

CLAN CHATTAN ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



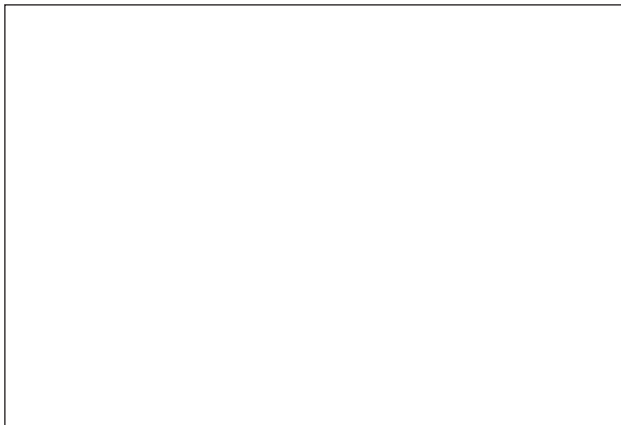
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Chairman's Letter



Donal McIntosh **Chairman**

Dear Clansfolk,

I would firstly like to say thank you to Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, who had a really busy and eventful term as Chairman on Council. A hard act to follow. However, I now look forward to my 3 years as Chairman and it is my sincere ambition that our membership numbers will go from strength to strength. Nationally and worldwide, Societies and Associations are losing members and it is difficult to pinpoint the cause for this trend.

In my experience communication is a key to success, and I would like you, as members, to feel confident to contact me at donald.mcintosh@btinternet.com. with any thoughts on what the CCA Council could be doing to create a more appealing, interesting and eventful association, attractive to all ages.

So what is in store for this year? The 600th Anniversary of The

Battle of Harlaw is commemorated in July. Although the Clan Chattan Association is not participating as a whole a lot of our individual clans will be celebrating in different ways. For some information on the events one web site to check out is www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Events/eve/eve_Battle_Of_Harlaw_Commemoration.asp

The highlight of the CCA year is our Gathering in Inverness and Moy. Last year our format on the Thursday evening met with general approval and so we have decided to offer something similar. This year the dinner will be three courses and coffee. To be followed by some light entertainment. Please contact Denise at the usual address to book your place as soon as you can.

Denise and I were shocked to hear of the earthquake in New Zealand and made contact with some of our members in Christchurch. We were pleased to hear back that they were safe and well. Since then of course even more catastrophic events have happened in Japan.

Council's biggest challenge this year will be to produce a Journal without an editor. For nearly 40 years our Journal has been produced by Robert and Pauline McGillivray and for the last 2 years by Pauline alone. I will be pleased to hear from any aspiring editors among our members who may wish to help produce what is arguably one of the finest journals of its kind.

I look forward to our Gathering in August where we can have some fun meeting members old and new.

Yours aye

Donald McIntosh

2011 The Clan Chattan Gathering

THE AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER OF THE CLAN CHATTAN ASSOCIATION 2011

Thursday 4th August 2011 at The Lochardil House Hotel, Inverness

- 4pm Registration for the AGM. Afternoon tea will be served and there will be a chance to meet and talk with Council members and Clan Chiefs.
- 5pm The AGM of the Clan Chattan Association.

The Clan Chattan Association Dinner

- 6pm Reception.
- 7pm Annual Dinner.
- 8pm Entertainment – to be confirmed

£25 per person

Friday 5th August 2011 – The Clan Tent at Highland Field Sports Fair - Moy

10am - Council members will be on duty at the Tent in the Field Sports
There will be Museum Tours and Guided walks throughout the day and Refreshments will be available.

1pm John MacKintosh will officially open the Field Sports Fair

The Clan Tent will close at 2pm

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The Clan Tent will close at 2pm

Clan MacThomas Gathering 27-30 May 2011

If you are a Member of Clan Chattan, or know anyone, with one of the following names:

**Combie, McColm, McComb(e), McCombie, McComish,
MacOmie, MacOmish, Tam, Thom, Thoms**

you will receive a warm welcome at the Clan MacThomas Gathering, which is to be held at the Dalmunzie Castle Hotel in Glenshee over the late Spring Bank Holiday weekend from Friday 27 May - Monday 30 May 2011. Full details of the programme, which is for all ages, together with information on accommodation, can be found on

www.clanmacthomas.com

McBain

We were well represented at the "GATHERING" in Edinburgh and Inverness with a nice contingent from many corners of the world.

