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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 a family 2006 has been a difficult year. As many of you will know, Mary was diagnosed with cancer last summer. She has been treated at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee and has made very good progress. Many of you have sent her letters and cards, which was very kind of you. I retired in April and, as often happens, I seem to be busier in retirement than I was when I was working. Emma and Alexandra are expecting babies in May and June, which is very exciting and will add to our four grandsons, Cosimo, Alberto, Oscar and Fergus.

This year the winter in Scotland has been mild with little snow but very wet. Since Christmas I have been very concerned about gales and rain as we have had to re-roof the tearoom at Duart before it opens for customers on the 1st of April. The tearoom used to be the cattle byres and the whole roof had been destroyed by woodworm. I was told that old byres attract woodworm as it provides the perfect conditions for them to thrive. When the builder appeared from the roof looking ashen and holding what looked like a pile of sawdust I knew that it needed to be redone. The sawdust was all that was left of the joists holding up the roof. We were very lucky as the week they started work was the only week we have had this year without any rain. The builders managed to have the old roof and slates removed and the new frame built and felted in five days, so none of the inside was damaged by rain.

Members of our Clan often ask me, on visits

to Duart, about the upkeep of the castle and its buildings. It is a big task for us, but it is why the castle is open to the public and we have a tearoom and shop at the castle. They generate funds for repairs and major maintenance which seem to be never ending. Ever since my Great Grandfather, Sir Fitzroy, said at the Gathering in 1912 "I am restoring Duart for my family, the Clan", my father and I have seen the looking after Duart as one of our major responsibilities as Chief. Duart provides a physical centre for the Clan and has without doubt the most spectacular location of any inhabited Castle in the Highlands. I am very proud of that and I hope you are as well.

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch has written in the Battleaxe about the Maclean Heritage Trust of which he is Chairman. This Charitable Trust has built a number of cairns to recognise battles that are of great importance to the Clan, the cairn at Inverkeithing being one example, as well as funding a piping bursary for promising young Maclean pipers and is now publishing a new book of Maclean pipe music. There are many projects that the Trust would like to undertake and I would encourage you to consider becoming a 'Friend' and help them achieve their goals.

We particularly look forward to welcoming at Duart those of you who are attending the Gathering in June. We hope to be at Duart more this summer so I hope I will have the opportunity to meet those of you who come to Duart during the summer and welcome you to our home.

My best wishes to you all.

Lachlan Maclean
of Duart & Morvern.



Sir Lachlan Maclean speaking at
Burns' Night—London

CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLean MBE, JP.

Another year has passed and I suspect that we are all thinking about the International Gathering in June on Mull.

As I reported last year, I will be handing over the job of President CMIA to Duncan Maclean from California at this Gathering. This will be done at an Annual General Meeting of CMIA Presidents, face to face, in Tobermory. I just don't know where the past five years have gone!

Last autumn, we amended the CMIA Constitution to include the appointment of Vice President. Ian Maclean, recent Past President of CMA Atlantic, was unanimously elected to this new post. He is an excellent choice since he was an outstanding President of the Atlantic Association and is now very involved as a Trustee of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

It is disappointing that there is now only one Clan Maclean Association in Canada i.e. CMA Atlantic. One would have thought that Toronto in Ontario and Vancouver in British Columbia would be full of Macleans or Septs of our Clan. The aim must be to, at least, get CMA Ontario back up and running, and I hope that Vice President Ian Maclean may be able to help with this.

The Battle-Axe Magazine plays a vital role in holding us all together as a Worldwide International Association. The magazine is going from strength to strength and the 2006 one was excellent. We are very grateful to Mary Hoff, the Editor, for achieving such a splendid result. I have no doubt that the 2007 Edition will be just as good.

Of course, the other vital part, of our internal and external communications, is our websites. Again, Alasdair White, as President Maclean Net and Ian McLean, from Glasgow, our Webmaster, are doing a really important job here and are both to be congratulated. It involves a lot of hard work monitoring and upgrading the websites and it is also equally important that we all feed in material for them to include.

Incidentally, I hope that you will make a special effort to attend the Clan Maclean International Gathering on Mull this June. Details are on the website and were circulated in the 2005 and 2006 Battle-Axes.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Association Presidents who have taken over this year and hope that they have a rewarding and fun tenure in office.

Lastly, I have really enjoyed my five years as President CMIA and would like to wish Duncan the very best of luck during his time at the helm.

Donald

President, CMIA

2007 CLAN MACLEAN ANNUAL SCOTTISH GATHERING

The Gathering will be held in the Normandy Hotel, by Glasgow Airport, on Saturday 20th October 2007 and the tickets will cost £32 each.

The Normandy Hotel has offered the Clan accommodation at £35 per person bed and breakfast. (two sharing a room). The Hotel is very accessible by road (M 8), rail (Paisley Gilmour Street) or air (Glasgow).

Application for tickets should be sent to;
Lt Col Donald MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill,
Ayrshire, KA 23 9HT, UK. Tel; +44(0)1294 823240

EVENTS IN SCOTLAND 2007

May	<i>Edinburgh</i>	CMA Drinks Party
June 19 -24	<i>Mull</i>	CMA International Gathering
July 19	<i>Tobermory</i>	Mull Highland Games
Aug. 11	<i>Glasgow</i>	World Pipe Band Champion ships
Oct. 12 - 20	<i>Fort William</i>	Royal National Mod.
Oct. 20	<i>Glasgow</i>	Clan Maclean Scottish Gath ering

These events are included in the worldwide schedule
maintained at www.maclean.org/gatherin.htm

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Notes from Scotland

The main focus for CMA Scotland in 2007 is of course the International Gathering on Mull in June. Preparations for this event are well in hand and it is hoped that a good attendance will be forthcoming. Numbers of bookings are fairly low but steadily trickling in. Reasons for this are hard to pinpoint but two possibilities are the unfavourable dollar-pound exchange rate and maybe US/UK foreign policy. The latter has certainly led to heightened security concerns that may result in people being reluctant to undertake international travel. Maybe an International Gathering on Mull is not sustainable every five years? I would be interested to hear the views of clansfolk in June.

Otherwise, CMA Council met four times in the year, with three meetings in the Western Club, Glasgow, and one on Mull the day after the Tobermory Games.

