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From Duart

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and
Morvern, Bt., CVO, DL.
Twenty-eighth chief of Clan Gillean

Dear Members of the Clan,

As one gets older years seem to pass much more quickly - it seems only the other day that I was writing for the Millennium BattleAxe. A year later we still have snow even at the end of March. It has been a hard winter and the countryside is in the grip of Foot and Mouth disease which is causing the farming community so much concern. Duart will open as planned on the 1st of May and there are no restrictions on Mull or in the Highlands at the moment.

My family are all well. My mother came to the London Association dinner with me in February and is in very good heart. Malcolm leaves the Army at the end of March after 6½ years - he has a place at Business School which he wants to attend before he starts his new career. Those of you in the UK may hear Malcolm's wife on Radio 4 "Woman's Hour" where she is a regular contributor on food. Emma 'The Maid of Morvern', Giovanni and Cosimo our grandson are all well. Cosimo (19 months) came to stay with us for a few weeks on his own. Those grandparents amongst you will know how much fun that was for us - we missed him terribly when he went home. Alexandra continues to work in London and Andrew is still at Napier University studying Computer Science.

Many of you who have been to Duart in the last few years will have seen the improvements that have been made to the inside of Duart. Most of this work has been done by Mary - without her help and support it wouldn't have hap-

pened and Duart would be a much less interesting place to visit. The plans for the unveiling of the cairn at Inverkeithing on the 20th July are well advanced. The cairn will be built in granite which is coming from the Glensanda quarry in Morvern. Although the exact site where so many Macleans were killed is unknown the cairn will overlook the most likely site and have next to it our information board describing what happened at the battle. It was such a momentous battle in our Clan's history that I hope that some of you may be able to come.

The Gathering in 2002 is also well on course and I hope that the Pipers and Drummers amongst you will consider very seriously the suggestion that we have our own Maclean Pipes and Drums at the Gathering. I know Colonel Donald has mentioned this to you. It would be a marvellous achievement if we could make it happen and see you all marching up to the Castle on the day of the Gathering.

Duart is looking very good at the moment and there is plenty happening. Last year we planted a Millennium Wood which is now starting to be established. It is very close to the Castle and has a Maclean corner which includes the Clan Plants worn in our bonnets when we went to battle. We also have a plant from New Zealand which was named after a Maclean which was very generously given to me by Admiral Euan Maclean. The marine archaeologists from St Andrews

University are continuing to dive on The Swan which was sunk off the rocks at Duart in 1653. There has been a television documentary made on the wreck and last year some more very interesting artifacts were brought up. It is very exciting seeing objects that have been submerged in the sea for so long coming to the surface looking as if they had been under water for only a few years.

We have also discovered a new way of treating some of the walls that are still leaking at Duart. Our initial trials have made a great difference although the winter on Mull has been quite dry. We hope this will solve the main problem that we still have since the major repairs were completed in 1995. Duart now has its own web-site that we keep up to date on what is happening at the Castle - www.duartcastle.com is the address and I hope you will enjoy visiting it.

However you receive the BattleAxe, electronically or by post,

I hope this finds you in good spirits and I look forward to meeting you at one of the events that are happening in the next few years. We owe a great debt of gratitude to all those members of the Clan who give so much of their time to organise Clan affairs. Without their efforts not much would happen. Thank you.

My family sends good wishes to you all.

Lachlan Maclean
of Duart & Morvern



The Chief presents retiring President Jenny Wilton with a gift from the London Association, February 2001

PARTNERSHIP IN PROGRESS

Can it really be a year since we last wrote our wee note for last year's International BattleAxe 3?

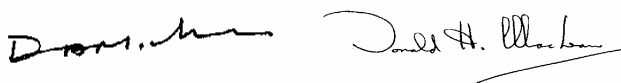
"We" are the two Donald MacLeans who created the present partnership between, on the one hand, the original **Clan Maclean Association** in Scotland (**CMA**) and, on the other hand, the autonomous Maclean Associations around the world, now eleven in number, who constitute "**Clan Maclean International Associations**" (**CMIA**).

In this third year of its operation it might be helpful to remind ourselves of their respective functions, in the terms we proposed in 1998:

"CMA Council to be responsible for the Direct Membership, and the organisation of Gatherings and all central services in Scotland. President CMIA to be ex-officio a member of CMA Council."

"CMIA Council to be responsible for the development of Clan Maclean associations worldwide and for their mutual co-operation. President CMA to be ex-officio a member of CMIA Council."

These definitions have proved realistic. They provide a basis on which not only we two can work well together, but similarly all the Macleans worldwide who have been elected by their fellow Clansmen/women collaborate to serve this great global family.



The Society of West Highland & Island Historical Research

The February 2001 edition of the Society's "Notes and Queries" booklet is a "Special Maclean Issue" and is now available to members.

The Society's web site is www.swhihr.org.uk and its postal address: *Breacachadh Castle, Isle of Coll, Argyll PA78 6TB, Scotland.*

Details of the society's several publications and of subscriptions are available from the Secretary, Douglas Young at the above address or by email to: swhihr@ntlworld.com

We're glad that so many of you have enjoyed the "snippets" - brief quotations, interspersed throughout previous editions. Unless otherwise stated, the snippets in this edition are from the preface to "The Clans & Tartans of Scotland" by Robert Bain, published by Collins. As example:

"Native men" were those related to the Chief and to each other by blood ties. This blood relationship is an important fundamental in the clan system and was a strong element in the patriarchal system of government, all being bound together in a common interest. The clan also contained septs or branches composed of clansmen who had become powerful or prominent in some way, and founded families almost as important as that of the Chief."

Film stars have Maclean mothers

Most of us know that **Sean Connery's** mother was a Maclean: Euphemia, a quarryman's daughter from Edinburgh, but did you know that **Hugh Grant** also has a Maclean mother? Hugh's mother was born Finvola Susan Maclean, daughter of Captain John Maclean RN, and grand-daughter of Surgeon Rear Admiral John Cassillis Birkmyre Maclean [1848-1925].

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Notes from Scotland

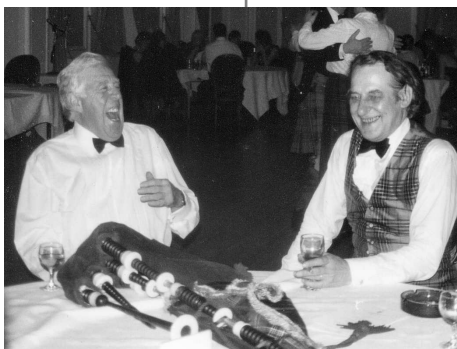
It was a busy, interesting and, at times, challenging start to the year, particularly since we were without a Secretary for the first four months. Therefore it was a great relief when Vanora Rankine agreed to take this job on and she is settling in and doing very well.

We had our annual Scottish Gathering at the Royal Scottish Automobile Club in November, which was reasonably well attended and we were pleased to have Mary and Austin Wilson from the London Association, present. The Chief spoke touchingly about the late Detta's service to his family and to the Clan Maclean Association. The Clan was entertained by the Chief's Piper, by vocalist, Bill McArdele and by the other Kenneth MacLean on fiddle, accompanied by his wife Sheena on piano. Charlie Kirkpatrick on accordion and his Band produced the dance music. It was particularly good to see Lady Veronica Maclean after an absence of some years, and her son Sir Charles Maclean of Dunconnel and his wife Lady Deborah. Sadly, the Royal Scottish Automobile Club is being sold later this year and so the Gathering on 2nd November 2001 will be relocated to the Piping Centre Glasgow.

