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From Duart

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Twenty-eighth chief of Clan Gillean

Dear Members of the Clan,

So much seems to have happened since the last BattleAxe was published in the spring of 2001!

My family continues to grow with Malcolm and Anna's son Oscar being born in March 2002. Emma and Giovanni's son Alberto, a brother for Cosimo, was born in June, just before the Gathering. Alexandra continues working in London and Andrew is still at Napier University.

My mother has had two new knee joints this spring and is now walking as well as ever. Sadly my mother and Emma and her family were unable to come to the Gathering in June due to knee operations and the arrival of Alberto.

On July 20th 2001 we unveiled the cairn that had been built at Pitreavie to remember the 750 clansmen who had died at the Battle of Inverkeithing. It was a simple but very moving ceremony as we remembered those clansmen who had died 350 years ago at the hands of the Cromwellian forces. The building of the cairn was undertaken by the Maclean Heritage Trust.

This was the last project under Nicholas Maclean-Bristol's chairmanship before he handed over to Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch. Nicholas has put the Heritage Trust on a sound footing.

It was a particular pleasure at the Gathering at Duart to give Alexander Maclean from Tiree a piping bursary which is one of the new initiatives undertaken by the Heritage Trust.

I am sure that those of you that were at the Gathering on Mull this summer will agree that it was a great success.

Six hundred Macleans dancing in the marquee, over 100 having tea with us at Duart, and the Tobermory Junior Gaelic Choir singing in the rain at Duart are just some of my memories.

We did business as well at the Congress as Donald MacLean handed over his Presidency of the Clan Maclean International Associations to Colonel Donald MacLean.

Donald has been responsible for both establishing the web site in 1995 and nurturing its

growth so that there are now more than 1,900 families registered. He had the vision to see how this new form of communication could be used to link together Macleans from around the world. What a success that has been and thank you, Donald for all the time and effort you have given it over the years.

Gatherings, or in fact any voluntary organisations, need people to help and make sure that things happen. Colonel Donald and his team did just that at the

Gathering. Without them the Gathering would not have happened. I would like to thank the Gathering Organising Committee for all their hard work and for making the week such a success.



Anna, Oscar, Malcolm at Duart

Although the invitation has been given for the Clan to gather again at Duart in 2007, remember you are always welcome at Duart and that we have a tent at the Isle of Mull Games which are held in Tobermory every July.

This has been a very special year for our clan and we look forward to welcoming you to Duart in 2007.

Lachlan Maclean
of Duart & Morvern

PASSING THE HELM

“The International Council of Clan Maclean, meeting in Tobermory on 21 June 2002, confirmed its election of Colonel Donald MacLean to succeed Donald H. MacLean as President, Clan Maclean International Associations.”

At the Clan Congress of the 1996 Gathering the Chief asked me to lead the Presidents of the ex-Scotland Associations in nurturing communication within the Clan’s organisations. We welcomed this challenge - I think we all sensed that communicating with each other is the very heart of the Clan - our *raison d’etre*.

The culmination of this study was the creation in 1998 of *Clan Maclean International Associations, CMIA*.

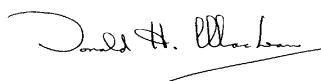
With the Chief’s approval, and the support of Col Donald Maclean, President of the original Association, I defined the responsibilities of CMIA as *“The development of Clan Maclean Associations worldwide and their mutual cooperation”*, and of the Association in Scotland as *“The Direct membership, and the organisation of Gatherings and all central services in Scotland”*.

I hope that the creation of Associations in New Zealand and France, and the 2002 International Gathering, indicate that this structure works well.

The fast-growing *MacleanNet* has become an Association in its own right, with its President an elected member of the Clan’s International Council. *MacleanNet* is generally credited with the increased participation in the recent Gathering and with its extra friendliness. Col Donald and CMA in Scotland have earned the gratitude of us all for carrying-out their role so effectively.

During recent years three separate and thriving UK national organisations have celebrated the 20th anniversary of their founding. Each was kind enough to pay public tribute to my role as its architect and initial Chairman - one of my successors generously saying that I have spent a lifetime sensing when it would be helpful to take the helm and, as soon as a secure course was set, as decisively relinquishing it.

To continue that nautical analogy, this ship is nearer my heart than the previous ones - I’m happy that CMIA is now in twelve pairs of good hands and with a seasoned skipper. I wish them fair winds and a fruitful voyage.



The Annual Clan Maclean **Scottish Gathering** will be held at the National Piping Centre, Glasgow (adjacent to the Theatre Royal) on **Friday 1st Nov 2002**, and the tickets will cost £30 each. Application for tickets should be sent to Captain Marcus MacLean, 10 Princes Gardens, Glasgow G12 9HR.

SCOTLAND'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

The Princess Royal opened Lomond National Park and a £60m leisure complex "Loch Lomond Shores" on 24 July 02.

Tourism accounts for 15% of employment in the Scottish Highlands and Islands and these projects are expected to create around 2,000 tourism-related jobs over 720 sq miles of Scotland's most scenic countryside, embracing Loch Lomond, Argyll Forest Park, Lake of Menteith, Glen Ogle and Loch Earn.

A second Scottish National Park, embracing the Cairngorms, is to be created.

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Notes from Scotland

Lt Col Donald MacLean MBE JP

The Clan Maclean Association is in good shape with a carefully pruned and updated worldwide membership database, and financially sound.

The Annual Scottish Gathering moved to the National Piping Centre, Glasgow because our regular venue, the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, was closing down. We had a very pleasant evening and Peter Maclean, President of the London Association and Alan McLean from France attended.

The Chief updated us on his family, Duart Castle and other Clan matters. We were entertained by Iain Maclean from Skye, who sang beautifully, and the Chief's Piper, Kenneth MacLean. Charlie Kirkpatrick and his band were in great form as usual.

An important project in the Autumn was the production of the Clan Maclean CD-ROM. We are very grateful to Fiona Maclean of Ardgour who produced it against the clock and in time for Christmas. The plan was to sell most of the CDs at the International Gathering. They are still available and the order form can be found on the Clan Website: www.maclean.org.

