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# Frae the Chair



## Frae the Chair

"But we all inherited this. And if we want to say we're proud Canadians, then we will accept the beautiful country we have today, and we will accept what we all inherited." An excerpt from a response by Cowessess First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme when asked what his message is to Canadians.

I'm starting with this quote because it is helping me come to terms with the peculiar mixture of fatigue, anger, disappointment and the knowing that we need to have sanity, joy and celebration again in our lives.

The important challenge in dealing with what seems to be persistent negative news is being able to properly think through the consequences of our responses. Once we successfully hold back an emotional knee-jerk, we need to take the time to fully understand what is the pain for us and others. This lets us properly choose actions that should do no harm while having in the end what is best for us, our community, our nation and humanity. Action and results that deal with the cause of problems and not just easing the symptoms.

Unfortunately we are suffering from social media blended with a constant sense of immediacy by those wanting our attention. Often for their benefit only. I've often mused about what I see as the "bell-curve" of Evil and its exploitation by the media. Yes, I do think some of those in media are just pimps of human misery! Leveraged by the speed of any news on the internet it forms a dangerous weapon against deep thinking about consequences. Against socially rationale thought. It is also a weapon that those who are enemies of democracy and freedom are using against us.

So where are solutions? This can only be in recognizing that our social consciousness works at a different pace and it needs time to do so. We need to insulate it and ourselves from the blame culture, the cancel culture, the 'nice' while passive aggressive culture, the 'find something in this that offends me' culture. We need to question the choice of words by those critics and recognize that their agendas are not ours. Agendas that are not to our benefit. That we are not just a product to be exploited by them. That their criticism is meant to improve only themselves and not to help but to hurt us.

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We also need to recognize, as Catherine Elliot Shaw writes in The Elliot Clan Society message, that not everything is cancelled...hope is not cancelled. To this I add that joy is not cancelled.

My thanks for all those who provided, despite the times, contributions for this issue. I especially appreciate the archaeology submissions as we requested back in what seemed a sunnier May.

In this issue we highlight, as the page background, the Uisghe Beatha (Water of Life) tartan which was one of the three tartans created by teams during the CASSOC online Tartan party in April. We'll feature, as backgrounds, each of the other two tartans in upcoming editions.

We also welcome CASSOC's newest member, the Greater Moncton Scottish Association, and provide info on the walk across Canada by Michael Yellowlees in support of the Tree of Life, a Scottish charity to rewild/regenerate the Caledonian forests which once covered most of Scotland. The rewilding project for Dunvegan Estate from Clan MacLeod is a similar initiative on the 'lunarscape' of the Isle of Skye.

I'll end with sharing that joy will come again, that we'll celebrate again and that we will not cancel the future of who we are and what we've all inherited.

Be hopeful, be safe, be joyful. Have a proud Canada Day.

Cheers!

Yours Aye,  
William Robert Petrie - Clan Gregor  
chairperson@cassoc.ca

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# About CASSOC

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- To foster the organization of and co-operation and communication between Scottish federations, clans, societies or groups through the initiation and co-ordination of projects and undertakings;

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The next General Assembly meeting will be held November 2021, at a date, location and/or virtually as the situation permits.

Scheduling of regular meetings from 2022 onward is pending.

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**Editors Note:** *The Greater Moncton Scottish Association is CASSOC's newest member. Please enjoy the following excerpt from their request for membership sent by Bruce Stewart, Treasurer and Co-Chair of Highland Games. Let's welcome them with support and wishes for the all the best in the coming years.*

The Greater Moncton Scottish Association Inc. has been in operation since the 1980's, incorporated in 2010. We host the Annual Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival in Moncton, New Brunswick. Next year will be our 16th Annual.

We have highland dance, piping, drumming, band and heavy athletics competitions at our annual Games. A separate Regional Highland Dance competition is held each December as well. We annually have a Burns Banquet, Scotch Tastings, and other events.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel last and this year's Highland Games as such, so we supplemented with a Robert Burns weekend Virtual Concert, with the Barra MacNeils, American Rogues, Ivan Hicks and more, in January 2021, and we have recorded a mini-Highland Games and have

included some highland dance, musical and pipe band performances - now available online free. You can access the link directly on our website <https://monctonhighlandgames.com> or at 3sixty live - Highland Games & Scottish Festival .

In June 2022 our association will host the 22nd Annual Scottish Heavy Athletics Masters World Championships, SMAI. It will be a 3-day event with all of our usual games events plus the MWC. We have attracted a dozen pipe bands in the past and hope to do so next year. We usually have 100 highland dancers competing at the Games. To complete the country fair atmosphere, we have many peripheral attractions, craft beer festival, axe throwing, re-enactments, sheep dog trials, sheep shearing, horse and wagon rides, bouncy castles, zoo, blacksmith etc.

That's a bit about us, you can see more at [monctonhighlandgames.com](http://monctonhighlandgames.com) or facebook at [monctonhighlandgames](https://www.facebook.com/monctonhighlandgames).

Thanks,  
Bruce Stewart  
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# Tree of Life - Scottish Rewilding Charity

Hello! I hope that you will take the time to read this. My name is Karen Yellowlees and I'm writing to you via CASSOC, from Birnam in Scotland, with an appeal for your help in supporting my son, Michael Yellowlees. If you would like to talk to me directly, please find me on Facebook and send me a friend request and we can talk on Messenger.

Michael is currently walking across Canada with his husky dog, Luna. His purpose- to raise money and awareness for a Scottish rewilding charity Trees for Life whose mission is to reforest the Highlands of Scotland. The reason he chose Canada was because of the close connections of our countries through history and to the present day. Michael is tying into this heritage with the walk that he is doing and is encouraging Canadian Scots to follow and support him. Michael was interviewed by CTV news at the start of his trip- the link below is a bit slow to open, but you can watch this and 'meet' him so to speak!

Michael started his walk back in Tofino on Vancouver Island at the beginning of March, and now he is getting near to Winnipeg. Soon he will reach the halfway point of his walk, which is amazing. He has had tremendous support from people along the way, wonderful acts of kindness ranging from offers of food and accommodation to financial support for his fundraising.

Last night someone very kindly patched his kilt, which is becoming slightly threadbare! He is at a stage in his journey when he's finding it more difficult to keep his profile high and I'm trying to find a way of getting some help to support and help him on his way to his goal- to see the regeneration of the Caledonian forests which once covered much of Scotland.

He is keeping a photographic record, as well as videos of songs to keep us happy, and he's posted these on Facebook,

you can find his page if you type in Michael and Luna- A Rewilding Journey.

He recently posted- 'we need you, you are the army I'm marching with, please share our posts, the videos and songs, and please donate if you can. If a song made you smile or if you'd buy me a pint if I played at the pub, then buy the Trees a pint and donate to Trees for Life! It is such important work and its success will be a legacy that we'll leave to our children and young people. The link is attached. And thank you to everyone who has donated! Let's keep going!! We need your help!! With love!!! Michael'

It would be so good if you were able to help. Getting the word out to your members, asking them to look out for him, reach out to him to say hello, contribute to his just giving page, no amount is too small. It's a brilliant cause to raise money for

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michaelandlunarewild>

I am his mother and so of course I am hugely biased in my pride about what he is doing- but he truly is a son of Scotland and right now he needs to have the clans behind him in this battle!

Many thanks for reading this,

Karen

P.S. I was born in Canada to Scottish parents, moved back to Scotland when I was 4 years old, and so I have dual nationality and therefore so does Michael. As you will understand therefore our connection to Canada is personal and strong. I hope you will be able to

help and thank you sincerely in anticipation of any support for my son in his mission! If you are still reading at this point I am extremely grateful because I am not computer savvy and doing this has caused me blood, sweat and tears! 🙏 THANK YOU! I'm smiling really!



# Tree of Life - Scottish Rewilding Charity

**Monday 31st May 2021**

An Open Letter to the Membership of Cassoc.

Hello,

My name is Michael Yellowlees. I'm a native of Scotland and I am appealing to you for support to both raise awareness and funds for Trees for Life, a Scottish charity.

I had the idea of this trip 2 years ago, to walk across Canada from Vancouver Island to Nova Scotia. I was walking in the Torridon area in Scotland when the thoughts of doing this expedition formulated. I knew about Trees for Life, and the work being done by the charity and, as I walked, I can remember the feeling of sadness that I was experiencing as I looked at the landscape, knowing, and really feeling, that it shouldn't look as it looked. And I was at the same time remembering the folk who used to live here on this land, the communities that were torn apart, with many being sent, really with little or no choice, to Canada to name but one of many destinations. And I thought, I'll go to Canada! I'll go and find the descendants of these people and I'll ask them if they'll help me to give back to their homeland. Verses from 'Letter from America' by the Proclaimers, a Scottish duo, speak more eloquently in expressing what was in my heart that day - 'I wonder my blood when will you return, to help us kick the life back into a dying mutual friend', and, 'I stood by the ocean, tried hard to imagine the way you felt, the day you sailed from Western Ross to Nova Scotia'.

I'm a singer and songwriter, and finally, after some months of working as a gardener in the beautiful botanical gardens of Tofino, and as a sled dog team member in Banff, I was ready to go. The friends I have made since first arriving in



Canada in August last year have been incredibly supportive of the idea of this trip, and their friendship and kindness has been amazing.

So now I'm here- walking with Luna, my canine companion, a Canadian husky, and my guitar strapped to the rest of my gear. I started walking on March 1st and soon I will arrive at a place called Kinora, which is about

halfway across Canada. From here I'll be taking to the water and doing a section by canoe, so that'll be interesting. I'm enjoying the wilderness that is still abundant here in Canada, and also taking the time to encourage Canadians to look after what they've got here because there is no doubt that it is under threat and needs protection.

This walk across Canada is without doubt one of the biggest challenges I've personally taken on, but I'm enjoying it. I've enjoyed beautiful walking, in all sorts of weather, the best

kind is with the wind at my back. I know that there's a long road ahead and I'm taking it one day at a time. In much the same way I hope this walk mirrors what needs to happen with our environment- its recovery is a long road too but if we keep going then we'll get there.

We're marching!

If anyone feels that they would like to support me in this then please go to my just giving page,

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michaelandlunarewild> . I also have a Facebook page, Michael and Luna- A Rewilding Journey, where

you can check out my various posts. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Michael



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*As of publication, check the CASSOC [website](#) for the latest listings.*

**In-person gatherings will be subject to ongoing restrictions for public gatherings.**

**As the date for these events approach, please verify status with the event organizers for any of the following**

June 25-26	Manitoba Highland Games	Online	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/MBHighlandGathering">www.facebook.com/MBHighlandGathering</a>
Jun 26	Perth's World Record Kilt Run	Perth, ON	<a href="http://www.perthkiltrun.ca">www.perthkiltrun.ca</a>
Jun 26–Jul 3	Royal NS International Tattoo	Online	<a href="http://www.nstattoo.ca">www.nstattoo.ca</a>
July 2-4	Almonte Celtfest	Online	<a href="http://almonteceltfest.com">http://almonteceltfest.com</a>
Jul 3	Penticton Scottish Festival	Online	<a href="http://www.pentictonscottishfestival.ca">www.pentictonscottishfestival.ca</a>
July	Uxbridge Scottish Festival	Uxbridge, ON	<a href="https://uxbridgescottishfestival.com">https://uxbridgescottishfestival.com</a>
July 16-18	Miramichi Irish Festival	Miramichi, NB	<a href="http://www.canadasirishfest.com">www.canadasirishfest.com</a>
July 23-24	Okanagan Military tattoo	Armstrong, BC	<a href="https://okanagantattoo.ca">https://okanagantattoo.ca</a>
Aug 1	Montreal Scottish Festival & H. G.	Online	<a href="http://www.montrealhighlandgames.com">www.montrealhighlandgames.com</a>
Aug 6-8	Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	Online	<a href="http://www.celticfestival.ca">www.celticfestival.ca</a>
Aug 20	Folk Fest Saskatoon	Online	<a href="https://saskatoonfolkfest.com">https://saskatoonfolkfest.com</a>
Aug 13-15	Fergus Scottish Festival & H. G.	Online	<a href="http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com">www.fergusscottishfestival.com</a>
Aug 21	National Capital H. Games	Ottawa, ON	<a href="https://nationalcapitalhighlandgames.com">https://nationalcapitalhighlandgames.com</a>
Aug 21-22	Festival Celtes et Cie de St. Malachie	St. Malachie, QC	<a href="https://festivalceltessaintmalachie.com">https://festivalceltessaintmalachie.com</a>
Aug 28	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, On	<a href="http://www.almontehighlandgames.com">www.almontehighlandgames.com</a>
Aug 28	Edmonton highland Gathering	Edmonton, AB	<a href="http://www.edmontonscottishsociety.org">www.edmontonscottishsociety.org</a>
Aug 27-Sep 4	Kitchen Fest - Cape Breton Island Ceilidh - Colaisde na Gàidhlig	Cape Breton, NS	<a href="https://kitchenfest.ca/">https://kitchenfest.ca/</a>
Sep 4	BC Highland Games	Coquitlam, BC	<a href="https://scotfestbc.com">https://scotfestbc.com</a>
Sep 4-5	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, AB	<a href="http://www.canmorehighlandgames.ca">www.canmorehighlandgames.ca</a>
Sep 4	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, AB	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/calgaryhighlandgames">www.facebook.com/calgaryhighlandgames</a>
Sep 4-5	Victoria Highland Games	Victoria, BC	<a href="http://victoriahighlandgames.com">http://victoriahighlandgames.com</a>
Sep 10-11	Cobourg Highland Games	Cobourg, ON	<a href="http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca">www.cobourghighlandgames.ca</a>
Sep 10-11	Festival celtique de Québec	Québec, QC	<a href="http://festivalceltique.com">http://festivalceltique.com</a>
Oct 22-23	Scottish North American Community Conference	Online	<a href="https://scottishleadershipconference.com">https://scottishleadershipconference.com</a>

# Jeux écossais de Montréal - Montreal Highland Games

Les Jeux écossais de Montréal sont fiers d'accueillir Kelly Alexander, de l'émission Kelly Alexander Show de Virgin Radio, comme animatrice des Jeux écossais de Montréal 2021 !

Vétéran des scènes radiophoniques de Montréal et de Toronto, Kelly Alexander vit son rêve.

