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Céad míle fáilte

Welcome to the Autumn 2018 issue of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust's newsletter, which contains extracts from the Chair-

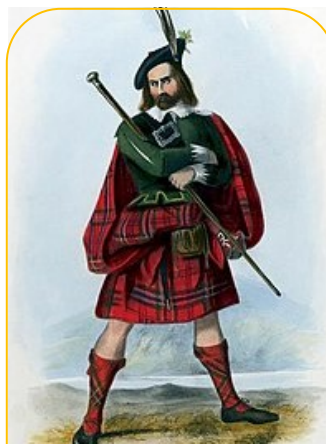
man's report.

As we go to print, the first of the planning meetings for the 2022 International Gathering has been held. Many

Friends attended our 2017 event, and we hope that you will put a memo in your diaries for the next one. Gach dùrachd.

Macleans — Warriors of the Isles

During the Middle Ages, the three most powerful men in Britain were the kings of England and Scotland, and the Lord of the Isles. From their administrative headquarters on Islay, the lordship could call on hundreds of galleys that gave them control of the entire western seaboard of Scotland. In 1545, the names of those on the Council of the Isles were listed. Of the 17 great men identified, six were Macleans. In a culture that glorified warfare, the



James Irvine Robertson tells the tale of these warriors of the isles

was the clan's founder. He was a counsellor to David I and fought at the Battle of Largs against the Norwegians in 1263. It is probably his grandson's name that appears on the Ragman Roll of 1296 and he seems to have been based in Lorne, then controlled by the MacDougalls.

Macleans were, perhaps, the most glorious of all the clans.

Gilleán of the Battle-Axe, a descendant of the Kings of Dalriada,

But he and his family were supporters of Bruce, the MacDougalls' mortal enemy, so the kindred left Lorne and

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Hector Lachlan Stewart MacLean, VC

The Lord Ashcroft Gallery is situated at the Imperial War Museum London. It houses the Extraordinary Heroes exhibition containing Lord Ashcroft's unrivalled collection of Victoria Crosses (VCs), the largest in the world. Amongst them is Hector Maclean's Victoria Cross.



Hector Lachlan Stewart MacLean, VC (13 September 1870 – 17 August 1897) was a recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Hector MacLean was the eldest son of Major-General Charles Smith MacLean CB CIE (1836-1921) and Margaret MacQueen (née Bairnsfather; 1846-1921). Hector was born in a tent on the hill of Sheikh Budin, in the Northwestern Provinces of India, now Pakistan. He was a lieutenant in the Indian Staff Corps and Corps of Guides, Indian Army during the Tirah Campaign when the following deed took place for which he was posthumously awarded the VC.

On 17 August 1897 at Nawa Kili, Upper Swat, British India, Lieutenant Maclean, with fellow officers Robert Bellew Adams and Viscount Alexander Edward Murray Fincastle and five men of the Guides, went under a heavy and close fire, to the rescue of a Lieutenant Greaves of the Lancashire Fusiliers who was lying disabled by a bullet wound and surrounded by enemy swordsmen. While the wounded officer was being brought under cover he was killed by a bullet. Lieutenant Maclean was mortally wounded. His citation read:

During the fighting at Nawa Bali, in Upper Swat, on the 17th August, 1897, Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Adams proceeded with Lieutenants H. L. S. MacLean and Viscount Fincastle, and five men of the Guides, under a very heavy and close fire, to the rescue of Lieutenant R. T. Greaves, Lancashire Fusiliers, who was lying disabled by a bullet wound and surrounded by the enemy's swordsmen. In bringing him under cover he (Lieutenant Greaves) was struck by a bullet and killed — Lieutenant MacLean was mortally wounded — whilst the horses of Lieutenant-Colonel Adams and Lieutenant Viscount Fincastle were shot, as well as two troop horses.



In 2003, a picture of Lieut. Hector Lachlan Stewart MacLean VC was presented by the Trust to Fettes College, Edinburgh.