Turning now to the 2002 International Gathering, 17th to 23rd June, which we have been working on for the past three years, I recognised three important factors that had to be addressed based on lessons learnt from previous Gatherings and the introduction of the Maclean Website. These were:

1. The numbers attending would be significantly greater than those of the last Gathering in 1996.
2. A solution had to be found to the problem that there was no location on Mull big enough for the Clan to get together under one roof. The answer was a large marquee, but this was not cheap.
3. We needed to introduce credit card facilities to handle financial transactions easily and Internationally.

The main challenge had been how to fund a marquee big enough for the job. In the end, the marquee was partly paid for from the Registration fee we set, and partly from promised Grants from the local Authorities. I had been in negotiation with these organisations for the past two years and only the week before the Gathering did the last bit of finance slip into place.

So much for finance, the other aspect of this Gathering has been our concerted efforts to involve and interest the local community on Mull and I believe that we achieved much.

Firstly, we involved Tobermory High School who responded magnificently to our requests for help. Their Junior Gaelic Choir sang at Duart Castle, they did a local Tobermory Project, which was on display in the Aros Hall throughout the week, they produced a dance demonstration team of pupils at the Grand Dance and they gave us help with sign making, flags, screens etc. etc. We, in turn, supported their

'Springboard Fund' with a raffle at the Dance, the collection from the Church Service and with a bit of topping up from the Association, by giving them a cheque for £750.

Secondly, the marquee project brought us in contact with the local Council Office, Alan MacLean and his construction team, the local Electrical, Plumbing and Sound Engineering companies. They were all very friendly and positively helpful to us.

Thirdly, we made contact with the Mull and Iona Chamber of Commerce. They organised the Craft Stalls at Duart Castle and they laid on a Reception for a limited number of Maclean businessmen. This was a very nice gesture.

Lastly, I made contact with the local Paper 'Am Muileach' and wrote several articles about the Macleans returning to their roots and also encouraging local Macleans to support us.

In the end, the Gathering went according to the programme and there were no horrors that I heard about! On the one day when we really had to have good weather, it was beautiful and it allowed those on the Staffa and Treshnish sail to land on both locations. This seldom happens on Staffa. The other Clan Land visits on Wednesday and Thursday were very successful. It was particularly pleasing that the marquee, which we had gone to so much trouble to fund and erect, was the perfect venue for the two major functions in Tobermory, the Dance and the Ceilidh.

The Reception Centre in the Aros Hall, run by my wife Vera and ably supported by my sister Elizabeth, worked very well and was the focus for the week. The CMA Secretary, Vanora Rankine, her mother Barbara and other help, ran a busy Clan Shop at the same time. Jean Wimp, Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Jo Currie, Marigold Maclean and others did really well with the Genealogy Room, which was much visited. Also, of course, the local ladies ran an excellent and inexpensive Tearoom for us during the week. All in all the Aros Hall proved invaluable.

We produced an excellent Souvenir Magazine, which sold well at the Gathering and hopefully will continue to sell. It costs only £4 (including postage and package) and is full of interesting and timeless material on our Clan, and can be ordered from Vera at 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire KA23 9HT, UK or by email: col.damaclean@btinternet.com.

Finally, although it is for others to judge, I feel that the Gathering was particularly friendly and highly successful.

Donald

*President, Clan Maclean Association and
Clan Maclean International Associations*

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

There was a change of President at our 2001 Annual General Meeting with Past President Peter MacLean again taking on the task of leading our Association.

We were pleased to have Jo Currie, Edinburgh author of *MULL—The Island & Its People*, spend two days with us at the end of an extensive Australian tour in November 2001. Jo gave a talk to a small group in the Alexander Library building and was shown genealogical resources available in Perth.

We often read of the number of Highland Games and Gatherings in other states and countries and envy the opportunities available to associations wanting to promote Clan Maclean. Various organisations in Western Australia have instigated gatherings and games in recent years but most failed to be viable enough to become fixtures on the Scottish calendar.

One exception has been Armadale Highland Gathering at which this Association has regularly manned a tent and promoted Clan Maclean. Armadale is an outer Perth suburb, nestling in the foothills of the Darling Range. Money raised at stalls is used to support Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, the 2002 Gathering Committee and any other worthy Maclean cause.

This year, on the first weekend in March, we attended a new event - a Highland Festival and Games in Albany on our south coast. A ceilidh was organised for Saturday night and the Festival and Games were held on Sunday. Sir Sean Connery donated an autographed photograph of himself in Highland dress as the prize in a raffle. We made sure that the Caledonian Society Committee was aware that his kilt is in Maclean Hunting Tartan and his mother was a Maclean!

Albany is a beautiful town in a very scenic and historical area of this State. A small settlement was established there in 1826, forestalling any plans that France may have had to annex the west coast. This was three years before the Swan River Colony, the fore-runner of the State of Western Australia, was settled with Perth as its capital.

The main function of our Association each year is our dinner. Our 2001 dinner attracted almost 80 members and friends who enjoyed some great entertainment.

Peter MacLean piped in the Haggis which was then addressed by a Scot, Tom Johnston, with great flair.

Member Laura Peden, a very accomplished flautist, entertained us with two brackets of Scottish tunes after describing their historical background.



Mini-band at 2001 dinner above. In picture below, Kathleen MacLeod. Photos: Sandra MacLean.

Each year, Peter uses his persuasive influence to put together a mini-band of three pipers and three drummers who entertain us with a rousing medley towards the end of the evening.



We were treated to a pleasant surprise by Peter's talented cousin from the Isle of Lewis. Kathleen MacLeod (her grandmother was a MacLean), not only played her pipes with the mini-band but also danced a Highland Fling for us.

Six members from our small association will attend the 2002 Clan Gathering on Mull and we look forward to their reports.

Brian McLean

This edition's brief quotations are from the memoirs of Lady Veronica Maclean, widow of Sir Fitzroy. "Past Forgetting" is published by Hodder Headline. ISBN 0 7553 1024 1

CLAN GILLEAN USA

Change of Command, June 2001: Since our last worldwide communication Clarence Greek has stepped up to fill the unexpired term of Kirk Lane as President. Kirk after many years of service to Clan Gillean resigned due to increasing job commitments with the State of Tennessee Child Protective Services.

