



Hunters' Halloo

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Member of Clan Hunter

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This years European Heritage Open Day on the 7th September was a great success and very well attended with 180 people visiting Hunterston Castle in the four hours we were open.

We now have 2 Facebook sites which I invite you all to visit
<https://www.facebook.com/ClanHunterUK>
and <https://www.facebook.com/ClanHunterArchers>

The following day, Sunday, Graham and I traveled to the Flodden battlefield where we were interviewed and filmed laying a wreath for the Flodden Remembrance film at the memorial by the battle site at Branxton.

The following day, 7 Clan members,,Ian Hunter, Clan Officer UK, his wife Elsie, Bill Hunter, Robert Hunter, his wife Ellen, Michael Guest, Teresa Jolliffe, Graham and myself attended the Flodden Service to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Battle of Flodden and to celebrate 500 years of the Scottish Soldier. The address by Alistair Moffat was very moving and the well known singer, Isla St Clair, sang Flowers of the Forest. There has been a half page spread in all the Scottish national newspapers with a photograph of all the Clan Chiefs who were present.

All information can be found on the service on www.cosca.net.

Our Clan made a great impact as we were the only Clan that had brought their Standard and had such a good turn out. We were also photographed for the Scottish Field whilst we attended the Reception in the Signet Library.

Following the Reception we proceeded to the National Museum where we had photographs taken by the Hunterston Brooch. Whilst visiting the National Museum I was introduced to a visiting party of Professors from the Smithsonian.

The Clan has been very privileged in receiving from William Hunter, USA, a War Bow, with a 100lbs pull. This bow was hand made and is a work of art and will be a clan heirloom. It has been made especially for the Clan and has all the Clan Chiefs names on it as well as Clan emblems. This fine artefact has been pulled with the arrow that William made for the bow by The Ancient Society of Kilwinning Archers and will be placed in a special display unit for all visitors to see, along with our father's bows and arrows.

Hope you all enjoy the pictures.

Pauline



Membership Report

I am just sitting here checking my records and see that we have another 6 new members to report since the last newsletter. I could be wrong, but I feel like this has been a record year for new members – and how wonderful and affirming that feels!

This year at Fergus we had new memberships from:

Karen Marie Idzik, daughter of Lynn Morrison and also niece of our treasurer Don Hunter. Karen and Lynn both volunteer at the Fergus Games, so are not able to join us at our dinner, but usually visit us at the tent to catch up with the latest news!

Carolyn Heather Jones, daughter of long time member Bill Jones. Carolyn lives in Brampton and has joined us for dinner at Fergus a couple of times.

Stephanie Heather Jones, daughter of Carolyn, also granddaughter (of course) of Bill Jones. We met Stephanie at the Georgetown Highland Games and then met her again at Fergus, where she joined our Association and also joined us for dinner at the Holiday Inn.

Then:

Michael Robert Hunter was gifted a membership by Laurie B. R. Hunter – and we haven't yet established the relationship. But Laurie is a long time member and we are happy to welcome Michael to the Association. We trust that Michael will feel as 'at home' with us as Laurie does. Michael hails from Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.

Dale Stephen Hill found us through the website, and lives in Hamilton, Ontario. Dale is the

St Andrew's Society of Toronto to commemorate the Battle of Bannockburn. June 21, 2014

In October 2012, Dr. Ruth J. E. Jones and her husband, Robert, submitted a proposal to the Executive Committee of the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto to celebrate the 700th Anniversary of The Battle of Bannockburn. Anne Moir, the President of the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto and other members of the Executive Committee have given their full support to the proposal. The theme will be "The Battle of Bannockburn: Scotland Then and Now." The commemorations will be held in Toronto on Saturday, 21 June 2014. There will be two events: an afternoon Symposium and a Ceilidh later in the day. Equal

grandson of Allan Hunter and would like to learn more about his ancestry.

Last, but certainly not least, we have a brand new member, **Darrin Quint Hunter**, who lives in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. Darrin hopes to further his research into his family history too.

Welcome **Karen, Carolyn, Stephanie, Michael, Dale and Darrin** to the Clan Hunter Association Canada. I hope you find what you are looking for through this Association and look forward to meeting you whenever and wherever that may be possible.

weight will be given to each of these events.

