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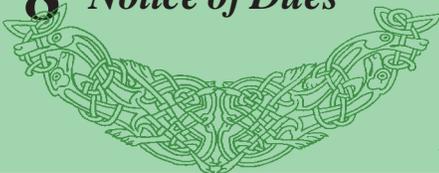
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Hello everyone, I'm back. Christine and I have just enjoyed four weeks of showing our 12 year old grandson around Scotland. A definite highlight was of course the International Clan Hunter gathering at Hunterston. It was so good chatting with the folks from other countries.

There were representatives from Australia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, USA, Canada and of course the UK. The numbers were down a little from previous gatherings but were still comfortable at around 90 people. For the first time we enjoyed the presence of a re-enactment group called "Fire and Sword" as well as the wonderfully entertaining story telling and acting of the " Trabbach Players ". The banquet was once again a lovely event with great music, great food and fun dancing. Look for photos in this edition. I will try and squeeze in as many as I can. One of the best parts of being a member of Clan Hunter Canada is meeting other Hunters and if you can't make it to the gathering in Scotland you can still try and join us at Fergus. We always have a great time. Why don't you join us at the clan tent and then for dinner after the games. I f you are feeling sorry that you didn't get to see the re-enactment group.... guess what? you can still get a taste of what they do as a small group of them will be appearing at The Fergus Highland Games in August. I will include the Fergus Games info in this edition as I did in the last edition in case you didn't keep it.

I am also pleased to report that at this years Clan Gathering, your Clan Officer was awarded "The Order of the Royal Huntsman" for outstanding service to the Hunter Clan. This was a complete surprise to me but not, apparently ,to my daughter Lizz who was "in the know"

Tom



The Whistling Kirk

On the North side of Glasgow Green is a lovely little Episcopalian church (now offices). Originally known as St. Andrews by the Green, this was the first church in Glasgow to use an organ since the Reformation and has been nicknamed the 'Whistling Kirk' or 'Kirk of Whistles' since.

Rich merchants and shipowners, Richard Oswald, born 1687, and Alexander Oswald, born 1694 took a warm interest in the erection in 1750 of St. Andrew's "English Chapel," long known as the "Whistling Kirk."

The building of the Whistling Kirk caused some ecclesiastical trouble. The Session of Shuttle Street Burgher Congregation were aghast to hear that **Andrew Hunter**, one of their members, had taken the contract for the masonwork. They tried to convince him privately "of the Great Sin and Scandal of building an Episcopal Meeting House." But their tenderness was wasted : the hardened sinner "actually began the work" : and justice had to take its course. **Andrew was excommunicated.**



Tom Ball with Madam Pauline in the Great Hall



This is so easy
a two year old can do it.