The business of the Association continued steadily. The accounts are now firmly under control thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, Ronald MacLean. I was very grateful about the response to my "donations appeal" which has been an important help to our financial situation. Canon Allan Maclean has spent a lot of time and effort getting the membership database into shape. In addition, we now have a new leaflet, designed by Hugo Rankine, which will be sent to all new members.

Lastly 28 new members joined the Association during the past year.

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust has continued to look at various projects in addition to the Inverkeithing Cairn unveiling, which is covered separately. One matter recently agreed is to expand the reprinting of the original "Music of the Clan Maclean" to recognise music composed in the 20th Century. Another matter is to look into the possibility of funding and arranging a two week Master Class Scholarship for competent Maclean pipers. Still on piping, we are considering running a short course at the Piping College, Glasgow for the ad hoc Maclean Pipe Band, which we are trying to raise for the 2002 Gathering on Mull. Linked to this Gathering is a plan to unveil a Cairn to commemorate the Battle of Lichlee.



At the November 00 Glasgow Gathering the Chief's Piper, **Kenneth MacLean**, and **Alan McLean** (France) captured in weighty discussion by *Alex McLean*.

Arrangements for the 2002 International Gathering on Mull are progressing steadily. The biggest challenge, for the organising committee, is still one of raising the necessary £25,000 for a marquee complex in Tobermory, large enough to hold the major events for the Clan, under one roof.

Finally, on a sad note, the Librarian at the Mull Museum, Tobermory, Bruce Whittaker, died recently. At the time of going to press, a successor has not yet been appointed. However, any material for the Maclean Archive should continue to be sent to the Museum and addressed to the Curator.

Lt Col Donald MacLean
President, Clan Maclean Association.

Scottish Country Dances

"... the Reel was the forerunner of them all, and perhaps the only dance apart from the Strathspey that we can call our own. Wedding dances in the late 1800s in small crofting communities consisted mainly of Reels and Polkas with the odd Highland Schottische ..."

"Let's Have a Ceilidh" Robbie Shepherd. Canongate Press, Edinburgh EH2 2HB. ISBN 0 86241 412 1

Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering

The Annual Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering will be held at the Piping Centre, Glasgow (adjacent to the Theatre Royal) on **Friday 2nd November 2001** and the tickets will cost £29 each. Application for tickets should be sent to the Secretary:

*Miss Vanora Rankine, Tathhill, By Moffat,
Dumfriesshire DG10 9RH, UK*

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Together with other Australians, Clan Maclean members in this country will, in 2001, celebrate the completion of 100 years of Federation. It was on the 1st January 1901 that the separate states came together to create the Commonwealth of Australia, resulting in the formation of the first National Parliament in May 1901. The year 2001 will see many diverse forms of celebration to commemorate this historic event. Personalities involved in the debates and processes which led to the Federation, will be featured. As Clan members we will have good reason to remember the part played by Allan McLean. In April, in the township of Maffra, Victoria, there will be a plaque unveiled commemorating the contribution of Allan McLean to that community. The inscription on the plaque will read:

“To recognize the Hon. Allan McLean, 1839-1911, of 'Duart' Maffra, Scottish Immigrant, Pastoralist, Stock & Station Agent, Maffra Shire President, Member of Victorian Parliament, Premier, Member for Gippsland in the First Federal Parliament, Minister for Trade and Customs, and Deputy to Prime Minister 1904-5. Erected by the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust and unveiled by Hon. Peter McGauran, M.P. Member for Gippsland, 8.04.01.”

For our Annual Chief's Banquet in May of 2000 we met at Maffra where the function was held at the 'Duart' reception rooms, former home of the above Allan McLean. We were pleased to be able to welcome a number of descendants of Allan McLean.

In keeping with our policy of 'spreading ourselves around' we chose to have our annual general meeting in the south-west Victorian township of Portland to attract local interest. All retiring officers indicated availability and were re-elected.

We continue to have representation at the various Scottish events and during the year attended the Ringwood Highland Games, a Scottish Cultural Day at the Melbourne Immigration Museum, the Victorian Scottish Union Annual Conference, the Council of Clans luncheon, and most recently a seminar to discuss the co-ordination of all Victorian Scottish groups. We also take any opportunity to meet with our fellow Australian Associations-NSW and WA- and our nearest overseas neighbour Association in New Zealand. Holidaying Councillors last year met with WA President Brian and NZ President Katrine .

The Maclean website is still monitored closely and when there is an enquiry with an Australian source we make contact, with a view to attracting full Clan membership.

At our next outing, the March Scotsfest in Maffra, our Clan has been given the honour of leading the procession. This choice was made by the Victorian Council of Clans to further recognize in this centenary year of Federation, the contribution made by Allan McLean to the Federation process.

In May, for our 2001 Chief's Banquet, we will be visiting the popular holiday resort of Phillip Island where our function will be held in the township of Cowes.

Our Association archives, a key element of our activities, continue to expand under the management of Edwin and Marigold Maclean and are well patronised when made available at our functions.

The 2002 world Gathering of Macleans has aroused interest amongst our members and a number have indicated their intention to attend.

John Paton,
President.

Medicine "The clans were not immune to illness and disease, and there was often one of their number skilled in the art of medicine and his cures were mainly concoctions of herbs. Certain families seemed to possess an hereditary skill in this art - the Beaton's of Islay, Mull, Skye and Sutherland being an outstanding example, and fifteenth and sixteenth century manuscripts of their knowledge are still in existence in the Edinburgh University library and the British Museum."

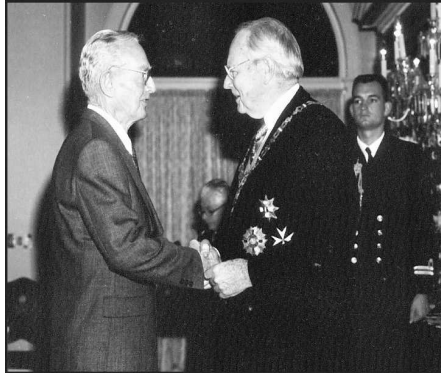
Honour Given to a Maclean of a Heroic Family

Robin MacLean of Mount Maunganui,
North Island, New Zealand

As a result of many year's service to the considerable number of ex-Prisoners of War in New Zealand, Robin was presented with the Order of Merit of New Zealand, on 25th August 1999, in Wellington by the Governor-General. Robin had started up the Association of ex-POWs of New Zealand in the 1950s and was elected first President and then Secretary for many years, taking an active part in the welfare of the POWs and their families and also editing their news magazine, POW-WOW. I was fortunate to witness his care for members when touring South Island with him and my late husband, Iain G.C. MacLean.