Grants

The Lady Maclean Fund was established, within the Heritage Trust, in order to direct donations made in memory of the Chief's first wife, Mary, to certain specific causes, especially those relating to children. In 2018, the annual grant to help a local choir to go to the Mull Mòd was made to Còisir og Muile.

The Trust continues its support for the Mull Museum, which maintains the Trust Library and Archives. Friends of the Heritage Trust may access the Archives on request.

During the year 2017/2018, the Trust continued its support of piping with a grant to the Mull and Iona School Pipers. The 5-yearly piping bursary was awarded to Alastair Maclean, of Oban.

The Trust, with help from the Drimnin Estate, restored the monument commemorating Alan McLean, 'The Survivor', which we visited during the International Gathering.

A grant was made towards the production costs of Paul Belliveau's book '*Percy Guthrie and the MacLean Kilties*'.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our Deed of Trust, are the promoting and advancing the education of the public in the history, traditions and music of the Clan Maclean.

In furtherance of these purposes the Trust undertakes the following activities:

- (a) it commemorates famous events in the history of the Clan by erecting cairns on relevant sites;
- (b) it records and publicises the significant contributions of Macleans in various fields by installing memorial plaques on buildings associated with them;
- (c) it contributes to the restoration of important buildings associated with the Clan;
- it acquires, restores and preserves books and manuscripts about distinguished members of the Clan and its history, and makes them available to the public;

(e) it produces publications, and maintains a website, that educate the public in the history and traditions of the Clan Maclean, as well as promoting other educational activities relating to the history and culture of the Clan;

(f) it funds a piping bursary for young Macleans at the College of Piping in Glasgow; and

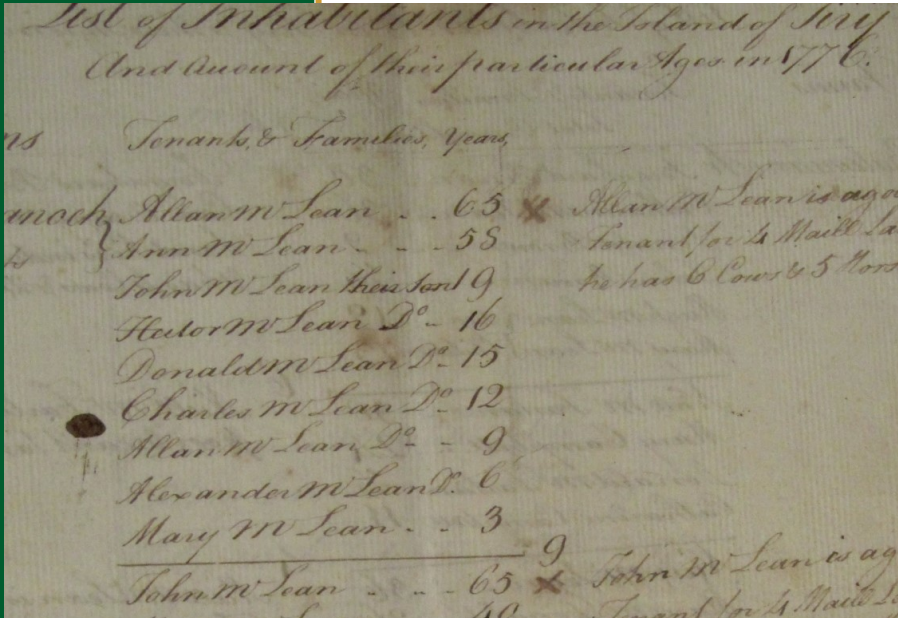
(g) it sponsors competitions in the playing and composition of pipe music and in Gaelic choral singing.

The Trust pays particular attention to activities aimed at younger members of the Clan and children generally.

The Trustees are making changes to wording of the Deed to ensure compliance with current regulations.

Friends Tours?

The Trustees are considering organising visits to places that are normally difficult to access which Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust would be invited to attend.



Part of the Tiree census

Would you be interested in an excursion to Inveraray and Strachur in 2019?

Please contact the Secretary to declare an interest.

