



## From Duart

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

Dear Members of the Clan. I cannot start my letter to you all for 2007 without thanking those of you who wrote letters or sent cards, when Mary died. They were all appreciated not just by me but also by all the family. Mary was determined that her cancer was not going to stop her leading as normal a life as possible, and this she did with the courage and determination that were the hallmarks of her life. She didn't complain and just got on with things knowing that her cancer was incurable, and that it had not responded to treatment. Mary was determined that we would go south for Christmas to spend it with all the children and their families. We had a great Christmas together, but Mary died before we returned to Scotland. So much of what has been done at Duart, since my father died in 1990, was the result of Mary's thoughts and ideas. Mary organised the shop and e-commerce, many of the displays in the Castle, and the children's panels, which give children their own tour of the Castle.

There were lots of good things that happened in 2007. Our grandchildren increased by four. Emma, the Maid of Morven had twins, Francesco and Cecilia, in April; Alexandra had her first baby, Betsie in June, and Malcolm and Anna's son Archie, a brother for Oscar and Fergus, was born in November. My mother is very well and continues to live at Hampton Court. She is a very loyal supporter of any clan events held in London.

The gathering was also a very memorable week in 2007. Everyone who came seemed to really enjoy the week and all the various events. Those of you who came took so much trouble to be properly dressed for the events, in particular the dance and Gathering at Duart. We are very lucky in having Colonel Donald and Vera at the heart of the organising of our gatherings, along with the many volunteers who helped with the week. We all owe them a great debt of gratitude.

I know that some of you are aware of the Homecoming 2009. Robin Maclean of Ardgour has given very sensible advice about this event, but I did want you to know my thoughts as well. The Homecoming 2009 runs for the entire year. 2009 was chosen, as it is the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. The gathering in Hollyrood Park is a commercial venture to encourage Scots — not even Highland Scots — to visit Scotland. Whenever have Highlanders gone willingly to Edinburgh? It is not the right place for a Highland Gathering.



Duart Castle one hundred years ago.



The Chief and Richard Compton Maclean of Torloisk, unveiling a cairn to remember Brigadier General Allan Maclean 'The Hero of Quebec'  
The full story is on the following page.

Many of you will know that Sir Hector Maclean, who was sent to Scotland from France to raise the Clan before the 1745 uprising, was betrayed in Edinburgh by his landlord, and held in Edinburgh Castle before being sent to the Tower of London. If any of you are thinking of coming to Scotland over the next few years, then I would strongly recommend that you come for the Centenary Gathering in 2012, which will be the Clan Maclean's special Homecoming.

If you decide that you want to visit Edinburgh in 2009, you must be aware of the cost, as it will be an expensive visit. We will have a small tent at Hollyrood Park in 2009. As you can see I don't have much commitment to a commercial enterprise like this, but as a Clan I thought we should have a presence. We are an important Clan in our own right and we don't have to follow the 'herd instinct'. 2012 is our next Gathering, and that is the one you should attend.

I will be at Duart rather more this summer, so if you visit please ask if I am there. We will also have our Clan Tent at The Tobermory Games, which take place on the 24th July 2008 and the 23rd July 2009.

My best wishes to you all.

*Lachlan Maclean  
of Duart & Morvern.*



# The Heritage Trust

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern ~ Chairman



The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust is our clan's own charity (Charity Number SC024481) and its purpose is to further interest in and knowledge of the history of the Clan Maclean. It does this by enabling people to know more about the clan, its story, culture and genealogy, as well as preserving relics and buildings of the past for future generations, and maintaining an archive and library.

Our major project during the last year was undoubtedly the construction and unveiling of a cairn at Kilninian on Mull, on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007, to remember Brigadier General Allan Maclean of the Torloisk family, who has been termed 'The Hero of Quebec, The Saviour of Canada'.

A site was made available by Richard Compton Maclean of Torloisk, on a green bank beside the churchyard, near where the General's family are buried. He himself was buried in London, which is why there is no other memorial to him on Mull.

The cairn was constructed by apprentice stone masons from St. Mary's Workshop in Edinburgh, a charity whose purpose is the training of young people in the traditional skills of stone cutting. The Princess Royal is their patron, and she heard all about the project and saw the designs being planned out in their workshop, when she visited it earlier in the year. The boys travelled to Mull, a great experience for all of them, and the stone was generously gifted and delivered to the site by MacLachlan's Quarry of Pennygown, near Salen, and the masons built the cairn in the traditional style.