In May CMA again held a drinks party in the New Club, Edinburgh, with about forty-five in attendance. Although Macleans are traditionally a West Coast Clan it was felt that there are plenty of talented Macleans in Edinburgh who might be inclined to engage with the Association. Afterwards about twenty of us repaired to an Italian restaurant for dinner. Unfortunately Italy were playing a World Cup football match at the time, so table service was somewhat sporadic!

The Mull Highland Games in Tobermory were held in July and were well attended by Macleans. We were a little concerned that the march from the waterfront to the games field was being 'hijacked' by Macleans but one of the organisers said 'not at all. We regard these as the Maclean Games'. Straight after this came the Inverness Games, where Hugo and Barbara Rankine spent a busy day manning the display. In August Terry MacLean, Council member from Taynuilt, pitched the clan tent at the Oban Games and reported a steady stream of visitors. Also in August I had the honour of opening the Glenfinnan Games, and Fiona and I with two of our daughters enjoyed a day in hot sunshine in that beautiful and historic setting.



The Chief presenting a Quaich to his retiring Piper, Kenneth MacLean

The annual Scottish Gathering took place in November, once more in the Normandy hotel near Glasgow. During the evening the Chief presented a quaich to Kenneth MacLean, who is standing down in his role as the Chief's Piper after fourteen years of loyal service. His successor is James MacLean, retired from Strathclyde Police Service, where he was a member of the Strathclyde Police Pipe band.

I would like to thank all members of CMA council for their work throughout the year. Let us all look forward to a successful Gathering on Mull.

Robin Maclean of Ardgour
President, Clan Maclean Association

Piping Appointment – James MacLean

James MacLean, who lives in Houston, Renfrewshire, has been appointed Personal Piper to the Chief and also to the Clan Maclean Association. He succeeds Kenneth MacLean, who has now retired.

James MacLean comes from South Uist and speaks English as a second language, after Gaelic.

He began piping lessons at the age of six, and won numerous prizes locally as a junior. He then spent three years with 4/5 Battalion, The Cameron Highlanders TA, as a piper under the distinguished Pipe Major John D. Burgess. He joined the Police Force when he was nineteen and spent 30 years there, retiring in 1995. Most of his service was spent with Firearms' Teams in Glasgow. During this time he played with the famous Strathclyde Police Pipe Band, which won twelve World Pipe Band Championships as well as many other competitions.

After retiring from the Police Force, and until recently, he taught piping full-time both at the National Piping Centre and the College of Piping, Glasgow. He has also taught, judged and given recitals in many countries around the world, and still teaches privately.

In recent years when necessary, James has covered for Kenneth at the Annual Scottish Gatherings and, most memorably, he played the Lament to "Red Hector of the Battles" at the unveiling of the Cairn at Inverkeithing in July 2001.



Chief's Piper, James MacLean

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Clan Maclean Association — Western Australia

The annual round of Maclean Clan activities held in Western Australia in 2008 followed what has become a generally set pattern of events starting with a breakfast by the Swan River at Matilda Bay in May and finishing with our Annual General Meeting and lunch in November.

We also joined with other Clan Societies for two events. First, a Combined Clans picnic in Perth's beautiful Kings Park. This was a great day, in lovely autumn sunshine, well attended by Members.

Again, we combined with other Clan Societies and various dignitaries on the last Sunday in June to attend a Kirkin' o' the Tartan service organised by The Scottish Heritage Centre. We formed up near the entrance to the large Royal Australian Air Force Memorial Estate for a short march to the chapel led by a pipe band. Macleans formed the largest group and also were well represented at the optional lunch that followed.



Mini-band pipers L to R—Malcolm & Peter MacLean, Andrew & Duncan Rankine, warming their pipes in the car park prior to playing at Clan Maclean Annual Luncheon. Photo: Wally Rankine.

Our major function each year is a luncheon and in September this occasion was enjoyed by over 80 members, family and guests, at Bridgeleigh Reception Centre. Bridgeleigh has always provided good food and service and the beautiful gardens, featuring azaleas in full bloom, added to the enjoyment. We arrange entertainment with a traditional 'Address to a Haggis' and regular appearances of a mini pipe band and Highland dancing girls. On this occasion, one of our pipers, Duncan Rankine, provided something special with a solo on his 'small' pipes.



Council members, Patricia Long and Maureen Maclean in discussion with Enid McLean. Photo: Aidan McLean.

The best Highland Gathering in Western Australia is organised by the City of Armadale in November. Proud of their Scottish connection, the City has its own tartan. In recent years, clan organizations have been concerned about high premiums for Public Liability Insurance at gatherings. We were delighted in 2008 when Armadale City Council agreed to cover Clan Societies in its general cover provided we jointly displayed in a marquee also provided. This worked very well and solved a problem that has caused much concern. Our Council 'manned' a stall to provide information to visitors.



Java St Andrew Society Chieftain, Scott Thompson, addressing the Haggis under the watchful eye of piper Peter MacLean and Past Chieftains.

Perth Highland Pipe Band, in which Past President Peter MacLean and his son Malcolm are active pipers, has an interesting association with Java St Andrew Society, Jakarta, Indonesia. For the past 24 years the band has been invited to compete in a mini-band competition held in conjunction with Highland Games in May/June, and generally the invitation is accepted.

In November 2008, the band was invited to perform at the Java St. Andrew Society Ball held at the Four Seasons Hotel. Malcolm, as Pipe Major, Piped in the Chieftain and his wife at the start of proceedings while Peter was the piper for the Address to a Haggis ceremony. The Band played several times during the programme, also in the finale, and for Auld Lang Syne played with Graeme Geddes Dance band from Scotland.

Brian McLean (Editor)

CLAN GILLEAN USA

2006

became the year to celebrate

Macleane achievements in the U.S.A.!

Our two 2007 scholarship recipients have made great strides in their progress this year. Dancer **Caitlin McLean**, of Delaware, traveled to Scotland for the first time to compete at the Cowal Gathering, where she entered the Scottish Championship. She earned second place in the Reel, third place in the Highland Fling, and fourth place in the Seann Truibhas. Caitlin placed as overall third runner-up for her age group. Because of this achievement, she was qualified to compete for the first time in the World Championships.

Our other scholarship recipient, Bagpiper **Ryan Iandoli**, of Georgia, came in first place in the first annual Greenville, SC Highland Games, held in June.