I try to attend Scottish gatherings about once every other month. My duties are usually to "Open" the Games officially, review the Clans march and visit the Clan tents represented on the field. Usually my wife Peggy, my son Richard and his companion Lisa McFarland accompany me on these tours. While most visits occur in Arizona or California, we have been welcomed in S. Carolina along with three other Chiefs.

In February 2011 at the Phoenix Scottish Games and Gathering I was requested to address the Education section for 15 to 20 minutes and the subject had to be on Scotland. Normally I like to have a few days to prepare a talk such as this one. I did my best to comply and those that were there said it was welcome and explained some of the misconceptions about Scotland in the 21st. century.

News: The Clan McBain (MacBean) will be holding a Gathering in the USA in 2012 while the date has not been set it looks like we will be gathering in the New England

area of the USA probably in late July or August.

We did do the Seaside games in California last autumn, they had a huge turnout. I think there were 14 different pipe bands, my son Richard helped out a lot with closing ceremonies. We were told over 100 Clans

were represented but it turned out that some Clans took 2,3 or 4 spaces so I estimate maybe only 60 different clans were represented plus there were Irish, Welsh and Renaissance booths.

James McBain

McBain attended and represented the Clan.

Tartan Week New York –

David McIntosh

David McIntosh was born 5 June 1917 and died peacefully in hospital after a short illness. David joined the Clan Chattan Association in 1951 on recommendation from a neighbour and for over 50 years was active and very interested in the Association.

Shortly after joining he became treasurer and was an honorary auditor for a number of years. He served a 3 year term as Chairman of the association from 1986 and his work and enthusiasm were recognised when he was elected a Vice President in 1990.

David McIntosh, flanked by Rex Davidson and Denise McIntosh

(A fuller obituary will be in the 2012 journal)

David McIntosh with Donald McIntosh in Edinburgh

John Anderson

John Sanderson at the Clan Chattan Band of Union Re-signing event in August 2009

We are very sorry to report that John Sanderson from Ballantrae died in January. A cousin of the Mackintosh, Moy family, and a boyhood chum of the late Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh, John has been a stalwart CCA member and contributor to the Journal. He has been attending CCA gatherings at Moy and Inverness with his wife, Margaret and always had a warm welcome for all he met. We will miss his warmth and enthusiasm in the clan tent at Moy this year. A full obituary will be in the Journal.

The names of Clan Chattan are landmarks around the globe. Here's one example I ran across in February while in Gibraltar: John Mackintosh Square.

John Mackintosh was a native of The Rock who cared deeply for the needs of his countrymen, the most humble of whom he called friend. His economic successes were undoubtedly due to a keen business sense, but his customers remembered him for his integrity and sound business practices. He was an honest businessman but, more importantly, he was a great humanitarian.

In the late 19C he established a Poor Fund and gave generously to its mission during the rest of his life. When war broke out in 1939 he gave much money to the War Contribution Fund and when he died in 1940 his will gave instructions for the establishment and financial support of a home for the aged poor, for a significant fund for the education of Gibraltar's children and for construction of a new wing for the Colonial Hospital.

His benevolence was recognised far from Gibraltar's borders by Norway appointing him its local Consul in 1911 and awarding him the Order of St Olaf in 1921. In that

same year, Mackintosh received the Medaille du Roi Albert of Belgium and, in 1926, Denmark honoured him with their Order of Danneborg.

At his death he and his wife bequeathed to their community a building now named John Mackintosh Hall. Today some two hundred cultural societies meet

regularly within its walls, in its library, gymnasium, conference rooms and exhibition corridors.

In his memory and in perpetual appreciation for his immense kindness, the people of Gibraltar renamed their 600 year old central plaza John Mackintosh Square.

Photograph of Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh, grandfather of the current Chief
What a marvellous surprise when in September, I attended the annual Daviot Tractor Festival. Having admired the tractors through the ages demonstrating ploughing, we came upon the Highland Heritage tent. I thought I recognised the man in one of the photographs – sure enough, it was my grandfather! The occasion was the Strathnairn Farmers' Association Seed and Root Show, Daviot Hall in the mid 1950's. This was an annual show, held in early December each year. Anyway, I was even more bowled over when the man standing next to me with his wife said 'I am the little boy in the photograph!' What a wonderful piece of serendipity!

