



# Hunters' Halloo

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Member of Clan Hunter

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Hello Clansfolk, let me send, first of all, our sincerest wishes for a speedy return to some semblance of normal to our friends in BC who have gone through a dreadful time of flooding and general mayhem. We have had no actual reports of personal disaster from any of our members but no-one can go through what they had to endure without being touched in some way. If you are not fixing your own place then you are probably helping some others.



Christine and I have attended the Georgetown Games and will be attending Maxville and Fergus. Fergus of course is our "main event" and so I would, as always, encourage everyone to join us for that weekend. Be sure to let me know if you are attending the banquet on Saturday as I need numbers for the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who participates in the creation of this newsletter. Maybe the next issue will include something from you!

**Tom**

Dear Clansfolk,  
The arrangements for the next Clan Gathering 2014 will be as follows:  
On Friday 27th June we will have Hunterston Castle open all afternoon and a buffet supper/evening meal, I will do a tour of the Castle in the afternoon.  
On Saturday 28th- Buffet Lunch at Hunterston Castle and Evening meal at the Masonic Hall in West Kilbride with a band. I will do tours of the Castle and I might have some form of entertainment/display - possibly storyteller or re-enactors depending what is available.  
Sunday 29th June 2014- a Coach trip to Stirling (Battle of Bannockburn re-enactment) from Hunterston Castle- travelling is approx. 2hrs each way. Returning to Hunterston Castle in the evening- no meals provided.



Yours aye,  
Madam Pauline

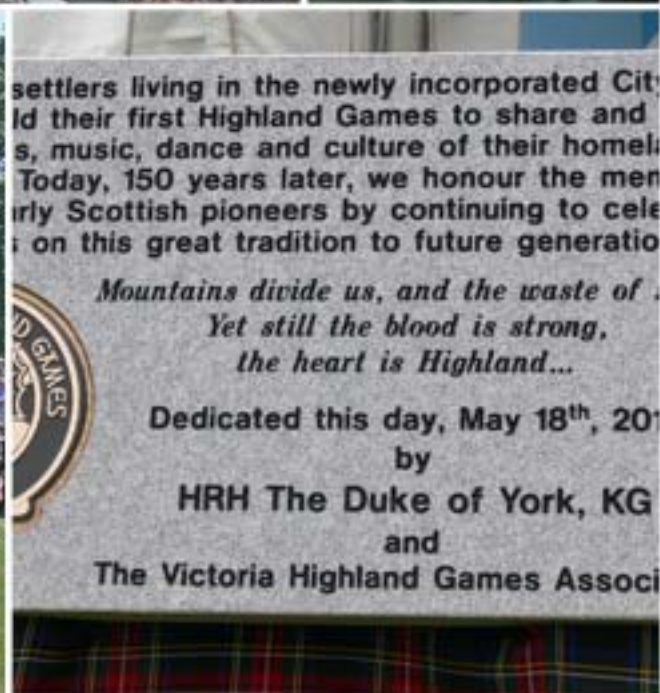


# Victoria Highland Games



Simon Fraser Pipe Band won top place and the massed bands were fantastic, as usual. The winning Drum Major was Kevin Conquest.

Prince Andrew was very relaxed and approachable as he walked along the Avenue of the Clans several times on his way to and from the Heavy Events field and the dancers and pipe band areas. I got my photo of him laughing as he chatted with one of the Clan Tent volunteers and was quite thrilled with it. He thrilled the many young dancers that he spoke with and his guardians were most congenial as they accompanied him around the grounds.- **Judy Tipple**



## *Connections Corner*



**Lizz Thibodeau**

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When most people think of genealogy, they think about researching people who are already dead. For some, this holds no appeal. For others, a trip to a graveyard is a red-letter day! However, on both sides of my family (my parents and my husband), we have had something really cool happen through genealogy.

A few years back, my dad received an email out of the blue from a woman named Eleanor. She had found our family tree online and realized that her great-grandfather was also my dad's great-grandfather. That means that Eleanor and my dad are second cousins - not distant relatives twice removed by marriage, etc. but full-blown second cousins! We met her and her husband, George, and it really was like meeting family. There was no awkward strangeness. Everyone immediately felt as if we had known each other forever. What a wonderful discovery through genealogy - not of relatives long dead, but ones who are alive and bring added joy to your life!

Well, now the same thing has happened to my husband,

 **We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!**



Andrew. When he was president of the Clan Ross Canada Association, he wrote an article for their newsletter about his experiences discovering his family in Tain, Scotland, which was posted on their website. Then out of the blue one day a month ago, Andrew received an email from Steven Ross of Calgary to say that they are distant cousins. Using Google, Steven had found the Clan Ross website and Andrew's article. When Steven typed in his ancestor Thomas Ross's information, it pulled up the link to the Clan Ross newsletter. Steven was very excited to find a living relative and the additional research that Andrew had done on their ancestors in Tain. They talked on the phone and it turned out that Steven was getting married in two weeks and having his honeymoon in Scotland. With the additional information that he found out from Andrew, instead of just going as tourists, Steven was able to adjust his plans and visit Tain, the area where his

ancestors had come from. For him, this added a really exciting new level to his visit - knowing that his ancestors had once lived there.