Our Annual General Meeting was held this past year at Loon Mountain during the New Hampshire Highland Games. Macleans from as far north as Maine to as far south as Georgia and all points in between gathered on that cool, wet, autumn weekend. **President Claude Hicks**, of Georgia, was re-elected to a second term; **Robert McLean** of North Carolina, was elected to the office of Vice President; and **Ephraim McLean** of Georgia was elected to the office of Region 4 Director. Also at the AGM, a motion was approved by acclamation to officially add to our Constitution and Bylaws the positions of President Emeritus and Clan Chaplain. Afterwards, President Hicks appointed former President **Clarence Greek**, of Tennessee, to the position of President Emeritus, and former Vice President Reverend Patrick Maclean, of North Carolina, to the position of Chaplain.

Mark and Julie Lane, of Tennessee, became our newest representatives when they accepted the positions of Deputy Conveners for the states of North Carolina and Tennessee. They proved their talents in the positions when they won "Best Clan Tent" awards for their displays at the first two games they convened! Part of the award for the 2006 Foothills Highland Games in Hendersonville, NC, was to name Clan Maclean as the Honored Clan at the 2007 games.

At the 2006 Stone Mountain Highland Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia, **Betsy McLean** and **Johnnie McLean**, both of North Carolina, submitted an entry for Clan Gillean USA for the **Ken MacKenzie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Clan Spirit**. They extolled our members for their interest in all things Scottish, including our endeavors

to promote the Gaelic language, heraldry, weaponry, Highland dance, Piping, historic dress, cooking, etc. They also discussed our social gatherings and the scholarships that have been awarded. The award was presented during the formal ceremonies after the parade of tartans brings all participants onto the games field.



The Clan Gillean USA Executive Committee displays the trophies with pride. From left to right: Treasurer Paul Franklin, Secretary Betsy McLean, President Claude Hicks, Vice President Robert McLean, President Emeritus Clarence Greek

To our delight (and surprise!), we were named the winners of this most prestigious award! As Betsy and Johnnie squealed and hugged each other, **President Hicks** graciously accepted the awards on our behalf. At the end of the ceremony, he passed the trophy on to his wife **Lyn** and the platter to **Julie Lane**. He then led the whole Maclean contingent, parading back through the winding trails through the Georgia pines through all of the other clans' displays to our own tent! Our name will be engraved on the trophy which will be displayed at our tent at the 2007 games, and we were presented with a beautiful engraved silver platter to keep permanently..

As we anticipate 2007, we wonder what other achievements are in store for us... We look forward to the 2007 gathering on Mull. We hope to see all of you there!

Clan
Gillean
USA
President
shows
off the
trophies
won in
2006



California / Nevada

In 2006 the Clan Maclean (California/Nevada) had tents at ten games throughout California, and will do so again in 2007 with the addition of a tent in the Las Vegas, Nevada games. We continue to have tremendous attendance at the tents, especially at the San Francisco Caledonian games (commonly referred to as the Pleasanton Games held in Pleasanton, Alameda County, California). This is allegedly the largest of the Scottish Games in the world.

We are very pleased that in September 2007 at this year's games in Pleasanton, Clan Maclean will be the Honored Clan. The Clan is delighted that Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross and his wife will be joining us for this honor.

This year we had two Members of the Year: Sandra M. McLean and Douglas Keister. Both have served as Newsletter editors. Sandy did so from about 1998 to 2004 and Doug has done so since 2004. It is a tremendous amount of work and they have done a terrific job of it. Well done to both of them!

Ed McLean has done a great job as President, representing the Clan and the California branch at many of the games, along with our intrepid Roberta Weeks who sets up many of the tents around the state, traveling in her Airstream trailer. We will be having our annual Wine Tasting in July at the Maclean Winery in Napa.

We extended an honorary life membership to Elsie McLean. Many of you may have seen her on CNN or BBC. She is the woman who at 102 years of age hit a hole in one playing golf in Chico, California. She appeared on the Jay Leno and Ellen television shows. Several of our long time (and hard working members) had been ill in 2006 but thankfully, have recovered or are doing much better at this writing.

Sandra L. McLean



California/
Nevada
Association
members
enjoying a
blather in the
Clan Maclean
Tent



President,
Ed McLean with
Member of the Year
plaques for Sandra
McLean and
Douglas Keister



A television interview with Elsie McLean about scoring a hole-in-one at age 102 years young.

HERITAGE TRUST

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is the Clan Maclean's own charity [Charity Number SC024481] and its charter allows it to promote interest in the history of the clan by enabling people to know more about the clan, its history, culture and genealogy, as well as preserving relics and buildings of the past for future generations, and maintaining an archive and library.

The Trust is sponsored by the **Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust**, so if you have an interest in the clan and its history, this is the group that you should join! An Application Form [with credit card facility] is on the website, or you can write direct to the Secretary of the Trust: Malcolm MacLean, 9 Blythe Court, 4 Grange Road, Solihull, B91 1BL. Apart from contributing to the funds which enable all our projects to be undertaken, the Friends also receive historical items that would not otherwise be available.

Last year the Friends each received a copy of an extremely unusual watercolour painting of Duart Castle, specially printed on layered paper, such as the original was drawn on. The sketch was made in 1748, by Paul Sandby [1731-1809], sometimes termed 'the Father of English watercolour' and he is well-known as a great landscape painter of the second half of the eighteenth century. He began his career in Scotland, where from 1747 he worked for the Board of Ordnance as official draughtsman to the Military Survey in Scotland, who were then preparing maps of the Highlands after the '45. He was surveying old castles as possible barracks, when he drew Duart. Many Friends have said how much they value such items, which are numbered and only available to the Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

Several interesting events have happened in the year, including the unveiling of a plaque in the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, to commemorate Dr John Angus McLean. He was of great significance in the field of haematology, and especially in the field of direct blood transfusion.

A plaque was also unveiled at Old Government House at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, to commemorate the raising of the MacLean Kilties, in 1916. I was privileged to carry out this ceremony, along with both the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and a descendant of one of the original recruits.

A new display panel on the work of the Heritage Trust was prepared and made for the History Room at the top of the Keep at Duart Castle. It includes photographs of most of the heritage projects over the last twenty years.

We have made a generous contribution towards the costs of stabilising and repairing the ruined Moy Castle on

Mull, the ancestral home of the Maclaines of Lochbuie. This work is being undertaken by the current owner of the estate, James Corbett, and has also been grant aided by Historic Scotland.