Margaret Mackintosh (Balvonie), Alistair Maclean (small boy, then Mains of Daviot, still lives in the area), Hugh Rose, Flichity (connections back to Braeval)

What's in a Name?

Valery June Eyre Cowley (nee Haggie)

I am currently the only member of CCA with the maiden surname Haggie, so I shall try to give some account of my branch and how I came to re-associate it with Clan Chattan.

Although Black's 'The Surnames of Scotland' Birlinn reprint 1999 (1946) says that Haggie is a different name from Heggie, the family history searches done jointly with my husband uncovered a variety of spellings, including Heggie, clearly referring to members of my family: my great, great, great grandfather, William Heggie, whose son, William He/aggie was born at Fliskmullan, Fife ca 1796.

Growing up in Halifax, Upper Calderdale among West Yorkshire's heather moorland, I knew of only one Mackintosh, besides rainwear, John Mackintosh, the local firm of 'Quality Street' toffee manufacturers. However, spelling out two of my tricky forenames, as well as my unfamiliar surname, soon gave me a sense of mixed identity: was I really English? My favourite skirt was a pleated red and green tartan; my father's family was supposedly from Dune, but unlike the famous ropemakers there, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and elsewhere, they had not made their names and fortunes but were typical economic migrants, via County Durham into Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. In the twentieth century, my ancestral blacksmiths, pendiclers, shepherds, carters etc produced more highly educated professionals, true Scots exports.

I began early to savour Scott's writings, ballads, Scottish country dancing and, later Jean Redpath's versions of Burns'songs. A teenage tour of west Scotland's picturesque attractions with

a Yorkshire mother, unimpressed by either scenery or the family she had married into, whetted my appetite for more.

Then I fell in love with Perthshire from the back of a trekking garron in the Ochils around Glendevon, little knowing that I was close to the countryside of my paternal great grandparents: the name of my father's cousin's home, Kentillo House in Bishop Auckland was a clue we had overlooked; my emigrant great grandfather was born at Lestelow (Lustylaw), Abernethy, Perthshire in 1837.

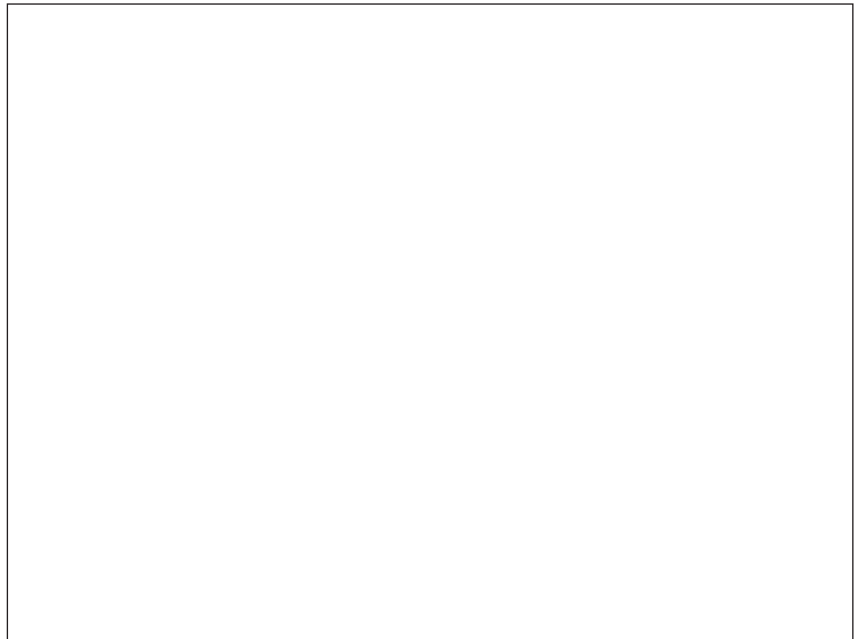
Register House, Edinburgh and Perth Library, followed by the internet provided evidence of my Haggie forebears. Realising that we had a clan and reading Margaret Mackintosh's history of it, I eventually 'came out' on two local Burns Nights in Ruislip church hall: responding to the Address to the Haggis (no relation but appreciated) in the use of a refined English interpreter of Uncouth Caledonia to bemused southerners, I finally cast aside my disguise to reveal a Mackintosh sash in 'ancient' colours, clasped by the clan badge; the proffered Quach completed the transformation. On successive visits to Perthshire, we found, not only my unpensioned toiling forebears' ruined dwellings in Strathearn and near Methven, but also a powerful part of my own identity.