Née et élevée sur une ferme des Laurentides au nord de Montréal, la jeune Kelly, la fille de la ferme, rêvait de faire rire les gens au moyen d'un microphone. Elle a fait ses premiers pas dans le monde des médias à l'université, lorsqu'elle a été choisie pour animer l'émission matinale de son école... et elle n'a jamais regardé en arrière.

L'étape suivante sur la route à grande vitesse des rêves de Kelly a été Toronto, où elle a obtenu son diplôme en communication et décroché un emploi de productrice de talk-show. Avec le temps, Kelly s'est retrouvée chez elle, à Montréal, où elle s'est lancée dans de nombreuses carrières radiophoniques, notamment comme co-animatrice d'une émission matinale locale, comme reporter de la circulation pour diverses stations, et elle



s'est lancée dans sa propre émission de midi !

Le parcours de Kelly à la radio se poursuit, et elle est ravie d'apporter son style d'interviews approfondies au Kelly Alexander Show, où elle a l'occasion de

discuter avec des étoiles montantes de l'industrie du divertissement ainsi qu'avec des artistes reconnus et primés.

Loin des microphones et des casques, Kelly est une instructrice d'arts martiaux passionnée. Étudiante du karaté Yoseikan depuis l'âge de six ans (elle est ceinture noire quatrième dan), elle continue de participer à divers tournois au Québec et dans les environs, tout en partageant et en enseignant son amour de cet art aux enfants et aux adultes.

Kelly sera en direct sur le site lors de la diffusion des Jeux écossais de Montréal le 1er août pour présenter nos segments vedettes et couvrir la tentative de record du monde de Jason Baines au lancer de caber.

45ème édition annuelle des Jeux écossais de Montréal - le dimanche 1 août 2021 à 18h - Un événement en ligne GRATUIT!

# Jeux écossais de Montréal - Montreal Highland Games

The Montreal Highland Games are proud to welcome Kelly Alexander of Virgin Radio's Kelly Alexander Show as the host of the 2021 Montreal Highland Games!

A veteran of Montreal's and Toronto's radio scenes, Kelly Alexander is living her dream.

Born and raised on a Laurentian farm north of Montreal, a young Kelly-the-farm-girl yearned to make people laugh by way of a microphone. Her first steps into the realm of media happened in college, when she was chosen to host her school's morning show... and she's never looked back.

Next stop on Kelly's high-speed road of dreams was Toronto, where she earned her communications degree and landed a job as a talk radio producer. In time, Kelly found herself back home, in Montreal, where she jumped into many radio shoes, including co-host of a local morning show,



since the age of six (she is a fourth dan blackbelt), she continues to compete in various tournaments in and around Quebec while sharing and teaching her love of the art form to children and adults.

Kelly will be live on site during the Montreal Highland Games broadcast on August 1, introducing our featured segments and covering Jason Baines's world record attempt at the caber toss.

traffic reporter for a variety of stations, and rocketing to her own midday program!

Kelly's path in radio continues, and she is thrilled to bring her in-depth style of interviews to the Kelly Alexander Show where she gets to chat with amazing rising stars in the entertainment industry as well as established award-winning artists.

Away from the microphones and headsets, Kelly is a passionate martial arts instructor. A student of Yoseikan karate

45th Annual Montreal Highland Games Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 6 p.m. A FREE online event!

# Centre for Scottish Studies - Activities Update



In place of on-site talks, the Centre for Scottish Studies sponsored a number of virtual talks that drew several thousand people together from around the world:

6 October 2020: Prof. Kevin James, Scottish Studies Foundation Chair, University of Guelph, 'Armchair Travels: The Histories and Charms of the Scottish Highland Tour'

18 January 2021: Prof. Eric Zuelow, University of New England, "Tourism and National Identity in Scotland and Beyond",

21 January 2021: Dr Sierra Dye, University of Guelph, 'Dancing Devils and 'Cutty Sark's: Witchcraft and Magic in Robert Burns' (co-sponsored with the Saint Andrew's Society of Toronto)

23 February 2021: Lisa Baer-Tsarfati, University of Guelph, 'Greedy, Ambitious, and Proud: The "Unnatural" Rise and "Justified" Fall of Elizabeth Stewart, countess of Arran',

24 March 2021: Prof. Tanja Bueltmann, Strathclyde University, Global Scotland: Migration, Ethnic Association and the Making of the Scottish Diaspora"

13 April 2021: Prof. Timothy Shannon, Gettysburg College 'The Curious Career of Peter Williamson, or How a Scottish Indentured Servant in America Became Edinburgh's King of the Indians'

27 April 2021: Amy Beingessner, University of Guelph, 'Highwaymen, Scandal and Haggis: Recipes from the Cleikum Inn'

Additionally, over the course of the academic year, one of our fourth year classes did a close study of

the Campbell of Monzie collection of medieval Scottish charters. Students in the class researched the historical context of these charters and have channeled their results into essays and exhibit labels that will be used in an upcoming exhibit of these charters. We also partnered with the University of North Carolina State to do a DNA analysis of the charter parchment, using non-destructive methods and are currently awaiting the results of the sequencing. Hopefully it will tell us the species and breed of the animals whose skin was used to make the parchment.

Most recently we have begun a digital humanities project, in conjunction with the University of Toronto, that will involve the machine reading of the Latin charters by a platform called Transkribus. By working with Transkribus, our team of students will teach the software to recognize the layout, structure and text of medieval Scottish charters so as to make them searchable by researchers and facilitate their transcription.

We are welcoming a large number of MA and PhD students into the programme in fall 2021, working on a wide range of topics related to Scottish economic, social and cultural history, and 2021 also saw us continue recruitment of a new faculty member, as our much valued colleague and internationally renowned research scholar Prof. Elizabeth Ewan retired in December 2020.

*Prof. Kevin James,*

*Scottish Studies Foundation Chair,  
University of Guelph*

# Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide - Gaelic Immersion School



From Kenneth MacKenzie on May 14, 2021 (Forwarded by Clan MacEwen)

Hi there,

Ciamar a tha sibh? I am part of a group working to establish North America's first Scottish Gaelic immersion school, in Mabou, Nova Scotia. It is a community-driven, grassroots initiative in one of the heartlands of Scottish highland culture outside of Scotland itself. In a place where the music, language and a strong sense of community are still intrinsic parts of society, we are combining innovative educational methodologies with Gaelic cultural relevance to build something meaningful and sustainable for the community here and further afield. ... and this recent CBC story (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/fund-gaelic-immersion-primary-1.6018842>) gives a good synopsis of the project to date.

I know that supporting and celebrating our culture and heritage are core values you represent and I appreciate the time and care you put into our shared history. I'm wondering if this project is something the Clan MacEwen Society could support. I'd be happy to chat about it with you at any point.

Hope you are all staying well and that the summer time brings health and wellness to all of your members.

All the very best,

Kenneth MacKenzie

Working Group Coordinator, Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide

Chair, Comhairle na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia

Director of Education, Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College

# Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada - President's Report



by Judy Tipple

As we ride the COVID-19 pandemic wave into its second year I hope this newsletter find you all healthy, able to function in sufficient comfort to carry you through the coming summer with an optimistic outlook.

We have all had to become more comfortable in the use of technology to order goods online, attend Zoom meetings and seminars, chat with distant friends and family on programs such as Facetime, etc and also in many other ways. The vaccination schedules have been encouraging to get us closer to a time of safely meeting together again. There may be virtual



Highland Games this summer but hopefully we can attend the real thing in 2022. In the last Leod Voice I reported that many of us would be happy to see the last of 2020 and now I feel that I will be relieved to see the end of 2021.

A webinar by Susan Beaumont that captured my attention was entitled How to Lead When We Don't Know Where You're Going? She uses the word "liminal" to describe how we are somewhere between the old and "the possibility of something yet undiscovered." The unknowing is uncomfortable, disorienting and disconcerting and we are sometimes tempted to rush to quick solutions rather than doing deeper searching for resolutions to our problems. To accomplish this

searching, as a collection of Clan MacLeod Societies CMSC will try to gather the input of as many members as possible through their executives. Please be prepared to make your voice heard.

Handing over the CMSC Presidency was scheduled to occur at the North American Gathering in Livonia, MI in July, 2020.

So when the event had to be cancelled the executive didn't change and no annual general meeting was held. We will carry out the executive hand over via a Zoom meeting in the near future and I will introduce Carol MacCrimmon Pugliese as the incoming president in my next Leod Voice.

# Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada - Ship Hector Reconstruction

by Tom Wallace

A few months ago, many of us watched the Ship Hector elevated out of Pictou Harbour and onto the Hector Quai. The replica Ship Hector was in need of repairs. Friends and colleagues in the Ship Hector Society are actively fundraising to complete these repairs to the replica Ship Hector. They hope to have the Hector back in the water for their semi quincentennial (250th anniversary) of the Federation of Scottish Culture, in 2023. For more information and how to make donations to the Federation of Scottish Culture in Nova Scotia project contact [fscns.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:fscns.secretary@gmail.com)



## Significance of the Hector to the Scottish Community

For those who wish a refresher in why the Hector is important: “A full rigged fluyt, the Hector was built in the Netherlands before 1750 and was employed in local trade in waters off the British Isles as well as the immigrant trade to North America, having made at least one trip c.1770 carrying

Scottish emigrants to Boston, Massachusetts. In 1762 the earliest of the Fuadaich nan Gàidheal (Scottish Highland Clearances) forced many Gaelic families to leave their ancestral lands. The first ship loaded with Hebridean colonists arrived on St. John’s Island, Prince Edward Island in 1770, with later ships following in 1772 and 1774. In 1773 a ship named the Hector landed in Pictou, Nova Scotia, with 189 settlers, mostly originating from Lochbroom.

In 1784 the last barrier to Scottish settlement – a law restricting landownership on Cape Breton Island – was repealed, and soon both PEI and Nova Scotia were predominantly Gaelic speaking.

It is estimated more than 50,000 Gaelic settlers emigrated to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island between 1815 and 1870.”

We remember that our late CMS member Gordon McLeod of Pictou was significantly involved in the construction of the replica of the Hector.

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September 15, 2023 will rank as one of the most important dates in Canadian history. It marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Ship Hector in Pictou, Nova Scotia from Scotland. The 189 passengers had endured a harrowing 11 week voyage to start a new life in a new land. It marked the beginning of a massive wave of emigration that became the backbone of the settlement of Nova Scotia, Canada and America. Their journey should never be forgotten. Visit [www.shiphector.ca](http://www.shiphector.ca) for more details.

# Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada - Rewilding Dunvegan Estate

by Faith Ridler, *Daily Mail*; Dec. 2, 2020

\* Hugh MacLeod to overhaul the 'lunarscape' near Dunvegan Castle.

\* 371,875 broadleaves to be planted on the MacLeod Estate on Isle of Skye.

\* Project awarded £1million grant from the Scottish Government and the EU.

Hugh MacLeod, the 30th Chief of Clan MacLeod, hopes to overhaul the 'lunarscape' surrounding Dunvegan Castle by planting a total of 371,875 native trees in its land in an ambitious Clan MacLeod project to transform the 'beautiful but not natural' Isle of Skye, and the 42,000 acre MacLeod Estate. It has been in the planning for years, and is now awarded £1million, by the Scottish Government and the EU.

The focus will be on planting trees which historically grew in the Isle of Skye's peat soil such as birch, rowan and cherry trees.

This is the first phase of our nascent rewilding plans, and once the woodlands are established, this will create an extensive and bio-diverse habitat to support a number of native species to suit the land's terrain and ecology. It is hoped the rewilding strategy will encourage others to take on similar initiatives to restore Skye's 'wet desert' landscape, which is 'a legacy of centuries of degradation caused by over-grazing.' Mr MacLeod, the Estate Director, said: "In a difficult year of persistent bad news, I am thrilled that the MacLeod Estate has been awarded this grant for one of the largest and most ambitious native woodland creation projects on the Isle of Skye. These broadleaf forests will provide a home for reintroduced beaver populations and the declining numbers of red squirrels and wildcats which inhabit parts of Scotland." He added the current landscape of the Isle of Skye is clear evidence it was an ancient woodland before the land was

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stripped bare by human activity. “After all, the extensive peatbog on the island is clear evidence of ancient and widespread woodlands,” Mr MacLeod said. “In common with other areas of the Highlands, Skye’s current lunar landscape appearance is beautiful, but it is not natural.”

This project aims to restore this piece of land and it will have a positive ripple effect on the local community beyond the obvious ecological benefits, creating more jobs in sustainable ecotourism and more rewilding initiatives.

Mr MacLeod has been working to turn Dunvegan Castle into a successful tourist destination after inheriting the area from his late father John more than 10 years ago. The 9th century Castle has been the ancestral home of Clan MacLeod for more than 800 years, and now has an annual turnover of £2.9million with 168,000 UK and international visitors each year. The land includes the MacLeod Tables Café, four retail outlets, five holiday cottages, seal trips, amenity woodlands, Dunvegan Pier, and Glenbrittle Campsite. The clan Chief expects the rewilding, which is being overseen by Scottish Woodlands Ltd, will improve ecotourism and create more jobs on the Isle of Skye.

The project’s first phase will focus on transforming Dunvegan’s former home farm, Totachocaire, into a 593 acre native woodland. As one of the largest native woodland projects

on the Isle of Skye, this will bring the total number of native trees planted on the MacLeod Estate since 2010 to 432,000.

“Hugh MacLeod’s ground-breaking nature restoration project at the historic Dunvegan Castle on Skye is one of the most exciting rewilding stories in Britain today.” Sarah-Jane Laing, CEO of Scottish Land & Estates, added: “This scheme is testament to Hugh’s vision, drive and ongoing commitment to an environmentally and economically sustainable future, not only for the Estate but for Skye and indeed the whole of Scotland.”

Hugh MacLeod became the 30th Chief of Clan MacLeod in 2007, succeeding his father John who died suddenly that February having been diagnosed with leukemia a month earlier. Clan Chief Hugh is Laird of Dunvegan Castle at 47 years old. He studied Film and Modern History at the University of London and the Sorbonne in 1995. He was appointed head of the ancient Scottish clan 12 years later, also inheriting the ancient seat of the Chiefs of Macleod, Dunvegan Castle. He said “I take a low-key approach to the role of clan chief, preferring to focus my attention on running the MacLeod Estate which leaves me with very little time for anything else. I regard it as a huge privilege and see myself as a custodial link in a chain that stretches back 800 years. My aim is not to be a weak link.

