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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

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FROM PRESIDENT IAN'S DESK

Greetings to all our members!

In spite of very poor weather during the Gathering at Duart, we received very enthusiastic reports from Suzy McLean and Daphne Stevens at our recent ceilidh held at the Epsom Community Centre, Auckland on 16 September. They described the floodlit castle, the piper on the ramparts and the fireworks. For those who have visited the home of the Clan, it was easy to picture this romantic and spectacular night and to feel something of the excitement of the occasion. Although there is still much to be done, we should not forget the century of restoration that has taken place, no doubt at great personal cost to the Chief's family. The future of the castle is now at stake, and the Chief has made no bones about the difficulties which now face him and his descendants .

The International Committee has made it their priority to find a solution and much discussion has already taken place. More will undoubtedly focus on what we as clan members can do to ensure the future of Duart and the whole concept of the clan system. Meanwhile we saw photos of the new castle doors which the worldwide members presented at the Gathering. They look very fine.

The rest of the Ceilidh was very informal and enjoyable. Dame Cath Tizard attended in spite of a sudden visit from her Australian-based daughter, and presented Alasdair, our immediate Past President and myself, and myself with certificates from the Chief. We became Honorary Members of the International Council of the Clan Maclean in recognition of our continuing efforts on behalf of the clan. So that was a surprise!

A pipe tune called "Clan Maclean" sent to us from Lester Clark of Christchurch was demonstrated by Piper David Harvey and we appreciated some Scottish National dancing and some singing, but Noel

will tell you more about this later in the newsletter, as he was MC for the afternoon.

Meantime another story from the Auld Kirk –

“At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when told how Eve was created out of one of Adam’s ribs. Later in the week his mother noted him lying down, appearing to be ill, and said “Johnny, what is the matter??”

Little Johnny responded “I have this pain in my side. I think I am going to have a wife!”

Regards

Ian

EDITORIAL

Greetings to our Members and Friends!

Again I have to commence this column with a sincere apology for the lateness of this newsletter. There are occasions when one has to prioritise between urgent matters and things one enjoys doing and this has been very much the pattern of this year.

In this edition I report on our September Ceilidh, and on my recent visit to the Second Hororata Highland Games which were sensational and had a massive attendance of more than 10,000. I have also allocated much of the space to events that you may wish to examine more closely at the upcoming season of Highland Games. I sometimes feel that we think only of attending various Games because of the atmosphere but when one looks closely at the particular events with highland dancing, piping, heavyweight athletics one can see there is much more to Games than just atmosphere!

There is however an even more sensitive and important topic I need to bring to your attention and that relates to our Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand. It is now two years since many of us enjoyed aspects of Chief Sir Lachlan’s visit and many still talk about it as a real highlight. The fact is however, that two years on, we are all a little older (some a little more tired) and our numbers are not growing. I fully realise that the past two years have also been one of economic recession and we have all had to be careful with expenses, but it is not money I

am referring to. It is a desire to grow and strengthen the Clan – after all many of us have many offspring, be it through immediate family or Macleans we have yet to involve. Being a nation wide organisation I appreciate we cannot expect to see all our members but might I just challenge you to see just what you might come up with in the way of development of the Clan Maclean Association.

Perhaps some of you recently viewed an excellent series on Choice TV called “A History of Scotland” presented by Neil Oliver. It was not only informative and well presented but many aspects challenged some of the conventional views of the place of some in history.

For me one of the most interesting sectors was on the influence of Sir Walter Scott, whom I guess like many of you, saw him as a historical poet and writer. But he was much more than that with his political and social influence, and he did much to popularise the re-emergence of the clan system and the tartan!

Perhaps there is amongst our current members, or members yet to be, one who will bring new drive and enthusiasm to the clan. Just how limited we are was considered in recent days when Katrine and I were talking of our two major promotions – “Tartan in the Park” which we hold at Waipu and Paeroa. We struggle to gain interest in promotion and planning, even though things usually work out fine on the day. But there is scope for further development of these two events and perhaps others which we could get involved in. I leave it for your consideration but we would really welcome ideas, suggestions and above all, involvement.