Robin, son of the late John MacLean of Liff, by Dundee, emigrated in the early thirties to help elderly uncles and aunt on their sheep station at Hukere in Otago Province, and served in the New Zealand army during the last war. He was taken prisoner in the North African desert by the Germans and taken up through Italy to a POW camp on the German/Polish bor-

der, coincidentally the very same camp to which another brother, Maurice MacLean, was taken from the St Valery area where his unit was defending the escape route to the sea, by which so many lives were saved, including that of their late eldest brother Hugh MacLean, who many years later settled near Adelaide, S. Australia.



Mention should also be made of their father, the Rev John MacLean, for some years before the 1914/18 First World War, a lecturer in English at the University of Lyons, before serving in that war. From 1939 on he gave unstinted service to the cause of the Free French, and after that war was decorated with the Legion d'Honneur by General de Gaulle.

The Clan can be proud of this MacLean family, upright and honourable.

Agnes M. MacLean, Glasgow.
(widow of Iain G.C. MacLean of Telford and Glasgow)

MAJOR EVENTS IN SCOTLAND IN 2001

The following list of events may be helpful to Macleans visiting Scotland this year:

Inverary Highland Games	17 th July
Luss (Loch Lomond) Highland Games	18 th July
The Mull Highland Games (Tobermory) Maclean tent	19 th July
Cairn Unveiling, Inverkeithing	20 th July
World Pipe Band Championships (Glasgow)	11 th August
Islay Highland Games	18 th August
Argyll Gathering (Oban)	22 nd and 23 rd August
Cowal Highland Games (Dunoon)	24 th to 26 th August
Northern Meeting (Inverness)	5 th and 6 th September
National MOD (Stornoway)	12 th to 19 th October
Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering (Glasgow)	2 nd November
Clan Maclean Association AGM (Glasgow)	3 rd November

These events are included in the worldwide schedule maintained at www.maclean.org/gatherin.htm.
Information on relevant events, anywhere, by email please to donald@maclean.org

Atlantic (Canada)

CLAN MACLEAN-ATLANTIC (Can) is correspondence name chosen to cover longer registered title. (Of genus CMIA)

15 Apr 00 a number of our group joined with other clans at the Culloden Memorial at Lismore, NS. A large group, on an unusual bright shorefront ceremony at the Memorial Cairn. An equally bright ceilidh followed in Parish Hall as is the custom.

28 May 00 seven members gathered at the Highland Village Boardroom in Iona, Cape Breton. It was a Grand Banks of NFLD atmosphere. Between a Judique 11:00 am Fishermans Lobster and seafood dinner, a tour of the Village on opening day, and Geneological Computer demonstration, by the Archivist, instead of being 'downcast' the group were upbeat to take on several functions for 2001.

29 June-7 July 00 the usual International Tattoo in the Halifax Metro Center program enjoyed by many, though not in a clan group.

7/8 July 00 The Annual Halifax Highland Games and Scottish Festival had CLAN MACLEAN designated as Clan of Honour (the third Clan to be so designated), and we had seven members man the Clan Tent and Information Tent. Largely visited and enjoyed along with some agreeable weather. In honour of the TALL SHIPS visit, an evening of TALL TALES was quite enjoyable with Genealogy.

19-24 Jul 00 the fabulous sight of some 150 TALL Ships in Halifax & other Ports, largely visited with a Carnival type atmosphere. The childrens favourite was THEODORE the TUGBOAT. A Harbour size replica of the one on TV series.

28-30 July 00 I transported the CLAN TENT to Fredericton, NB for the 19th Annual NB Highland Games. This third time in 19 years our MACLEAN Tent was there. I enjoyed it thoroughly, even though I had the feeling of 'one armed paperhanger', as I patricipated in Lt Gov and other aspects.

15-17 Sep 00 was the big Hector Festival (Launch of 1773 Hector replica that brought first group of Scottish settlers to Atlantic shores). Large crowds, big hurricane blow, delaying launch by a day. In spite of concern the ship slid down the

way gently and settled like a feather. CLAN MACLEAN was involved in unveiling the Avenue of Clans **Tartan & Shield signpost**. Our clan was the first clan to support, and again raised over \$1,000.00 for the Clan signpost. (Photo above) With Toronto & District Association we laid a commemorative wreath at the Hector Monument. In spite of wind and rain, the many visitors at our Tent, guestbook held 85 signatures, six became members, and Maya Alexis MacLean, (MacLean's new-contact) daughter of Mr & Mrs John A MacLean, RR#3 Georgeville, Antigonish Co., and Carly Mary Louise Bent, daughter of Mary Leanne of the MacLean Sisters singing group (who showed up at the MacLean tent the day before) The two were named 'The MacLean children of the Hector 2001. MacLean descendents of HECTOR PASSENGERS raised, two by newsletter, over 50 by genealogical file of one MacLean descendent, plus another

four who on signing the guest book pointed their descent. (PS the only MACLEAN male passenger was Alex. An Email of two days ago would set him as the 84th Regiments Ensign Alexander, and is part of the family of our present day Vice President, Halifax area.

The Annual meeting called for 1 PM **15 Sep 00** crowded into an Adjourned meeting **14 Oct**. We appointed Rear-Admiral Bruce MacLean. OMM, CD, Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic as PATRON. His parents were both MacLean's. Officer elections: Ian MacLean President Elect (Cancer program), RAB MacLean Past but still Acting President. Of Six Vice Presidents 5 new. Our Secretary Treasurer and VP Newfoundland are sons of our late FOUNDING President. Our FEDERATION Rep remains in executive, one of our late founding Vice Presidents team of wife and two daughters.

30 Nov 00 seven of our number joined with THE SCOTS (founded 1768 as The North British Society) to celebrate St Andrews Day plus the 250th Anniversary of the founding of DARTMOTH, NS.

24 Jan 2001 it was the Burns night festivities of THE SCOTS and again four of our number attended in a group. It was positively Irish-like in the numbers in attendance.

6 Apr 2001 TARTAN DAY, more officially set for functions at Government House et al.

LOOK ahead to **2003** GATHERING OF THE CLANS in Nova Scotia coordinated by the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia.



Clothing

"... articles of dress, such as the belted plaids, the philabeg and the trews, are well enough known not to require detailed description. The shoes were of untanned hide and the cuaran was like a boot and reached almost to the knee, made of horse or cow hide shaped to the leg and kept in position with thongs ... a bonnet of knitted wool was generqally worn, and a badge common to the clan, generally a flower or a plant, was worn on it. The sporran worn in front of the kilt to serve as a purse was usually made of leather and often highly ornamented."

"Women wore a curraichd of linen over their heads, fastened under the chin. The tonnag was a small square of woollen cloth or tartan worn over their shoulders, and the arasaid was a long garment of various colours or of tartan, reaching from the head or neck to the ankles, plaited all round, fastened at the breast with a large brooch and at the waist by a belt."

350th Anniversary of the Battle of Inverkeithing

Friday, 20th July 2001

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is arranging for a memorial cairn to be built near the place where Sir Hector Maclean of Duart, and over 750 other Macleans, fell on 20th July 1651.

This battle was enormously significant for the history of the clan, for it not only allied the clan to the fortunes of the Stewart dynasty, but it also weakened the clan due to the loss of all its leaders and young people [allegedly of the 800 Macleans who fought, only 40 returned and many of them wounded], and following on from this the clan, having lost a generation, was weakened economically. This led in under 50 years to the Campbell 'take-over' of Duart and the Chief's lands, and the long struggle for the clan in the next 200 years.