On the Friday of the Gathering week, in a memorable ceremony, some 200 people gathered in glorious sunshine on the hill above the church and were piped in procession, headed by Maclean banners, to the cairn. Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Chairman of the Trust, welcomed everyone, and then invited Richard Maclean and myself to unveil the cairn. Brigadier John



Macfarlane, whose grandmother was a Maclean from Mull, declaimed in Gaelic and English, and finally Colonel Edgar, from the Canadian High Commission in London, laid a wreath on behalf of the people of Canada, and thanked the Trust for remembering Allan Maclean.

Everyone who attended was given a short biography of Brigadier General Allan Maclean, with his portrait on the cover. It detailed his importance as a soldier of determination and action, who credited himself with taking a large number of Mull men to North America, and also, through enlisting them in the British Army, ensuring that they got good grants of land there. In 1761 he raised the **114<sup>th</sup> Foot (Maclean's Highlanders)**, or **Royal Highland Volunteers**, of which he became Major Commandant, and in 1773 he raised a regiment of loyal Scottish settlers and discharged Highland soldiers living in North America, the **Royal Highland Emigrants** (later 84<sup>th</sup> Foot).



## The Heritage Trust ~ (Continued)

In 1775, Allan was instrumental in saving Quebec for the British, from the American rebels who had invaded Canada. On arrival at Quebec, he discouraged pro-American elements from surrendering the city, and his energy and firm direction bolstered the morale of the defenders. He was then responsible for the military arrangements which led to the defeat of the Americans. The successful defence of Quebec, it has been argued, led to the formation of not one country, the United States, but two. It has been succinctly stated that 'had it not been for him, Canada would now be part of the United States of America'.

The plaque on the cairn states 'To Commemorate Brigadier General Allan Maclean 1725-1797. The Hero of Quebec, The Saviour of Canada. Born at Torloisk. Fear eile airson Eachuinn!'

In 2007, the Maclean Piping Bursary was awarded to Nicholas McLean from Kilmartin in Argyll. This project involves funding the tuition, and accommodation, for a young piper at Glasgow's College of Piping (as it did in 2002), and is witness to the trustees' belief that Heritage is not just about the past, but about making it real in the present.



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 have an invitation to an exclusive reception during the Gathering, and annually receive historical items that would not otherwise be available.

This year we enjoyed a very happy Reception at Torloisk House, after the unveiling of the cairn, thanks to the invitation of Richard and Lucinda Compton Maclean of Torloisk. A delicious tea was arranged, and everyone was allowed to explore the ancient Maclean house, and see the portraits and also the relics of Brigadier General Allan Maclean.

Last year, the Friends also received a copy of the new Clan Maclean Map, along with a historical handbook, exclusive to Friends, about all the Maclean places marked on the map, and the relevant references.

**Trustees:** As the new chairman, and on behalf of the other trustees, I would like to thank Allan Maclean for all that the Trust has achieved during his chairmanship. I am delighted that he is continuing as a trustee.

The photographs of the Ceremony were taken by George McLean of Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

## International BattleAxe



### Editorial

Marcus MacLean



The 'Battleaxe' was the creation of Donald Hugh MacLean. He was assisted and succeeded by Mary McLean Hoff, who has now handed the reins on to my brother, Donald and myself. We thank both of them for what they have achieved, and will strive to keep the standard up.

Our thanks to all our contributors from the Clan Maclean Associations around the world. This year, most of the reports are larger, and with much better photos than previously; although this has made the pages harder to compose, we hope that you will like our first Battleaxe. Don't forget that the Battleaxe is available to everyone via the Clan Maclean website when it is two years old.

The 'Homecoming 2009' in Edinburgh has attracted many Macleans. May I draw your attention to the Chief's observations in 'From Duart', and Robin's comments in 'Notes from Scotland'. Whatever the cost, the Clan will be there, and you will be sure of as hearty a welcome in Edinburgh as you would expect in Tobermory.

Marcus (Glasgow, Scotland)  
<mmaclean@globalnet.co.uk>

Donald (Blue Mountains, near Sydney, Australia)  
<dmaclean@bigpond.net.au>

**INTERNATIONAL BATTLEAXE EDITORS**

## Contents

From Duart ~ The Chief's Page.....	1
Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.....	2-3
CMIA & MacleanNet.....	4
Book Reviews.....	5
Lady Mary Maclean ~ Obituary.....	6-7
Notes From CMA Scotland & New Zealand.....	8-9
CMA of France & London Letter.....	10-11
Western Australia.....	12-13
New South Wales.....	14
Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.....	15
Clan Gillean USA & Atlantic (Canada).....	16-17
California / Nevada.....	18-19
Pacific Northwest USA.....	20
Macleans of the North.....	31
CMIA Office Bearers.....	Inside Back Cover



Marcus and Donald MacLean

# CLAN MACLEAN INTERNATIONAL

Duncan S. MacLean ~ President

As you know by now I took over as president of the CMIA from Col. Donald at the Clan Gathering on Mull in June of last year. It was very special for me to accept this role at the Gathering with so many Clansfolk there. Unfortunately, my wife Elizabeth, was unable to be with me for the occasion, but she will be there to help me with my duties. I have found out over the years that it is essential to have a very understanding and supporting spouse. I realise that 'a woman can make an average man great, and a great man average'.