The Trust has prepared, in association with Interpretation Resources Consulting Inc in Canada [www.irmapping.com] a map of Scotland especially detailing the Clan Maclean lands, castles and battle sites. Every copy sold will contribute a donation to the Trust. It will be available at the International Gathering. Thereafter it will be available on the Clan Maclean Atlantic Canada website, (clanmacleanatlantic.org), or, I hope, through your own Clan Maclean Association.

Various special projects are being prepared for the International Gathering in 2007, and these include a new book, *The Music of the Clan Maclean*, which will bring together a large collection of pipe tunes connected with the clan and the clan lands. A history of the clan's long connection with piping has been commissioned as part of this project. The Trust is again sponsoring a Piping Bursary, as it does every five years. This project involves funding the tuition, and accommodation, for a young piper at Glasgow's College of Piping, and is witness to the trustees' belief that Heritage is not just about the past, but about making it real in the present. A further major project for 2007 is the commemoration of General Allan Maclean, Torloisk, [1725-96], the Hero of Quebec, whom many people consider to have been the saviour of modern day Canada as a separate country. The Trust has also prepared a new copy, available on CD of the earliest published history of the Clan is *An Historical and Genealogical Account of the Clan Maclean*, by a Seneachie, dated 1838. For the first time this will include an index.

Trustees: Mrs Marigold Maclean [Australia] has completed her five year term as a Trustee, and she miraculously managed to attend two meetings in Scotland during that time. The Clan Maclean Association have nominated Brian McLean [Western Australia] in her place. The Trust has co-opted Nigel Alington [London] and James Beaton [Glasgow] as new trustees.

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch



Marigold & Edwin Maclean
with Dr. McLean's plaque



Dr. McLean's plaque & photo

Atlantic (Canada)

We have had an exciting year for Clan Atlantic. The highlight was the combined effort of Clan Maclean Atlantic and the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust of Scotland placing of a commemorative plaque in the Lieutenant Governors' Residence at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. This plaque was in memory of the Maclean Kilties, specially raised as a Maclean Battalion in the First World War. It was great to have Cannon Allen Maclean of Dochgarroch, his wife Anne and their three children. Hector, Augusta and Lauchie join us in Fredericton to help with the unveiling. Allen participated in a number of different functions at the games including "Kirking of the Tartans" which I heard and believe may be added to the Maclean gatherings festivities.



Presentation of the Kilties plaque: Left to Right: Ian Maclean, Allan

A big thanks to Karen McLean our display coordinator. Karen built a display around a full Kilties uniform, a photographic portrait of acting Sergeant Walter Barlow and a set of Kilties bagpipes that were used in the parade piping the Canadians into Mons, Belgium on Armistice Day, 1918.

Kevin McNamee, the youngest grandson of Kiltie John McNamee, had stumbled across the Clan Maclean Atlantic (Canada) website a few weeks before the commemoration. It was a highlight to have Kevin and his brothers, John, Brian, and Bernie present for the presentation. Kevin was given the surprise honour of assisting Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch in the unveiling of the plaque.

The brothers became "Honoury Macleans" for the weekend and joined us in an informal social for all Maclean's and sept members for a wee dram and lots of Clan Maclean beer. Awards and gifts were presented to committee members and guests and I would like to join Karen McLean in saying Thanks to everyone who made it a memorable weekend.

It was with great pleasure for my wife Betty to host Allen and his family for a visit at our home fol-

lowing the Fredericton games.

The International Gathering of the clans, will be taking place in Nova Scotia in 2007. The Official Opening is planned for the Town of Pictou on Tartan Day (06 April) and ends with the Official Closing at the Highland Village Museum Complex at Iona, Cape Breton in mid-October.

We have continued to be represented at the Highland Games and the various Scottish cultural events through the past year and our thanks go out to our many volunteers who help with the moving and setup of our tent. A special thanks to George V. Maclean and Lindsay Rankin for their time at the Halifax Highland Games. The organizing committee, impressed with our tent display and presentation, awarded us the honor of being named Clan Tent of the Year 2006. Lindsay and George graciously accepted a plaque on behalf of our Clan at the closing ceremonies which we now proudly dis-



play in our tent.

The Fall Clan Maclean Atlantic meeting was held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Changes to the executive saw the election of a new president, Murray MacLean from New Brunswick. Other executive members elected were; Vice President of Nova Scotia, George Maclean; Vice President P.E.I., Ruby Cousins; Vice President-at Large, Frank Maclean; Secretary, Betty MacLean.

Our New Brunswick VP. Doug Mclean is our web master and the corner stone for our CD's and books... Our latest books "Renaissance of the Clan MacLean" by J. P. MacLean 1913, in March and "A History of the Clan MacLean" by J. P. MacLean 1889 in Aug. Also Clan Maclean Atlantic is in partnership with Atlantic Pewter and Glass, is pleased to offer you a selection of quality pewter and glass items bearing the Maclean battleaxe crest.

FRANCE

Greetings from the country of the Auld Alliance – so many connections with Scotland : Remember Louis IV's welcome to King James and his provision of the Chateau of Saint Germain, whence all the Jacobite plans to retrieve the Crown of the United Kingdom were hatched...

Our small Maclean Association continues to exist and to hold high the Maclean banner in the Republic with today 47 members ; this includes non-subscription paying children under 18. In this respect we were blessed recently with two more : Mathew born to Tracy McFadzean and Coleen to my eldest son Lawrence McLean. Coleen will be at the June Gathering !

As to news, I have been asked by our members to include with this report the photograph of myself wearing the medal of a French Knight (also the clan tie) and my piper, both standing in front of the portrait of the Empress Eugenie Napoleon.

Our activities are rather restricted, due to our small number of members, so they are usually done in Paris and in conjunction with other groups, such as the Caledonian Society of France and the Mackenzie Association – but we have fun.

We hope to bring some ten Clansfolk to the June Gathering on Mull and we all look forward to embracing our worldwide cousins on that great occasion.

Alan R.M. McLean
President, Clan Maclean Association France



Clan MacLean Amateur Radio Society at the International Gathering 2007

This year the international gathering will feature a radio station organised by the Clan MacLean Amateur Radio Society (CMARS). It is intended to operate the station on the day of the main gathering at Duart Castle on the 23rd of June with the possibility of a station being setup in the Aros Hall in Tobermory at some time during the week of the gathering.

CMARS has received permission from OfCom (the UK Governments' Office of Communication) to use two specially issued callsigns throughout the week.