It is no wonder that the clan remembered Inverkeithing, and the valour of the clansmen, who tried to protect their Chief, or at least, averting for a short period the fate of their chief, by stepping forward and declaring, as they were cut down by Cromwell's soldiers, 'Another for Hector' (Fear eil airson Eachuinn).

The place where this memorable event happened is at some distance from Inverkeithing, where the battle began, since the Highlanders were pushed back from Inverkeithing towards Dunfermline, over the crest of a hill and across a broad valley. For three days thereafter, according to a chronicler of the time, the Pinkerton Burn ran red with the blood of the fallen, and the fields round were piled high with corpses, like hay stacks at harvest-time. This second part of the battle is sometimes termed the Battle of Pitreavie, and those who tried to take shelter under Pitreavie Castle walls, were killed by stones being thrown on them from above.

The Memorial Cairn is to be placed near Pitreavie Castle, and will be unveiled by the Chief on Friday 20th July, as a part of the commemoration, which will include a march, an Act of Remembrance, a Lament, and a reading of the names of those known to have been killed. Afterwards there will be a light meal and an opportunity for people to meet. This will be by ticket only, price £5 each [refreshments by cash on the day], available from the Secretary of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust (see below)..

This event is being arranged and sponsored by the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, who ask for donations large or small towards the cost of the cairn. Such donations will be recorded in a suitable way, as being associated with the memorial cairn. Donations should be sent by cheque, payable to 'The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust', or by using VISA or MASTERCARD in pounds STERLING, and sent to Dr James McLean, 31 Ellenabeich, Isle of Seil, Oban, Argyll PA34 4RQ, or enclosed with the ticket application.

The Very Rev Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch

The Battle of Inverkeithing Memorial

Application Form for Tickets

Light lunch after the Ceremonies and Unveiling of the Memorial Cairn 20 July 2001

Name: Address:

Number of tickets required:..... @ £5.00 each

Donation towards Cairn [optional]

Total sum

I enclose a cheque for the above amount in sterling [payable to 'The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust'] **OR**

Charge the sum above to my credit card: Visa/Mastercard (Not AmEx)

Number: [][][][] [][][][] [][][][] [][][][] Expires end [][]/[][]

To:

Malcolm F. MacLean, Secretary CMHT, 5 Wharton Avenue, Damsonwood, Solihull, West Midlands B92 9LY

Applications must be received before 30th June 2001.

Expedition to the Amazon Jungle

Duncan MacLean

(President, Clan Maclean Association of California)

As a 12 year old schoolboy in London I became interested in the Aztecs, Mayans, and Incas of Central and South America and, like any adventurous lad, I dreamed of exploring in such exotic far away places. It was to take me over forty years to realise this boyhood dream!

My wife Elizabeth and I have been friends with the Savoy family in Reno, Nevada for several years. Gene Savoy has been exploring in South and Central America for about 45years and has made some major finds in Peru. His son Gino casually mentioned to me that his father was going on another Expedition in May of 2000. I commented that was a boyhood dream of mine. A week or so later he said that if I really wanted to go his dad would love to have me along! Elizabeth said " It's the opportunity of a lifetime...GO!"

May 2nd 2000, I flew out of Reno to Dallas, then on to Lima, Peru arriving at about 1:15 a.m. of the 3rd. Gene Savoy had gone on ahead to make preparations for the expedition.

In Lima I took the opportunity to contact some MacLeans there. It does not rain along the coast of South America! The fog comes in off of the Pacific Ocean and most of the water used is from the rivers that flow from the mountains.

6th May we finally got the OK to leave the following morning! We had to buy food to take with us, which had to be packed and labeled - I was up until 1:30a.m. helping. Then up at 4:30 a.m., to head out of town to follow the coast north. It is pretty barren with desolate hills reaching inland for up to sixty miles where the foothills of the Andes start to rise. We arrived in Trujillo, about 4:00p.m. and then headed east.

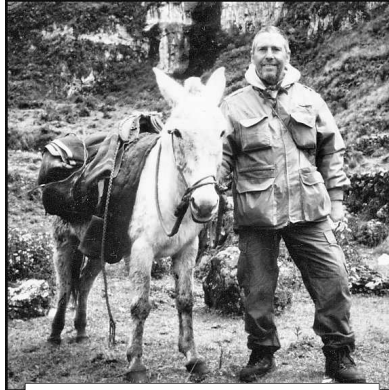
About 1:15a.m. we had a rude awakening from our dozing when a rear tyre of the bus blew out at about 70mph! About 6a.m. two other rear tyres blew. We got into Cajamarca at 8:45a.m. It was Gene Savoy's seventy-third birthday, we had breakfast, and someone brought in a cake and some wine.

Cajamarca is quite a prosperous, bustling agricultural town with Indian men and women wearing their distinctive high crowned straw sombreros and colourful ponchos, selling all kinds of fruit, vegetables and goods in the markets. These are descendants of the builders of the lost city that we hoped to find.

We headed out of town through a very pretty valley and began to climb the green slopes of the Andes. The narrow dirt road had hairpin bends, but no guard rails above the abrupt drop-offs. We could see small farms below us, some with

workers tending their fields on the steep terraced slopes, some ploughing with two oxen pulling the plough. As we passed small houses we saw women and children outside weaving blankets and shawls of alpaca wool.

We stopped for dinner around 5:00 and then continued our climb to the mountain pass. The road was starting to get rougher now and it was getting dark. A half moon rose and we could see that we were descending towards a large river, the Marinon, a tributary of the Amazon.



Duncan and "Wee Jock"

Around 2:30a.m. we arrived at Bolivar at an elevation of 10,600 ft. Our quarters were in a hacienda just off the main square. Inside the walled garden an antenna with a satellite dish fed the signal to the only telephone for miles around.

Awoke at 8a.m., had breakfast and out to see the town. The square had sidewalks and concrete streets with the church, police station and school, a few shops and cafes and a disco/cantina. All the other streets were dirt, with adobe buildings with corrugated tin roofs. Little children were playing, the odd cow or goat and chickens wandering around - a setting out of a Clint Eastwood western.

A football match was arranged. I had played semi pro in my younger days in England, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia and played regularly until I was about thirty eight. Now I was almost fifty four, hadn't kicked a ball for about a dozen years and was about to go and play with twenty year old Peruvians on a concrete school yard at an elevation of 10,600 ft! I jumped up to head a ball and twisted my ankle. I skipped dinner, had a hot toddy, a couple of aspirins and went to bed. I had the shakes and sweated most of the night.

After breakfast we assembled outside to meet our porters and mule handlers who were to take us over the mountain behind the town on the final leg of our expedition. I chose a short, sturdy white mule that reminded me of a tough Scottish soldier, I called him "Wee Jock".

It took us two and a half hours to reach the 14,600ft summit. What fantastic scenery! For lunch we had a can of tuna, crackers and a bar of chocolate with nuts, one bite of which broke one of my teeth.

We made camp by an adobe hut at 11,800 ft. It was a high meadow with fresh water and some very healthy wild horses and burros. After dinner around a camp fire we turned in around 9 o'clock.