# Clan MacLeod Societies of Canada - Gaelic in Canada

by Ian C MacLeod, CMS Vancouver

At the time of Canadian Confederation (1867), there was no single or common language – initially there was English, French and Gaelic (in 1850, about 10% of the population spoke Gaelic) and a multitude of aboriginal languages, among at least 629 First Nations.

In 1850 Gaelic was the third most commonly spoken European language in British North America (now Canada), spoken by as many as 200,000 British North Americans of both Scottish and Irish origin. At that time, Gaelic was probably spoken by one out of every ten inhabitants of British North America ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian\\_Gaelic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Gaelic)).

The family of my father, Rev Alastair “Adder” MacLeod (1915-2000), was from St Ann’s, Cape Breton, but he grew up in Sydney (Whitney Pier). His first language at home was Gaelic. I have his Mother’s well worn Gaelic Bible which I cannot read.

His maternal grandfather, John A (“Little John”) Morrison (1833- 1921), had been elected from Victoria County to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in 1878, as a Conservative. He served only one term. Late in 1879, during a debate as to whether French should be taught in the Nova Scotia schools, a proposal that he did not oppose, he suggested that it was equally appropriate to teach Gaelic. He was not successful on that suggestion.

He made his speech entirely in Gaelic and he must have had to get a ruling from the Speaker to allow him to do so.

About a century later I have been told that that speech was used as a precedent by Sinn Fein, the Irish unionist party (they were first elected to the British Parliament in 1983, but due to their refusal to take the oath of allegiance, they did not take their seats until 1998 in the British Parliament) when they tried to speak Gaelic in either the

British or Irish Parliaments. They lost too (I have been unable to locate the actual Hansard record of that speech or ruling.)

Here is the English translation of my great grandfather’s 1879 speech, from the book *The History of the Morison or Morrison Family* by Leonard A. Morrison, published in 1880.

*“Mr. Speaker, and honourable gentlemen.*

*I have been noticing that great initiatives have been set up, and great assent has been given them by some honourable Canadians here, and in other places, to establish the preservation of the French language in this corner of the Dominion, by more pay being given to schoolteachers who teach the French children, the French language.*

*But I am of the opinion that the venerable Gaelic is as precious and as useful to be taught as any other language; truly, Gaelic is the oldest language, and the best language that is in the world today.*

*The speakers of English believe that that language is more entitled to respect than Gaelic; but they are foolish, and I am sure that there won’t be found today one person who speaks English correctly, except the man who has Gaelic.*

*Gaelic was the first language on earth, and when that language isn’t around, there won’t be need of any.*

*Therefore, if provision is made for the French language, certainly provision must be made for the Gaelic.*

*The great scholars in the old country tell us that Gaelic is the king of all languages, that it is rich, perfected, artistic, melodious, and expressive, and very good for worship, and every other good thing.*

*Gaelic is the language that Adam spoke, in the garden, it’s the language of the bards, and the histori-*

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ans, and it must be kept up.

*There's nothing in the French language but poor sputtering; and part of English isn't much better.*

*Therefore, I say: Up with the Gaelic in School, and out of school; and if a shilling is obtained to keep up the confused awkward language of the French, let there be ten shillings for the great, honourable Gaelic. Do you hear?"*

The hyperbole is impressive!

In 1890 Senator Thomas Innis (Independent for BC, but raised in Cape Breton) introduced a bill into the Canadian Senate entitled "An Act to provide for the use of Gaelic in official proceedings." He claimed that there were ten Scots senators and eight Irish ones who spoke Gaelic (out of the then total of about 85 Senators, or about 21%), and thirty-two members of the House of Commons (out of 263, or about 12%) who spoke either Gaelic or Erse (the Irish variety of Gaelic.) He too failed to get Gaelic more formally recognized.

As an aside, another look at the use of Gaelic is set out in the 2007 novel, *A Stone on Their Cairn* (2007) by Kevin MacLeod. It is set in the communities in St Ann's between 1897 and 1914. Each chapter contains a mixture of Gaelic and English. It is a very readable history of the time and place, and the Scottish culture there.

Many of you may remember Kevin MacLeod from the 2008 North American Gathering in Ottawa, where he spoke on, and did book signings of that book. In 1992, Queen Elizabeth II invested him as a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) for personal service to the Sovereign. He was appointed Usher of the Black Rod, Senate of Canada, on March 27, 2008. The Usher of the Black Rod carries out a 600 year old Parliamentary tradition as the personal attendant and messenger of the Sovereign or her representative.

## Eager to Learn Gaelic?

Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College

We're excited to let you know that registration for classes starting September 2021 is now open!



We've re-branded the program as Gaelic Online Gàidhlig air Loidhne with Colaisde na Gàidhlig. There are supplemental programs available according to your learning needs and where you are in your journey that we can fill you in on later as well.

Gaelic Online classes consist of 28 weeks of live instruction via Zoom, where you'll learn with experienced instructors and people from around world. You'll improve your ability to speak, read and write in the language of the Scottish Gaels. Learning this language is a key that can unlock a rich treasure-house of song, story, community, humour and friendship!

Learn more and register at

<https://gaeliccollege.edu>

# Clan Bell North America - President's Message



Welcome springtime, everyone!

I hope the longer days and warmer temperatures are lifting your spirits. Kathy and I are planting flowers and garden herbs to make the most of sunny weather and to spice up our meals.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a dark shadow over plans for too long and it is good to see an end coming to most restrictions. The number of cases is in decline in most states and vaccinations are having a positive effect on overall health.

We got our vaccinations, as have some other Clan Bell commissioners. The extra fins we grew afterward look really nice. Seriously though, the choice to vaccinate should give us more options to run tents at Scottish games.

Spring is here and there may be some Scottish games in 2021. There have been several games held in person in Florida. The 2021

games in Maryville, Tennessee at Maryville College the home of the "Fighting Scots" are on track, and there should be larger games like Grandfather Mountain in July and Stone Mountain in October.

We also look forward to Scottish games in the mid-Atlantic, New England, and various states out west. Some games could be held virtually (as is the case with the ScottishFest in Costa Mesa, California scheduled for Memorial day weekend) or canceled, but we hope these are few, and we will be flexible to adapt as needed and follow any needed precautions.

Many games and festivals organizers in larger urban areas are waiting to see if it will be possible to go forward with their outdoor event plans.

If you feel you have been kept indoors too long, let me encourage you to find a Clan Bell tent near you to give you some positive energy and a change of scenery:

*"The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun."*

- Christopher McCandless

We look forward to an active and exciting year for Clan Bell.

Slainte mhath!  
Joe

# Clan Bell at Games & Festivals

Northeast Florida  
Scottish Highland  
Games & Festival

**SATURDAY**  
FEBRUARY 27, 2021

Clay County Fairgrounds  
2497 S.R. 16 West  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043



Set up done, the Clan Bell tent is ready for visitors!

Visitors to the NEFLSHG were welcomed to the Clan Bell tent by CBNA Florida Commissioner Richard Bell, and tent warriors Thea Jilderda Saccasyn, Richard's daughter Jessica Bell Wright, and son-in-law John Wright. The weather was pleasant with a high of 80° and a nice breeze. Jessica especially enjoyed meeting the Highland Coo.



Richard, Jessica, and John preparing for the Clan March.



The Highland Coo was a bit hit with Jessica and the other visitors to the NFSHG!



Richard awaits visitors to the well-appointed Clan Bell tent.

# The Elliot Clan Society - Canadian Region



Hello friends,

Our last newsletter listed the cancellations we endured in 2020. As I write this, the early morning birds are singing in the long-awaited Spring and the promise of better days.

One unexpected blessing of the pandemic has been the wide-spread adoption of zoom for virtual get-togethers by families and friends. My dance group here in London followed the example of our parent organization, The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, in offering weekly zoom dance classes. While it is



a little strange to dance with ghost partners, it nevertheless allows us to connect socially as well.

As you can see by the list compiled by CASSOC, some Games and Festivals will be online this summer to prepare for a return to in-person celebrations next year.

Finally, congratulations to Curly Elliott on the publication of his new book *The Life Story of A Farm Boy from Saskatchewan* which he says is already meeting with encouraging sales. I have already ordered a copy to be inscribed and presented to Margaret at next year's Gathering, although it will be sent ahead for her reading pleasure first!

Please stay safe and well. And remember...

## **NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED**

- **Sunshine is not cancelled**
- **Love is not cancelled**
- **Relationships are not cancelled**
- **Reading is not cancelled**
- **Naps are not cancelled**
- **Devotion is not cancelled**
- **Music is not cancelled**
- **Dancing is not cancelled**
- **Imagination is not cancelled**
- **Kindness is not cancelled**
- **Conversations are not cancelled**
- **Hope is not cancelled.**

Yours aye,

*Catherine Elliot Shaw*

# The Elliot Clan Society - Canadian Region

## The Elliot Tartan: Rich History



There are two different versions of the Elliot tartan available today. The ancient version uses lighter colors, as the dyes were made from plants and berries. The dark stripes appear to be a dark burgundy or brown, and the blue is a lighter shade.

## History of the tartan

Following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745, the wearing of kilts and tartans was banned by the Hanoverians except for Scottish Regiments.

In the early nineteenth century, there was a revival of interest in Scottish culture which was romanticized by Sir Walter Scott and Robbie Burns. Scott particularly emphasized the history of the Borders. During this time of "Scottish revival", George IV made a tour of Scotland and proudly wore the Royal Stewart tartan. He held a great ball for the leading families of Scotland who all wore traditional Scottish dress. Most family tartans are the plaids that were chosen by the Clan Chief to wear to this famous ball.

In our case, the tartan is the one that was worn by the Earl and Countess of Minto. While not the Chief, the Earl held the highest aristocratic rank. Therefore, it is not very ancient, but it is official and now registered as our

clan's tartan.

Excerpted from an article for the Elliot Clan website by R. D. Elliott, former Ontario Central Chapter Chair.

## *The Elliot connection to the village of Iona Station, Ontario*



George Munroe surveyed the area around 1815 and named the community after the Holy Isle of Iona in Argyllshire off the west coast of Scotland. The settlement straddled the town line and the Dunwich side was called Elliottsville for Sarah Elliott who had donated land for a Methodist church. Iona/Elliottsville was an important wagon stop for traders between Niagara and Amherstburg and the population reached 700 by 1870. Two years later the Michigan Central Railroad built its line northwest of the village and offered passenger service to the area. It is said that when the conductor announced the stop "Iona Station, Iona Station", some bright light replied, "That's nothing, I own a whole farm!"

# Clan Gregor Society - Welcome the Menzies



## Welcome the Menzies!

On a dark day in 1502, the Perthshire castle of Weem (now Castle Menzies), home of the Clan Menzies chiefs, was burned by Neil Stewart of Garth and a band of Roro MacGregors over succession disputes for land tenure. The roof, furnishings and part of the Z-plan fortalice were destroyed. Ironically, a century or so earlier, the Roro chieftain in nearby Glenlyon married the daughter of the then Menzies chief in a period when relations were better. Such

stories are common in medieval Scotland, where it's fair to say that throughout the turbulent history, there is not one building or plot of land that has not been disputed, fought over, and often changed hands.

At this time, the MacGregors were not outlawed. They did however represent a formidable fighting force which was sometimes difficult to control. The major troubles with Campbell overlords were yet to come, although as that clan gained the lands around Loch Tay and Glen Lyon, Roro families were being pushed out. In 1513, the most disastrous battle in Scottish history took place at Flodden, England, with the loss of James IV and many of the nobles and clan leaders who had supported him. In the aftermath, and perhaps through the good graces of the earlier marriage, a number of Glenlyon MacGregors moved north to holdings around Loch Rannoch belonging to the Menzies. From here they could raid and retreat to the impenetrable wastes of Rannoch Moor. Their powerful neighbors soon filed complaints against Menzies and in 1523 we find him in the following position -

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*"To put and hald MacGregour his clan and complices out of the said Robertis landis of Rannach haldin be him of our soverane lord in feu ferme and failzeing thair of the said Robert to answer for the hale scaith done by the said MacGregour and his clan to our soverane Lordis legis of Athole and utheris nixt adjacent thairto quhilk is impossible to the said Robert to do considering the said MacGregour on force enterit in the said Robertis landis and withaldis the samyn fra him maisterfully and is of fer gretar power than the said Robert and will nocht be put out be him of the saidis landis"*

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The above is Robert Menzies' response to a complaint by the Duke of Athole demanding he control his tenants. Menzies replies in these remarkable words "the said MacGregor entered my lands in force and holds them masterfully, being of far greater power than me. They will not be put out of their lands".

Records indicate that we do not pay Robert or his successors the rent for something like a hundred years.

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Fast forward to 2016/17, when various meetings by Peter, Richard and Keith take place with David Henderson, caretaker for Castle Menzies. As one chat lead to another we were introduced to Neil and Rory Menzies, trustees for the estate, who were quite friendly, or should I say understanding, when our past trespasses came up in the conversation. In fact, they were even better than that as we began to discuss what we might do for each other: they had a glorious medieval castle and we had none; we could bring large numbers of visitors to their venue

especially during our International Gatherings (in fact, we were planning for 125 members to join us in 2018). We were in need of a large venue for our catered dinner. Their response was, come up to the second floor -we've got just the thing! The rest, as they say, is history...



**Banquet hall (large window)**

Our story doesn't end there. We told them that the museum in Killin where our artifacts were housed was closing and they had to be moved. In a generous display of hospitality, a third floor room in the castle, next to the Menzies museum was offered for a new MacGregor museum, free of charge – just pay for the cases...!

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MacGregor Museum 3rd floor below the turret

A few short months before our 2018 entourage arrived, the artifacts were moved in and displays set up (special thanks to Peter), and our annual AGM banquet was set for Castle Menzies. For those who attended it was an event one won't soon forget. Rory Menzies offered the first toast – “Welcome back! Where have you been? We’ve missed you!” – to which Neil Menzies added “I think you owe us some back rent...” which brought down the house!

To which I add, “Welcome the Menzies” when you meet them at games and events. Share our stories. Offer a dram. And thank their clan for a true showing of good will, and real Highland hospitality.

-Keith MacGregor [kmac1@optonline.net](mailto:kmac1@optonline.net)



From the Gathering 2018

Banquet attendees at Castle Menzies

# Clan Gregor Society - The Dalmally Stones

By Keith MacGregor, Clan Gregor Society - North American Representative

The Dalmally stones and their discovery and preservation have been the most important archaeological research the Society has ever carried out. For those of you new to the Society and to CGSCC, I'd like to offer these highlights on our monuments over the past twenty years, especially because your chapter has a special connection here.