On re-visiting Inverness in 2008, I was reminded by the town-twinning signs proclaiming St Valery-en-Caux, of my other link with Scottish history: my first name commemorates my father's evacuation from there in June 1940. He was in the Duke of Wellington's regiment (as there were no vacancies in Scots regiments when he joined up in the 1920s) and he fought alongside the benighted 51st Highland Division. I have visited both the resort and its military

cemetery. I was born on 1 July 1943, the feast day of St Serf but my second forename is commemoratively June. My mother mistook Valery for a girl's name, but it is that of an Auvergnat male saint by popular acclaim, who evangelised the pas-de-Calais, a disciple of Comumbanus. Valery is patron also of St Valery-sur-Somme, where his surviving arm bone is reputedly buried and a chapel commemorates his abbey of Leuconay.

All of this further stimulated my interest in early Celtic culture and religion, as I interpreted St Fillan for young Germans on the West Highland Way who thought Scots Christianity began with John Knox! I fell under the spell of that 'thin place' Glen Lyon and I recently revisited the Outer Hebrides, returning via Iona. In 2008 when we returned to explore the Inverness area, as cat lovers, we noted the wildcat on the city coat-of-arms as well as on the Clan Chattan badge. Our attempts to drive into Moy village and see both Hall and Loch were defeated by the unmarked tracks from the B road and an absence of locals and information, so I had only tantalising glimpses of church and former station from the Highland Chieftain returning south. Visiting Castle Urquhart, returning to Culloden and experiencing their new Visitor Centres and a battlefield guided walk made me determined to re-read Scottish history from native sources. I have unearthed some of the family 'Scotroots' and I shall continue to encourage my Haggie relatives to take strength from them, as well as from our Maur, McCulloch and McEwen ancestry.

HMS MOY (September 1926)



The MOY was a MERSEY Type trawler, building by Cochrane & Sons Shipbuilders Ltd. (Selby, U.K.) , and launched on 22 May 1917 as the ALEXANDER HILLS. She was renamed in 1920 and became part of the Fleet Target service in 1921, serving in the Mediterranean from then until the war. She is seen here entering Grand Harbour with a target alongside to port. During the war, she remained in the Mediterranean until November 1944, being employed as a danlayer from 1943. She then returned to the United Kingdom. Laid up in 1946, she was sold in that November for commercial use, being renamed CORAL ISLAND.

Type	MS Trawler
Displacement	438 BRT
Length	148 feet
Complement	20 men
Armament	2 3" guns (2x1)
Max speed	11 knots
Engines	Reciprocating engine, 1 shaft
Power	600

Walking stick presented by the Prince of Wales (afterwards King George V) to The Mackintosh in 1909, to the inscription which was added the bag of grouse on each successive later Royal Visit to Moy. The King held at least one Privy Council at Moy, and Lloyd George held a cabinet meeting there, while staying with The Mackintosh, Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire.

Uboat.net 1995-2011

The above was sent to Celia Mackintosh of Mackintosh by Lachlan Mackintosh's best man, the late Lt Cdr Lewis Payne, a close friend from his days in the Royal Navy

The Highland Tiger

Clan Chattan has given its support to the Highland Tiger, the brand name of the Cairngorms Wildcat Project, launched on 9 May 2009 – the year that Clan Chattan signed the Band of Union. The project is working to secure the future of the wildcat through research and conservation in partnership with Royal Zoological Society of Scotland; Cairngorms National Park Authority; Forestry Commission Scotland; Scottish Gamekeepers Association; and Scottish National Heritage. The Scottish Wildcat

Felis Silvestris Grampia to give its Latin name is one of Britain's rarest mammals. Wildcats have lived in Britain for thousands of years but only the elusive Scottish wildcat remains in the Highlands. Research reveals that as few as 400 remain in the wild and are now fully protected by law. Wildcats live on average 6-8 years in the wild and 15 years in captivity. These animals are solitary and elusive and active at night particularly around dusk. The cats at Kincaig are easier to see and will often be found resting on tree branches or amongst the stony cairns.

For more information please go to :

www.highlandwildlifepark.org/wildcat
or www.highlandtiger.com