment of their neighbour, the Earl of Airlie. Risking all with the Baron Ban and young Lord David (Ogilvy), the Shaws fought at both Falkirk and Culloden*.

Captain James Shaw of Daldownie was Crathienaird's eldest son. He was noted as 'Servitor to the Laird of Invercauld', but happily joined the Regiment of his close friend Monaltrie. After the '45, Daldownie was involved in the (literal) cover up of the infamous Sergeant Arthur Davies murder, recommending Davies's body be buried privately in the moss to avoid bringing down even more Hanoverian trouble to the area.

Duncan Shaw, was Daldownie's eldest son. He lived down at Cortachy, and was Factor to Lord Airlie. Duncan acted as 'Depute Lord Lieutenant of Angus' for the rebels under Airlie. He took to the heather after the regiment disbanded.

John Shaw of Drumfork was Daldownie's second son and was described as a 'Rebell Captain' in the '45. John married Margaret, the eldest daughter of John Shaw of Kinrara, Rothiemurchus. Kinrara fought with the Clan Chattan, and was killed after Culloden.

Their cousin, **John Shaw of Riverney** was Crathienaird's second son. He joined the Farquharson Company of Lord Ogilvy's Regiment, serving as an Ensign. After Culloden, John became a fugitive and took to the heather. When he returned home, he was so changed that even his friends barely recognised him.

Donald Shaw was Crathienaird's third son. He too was an Ensign in the Farquharson Company of Airlie's Regiment. After the regiment stood down, he hid for a while in the wild areas around Glenshee and Glenisla. Donald later dodged his way at night to the coast and found a ship bound for Holland, where he served as an officer in the Dutch army. He eventually returned to Scotland and married a bonny lass from Dundee.

'**Cruiket**' **Duncan Shaw of the Balloch** was Crathienaird's fourth son. Unlike his father, this Duncan's ethos as one of gentleness and peace. While his brothers and cousins belted their plaids and gathered claymore, bidadag, pistols, firelocks and oatmeal and marched off with the Farquharsons and Ogilvys, Duncan stayed at home, and took care of his brothers' families and farms. As word of Culloden and as his brothers filtered back to Glen Isla, Duncan's faith and fortitude was paramount. He endangered his own life and loyally smuggled food, clothing, goods and intelligence on local movements of the Hanoverian military to his brothers and cousins in hiding.

Alister Shaw of the Auchavan was

Crathienaird's fifth son, and was a Captain in the Ogilvy Regiment. He was shot in the thigh by a carbine round at Falkirk. Undeterred, he skewered the English dragoon with this claymore, killing him. Auchavan also fought at Culloden. At his funeral, Lord Airlie placed his foot on Alister's grave and said: "*Here lies one who never turned his back on a friend or an enemy*". Alister's third wife was a daughter of Donald Shaw of Dalnavert in Rothiemurchus.

Farquhar Shaw, Duncan 'Riem Aon's' the sixth son, was also 'out' with the Farquharsons.

William Shaw of Broughdearg and Little Forter was the youngest Captain in Ogilvy's II Battalion. After the collapse of the rising, William, too 'lurked' in the heather around Glenshee and Glen Isla. He narrowly evaded capture a number of times and had many adventures. The 1868 '*Memorials of the Clan Shaw*' tells how young William was hiding around Dalruzion in when a troop of dragoons suddenly raided the farm. A cousin, Ms. Rattray knew that William was nearby, and to give a warning, coquettishly started a conversation in the kitchen with the regimental drummer. She (probably with batting of eyelashes and a beguiling décolletage) pretended not to know what a drum sounded like. The drummer, puffed himself up and went out to the back court and gave her a full demonstration. Out front, the English officer in command of the raid dashed back to silence the drummer, but it was too late. The tattoo alerted William and his brothers nearby. At one point William was living in a cave near the north side of Mount Blair, where his brother 'Cruiket' Duncan regularly brought him food. William survived his ordeals, and married a second daughter of poor John Shaw of Kinrara. Little Forter in Glenisla is still owned by the Shaw family today.