The inspiration for Richard McGregor, Chairman

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Location of the Dalmally Stones



Keith MacGregor presenting the MacGregor carved stones on a clan tour

# Clan Gregor Society - The Dalmally Stones

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and Keith MacGregor, North American Representative, began with the Brydale papers, a set of traveler's notes and sketches by Thomas Brydale, buried deep in Scotland's archives. Brydale records a number of medieval carved stones lying in the Dalmally churchyard. *(Figure 1 page 29)*

With that, it was our good fortune to possess The Book of the Dean of Lismore, compiled by the clan's own James MacGregor, Dean of Lismore during the 16th century. This medieval gem contained a number of early bardic poems from the oral tradition, and the Obituaries: biographical material on MacGregor chiefs, circa 1390-1529 *(Figure 2 - page 29)*. These sources became the basis for the Dalmally Stones Project, which owes much to contributions from individual donors, the majority of whom are members of SEUS.

Our first object was to identify the in situ locations of these medieval stones in the churchyard, which became something of a treasure hunt. They had at one time been inside the first church on the site, which was almost definitely built by the MacGregors centuries ago.

Our studies revealed the partial walls of that church, within the present one. *(Figure 3 page 32)*.

"The graveyard is of national importance because of its collection of Medieval grave slabs and for its potential to provide archaeological information relating to the Medieval and seventeenth-century churches which previously occupied the site." - Statement of Importance by the Scottish government

The Reformation in Scotland led by John Knox was particularly cruel in the Highlands, where religion-as-politics provided a convenient excuse for harrying the Highland clans, most of whom remained Catholic. In 1560, the Campbells announced their Protestant "conversion", practically overnight, resulting in what the Campbells themselves called "The MacGregor Wars".

In 1615 Black Duncan Campbell rebuilt the church and ordered the MacGregor stones tossed outside. Pre-Reformation altars, viewed as heretical, were often buried where they stood in order to erase the past. We believe that was done at this location, and we had the Dean's identification for where our chiefs were buried, on both sides of that altar, over 600 years ago.

We determined to use **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)** and magnetometers to "map" the

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# Clan Gregor Society - The Dalmally Stones

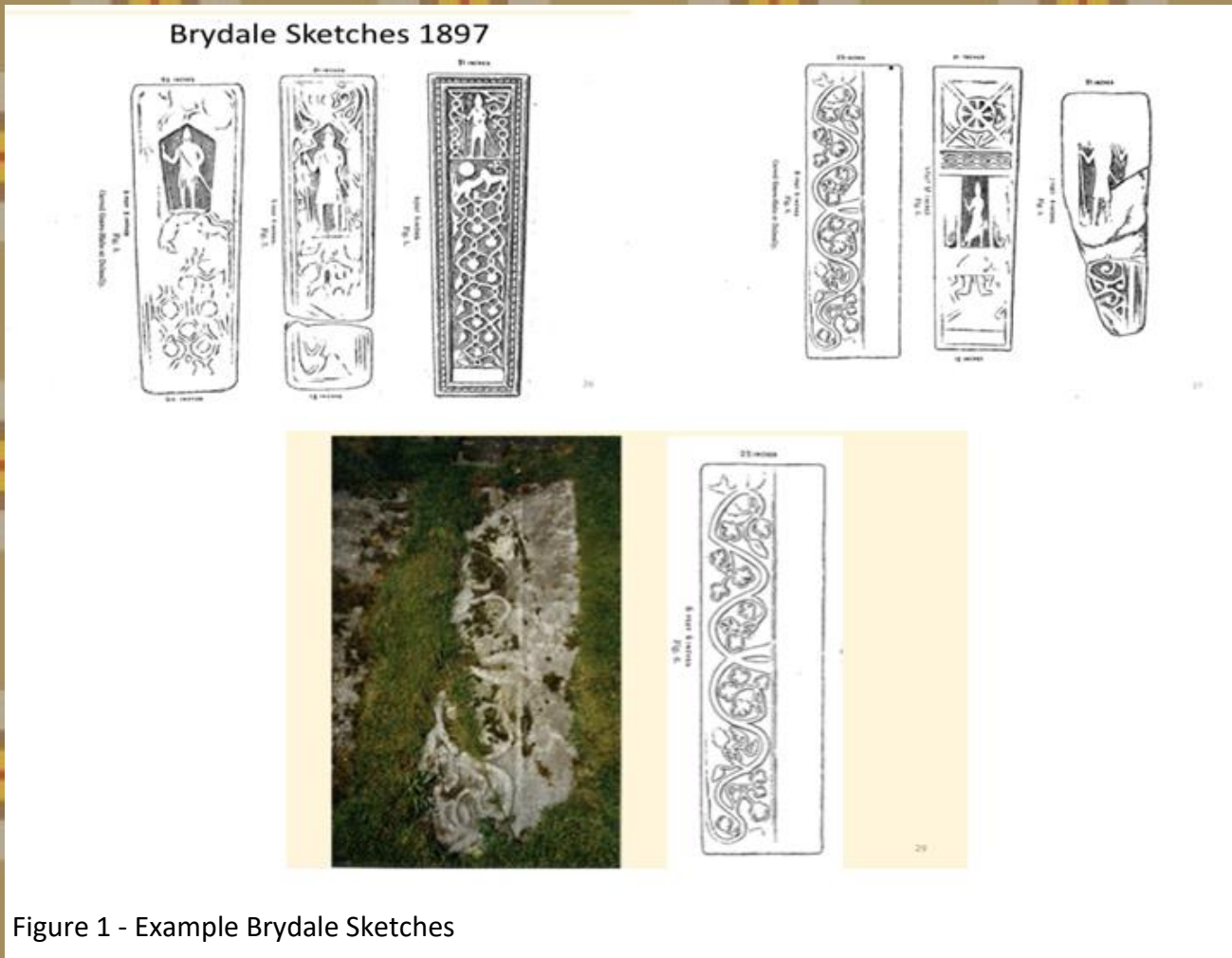


Figure 1 - Example Brydale Sketches

1526, January	Death of Malcolm Macwilliam, in the month of January, in the year 1526; he was buried in Branvo.
-- July 31	Death of Gregor, son of John Macgregor, alias McEwine McAllaster, of Glenstray, at the Isle of Lochrannoch; he was buried in Dysart, in a stone coffin, on the north side of the High Altar of Glenstray, on the last side of the High Altar of Glenstray, on the last day of July, in the year 1526. Dominical letter G. May his soul rest in peace.

Figure 2 - Obituary from The Book of the Dean Lismore

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entire floor of the church and the entranceway, which had been the altar for the period we were searching.

The carved gravestones (SM 3810) at Glenorchy Church are considered to be of the Loch Awe school and different from other regional carvings such as the Iona school (Caldwell et al 2010). They are similar to Stones at Kilmartin which, it is speculated, were carved from designs found in a Templar manual. They represent a level of artistic expertise/design far above other schools of stone-carving in the Medieval period.

What this GPR reading suggests that there are a number of larger anomalies (*Figure 4 - Page 32 outlined in orange*), in the area of first high altar. These correlated almost perfectly with the descriptions the Dean had recorded.

Conservation management studies showed that the stones had been exposed to the elements for some time, and some had been chipped by mowers. Our recommended plan of action for conserving heritage value and through discussions with all interested parties, we opted to move the stones into the sanctuary area of the church. That process would take years, going from “No” across the board from ministers, church elders, and local historical groups, but we remained determined, as some will recall.

Following extensive presentations and documentation of our findings over many years, we were delighted to hear the decision of the Dalmally Church Elders. Here is the August 2015 Extract from the Kirk Session minutes:

“MacGREGOR RESOLUTION: A letter received from the Clan MacGregor was read out asking for Kirk Session permission to reposition gravestones presently in the churchyard. The document, agreed to and signed by the clerk, asserts that the Elders are happy to support the proposal subject to subsequent discussions as to the exact location of the stones within the church.”  
EUREKA!

“The Dalmally Stones project is alive and well and moving towards completion”. I wrote that to update our membership in early 2019, little knowing the catastrophe that lay ahead. We had just entered yet another revision of the required application, for Historic Scotland - one “final” hurdle to actually moving the stones. A significant grant from the government was necessary to

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# Clan Gregor Society - The Dalmally Stones

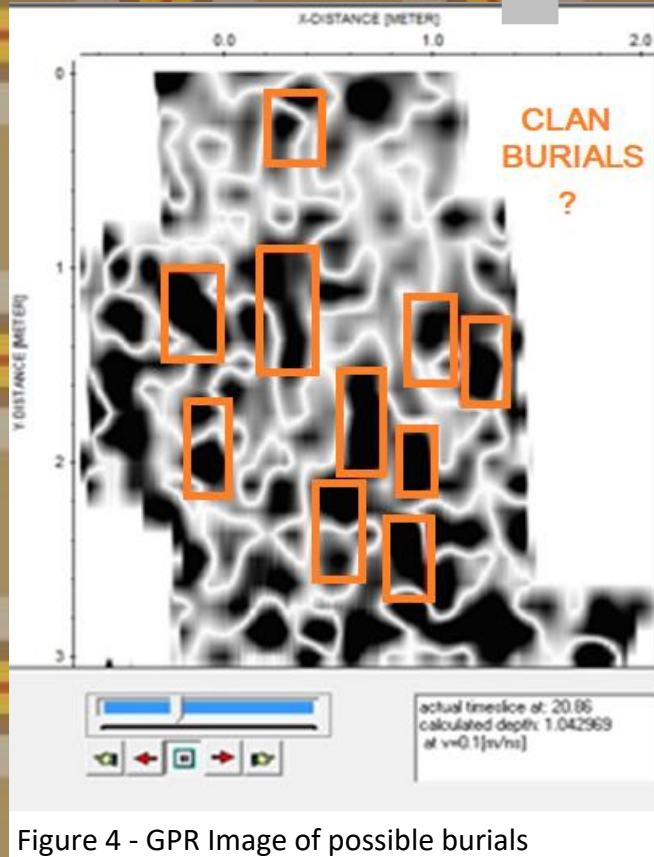
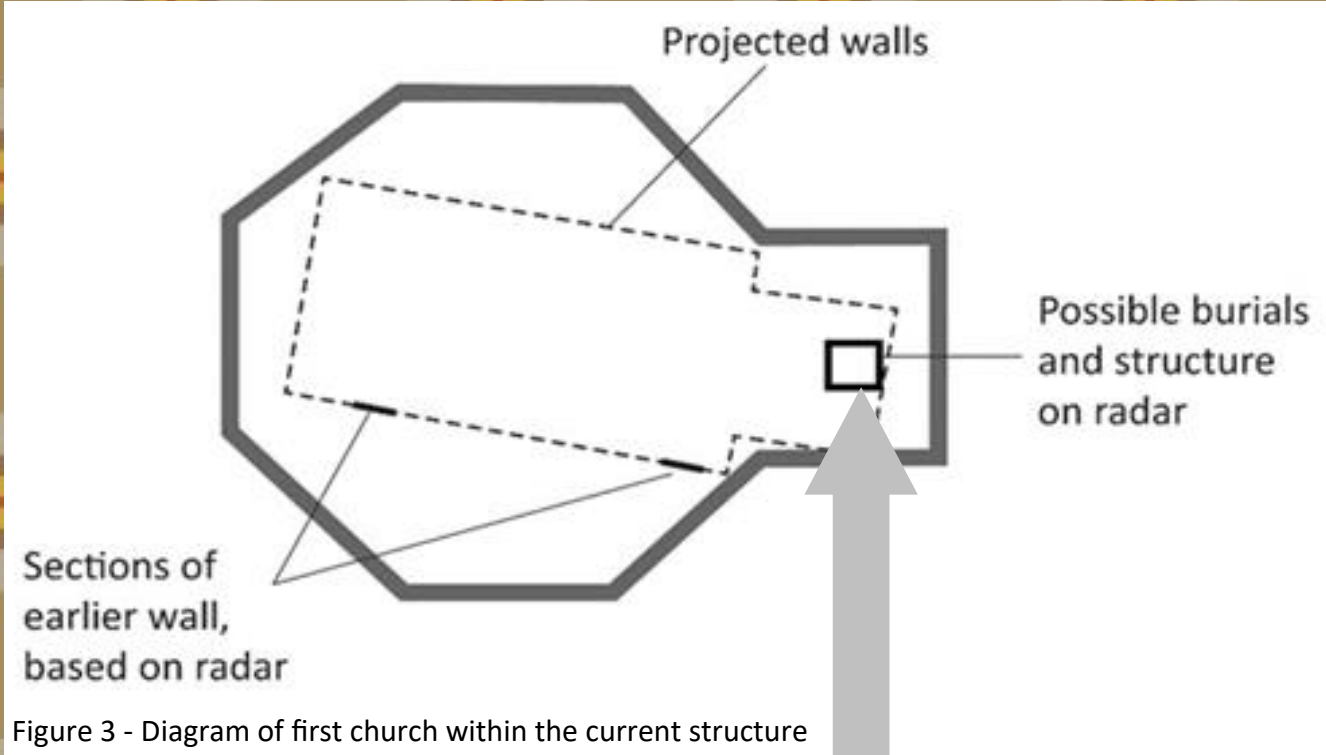


Glenorchy Parish Church - location of the Dalmally stones



Richard McGregor, Sir Malcolm and Lady MacGregor during the GPR survey

# Clan Gregor Society - The Dalmally Stones





# Clan Gregor Society - The Dalmally Stones

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achieve the estimated to cost - some 88,000 GBP. This also meant that all monies the Society had collected from donors would go to the project, a magnificent gesture from our clan at that time.

We hoped to have the stones project done by next summer, and while the wheels of Historic Environment Scotland were turning, the incalculable impact of COVID-19 hit the world. With that, it appeared that much of the Scottish government's spending had been "locked down". We received a terse one sentence statement from them stating "Need to see more community involvement. Thank you – please re-apply." That's doubletalk for "we're not spending anything right now"!

Though it seems the battle is never over, MacGregor bonds of clanship and a deep sense of heritage binds us. It does not diminish – certainly not in this clan as history clearly shows. It is now our goal to see the Stones standing inside Dalmally church for our International Gathering in 2022, or 2023 (just in case), for all to see.