We arose to a beautiful morning and began our decent down a valley high above the tree line. We were warned to stay on the trail along the mountainside as what looked like very lush grass was in fact "Fongo", a large bog, and it was very dangerous. It began to cloud up and a mist came down on us. A large bird took off through the mist ahead of us, possibly an eagle or a condor.

It began to drizzle when we came upon some stone ruins.

Miguel the archaeologist said they were Inca, probably 14th century. It was fairly sophisticated masonry with neat corners and door jambs. I was quite impressed and took several photographs.

The rain was getting heavier as we entered the fringe of the Amazon jungle. We stopped at a cave for about 15 minutes and continued on. One of our porters cut me a walking staff with his machete which was a great help. I had filled my canteen with the orange juice left over from breakfast. The sugar gave me energy but left me thirsty.

The rain got heavier and the going got tougher with thick sludge the consistency of concrete that was almost knee deep and thick jungle all around. I was sweating, out of breath, wet and my legs getting heavier and heavier. I started humming "Col. Bogey" which gave me a bit of a lift. The river to our right was now a roaring torrent as it cascaded over the large rocks in its path to feed itself into the mighty Amazon River.

For about five weeks before this trip I had been getting up at 5a.m. and running three miles on dirt roads at my home above Reno, at an elevation of 5,400ft to try and be in better shape. It occurred to me that the only way to prepare for an expedition like this was to go on an expedition like this!

Just after six we came across a clearing about a half a mile wide, it was fongo with large trees that lay rotting where they had fallen. The light was fading, but I could see a building on the far side of the clearing.

I took off my soaked clothes and was given a poncho, and some crude sandals made from strips of old tyres. I had worn long-johns for some extra padding between me and the saddle and as there was always the possibility of cold weather at the higher elevations. We were given some hot chicken broth with beans in it which we gratefully disposed of and filled our canteens with hot water and used them as hot water bottles. Three Gringos, two policemen, two archaeologists, and half a dozen porters had made it to Pampa Hermosa; the rest of the party with the mules was still out on the trail in the Amazon jungle.

Our host found a couple of cow hides to put down. With the ground sheet and tent we made a reasonable bed for the three of us and we drifted off to sleep at the end of "The Day From Hell".

We were awakened in the morning by the chickens. Since taking off our boots and socks our feet had been exposed to the little midges - they were covered in blisters and had swelled up. The bites itched like crazy.

The rest of the expedition arrived about noon after a miserable wet night in the jungle. We had lunch together and relived the previous day. Gene Savoy at seventy three and veteran of dozens of expeditions in Peru admitted that it had possibly been the roughest day and night he had spent on an expedition!

We forded the swift flowing river at Perma Hermosa and in order to get to our base camp at Tingo we had to dismount and cross a bridge made of three tree trunks over the river while our mules forded it up to their withers.

The following day we set out in search of the ruins of the lost city Durango. We were on our mules, but as we started to climb it got too steep for them and they were taken back to camp. We climbed almost vertically and eventually came across stone retaining walls that were part of a terrace system which had long been abandoned and was now overgrown with jungle moss and vegetation, some parts had trees and roots growing through them. A stone tower about twelve feet high had a line of recessed crosses built into it just below the coping which was about one foot thick and overhung about a foot. The tower was built on the batter with collapsed doorway which was formed out of cut and dressed stones. We took measurements and lots of photographs. This is what we had made the trip for and it was quite exciting.

The next day we set out in a different direction, climbing behind our camp, finding more stone walls and paths along our way. Again, this was a very steep climb. Part way up we were able to see stone and adobe houses built into the cliff faces above us on small ledges. They were mausoleums with mummies and artifacts inside. Human skulls were lying around with assorted bones. Many of the skulls had all the teeth intact, straight, white and with no signs of decay. Terra cotta pots together with carved wooden staves about three feet long and two inches wide which had been used like a barrel to contain the mummified bodies. The archeologists were very excited - this was an important Chachapoyan find. The following day they went back to the sites to photograph, take measurements and to retrieve the artifacts to transport them to Trujillo for carbon dating.

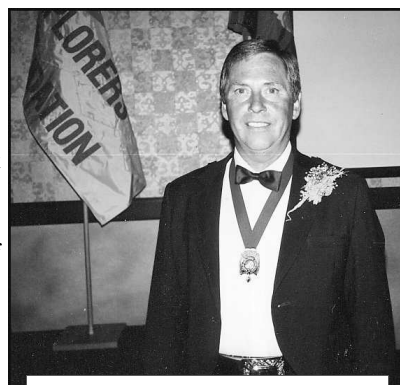
We broke camp at Tingo and headed back towards Pampa Hermosa. Wee Jock was well rested and raring to go. We turned in early only to be awakened about midnight by heavy rains pounding on our tents.

We awoke to a damp morning, had breakfast, and started out on the trail to retrace "the Day from hell". My right stirrup had broken and I had to hang on to the back strap of the saddle and put all of my weight on my left foot.

As we reached the town I dismounted and my leg collapsed under me from pain and the pressure that I'd put on it all day. I steadied myself on Wee Jock, choked back a tear, gave him a hug and thanked him for his hard work. I felt relieved that it was over but also quite sick. I went up to the room, took off my jacket and boots. My whole body began

to shake. I turned in. That bed felt so good.

I met once more with Alberto MacLean in Lima before I left. When my wife met me at the airport she said, "it's good to have you home, where is the rest of you?". I had lost almost twenty pounds and had pneumonia. It would take me two weeks to recover. I'm now ready for the next adventure.



With Medal of the Andean Explorers' Foundation

New South Wales

At the AGM held in November 2000 the President, Colin Sproule said:

"The year started with lots of "Out and About" activities in January members representing the Clan in Australia Day celebrations at the Celtic Festival and Belgenny Farm, also a Burns Anniversary supper and Lachlan Macquarie's birthday celebrations.

March saw representatives, for our second year, at Scots School, Bathurst, Gathering and Games, and a Scottish House fund raising lunch.

As always, we were well represented at the Bundanoon Highland Gathering in April, and in July went back to the Nowra Gala Day Gathering for our second year.

We faltered in August when illness hit the camp, and apart from the Kirkin o' the Tartan and the historic harbour cruise and lunch we had little representation at Scottish Week.

Nothing further until October when we were in attendance at the 20th Wollongong Highland Gathering and in November a venture into something different at the City of Nowra Annual Parade and Festival. The rest of the year was spent in recovery from the various ailments.

Owing to the restrictions placed on selling at Gatherings our fund raising efforts for the year were badly down on last year.

Our newsletter still attracts favourable comment but, more importantly, creates communication avenues through the membership, between branches and with other Clans. We continue to exchange newsletters with Scotland, Canada, the USA, Western Australia and the Clan Maclean in Australia Association based in Victoria, as well as with Clans Cameron, Campbell, Fraser, Macarthur, the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and some other Clans on an irregular basis.

I am pleased to report that all nine of our genealogy books have been accepted by the Society of Australian Genealogists. This year we have produced another book "Septs of Clan Maclean in Australia 1788-1902" (family histories). In the latter half of this year we have been compiling from our own archives another book which contains, from the 1788~1902 period, a number of musters, electoral rolls, post office directories, Sands directories and an index of over 1000 Maclean and Sept names taken from our own family history files (in the main supplied by members). Our target is to complete this work by end January 2001.