Perhaps a few lines from Scott’s poem, “The Hunting Song” published in 1806 may stir the spirit and enthusiasm.

“Waken lords and ladies gay,
On the mountain dawns the day,
All the jolly chase is here,
With hawk, and horse, and hunting-spear;
Hounds are in their couples yelling,
Hawks are whistling, horns are knelling,
Merrily, merrily, mingle they.
“Waken Lords and Ladies gay!”

Louder, louder chant the lay,
Waken lords and ladies gay,
Tell them youth, and mirth and glee,
Run a course as well as we;

Time, stern huntsmen! Who can balk,
 Staunch as hound, and fleet as hawk;
 Think of this and rise with day,
 Gentle lords and ladies gay."

I recently was able to obtain a copy of the significant book on MacLeans namely, "Renaissance of the Clan MacLean" by J.P. MacLean PhD published in the USA in 1913. Included in it are some MacLean Proverbs one of which reads -

Leathanach gun bhosd, Donullach gun tapadh, agus Caimbeulach gun mhorcguis – (Rare things) a Maclean without boasting, a MacDonald without activity, or a Campbell without pride.

We look forward to your support at upcoming Games and there is always a welcome for you at our Clan Maclean tent.

Regards

Noel

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Please order from The Secretary

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CLAN MACLEAN CEILIDH

16 September 2012

Some forty members and friends gathered on 16 September in the Epsom Community Centre to enjoy a lunch and Ceilidh. We were graced by the presence of our Patron, Dame Cath Tizard and Katrine had assembled an interesting afternoon of entertainment in warm and comfortable surroundings.

Events commenced with the traditional haggis ceremony, where the address was again given by President Ian, who is becoming a real master of these sorts of occasions.

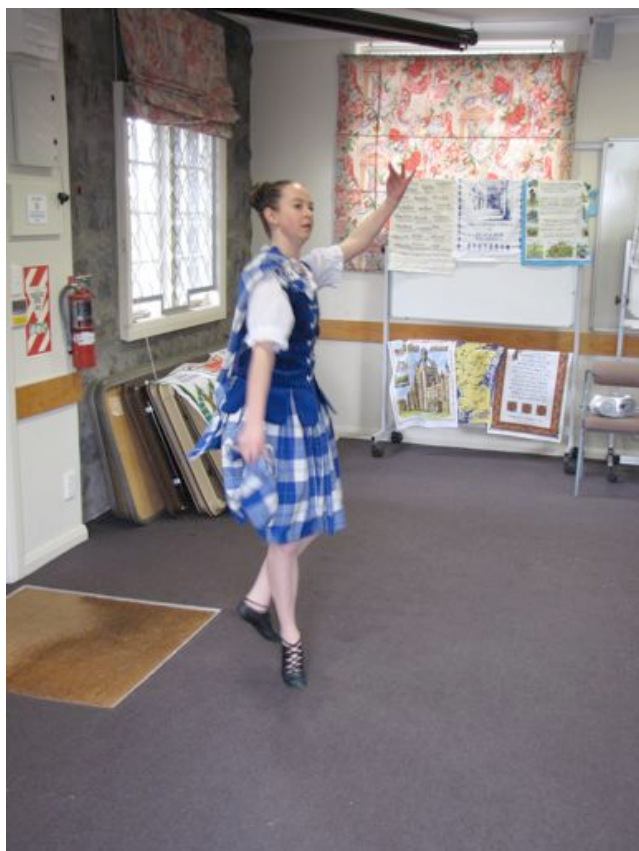


Ian seen here in action flanked by Katrine and Sword – Bearer Dr Ian McLean

Following a hearty lunch Dame Cath presented Certificates of recognition of contribution to the Clan Maclean by President Ian and Immediate Past President Alasdair Maclean and their elevation to Honorary Members of Clan Maclean International.