One more item here - the Dalmally stones project has now become instrumental in actually saving Dalmally church from being shuttered. With less and less church attendance in Scotland each year, the Church of Scotland is currently looking at closing a number of rural churches, usually medieval and in need of repair. It turns out Dalmally was on the short list with two other nearby churches. By our actions in petitioning to move these registered medieval monuments (the stones) into the church, itself is a landmarked building, and by highlighting their historic importance to Clan Gregor, we have generated a value and purpose for that site which does not exist for the others. Optimism dictates that our efforts may keep the doors in Dalmally glen open for a long time to come!

\*Special thanks goes to our supporters – Ms JoAnn Pippin, Pat Skelton, Inez & Suzanne Boothe and their families, Fred Smith, Bob Terpening and all who have donated.

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# Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games



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After the events of 2020 caused the Clan MacEwen Society's Gathering to be cancelled, a hybrid gathering was designed for 2021 to take into account the international travel restrictions still in place preventing Clan members from around the world journeying to the Clan's Scottish HQ in Kilfinan, Argyll.

The Hybrid gathering made use of modern online video conferencing facilities and with the help of a financial grant from the Scottish Government, a host of online workshops on the subjects of genealogical research, presentations and content from local food and drink providers as well as cultural storytellers accompanied a programme which included video tours of Kilfinan and the surrounding areas including the location of the now ruined Castle Mac Ewen. Both the pre-recorded presentations and the live videos were then available for viewing at any time, enabling

those from different time zones to 'catch up' at their convenience and not miss out on the content. Virtual participants joined those there in person to participate in various workshops, which included whisky tasting, family tree explorations, Gaelic classes and much more, as well as a great deal of fun and relaxed social chatting.

The ambitious five-day set of activities went smoothly until the beginning of the Society's Annual General Meeting which was due to be broadcast live from Kilfinan, when nature interfered. A fierce storm in Kilfinan disrupted the internet connection at the original venue and so the live participants scrambled to a nearby home with a stronger internet connection, the inhabitants thankfully were very obliging and their living room was morphed into a meeting room and taken over by Clan MacEwen for the two hour meeting which thankfully went smoothly thereafter, it goes to show Scottish weather is never to be underestimated!



The Society AGM featured reports from all of the Clan's Country Commissioners, including Canada, as some parts of the world accelerate towards reopening and 'normality' quicker than others, the meetings provided a good opportunity to connect and reconnect with Clan members around the world, and hopefully 2022 enables a physical gathering of a normal size to take place.

Maggie McEwan  
Canadian Convener, Clan MacEwen Society

# Clan MacAulay Association - Pictish Stone Restoration



## Clan MacAulay Supports Restoration of Pictish Stone

Author: Sean McAuley, Treasurer, Clan MacAulay

In December 2019 the Scotsman newspaper published a list titled 'Five of Scotland's most fascinating archaeological finds of 2019.' Number 4 on their list was a 1,200-year-old intricately carved Pictish 'cross-slab' Stone which had been re-discovered and excavated from a churchyard in Dingwall in the Scottish Highlands. What makes this rare discovery of particular interest to Clan MacAulay is the fact that since 1796 this Dark Age Pictish stone has marked the last resting place of Hugh and Alexander MacAulay.

These men and their lives are unknown to us today, but their names are destined to live on as the North of Scotland Archaeological Society

(NOSAS) and the Pictish Arts Society launched a campaign to raise funds for the stone to be expertly repaired and conserved before being placed on permanent display at Dingwall Museum.

The Clan MacAulay Association was approached by David McGovern, Vice-President of the Pictish Arts Society asking if we would be willing to contribute to the conservation fund. Clan MacAulay contributed and invited our members to make a private donation to NOSAS.

The names of Hugh and Alexander MacAulay, which can clearly be seen carved into the surface, will be preserved alongside the mythical beasts, Pictish symbols, an animal-headed warrior with sword and shield and large ornate cross.

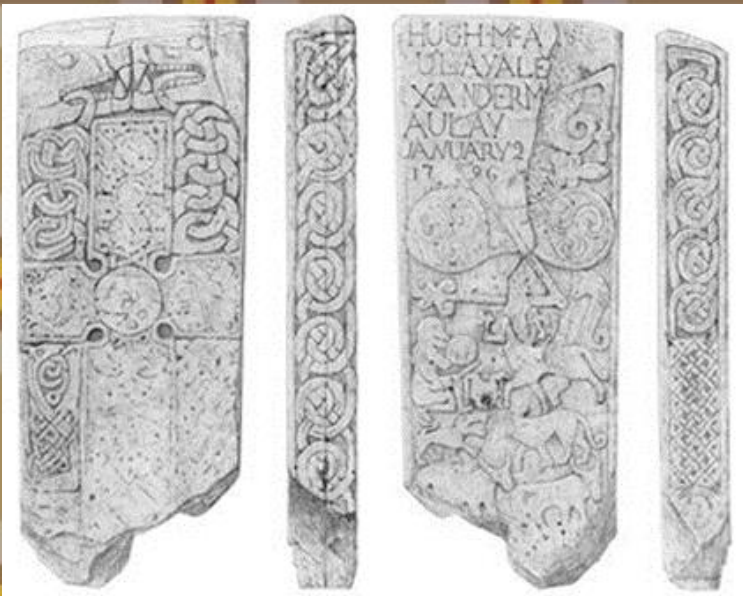
The stone, which was broken in antiquity, would once have stood over seven feet tall and is described as being of national importance.

The stone is now on display at the Dingwall Museum and would make a pleasant addition to any trip to Scotland.

Clan MacAulay was delighted to be able to assist NOSAS by donating to preserve such an important Pictish stone monument. Here is the Conan Stone video which tells the story of the stone's discovery in 2019, its recovery and conservation, and its installation at Dingwall Museum.

<https://fb.watch/4njS2Chw9o/>

# Clan MacAulay Association - Pictish Stone Restoration



# Clan MacFarlane Worldwide - Diggin' The Dirt



## DIGGIN' THE DIRT

### MACFARLANE ARCHAEOLOGY IN ARROCHAR PARISH - LOCH LOMOND, SCOTLAND

*By Peter F McFarlin, ed. (CMW; Heritage Committee, Advisory Board, past president) June 2019*

**MACFARLANE HISTORY** -The area around Loch Lomond formed the territory of the medieval Earldom of Lennox. An early charter records that Gilchrist, a younger son of the Earl of Lennox, was granted the lands and barony of Arrochar between 1225 and 1239 and henceforward the lands became known as 'Arrochar MacGilchrist'. The Macfarlane name is derived from the name of Gilchrist's grandson, Parlane (b ca 1290). The Clan Macfarlane occupied the north-western shore of the loch from at least the early 14th century. In 1784, William MacFarlane, 17th Chief and 20th Baron, sold the estates of Arrochar and the Clan became landless. By then many MacFarlanes had left for Ireland, North America and Australia. Clan MacFarlane is currently armigerous.

**CMW GOALS** - One of the missions of Clan MacFarlane Worldwide (CMW) is to explore,

document, preserve, and share the history, heritage, and traditions of ancient Clan MacFarlane. We aim to shed more light on the lives of our ancestors. Since 2011, CMW and members of Clan MacFarlane Worldwide have promoted, supported and taken part in archaeological digs in our ancestral homeland around beautiful Loch Lomond. Experienced participants in these digs have included professional archaeologists; Fiona Baker, Prof David Starbuck, and Dr Heather James. Also; the Association of Certified Archaeologists, students from the University of Glasgow, local community members and MacFarlane descendants from both Scotland and the US. In all the archaeological digs in which CMW has been involved, permission from land owners was always obtained. Further, any required permits were also obtained from; Historic Scotland, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Nat'l Park, Nat'l Monuments Register, and Scottish Natural Heritage.

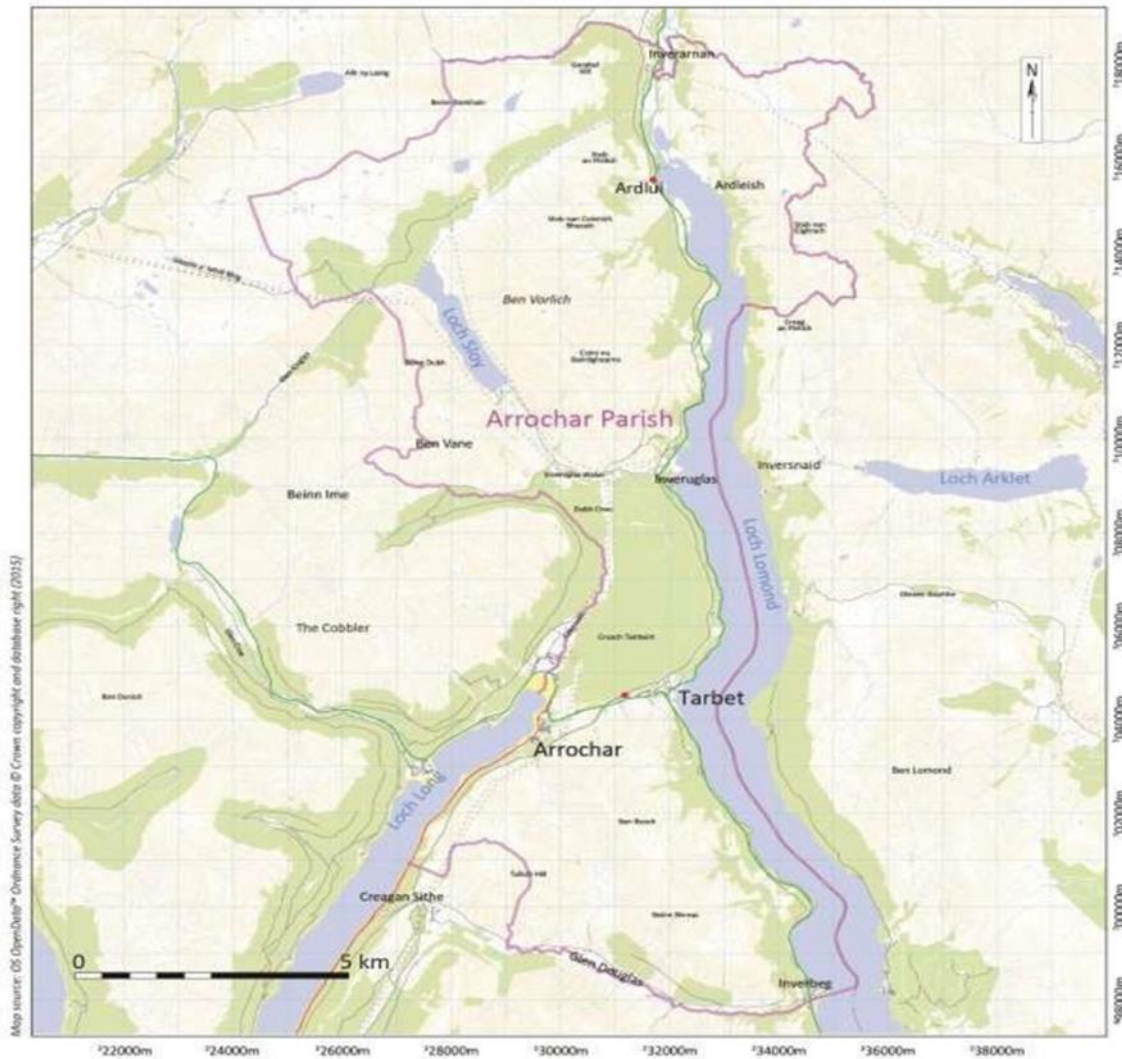
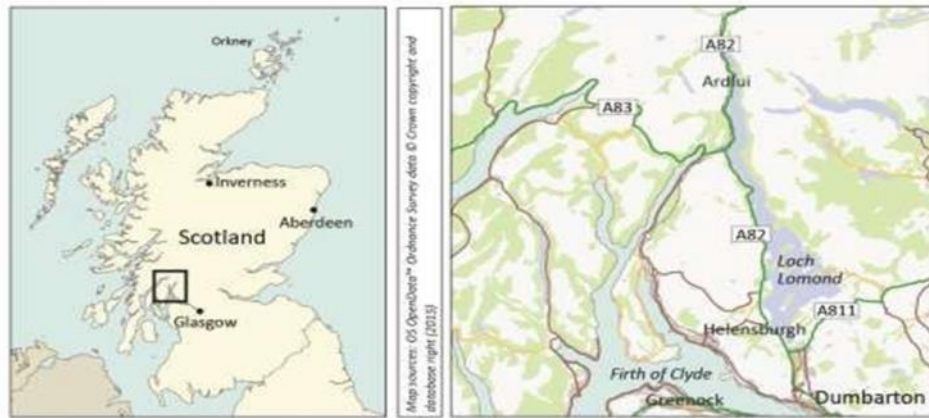
**FOUR ISLAND STRONGHOLDS** - The four ancient MacFarlane island strongholds in northern Loch Lomond are of especial interest (see below; 2015 - Clan MacFarlane ruins on Four Loch Lomond Islands; P F McFarlin). These structures have now been partly studied and described. Ylen Eunlich (ca1300-1500's), the furthest north, appears to be the oldest. Then comes Inveruglas Isle and castle ca1500's-1654, Elen Vhow 1577-1784, and Tarbet Isle late 1500-1700's.

Even more ancient artifacts were found on; Tarbet; a sherd of a Bronze age funerary urn ca 1500BC and on Eunlich; prehistoric worked quartz. Also see the 2017 studies of nearby Succoth.

Image next page - *Location of Arrochar Parish - The Ancestral MacFarlane Highlands*

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# Clan MacFarlane Worldwide - Diggin' The Dirt

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## **2014 - Tarbet Isle in Loch Lomond**

*Data Structure Report by Northlight Heritage on behalf of Peter McFarlin and Preston McFarland Pub. March 5 2015*

### **Abstract**

An excavation, consisting of five small trenches, was undertaken on Tarbet Isle in October 2014 on behalf of the public through members of the Clan MacFarlane. Timothy Pont had depicted a castle on the island on his map of the late 16th century and a survey of the island had identified the footings of a rectangular structure. The excavations revealed the remains of a two-roomed, trapezoidal-shaped, drystone structure. The north room contained a burnt layer of coal and wood ash, suggesting the presence of a hearth. Several pottery

sherds and a coin dating to the 17th century were found, and it is thought that the structure was occupied in the 17th & 18th centuries. The island may have been used for storage, or as a lookout for the Clan Macfarlane so that they could control movement up the loch, or watching other activities on the lochside perhaps assisting them in the extraction of a levy.