For 2019, a visit to Inveraray and Strachur are being considered.

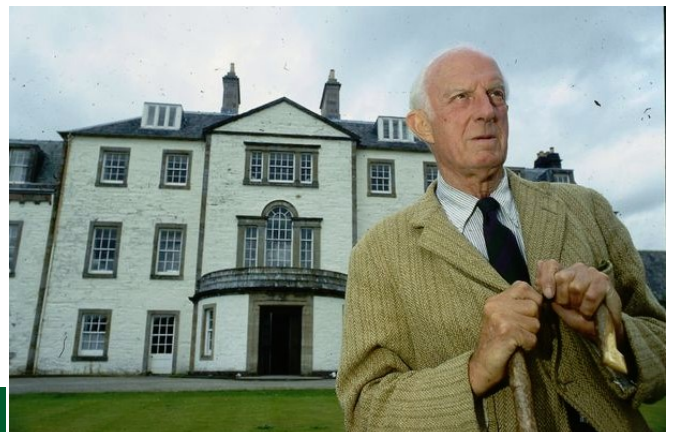
At Inveraray, Friends would be able to visit the Clan Campbell archives. The Argyll Papers are the family and estate archive of the Campbell family, dukes of Argyll. One of the most important private archives in Britain, it is a rich resource for Scottish and British history from the 13th to the 21st centuries, and attracts researchers from all

over the world. A special selection of the archives' treasures relating to Clan Maclean would be on display.

The archive is housed in Cherry Park, an elegant 18th century Palladian style farm steading, designed for the 5th Duke of Argyll by John Adam and Robert Mylne, with some early 19th century alterations by Joseph Bonomi.

The same day, a visit would be arranged to Strachur. Strachur House is the home of Sir Charles MacLean of Dunconnel Bt., the eldest son of Fitzroy Maclean of World War 2 fame in Yugoslavia.

Before becoming a full-time writer he had a variety of jobs, including periods as a merchant seaman and as a cowboy; he also played in a rock and roll band.

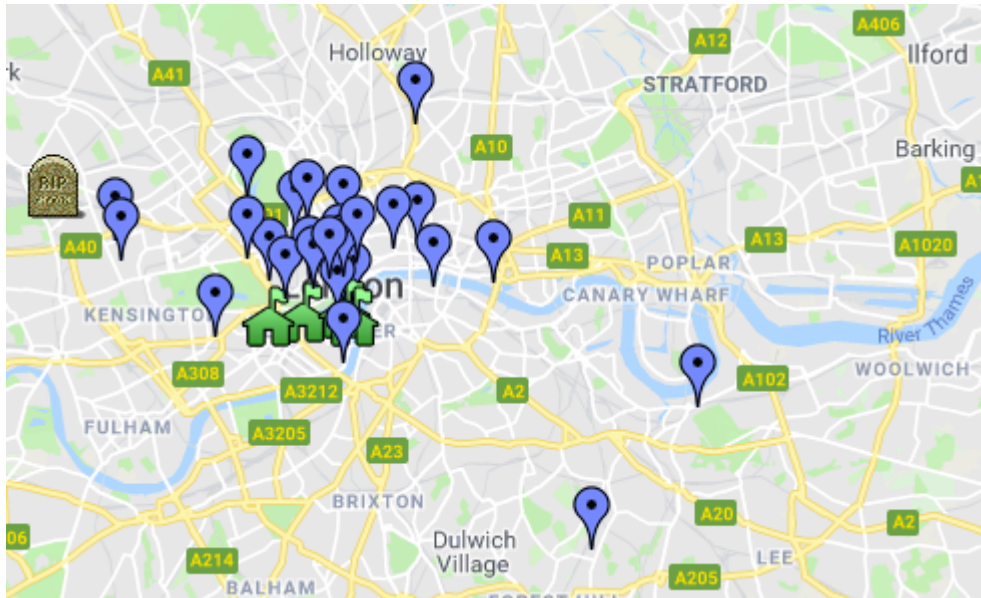


Sir Fitzroy at Strachur

Clan Map of London

Visiting London next year, perhaps?