I see the priorities for the next twelve months being in building membership and fund raising.

I would like to thank all members for being just that, "MEMBERS". Without you there would be no Clan Maclean in NSW. It would be remiss of me if I didn't pass onto our executive members, Vice-president Ian McLean, Secretary Norma Sproule and Treasurer Norma McLean my grateful thanks for their input, co-operation and support during the last year".



"The social customs of the clans evolved largely from Celtic sources. The Chief was responsible for the good government of his people who, on their part, gave every assistance to him for the mutual benefit of all members of the clan."

"The Macleans have developed perhaps the most organised clan website on the net (www.maclean.org) (there is) increasing dislocation, as families scatter across the globe, and a growing feeling that community is being sacrificed. In Mull's case the modern internet may be reconstructing an ancient sense of connection shattered centuries ago."

"The Independent", 20 January 2001

London Letter

I write this at a time when we have just recorded the wettest twelve months Britain has endured since records began in 1776. Foot and Mouth is ravaging livestock up and down the country and "Foot in Mouth" e.g. political posturing is warming up for a forthcoming (or not) election. All this is feeding our media, naturally poised with self-deprecating pen, with doom and gloom

In contrast the London Branch is in good heart. At the October Annual General Meeting (AGM), Jenny Wilton stood down as President and I took over, with Mary Wilson taking on the role of Vice President. Jenny brought her own very personal touch to the role and in between allowing her garden to be trampled on by thirsty clansfolk, successfully steered the Branch through what proved changing times.

In February we held our Burns Night Dinner and yet again both the Chief and his mother, Lady Elizabeth, graced us. Sadly Lady Mary and the rest of the family could not attend but appreciation for the family's continued support cannot be overemphasised.

Whilst numbers were slightly down from last year, the event was attended by young and old alike and we will be building on this in the future. We were also delighted to host George Gillon, a clan member and appropriately Vice Chairman of the Caledonian Club, which, as always, did us proud. The "Burns Supper" itself followed traditional lines, so as well as providing us with news on Mull and the family, the Chief was cajoled (at extremely short notice) to propose the toast to the Lassies; he also made a presentation to Jenny Wilton in recognition of her time as President.

Responding for the lassies, Mary Wilson made a presentation to one special "lassie", Lady Elizabeth, in recognition of her enduring support for the Association. Donald Maclean, appropriately, raised our glasses to toast all our International clansfolk and I endeavoured to bring Rabbie Burns to life, both with an "honest sonsie face" and "as the boy".

We are currently working on our programme for 2001/2002 and will be promulgating this on the website, so that should any clan members be visiting London at the time of a gathering, they would be most welcome. We hope to meet many of you in Mull (2002), but perhaps sooner if you are going to be in Inverkeithing this July.

Finally, I recently stumbled across a particularly apt *raison d'être* for Scottish (and as Macleans we provide a perfectly fit the generalisation) emigration in Punch on Scotland, I quote:

"The great westward movement of the tribes across Europe over the years resulted in the Scots finding themselves trapped in a wet, misty cul-de-sac in the northern half of Britain with nowhere left to go except the Orkneys and Shetlands. As this seemed a poor solution, most of them have taken a deep breath and gone to Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Samoa, the Far East and even in desperate cases London, where they have formed Caledonian societies and become even more fiercely Scottish than before'

So to meet us more "desperate cases" come to London.

Peter Maclean,
President Clan Maclean Association of London



The Haggis is piped-in at this year's Burns Supper of the London Association. The Head Chef of the Caledonian Club is preceded by John Spooore the Association's Piper

Bonnets "The 'Balmoral' style bonnet is the most popular head-wear and it approximates more closely to the old broad bonnet of the Highlander. It is generally blue in colour, but may have a pom-pom of red or other colour. The bonnet should display the wearer's crest, if he is the registered owner of one; or his chief's crest within a "strap and buckle" to indicate that he is a follower of the chief whose crest badge he wears."

New Zealand

Late last year, Ian and I decided to have a holiday in the South Island of New Zealand, visiting old friends and old haunts. We invited our eldest grand-daughter, Sarah, to accompany us as she is now ten and we thought it would be a good experience for her. As the plans progressed I suggested that we also take the opportunity of calling on as many of our outlying Clan members as we could and Ian thought that was a good idea.

We left Auckland on January 13th to spend the first few days with daughter Rhona in Taranaki. Our first stop was to see Isla McCullough in Ngaruawahia. She gave us a warm welcome and we chatted over a cup of coffee. Like many of our members Isla has been to Duart and showed us several photographs. I felt that if all our members were as friendly, we were in for a pleasant time. And so it proved. While in Inglewood we called on Deirdre Brockhill in New Plymouth. Deirdre's ancestry is from Tiree and she was keen to solve a couple of problems so I offered to take her family tree to Gordon McConnell whom we had arranged to meet.

On the 16th we travelled to Wellington, stopping on the way to call on Ian and Nancy McLean in Waikanae. Ian is our rep for that area and was most informative about the Maclean influence there. Ian is very keen to increase membership and has been working hard to draw in some of the Macleans that he knows. We spent time for the next two days taking Sarah to Te Papa (the Museum of New Zealand) and doing other fun things with her, then crossed to the South Island on the Lynx - the fast ferry. The weather was kind so we had an excellent crossing. In Blenheim we visited Gordon McConnell and his wife Peg, and had a great evening with them. Gordon has many excellent books and a wealth of knowledge about the Macleans, especially those of Tiree. It was hard to draw the visit to a close and I am so delighted that Gordon is our genealogist. He'll do a very good job of that.

As we had already fallen behind our programme we hurried on to Dunedin where we spent a couple of days with old friends. Sadly we have no members in that lovely city, so I left some information at the Hocken Library, as I did at various libraries throughout. I hope that one day we will have a strong group there. Our nearest members are Bill Maclean and Eileen McMillan both of whom live in Mosgiel. We were fortunate enough to find both at home although at one stage I thought we'd never find Eileen. I went round in circles while the cry went up from the back seat "Grandma's lost again!!"

Ian is hoping that Bill may turn out to be related as both have traced their families back to Rosemarkie in the Black Isle. So I have sent our information to Bill to see what he comes up with. Eileen is also of Macrae extraction and is distantly related to me through that clan. I am planning to involve her a bit more in the Maclean clan if I can.

We headed on down to our old stamping ground of Tuatapere in the far south and while Ian and Sarah helped on our friend's farm I went to see Lynette Fowler in Otautau. Lynette is very keen on genealogy and had lots of good advice for me. It was a 'gey dreich' day (the only one we had) but I continued to Invercargill to call on May Brown and her dear little dog. It was a short but very pleasant visit. May is related to several other members and I was able to sort these out in my head.

As usual on trips like this we ran out of time and had to make a dash back to Picton with brief stops in Queenstown, Wanaka and Christchurch. So we didn't see any other members until heading back to Taranaki. This time we managed to catch up with Jean Dobson in Levin. Jean has just published a book of her MacLean family, called "MacLean of Scottish Lochs and Kapiti Coast." and fortunately she had a copy there so I was able to purchase it. I have almost finished reading it and it is most enjoyable.