A single pottery sherd belonging to a large, flat-rimmed bucket urn was also found within rubble debris. This may have been used to bury cremated human bone on the island in about 1500 to 1000 BC. A cairn of stones over the urn may have been disturbed for the construction of the 17th century building.

LINK to full Report; [Tarbet Isle](#)

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## 2016 - Walkover survey of Arrochar parish

*Data Structure Report by Northlight Heritage on behalf of Clan Macfarlane Worldwide Pub. Jan 17 2017*

### Abstract

Northlight Heritage was commissioned by Clan Macfarlane Worldwide to undertake a walkover survey of Arrochar parish, Argyll and Bute, Scotland, in the spring of 2016 in order to shed light on the history and archaeology of their traditional clan territory. The survey was undertaken by members of the local community, the Association of Certificated Field Archaeologists (ACFA) and students from the University of Glasgow and was led by Northlight Heritage.

A total of 88 sites were identified, the majority of which were new. The new sites were rapidly recorded and included 22 single house/barn/byre sites, 21 single shielings or groups of shielings, 9 farmsteads consisting of groups

of more than one structure, four earth or stone banks, three possible mills, three building platforms, three clearance cairns, two enclosures, two concrete platforms, two kilns, two bridges, two knocking stones and two sheepfolds. Earth banks and areas of rig and furrow were common features in the landscape but were generally not recorded unless they were associated with a structure.

The most significant discoveries included a possible 16th century almshouse built by a Macfarlane clan chief on the banks of Loch Lomond (Site 28) and three probably 18th century farmsteads. Two of these farmsteads were in Glen Douglas and have been identified as Greitnein (Site 18) and Gartanfean (Site 22). A farmstead at the N end of Loch Lomond was identified as Tighfurl (Site 58). The remains of a possible 18th century mill at Camas nan Clais (Site 44/46) were also discovered. An excavation of one of these sites is planned for the spring of 2017.

Link to full Report; [Walkover](#)

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## **2017 - A possible Almshouse at Creag a'Phuirt on Loch Lomond**

*Data Structure Report by Calluna Archaeology on behalf of Clan Macfarlane Worldwide  
Pub. July 21 2017*

### **Abstract**

An excavation was carried out on a site at Creag a'Phuirt on the west shore of Loch Lomond in 2017. It was thought that this might be an almshouse built by James Macfarlane opposite his house on Island I Vow between 1612 and 1625 to provide for travelers passing through the district. The building proved to be a small,

well-built, slightly trapezoidal-shaped structure, with a slate roof, but no obvious entrance or fireplace. The floor consisted of re-deposited loch-side material with water-rolled stones and contained a sherd of late 16th/17th century window glass and a broken sherd of 17th century pottery. Considering its location and date, this structure may well have been the almshouse perhaps comprising two stories, with access from an outer stair. By the mid-19th century the walls had been robbed and the site left ruinous. The site has been used in recent times for wild camping.

Link to full Report; [Almshouse](#)

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## 2018 - Ylen Eunlich (Island Eillich) in Loch Lomond

Data Structure Report by Calluna Archaeology on behalf of Clan Macfarlane Worldwide Pub. May 11 2019

### Abstract

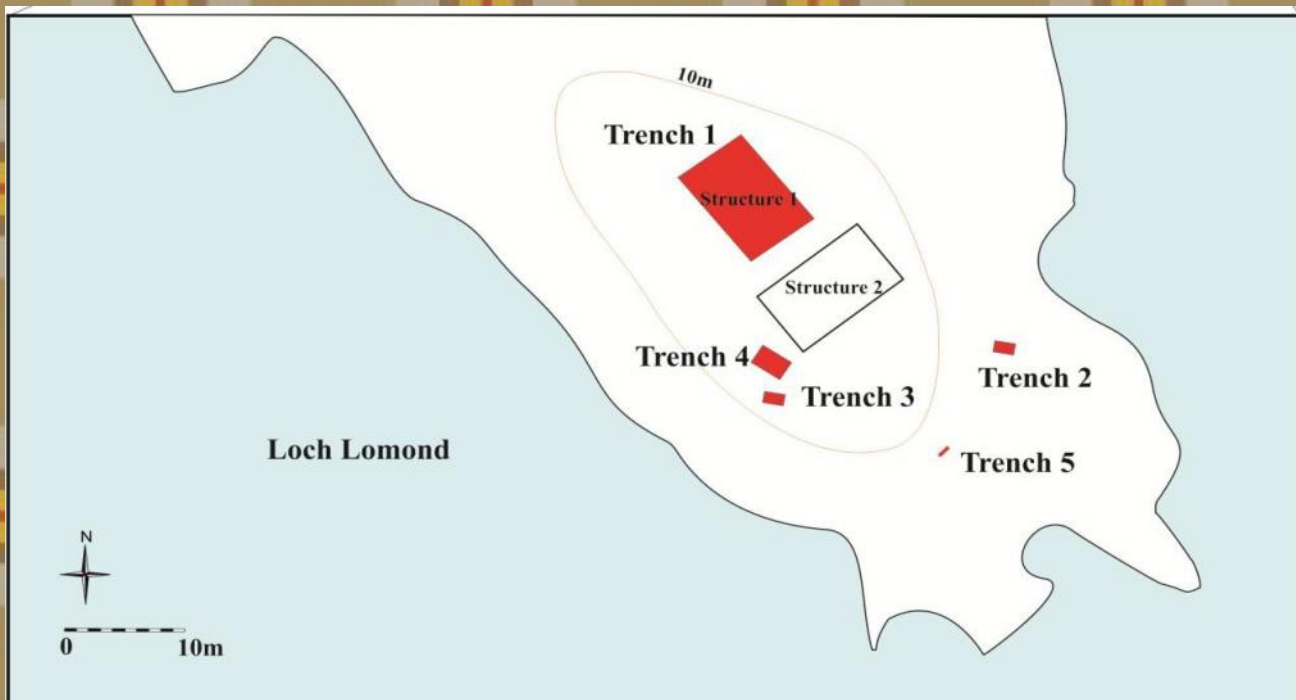
An excavation was carried out on Ylen Eunlich (Island Eillich), Loch Lomond, Argyll & Bute, Scotland, for three weeks in September 2018, on behalf of Clan Macfarlane Worldwide. The low remains of two rectangular structures had been identified on the summit of a tree-covered knoll on a narrow promontory at the north end of the loch. One trench investigated one of these two structures and four other smaller trenches examined deposits in the vicinity.

In Trench 1, Structure 1 had walls up to 1.0m thick constructed of earth and stone, with slightly rounded external corners and an off-centre entrance to the NE. The remains suggested that the roof had been supported on internal timber crucks sitting on bedrock or in

stone settings. A possible floor layer contained medieval pottery dating to between the 14th and 16th centuries, fireflints, iron nails and slate fragments. There was a spread of ashy material towards one end of the building, a deposit of charcoal at the other. Two possible post-holes were recorded, but there was no formal hearth or evidence for internal divisions. Only two courses of stone wall survived, but there was significant tumble in the vicinity indicating that the stone walls were originally higher. The building is thought to have been hip-roofed rather than to have had high gable ends. There was no evidence for any earlier structures.

Trench 2 was located on a flat area to the SE of Trench 1, next to an ancient yew tree. There were three features cut into the subsoil, the shapes and full extents of which were not ascertained. The features were devoid of datable finds, apart from two small fragments of slate. These features were sealed by a deposit that contained medieval pottery, a possible fire-flint and a number of rounded white quartz pebbles.

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## 2018 - Ylen Eunlich (Island Eillich) in Loch Lomond

*Data Structure Report by Calluna Archaeology on behalf of Clan Macfarlane Worldwide*  
*Abstract (cont.)*

Other significant finds included a flattened lead ball and a fragment of unmarked clay pipe stem from Trench 3. There was tumble from Structure 2 and a medieval pot sherd in Trench 4, and large roof slates from Structure 2 in Trench 5. There were some modern finds that probably dated to the 20th and 21st centuries, but there was no evidence that the site was occupied between the 17th and 19th centuries.

Significant amounts of quartz fragments were found in all the trenches, many of which showed signs of having been worked. There were quartz outcrops on the knoll that could have been the source of the quartz, and it has been suggested that this represents a prehistoric tool-producing industry perhaps dating to the Bronze Age/Iron Age transition. Numerous

white quartz pebbles also found were thought to be naturally eroded beach pebbles.

The place name Ylen Eunlich is used throughout this report as this is depicted on Ponts 16th century map of Loch Lomond. The 'n' of Ylen (Eilean = Gaelic for 'Island') was written with what is known as a nasal suspension mark, where a stroke above a vowel means a following m or n (pers. comm. Simon Taylor). Documentary evidence indicates that a farm at the north end of Loch Lomond, called Ardleish, was occupied in the early 16th century by Walter of Ardleish, a close relative of Duncan Macfarlane of Arrochar, the 13th clan chief. (10th chief and 13th Baron, ed.) It is said that Duncan and Walter both perished at the Battle of Pinkie in 1547. The place-name 'Ardleish' now refers to a deserted farmstead near Ylen Eunlich on the east side of the Loch. It is possible that Ylen Eunlich was part of the property of Walter, perhaps the precursor of a later, slightly more accessible farm of Ardleish, (and) was abandoned in the 16th century and not re-occupied. [LINK to full report; Ylen Eunlich](#)

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# Clan Munro Association of Canada - Frae the President's Pen



Dear Cousins;

As I type this, it is early evening on the 21st of June. The summer solstice can be treated as another New Year's Day. In fact, the Summer Solstice was one of eight sacred Celtic days where the Celts would take time to celebrate. Tribes would gather at sacred sites and use fire to commune with welcoming of summer. But the only fire I'll be burning tonight is the one in the front room to keep myself warm!

After eighteen months of fear and restriction, the prospect of being able to travel safely to meet our loved ones is appearing on the horizon. In the UK, travel is permitted now to other parts of Britain, but the destinations on the 'Green List' where one can visit without quarantine is very limited. I can't say I've ever fancied a trip to The Falkland Islands but Brunei with its proboscis monkeys has a certain appeal. Having booked my flights to Florence in August, I'm hoping that the Green List will be expanded to include Italy when an update

statement is made later this week.

One highlight of the past few months has been the online get-together with other members of the Canadian Clan Munro. We had a happy chat, sharing anecdotes and a glass or two of whatever was our pleasure on the day. We are planning another online open session at the end of the summer and we would be delighted to welcome you to the party.

The other big news of the past week has been the nil/nil draw between Scotland and England for the Euro Cup football semi-finals. Although for most, a draw is nothing to get too excited about, for the Scots, it's rare not to lose to the Auld Enemy, and a draw means they may still get into the next round. Let's see how they get on against Croatia this week.

And finally, this weekend, Scotsman Tom Stoltman was crowned the World's Strongest Man, in the competition staged in Sacramento, California. 27-year-old Stoltman is the first Scot to win the prize. He started weightlifting in his teens, though there's nothing to stop us seniors from trying to catch up!

May you all enjoy a glorious summer filled with good health and cheer. Take care of yourselves and hopefully we'll see on another at the next online get-together in a few weeks' time.

With all good wishes.

Yours Aye,

# Clan Munro Association of Canada - CMAC Gathering 2021



Liz & Greg Smith, Jo Ann Tuskin, Jack Murray, John W. Munro, Alec & Joyce Monro and Bill Petrie, Chair of Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada, who generously shared their zoom licence with CMAC.

## A reminder about technology help

It's not a level playing field with technology access and knowledge. While CASSOC has made advances, we know many of our members are unable to take advantage of online tools such as we've used for our meetings and events. For this reason, we're offering to assist, as we are doing with Clan Munro, Clan MacFie and Clan MacFarlane, any of our member groups run an online meeting such as their AGM.

Contact us by email for more details.

# Clan Ramsay International - President's Letter

Fellow Clan Members and Friends of Clan Ramsay: Hopefully, just hopefully, the end of this terrible pandemic is in sight for us. Pray that others around the world who still are suffering the ravages of the virus also soon will be rid of it. I also hope that you have had your covid vaccination. If you haven't, please make arrangements to get it as soon as possible.

After more than a year of a "games draught", it appears that several are back on schedule for this year. Of particular interest to us is the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina July 9-11 because we will hold our Annual General Meeting there on Saturday, July 10. Be sure to join us if you can. I know you must make your own decision about your health and the risks you are willing to take. If you plan on attending the GMHG, please let me ([dick2016@me.com](mailto:dick2016@me.com)) or David Ramsey ([david.ramsey@verizon.net](mailto:david.ramsey@verizon.net)) know so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone.

In the Spring we announced a Clan Ramsay scholarship for folks who want to pursue Scottish music and dancing. This our first year offering such a scholarship. The Clan will make available \$1,000 to support the scholarship. Those funds will be available to pay up to \$1,000 or 75% of the cost of tuition/ attendance, whichever is less, at an accredited teaching institution.

Application for the scholarship will be in the form of a letter from the applicant addressed to Clan Ramsay Scholarship, 434 Skinner Blvd, Dunedin FL

34698. We are extending the deadline for submitting applications until December

31,2021. Scholarship applicants must be between 12 and 18 years of age. If the applicant is under the age of 18, the application must be signed by the parent or guardian.

The application letter must include the applicant's name, age, address, email address and phone number; the amount of training, if any, the applicant has had; a brief (300 word) essay that states why the applicant wants the scholarship; the name of the academy, teaching facility or institution the applicant wants to attend and a letter of recommendation from an accredited instructor or teacher of the instrument or dance the applicant wants to pursue.

I am very pleased to let you know that fellow clan member and author, Richard Childress, has donated several copies of his book, A Historical Lottery, to the clan. We are extremely grateful to Richard for his contribution to the clan! You can now buy book directly from the clan for 60% off the retail price! You can find the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Have a great Scottish summer!

Yours, Aye

Ora et Labor

Dick McGraw, President

Clan Ramsay International





# Clan Ramsay International - Viking History

There is a place called MØLEN close to the city of Larvik.

Instructive signboards provide information about history, geology, biology and fauna. Our ancestors also believed that Mølen was a magical place. During the Iron and Viking Ages at least 230 small and large burial rock mounds were laid, the biggest of them has a diameter of 35 metres. Many people believe that Mølen was the burial place for a branch of the powerful Ynglinge family, minor kings who ruled parts of Norway in the early Viking era.



## Norway's first town was Kaupang

The finds tell us of a permanent, vital society that was in contact with much of Northern Europe. The town was established in the first decade of the 800s and extended in a 500 m wide belt along the west side of the Kaupang inlet.