This clan map will help you find places of interest: <https://goo.gl/GLBrNL>



Nurse Rena McLean

Souris, Prince Edward Island, is a town steeped in Maclean history, and perhaps its most famous daughter is Nursing Sister Lieutenant Rena McLean. On 16th June 2018, over 100 people packed the Matthew and McLean Historium on Main St. to commemorate the life and centenary of the death of the daughter of Matilda and John McLean, a federal Senator with the Parliament of Canada.

Rena was the only Prince Edward Island nurse who went overseas with the First Canadian Contingent in October 1914. She became attached to No.2 Combat Support Hospital at Le Touquet, France, and had the further distinction of helping to set up the first Canadian Hospital in France.

By the summer of 1917 there was such a hue and cry in Canada about having nurses working in such hardship that all the nurses were recalled to England. It was after this that Rena then began nursing on medical ships that carried the wounded back to Halifax, Canada. Even though medical ships were well marked, her ship was sunk by an enemy submarine off the coast of Ireland.

The Heritage Trust supported Clan Maclean Atlantic Canada in the acquisition of a pair of educational storyboards telling the story to future generations.



Macleans — Warriors of the Isles (Continued)

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Hector Mor Maclean, 12th Chief wax seal from 1545

moved to Mull, where they allied themselves with and married into Clan Donald. They fought with Angus Og MacDonald at Bannockburn and, in the aftermath of the crushing of the Balliol faction, Clan MacDougall lost their lands to the chiefs of Clan Donald. The Macleans cleaved unto them when they became the Lords of the Isles and soon branches of the family were granted estates in Mull, Morvern, Tiree, Coll, Islay, Jura, and Lochaber.

The fourth chief, 'Black' John had two sons: Lachlan 'the Wily' and Hector 'the Stern'. The senior branch of the clan, founded by Lachlan, had and still has its seat at Castle Duart, which guards the sound of Mull. Down at the south of the island is Moy Castle where Hector formed his own clan, the Maclaines of Lochbuie.

The most striking characteristics of the Macleans, whatever the spelling, was their skill in war and loyalty to the Lords of the Isles. The 6th chief, 'Red' Hector of the Battles, was renowned as one of the finest swordsmen in Europe. In 1400, he was in charge of a great fleet that raided Dublin, destroying English ships and exacting tribute. As hereditary Lieutenant General, he commanded the right wing of the army of his uncle Donald, Lord of the Isles, at the battle of Harlaw in 1411. He engaged in a famous single combat with Sir Alexander Irvine of Drum that left both men dead.

John, 4th Lord of the Isles, overstretched himself by signing the Treaty of Ardtornish in 1462 with Edward IV and the Earl of Douglas — in the hope of conquering the country and giving himself half of the kingdom. But the War of the Roses intervened and, when news of the treaty came out, James III took away much of the Lordship's power. Angus Og, the heir, launched a rebellion and smashed his father's fleet at the battle of Bloody Bay in 1476. Both John and Hector, the 9th Chief, were captured. James IV abolished the Lordship in 1496 and the Macleans, with their traditional devotion, switched their allegiance to the Stewart sovereigns. Lachlan, the 10th chief of Duart, was killed at Flodden.

The prowess of the Macleans as warriors was widely acknowledged and it might be a result of the fact that they had plenty of practice! They fought amongst themselves with feuds between the Maclaines of Lochbuie and Duart. On one occasion,

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Image by Bert Maclean

Duart won the upper hand when he supported the Lochbuie chief, Iain the Toothless, whose son, Ewen, rebelled against him. In the ensuing battle, Ewen lost his head to the sweep of a claymore and, so the story goes, became a ghost. It's said that the sound of the hooves of his horse heralds the death of a member of the family of Lochbuie.