The Symposium will be held at the Muzzo Family Alumni Hall between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 21 June 2014. The Auditorium is part of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. The Symposium will provide insights into the importance of the past and present significance of the Battle of Bannockburn, June 1314. It promises to be a fascinating afternoon with contributions to the Symposium from those in Scottish Studies programmes at Canadian Universities, historians, and military experts.

The Ceilidh will provide an opportunity to celebrate all things Scottish! The Ceilidh in the evening will also be a significant event with the enthusiastic participation by a variety of Scottish performers. The location is yet to be determined.

Note:

Yearly dues are now due and it would be so nice if we saw a record year for payment of those dues as well as a record year for new members. I will pop a note in with the newsletters of those members who have not paid yet – and gently ask if it is possible, please send your cheque for \$30.00 to our treasurer Don Hunter, 138 Sweeney Drive, Toronto, Ontario. M4A 1T9, as soon as you can. Thanks to all those who have already paid – we do appreciate your faithfulness.

Christine Hunter,
Membership Secretary

Connections Corner



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At our annual general meeting in August, I was told about the possibility of receiving a certificate from the Ontario Genealogy Society if you can prove that your family has lived in Ontario for 100 years. I promised to look into this and let everyone know about it, so here's what I have found.

The Ontario Genealogy Society (OGS) has five certificates that you can apply for. The one described above is the Centenary Club. A bronze member must demonstrate a line of descent of over 100 years in Ontario. A silver member must demonstrate over 150 years and a gold member must demonstrate over 200 years in Ontario! Every person in the line of descent must have lived at least part of their life in Ontario. Acceptable proof documents for residence include, among others: municipal tax rolls, censuses, community directories, land records, church records, wills, legal affidavits or statements from the time such as family letters.

Similarly there is the Upper Canada Society for those who can prove descent from a person resident in Upper Canada (now Ontario) prior to February 10th,

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



1841 (the day Upper Canada became Canada West).

You may also be interested in the Fathers of Confederation Society. This society is open to anyone who can prove descent from one of the 36 officially-named Fathers of Confederation, including: Sir Adams George Archibald, George Brown, Sir Alexander Campbell, Sir Frederick Carter, Sir George-Etienne Cartier, Sir Edward Barron Chandler, Sir Jean-Charles Chapais, Sir James Cockburn, George Coles, Robert B. Dickey, Charles Fisher, Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt, Col John Hamilton Gray, Sir John Hamilton Gray, Sir Thomas Heath Haviland, William Alexander Henry, Sir William Pearce Howland, John Mercer Johnson, Sir Hector-Louis Langevin, Andrew Archibald Macdonald, Sir John A. Macdonald, Jonathan McCully, William Alexander McDougall, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Peter Mitchell, Sir Oliver Mowat, Edward Palmer, William Henry Pope, John William Ritchie, Sir Ambrose Shea, William H. Steeves, Sir Etienne-Paschal

Tache, Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, Sir Charles Tupper, Edward Whelan, and/or Robert Duncan Wilmot.

There is also a War of 1812 Society for anyone who can prove descent from a British serviceman based in what is now Canada during the War of 1812-1814, or a member of any Canadian militia unit that saw action during the War of 1812-1814, or a native who saw action on the British side during the War of 1812-1814. And finally the 1837 Rebellion Society is for those who can prove descent from a person who was charged with being a rebel, or a member of a militia unit that was mobilized during the rebellion, or a member of the regular army who was in Upper Canada during the rebellion, or a person who was named as being involved in some form with the rebellion and its aftermath (e.g. court official at a trial, juror, etc.)

For all of these certificates, the proof must be to genealogical standards. There is also an application fee, ranging from \$20 to \$80. If you are interested in finding out more about any of these certificates, application processes, etc., go to http://www.ogs.on.ca/home/heritage_societies.php What a neat idea for a Christmas present!