We then had a delightful presentation of highland dancing from Rita Johnson of Whangarei.



Katrine then showed her singing talents along with a long time friend, and then it was Committee Members Suzy Mclean and Daphne Stevens talking of their visit to the Centenary Gathering – their account was more comprehensively reported in our last issue.

David Harvey, a good friend of CMANZ, who was our piper for the day, then presented some interesting information on pipe music along with demonstrations.



Then it was time for all to be introduced to some Scottish Country dancing which was ably led (again) by Katrine.



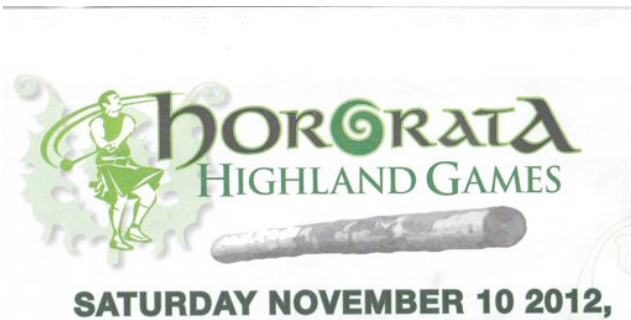
Certainly it was an afternoon enjoyed by all who attended and many thanks are due to Katrine for her organisation of and participation in the day. We need to consider more of these as a central location does facilitate travel.

CLAN LOSES STALWART!

On 22 September 2012 the Clan Maclean Association lost a stalwart with the passing of Lt. Col. Donald MacLean

. He was head of his branch of MacLeans. His great grandfather, Andrew Bruce MacLean, was one of the leading lights behind the founding of the Clan MacLean Association, and in particular with the famous Clan Maclean Gathering in 1912. Donald has taken a similar leading position in the Clan, not the least in the six International Gatherings; he has also organised at least the last 30 annual MacLean Gatherings in Scotland. His book on *The Pipe Music of the Clan Maclean* was published in June.

Donald had a distinguished military career, he is past President of the Rotary Club of Glasgow. A keen yachtsman, twenty years ago he sailed across the Atlantic and back.



I had the pleasure, along with a few Waipu friends of attending the second Hororata Highland Games and to provide some small assistance with the conduct of the Highland Heavyweight events.

The emergence of these Games as one of the major Scottish Events is nothing short of amazing and grew out of tragedy. Hororata is a small community in the foothills of the Southern Alps, west of Christchurch and on 4 September 2010 it was left in literal ruins by the Canterbury Earthquake (the first major “quake”) and lives were shattered. However, out of this devastation emerged a group of passionate locals committed not only to rebuilding Hororata but also in to leading its future.

Thus the Hororata Community Trust was born and one of its major fund raising and community spirit rebuilding activities was the holding of the initial Hororata Highland Games in November 2011. There is a large community ground in the area, formerly used as a horse racing track and part of a 300 acre community facility gifted to the area by two local land owners in years past. This is an ideal setting for any significant event and already, although only in its second year, the event attracted well over 10,000 people and featured on TV3’s “Campbell Live” and in many national newspapers.



The Southern Alps back drop the Hororata Games!



Innovation – carved piper welcomes visitors to the Tartan Club.

The Hororata Games featured many traditional Scottish Events including the normal dancing, Piping and Highland Heavyweight events but in keeping with the spirit of the community there were several horse related activities including a hunt demonstration. At the multiplicity of displays there were clan tents, cooking demonstrations and the normal food and drink outlets, not to forget the resurrection of the infamous Hororata pie (which I can assure you is just the greatest taste.)



Action aplenty on the dancing stage with more than 100 competitors.



Gerry Brownlee MP and Canterbury Earthquake Minister, resplendent in kilt and with broadsword at the Opening Ceremony.