Genealogy is so much more than just looking at gravestones and spending hours in libraries pouring over books that you're not even allowed to touch with your bare fingers (because the oils would speed up the deterioration process - so you have to wear white gloves!). To me, those things are fun but genealogy really "comes to life" when it leads us to find new members of our living family!

### **Association dues**



Have you paid your dues yet? Don't forget. Renewal time is July 1st. Why not drop them in the mail now. Cheques should be made payable to **Clan Hunter** and mailed to the Clan Hunter Association treasurer at:  
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Dedication of the plaque  
at Hunterston Castle to



Neil Aylmer Hunter 29th Laird  
and his wife  
Sonia Isabel Jane nee Furlong



## Bannockburn Live: A feast of food, music and history



Bannockburn Live welcomes Scotland's Clan Societies, providing an opportunity for visitors to trace their Scottish roots and offering societies an opportunity to represent their Clans, meet friends old and new and to be a part of history.

Medieval warriors, families, clans and history fans will be standing shoulder to shoulder this time next year at the National Trust for Scotland's Bannockburn Live event. Taking place over **Saturday 28, Sunday 29 and Monday 30 June 2014**, the event will commemorate the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn, and mark the opening of the new state-of-the-art visitor centre at the heritage site.

### More on Bannockburn Live

Bannockburn Live will conjure the events and people of the past out from the history books and into real life, at the site which has long had its connections with the historic battle. Alongside the

largest ever re-enactment of the battle of Bannockburn, an array of themed villages will showcase the sights, sounds and atmosphere of medieval and modern Scotland.

700 years on from the battle that changed the course of history, 45,000 people will have a unique opportunity to come to

Bannockburn and feast their senses on the spoils of war and the fruits of peace. They will have the chance to experience medieval life like never before – to see, taste, smell, hear and discover in historical encampments, and watch two brave Kings lead their armies to battle in full armour.

The National Trust for Scotland has selected Scotland's leading events and festival creation company, Unique Events, to produce Bannockburn Live. A specially created festival arena will feature a programme packed with music, Scottish food and drink, crafts, literature and outdoor activities all set in the memorial park where people have commemorated the Battle of Bannockburn for centuries.

There will be three opportunities to watch the re-enactment each day so that all visitors will have the chance to see and enjoy all of the performance stages and theatre tents. The bespoke arena will include: a main contemporary

music stage; Scottish literature and traditional music in "Storyville"; tastings and food demonstrations featuring quality Scottish produce and real ales in the "Land of Food and Drink"; hands-on bushcraft, wildlife and outdoor activities in a "Natural World Village"; a children's programme; the chance to participate in sports like archery and highland games; and much more.

Tickets for the event are now on sale and costs per day are as follows: Adult - £20; Concession/Child - £12.50; Family - 2 adults and 2 children (under 14 years old) - £55 (plus booking fees). There is also the option to purchase "The King's Ticket" for £75 per day, a bespoke ticket which will enhance the visitor experience and features the following: exclusive entry to the Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre; designated seating at the re-enactments; a souvenir gift bag and a buffet Scottish Afternoon Tea.

As a signature event of the Year of Homecoming Scotland 2014 programme, the scope of Bannockburn Live has been extended as a result of generous funding from the Scottish Government, Homecoming Scotland 2014 and Creative Scotland.

Tickets for Bannockburn Live are available to buy from:

**Online:**

[www.ticketsoup.com/bannockburnlive](http://www.ticketsoup.com/bannockburnlive)

## **Bannockburn Live - FAQ**

**A.** The event is being staged at the Battle of Bannockburn heritage site, where in 1314, in one of the defining moments in Scottish history, King Robert the Bruce's army were stationed before moving down to rout the English forces of King Edward II.

The site features the historic monuments, including the iconic Bruce statue and Rotunda, where Bruce is said to have planted his standard in a borestone the night before the battle.

The full address is: **The Battle of Bannockburn, Glasgow Road, Stirling FK7 0LJ**

### **Q. When will the official programme be available?**

**A.** Further programme and event information for Bannockburn Live will be released over the coming months. Keep up to date with all news by registering at [www.battleofbannockburn.com](http://www.battleofbannockburn.com) to receive up-to-date announcements and event details including how to get to Bannockburn Live.

### **Q. How many people will attend?**

**A.** An estimated 15,000 will attend Bannockburn Live each day where visitors from around the world including Clan representatives will be welcomed to enjoy a distinctive range of activities and performances over the three day event.

### **Q. Will the Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre be open at the event?**

**A.** Due to capacity the new Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre will not be open to general admission ticket holders during the Bannockburn Live event. The visitor centre will only be open to Bannockburn Live 'The King's Ticket' ticket holders who will be permitted exclusive access as part of their ticket package. For full ticket details visit [www.ticketsoup.com/bannockburnlive](http://www.ticketsoup.com/bannockburnlive).