Clarence Greek is a retired Civil Engineer who has numerous dams, airfields and other projects to his credit. Clarence, supported by his lovely wife Bobbye, has become Clan Gillean USA's ambassador. In his own words: "I had decided that the officers of Clan Gillian



USA, member of Clan MacLean Int'l, needed to make our faces more familiar at the different games around the country. Since I am retired, had sufficient time, and being married to a wonderful traveling companion who enjoys, as much as I do, attending Scottish Highland games, we set out to attend as many as we could. Also in parallel to visiting different games, we, as an organization (CGUSA) needed to fill lots of vacancies in our state convener directory. This, I am happy to say, is moving along well.

It would be hard for me point out particular games that were better than others. Each has special characteristics. Some are much better organized than others, some are more clan friendly, and some are most unique (like 8" of snow in the first of September at the Longs Peak Game, Estes Park, CO). We



have a good picture of our fine vice-president, Claude Hicks, pushing snow with our inverted hand truck. He even asked what paragraph in his job description mentioned "snow removal". All kidding aside, we had a wonderful year. Starting in Oklahoma City in March and finishing with the Highland Games in Jackson, LA in November. We convened or supported clan tents at 23 games, driving 19,700 miles. This year (2002) looks to be more exciting than the past one.

Because of attending the Clan Gathering in Scotland this year, Bobbye and I have plans to be a part of just 16 stateside games. They will reach from the bottom of Texas to the top of New Hampshire and many games at states in between

Claude Hicks was drafted to fill the Vice President's position. Claude in real life is a Federal Judge during the week and on weekends is a troubadour of no small skills; proficient with voice and guitar, entertaining at Highland Games.

Other changes for 2001-2002 include a new newsletter editor. Charlie McVey resigned as Secretary and Editor due to heavy professional workload. Anne McLane was recruited at the Salado Games in Texas and has agreed to take on production of the Pipings.

David McLane, Anne's husband and our Treasurer has agreed to take on the duties of the Secretary filling Charlie's unexpired term.

New St Andrews Cross Banner:

The accompanying photos show Clan Gillean USA members showing off their new St. Andrews Cross Banner at the Glasgow KY games.

EVENTS IN SCOTLAND IN LATE 2002

Northern Meeting (Inverness)

5th and 6th September

National MOD (Largs)

12th to 19th October

Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering (Glasgow)

1st November

Clan Maclean Association AGM (Glasgow)

2nd 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

"CLAN TENT CAVALIERS"

A LETTER FROM THE U.S. PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Many may know and some may not, that Clan MacLean Pacific Northwest is basically the states of Washington, Oregon, the "pan handle" of the state of Idaho and the Western slope of Montana. We have clan members in each of these locations in our "little corner of the world". We also have members in Alaska, several western Canadian Provinces, Midwestern states and a few Eastern states.

On occasion one or more of these far-flung members show up on the doorsteps of our Annual General Meeting the last week of July in Enumclaw, WA. Our association was originally called the Pacific Coast Branch, which covered from the Canadian border to the Mexican border. But covering that many games and that large a geography was near to impossible. That's when another Branch was formed to cover California, Nevada, Arizona, and those hot dry places, where our webfeet wetlanders couldn't tread. The past year was filled with Clan member participation, with modest accolades for dancing and athletics. We have congratulated all that participated in person where possible.

This year a Maclean Clan member, Thomas McGilchrist, was honored as Chieftain of the Day at the Salem, OR National Tartan Day Scottish Festival 2002. Please note that National Tartan Day (USA) is a special event ... April 6th. We promote and share the Declaration of Arbroath, April 6, 1320 any time we can. We know that the United States Declaration of Independence is based on this document. Your Pacific NW Branch raised a table at indoor events on April 6, 2002, at Puyallup, WA. with Donna Maclean and at Salem, OR with Pat and I. Each was well attended allowing the Clan table to share Maclean history and provide education as to what the day really means.

In our northwest corner of the world it is summer. This association was up front and personal at our first outdoor games in Ferndale, WA. (The Bellingham Games) June 1st 2002. This is as far north as we usually go; however we have traveled into British Columbia and the Coquitlam Games. Please note that Simon Fraser University - former World Champion Grade 1 pipe band, provided four of their bands in addition to their Grade 1 band to compete. While clan members were at the Clan gathering on Mull, our branch continued our clan tent emphasis. Sir Lachlan once wrote, "The tent is where you can start that journey of discovery that will lead you to the Island of Mull and it's surrounding area of the West Coast of Scot-



land". This is absolutely accurate and we try to motivate and enable all potential Mull visitors.

Our next PNW event was in Tacoma, WA where Kaelyne and Carl Mowel raised the clan tent while Pat and I were at the Gathering. The Skagit Valley Games in Mt. Vernon, WA. on July 13,14 is the next venue. This is the time to talk about geography. Much of the Pacific Northwest looks a lot like Scotland! (That's why so many Scots are up here). Ferndale is the Highlands, with their jagged peaks all around. Myrtle Creek, OR, a former site, is almost a mirror of the Braemar Games. Other locations suggest serene rolling green hills and inviting glens like the Borders of Scotland.

Our regret this year is we will not be able to attend the games in Athena, OR (it's about 18 miles northeast of Pendleton) a really special hometown event, The "Athena Caledonian Games" are over 100 years old. This is a fabulous setting with really special country folks. The game has the best sheep dog trials we've ever seen. (Ever heard of Pendleton wool?) We will be in Mt. Vernon, WA but the tent will be raised by qualified Macleans, Gordon and Tresa McLean. Some of their family history goes back to those early settlers in the area.

Portland, OR. hosts "our" home games. Attendance is about 13,000. Pro heavy event athletes just love coming to Portland and sampling the MacTarnahan's ale! Then comes the Pacific Northwest Highland Games, Enumclaw, WA. and our AGM, July 27,28 2002. This is the largest 2-day event in the northwest with 18,000 to 20,000 in attendance a day. That's a lot of bangers and meat pies cooking!

Moving eastward, Gordon and Tresa again take on the Spokane Highland games, August 8th and spend time greeting and meeting our eastern members. High Desert Celtic Festival, Bend, OR and Whidby Island Games, WA occur on Aug 10th.