Cousin **Alister Shaw of Inchrory** lived over the hill up in Strathavon. Inchrory cheerfully 'went out' with the Farquharsons with his friend Monaltrie. Inchrory was also involved in the heroic post-Culloden exploits of another friend, the famous Jacobite warrior poet **John Roy Stuart** (whose mother, by the way, was a Shaw of Guislich).

....As we remember the men of Culloden, let us also remember the women, children and elders who after that terrible battle, stood



forlornly at the door, watching down the

Highland Archives Centre, Inverness

By Nick Hide, Clan Davidson Association

The Highland Archives Centre [see www.highlandarchives.org.uk] at Bught Park on the western edge of Inverness is a high quality, purpose built regional archive building completed in recent years as the central location in a network with three smaller archive centres serving the Highland region of North and Western Scotland. It is a treasure house of highland history, containing both family history and regional documentary archives. For anyone interested in researching their highland history this is a key location. It also includes a good reference library which also provides a wide range of clan related published material. The Highland Family History Society also has a desk position within the library with their books alongside. The staff are helpful, knowledgeable and enthusiastic.

In early 2013, this location was the setting for the inaugural meeting of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies [AHCS] under the leadership of Graeme Mackenzie. The Clan Chattan is one of 16 Highland clans which have joined this grouping set up to share best practice and provide leadership for some much needed local initiatives for the Clans with Highland connections.

As a researcher for the Clan Davidson Association, I have been a visitor to the Highland Archives on a regular basis. As a result of a chance discovery elsewhere, I have been able to access a vast historical set of Davidson of Tulloch family, [the chiefly family] paperwork which came to this archive centre in the late 1990s following the break-up

of long time firm of Dingwall based solicitors. This major collection reaches back to the 1650s coming forward to the 20th century, covering the legal and property affairs of this prominent family. For many years, there has been an off repeated excuse that all the Davidson papers had been lost in the fires at Tulloch Castle in the early 1840s. To date, I have barely scratched the surface in reading these historical documents. At least I know they are in a safe place.

Nick Hide



Highland Archives Centre

Grant Harris MacPherson

On January 7th, 2014 at 5:54 am, Grant Harris MacPherson was born to parents Andrew H. & Charlene MacPherson of Linthicum, MD USA. Grant weighed in at 7 lbs and 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Mom, baby, and even dad are doing well. Grant is the first grandchild of Stuart H. MacPherson of Derry, NH who is the US Branch Membership Secretary.



Mom, Dad and Grant MacPherson

Remembrance Corner:

Members who have passed away:

Maud Beattie from Nairn, Scotland. Maud had been a life member since 1978 and was connected to Clan MacGillivray.

Dr B B MacGillivray from London had been a life member since 1984.

Deirdre King from Clan MacPhail was a fairly recent member who joined at the 2009 celebrations. She lived in Appin, Argyll.

Joseph McIntosh from Bradford, Yorkshire. Joe, as he was affectionately known, had been a member of CCA since 1966. He is fondly remembered in another article in this magazine.

Mr K L M Farquhar was a life member from Tasmania, who joined in 1977.

Mrs E Curtis was also a life member from Tasmania and had joined CCA in 1979.

Mr George Newberry from Georgia, USA. George had been a life member since 1970. I have copied a small section from the magazine of the Clan Society that he founded – the 'Keith and Kin' – 'George Newberry, an incredible Southern Scotsman born in Lizella, Georgia. He left a rich legacy as founder of Clan Keith Society USA, co-founder of the Stone Mountain Highland games, and the Atlanta St. Andrews Society. He lived his life with his clan's motto VERITAS VINCIT; "truth conquers." He will joyfully live in the memory of his many friends and family

And finally, one of our dearest friends from Australia, **Peter McGillivray**. Peter became a life member in 1972. He watched carefully over all new and existing members up until just a few years ago. Peter and John McGillivray from Sydney founded the Clan MacGillivray Society – Australia in 1976 (thought to be the only Clan MacGillivray society in the world at that time). He visited the AGM and the Clan Tent at Moy on a few occasions and was always seen at the membership desk signing a new member. He too is recognised in an article elsewhere in this magazine.