### **Q. Is the event suitable for children?**

**A.** Yes, absolutely. We will have a programme of children's activities and interesting performances and installations on site, including the interactive battle encampments. Full programme details will be announced in due course.

Please note, as this is an outdoor, green field site and will be busy, pushchairs and buggies are not encouraged in the arena.

## **TICKETING**

### **Q. Where can I buy tickets for Bannockburn Live?**

**A.**  
**By telephone: 0844 395 4000**  
**In person:**  
Tickets Scotland Edinburgh, 127 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3DT (Tel: 0131 220 3234)  
Tickets Scotland Glasgow, 237 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G2 8DL (Tel: 0141 204 5151)  
Stirling Tolbooth, Jail Wynd, Stirling, FK8 1DE (Tel: 01786 274000)

[www.tolbooth.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.tolbooth.stirling.gov.uk)

The Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2QL (Tel: 01786 473544)

Ripping Records, 91 South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1HN (Tel: 0131 226 7010)

Please note, 'The King's Ticket' and disabled access tickets can only be purchased via Ticketsoup.

### **Q. How much are tickets for Bannockburn Live?**

**A. Advance tickets** for Bannockburn Live are priced as follows:

*Adult:* £20.00 + £2.00 booking fee.

*Child* (under 14): £12.50 + £1.30 booking fee.

*Family Ticket* (2 adults, 2 children under 14): £55.00 + £5.50 booking fee.

*The King's Ticket:* £75.00 + £7.50 booking fee (please note this can only be purchased via Ticketsoup).

*Children under 2 go free.*

*Children under 2 are not permitted inside the visitor centre as part of The King's Ticket.*

Postage costs apply.



**Left:** Young visitors admiring the "Hundred Pipers" display at the Hunters' tent at the Victoria Highland Games



**Right:** Ready for the parade. John Hunter, Linda Walker and Judy Tipple, representing Clan Hunter at the Victoria Highland Games



**Left:** On a recent trip to Argentina, Bob and Aldene Hunter of Port Burwell stopped in to see Costanza Piñeiro Sorondo, the new Clan Officer for Argentina

**Right:** Bluebells and Rhododendrons on display at Hunterston Castle.



## **Membership Report**

We have one more new member to report since I last put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard as it now is) in April.

**Jeanne Lorraine Hunter** lives in Innisfail, Alberta, and joins us through the UK Clan Association, as did Jennifer Hunter. Jeanne was also travelling in Scotland earlier this year with her sister Dixie and was planning a visit to Hunterston Castle. We welcome Jeanne to the Association and hope she had a wonderful time in Scotland and particularly at the Castle.

I hope the weather was kind to all the visitors this year and that they saw Hunterston at its best.

Please always remember that you need to book well ahead of your visit to Hunterston as there is not always someone on hand to let you see around, and a first visit is always best with a knowledgeable tour guide.

The membership fees for this year are now due – and we have had quite a few payments already! Thanks to all those who have taken the time to send in their dues. The membership cards will be

included /sent with this newsletter.

Let me encourage anyone who lives within travelling distance of Fergus to meet us there this August for the Highland Games, dinner at the Holiday Inn and the Annual General Meeting which takes place before the dinner. Whether you have been a member for a long time, or whether you are brand new, come along and join us! It's a great time of visiting, sharing, remembering and planning!

**Christine Hunter**  
**Membership Secretary**

## ***In Memoriam***

Sadly once again I must report the death of one of our long time friends and member of Clan Hunter. On June 3rd 2013 Marion Hunter of London, Ontario, beloved wife of the late John M. W. Hunter (Clan Officer – Canada) died quietly in hospital after a short illness. Marion was a lovely, gracious lady who was a wonderful ambassador for Clan Hunter. She and her husband John did much to establish the Clan Hunter Association here in Canada in the early days of its conception and continued to be active after John's retirement in 1994. Marion loved to entertain and this Clan Officer and his wife spent many a pleasant evening enjoying her wonderful dishes and intelligent conversation. Marion will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.



### ***Love Lives On***

*Those we love remain with us  
for love itself lives on,  
And cherished memories never fade  
Because a loved one's gone...  
Those we love can never be  
more than a thought apart  
For as long as there is memory,  
They'll live on in the heart.*





Above: Clan member, Bill Jones and his granddaughter Stephanie chat with Christine



# Georgetown Highland Games



Above: Teddy Pope and son Matthew check out the Hunter tent



# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

**Aug 9 - 11 2013**

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 9Aug 2013 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 10Aug 2013 Fergus
- *Clan Hunter AGM* 5.00pm *Saturday 10Aug 2013 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph*
- *Supper* 6.00pm *Saturday 10Aug 2013 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph*

*[\$26.00 Adult - \$24.00 Seniors - \$13.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free]*

- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am Sunday 11Aug 2013 St Andrew's Presb. Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 11Aug 2013 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 other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 11th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and 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 website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



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## Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 9-11th August 2013

- Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 9th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 10th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 10th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 11th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

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