Again the PNWB will be in two states at the same time. Amanda and Dave Cottam will soak up the heat while raising the Maclean tent at the High Desert Games, while Pat and I settle into the cool breeze of Whidby Islands, in the San Juan chain of islands in Pudget Sound, WA. Something like Mull.

As we look at a conclusion there are special events that occur at the Douglas County games in Winston,OR. It is a fun two-day event that ends our outdoor season.

Your Maclean association PNWB has established a special closing tradition to the Saturday night at this venue. We all gather in a parking lot of a near-by restaurant (usually Mexican and in our kilts) after dinner. There we sing the "Clan Tent Cavalier Song" by the Men of Worth and wish all of the clans

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HERITAGE TRUST

The unveiling of the cairn at Pitreavie, to Sir Hector Maclean and the involvement of the clan in the Battle of Inverkeithing, in July 2001 was the big event in the life of the Heritage Trust, its biggest and most impressive project so far.

The Trust prepared two historical documents about the occasion, one a general description of the battle, using the latest historical expertise, which was available as a poster for those present and for display by the cairn and at the battle site; the other a detailed account of the Maclean involvement in the battle. The latter, by Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, is re-printed in the *Clan Maclean Souvenir Magazine*.

Pitreavie Primary School had undertaken a school project about the battle, including a classroom re-enactment, which was attended by the Chief, who then presented copies of the poster to the pupils.



Of the 800 clansmen who went to the battle only 40 returned to Mull, and at the ceremony, the list of those killed, who were known by name, was read out, as a token for all those who fell. Here was the occasion when 7 brave Macleans in turn defended the chief, saying *Fear eile airson Eachainn*, which means 'Another for Hector', now the motto of the Clan Maclean.

This was followed by a prayer, and a rendering in Gaelic and English of parts of *Oran do Shir Eachann*, the 'Song of Sir Hector', written by Eachann Bacach Maclean, who was present at the battle. Afterwards Fife Council entertained the 150 Macleans, who had gathered to mark the anniversary, with a Civic Reception at Dunfermline City Chambers.

Over the year the Trust has received gifts from

clan members, including various heirlooms of the Kaid Sir Harry Maclean [1848-1920], including his ceremonial sword, pistol and Matriculation of Arms, presented by Locker Madden, and the Gaelic bible of Hector McLean, ancestor of Professor Ephraim MacLean, Atlanta, who handed it over in an impressive ceremony in the Great Hall at Duart Castle.

The Trust has managed to purchase, from various sources, a large quantity of Maclean papers and documents, including a unique Maclaime of Lochbuie charter of 1493, the oldest clan document in private hands, a notarial instrument of 1542 and an instrument of sasine of 1625.

The Trust has also financed the restoration of the historic Maclean hatchment to Brigadier General Francis Maclean at St Paul's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dating from 1781, and the only Maclean hatchment in existence.

The Clan Maclean Association has transferred to the Trust ownership of the Maclean Library, which is housed at the Isle of Mull Museum at Tobermory. The Trust intends to up-date the Maclean Library with the many recent books on subjects to do with the history of the Western Highlands and Islands, and of the clan, to receive gifts of books written by Macleans, and to restore and conserve our present collection.

The main project in 2002 has been the establishment of a Piping Bursary for a young Maclean at the College of Piping in Glasgow. The award was made by the Chief to the first bursar, Alexander Maclean from Tiree, on the steps of Duart Castle during the International Gathering in June. Another new area is to be genealogical, which will work in conjunction with Maclean-net, with the assembly of verified and annotated genealogies.

At the Clan Congress Allan [Dochgarroch] said that nominations of suitable people and places to be commemorated, anywhere in the world, would be welcome, so that the Trustees could consider a suitable plaque or cairn. [Names to the Secretary, in the first instance]

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California / Nevada

President of the California/Nevada Association, Duncan MacLean presented the Chief with a basket hilt sword for his upcoming birthday at Duart Castle during the Clan Gathering, June 22nd 2002. Several members of the California/Nevada Association were there to witness the gift giving and have their photographs taken with Sir Lachlan on the steps of Duart Castle.

The sword is a fine replica of an 18th century Scottish Highland basket-hilt. A single-edged blade, 33 inches in length, with multiple pullers and a finely crafted basket-hilt. It is a formidable weapon as well as a work of art. It comes with an attractive leather covered wooden sheath with ornate throat and lip. A commemorative plaque was given along with the sword.

The California/Nevada board members thought that although there were many weapons at Duart that had been handed down, Sir Lachlan very likely did not have a sword of his very own. He does now!



President Duncan also brought to the Clan Congress at Tobermory a signed photograph of Dr. Steve MacLean, Canadian astronaut who was unable to attend the Gathering due to his involvement in the Space Shuttle which went into space in late May. He has been on previous missions into space and will be on two missions in 2003. His picture was signed, "Best wishes for the Gathering, June 2002, Steve MacLean". Craig MacLean of Napa, California is a wine

maker who has started his own wine label, (no name yet), and will be producing cabernet sauvignon to start with. He is hoping to have the first bottles ready for drinking in about three years time. We wish him lots of luck and we look forward to a wine tasting in Napa.

The California/Nevada Clan MacLean Association will be attending thirteen of the thirty three Scottish Highland Games and Gatherings throughout California this year with the Clan's tent hosted by VP Rod McLean and wife Debbie together with Tony & Holly McLean in Southern California. In Northern California VP

Roberta McClean-Weeks and her daughter Maura Leos who is our membership Chairperson, do the business.

Secretary, Susan McLean Sylstra had a couple of nasty falls in the spring. While ice skating she fell and broke her arm. A few weeks later tripping at an aerobics class she fell and broke the other! She is on the mend now but is banned from any physical activity for several months by patient husband, David.

This July sees the eighth anniversary of "On The Celtic Beat" a monthly Celtic radio show hosted by Duncan and Elizabeth MacLean on KUNR radio on the campus of University of Nevada, Reno which broadcasts throughout northern Nevada and eastern California. Elizabeth is a full-time on-air news anchor and radio show host on this Public Radio Station.

Pres. Duncan continues to communicate with MacLean cousins in South America and hopes they will be able to form their own Association in the near future headed by retired Peruvian Ambassador, Alberto MacLean-Azua whose family has been in S. America since 1838.