GB2IMG (Golf Bravo Two International MacLean Gathering): for use at Duart Castle and
GB2CMA (Golf Bravo Two Clan MacLean Association): for use at the Aros Hall.

With the kind permission of the Chief, Sir Lachlan, the station will be situated in the banqueting hall at Duart and visitors will be welcomed and will be able to make brief greeting calls to operators around the globe.

Members of CMARS that are unable to attend the gathering can e-mail Ian McLean G0BMH, g0bmh@cmars.org.uk to arrange a time and frequency for a contact. Alternatively it is hoped that an EchoLink node can be established to connect with GB3HI, the repeater located on the Isle of Mull, so keep an eye out for this node appearing. (Apologies to non-amateur operators for the gobbledegook contained in that last paragraph!)

The Clan MacLean Amateur Radio Society is open to any clansmen/women with an interest in amateur radio or short wave listening. More information about amateur radio can be found by clicking on the 'What is Amateur Radio?' link on the CMARS website (www.cmars.org.uk).

PACIFIC NORTHWEST, USA

A PNW TALE OF ROOM AND BOARD

The Room (a tent)

T'was June 10th 2005, the night before the games (Mt. Vernon, Washington) and the forecast was for light rain and wind. Our clan usually sets up the tent the night before a game, as we require some time to set up the special displays that "Macleans" and the public enjoy. On this fateful night a storm almost vanquished our old veteran clan Tent.

When we arrived on Saturday morning the tent was in disarray with bent and twisted steel frame beams and ripped canvas. (Four inches of rain and 50 mph winds can do that) With the help from other clan folks we were able to push and pull and come close to a frame. With some last minute safety pins, sewing, and faithful duct tape, and a side tarp, we were almost good to go at opening for our big weekend games with over 40 members of one Maclean family coming together for a gathering.

Fast forward. We patched and patched our 17-year-old tent and completed the summer of 2005 games seasons with certain knowledge that a new tent was required. In the off season we contacted several vendors asking for bid on a new tent.

After many hours of negotiations and "arm twisting" we have a new "Maclean" clan tent that is almost identical to the deceased one but much better. The sides are all silk screened "Maclean" green letters on white. The fabric is 500 denier, the strongest type available. The frame, although now aluminum is the highest quality, above and beyond our previous tent, but also lighter in weight from the company that had made our original tent, after all it's quality lasted 17 years with an average of 12 outdoor events a year in the northwest weather.

This endeavor was expensive, but we were fortunate to have good success in attracting new members and retaining old members, which enables funding.

We are also fortunate to have a good membership pool that comes out, supports the clan and gathers at the clan tent. For some this is the only interaction with the clan when the tent comes to their area.

The Board (board members who "feed" the public)

It takes a special type person, who has the "gift of gab" to talk to total strangers and make them feel welcome. They share clan knowledge, they tell stories, and they give information and explain Scottish culture. They manage their time and effort of their daily lives with clan activities, a dedicated group. We always refer to them as Clan Tent Cavaliers.

Our board members:

- 1) The "Rankin sisters", Darcy Rankin Sullivan & Wendy Rankin Johnson. They live on Whidby Island in the San Juan's off the north coast of Washington. Darcy is retired from the Public Works department of the Naval Air

Station on the island and spends time singing in small theater groups and the 16 piece Swing Band, Sea Notes. She is our Vice President. Sister Wendy, our Board secretary, is an Engineering Technician for a Structural/Civil Engineering firm. She enjoys traveling and taking road trips and helping the elderly. The sisters work at the Bellingham, Mt. Vernon, Whidby Island and Enumclaw Games in Washington.

- 2) Gordon McLean covers eastern Washington and Oregon. He has been an administrator of several hospitals in Spokane, Washington and nearby communities. He, at one time, had a one-day a week radio show.
- 3) Angela Griffith is a Unit Secretary at Portland Adventist Hospital and our Membership secretary. She enjoys traveling and participates in a medieval re-creation (living history) group. She works the Oregon Tartan Day, Portland Highland Games, and Enumclaw, Washington Games.
- 4) Barbara Aya, a Board representative, retired as a vice-president/treasurer for a small corporation. She's active in her Presbyterian Church, homeowners association and busy doing her family research. She has been active in our Clan picnics and the Enumclaw Games.
- 5) Dick Mclean, a Board representative, is a retired forester from Weyerhaeuser and has planned our picnics for the last several years. He provides all the extra chairs, tables and extra tent for our AGM at the Enumclaw. He has been fishing in Scotland, worked the tent at Mt. Vernon, and Tacoma and plans the Washington tea.
- 6) Ken Piercey, a Board representative works on the McCord Air Force Base in WA. When not spending time at work, you'll find him on a river, lake or stream fishing. He even comes to the Board meeting with his boat in the pickup, ready to hit the streams after the meeting. Ken works the Tacoma Games, Enumclaw and helps at the picnics.
- 7) Jim McClean, Clan President, newsletter editor and clan tent cavalier is retired from a career in credit and finance with International Harvester, J.I. Case, and several banks. He was retired for two years, until wife Pat found him a part time position as a van driver for hotel catering to international business clientele for Intel, Nike and other high tech companies in the Hillsboro, Oregon area. He works 6 am to 10 am Mon. to Friday. That allows him to pack the tent and head out to all the games on the weekends in WA and OR. He also volunteers one afternoon a week at St. Vincent Hospital as a Guild guide.
- 8) Pat McClean is Clan tent chair, Treasurer, and newsletter author. She works full time at St. Vincent Hospital and is a scheduler in X-Ray. She spends what spare time she has working on genealogy and her Award winning Rose Garden.

We can honestly say The Pacific Northwest Association can provide the best Room and Board representing Clan Maclean!

Jim and Pat McClean

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION OF LONDON

The Association held its annual meeting at the Caledonian Club in London on 27 October 2006. Nigel Alington (President), Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross (Vice-President) and Nick Hart (Treasurer and Secretary) were all re-elected.

The meeting was followed by a dinner at the Club, attended by Elizabeth, Lady Maclean, as the guest of honour.

On 16 February 2007 the Association held its annual Burns Supper at the Caledonian Club. We were especially delighted to welcome the Chief to this event, at a time which clearly was not easy for him. He was accompanied by his mother, Elizabeth, Lady Maclean, who is such a stalwart supporter of this Association and whose presence was, as always, greatly appreciated by all attending.

