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Dear Clansfolk,



The Castle Restoration has started in February and is going very well. The front of the Castle is now filled in with an arrow slit, also the gutters have all been replaced and the top of the stairway has been repaired. Unfortunately a stop has been put on the excavation and drainage work due to the foot and mouth disease that is about in the UK. Hunterston remains clear at this moment as does most of Scotland which is good news.

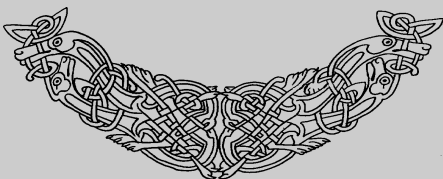
I have had some enquiries regarding what the weather will be like in June. It should be fairly warm but cool in the evenings. You might get some rain but it should only be light showers. It is very difficult to be exact as all our weather patterns have changed in recent years. At the request of many of you we have changed the Saturday Dinner menu to Lamb instead of Venison, as venison has a strong flavour.

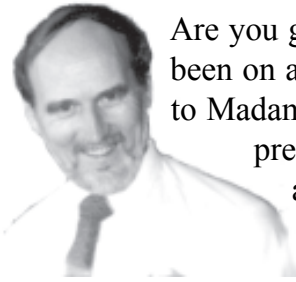
I am really looking forward to seeing all those who will be able to come to this Gathering. Gaddgedlar, the re-enactment group, will have a wonderful display and events to share with you all. There will be participation encouraged as well as everyone being able to talk to the re-enactors and see how they live in their medieval encampment. They propose to put on a couple of demonstrations during the weekend as well.

Spring had finally come and the lambing is in full swing. The daffodils are now out and Hunterston looks wonderful in its spring colours. The days are warmer and longer and the evenings are particularly fine on Goldenberry Hill with the fine views up and down the Clyde.

It will be nice seeing all of you  
Yours aye

**Pauline,  
Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston and of that Ilk**





Are you going to the Gathering at Hunterston Castle this year? One of the things that has been on all our minds is the recent outbreak of Foot & Mouth disease in the UK. I spoke to Madam Pauline recently on this very subject and she informed me that although

precautions would have to be taken and activities would be confined to the Castle area everything was in place for an exciting weekend. I did however receive a brochure from the Scottish Natural Heritage, which I thought I would share with you in this newsletter, with some outlines on the code you must follow if

you are doing a bit of touring, as I suppose most of us will be. The brochure also includes the web site address ([www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)) for further information on which sites are open to the public, so that you can check your destination before you travel. On the home front Christine and I intend to try and visit as many Highland Games as we usually do and fit in our visit to Scotland too. That should be a challenge. Our annual meeting this year will again be at The Wellington County Museum on Sunday August 12th 2001, look out for more information soon. Later in the newsletter you will find an article on Hunter House in Newport USA. I received the 2 photos from Don & Marion Hunter some time ago but we didn't have any history to go with it until now. It turns out that it has quite a story. I hope you enjoy it.

Tom

### ***Congratulations to the latest Clan Members of the Baby variety***

Mida and Don LeCocq of Stratford, Ontario write....

Thought it about time I let you know about the birth of our newest grandchild - **Devin Lee Heathcote**, the second son and third child of our daughter Stephanie and her husband, Mark Heathcote. Devin was born on January 12 of this year and like his sister and brother was delivered by Dr. William Nurse. Devin's first "official outing" was to the annual "Burns Supper" of the R.S.C.D.S. K-W Branch on January 20th. You must admit our grandchildren were introduced at a very young age to their Scottish heritage!

**And then...**

Born on 27 Feb 2001, a baby boy, **Colin Tory James Ball**, to Lynn and Al Ball. Colin is also the second son and third child of Lynn and Al and sixth grandchild for Tom and Christine Hunter.

*The following 2 articles were taken from "The Old Town Reporter" Historical stories from Edinburghs Royal Mile.*

### ***Growth in tea drinking causes wide concern.***

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The increasing trend for tea drinking in Scotland is causing growing concern among many experts. Lord President Forbes has called for a total ban, regarding the drinking of the Chinese leaf to be, not only improper for the Scottish diet, but also an expensive waste of time. Many think it is even creating a weak and effeminate population.