Atlantic (Canada)

It's been a good year! Our Association has continued to grow and become more active in many venues. We have a membership of approximately 120, with the majority from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. However, we also have members from as far afield in Canada, as Alberta, and Ontario; and a number of members from some of the north eastern states of the United States.

Much credit goes to Rev Bob MacLean, who has been our acting President, then President then "acting" President again. He was finally allowed to step (at least sideways if not) down, and has become our membership envoy/guru. Ian MacLean (Tidnish) assumed the Presidency. Reverend Bob was thanked and presented with a MacLean crested sgian dubh at our AGM which was hosted by Roddie and Miriam MacLean at their home in Meadowbank, Prince Edward Island.

The previous summer (of 01) was a busy one with participation in four Highland Games in three provinces. Also in the past year the Association has also been represented at the Halifax Robbie Burns Supper, St Andrews day, and Tartan Day celebrations, and the Nova Scotia Tattoo.

The Maclean contingent at the Culloden ceremonies in (what can be cold and blustery) Lismore Nova Scotia, was a record breaking fourteen hardy souls! It has to be said that at least some were also representing Clan Chattan as our Association seems to have a number of Dochgarroch Macleans, - especially in Nova Scotia. (Many of you will know that the Dochgarroch Macleans, or Macleans of the North, were located in and around Urquhart/Inverness, and therefore could not always be assisted by other Macleans, - so they wisely joined the local Clan Chattan Confederation, while keeping their Maclean loyalties.) The Culloden ceremony takes place at a cairn which was erected to commemorate two survivors of the bloody Culloden battlefield, who subsequently came to Nova Scotia. In all about 200 persons were in attendance.

Our Association contributed to the continuing work on the Ship Hector replica. As you may know this is one of the earliest, and perhaps most famous of the Scots emigrant ships which came to Nova Scotia. It has been launched, but is now being suitably "rigged". We also were requested to become involved in the St Paul's Church hatchment project. St Paul's is the oldest Protestant place of worship in Canada, and was erected in 1750. The Brigadier General Francis MacLean hatchment (a panel upon which the Coat of Arms of the de-

ceased person is displayed), is one of eight that was designated for complete refurbishing, funds permitting. Maclean died in 1781. He had a distinguished military career and had been the military commander of Halifax. Please note the Maclean Heritage Trust was also kind enough to contribute.



Cathy (MacLean) Fowler, as our Clans representative, and Rev Bob, are active participants in the Nova Scotia Federation of Clans, in particular with their work planning for next year's International Gathering of the Clans. We would hope that many of our Maclean friends from around the world would see fit to visit us in Nova Scotia, and take in some of the many exciting Scots cultural events. Please check our web site for details.

Our spring meeting was hosted (in absentia) by our patron Rear Admiral Bruce Maclean, and held in the officers mess in Halifax. Understandably, due to events in Afghanistan, one of Her Majesties Canadian Ships was not available as had been hoped, for our use. Many of us as Macleans are interested in genealogy, and were thus very pleased to have as a guest speaker, Dr Allen Robertson, a noted genealogist who specializes in those with celtic roots. His topic was "Another for Hector! Searching out Macleans in Colonial Nova Scotia". He gave a wonderful presentation, and was bombarded with questions. Most enjoyable.



Then, some of us lucky ones went to Scotland. I know there are many other submissions which will have covered the Gathering on Mull in June. Nonetheless, I do want to mention that we were well represented with 17 members in attendance. It was a tremendous event! Activities of all kinds, - historical, cultural, dancing, a little business, and best of all a chance to meet and socialize with "cousins" from around the world.

Finally, we are looking forward to a visit next June, - 03 from Himself! Our Chief, Sir Lachlan has agreed to visit us, and we have begun planning to enable as many Macleans as possible to meet him. With any luck, there may be other guests from Scotland as well.

Ian MacLean
President

New South Wales

During the past year Clan Maclean in New South Wales has participated in several events. The first was on a sad note:

The 'World Trade Centre and Pentagon Disasters Memorial Service' in Hyde Park, Sydney, where we joined with the people of Sydney to remember those who died in the tragedy of September 11th.

Next was a much happier occasion, it was the celebration of The Silver Jubilee of what has become one of the most important events in the New South Wales Scottish Calendar - "BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON".

Every year on the first Saturday in April, the sleepy little town of Bundanoon in the NSW Southern Highlands - normal population 1,500 - grows to about 27,000 - when Bundanoon becomes 'Brigadoon', the mythical Scottish village.



We were pleased to greet many visitors to our stall during the day, and welcome 4 new members.

It was a bright sunny day, and the day began with the Grand March into the showground,

with Clans well represented, and the sound of the pipes & drums echoed throughout the area.

An immaculate vintage Dodge car, called 'Betsy', brought the 'Chief of the Day', the Chief of Clan Davidson, Alister Davidson of Davidston Cy.C.

There was dancing, tossing the Caber, hurling the Haggis, massed bands, lifting of the stones, choir singing, food stalls, old books, ties, kilts, souvenirs, etc., etc.

Recently, Sydney was host to a 'Scottish Genealogy Fair' at the Bankstown Scottish Hall where we manned a 'Clan Maclean in New South Wales' stall, and were busy all day answering people's questions, and helping them with their Genealogy.

Then there were the Aberdeen Highland Games, held on Saturday 6th July, 2002, at Jefferson Park, Aberdeen, "in the glorious Upper Hunter Valley, 2½ hours from Sydney". They also had Massed Pipe Bands, Highland & Country Dancing, Celtic Stall, Strong Man, Caber Tossing, Tug of War, etc., etc.

We were very pleased that several of our members were able to attend The Gathering on Mull, one of whom was a Piper.

During the year we have been busy producing our Quarterly Newsletter in which we have been able to document the lives of notable Macleans, who have lived and worked in New South Wales. We have also been helping members, friends & Associates with their Maclean Ancestry.

Jan McLean

"I belong to the Hebrides, the sweep of islands formed when the Cailleach Bheur, the benevolent giantess of Celtic mythology, let stones fall from the creel carried on her back while wading off the Highlands' western shore. It is a place more of water than land, of wild seas and calm bays, amber burns and white desert sands which surface at the ebb tide; islands among islands, pools within pools, the indigo skerry at Europe's edge."