And was Clan Maclean represented? You had better believe it as our regional representative Glenis McLean proudly carried our banner in the Clan March and Grand Parade!



And a final word from the Hororata Community Trust

- We are small, imperfectly formed village in rural Canterbury, just where the plains meet the hills and mountains that form the backbone of New Zealand.
- Our historical stations were settled in the mid 1800's and were thousands of acres in size, with large homesteads and surrounding buildings.
- The local village provided services to these and smaller farms. It was a place where travelers rested and people met and mingled.
- The rural community that wraps around Hororata is huge, strong, with an obvious heart and soul; spend any time with the

people and this will be very obvious. We are energetic, resourceful and full of resilience.

- Hororata has a legacy of both history and progress.

All I can say is that in the few days I was present in the community I never heard one moan or gripe – nothing was ever too much trouble and the friendliness and co-operation of the locals just had to be experienced to believe!

We wish them well and thank them for their spirit and for the promotion and development of New Zealand's newest Highland Games. They deserve the support of us all!

A Magazine Worth Buying!

All Macleans have read or heard of the Duart Gatherings and in these pages we have written much. However for an alternate presentation of the events of the 2012 Gathering you may wish to view the Autumn 2012 edition of "Scots Heritage Magazine". It is a colourful magazine of more than 100 pages and would be available at most book stores. However, it can be subscribed to at a New Zealand address – P O Box 790, Shortland Street, Auckland Phone Toll free 0800 113 305.

The edition I refer to (No 57) contains four pages of coloured photos taken during the Gathering. This edition features many interesting articles and a host of photographs from events and locations throughout Scotland.

OUR TARTAN

**Bhu mhian leam am breacan tlath
Breacan uuain 'us dubh 'us geal;
Datha sar Mhich – Ghillian am flath –
Sud an laoch a fhuair mo ghoal.**

**Dear to me is the tartan plaid
The plaid of green and black and white;
The colours of the lordly Maclean, The hero of my life.**

THE HIGHLAND GAMES SCENE – MORE THAN JUST COLOUR!

As we commence the Highland Games season in New Zealand I thought it timely that we remind ourselves of some of the details and effort that goes in to the various competition events. When one understands more of the background or reasons for the way things happen perhaps one can also understand the reasons that bring joy to the hearts of Scots.

Many events have links to a time in history that may not always be of significance to us today, but nevertheless understanding something of the dance, the music and athletic endeavour, as well as the Clan history etc. can also help us enjoy the Games even more.

Highland Dancing

Traditionally, in New Zealand the competitions have been in accordance with dances and teachings governed by the NZ Piping and Dancing Association and certainly most Championship events are still awarded to various games bodies by this body. In recent years however, the international competition that top dancers involve themselves in is most likely under the rules and governance of the Scottish Official Board and in many cases the dance format is different, although not totally, from the more traditional dancing as governed by the NZ P&D. Thus at some games you will see dancing in one or the other format, depending on the jurisdiction, although in other cases you will find a compromise reached with Games organisers where there are two separate dancing "boards", each with separate judges etc. That distinction aside one then needs to consider the various dances that are normally part of Games competition.

Another key point to note is that all dances are performed on the "balls of the foot" although in some steps the non-weight bearing foot is "pointed".

Most universal is the **Highland Fling** which is a dance with a range of steps and "turns" but usually danced in just one "spot". The reason for this is said to be that the Highland Fling was a dance performed initially by Scottish warriors after victory in battle

and it was usually performed on top of the Targ (or shield.)

The **Sword Dance** which is performed around or over a sword and scabbard placed in a "cross" also involves lateral movement of the dancer. The Sword dance is referred to in Scottish history as far back as Malcolm, King of Scots. One of the key aspects for a dancer is to avoid touching or "kicking" the sword. It should also be noted the dance is done in two tempos – the faster tempo being signalled later in the dance by the dancer "clapping hands".

There are many variations to this dance and some versions use larger swords (typically called "broad swords" and multiple dancers may dance over the same sword placement..