The Chief regaled us with the latest exploits of his family, which include an alarmingly large increase to the number of his grandchildren in the near future. He emphasised also the importance and good work of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, which certainly more of us need to support.



Burns' Supper: (right to left) Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross; Elizabeth, Lady Maclean; Nigel Alington; the Chief; Mrs Sarah Dundas.

The toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns was proposed by the Vice-President, Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross. This coupled Robert Burns with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in the first sentence and went on from there! The speeches concluded with a toast to the ladies proposed by the President, Nigel Alington, and a response from Barbara MacLean, both taking the recent Valentine's Day as their theme. David Dunham delivered the address to the haggis.

The evening ended with some splendid musical entertainment organised by Nick Hart. Roderick McFaddyan, our piper, played a medley of tunes, David Dunham played his melodeon and the evening concluded with the singing of traditional Scottish airs.

In June 2006 we were delighted to welcome to

London Gladys Mac Lean (*sic* – a new variant), who was visiting from Chile. We are always glad to meet visiting kinsfolk, and would urge others to follow suit. In addition, the President and the Vice-President will both be attending the International Gathering to be held on Mull this year and we look forward to seeing you there.

From the Association's Archives: Past London Association President, Donald H. Maclean, recalls speaking with the Principal of RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts) and asking to be introduced to his most promising final-year students. One of them was a clansman – Matthew Macfadyen. Donald then presented him to the Association as the Association's new Toastmaster (his first professional engagement) and forecast a stellar future for him on television.

You already know the answer, but the



ROYAL HONOURS TO LONDON PRESIDENT

On February 13, 2007, Nigel Alington, President of the Clan Maclean Association of London, was appointed a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in the recent New Year's Honours.

This appointment, which is in the personal gift of The Queen, was in recognition of the services that Nigel has provided to the Royal Household. Nigel's firm, Aon, are the insurance brokers to the Royal Household and Nigel has been responsible for the account for the past 10 years.



New Zealand

The Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand continues to develop steadily, if unspectacularly, and we have achieved a number of our development goals this past year. These include:

Improving our communications with our members. We now publish our newsletter bi-monthly and include in it a wide range of material including historical items as well as news items, long with a new “junior corner”. In a recent issue one of our learned members, retired Associate Professor Mervyn McLean, wrote an extended article on the vexed question of “Mac” or “Mc” in Scottish names – his research concluded that it really did not have any historical significance and use is really a matter of personal preference (or common practice.) Any reader who would like a copy of this interesting and well researched article is invited to contact us for an e-mail copy.

Increasing the number of events we organise or participate in. This is always difficult given the physical location of many members but we held a Clan Dinner and the last Annual General Meeting was linked to an information day for members and included both entertainment and a talk on genealogy. We were thrilled to have the presence at the AGM of our Patron, Dame Cath Tizard, the former Governor General of New Zealand. These developments have been in addition to the normal participation in Highland Games/Gatherings, St Andrew’s Day celebrations, and the annual “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan”, and our annual beach picnic.

Increasing contact with members. We have also appointed Regional representatives to facilitate contact on a local basis and eventually to arrange local activities. Each representative is being provided with a comprehensive handbook which includes resources, contact information and other key details.

Raising funds has also been a major project this year and we held a very successful national raffle to raise funds for costs in running our Clan association. We found that by having prizes such as a kilt or Highland wear it was easier to sell tickets than simply for a cash prize.

Later this year, the National Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa) will be having major display on the influence of Scots in New Zealand, both historically and currently, and we expect a number of McLeans will feature in this.

A number of our members are planning to attend the Gathering in Mull later this year and to meet cousins from around the world.

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Past Governor General of New Zealand.



Clan Maclean Association of
Australia
Addressing the Haggis
At the
Chief’s Birthday Celebration

CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Greetings to all from Clan Maclean Association in Australia. In 2006 the association organised two major events on behalf of its members. First, the Chief's Birthday Banquet held at the Warrnambool Golf Club. Members, John and Jean Paton, organised and provided the tuition for us all in Scottish Country Dancing. In addition to the formal addressing of the Haggis we were entertained by the Lowland pipes played by Donald Blair, Pipe Major of the Warrnambool and District Pipes and Drums. The "Kirkin of the Tartan" was celebrated on the Sunday with the South Warrnambool Presbyterian Church congregation showing great interest in the background of the "Kirkin of the Tartan" commemoration, as many had Scottish ancestors. Warrnambool is in South West Victoria, with some members travelled long distances from regions of Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales.

In association with our Annual General Meeting, an evening at the Titanic Theatre Restaurant was organised. The venue provided the opportunity for members

to turn back the clock to 1912 as first class passengers and relive the first and only voyage of the Titanic without getting their feet



Members and friends enjoying the Titanic Theatre Restaurant

wet. We dressed for the period, gentlemen bowtie and kilts, while ladies wore long gowns. All who attended, joined in the recreation of the atmosphere of the Titanic with the other theatre patrons, had a great night.

The AGM was held at the Williamstown Historical Society Museum. After the meeting everyone viewed the Museum's collection including material relating to the early settlement of Williamstown and its significant historical link with Macleans. Of keen interest was the fact that a Maclean was the first person to purchase land in Williamstown and one of our Association's founding members, Rev. Donald Maclean's ancestors owned and operated the first dry dock in Williamstown. Williamstown, now a suburb of the Melbourne metropolitan area was originally planned to be the capital city for the state of Victoria, instead of Melbourne. With such strong connections to the area, the Association decided to set up a subcommittee to work in conjunction with the local



Members enjoying the Williamstown Museum's collection after AGM.

government authority, to progress the opportunity of naming a peer in Hobson's Bay, Williamstown, Victoria, "Maclean's Landing" or the like.

In 2005 (Daylesford Highland Gathering) and 2006 (Titanic) we linked the AGM with a social activity to provide the opportunity for members and friends to have a good time, to get to know each other a little better and encourage more people to attend the AGM. The social functions have been successful but still very few members attend the AGM.

It was a great pleasure to attend, with other council members of our association, the presentation of a plaque, commemorating Dr. John Angus McLean, haematologist, to the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Victoria. The presentation including friends, colleagues and relatives of John McLean, resulted from the efforts of Marigold Maclean, from our association, and the support from the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

Of interest is Victorian Premier Steve Bracks and Scotland's First Minister Jack McConnell, signed a sister-state agreement in March 2006. This has followed on from the support in 2005 from the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Victorian State Government, to provide a grant to the Council of Clans to support increased membership of Scottish clans in the State. Our Scottish heritage is important and continues to be of interest to many with a large number of city and rural communities having pipe bands. The bands provide the opportunity for young people to better understand their Scottish heritage and to be actively involved in their community through a positive and enjoyable activity. So keen are some that they attend a Highland Gathering in Maryborough, country Victoria on the 1st January, each year, even with near drought breaking rain this year.