In March of last year, the youngest of my sisters, Shuna died quite suddenly. It was a great shock as we were very close, and I often asked her opinion on many things. I was able to scatter her ashes in Tobermory Bay during my stay on Mull in June.

We are all very saddened by the passing of Lady Mary, the Chief's wife. She was a lovely person and will be greatly missed.

The 2007 Clan Gathering was a success thanks again to Col. Donald and his wife Vera et al. The weather wasn't too bad. It was good to see so many kin from around the world again and to meet new ones. We are truly blessed that we have a Chief, who with his family, is so very much involved with the Clan, Duart castle and the Clan Associations world wide. There are many Scottish clans and families that are not so fortunate.

Next year, 2009, will see a Gathering of Scottish Clans in Edinburgh. I'm not sure what form the participation of the Clan Maclean will take, but we are sure to be represented at the event.

The 'Battleaxe' has two new editors, brothers Donald and Marcus MacLean. I'm sure they will maintain the high standards of this wonderful international newsletter. The website and the internet continue to become an even more important part of our communications. President Alasdair in Belgium, and webmaster Ian in Glasgow, continue to do a fine job.

In September of 2007 the California/Nevada Association welcomed Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross to the Highland Games and Gathering in Pleasanton, California. Robin Maclean of Ardgour visited the Games in Kentucky as the guest of Clan Gillean, U.S.A. and Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch visited Eastern Canada a couple of years ago. Their commitment to the clan is most appreciated and we hope that their visits were enjoyable.

This past year we have been building onto our house at 'Ranch del Sol' here outside Reno. As a builder I'm doing a lot of the work myself. I'm finding though, that I'm not as young as I used to be and I need more help than before. If you are heading in my direction, to northern California or Nevada, please contact me.

All the best. ~ Aye, Duncan.

## MacleanNet

Alasdair White ~ President

2007 was an exceptionally busy year for MacleanNet and by the end of the year over 3700 people had signed up via the website – an annual growth rate of around 300 per year since Donald H MacLean started it all. Of those that signed up, 1654 are still listed on the news item list, which suggests a retention rate of just 45% over the twelve years but it is actually higher now than it was at the start. However, this is giving some cause for consideration and we have been looking at the 'product mix' we are offering the members so see what we can do to improve it and align it more with their needs, wants, and expectations.

The first step resulted in a very active year for Ian (our webmaster) who has put in valiant service and has completely redesigned and reconstructed the [www.maclean.org](http://www.maclean.org) website and added a huge amount of functionality. The first phase took place in the early Spring of last year and by the time we were gearing up for the International Gathering, the site was fully functional with radio, games, genealogy, history, useful links and the blog. The latter was exceptionally useful during the Gathering as it enable MacleanNet president, Alasdair White, to provide a diary of the events along with photographs on a day-by-day basis. That record is still available for those interested.

MacleanNet did what they could to provide support for the International Gathering and, as before, they ran the genealogy room, supplied two of the three evening speakers, and provided

the technical support in the form of the Gathering website. The Gathering gave us extra impetus and, as a result of suggestions made on Mull, Ian has added a social networking area to the website (called 'Community' on the navigation panel). This has not yet taken off as much as it could, and all MacleanNetters are encouraged to join and make use of it. If you have any trouble signing up, contact Alasdair at [alasdair@maclean.org](mailto:alasdair@maclean.org).

The development of the website is a labour of love by Ian, a professional web designer who runs his own hosting company in Glasgow, Scotland, and we are all very grateful for his efforts and his commitment. And this goes well beyond just MacleanNet members. At the International Gathering, the Chief was pleased to recognise the huge contribution that Ian has made to the development of the Clan Maclean Associations by developing and maintaining the website.

The next stage is to extend the functionality of the website and we will be launching a history wiki and we hope that there are plenty of history buffs out there who would like to contribute their knowledge and expertise all of which will help build the wiki into the first point of reference for all Macleans around the world.



MacleanNetters Fiona, Anne, Alasdair, Jen and Sophie at the Gathering at Duart.