"But my great-grandson was born in a land where everyone came from somewhere else. Its people had been imported across the sea on sailing ships and ocean liners. No family has lived in his New World for more than seven, at most eight, generations, except the Native people who had been written out of the newcomers' history. Its settlers had been washed across the surface of the land only to remain tied to an old country by blood, keepsakes and dog-eared albums of faded photographs."

From "The Oatmeal Ark" by Rory Maclean, published by HarperCollins. 0 00 255216 7

London Letter

The past year has been fairly fulsome, with CMA London enjoying a Burns Supper and Dinner, and with several members attending both the unveiling of the Cairn in Inverkeithing and the Clan Gathering in Mull.

The Annual General Meeting, in late September, was followed by a formal dinner, unlike the previous couple of years, and once more we were graced by the presence of Lady Elizabeth. Sadly the occasion was overshadowed by the events of September 11th and there was a great sense of shared grief amongst all those present; best expressed by Donald, then President of CMIA, in his toast to Cousins across the waters.

The Burns Supper, in February, was once again a great success and whilst we missed Lady Elizabeth, we were delighted that Sir Lachlan and Alexandra were able to be with us. Col Donald and Vera (along with Vanora Rankine) also travelled across the border but not without having to sing for their supper! – that is, Donald proposed a very learned toast to the Immortal Memory.

Not so learned but with great passion! Alan (of France) proposed the toast to the Lassies and



Col Donald, VP Mary, Me

Lorna Denham replied. Not to be outdone Roderick MacFadyen again stirred our hearts with his pipes and Lorna's son, David, played a very well received set on his accordion.

As aforementioned, with our Vice President Mary Wilson (with Austin), Jenny Wilton (with Stuart) and Donald (CMIA), I attended the unveiling of the Cairn at Inverkeithing in July 2001. It was a moving occasion despite the 350 years that had passed since the battle. Perhaps, because the older you are the perception of time reduces, I found myself working out just how many generations have lived between then and now, and being struck at just how few there were; and further, the attitudes that prevailed especially toward highlanders, who as Gaels, were seen as vermin – hence killed rather than taken prisoner.

The Clan Gathering was well attended although sadly I could not get there until Friday afternoon, when thanks to the hospitality of Ann and Donald (CMIA) I was able to get my kilt on within an hour of arriving in Mull. I know the members of the London Association who were in Mull would like to thank the organisers for a great occasion enjoyed by all.

Finally, we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2003 and information on that will be circulating (on the MacLean net) in the autumn – it will be one to watch.

*Peter Maclean,
President - Clan Maclean Association of London*

“Macleanery”

“Only Highlanders can understand the Celtic ache for the home-land, the romantic nostalgia for a past which was never particularly comfortable or glorious, but which nevertheless remains the powerful magnet and the glue that binds clansmen together all over the world, however distant and different their lives have now become from the sad reality of the abandoned croft or crumbling castle.”

Lady Veronica Maclean.

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Scottish Parliament Live In Your Home!

Now that Scotland has its own parliament again, you might like to keep an eye on it, using your computer! Live TV relays are promised soon on www.scottishparliament.com

You can also see and hear Westminster at work: www.westminsterlive.tv

And Canberra: www.aph.gov.au/live/webcast1.asp

And Ottawa: www.parl.gc.ca

In USA start with: www.firstgov.gov

New Zealand

Macleans College, Auckland

The prospectus of the College states in the opening remarks that the school has a vision. "To deliver quality education and development opportunities to the young people of our community, ensuring that they receive excellent preparation for ongoing education, acceptance of social responsibilities and work in an international environment".

The Governor General of New Zealand at the time, Sir David Beattie, opened the school in 1980 with a roll of 199 students - today the roll stands at over 1800. It is a co-educational public secondary school within the N.Z. Government educational system (not a private school) situated in Macleans Road, Bucklands Beach, a suburb of Auckland, catering for students of school years seven to eleven (ages thirteen to seventeen years). Subjects taught lead to external examinations -

Form 5 - National Certificate

Form 6 - pupils may opt for a combination of National Certificate (Level 1) and Sixth Form Certificate or Sixth Form Certificate and Bursary.

Form 7 - University Bursary Examinations (and Scholarship).

The main school buildings are set in pleasant surroundings with extensive views over the playing fields to the waters of the Hauraki Gulf beyond. The College is named after a Maclean family who immigrated to New Zealand in 1850; the family with its origins in Scotland left following the Jacobite rebellion in 1745 and took refuge in Cornwall, living near the small village of Blisland, close to Bodmin.

While living in Cornwall, the family were known by the name "Lean", but in 1845 some members reverted to their original surname Maclean. The two brothers Robert and Every Maclean, together with Robert's wife Mary and daughter Ellen, migrated to Auckland.

They were followed later by a younger brother Benjamin who became a tutor at St. John's College, while their elder brother John remained in Cornwall. The land on which the College is built was first acquired by Crown grant to Captain J.T.W. Barcot, a doctor with the Fencibles, retired British Army personnel who, in the early days of the Colony, in return for land grants, could be called upon to serve in the event of an attack from hostile Maoris. Later in 1857 the land was purchased by Robert and Every, who successfully developed the property, the farm being known as "Bleak House"; eventually they became well established citizens of the district. Every in particular was a prominent figure in public affairs and founded the Auckland Agricultural Company. Mrs Maclean was known as a woman of exceptional character and energy who skilfully managed the farmhouse and was called upon to tend to the sick in the area. Robert died in 1888, Mrs. Maclean in 1891 and Every in 1901.

"Macleans" encourages loyalty, commitment, self confidence and comradeship. The official emblem of the College is based on the Maclean Clansman's badge incorporating "a tower embattled argent" set against six waves which symbolise the physical setting of the school with the words of the Clan Maclean motto "Virtue Mine Honour" which is also the College's motto, beneath. The girls of Forms 3 to 5 wear as part of their winter uniform a knee length Dress Maclean Tartan kilt with pin. Senior students are encouraged to wear the school blazer with the official emblem of the College and school tie with the winter uniform - navy pleated ankle length skirt or navy trousers for the girls, and navy long trousers for the boys.