There were probably around 500 inhabitants in the town, which was deserted some time in the 900s. There are several burial mounds from Viking times; at North and South Kaupang.

## Gokstad – a Viking ship and a burial mound

With the Gokstad mound excavation in 1880 we finally learned what a Viking ship really looked like. The Gokstad mound was built for a Viking



chieftain around 910. He was buried with a large ship measuring 23.5 m in length and 5.2 m in width. The Gokstad ship and the objects found are exhibited at the Viking Ships museum at Bygdøy, in Oslo.

You need not travel to Oslo to see a Viking ship. At Framnes in Sandefjord you can study a replica of the ship during summer.

This is a special time, even for Norway. Recently my city Larvik and also many other countries in Norway were closed down until 10. April.

I hope you all stay safe and think positive in this Covid virus time.



Submitted by Arild Gundersen Commissioner  
Clan Ramsay Norway, Sweden, and Finland

# Clan Logan Society of Canada



## Clan Logan's tartan celebration

Did you know that each year, on April 6th, Tartan Day is celebrated all over Canada? On this very special day, we celebrate the declaration of Arbroath that was signed in 1230. We demonstrate our pride by wearing our tartans, sing and dance to the tune of bagpipes.

This year is a difficult one in terms of events so I had the idea of celebrating Tartan Day with our clan through Zoom. The weekend preceding tartan day was Easter and the day itself fell on a Tuesday this year. To make sure we got the best attendance, we chose April 10th, 2021. It was our first tartan day event and I co-hosted with James C. Logan, President of the Clan Logan Society International. The purpose was to create a little



event that would allow all our members to come together, share and have a fun time.

I created a short presentation that showed how Tartan Day was celebrated in Canada, how tartan was made, presented a few tartan basics and presented our Logan tartans and those from our different Canadian provinces. We concluded with conversation time and a nice little toast at the end. We had many participants show up for the event including our very own representative from Ontario, Patrick Dionne-Kuno. We also had William Petrie, Sylvie Thériault and Jo-Ann Tuskin from CASSOC (Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada) who came to support our clan. Caroline Polcsak, one of the organizers of the Montreal Canada Day parade came. She has always been supportive of Clan Logan through the years. It was

very nice to have an opportunity and context to meet up with members. We would like to thank The Clan Logan Society International for their cooperation on this event and all those who came to encourage us.

## Le Clan Logan célèbre le jour du tartan

Saviez-vous que chaque année, le 6 avril, la journée du tartan est célébrée partout au Canada? En ce jour très spécial, nous célébrons la déclaration d'Arbroath qui a été signée en 1230. Nous démontrons notre fierté en portant nos tartans, chantons et dansons sur l'air des cornemuses.

Cette année il est difficile de tenir des événements, donc j'ai eu l'idée de célébrer la journée du

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tartan avec notre clan par Zoom. Le week-end précédant le jour du tartan était Pâques et cette année le jour est tombé un mardi. Pour nous assurer d'avoir la meilleure participation, nous avons choisi le 10 avril 2021.

C'était notre premier événement de la journée du tartan et j'ai co-organisé cela avec James C. Logan, président du Clan Logan Society International. Le but était de créer un petit événement qui permettrait à tous nos membres de se réunir, de partager et de s'amuser.

J'ai créé une courte présentation qui a montré comment la journée du tartan a été célébrée au Canada, comment le tartan est fait, présenté quelques bases au sujet du tartan et présenté nos tartans Logan et ceux de nos différentes provinces canadiennes. Nous avons conclu avec de la conver-



sation et un joli petit toast à la fin. De nombreux participants se sont venus à l'événement, dont notre propre représentant de l'Ontario, Patrick Dionne-Kuno. William Petrie, Sylvie Thériault et Jo-Ann Tuskin de CASSOC (Clans et Sociétés écossaises du Canada) sont également venus soutenir notre clan.

Caroline Polcsak, l'une des organisatrices du défilé de la fête du Canada à Montréal, est venue. Elle a toujours soutenu le clan Logan au fil des ans. C'était très agréable d'avoir l'occasion et le contexte de rencontrer les membres.

Nous tenons à remercier the Clan Logan Society International pour leur coopération dans le cadre de cet événement et tout ceux qui sont venus nous encourager.

*Photo 1: William Petrie et Sylvie Thériault participant!/  
William Petrie and Sylvie Thériault attend.*

*Photo 2: James.C.Logan co-anime!/  
James C.Logan co-hosts!*

Editor's Note: This article and the following 3 articles for Clan Logan have been provided, in both French and English, by Steven Logan, Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada. Steven is also the Treasurer for CASSOC. /Cet article et les 3

articles suivants pour le clan Logan ont été fournis, en français et en anglais par Steven Logan, commissaire du clan Logan du Canada. Steven est également trésorier de CASSOC. Merci Steven!



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# Clan Logan Society of Canada

## Black Watch Regimental Church service

Each year, in early May, the Royal Black Watch Regiment of Canada holds a church parade followed by a service at the Regimental church of St Andrew and St Paul's in downtown Montreal. This year, there wasn't a parade but we did get a very nice church service that was aired May 2nd, 2021, at 11 am on YouTube that people could join in and watch.

The service we got was breathtaking, very elegant, and poignant. Clan Logan was invited to attend this service by pipe major Adam Wilson. We are implicated with the Black Watch Officer's Mess, the Black Watch Veteran's Association and the Black Watch Family Division that helps troops by sending parcels to soldiers on missions far away. It was an honour to be able to show our participation by attending and showing our support.

The guest preacher was Rev. Dr. William Russell Lead Minister of the congregation from 1973-1982 and Chaplain to the Black Watch during that time. The Minister, Rev. Dr. Glen Chestnutt, gave a very inspiring sermon. LtCol Francis Roy Commander of the Black Watch (Royal Regiment of Canada) Canadian Armed Forces gave a first lecture of Psalm 22:25-31. We also heard the choir with their outstanding vocals sing the national anthems 'God save the Queen' and 'O Canada'. It was a very memorable moment and was done with such elegance and poise that it deeply moved us. Pipe major Adam Wilson did the 'Piper's Lament'. As he played and slowly went

down the rows of church pews that were empty, it felt and became a very personal way of remembering those we lost in World War 1 and 2, the people who gave their lives for our country and freedoms.

There were also flowers given to the sanctuary to remember them. We also remembered those who died of Covid-19. During the service, we also got to see some past footage of the Regimental service of 2019 showing LtCol Bruno Plourde and the Reverend Gary Karamanoukian. Clan Logan wishes to thank The Church of St Andrew and St Paul for such a memorable and fantastic service. We look forward to attending this event next year.

## Service de l'église régimentaire du Black Watch

Chaque année, au début du mois de mai, le Régiment Royal Black Watch du Canada organise un défilé religieux suivi d'un service au centre-ville de Montréal à l'église régimentaire de St Andrew et St Paul's. Cette année, il n'y a pas eu un défilé, mais nous avons eu un très bon service religieux qui a été diffusé le 2 mai 2021 à 11 h sur YouTube auquel les gens pouvaient se joindre et regarder.



Flowers to remember the soldiers we lost during the two world wars. / Des fleurs pour se souvenir des soldats que nous avons perdus durant les guerres.

Le service que nous avons eu était à couper le souffle, très élégant et poignant. Le Clan Logan a été invité à assister à ce service avec la participation du cornemuseur principal Adam Wilson lui-même. Nous sommes impliqués dans le mess des officiers du Black Watch, le Black Watch Association des anciens combattants et la division de la famille Black Watch qui aident les troupes

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en envoyant des colis aux soldats en mission lointaine. Ce fut tout un honneur de pouvoir démontrer notre soutien en participant au service.

L'invité d'honneur était le révérend et aumônier Dr William Russell, ministre principal de la congrégation de 1973 à 1982. Le Ministre, Révérend Dr. Glen Chestnutt, a donné le sermon. Le Lieutenant-colonel Francis Roy, commandant du Black Watch (Régiment royal du Canada) des Forces armées canadiennes, a donné une toute première lecture du Psaume 22:25-31. Nous avons aussi entendus le chœur aux voix exceptionnelles chanter les hymnes nationaux 'Que Dieu sauve la Reine' et 'ô Canada'. Ce fut un moment très mémorable et a été fait avec une telle élégance et bel équilibre, ce qui nous a profondément émus.

Le cornemuseur principal Adam Wilson a joué 'La complainte du cornemuseur'. Pendant qu'il jouait, il



Pipe major Adam Wilson does the piper's lament. /La complainte du cornemuseur exécuté par le cornemuseur principal Adam Wilson.

descendait lentement les rangées de bancs d'église qui étaient vides. L'expérience est devenue très personnelle et une façon unique de se souvenir de ceux que nous avons perdus durant la 1<sup>re</sup> et 2<sup>ème</sup> guerre mondiale, des gens qui ont donné leur vie pour notre pays et nos libertés. Il y avait aussi des fleurs qui ont été donnés

au sanctuaire pour se souvenir de nos soldats.

Nous nous sommes également souvenus de ceux qui sont morts du Covid-19. Pendant le service, nous avons également pu voir quelques images antérieures du service régimentaire de 2019, montrant le Lieutenant-colonel Bruno Plourde et le révérend Gary Karamanoukian.

Clan Logan tient à remercier l'église de St Andrew et St Paul pour un service mémorable et fantastique. Nous sommes impatients d'assister à cet événement l'année prochaine.



The choir sings their hearts out./Le chœur qui chante de tout cœur!

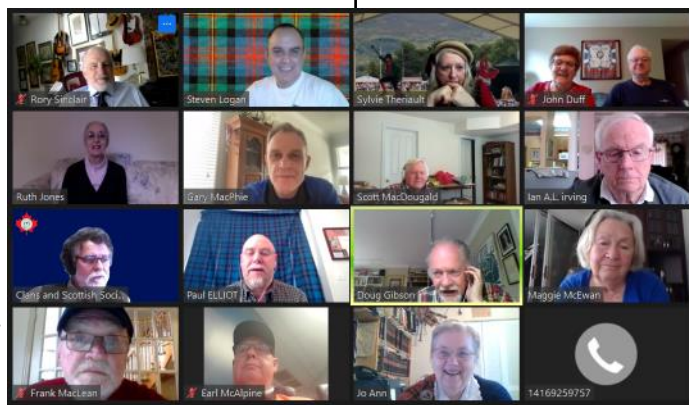
# Clan Logan Society of Canada

## CASSOC tartan celebration

On Sunday April 11th, 2021, I had the pleasure to attend and participate in CASSOC's tartan celebration hosted by our chair, William Petrie. There were quite a few surprises that we enjoyed. If you weren't present, you missed out on an impressive event. Rory Sinclair took out his bagpipes and played live to the delight of all participants. William Petrie hosted and offered a very dynamic, heartfelt presentation that inspired many as he spoke of tartan day and presented videos. We got a Powerpoint presentation, that was very well done and got to see various ways of celebrating tartan day across Canada. Our 2019 clan Logan tartan day event with the Canadian Legion was also featured during this event to our great surprise and enjoyment.

CASSOC was also able to share its most recent accomplishment, CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary with the University of Guelph that will support the College of Arts, more specifically students registered in the MA or PhD programs offered by the Department of History on the Scottish History and Scottish Studies programs. A bursary valued at \$1000 per year, over 5 years.

Participants were proposed a tartan design com-



petition that was a huge success. People were grouped in breakout rooms to choose a name for a tartan, the colours and reasons associated. This allowed participants to gather ideas and share. Once our homework was all done in our respective groups, we regrouped to share our findings and William, using a tartan software, created the tartan. There was a teacher's guild tartan, a Uisghe Beatha tartan, and the four seasons of Canada tartan. The winner was the Uisghe Beatha tartan. It was a very successful event that highlighted Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada's goal to celebrate our Scottish cultural heritage and promote it. This event was a very successful one that we hope to take part in in upcoming years.

## Célébration du tartan de CSEC

Le dimanche 11 avril 2021, j'ai eu le plaisir d'assister et de participer à la célébration du tartan organisée par notre président de CSEC, William Petrie. Il y a eu bien des surprises que nous avons appréciés. Si vous n'étiez pas au rendez-vous, vous avez raté un événement impressionnant. Rory Sinclair a sorti sa cornemuse et a joué en direct au plus grand plaisir de tous les participants. William Petrie a accueilli et offert une présentation très dynamique et sincère, qui nous a

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beaucoup inspiré lorsqu'il a parlé de la journée du tartan et a présenté des vidéos. Nous avons eu une présentation Powerpoint qui a été très bien fait et nous avons pu voir différentes façons de célébrer la journée du tartan à travers le Canada.

A notre grande surprise, un de nos événements avec la Légion Canadienne lors de la journée du tartan en 2019 a été utilisé comme exemple.

Le CSEC a également pu partager sa plus récente réalisation, une bourse pour diplômés (CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary) avec l'Université de Guelph qui appuiera le Collège des arts, et plus particulièrement les étudiants inscrits aux programmes de maîtrise ou de doctorat offerts par le département d'histoire sur les programmes d'histoire écossaise et d'études écossaises. Cette bourse a une valeur de 1000\$ par année, sur 5 ans.

Les participants se sont vu proposer un concours de conception de tartan qui a été un énorme succès. Les gens ont été regroupés dans les salles d'é-

vasion pour choisir un nom pour un tartan, les couleurs et les raisons associées. Cela a permis aux participants de se recueillir et partager des idées. Une fois que nos devoirs ont été faits dans nos groupes respectifs, nous nous sommes regroupés pour partager nos découvertes. William, à l'aide d'un logiciel, a créé un tartan.