# Book Reviews

**Home Before Dark** by Charles Maclean ISBN-13: 9780340951491; ISBN-10: 0340951494; Pub. Date: 26th June 2008; Publisher: Hodder & Stoughton General Division; Hardback. 19,50 EUR.

Imagine your daughter was murdered in Florence during her gap year. A random killing; no motive, no clues. The Italian police draw a blank after a year. You become obsessed by the idea of finding her killer, trawl internet chat-rooms (she is a modern girl, and part of the horror of this book is the very contemporary nature of the plot), follow up hunches. You discover that she has left potentially vital information on a friend's lap-top, but before you can reach the friend, she has been grotesquely murdered on the Orient Express, together with her innocent cabin-mate. You follow up other clues; key informants are also slaughtered, and the psychopath is always a step ahead. It transpires that he has planted a bug in your computer which gives him access to all your correspondence, all your investigation. And then it becomes apparent that the person he ultimately wants to settle with is you.

Charles Maclean's new novel is compelling. Like the best horror stories, it creates a stifling, claustrophobic atmosphere; it catches you up so you feel you are a player in the plot, not just an observer. It doesn't let you rest: you wake in the night and carry on reading — at least, I did! And by day you are nervous about using your computer, alerted to the awesome wizardry of cyberspace. Who might be listening in? Are you really talking to who you think you are? Can you really trust the information you get from the internet? What are the boundaries between 'reality' and 'virtual reality'?


Good fiction has three essential ingredients: it must be imaginative, convincing and well-told. The plot of *Home Before Dark* is marvellously ingenious and unexpected. Sure, there are several useful coincidences, but none so contrived as to create disbelief. Unusually, the story doesn't rely on keeping us, the readers, in the dark, guessing. We have all the information that the protagonists have, and as more pieces of the jigsaw fall into place, we begin to see the potential horror just as the protagonists become aware of it.

This is an unusual and confident fictional technique. Together with the sophistication of the plot, it signals an author at the height of his powers.

The book's achievement is summed up rather well by the title on it's cover: **Home Before Dark** — You'll wish you were!

Reviewed by Charles Maclean ('Whisky Mac', not the author).

**Scotland—the Autobiography**. Edited by Rosemary Goring. Published by Viking (Penguin Group) in February 2007. Refreshing! If it's been done before I've not seen it. A nation's development over two thousand years reported by two hundred people, mostly at their own place in the timeline. A fine, substantial book, readable as a single narrative or dipped into whenever the mood takes. It has been compiled by an experienced biographer, now literary editor of The Herald. An easy but fascinating read for anyone for whom this small corner of our planet is special.

Hardcover: 512 pages. ISBN-10: 0670916579. ISBN-13: 978-0670916573. Reviewed by Donald H. MacLean. 

## Additions to the Maclean Library in 2007

• *The Oath and the Covenant*, Isabelle McCall MacLean, gift of the author. • *An Index of Covenanters*, Isabelle McCall MacLean, gift of the author. • *Murder under Trust*, Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, purchase. • *From Clan to Regiment*, Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, purchase. • *Bu Dual Dha Sin: Gaelic Scholar Alexander Maclean Sinclair*, Michael Linkletter, purchase. • *Indomitable Colonel*, (Sir Alan Cameron, whose mother was a Maclean of Drimnin), Loraine Maclean, gift of Allan Maclean. • *First Annual Gathering of the Clan Maclean Association of North America*, J.P. MacLean, gift of Dick Michaud. • Plus the journals and newsletters of the Clan Maclean Associations.

Below: Looking NE over the Sound of Mull to Morvern near Drimnin





# Lady Mary Maclean

## 1943 ~ 2007

Mary was born in 1943 to Sandy and Helen Gordon, the eldest of six children, in a particularly happy family. She was brought up at Lude, a wonderful country house near Blair Atholl in the Highlands of Perthshire, and she never lost her great affection for that part of Scotland and its people. She attended the local primary school before moving to a boarding school in the south of England. She thoroughly enjoyed both.

In 1966, when quite young, she married Lachlan Maclean, the only son of our then Chief, and they had five children, Emma, Sarah (who died as a child), Malcolm, Alexandra and Andrew. Lachlan was in the Scots Guards at the time, and later served in the SAS, and so they lived in various parts of the country, before he retired from the army and they returned to Scotland. They settled at Arngask, south of Perth, in Mary's home county of Perthshire. Here she was involved in a large number of community activities for all ages and she served on the local Community Council. She also started, in her own home, a nursery school for friends and local people.

Life changed in 1990, when, on the death of Lord Maclean, Lachlan became Sir Lachlan, and the 28<sup>th</sup> Chief, and Mary became Lady Maclean. She was often thereafter familiarly known as 'Lady Mary', and although this was not strictly correct it was a sign of the great affection in which she was held, especially in the Clan Maclean.