Watching the story tellers
on Friday evening

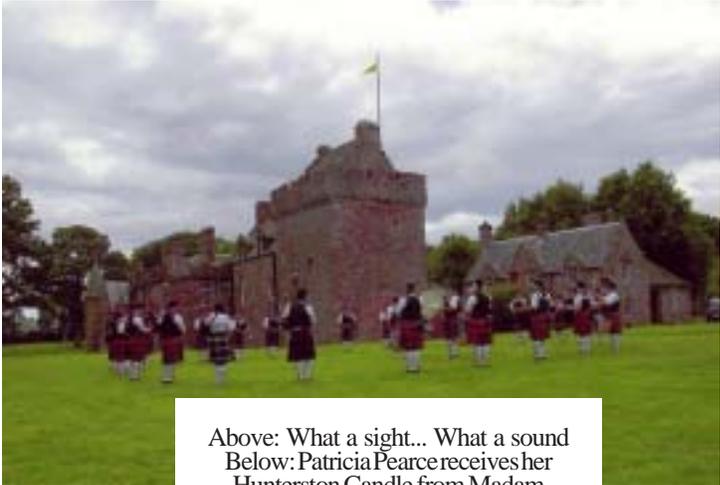


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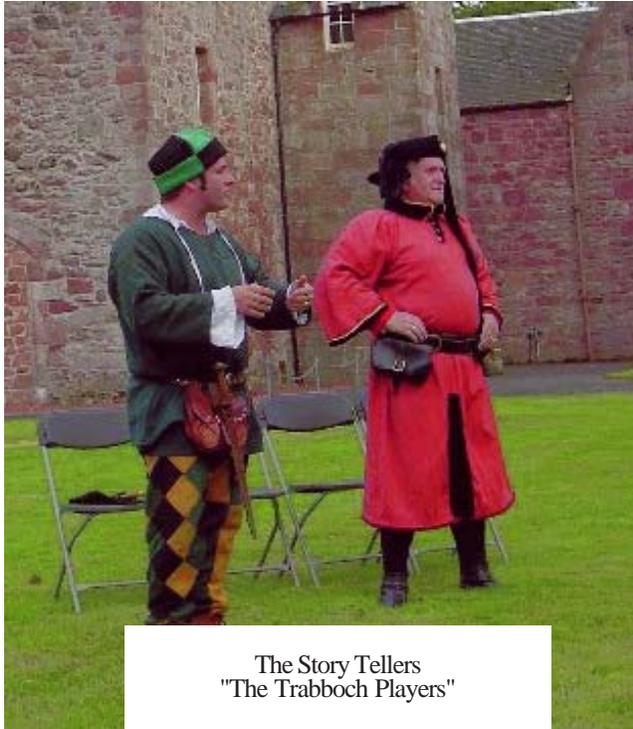
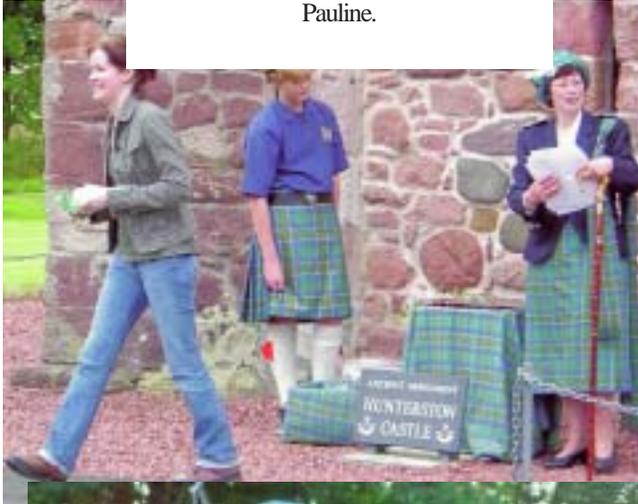
Do you have an e-mail address?
Would you like to receive your newsletter by e-mail and be able to see it in full colour? Just drop Tom a line at thunter01@rogers.com and he will switch you over. What happens if you change your mind? Just tell Tom and he will switch you back... NO PROBLEM!



Above: Tom receives "The Order of the Royal Huntsman" from Madam Pauline
Below: The Highland dancers in fluid motion



Above: What a sight... What a sound
Below: Patricia Pearce receives her Hunterston Candle from Madam Pauline.



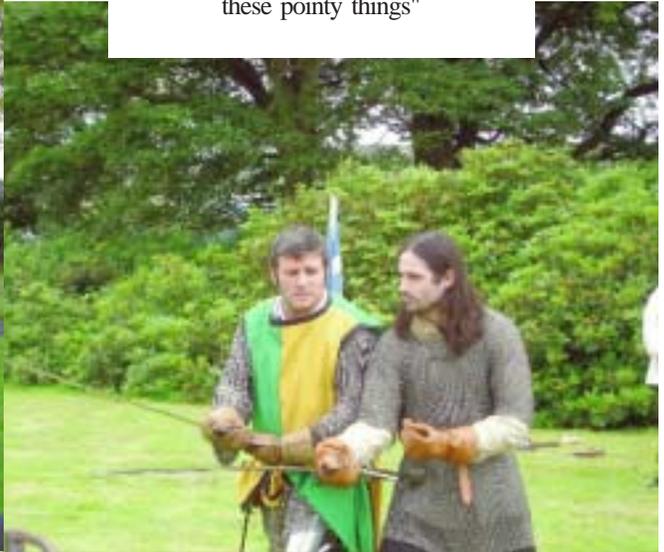
The Story Tellers "The Trabboch Players"



Oh this is fun... This is really fun



"Trust me, the horses won't run onto these pointy things"



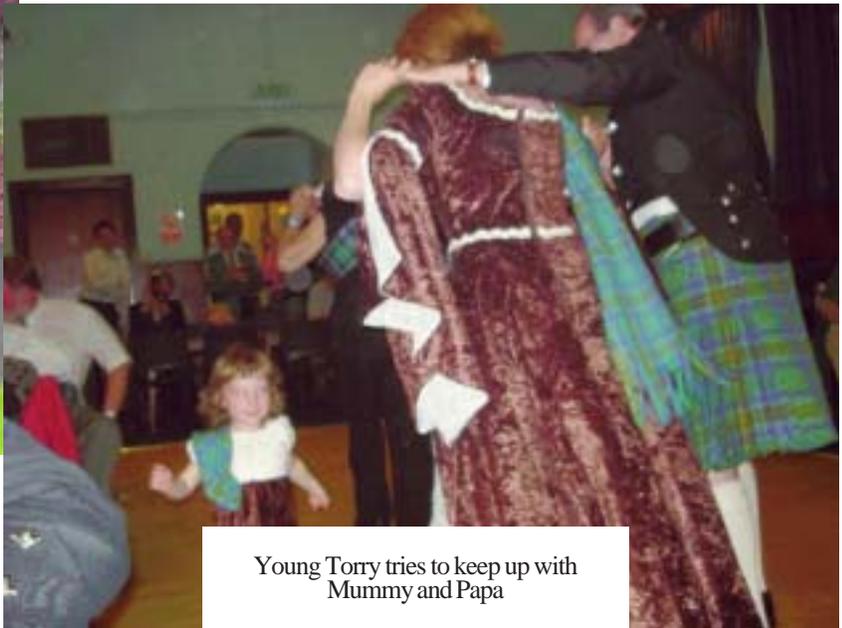
Tom is held for ransom by "The Trabboch Players"



Tom chats with Madam Sonia at the Banquet



OK girls, this is what we are going to do.
"Love those shoes"



Young Torry tries to keep up with Mummy and Papa



Above: Foods up
Far left: Sword dance
Left: Canadians check out the action



Christine receives a bouquet of flowers from Madam Pauline.