May I wish all the best for 2007 and a successful International Gathering.

Douglas Maclean, President

BOOKS OF MACLEAN INTEREST

Reviewed by Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch

By far the most significant Maclean book written in the last year is *Bu Dual Dha Sin (That was his birthright): Gaelic Scholar Alexander Maclean Sinclair (1840-1924)* by Michael Linkletter; Available at \$40 [Canadian] +P&P from linklett@post.harvard.edu or Dr Linkletter, 29A Xavier Dr, Antigonish, NS B2G 1G8, Canada.

It is in fact a copy of Michael Linkletter's dissertation at Harvard University, for which he received the degree of Ph.D, and it is very interesting and informative.

'I am a Nova Scotian by birth, but a Highlander by blood, in feeling and in training', wrote Alexander MacLean Sinclair. He was the grandson of 'the Bard, John MacLean', 1787-1848, who was termed *Bard Thighearna Chola*, or 'the Laird of Coll's bard', and emigrated from Tiree to Nova Scotia in 1819. John was a significant Gaelic bard in his own right, and he also took with him Dr Hector Maclean's [1704-1783] collection of Gaelic poetry. The Bard wrote the famous *A' Choille Ghruamach*, 'The Gloomy Forest', other wise called 'A Song to America'.

MacLean Sinclair was brought up by his mother at his grandfather's house, and although the old man died when Alexander was only eight, his presence pervaded his up-bringing, which was purely Gaelic, and encouraged him to be interested in Gaelic poetry, and to become 'the greatest Gaelic scholar born on Canadian soil'. It also excited his parallel interest, which was the history of the Clan Maclean, and ultimately led to his publishing 'The Clan Gillean' in 1899. Of his mother MacLean Sinclair wrote 'She taught me to hate the Campbells, to love the Macleans, and to respect every other clan'.

After a period of teaching and study, MacLean Sinclair was ordained in 1866 into the Free Church of Nova Scotia, which later united into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Here in the Church Services, he could use his Gaelic freely, but at the same time he began his long career in Gaelic publishing and scholarship, during which he published twenty books, edited a Gaelic column in a local newspaper and contributed over 500 items in Celtic and Scottish journals. Linkletter's book describes the range of MacLean Sinclair's scholarship in the Gaelic world, and his role in Celtic Studies. He draws attention to his interests in philology and the origins of both the Gaelic language and the Celtic races; and his place in the development of Celtic Studies as a discipline; as well as MacLean Sinclair's role in Gaelic publishing.

In 1869, MacLean Sinclair took a four month leave-of-absence to Scotland, when he met his relatives in Tiree, collected many genealogies, and made the contacts in the world of Gaelic publishing and scholarship that he used for the rest of his life. After 22 years in Nova Scotia, he moved to a parish in Prince Edward Island, before retiring and taking appointments as Celtic lecturer at Antigonish and Halifax, and living between the two at Hopewell.



John & Evelyn MacLean Sinclair with Ian MacLean at the author's house in Hopewell

Linkletter reserves 15 pages, out of 450, at the end of his text, to look at MacLean Sinclair's editorial approach, and this is devastating, as he shows that he was cavalier with the poems and texts that he received, and this calls into question his reliability and authority. He had a particular concern for grammatical, philological and metrical correctness and an implicit faith in his own ability to ascertain what was correct; but far more serious are the unmarked alterations that he made to the texts in order to calm his moral sensibilities. 'I would rather burn all songs in my possession than publish one which would have a tendency to do harm, or contain indelicate expressions.' He believed that he was mending texts to what they should be like, while preserving their essence

It is a great pity that Linkletter has left out MacLean Sinclair's role as a genealogist, with



MacLean Sinclair's Study

only a very small passing mention to *The Clan Gillean*, even though he shows that MacLean Sinclair was collecting genealogies on every possible occasion. The book raises two matters of considerable interest to Maclean genealogists. Linkletter in an Appendix gives a complete list of all the correspondents in the MacLean Sinclair collection of papers. Over 600 letters are listed, and it is known from another source that many of these are the evidences for his genealogies; 151 are from Macleans. In due course these should be researched for their genealogical content. The worry is that if MacLean Sinclair tidied up the Gaelic texts, did he do the same to the genealogies recorded in *Clan Gillean*, so that they 'fitted together'? Some people believe that this is what indeed happened.

This most interesting and useful book about a famous Maclean thus raises all sorts of questions for Maclean genealogists, when they come to use *The Clan Gillean*.

Two other books of interest to Macleans:

Gus Am Bris An La; the Burial Grounds of Kilninian, Kilmore, Treshnish, Calgay, Ulva and Gometra in North Mull, with the Memorials of Kilninian and Kilmore Churches, also isolated Memorials of N.W. Mull, is the latest in the Brown and Whittaker Publishing series, £4.95 [ISBN 1 904353 08 8]. Once again this is an exemplary production of interest to all who are researching their Mull genealogy, or general island history. Our friend, Iain Thornber has written the introduction and refers to the 'authoritarian vandalism' of Argyll and Bute Council, who have shamelessly taken down stones, buried them under grass clippings and even damaged the stones with their machines, while cutting the grass, in some of the burial grounds. Their maintenance is a statutory requirement, but the implementation is their responsibility. The names of some 600 people are recorded, of whom 74 are Maclean/Maclaine; and 4 are Rankin.

Scottish Exodus, travels among a Worldwide Clan, by James Hunter £17.99, [Mainstream Publication; ISBN 1 84018 469 8; 1 84596 153 6 (USA)] is an account of a clan diaspora round the world. The Clan MacLeod commissioned the renowned Highland historian, Jim Hunter, to describe both the how and why of the migration of their clan, and what has happened to them since. In many ways the Clan MacLeod was very similar to the Clan Gillean, both in the past and the present, but when the details are looked at one can see great differences. With the MacLeods, the Clan chief survived on Skye, while the chieftains and taxmen left; the general emigration from the clan lands took longer and was for very different reasons from the Macleans. The Associated Clan MacLeod Societies have many parallels with the CMIA, but their stories are not the same. What is the same is the loyalty and interest, both in Scotland and particularly overseas, of the clan members to their heritage and their worldwide links, and which ultimately leads them to call the Highlands 'home'.