In the course of this past year many towns, parishes and counties throughout the country have passed resolutions condemning the beverage, and encouraged the people to go back to good wholesome beer drinking.

Tenant farmers of William Fullarton in Ayrshire have even signed a bond against the practice declaring themselves: We, being all farmers by profession, think it needless to restrain ourselves formally from indulging in that

foreign and consumptive luxury called tea; for when we consider the *slender constitutions* of many of higher rank, amongst whom it is used, we conclude that it would be an improper diet to qualify us for the more robust and manly parts of our business; and therefore we shall only give our testimony against it, and leave the enjoyment of it altogether to those who can afford to be *weak, indolent, and useless.*

Others, who are against tea drinking see no cause for any great alarm, viewing it as a passing fad which will no doubt die out in time.

### ***Government step up anti smoking campaign***

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The government has taken new moves in its fight against

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# *William R. Hunter*

*b. Newport, RI, November 26, 1774*

*d. Newport, RI, December 3, 1849*



Lawyer, United States Senator from Rhode Island, ambassador to Brazil.

The youngest child, and only son to survive infancy, of Dr. William Hunter and Deborah Hunter Malbone, daughter of Godfrey Malbone. Lived with his mother and sisters near the northeast corner of Thames and Mary Streets.

Preparatory studies under Robert Rogers. Upon graduating from Brown in 1791, he traveled to England. He pursued law studies at the Inner Temple in London. Returning to this country,

continued studies until admission to the bar at age of 21 in 1796.

In 1812, chosen to replace C.G. Champlin who had resigned as the United States Senator from Rhode Island. Hunter, a Federalist, fulfilled the remaining two years of Champlin's term and, in 1814, was elected to serve another six years. Having failed in a subsequent re-election bid, he returned to practice law and represent the people of Newport in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

President Andrew Jackson appointed Hunter "charges d'affaires to Brazil" in 1834. At the request of Emperor Pedro II in 1841 he was elevated to the position of "Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary" (Better known as Ambassador). Becomes the first U.S. Ambassador to Brazil. Term expired two years later, he returned to Newport.



Hunter was assigned the delivery of the Centennial Address, at the Centennial Celebration of the Redwood Library, in 1847.

Died in the house which bears his name, Hunter House, located at #54 Washington Street (now owned by the Preservation Society of Newport County). He is buried at Trinity Church, marked by the tallest obelisk in the graveyard.



## *A Little Taste of History.*

*Last May at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless family reunion we met up with some of our clan members amongst whom was Murray (Ray) Hunter of Hawkestone, Ontario. Murray shared some photographs with us of his 90th birthday (1999) celebrations (inset) and a very unique photograph of his father driving a 1912 Ford. Murray must have been 3yrs old at the time the Photo was taken.*



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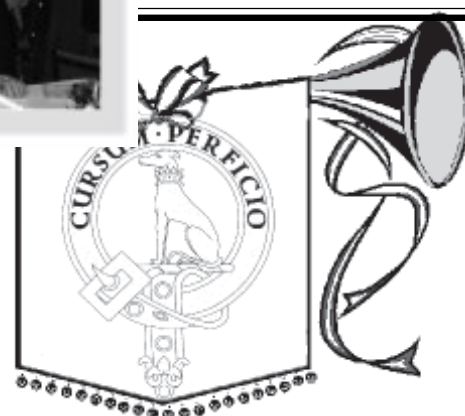
smoking. The importing of tobacco has once again been banned by law. A concession to the original ban had been made by allowing its import under the prohibitive duty of 20s Scots per pound, but it has been found to be ineffective and has only led to an increase in smuggling. The government have therefore once again had to move to restrict its use by this latest measure.

The ban is bound to cause unrest among many but His Majesty King James has declared that he does not wish "to deprive his loving subjects of the orderly sale and moderate use of tobacco", but only to prevent the abuse or excessive use of this "infective weed". King James has made his views on the subject of tobacco well known in his published

pamphlet "A Counterblast to Tobacco". In it he argues that tobacco is responsible for the physical and moral decline in the country today, and terms it "A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless".

*Note from the editor.*

*Is it just my imagination or have we come 400 years forward just to say exactly the same thing. It is true when they say that the more things change the more they stay the same.*



## *Welcome to our New Members*

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