The College is proud of the academic achievement of its pupils and well it might be, as the results of external examinations (Government) entered into by its students show. There is also a Macleans Primary School in the same area as the College.

Donald Maclean

Auckland

(Reference: Macleans College Prospectus. History of Howick and Pakuranga).

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Since the last "Battleaxe" publication the Australian populace has completed a year of celebratory activities to mark the completion of 100 years of Federation when the states came together to form the Commonwealth of Australia. The celebrations were many and varied, and many of our Association members were actively involved.

The recruitment of new members to the Clan is always one of our key aims. We have found that the main inducement to taking out membership is still the personal contact that is made at the various functions and gatherings that take place throughout the year.

At our AGM weekend in November we were honoured to have as our guest Jo Currie, the noted author of "Mull - the Island and its People". Jo's presence at the weekend's activities created great interest and resulted in very good attendances at all sessions. Thanks again to our Jean Whimp for her part in co-ordinating a very successful visit by Jo Currie to Australia.

Last month (May) we held our Annual Chief's Banquet in the township of Tumut, the northern gateway to the renowned Snowy Mountains Region of New South Wales. We were delighted to welcome a number of members from our neighbouring Maclean Association in NSW, including Ian McLean, Vice-President, and his wife Norma, NSW Association Treasurer.

For the first time since 1997 we had a presentation

of the Ross Roper Memorial Young Achiever Award. This is an award which recognises excellence in the fields of academia, community service and sport. The candidate has to be under the age of 21 years, a member of Clan Maclean or the son/daughter of a member. The successful applicant for 2002 was Renata Zanetti, an 18 year old student who submitted a highly commendable record of academic achievements and community service. Renata, a daughter of member Karen Zanetti and grand-daughter of member Jean Brown, received a cash award, a framed certificate, and has her name on the Young Achiever Honour Board. The award perpetuates the memory of the late Ross Roper who was the founding President of our Association when it was formed in 1983.

The appointment during the past year of one of our stalwarts, Marigold Maclean, to one of the five positions on the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust (Scotland) was a further endorsement of the devotion and loyalty which Marigold has displayed over many years in all her activities within the Clan structure. We wish her well in this most recent challenge.

Our attention now turns towards Mull and the World Gathering of Macleans. We do not know the exact number of our Association members who will be attending but unofficial reports indicate that we could have approximately 20 attending. We are all looking forward to meeting with our 'cousins' from the other world Associations.

John Paton, President.

NEW HONOURS FOR DISTINGUISHED MACLEANS

Dame Catherine Anne Tizard G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., D.B.E., Q.S.O., (née Maclean) has been appointed to the Order of New Zealand, the country's highest honour. Dame Catherine, former Governor-General of New Zealand, is Patron of the Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand.

Nicolas Wolfers Lorne Maclean of Pennycross.

has been appointed Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, CMG "for Services to UK-Japanese and Asian Relations". A former banker, Nicolas is Chieftain of Pennycross and a former President of the Clan Maclean Association of London. This year is the 25th anniversary of the start of the educational exchange programme he initiated, now called the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme, JET, in which over 30,000 graduates, from 40 countries have participated.

Glimpses of the Gathering



Mull's capital, Tobermory, with all b&b's fully booked, awaits the Maclean invasion.



The Chief takes a dram with three Presidents of North American Associations



Dream come true! Connally & Angela McLean from Winnipeg are married in Duart castle



An international first: The Maclean Pipe Band



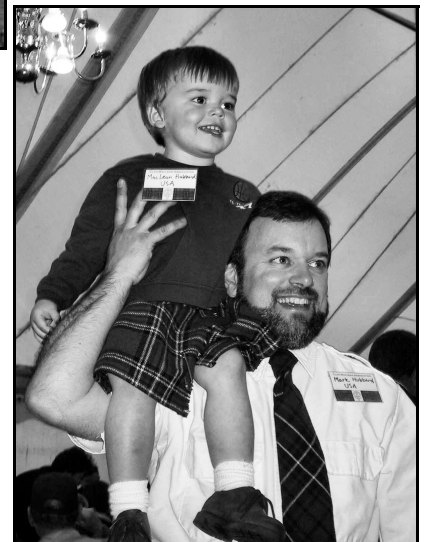
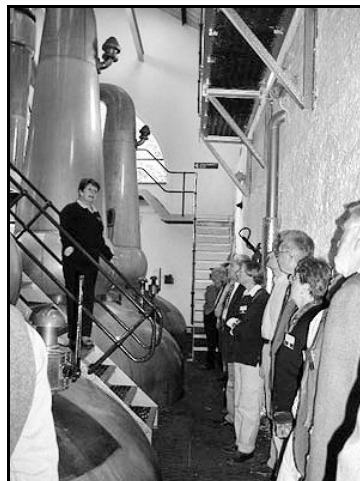
There are several expeditions to notable Maclean locations ... groups disembark (L) on Staffa and (above) on Iona.



Friday morning's Clan Congress

Photos by Nena Dunn, Mary McLean Hoff, Douglas Keister, Donald H. MacLean and Allan Parker

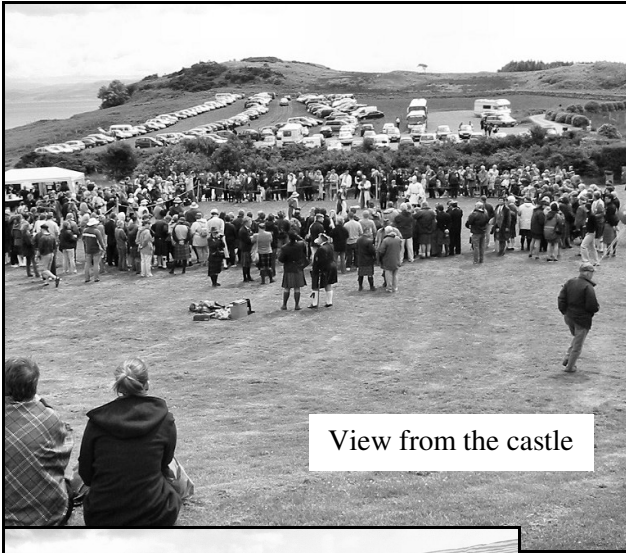
Serious business ... at Tobermory Distillery



Dancing's fun ... in the marquee on Friday evening



The International Council of MacLean Presidents meets



View from the castle



Winner of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust Piping Award: Alexander Maclean of Tiree



Freshly cooked salmon steaks



Re-enactments. Guess what ... the Macleans won!