With the only heir out of the way, Duart imprisoned the toothless one on an isolated island. To look after him and to ensure he had no more heirs, he was given the ugliest and least attractive woman that could be found. However, needs must and they produced Murdoch 'the Stunted', who was spirited to Ireland, and he sired future generations of the chiefs. But the most brutal feuding took place with Clan Donald as they fought to fill the power vacuum left by the dis-

membered Lordship and control the seaway past Islay and Jura to Ireland. It was this conflict that so weakened the two clans as to allow Clan Campbell the room to expand.

In 1645, the Macleans fought for the Stuarts and Montrose. Perhaps the most memorable example of the heroism of the clan took place at the battle of Inverkeithing in 1651, where the Scots army of Charles II was beaten by Cromwell's New Model Army. Sir Hector Maclean, the chief, fell and clansmen after clansmen with the cry 'Another for Hector' was killed as they fought to protect his body. Clan tradition says that, of the 600 Macleans who took part in the battle, only 35 came home.

The Macleans incurred heavy debts in the Stuart cause, which were bought up and compounded by the Campbells, until the Earl of Argyll succeeded in obtaining a judgement that gave him possession of all Maclean of Duart territories. The clan held out by force but the 20th chief, Sir John, led the Jacobite right wing at Killiecrankie in 1689 and, after the collapse of that rebellion, an army of 2,500 Campbells forced Duart Castle's surrender. In spite of this catastrophic loss, the clan still rallied to its chief in 1715. In 1745, Hector, the 21st chief, was arrested in Edinburgh but 500 of the clan rose under Charles Maclean of Drimin. He was killed at Culloden.

In 1911 the ruins of Duart Castle were obtained by the 26th chief, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, and restored.

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Lochbuie Tanist Weds

A glorious sunny day in the English countryside (29 September 2018) was the idyllic setting for the wedding of Angus MacLaine to Nina Boshoff at Botleys Mansion in Lyne, Chertsey, Surrey.



Angus is Tanist to Chief of Clan Gillean of Lochbuie, The Most Honrd Lorne MacLaine, Baron Maoidh.

Nina is daughter of Luna Boshoff of Fulham, London, and the late Toby Boshoff. Nina is a graduate of Bristol University.

Both the bride's wedding dress and her reception gown were creations by international fashion designer, Oscar de la Renta, while Angus, as would be expected, was appropriately attired.

Angus and Nina ensured that the Lochbuie "branding" -- the chief's armorial battle-axe crest -- was correctly displayed on the evening's menu and intricately re-created in the icing of the wedding cake. The Lochbuie tartan was most evident, with many of the guests wearing the kilt, as well as

the pipers of the Mull & Iona Pipe Band.

The happy couple, who live in Berkshire, honeymooned in Fiji and Singapore.



Friends of the Heritage Trust

The number of Friends in the year to 31st March 2017 was 96, of whom 6 are honorary. The Friends' subscriptions help the finances of

the Trust, and it is intended to try to increase their number in the coming year, not least through an event on Mull at the International Gather-

ing. A newsletter is produced to keep them informed of the Trust's activities. Editors note: numbers did indeed increase during 2017.

Warriors (Continued)

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His grandson, Sir Lachlan Hector Charles Maclean of Duart and Morvern Bt, CVO, is 28th clan chief and 12th Baronet of Morvern. He launched a £600,000 appeal for repairs to the castle in 2014. Lorne Gillean Ian McLaine of Lochbuie, Baron of Moy, is the 26th Chief of Clan Maclaine of Lochbuie. Other important cadet branches are the Macleans of Coll, and Ard gour.

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The Names and Families of Clan Maclean

Updated in 2015 following discussions with the Lord Lyon.

In addition to the various spellings of Maclean, there are a number of surnames that are traditionally associated with or belong to this great Scottish family. These additional surnames are referred to as “septs” and the following comprise the accepted list.

The Clan Maclean Associations traditionally admit those whose spouse, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent bore either the name Maclean or one of the other recognised spellings or septs.