I must finish by telling you of one of those coincidences that keep happening. As I arrived at Jean's, one of her friends was leaving and she introduced us. In the ensuing conversation I mentioned that we had just come back from Southland. "Oh," he said "My daughter lives in Southland." I told them I had been calling on members and that one in Otautau was called Lynette Fowler. "That's my daughter!" he exclaimed.

Today we had lunch with Donald and Vera from Scotland. There was lots of laughter at our table and those coincidences kept cropping up. It was great fun. We're really looking forward to meeting everyone next year.

Slainte

Katrine McLean.

President, Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In January this year, Lt. Col. Donald MacLean, President of Clan Maclean Association, and his wife, Vera, spent a week in Perth on a holiday visit. They had made prior arrangements for the first part of the week but from Friday 26th January, they were welcome guests of Clan Maclean Association (Western Australia), President Brian McLean and his wife Val, for three days.

The 26th January, is celebrated as Australia Day and Perth puts on a half-hour fireworks display from barges in the Swan River from 8.00 pm.. This has been a feature for several years now and vantage points around the river are usually very crowded. We chose to keep away from the large crowds and took Donald and Vera to the marina at South of Perth Yacht Club where we had a picnic supper on board Brian's yacht. The sky show that started after dark could be seen from the club and was quite spectacular this year.

On Saturday morning, Brian attempted to honour a promise to take Donald sailing on the Swan River. We avoided the usual afternoon sea breeze because of river crowding with racing yachts, but got caught out with a dying, morning east wind and had to start the engine to get back to the yacht club in time for lunch. As Donald said "the potential was there!"

That night, Past President Peter MacLean and his wife Kay, joined with Brian and Val in a dinner party for Donald and Vera. This gave Donald the opportunity to bring Peter and Kay up-to-date with CMA happenings in Scot-

land and for Vera to talk about the 2002 Gathering arrangements.

To give members the opportunity to meet Donald and Vera in a casual atmosphere, a Sunday morning, "Breakfast by the River" was organised at Matilda Bay near the Royal Perth Yacht Club. It was a lovely morning and we had the use of a large, open-sided 'gazebo' in a tree shaded, riverside park, that allowed the 20 people present to sit together in comfort. There was a free, electric barbecue close by and from 8.00 am sausages, eggs and tomatoes were sizzling on the hot plate.

Donald and Vera took the opportunity to circulate and soon there was talk of the 2002 Gathering on Mull. If present intentions are fulfilled, Western Australia should be well represented at the Gathering.

All too soon it was Monday morning when the visitors flew out to Sydney before crossing the Tasman for a month in New Zealand.

It is said that Perth is the most isolated capital city in the world so rare visits from Clan members are very welcome and to have Donald and Vera visit us was a special occasion. Should any Clan Maclean cousins be visiting Australia, why not consider a stop-over in Perth? We would love to meet you.

Brian McLean.

President, Clan Maclean Association (Western Australia)



Brian & Val McLean (1 & 3)
Vera & Donald MacLean (2 & 4)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Annual Highland Games are held throughout the United States and hard-working members of Clan Maclean Associations generously give their leisure time to provide a rendezvous (often a Clan Tent) for clansmen and women. In the Pacific Northwest Gordon and Tresa McLean left their home in Colfax WA on just such a mission:

"We headed east into a burning Montana. Layered smoke from several forest fires met us at the Western Montana State Fairgrounds on August 19th, 2000. As the air cleared Saturday morning, Clans Cameron, Campbell, Hamilton, and Grant joined us. Clan Graham cancelled due to a fire threatening the area where the tent host was sheriff.

"The sheep dog exhibition had to be cancelled due to fires, but there were 30 registrants for the highland dancing competition, 33 for the individual piping and six for drumming.

"Among the four pipe bands, one from Bitterroot Valley were wearing Maclean Tartan, and among the Highland Dancers we found **Heather** and **Meghan Mclean** (aged 7 & 11) from Alberta, Canada with their mother, **Kathie**. Heather took 1st in the Sean Truibus and Scottish Lilt. Megan took a 1st in the Highland Fling and a 2nd in the Sword.

"The Maclean tent had a steady flow of visitors all day, including seven Maclean "cousins" who each posed for a picture with the Maclean of Duart banner and registered on our sign-in sheet. All left with a handful of Maclean Clan information.



CLAN MACLEAN

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

2002

The Clan Maclean Association is organising an **International Gathering** on Mull from **Wednesday 19th to Sunday 23rd June 2002.**

The outline programme will include: **Visits to Clan lands** on *Wednesday 19th* and *Thursday 20th June*; a **Clan Congress** (am), **Cairn Unveiling** at Lichlee (pm) and a **Dance** in the evening of *Friday 21st June*; the **Main Gathering** at **Duart Castle** 11am until 4pm and a **Grand Ceilidh** in the evening of *Saturday 22nd June*.

A **Reception Centre** will be set up at the *Aros Hall* in *Tobermory* and will be open throughout the Gathering. Co-located there will be the **MacleanNet Centre** and **Genealogy Unit**, the **Heritage Trust** stand, the Clan Association **Shop** and a **Coffee Room**.

Booking of Accommodation:

It is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand for accommodation on Mull during the Gathering. It is up to those attending to make their own arrangements and this can be done by contacting either:

Tourist Board - Albany Street, Oban, Argyll PA34 4BR, UK.
Tel: 01631 566606 Fax: 01631 566888
Email: info@scottish.heartlands.org
www.scottish.heartlands.org

Tourist Information Centre, Craginure, Isle of Mull PA65
Tel: 01680 812377 Email: info@mull.visitscotland.com

Mull....Info - Fairways Lodge, Tobermory, Isle of Mull PA75 6PS, UK
Tel/Fax: 01688 302238
www.holidaymull.org

Registration for the Gathering:

Those who wish to attend the Gathering should complete the Registration Form on p.17 and send it to The Gathering Secretary:

Mrs Vera MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire KA23 9HT, UK.

Population "... the population of the Highlands was small considering the amount of trouble it caused the Scottish crown and parliament throughout the existence of the clan system. If we take General Wade's figures of the number of clansmen able to bear arms (22,000) as representing one-sixth of the total population we get the number 132,000 persons; even if it represented one-tenth we would get no more than 220,000."

BADGES

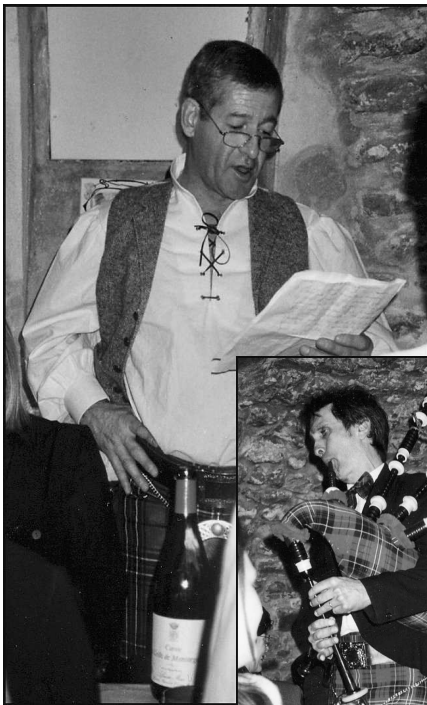
"The wearing of crest badges as a symbol of kinship with some Highland Clan or Scottish family is a survival from an old and interesting custom recognised in heraldic law."