The **Seann Triubhas** pronounced "Shawn Trewes" is Gaelic for old trousers. There are several views as to how this dance came about, but one that seems very plausible is that following the Act of Proscription 1746 being repealed in 1783, Highlanders were again allowed to wear their kilt and enjoy traditional music and dance. This dance involves a great deal of movement and is also regarded as very graceful.

There are many variations of **Reels** but the key point of these is that they involve "sets of dancers" usually four. Most common are the Reel o' Tulloch and the Highland Reel.

If one looks, for example, at the Waipu Caledonian Programme for NZ P&D jurisdiction dances one will note various age groups for Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas, Highland Reel and Reel o' Tulloch and then a series of National Dancing events which are "Irish Jig", "Irish Reel", "Sailors Hornpipe" and "Irish Hornpipe."

Whilst on the Scottish (SOBHD) one will also see the Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas, along with Irish Jig and Sailors Hornpipe. However there are some other dances including the "**Scottish Lilt**", "**Flora MacDonald's Fancy**", "**Half Reel o' Tulloch**", "**Barracks Johnny**", "**Blue Bonnets**", "**16 Pas de Basque**", "**Village Maid**". These differing dances have generally been choreographed to represent particular occasions. For example, "**Flora MacDonald's Fancy**" is said to honour Flora MacDonald who aided the escape to Skye of Bonnie Prince Charlie following the Battle of Culloden. "**Blue Bonnets**" is said to be a dance of a flirting lass seeking to gain the attention of a "Blue Bonnet" – the

name given to the Jacobite followers, who although they had no uniform all wore blue bonnets. **“Barracks Johnny”** is said to be an army recruiting dance where the recruiting officer would use a dancer to attract attention of potential army recruits. **“Village Maid”** is heavily influenced by ballet and is performed using the entire foot rather than the “ball of the Foot” so typical of virtually all Highland dances.

Before we leave this topic one should note that **Scottish Country Dancing** as another facet of Scottish culture and involves numbers of participants rather than individuals.

Bagpipe Competition

Almost all bagpipe competitions for individuals in New Zealand are conducted under the jurisdiction of the NZ Piping and Dancing Association. This should not be confused with competitions for pipe bands which have a totally different jurisdiction.

The main point about bagpipe competition is that it is primarily based on grading of different events. Top competitors are classified as A Grade with lower graded competitions for emerging or not so skilled pipers. The competition is also split in to different events and an examples of this once again from this year’s Waipu Games are –

2/4 March

Strathspey and Reel

Piobairead

Hornpipe and Jig.

6/8 March

Thus when you visit a piping venue it I helpful to know which event you are witnessing and listening to as the tunes and tempo all varies. In addition there are events for novice pipers which include a march (any tempo) and slow air.

Also there has in recent years, emerged competitions for drummers and typical events would be –

2/4 March

4/4 March

6/8 March

March, Strathspey and Reel

Hornpipe and Jig

Highland Heavyweight Competitions

These competitions which involve many traditional Scottish events have become increasingly popular both in New Zealand and around the world. The top class competitors can compete in World and Regional

Championships and at most New Zealand games there are also events specifically for novices and beginners. Contrary to popular belief these events are about skill and strength and technique is vital.

The main events to be found in Highland Heavyweights are

The Caledonian Hammer

This is a weight (usually a steel ball) of either 16lb or 22 lb (depending on the competition) on the end of a 4 foot cane handle. The athlete positions themselves behind a “trig” (or marker). The hammer is swung around the body and then released, but the athlete must remain in the designated space until the hammer lands. The top athletes use steel blades on their boots to anchor themselves to the ground. This is a distance event.



The Highland Stone

This is similar to a normal shot put event but using a heavy river stone, normally weighing 22 lb. Again it athlete releases the stone from a designated area and the greatest distance achieved wins the event.