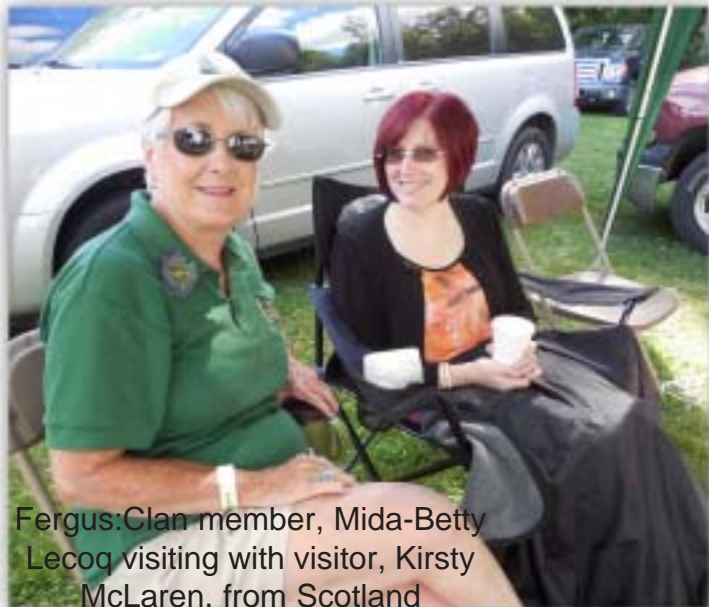
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Fergus: Don Hunter presenting Tom with the new Maple Leaf Tartan flag. Sponsored by CASSOC



Fergus: young clan enthusiasts, Tessa, Eryka and Nicole visit the Clan Hunter tent



Fergus: Clan member, Mida-Betty Lecoq visiting with visitor, Kirsty McLaren, from Scotland



Maxville: visitor signing the guest book.



Fergus: The clan on parade



Fergus: the clans assembling on the parade ground.



Fergus: 5yr old Isla thinks it is too cold this early in the morning



Fergus: Inspecting `the goods` at the Clan Hunter tent



Fergus: Tom Ball and Tessa lead out with the Clan Hunter Banner



Fergus: The clan step it out on the parade ground



Fergus: Hunter, Ewan and Ryk Brown (Dad) helping to set the atmosphere at the Games.



Fergus: The Gaels entertain at the post AGM ceildh

Clan Chiefs Unite in St Giles Cathedral to commemorate the Battle of Flodden.



There are around 150 clans worldwide, with 110 in the UK and 80 or so in Scotland, but Monday's gathering in St Giles' Cathedral of more than 40 clans was a rare event.

Sir Malcolm MacGregor explains: "Historically, meetings between the clans have always been uncommon. We are chiefs of our own clans, and clan history is very much a regional fact of Scotland's past. For example, if the MacGregors fought the Campbells or Colquhouns over power and territory, then the battles would take place in Argyll. There are very few events in Scottish history where the clans fought together.

"The old adage 'You can never unite the clans' was true. But Flodden was an exception. In the Flodden army under James IV, 60 clan chiefs were killed, including the king himself and his

son. In addition, whole towns and villages turned out for the king and were killed.

"The 500th anniversary of the battle was the catalyst for us all to get together and we linked it to the modern day by raising 25,000 pounds sterling for charities Combat Stress and Erskine. The service was very emotive - most people there were descendants of those who fought at Flodden. Despite horrific casualties, the clan system survived. It was particularly moving when the Blue Blanket - Edinburgh's fighting banner which represents the tradesmen, craftsmen and people of the city who died for the king - was brought in and unfurled."

The clans, explains Sir Malcolm, are a key part of Scottish history. "They were very unique and distinct, and involved some amazing characters. The 1745

uprising saw the end of the clan system and if we don't continue to acknowledge the good, the bad and the ugly, our history could slip away and we would be left with a kind of ersatz history without any sense of authenticity."

While part of the 21st century clan chief's job is to make sure that historians accurately record the history of the clans for posterity, they also play an important role in keeping the clans alive in other ways."

"The Flodden service proved that as a council, we could bring chiefs, their families and relations, together for a common purpose, but that purpose has to be significant and have a sufficiently important and interesting profile."