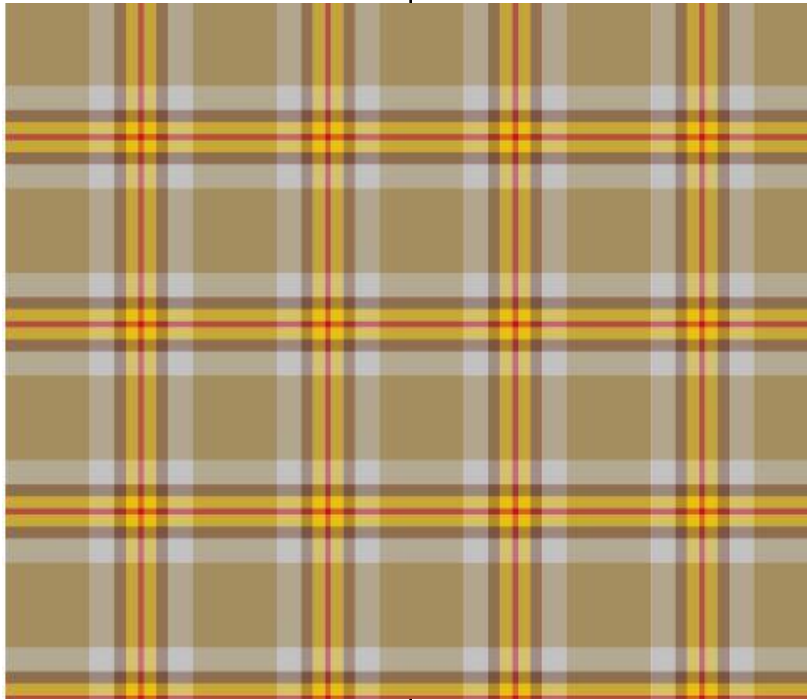
Il y avait un tartan de guildes d'enseignants, un tartan Uisghe Beatha et un tartan des quatre saisons du Canada. Le gagnant a été le tartan Uisghe Beatha. Ce fut un événement très réussi qui a mis en évidence que les clans et les sociétés écossaises du Canada ont pour objectif de célébrer notre patrimoine culturel écossais et de le promouvoir. Cet événement a été un grand succès

que nous espérons prendre part dans les années à venir.

*Photo 1: Vue de groupe des participants de l'événement. / Group view of participants*

*Photo 2: Rory Sinclair joue de la cornemuse! / Rory Sinclair plays a tune!*

*Photo 3: Le tartan Uisghe Beatha, un tartan gagnant! / Uisghe Beatha, the winning tartan*



# Clan Logan Society of Canada

## Logan DNA project Zoom event

Knowing more about our ancestors is one of our goals at Clan Logan. This is why on May 1st, The Clan Logan Society International held its first Zoom meeting hosted by Jim Logan about the Logan DNA project at FamilyTreeDNA website. Many people attended this event including our representative for Ontario, Patrick-Dionne Kuno.

The Logan DNA Project provides support to the members of the Pre1800Logans group in the mission of identification of the "older" lines of the Logan surname, the development of family profiles for these families, and the discovery of relationships between these families. This discussion group operates through the mail list and web site at <https://pre1800logans.groups.io/g/main>. Details of the families and their DNA relationships are also provided in the files section of that web site.

This important project currently has 379 members. Stephanie Logan Falls created a Pre1800Logans email list to discuss the "older" lines of the Logan surname. As 1800 is a common place to hit brick walls it made sense to delineate the lines at 1800. The hope was, and is, to identify and document the Logan lines known at 1800 with the purpose of shortening the work for other researchers using a process of elimination. The archives are open to the public. Files of family profiles, census abstracts, and various kinds of reports are available to members.

It all began by organizing a census project, for both 1790 and 1800. We asked list members to "claim" their families from those documents. In

the course of this project, simple cross-references to census records evolved into complete family profiles.

There are 4 goals established by the Logan DNA project. To determine where folks would fit within various Logan genetic lines. Secondly, to compare the various DOCUMENTED lines and establish as many different Logan lineages as possible. To separate Scottish, Irish, English, etc. Logan lines and finally, to differentiate between Highland Logans, Lowland Logans, and Scot-Irish Logans.

Jim Logan gave us a well thought out presentation that explained what DNA could tell us about ourselves based on our very own DNA given to determine who our ancestors and relatives may be. After this presentation, we took time for conversation and even had a toast. The numerous participants who attended had many questions about the project linked to their family history which led to many interesting exchanges. Clan Logan wishes to thank Jim Logan for offering us a very good Zoom event that all the participants greatly appreciated.



## Le projet de l'ADN Logan – Événement Zoom

En savoir plus sur nos ancêtres est l'un de nos objectifs au clan Logan. C'est pourquoi, le 1er mai, la société internationale du Clan Logan a tenu sa première réunion sur Zoom, organisée par Jim Logan à propos du projet de l'ADN Logan disponible sur le site Web FamilyTreeDNA. Plusieurs sont venus pour cet événement incluant Patrick Dionne-

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Kuno, notre représentant pour l'Ontario.

Ce projet apporte du soutien aux membres du groupe Pre1800Logans avec mission d'identifier des lignes « plus anciennes » du nom de famille Logan, le développement de profils familiaux pour ces familles, et la découverte de relations entre ces familles. Ce groupe de discussion fonctionne à travers une liste de courriels et le site Web à l'adresse <https://pre1800logans.groups.io/g/main>. Des détails sur les familles et leurs relations ADN sont également fournies dans la section des fichiers de ce site.

Ce projet important compte actuellement 379 membres. Stephanie Logan Falls a créé une liste de courriels Pre1800Logans pour discuter des lignes « plus anciennes » de la famille Logan. L'année 1800 est souvent où l'on bloque le plus souvent sur les ressources généalogiques.

Le bût est donc d'identifier et de documenter les lignes Logan connues à 1800 et de raccourcir le travail par d'autres chercheurs en utilisant un processus d'élimination. Les archives sont ouvertes au public. Les membres ont accès à des dossiers de profils familiaux, de résumés de recensement et de divers types de rapports.

Tout a commencé par l'organisation d'un projet de recensement, pour les années 1790 et 1800. Nous avons demandé aux membres de la liste de « ré-

clamer » leur familles de ces documents. Au cours de ce projet, de simples références croisées aux registres du recensement ont évolués dans des profils familiaux complets.

Le projet de l'ADN Logan vise 4 objectifs. De déterminer où les gens s'intégreraient dans divers lignées Logan génétiques. Deuxièmement, comparer les différentes lignes documentées et d'établir autant de lignées Logan que possible. Séparer les lignées écossaises, irlandaises, anglaises, etc. Finalement, différencier les Logans des hauts plaines de ceux des basses plaines et les écossais qui sont parti en Irlande.



Jim Logan nous a donné une présentation bien pensée qui expliquait ce que notre propre ADN pouvait nous dire sur nous-mêmes pour déterminer qui peuvent être nos ancêtres et nos proches. Après cette présentation nous avons eu un moment de

conversation et avons même levés nos verres. Les nombreux participants présents avaient de nombreuses questions sur le projet lié à leur histoire familiale qui a conduit à de nombreux échanges intéressants. Clan Logan tient à remercier Jim Logan de nous avoir offert un très bon événement Zoom que tous les participants ont grandement apprécié.

*Photo 1: James C. Logan President of the clan Logan Society International proposes a toast! /James C. Logan, président de la Société internationale du clan Logan lève son verre!*

*Photo 2: Patrick Dionne-Kuno, Clan Logan representative of Ontario attends./Patrick Dionne-Kuno, représentant du clan Logan de l'Ontario participe à l'événement.*

# New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association - Pictish Stones

## The Hunter's Hill Stone and the Glamis Manse Stone

Ruth Jones of the NBSCA provided the following links with the note that these stones are located near to her maternal home in Angus, Scotland. Thank you Ruth!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunter's\\_Hill\\_Stone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunter's_Hill_Stone)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glamis\\_Manse\\_Stone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glamis_Manse_Stone)

### Hunter's Hill Stone

The Hunter's Hill Stone, otherwise known as the Glamis 1 Stone, is a Class II Pictish standing stone at Hunter's Hill to the south east of Glamis village, Angus, Scotland.

The cross slab is located in woodland on the north slope of Hunter's Hill, to the south east of Glamis village, immediately south of the A94 road (grid reference NO39374654).

The stone, a cross-slab, is 1.52 metres (5 ft 0 in) high, 0.71 metres (2 ft 4 in) wide.[2] The slab is carved on the cross face in relief, and the rear face bears incised symbols. It falls into John Romilly Allen and Joseph Anderson's classification system as a class II stone.

*Image: Rear of Hunter's Hill stone, showing incised symbols*



## Glamis Manse Stone

The Glamis Manse Stone, also known as Glamis 2, is a Class II Pictish stone at the village of Glamis, Angus, Scotland. Dating from the 9th century, it is located outside the Manse, close to the parish church.[1] It is inscribed on one side with a Celtic cross and on the other with a variety of Pictish symbols. It is a scheduled monument.

The cross slab is situated at the northeast edge of Glamis village in the grounds of the Manse, close to St Fergus church (grid reference NO38584686).

The stone is a cross-slab 2.76 metres (9 ft 1 in) high, 1.5 metres (4 ft 11 in) wide and 24 centimetres (9.4 in) thick.[4] The slab is pedimented and carved on the cross face in relief, and the rear face bears incised symbols. It falls into John Romilly Allen and Joseph Anderson's classification system as a class II stone.

The cross face bears a Celtic cross carved in relief with ogee arm-pits. It has an incised ring and the shaft and roundel are decorated with knotwork interlace designs, with the arms and portion above the roundel holding zoomorphic interlaces. The cross is surrounded by incised symbols and figural representations. In the lower left-hand quadrant is depiction of two bearded, long-haired men apparently fighting with axes. Above them is what appears to be a cauldron with human legs dangling out of it. The lower right-hand quadrant holds what appears to be either a deer or a hound's head, similar to symbols found on the Monifieth 2 stone, above a triple disc symbol. The

top right quadrant holds a centaur holding a pair of axes. The top left quadrant holds what has been interpreted as a lion. The rear of the slab holds three incised symbols: a serpent above a fish, with a mirror at the bottom.



*The front of the Glamis Manse Stone with its intricately carved cross.*

Historian Lloyd Laing has noted some peculiarities of the layout of the cross face. Firstly, the arms are not perfectly perpendicular to the shaft, being rotated slightly (2.5° anticlockwise). Secondly, the axis of the interlace of the cross roundel is skewed from the axis of the shaft by some 13°.

# Membership Report and Updates

## Membership Report

We have 39 Clans, 6 Societies, 5 Games and 3 Business groups for a total of 53 members.

### Member Roll - As of date of publication

#### CLANS

Clan BELL North America  
Family of BRUCE International, Inc.  
Clan CAMERON Canadian Branch  
Clan CARRUTHERS Society International  
Clan CHISHOLM Society - Canada Branch  
Clan DAVIDSON Society of North America  
ELLIOT Clan Society of Canada  
Clan FORBES Society, Inc  
House of GORDON Canada  
Clan GRAHAM Society Inc  
Clan GREGOR Society - Canada Chapter  
Clan HUNTER Association of Canada  
Clan IRWIN Association  
Clan KINCAID Association International  
Clan LACHLAN Association of Canada Inc.  
Clan LESLIE Society International  
Clan LOGAN Society of Canada  
The Clan MACALPINE Society  
Clan MACAULAY Association  
Clan MACDOUGALL Society of North America  
Clan MACEWEN Society  
Clan MACFARLANE Worldwide  
MACFIE Clan Society in Canada  
International Association of Clan MACINNES  
The Clan MACKAY Association of Canada  
The Clan MACKENZIE Society of Canada  
Clan MACLELLAN of America

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Clan MACLEOD Societies of Canada  
Clan MACNEIL in Canada Association  
Clan MACPHERSON  
Clan MACRAE Society of Canada  
Clan MACTHOMAS  
Clan MUNRO Association of Canada  
MURRAY Clan Society of North America  
Clan PRINGLE North America  
Clan RAMSAY International  
Clan SINCLAIR Association of Canada  
The STEWART Society, Canada Branch

## **Societies**

New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association – NBSCA Scottish Studies Foundation  
Greater Moncton Scottish Association  
Ontario Ancestors: THE Ontario Genealogical Society  
Scottish Studies Foundation  
St Andrew's Society of Toronto  
Westman Scottish Association

## **Festivals**

CALEDONIA Celtic Festival  
COBOURG Highland Games Society  
FERGUS Scottish Festival & Highland Games  
KINCARDINE Scottish Festival & Highland Games  
KINGSVILLE Highland Games

## **Businesses**

Burnett's & Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd.  
Taylor's Tartans  
ScotlandShop

# Benefits and Offers

*A reminder about ongoing benefits and offers.*

## **Communication**

Your reach can extend to over 2000 enthusiasts in our member groups and beyond through our online availability.

## **Advertising**

Post your upcoming calendar for events in our quarterly newsletter as well as online. If you've an online presence we'll include the appropriate links.

## **Highland Games, Festivals and other events**

CASSOC provides support a voice for all our members at events so that you are represented even if not present.

## **CASSOC Members Binder**

Your group is represented in this membership binder with such as organization information, tartans, septs and contact details that is available for us and all members to display at events. This is a terrific draw for booth visitors and a starting point for engagement with those new to Scottish heritage.

## **National Representation**

You are part of the national voice for clans and societies in promoting all of our interests with local, provincial and federal contacts as well with international entities such as the Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum and Scottish North America Leadership.

## **Special Events and Offers**

To provide awareness of Scottish culture and specifically clan groups, CASSOC organizes events such as the annual Kilt Skate. Support and awareness is also provided to other events provided by you as a member. We also provide the means for specific offers such as the discounts that follow.

**Burnett's & Struth** - We're pleased to announce the continuing member benefit of a 15% discount with Burnett's and Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd. For further details on how to use this discount, restrictions and locations, please visit their CASSOC page at Burnett's & Struth.

**ScotlandShop** - Plaid fashion, gifts and accessories designed and tailored in the Heart of Scotland. Authentic Custom Made Scottish Tartan. Made Right In the Heart Of Scotland. Worldwide Delivery. Over 500 Tartans. Types: Tartan Fabrics, Tartan Suits, Tartan Dresses, Tableware, Gifts. Members of CASSOC receive a 10% discount when using the code 'CASSOC'.

# Pipers and Speakers

*The following are affiliated with our membership and available for bookings.*

*More details are available on the CASSOC website.*

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## An Drochaid - The Bridge

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members or otherwise sourced

This edition features the "Bridge Over The Ale Water At Ancrum Old Parish Church"

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Many thanks to all who have provided pictures, please feel free to submit your favourite images of crossings to us. Details and attribution such as license and owner is needed.

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Submissions are extraordinarily welcome, though articles may be edited for length or content.

CASSOC assumes no responsibility for content including dates for events.

Please verify by contacting organizers, visiting websites and other sources.

Whenever possible, please provide Word, RTF or text formats

The next issue of An Drochaid will be the Fall issue.

Please try to provide submissions by the first week in September.

Submissions should be emailed to [editor@cassoc.ca](mailto:editor@cassoc.ca)



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