Tossing the Caber

This event requires the athlete to lift a lengthy pole, typically over 5 metres and around 60kg and to “toss”

it end for end. It is essential balance be achieved before attempting to “toss the caber”. The method used is known as “clockface” and the object is to toss the caber end for end so that it lands in as close a position of 12 o’clock from the point of release. There is no distance involved but in the event of a competitor not being able to complete an “end for end” toss a judgment is made as to the angle achieved e.g. degree of the caber at its highest point.

Tossing the Sheaf

This event requires the competitor to place a sheaf, normally hay packed in a hessian bag on to a pitch fork and to toss it over a predetermined height. The sheaf, which ranges between 16 and 22 lb (depending on the competition) must pass over the bar and between the supporting poles. Each competitor is allowed three attempts at each height before being eliminated.

Weight For Distance

This event involves throwing a 28 lb or 56 lb weight over the greatest distance again from behind a trig. The competitor is allowed to “spin” to gain momentum but must remain behind the trig. The weight is normally a steel ball to which is attached a short chain and handle grip.

Weight For Height

This involves propelling a 56lb weight (usually the same as used in “weight for distance” over a bar and between the support poles. Most athletes position themselves close to the bar and gain momentum by swinging the weight prior to release.

At Waipu where the New Zealand Highland Heavyweight Championships are held there are the 8 events that make up the Championships which have been won for the past 15 years by Patrick Hellier of Auckland. The Waipu event along with some others regularly attracts international competitors.

In the case of heavyweights not eligible to compete in the top events the competition is usually restricted to 16lb Caledonian Hammer, Highland Stone, Tossing the Sheaf, and Tossing the Caber.

An additional event associated with Highland Games in New Zealand is the Farmer’s Walk. This is popular with the public, although not all athletes. It involves carrying two 125lb weights (one in each hand, over the greatest distance. The distance achieved is measured from the starting point to the point at which the athlete drops either of the weights.

Athletic or Novelty Events

Over the years a number of events have been held to involve members of the public and are very much decided on by the organisers. Running races over standard distances are popular with young people, as are cycling races. In some locations novelty events are also held such as Tug o’ War and I noted at Horarata a “kilted mile”. Obstacle events are also popular at some locations.

The following are upcoming Games where you may well see all or any of the above events and we hope that when you do, you may well have a better understanding of what is happening!

SATURDAY – 24 Nov. Auckland Highland Games

At Three Kings Reserve

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SUNDAY 25 Nov. Caledonian Society of Otago

**Caledonian Ground, Logan Park from
Noon.**

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TUES. 1 JANUARY

Waipu Caledonian Society 142nd Highland Games

Waipu Caledonian Park.

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SATURDAY 26 JAN. Turakina Caledonian Society

149th Highland Games

SATURDAY 9 FEB.

20TH Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo.

Paeroa Domain.

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Easter 2013 – Sat and Sunday Hawkes Bay Highland Games

Lindesfarne College, Hastings

HOW IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON KINGS AND QUEENS OF SCOTLAND?

Kenneth mac Alpin was the first king to unite the kingdoms of Dalriada in the west and the Picts, and as such is regarded as the first king of Scotland.

Kenneth 1	(843-858)	
Donald 1	(858-862)	Son of Alpin
Constantine	(862-878)	Son King Kenneth 1
Aedh	(878-879)	Son of Kenneth 1
Eochaid	(879-889)	G'son of Kenneth 1
Donald 11	(889-900)	Son of Constantine 1
Constantine 11	(900-942)	Son of Aedh
Malcolm 1	(942-954)	Son of Donald 11
Indulph	(954-962)	Son - Constantine 11
Dubh/Duff	(962-966)	Son of Malcolm 1
Culen/Cuilen	(966-971)	Son of Indulph
Kenneth 11	(971-995)	Son of Malcolm 1
Kenneth 111	(997-1005)	Son of Dubh
Malcolm 11	(1005-1034)	Son of Kenneth 11
Duncan 1	(1034-1040)	G'son of Malcolm 11
Macbeth	(1040-1057)	
Lulach	(1057-1058)	Stepson Macbeth
Malcolm 111	(1058-1093)	Son of Duncan 1
Donald 111	(1093-1094)	Brother Malcolm 111
Duncan 11	(1094 6 mths)	Son of Malcolm 111