THE MOY CLAN STONE DEDICATED IN AUSTRALIA

The tale of the Clan Stones has its genesis in 2004 when Syd and Brenda Finlay representing Clan Farquharson witnessed a ceremony on Tynwald Hill at Glen Innes. This ceremony was an event at the Celtic Festival which is held there every year in early May. A very good friend, Commissioner in Australia for Clan Kerr, led the dedication ceremony for the placing of a stone from the Farnie Castle in Scotland in a purpose built "Wall of Remembrance". The stone commemorated the Clan's pioneers who had helped settle Australia.

Glen Innes is a town of some 6,000 souls in the northern ranges of the state of New South Wales, many of them descended from Scottish ancestors who pioneered this part of the country, a place of great rolling plains and rugged rocky ranges. Some of Australia's richest farming land surrounds this place. The town sits at the junction of the New England Highway running north to Queensland, and the Gwydir Highway running east to the coast. A long range of mountains runs through the area, here 1410mtrs high - in summer it gets quite hot, and in winter it is often the coldest part of the state, shrouded in mist, with the occasional snowfall.



Opening Ceremony of the Celtic Festival at the Glen Innes Town Hall

In a park on a hill just out of town on the eastern highway, is a remarkable monument to where most of the townspeople come from – the Australian Standing Stones - a commemoration of our Celtic ancestry. The annual Celtic Festival on this site celebrates, in turn, each of the Celtic nations. Various features in the park are named for the eight different nations, and at the Tynwald Hill, which overlooks a natural amphitheatre with a splendid overall view of the Standing Stones, there is a Stonearium or "Wall of Remembrance". This latter feature was designed for individuals or groups to place permanent mementos to commemorate the pioneers of the settlement of Australia by descendants from the Celtic nations, usually in the form of a stone or piece of masonry from their former homeland.



The Australian Standing Stones Glen Innes viewed from south-west.

The Quest Syd Finlay persuaded High Commissioner, Beryl Hardy Nisbett that the Clan should dedicate a similar little piece of his homeland and suggested to her that it would serve as a potent and uplifting touchstone for our own people.

The Earlier Quest – the "Moy Stone" In August 2004, during her attendance at the Clan Chattan Annual Meeting and Field Sports days at Moy, Beryl confided to Celia Mackintosh her quest on behalf of her own Clan – the selection of a suitable piece of Scotland to place in the "Wall of Remembrance" at Glen Innes. From this confidence there was conceived the "precedent" quest – a suitable stone taken from the precinct of Moy Hall that would represent a fitting commemoration in Australia of the Clan Mackintosh pioneers and a reminder of the sacrifices of their ancestors back in Scotland.

The "Farquharson Stone" The following week, Beryl attended the Farquharson Clan's AGM and Gathering at Ballater. With Clan Chief, Captain Alwyne Compton Farquharson MC, of Invercauld and other members of the Clan, she visited the "Càrn-na-Cuimhne" not far from Invercauld. This is the Clan's memorial to its fallen over many centuries, and is a sacred site to the Farquharsons. A suitable piece of stone becoming known as the "Farquharson Stone" was selected.

The “Farquharson Stone” was placed in the “Wall of Remembrance at Glen Innes with a suitable bronze plaque and was dedicated on 1st May 2005, Clan Chief Alwyne Compton Farquharson’s 86th birthday. Fittingly, before an audience of some two hundred Clansmen and women gathered on Tynwald Hill, the moving dedication speech was given by Sydney Finlay, the then President of the Clan Farquharson Association Australia.

An incomplete Quest and a Stone lost Unfortunately, before she could pass the stone on, in October 2006 Beryl Hardy Nisbett sadly passed away. The “Moy Stone” passed from our knowledge and was lost.

The Renewed Quest – 2009 Homecoming The Clan Farquharson Association officers determined to complete the “Moy Stone” quest by replacing the “Moy Stone” and ensuring its placement in the Wall. In 2009 a party from Australia travelled over for the “Homecoming”. In addition to attending the Gathering at Edinburgh, the group took part in the Clan Chattan 400th Anniversary events, culminating in the re-signing of the Band of Union at Inverness early in August. With the guidance of John Mackintosh, Bruce Finlay, Beryl Hardy Nisbett’s successor as High Commissioner, found a suitable piece of granite from the ruins of the old Moy Hall. The new “Moy Stone” was “transported” to Australia in September 2009.