The Maclean Pipe Band leads the parade of the clan ...



... to the castle where stand the Chief and Chieftains



Chieftains and Presidents line up in the courtyard at Duart to bid farewell to the Chief.



Au revoir Duart... 'til 2007.

A MULL HOMECOMING

In the spring of 1852, Donald McLean and his wife, Sarah Beaton, left the Ross of Mull for a new life in Canada. Accompanying them were their children, John, Neil, Archie, Elizabeth, Malcolm and Margaret as well as Peggy McPhail, the wife of oldest son John, and their children, Sarah and Hugh—three generations in all. Peggy died young, just seven years after arriving in Canada, but the others acquired land, married, and raised families extending now to six generations. Several of their descendants, my extended family, living throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe, returned to Mull in June 2002 for the Clan Gathering, and to commemorate the 150th anniversary of our ancestors' leaving the island.

Donald and Sarah had lived and raised their children at Knocknafenaig, where Donald was born, but Donald's father and grandfather before him had lived at Scoor and it was to Scoor that their descendants returned. On the 15th and 16th of June six carloads of people arrived at the 1880's farmhouse and two cottages at Scoor that now serve as holiday flats--Malcolm's descendants from British Columbia; Margaret's from Montana; and John's from California, Michigan, Maryland and Bulgaria. They ranged in ages from 65 to 5, some knew each other well, some had never met

There is an album of colour photographs by many visitors to the 2002 Gathering at www.macleans.org/mull-journal.htm

and many had not seen each other for decades. Sarah Beaton had been one of seven Beaton sisters from the Ross. With us in June was her descendant, Cathy McLean Brown, one of seven McLean sisters from Michigan. The past was all around us and it mingled with the present as we slept on land farmed by our ancestors 200 hundred years earlier.

Over the next week, we visited Kilviceon Cemetery and the grave of ancestors, Nicole McIntyre and Marion McLean, Sarah Beaton's maternal grandparents. We hiked through the ruins of Knocknafenaig, the Beaton house at Ard Dhubh and the old Baptist meetinghouse built beside the Uisken road by Donald McLean and his brother. We played on the beaches at Scoor and Ardalanish, and feasted on home cooked dinners of salmon and Scottish beef. We took excursions to Iona, the Beaton Cross, Duart, Tobermory and Staffa and the Treshnish Islands, but mostly we talked, laughed, had a dram or two, and just enjoyed being together in that most beautiful setting, celebrating all the remarkable people who had gone before us.



McLean descendants at Knocknafenaig

Mary McLean Hoff

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gathered there a safe and well "off season" until we meet again next summer. At this time a "wee dram" is toasted and consumed. As the tradition has grown over the years, Pat and I have had to add more "wee dram" glasses to our collection! The camaraderie of clans sharing together is in the tradition of the Highlands.

May we suggest you look at a map and find out where the PNWB tents travel and you'd be amazed of the distances. Pat and I put on about 4,000 miles a season to the auld jeep. The clan tent is where that Maclean tradition and history is first told and learned. We're proud to be Clan Tent Cavaliers.

Regards, Jim and Pat McClean

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At the ceremonies at Inverkeithing, the Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust was established, as a means of financing the Trust, which has become such a vital work for the clan. With some 120 families involved in the Friends already, Lady Maclean and the Chief graciously invited them to a tea party and reception in their private apartments at Duart Castle, during the Gathering. This was an event that will be remembered by all who were present, and included viewing various items that are not usually on view, including the recently purchased charter of 1493, the sword of the Kaid Sir Harry Maclean, the presentation glass bowl given to Sir Fitzroy Maclean for his hundredth birthday, and the photograph albums of the first Gathering in 1912, prior to the Restoration of the Castle.

Nicholas Maclean Bristol completed his five year tenure as chairman in 2001, and has been succeeded by Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch. Alisdair McLean, Western Australia and Ronald MacLean, Edinburgh, completed their terms, and Col Donald MacLean [President of CMA], Marigold Maclean, Victoria, Australia, and Fiona Maclean of Ardgour have joined the trustees. Nicholas, Alisdair's widow Sandra, and Ronald were all given honorary membership of the Friends, and the awards were announced by the Chief at the Reception for the Friends at Duart Castle.

If you wish to become a Friend, the annual subscription, at present covering the period to January 2004, is £15 for an individual, £25 for a family [ie Husband/wife and dependant children]. Subscription is not restricted to members of Clan Maclean. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Malcolm F. MacLean, 5 Wharton Avenue, Damsonwood, Solihull, West Midlands, England B92 9LY, or look out for the new application form, with credit card facility, that is shortly to appear in the website.

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch

Was Sir Fitzroy the real James Bond?

Sir Fitzroy MacLean and author Ian Fleming married second-cousins. In her just-published memoirs (see p.4 herein) Lady Veronica Maclean writes:

"Fitz revelled in the canard that he was the original of James Bond, and played up to it by looking mysterious when interviewed on the subject. But he and Ian both told me that the smoothest and most dashing spy they had known was Commander Bill Dunderdale, whose cover was Passport Officer at the British Embassy in Paris before the war and whose beautiful wife worked at Balmain's. Personally, I think Bond was a composite figure, with elements taken from all his creator's louche friends"

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Editorial

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

This fifth international edition of BattleAxe is published a little later than usual so as to reflect our very successful International Gathering on Mull in June 2002.

We much enjoyed meeting so many of you - on the boat trips, in the harbourside cafes of Tobermory, and at Duart on the final Saturday.

But this newsletter, like the "Mull Journal" on the web site, is more especially for those of you who were unable to be with us in person. We hope it brings you a wee share of the very special togetherness that is the heart of Clan Maclean.

Mary & Donald



Clan Maclean ...
together ...
worldwide