Editorial

My apologies for the late arrival of this issue, but sometimes life interferes with our best laid plans. In March, my sister's horse reared and fell on her, crushing her ribs, pelvis and hip. The University of Arizona medical staff saved her life, but her injuries necessitated that my brother and I take turns caring for her in Tucson. Fortunately, she has healed well and quickly.

In late May, she began walking again and I headed back to California. As I arrived home, I was having chest pains and within the hour found myself hospitalized—with a heart attack. I have also been fortunate and am recovering and picking up where I left off several months ago.

To those headed for Mull this summer—have a safe journey and loads of fun!!

Mary



Clan Maclean ...
together ...
worldwide

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New South Wales

We extend our best Greetings to our Clan Maclean worldwide friends from New South Wales Australia.

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Newsletter: Colin & Norma Sproule (Life Members)

Committee Member: Norma McLean (Previous Treasurer)

During the past 12 months our committee members continued to attend selected Gatherings of the Clans and successfully promoted Clan Maclean at every opportunity and as a result there has been a slight increase in our membership numbers over the past 12 months. The committee decided that our money raising activities would be put on hold for 2006, however thanks to a sponsorship advertising arrangement in our newsletter from Australia's leading manufacturer of Kilts (All Things Tartan) we were able to break even financially for the 2006 year.

There will be a raffle in 2007 to ensure our financial position does not deteriorate and along with our continued promotion of the Clan during the year the committee are planning a Gathering of the Clans on Tuesday the 15th May 2007 during the daytime for lunch that will include professional entertainment. The function will be held at Auntie Molly's in Morisset NSW and will be called **"Highlands & the Haggis"**. The professional entertainment will be a presentation by Mrs Toni McLean who is a renowned comedienne and singer who uses the name Toni Stevens as her stage name.

Colin Sproule (Life Member) has introduced a special presentation referencing **"THE ULSTER - SCOTS"** at our Gatherings during the year and the idea has created enormous interest and it has generated many discussions and requests for further information on the history of the Ulster – Scots. The interest generated by this new innovation by Colin Sproule has contributed greatly to increasing the overall awareness and presence of the important history information that can be produced for the benefit of any person with and interest in their ancestry.

Our committee has discussed one of the most talked about subject for the future of the Clan movement and how to encourage younger people to join our membership and committees. The solution will not be easy to find however if there is a worldwide collection of ideas and they are reported then maybe some answers can be found that will help secure the future of the clan movement.

Les McLean – President

MacleanNet – from strength to strength

When I wrote the last report, membership of MacleanNet stood at 3200 where as of the beginning of January 2007, our membership stood at 3460 – a growth of 260 in the year (or 21 a month). This led me to wonder how this was related to the www.maclean.org website and the visitors there.

Detailed analysis of the web data shows that the website has an average of 2045 unique visitors per month of which around 70% revisit the site in the same month. This gives an annualised rate of 24,540 unique visitors per year and 41,364 total visits over the same period. Further analysis shows that the visitors are viewing, on average, seven pages, which suggests considerable interest in the content.

But what is particularly interesting is that 10.6% of the unique visitors to the site then sign up to become members of MacleanNet, which is very satisfying. Hopefully as the major review of the website gets under way these numbers will improve further.

The main lists have all been active this year but many of the regular contributors have been posting less frequently than in the past. The MacleanNet amateur radio society continues its work and plans on broadcasting from the Gathering in June. The Maclean Family DNA Project now has data from 65 people so the results are going to begin to get meaningful soon.

The big challenge for the coming year is to get the Genealogy Database back up and running – it was on another site which has now ceased to carry content and we are working hard to get the database re-established on maclean.org (not as easy as it sound, I'm afraid). —Alasdair White, President of MacleanNet

CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 2007

The Clan MacLean Association in Scotland is organising an International Gathering on Mull from Tuesday 19th to Sunday 24th June 2007

The programme for the Gathering is as follows:

Tuesday 19th June Check in at the Reception Centre at the Aros Hall, Tobermory and collect your Gathering Folder and Name Tags.

Wednesday 20th June There are two organised trips being arranged -

1. *Visit to Iona* - coach from Tobermory.
2. *Visit to Salen and Central Mull* - coach from Tobermory to Aros Castle, Pennygown Medieval Church, Maclean Stones & MacQuarrie Mausoleum at Gruline.

Thursday 21st June There are three organised trips being arranged -

1. *Visit to Iona* - coach from Tobermory.
2. *Visit to the Maclean Heartland of Broilass then to the Ross of Mull* - coach from Tobermory to 1582 Beaton Cross and Herb garden, Killunaig Burial Ground, Bunessan and the Ross of Mull Heritage Centre.
3. *Visit to Staffa and Treshnish Islands from Ulva Ferry* - limited numbers and travel to ferry by own arrangements.

Friday 22nd June

1. *Clan Congress* - Maclean Marquee, Tobermory at 11am. All welcome.
2. *"Friends of the Heritage Trust"* - a Reception at Torloisk House - restricted to members.
3. *Chief's Grand Ceilidh (Concert)* - at Maclean Marquee, Tobermory at 8pm.

Saturday 23rd June

1. *Main Clan Gathering* - at Duart Castle from 10.30am to 5pm.
2. *Grand Dance* - at Maclean Marquee, Tobermory at 8pm.

Sunday 24th June *Ecumenical Church Service in Tobermory.*

Reception Centre

The Reception Centre at the Aros Hall, Tobermory will be open throughout the Gathering. Co-located there will be the Clan Association Shop; the Heritage Trust Stand; the MacleanNet Centre; a Genealogy Unit 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:

Craignure Tourist Information Centre - Isle of Mull, Argyll PA65 6AX
Tel: 01680 812377; Fax: 01680 812497; Email info@mull.visitscotland.com
Visit their web sites at: www.visitscotland.com and
www.visitscottishheartlands.org

Registration for the Gathering

Enclosed in this magazine is the Registration and Events Booking Form which you should complete and send to the Gathering Secretary: **Mrs Vera MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill, Ayrshire KA23 9HT, UK.** Alternatively, you can now book online by going to web site - www.maclean.org - click on "Gatherings".

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