Auchaneson, Beath, Beaton, Black, Clanachan, Dowart, Dowie, Duart, Duie, Garvie, Gillan, Gillon, Gilzean, Hoey, Huie, Lane, Lean, Leitch, MacBeath, MacBeth, MacBheath, MacCormick, MacEachan, Macfadin, MacFadyen, Macfadzean, Macfergan, Macgeachan MacGilvra, Macildowie, Macilduy, Macilvera, MacLergain, Macclergan, MacPhaiden, MacRankin, MacVeagh, MacVey, Paden, Patten, Rankin, and Rankine.

Financial report



Income:

The income for the Trust for the year ending 31st March 2018 is £8,093 compared to income of £3,415 in the year to 31st March 2017. This increase reflects the new members who joined the Friends at the time of the International Gathering. It is hoped that some of our new Friends will renew their subscriptions.

Reserves:

The result for the year ending 31st March 2018 was a surplus of £2,130 compared with a surplus of £978 for the year ending 31st March 2017. The Trustees are confident that the Trust is in a sound financial state for the funding of future projects.

A copy of the accounts is available upon request. This is free for an emailed copy, but postage costs will be charged for hard copies.

Trust Representatives

Trust Representatives are appointed to represent the Trust in those Associations in which the Trust is not represented by a Trustee.

The role of a Trust Representative is to assist the Trust in the achievement of its objectives by:

- (a) Recruiting new Friends, encouraging donations and legacies, and promoting the sale of Trust books, maps and other merchandise, thus generating revenue for the Trust enabling new projects to be undertaken.
- (b) Identifying suitable projects in which the Trust could become involved, including watching for endangered Maclean heritage where protective action may be required.

The Trust Representatives

Peter MacLean (Western Australia),
 Marcus MacLean (New South Wales),
 Pat McClean (Pacific North-West),
 Gordon McLean (Clan Maclean Association in Australia)
 Dr. Leslie H. McLean (Clan Gillean USA)

Representing the
 Trust around the
 world

Nigel Alington (1947—2018)



Nigel made a huge contribution to Clan Maclean in a wide variety of ways which will, no doubt, be detailed in tributes from around the world in the Clan Newsletter. He played a major role in the Castle Duart Appeal and the Clan Maclean Association of England and Wales as well as the old London committee. We will remember with gratitude his leadership and devotion in many roles including President, Vice President and Hon. Treasurer; his wisdom, his erudition and his wonderful dry sense of humour will be enormously missed.

A feature of Nigel's character was his passion for Clan Maclean history. He was justifiably triumphant when he discovered "the oldest known Maclean portrait" during the Clan's trip to Sweden.

As a Trustee of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, Nigel led a number of projects, and took a deep interest in many others. He took over the role of Treasurer, and looked after the Trust's finances, as well as taking responsibility for ensuring all legal aspects were meticulously adhered to.

He provided our slideshow for exhibitions and established and maintained our Register of Eminent Macleans.

We will miss his guiding spirit and his contribution to the Trust.

Nigel Argentine Alington LVO (7 January 1947 - 4 June 2018) was the son of Lt Cmdr Charles Francis Alington, RN, and Anne Maclean of Ardgour. He died at his home in Little Barford, and is survived by his sisters Felicity Learey and Virginia Teague.

Hunting Maclean Tartan

The Hunting MacLean is the oldest tartan for which there is documentary evidence. When Hector MacLean, the heir of Duart on Mull, received a charter for lands on Islay in 1587, the feu duty was paid in the form of sixty ells of white, black and green cloth.

A Scottish ell was just over three feet, about 37 inches and supposedly originated as the measurement from the shoulder to the wrist, via the elbow, with a few inches exaggeration, obviously.





Clan Maclean Heritage Trust

Trustees

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Mr Ian MacLean (Canada)
Mr Alan McLean (France)
Mr Mark Myers (California)

Secretary and Treasurer

William Douglas has continued as Secretary of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

The work of Treasurer has been undertaken by William Douglas.

Digital or Printed?

Previous editions of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust newsletter have been emailed to the Friends. However, it has been requested that we mail this to you as a printed copy.

If you would prefer a digital copy, then please contact the Secretary, by email, to arrange this. You will then receive digital copies in the future.

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