Glen Innes Celtic Festival 2013 – The Year of the Scots On Sunday, 5th May, punctually at midday, the Clans and their banners were paraded into the Standing Stones for the Kirkin’ Service and the “Blessing of the Celts”. The Clans, escorted by the Glen Innes Pipe Band, paraded from the Standing Stones to Tynwald Hill, where the Calling over of the Clans and Stone Dedication Ceremonies were to take place.

The Dedication Ceremony – Sunday 5th May 2013 – the completion of the Quest Malcolm Buchanan, President of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, invited Bruce Finlay to conduct the dedication of the “Moy Stone”. The High Commissioner and Syd Finlay, acting as the banner bearer advanced onto the dais. Bruce Finlay gave the dedication speech, acknowledging messages from Robert McIntosh Australian Councillor for the Clan Chattan Association, and from Commissioner Ken MacColm of the Clan MacThomas, and invited the representatives there present of the Clan Chattan Clans, from Clan MacPherson, Clan Farquharson, Clan MacBean, Clan MacQueen and Clan Davidson, to unveil the “Moy Stone”. The Clan Mackintosh/Clan Chattan Stone Dedication was followed by a Dedication Ceremony for the Macpherson Stone, the dedication speech delivered by Colonel John Macpherson Commissioner for Clan Macpherson in Australia. Upon the unveiling of both stones they were blessed by an attending celebrant. Clansmen and women were then free to inspect the newly dedicated Clan Stones.

We cannot say how proud and relieved we were on the day, that we had finally completed our mission to realise Beryl Hardy Nisbett’s original quest. We are grateful for the graciousness of Chief John Mackintosh and Celia Mackintosh in allowing us to try again, and for the efforts of Guardian John Mathew in getting the Stone mounted. We were also most grateful for the attentiveness of the people who witnessed the ceremonies, and the support of all our Clanspeople who were there for us.



**Capt Alwyne Compton Farquharson MC of Invercauld
with Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett at the “Càrn-na-Cuimhne” 2004.**

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Australian High Commissioner for Clan Farquharson



The “Moy Stone in the “Wall of Remembrance” at Glen Innes.



Bruce Finlay (centre) giving the dedication speech 5th May 2013.
Clan Chattan representative Clans from left to right: Ron Swan, Clan Macqueen, Lt Colonel Brian Fuller, Clan Macbean, Colonel John Macpherson, Clan Macpherson, Malcolm Buchanan, President Scottish Australian Heritage Council, Dr Frank Davidson, Clan Davidson, Sydney Finlay, Clan Farquharson.

Clan Davidson Room: Tulloch Castle

By Nick Hide, Clan Davidson Association



Since 2007, The Clan Davidson Association has maintained their Clan Davidson Room at Tulloch Castle Hotel. This location is the historic ancestral home of the Davidson of Tulloch family the chiefly family, from 1760-1917. The current Chief of the Clan Davidson, Alister [Jock] Guthrie Davidson, who lives in New Zealand, is a descendant of this same family.

This Room is circular in shape and is ideal for our display requirements. Originally this room

had been built as a game larder but in more recent years it had been used as a dumping area for broken furniture. We cleared and redecorated the space and then set up the room as an attractive display area to showcase for the history of the Clan Davidson and the Davidson connections with Tulloch Castle.

We operate this Clan Davidson Room as an unmanned heritage centre. Anyone can visit the Room by calling in at the Hotel Reception and asking for the key. The Room is easy to

find; it is located adjoining the hotel, up a few steps from the hotel car park. We have also placed one of the Clan Davidson marker stones immediately outside the entrance to highlight the location, see attached photograph.

This Room has proved useful for attracting enquiries [and new members]; we maintain a visitor book within the Room which provides us another source for future contact for potential new members.

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Discussions are ongoing regarding repairs and we will keep everyone updated on progress.