Duncan 111	(1094-1097)	Son of Malcolm 111
Edgar	(1097-1107)	Son of Malcolm 111
Alexander 1	(1107-1124)	Son of Malcolm 111
David 1	(1124-1153)	Son of Malcolm 111
Malcolm iv	(1153/1165)	G'son of David 1
William	(1165-1214)	G'son of David 1
Alexander 11	(1214-1249)	Son of William
Alexander 111	(1249-1286)	m Henry 111 of
England daughter Margaret.		
Margaret	(1286-1290)	G'daughter
Alexander 111		
Interregnum	(1290-1292)	Issues with Edward
1 of England.		
John	(1292-1296)	John Balliol
Interregnum	(1296-1306)	King Edward
effectively rules Scotland		
Robert 1	(1306-1329)	(Robert the Bruce)
David 11	(1329-1371)	Robert's son
Edward Balliol	(1332-1341)	John's son.
Robert 11	(1371-1390)	Son of Robert 1
daughter.		
Robert 111	(1390-1406)	Son of Robert 11
James	(1406-1437)	
James 11	(1437-1460)	
James 111	(1460-1488)	Son of James 11
James IV	(1488-1513)	m Margaret Tudor, d
of Henry VII		
James V	(1513-1542)	
Mary, Queen of Scots	(1542-1567)	
James VI	(1569-1625)	Son of Mary
Charles 1	(1625-1649)	last King born in
Scotland		
Charles 11	(1649-1685)	
James VII	(1685-1689)	son of Charles 1
William & Mary	(1689-1702)	d of James VII
Anne	(1702-1714)	d of James VI

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS! Or a Genealogists Nightmare!

It's New Year's Eve 1852 and a Henry Hydenwell sits at his desk by candlelight, dips his quill in the ink well and writes his New Year resolutions.

1. No man is truly well educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being well educated in the coming year.

2. I resolve to see to it that my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.

3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice in any document.

4. I resolve to have each of my children baptised in a different church – either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptised at all or will be baptised by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.

5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once in every ten years – just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.

6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.

7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or participating in military service.

8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I will loan him my pen which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.

9. I resolve that should my beloved Mary die, I will marry another Mary.

10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer??

IDEAS TIME!

As mentioned in my editorial, your Clan Maclean Association is deeply in need of some new ideas, new members and above all some new impetus. May I make this appeal to you to please let us know of any suggestions you have or ideas to do things better. Just please drop Katrine or myself a line – all ideas will be valuable.

One idea I have which I heard of recently is of one Clan that offers short term assistance to fellow clansmen who may be visiting the area or even from overseas. This seems to me to be an excellent means of strengthening ties between clansfolk.

I have long been enthusiastic about the expression “there are no strangers here, just friends we have not yet met.” Expressing that just a little differently – we are all proud clansfolk but there are many of our clansmen we have yet to meet”.

TARTAN IN THE PARK 2013

**THIS POPULAR EVENT WILL AGAIN
TAKE PLACE AT THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS –**

142ND WAIPU HIGHLAND GAMES

1 JANUARY 2013

AND

20TH HIGHLAND GAMES AND TATTOO, PAEROA

9 FEBRUARY 2013.

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IDEAS FOR THESE EVENTS.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

(Please let us know about events in your area)

24 November	Auckland Highland Games
25 November	Caledonian Society of Otago.
30 November	ST ANDREWS' DAY
1 January '13	142nd Waipu Highland Games
19 January	Scottish Culture – Burns – at Auckland Domain
26 January	149 th Turakina Highland Games
9 February	20 th Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo.