All dressed up...
Lizz, Andrew and Torry

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Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

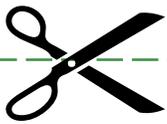
August 10,11,12 2007

Preliminary plans include...

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting	6.45 pm	Frid 10 Aug 2007	Fergus
- Fergus Highland Games	7.00 am	Sat 11 Aug 2007	Fergus
- Clan Hunter A.G.M	5.00 pm	" "	Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- Buffet dinner	6.00pm	" " "	" " "
- Kirkin' o' the Tartan	10.00am	Sun 12 Aug 2007	St Andrew's Presb.Fergus

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

- Stay over in the Fergus area
- Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent
- Join in with the other Hunters in the Clan Parade -11.30am on 11th
- Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music
- Meet some new Clan friends
- Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan
in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus
10 am Sunday morning
- Share your genealogy with other clan members
- Check out the Fergus Highland Games web site
for up to date information
<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



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Annual Clan Gathering 10-12th August 2007

Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 10th Aug		Number in Party	_____
Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 11th. Aug		Number in Party	_____
Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 11th Aug	\$20.00/adult	Adults in Party	_____
	\$9.00/child (5-12)	Children in Party	_____
Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 12th Aug		Number in Party	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

cheques for the reception should be made payable to Clan Hunter



Dr Nadine Hunter receives her Hunterston Candle



Beryl Hunter receiving her Hunterston Candle



Tom and Joyce Hunter enjoying lunch in the dining tent



Linda Wing and daughter Carly enjoy lunch in the dining tent



Right: A demonstration of archery

Lizz on the Loose – at Hunterston

Another newsletter, another trip to write about, but there's no denying that this one will be of direct interest to the Hunters since Torry, Andrew and I have just arrived home from a month in Scotland – the highlight of which was our weekend at Hunterston.

This was Torry's first reunion at Hunterston, Andrew's third, and I've gone to every one since sometime in the eighties.

Torry took in the weekend with the rapt delight of a two-year old. Friday night, she sat and listened to the storytellers, periodically leaning over to remind me that she was "Sitting with Pauline". Somehow she realized that her position was one of great honour. Saturday she learned how to shoot a bow and arrow, repeatedly asking to do it "One more time". Saturday night at the banquet, she had no interest in the food but just wanted to "Dance now", and Sunday was pure bliss for her as she got to dance to the pipes all day.

For Andrew and I, the weekend definitely started off with a bang. The storytelling on Friday night by Hugh and

Dennis was magnificent. The fact that everyone stayed to listen to both stories while being eaten alive by midgies attests to how wonderful these guys were at portraying their stories. I wish that I could share even a portion of the hilarity that they conveyed through their narration and acting but there is no way that paper can do it justice.

During the day on Saturday, we learned about sword fighting, archery and sundry other medieval-type lessons; however, this year it was Fire & Sword that were doing the demonstrations and they were more fun than I could have imagined – informative yet funny perfectly blended. I even tried my hand at archery since Torry was enjoying it so much. I did manage to hit the target but I also was left with bruises on my arm to attest to the difficulty of this sport. The sword fights were thrilling (a little First Aid was even needed after the final double sword demonstration) yet laced with comedy and full of insight.

Saturday night was again a wonderful banquet and dance with entertainment by Something Scottish. There was a wonderful balance of singing, piping, new dances, and old favourites. A new song for most of us was most appropriate considering

our battle with the midgies the previous night:

The midgies, the midgies,
I'm no gonna kid ye's,
The midgies is really the limit!
With teeth like pirrhanas,
they'll drive you bananas
If you let them get under your simmit.

Sunday we returned to the castle for piping by the Isle of Cumbrae Legion Pipes and Drums. They were most enjoyable to listen to and fascinating to watch while marching and changing formations.

Of course, I would be remiss if I failed to mention the biggest highlight of the weekend – the presentation of the Order of the Royal Huntsman to my father, Tom Hunter. (Now officially "Tom Hunter, ORH"). Pauline had let me in on the secret several months ago that he would be receiving this great honour but it was especially wonderful to see it presented to him with the help of his grandson, Thomas, at the castle on the 900th anniversary. What a great honour, and so well deserved.

All in all it was a wonderful weekend of events, and a nice time to reunite with old friends and meet lots of new faces.

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Notice of Dues for July 1st 2007 to June 30th 2008

This is a gentle reminder that a new season is upon us and now is the time to renew your membership in the association. If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you sincerely and please kindly ignore this reminder. If not perhaps you would like to fill in this note, add a cheque for \$30 and pop it in the envelope provided.

Name: _____ \$ _____

Address: _____

Cheques should be made payable to Clan Hunter and mailed to the Clan Hunter Association treasurer at:

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