**quotes by Sir Malcolm McGregor taken from the Dundee Courier*

An Account of the service held in St Giles

by Robert Hunter ORH (UK council)

The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs on this day the five hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Flodden; invited all Loyal Clansfolk to gather with them at St. Giles' Cathedral Edinburgh; to remember the fallen in the worst ever defeat in Scotland's military history. Also to celebrate five hundred years of the Scottish Soldier

The Service was as follows;

The Minister of St. Giles' "The Very Reverend Gilleasbuig Macmillan" welcomed the congregation and introduced the service

Prayers

The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church;" The Most Reverend-
-David Chillingworth led the congregation in prayer

The First Lesson Ecclesiastes 3 v 1-15

Read by Field Marshal the Lord Guthrie of Craigiebank GCB, LVO, OBE, DL

Pipe Major

David Waterton-Anderson KSG Played
"Mist Covered Mountain"
"The Land o` the Leal"

The Blue Blanket

The Standard of the Trades of Edinburgh; also known as the Cities "Fighting Flag"
was presented by Mr. Ian Robertson

The Second Lesson Philippians 4 v. 4-9

Was read by Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Bt

The Address was given by Alistair Moffat

This was the most inspirational account of the Battle of Flodden which I ever have heard. One would have thought that the Author himself had first hand knowledge of that fateful day on Branxton Hill. Or perhaps he took it from one of his many well acclaimed histories of Scotland's Border country; anyway, he certainly brought the message home.

Flowers of the Forest poem written by Jean Elliot 1727-1805 and sung by Isla St.Clair

The Flowers of the Forest
I've heard them lilting at our yowe-milking –
Lasses a lilting before dawn of day;
But now they are moaning
On ilka green loaning -
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.
At buchts in the morning, nae blithe Lads are scorning;
Lasses are lonely and dowie and wae:-
Nae daffin, nae gabbin – but sighing and sabbing
Ilk ane lifts her leglin and hies her away
In hairst, at the shearing nae youths now are jeering -
Bandsters are runkled and lyarts or grey:
At fair or at preaching, nae wooing, nae fleeching
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.
At e'en in the gloaming, nae swankies are roaming,
' Bout stacks with the Lasses at bogle tae play;
But ilk maid sits drearie, lamenting her dearie-
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away

Dool and wae for the order sent our lads' tae the Border!
The English, for ance, by guile wan the day-
The Flowers of the Forest, that foucht aye the foremost –
The Prime of our land – are cauld in the clay.
We'll hear nae mair liltin' at the yowe- milkin';
Women and bairns are heartless and wae,
Sighin' and moanin' on ilka green loanin'
The Flowers of the Forest are a' wede away.

I have aft-times, heard: and sad times felt sore; when this Lament is aired on Highland Pipes. 'Though never have I experienced such a raw emotional rendition than that which was sung by Isla St. Clair in St. Giles' Cathedral that day.

The Final Prayers

read by;

The Right Reverend Monsignor Michael Regan;

Giving thanks for five hundred years of the Scottish Soldier; for honour and discipline; courage and comradeship; dedication and sacrifice. These words were quietly applauded by the entire congregation.

We bring to mind

14th.Laird: John Hunter of Ardsheil and Hunterston: was one of the 10,000 'though recent figures are now saying it could be as many as "17,000" Scotsmen that died at Flodden for King & Country; hearth & hame .His Wife Margaret and his young Son Robert "who on May 6th 1515 inherited his Fathers' title" and like thousands more: were left to mourn.

From the Editor and Clan Officer

Well, here I am at the end of the newsletter. There was so much news to share both here and in the UK that I have only managed to find a wee corner here on the last page. The minutes from the AGM will have to be included in the next newsletter. We are producing the newsletter in a different manner this time in an effort to improve the visual quality for those receiving it as hard copy. For those intending to attend the Clan Gathering at Hunterston in 2014 and wish to participate in the "Bannockburn Event" don't forget that you have to book your tickets ahead of the time. (check Madam Pauline's letter for details) or contact me for more information.

Christine and I had a lovely summer this year meeting new and old friends at Georgetown, Maxville and Fergus. This year



Madam Pauline lays a wreath at the Flodden Memorial with Graham and clan banner

the Games in Montreal were cancelled but with a promise of a new organisation and a new location complete with lake, trees and grass for next year. Don't

forget, if you want help with your family tree, just let us know and Lizz and I will do our best. No guarantees of course.

Tom