FRIENDS OF THE CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

Report of the Calendar year to 31st December 2013



2012 was such a busy year for the Heritage Trust with the Centenary Gathering at Duart, 2013 was always going to be rather quieter.

There were three projects that were completed in 2013.

The first was recognizing the site of Fort Duart in the United States. This was the first project that the Heritage Trust had carried out in the United States. Fort Duart was built by Sir Allan Maclean and the plaque and story board that has been provided for the site was seen as important to explain the story of the Fort to visitors. As has been the case with a number of projects that we have done, we shared the costs, which meant that the Heritage Trust was a contributor but not the sole sponsor.

Secondly, the unveiling of the stone and plaque to J Angus Maclean who had been the Premier of Prince Edward Island. Angus was a very, very important Maclean in the Prince Edward Island community as well as the Federal Government. The Heritage Trust was delighted to support the recognition that has taken place, not only by the Heritage Trust but also by a number of local organisations, including the Belfast Historical Society and the Caledonian Club who had helped to fund this project. This recognition of Angus Maclean was much appreciated by his family and the local community in which he lived. Ian Maclean , one of the Trustee's did an enormous amount of work to make both of these events such a success.

Although I attended the event at Fort Duart as Chairman of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, I had to call off the unveiling of the plaque and stone to Angus Maclean at the last moment.

Thirdly, Jamie Maclean who won the bursary award in 2012 completed his course at the College of Piping in 2013. He found it very worthwhile and I'm sure we will all look forward to hearing him play in the future, as he is a young piper with considerable potential.

Our membership has dropped quite dramatically after the Gathering in 2012. This tends to happen in years after a Gathering when people have become Friends to benefit from the Friends activities at the Gathering. However, all the Trustees are aware of this worrying trend and plans are being made to try and recruit more members to become Friends of the Clan Maclean.

I'd like to thank the Trustees for all their hard work over the last 12 months. All of the Trustee's wanted me to extend to you a welcome to come to the Gathering we are having at Duart on 26th July 2014. It will be a low key Gathering, but everyone is very welcome.

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I would urge you please to renew your membership for 2014, with best wishes

Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern

Finances:

A full set of Accounts are available from the Treasurer. The new website which has been up-dated with forms for new Friends, can be viewed at www.maclean.org