"In former times many chiefs gave to their followers a metal plate of their crest to wear as a badge. This crest badge was affixed to the Clansman's clothing or accoutrements by a strap and buckle, and when not in use the strap and buckle were coiled round the crest badge. This custom is still observed by some chiefs, and is legally competent."

"The modern conventional representation of the old metal plate crest badge takes the form of a metal representation of the chief's crest encircled by a metal strap and buckle and having the chief's motto cut or engraved on the strap. This is the only form in which a clansman is permitted to display his chief's crest and its use, in the correct and approved manner, indicates that the wearer is a kinsman or follower of the chief whose crest is thus shown. Only the chief and his heir wear the crest without the strap and buckle."

Margaret O. MacDougall F.S.A. Scot. "Clans & Tartans of Scotland". Collins.

Hospitality "The clansmen were very hospitable to strangers who were given the best accommodation in the house and the best food obtainable. Even fugitives from justice were safe from capture when visiting other clans."



Robin Maclean
Chieftain of
Ardgour



Piper Joe McLean

CMIA moves into Europe

Following the successful establishment of a new Clan Maclean Association in New Zealand, CMIA has set its sights next on Europe. Alan McLean, who lives in Southern France and is a long-time supporter of the Clan Maclean Associations in Scotland and London, envisages an Association serving clansmen and women in continental Europe. To test the concept he arranged a Gathering in a Paris restaurant for 2nd February 2001 and was rewarded with a full house - thirty Macleans and their guests attended.

Guests of honour were Chieftain Robin Maclean of Ardgour and writer Charles MacLean, and the Gathering was entertained by singer/guitarist Michel McLean.

Where next? Well there are many Macleans in S. America!



Alan McLean addresses the Gathering, guitarist Michel McLean to his left.

LAWS

"Many enactments affecting agriculture were passed by the old Scottish parliament regulating such work as heather-burning, the shielings, etc; and doubtless these were observed by the clans when it was to their advantage."

Territories

"... clans generally were confined to districts, restricted often by the configuration of the country. Inland glens, islands and the land bordering sea lochs were favourable districts. Islands, for instance, were held by a single clan - the MacDonalds in Islay, the MacFies in Colonsay, the Macleans in Mull, Tiree and Coll ..."

MACLEANS OF COLL

It is proposed to have a mini-gathering in Coll from Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 June 2002. Those wishing to attend will be accommodated in the Project Trust Hebridean Centre at a cost of £35 per day bed and breakfast. There will be a grand dinner and ceilidh at a cost to be decided. Those taking part will have a chance to visit Breacachadh Castle which is not usually open to the public. Please contact Douglas Young at the Hebridean Centre, e-mail doug@projecttrust.org.uk

Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, Breacachadh Castle, Isle of Coll

Weaving

"... the early Celtic tribes were noted for the excellent weaving of woollen cloth and for the divers colours used in its manufacture. The inheritance of this ability to manufacture woollen cloth and their love of colour in it must have remained with the Celts for we find the existence of it in Scotland at an early period. The dyes were obtained chiefly from plants and the colours of the older tartans were distinguished by their quiet beauty."

Eating

"Food was procured by hunting, fishing or cultivation. Beef, mutton, venison, game and poultry were eaten. Cattle and sheep were raised - or stolen - while deer, goats and game birds could be hunted on the high grounds. Milk, cheese and butter were at hand, oatmeal and barley-meal were prepared in various ways, oatcakes, barley-cakes, bannocks, sowens, lithac, drammack and oatmeal brose. Honey too was in use."

Online Kinship

MacleanNet, an electronic 'gathering' of Macleans, has two parts - the **web-site** and the **Email Group**. The web-site is a rallying point. A Maclean anywhere in the world, who may know nothing of the Clan, can ask his online computer to search the worldwide web ('www') for anything related to his name and will be connected to www.macleans.org which introduces him to the Clan and its current news. From there one mouse-click connects him with any of the 12 Maclean Associations, another connects him with the Email Group. The **Email Group** is a 'clubhouse' with 6 rooms. In the entrance is a 'notice-board' on which are posted the biographical notes provided by each family as they join. By the start of 2001 twelve new families were joining every week - the Directory listed over 1,200 Maclean families spread across all continents. The 6 rooms are labelled "Family History", "Genealogy", "Learn Gaelic", "Stories", "Humour" and "Blethers". Members join (and leave and rejoin) whichever forums interest them. Many are content simply to 'listen' to the discussions, making an occasional contribution - a simple process of sending an email to a single address. The web site, www.macleans.org, has 330 visitors in an average week. More than a thousand messages are posted to the forums every week.

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web site is:
www.macleans.org

Editorial

As always our thanks to the Contributing Editors of the Maclean Associations worldwide.

This is the fourth international edition of Battle-Axe. When we started it the discussions on 'EdNet' indicated that individual Associations might use it in one of three ways: as a source of ad hoc text and photos for the local newsletter, with additional local material, or simply 'as is'. In the event it's the last option that is mostly chosen now, in many cases with one or more local newsletters being published at a different time of year.

C.M.A., the original Association, is considering whether it, too, might complement this with a newsletter specifically for 'direct members'.

And it seems to us inevitable that in due course we should complement this with an online international newsletter. But let us make this quite clear: as long as there remains a widespread wish to have a printed BattleAxe the international Associations of Clan Maclean are committed to produce it.

SEE YOU IN '2?

Mary & Donald

Clan Maclean ...

together ...

worldwide

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CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

19TH TO 23RD JUNE 2002

REGISTRATION FORM

To:

Mrs Vera MacLean, 'Maimhor' 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire, KA23 9HT, UK

From:

Full Name.....

Address

..... Post Code.....

Tel/Fax: Email:

1. Clan Maclean Association Member ? YES/NO

2. If 'yes' which Association:

I would like to Register the numbers shown in the boxes:

(*Children below 7 years are FREE)

ADULTS [] **CHILDREN** (aged 7 to 15 years) []

(A) Registration fees are:	Number of Tickets:	Amount:
Adult Members - £10	[]	£.....
Adult Non Members - £20	[]	£.....
Children (Members & Non Members) - £5	[]	£.....

(B) **Duart Gathering** (Includes Castle visit during the week):

Adult (Members & Non Members) - £10	[]	£.....
Children (Members & Non Members) - £5	[]	£.....
	TOTAL	£.....

(It is requested that all payments are made in Pounds Sterling) **FINAL TOTAL:** £.....

- I enclose:** 1. (Overleaf) The **Names** of those in (A) above.
2. (Overleaf) The **Names** of those in (B) above.
3. A cheque payable to '**The Clan Maclean Association**' for the sum above [] **OR**
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Names of those attending the International Gathering 2002

A. Registration - adult members

Registration - adult non-members

Registration - children (7—15 years)

B. Duart Gathering - adults

Duart Gathering - children