New responsibilities came with the inheritance, both the ancestral castle of Duart and the close connection with the worldwide clan.

At Duart, Mary brought her keen business sense to the castle, seeing its potential as a major visitor attraction that could give it a secure future. Work was begun immediately on making the castle both a comfortable place and visitor friendly, with new signage and exhibitions. She particularly enjoyed welcoming local Mull children so that they could learn about their heritage; Mary made a special point of welcoming all youngsters and showing them the things that would be exciting for them.

She brought a standard of perfection to 'Lady Maclean's Tea room' with home baking and a warm reception, and also to the Gift Shop, where she had new items of a high quality on sale each season, and she developed an outlet on the internet. Lots of Maclean gifts were always a feature. The result was a leap in visitor numbers, many returning again and again, and not just Macleans!

Mary hosted various charitable events at Duart, including those for fund raising for the Isle of Mull Gaelic singing Mod, and a special party for the Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust in 2002. She coped admirably with the large number who wished to attend the party, and no one was turned away. In another field of interest, she invited her painting group, of which she was a talented member, to come to Duart and be inspired by everything there.

"Although the news of her passing immediately brought tears to my eyes, it soon gave over to a smile on my lips as I remembered my encounters with her."

 Marjorie MacLean

Mary Maclean was an exceptional woman. She was beautiful, spunky, bright and gracious.

 Ian MacLean

"What a great Lady. Friendly, outgoing, and a great role model for me."

 Molly MacLean





# Lady Mary Maclean (Continued)

Mary was enthusiastic about the close connection between the castle and the clan, and she was happy to invite the Clan Council to the castle for a day each summer, where, in the relaxed surroundings, they could have time to talk and make decisions, and they were plied with excellent food and refreshments from Mary's kitchen. She was also a key person in the decision to start having regular Clan Gatherings every five years, beginning in 1992. These have become, for most Macleans, the most important and eagerly looked forward to event in the life of the clan, and the high point is the Saturday Gathering at Duart, at which Mary was always the star, talking to everyone and remembering their interests. She also generously hosted a tea for the organisers of the event, at the end of the Gatherings.

As well as welcoming Macleans who visited the castle, Mary always attended, with the Chief, the annual autumn Maclean Gathering in Glasgow. One special clan occasion was in 1993. Sir Lachlan and Mary, along with Anne and myself, when I was President of the Association, undertook a tour of the Maclean Branches (as they were then termed) in the United States, which ranged from the Pacific North West to California and Georgia. Mary's enthusiasm charmed everyone. She subsequently accepted an invitation to become Patron of the Clan Maclean Atlantic Association in Canada, and enjoyed her special relationship with their members.



Mary was basically quite a shy person, but with a great love for people, families and children, and was so happy with her eight grandchildren, four of whom were born in the last year. In an interview, she said that children were her abiding interest, their health, welfare and education. She also said that there were moments when she was not too impressed with what she saw concerning them on the news and read in the papers!



"A very great lady who stood strong beside her husband! Lady Mary had a friendly way of making you feel so at ease and comfortable. She ran the best tearoom and gift shop. She will be missed not only by her family, but all Macleans around the world."

 Fiona MacLean

"What a Great Maclean. Knowing she was sick, she still carried the torch for all Macleans at the gathering."

 Rodney MacLean



She was always thoughtful about others, with an inner strength that complemented her cheerfulness of spirit. It was with great sadness, among a very large number of people, that it was learned in 2006 that she had been diagnosed with cancer. Despite her latterly failing health, she did not wish to disappoint anyone and she made a supreme effort to attend the Maclean gathering in October.

Mary died on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and she was buried alongside her father, who died in September, in the peaceful country churchyard at Kilmaveonaig, Blair Atholl, near her childhood home, and a Service was held at St John's Episcopal Church in Perth, attended by 600 people.

Our sympathy goes to the Chief and his family, for their loss is the greatest, but there will not be a Maclean in the world who will not shed a tear and remember happy times with 'Lady Mary'.

 Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch



# Notes From Scotland

Robin Maclean of Ardgour ~ President CMA

Greetings to you all from Scotland. Another year has passed, dominated by the death of Lady Mary Maclean on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2007. A full obituary appears elsewhere in this issue so I will merely express our sympathies to the Chief and his family. The memorial service was held in St. John's Episcopal Church, Perth, on the day of the funeral. Over 600 people attended on a day of atrocious weather which saw both road bridges over the Forth closed due to high winds and whiteout conditions on the high-level routes. It was a tribute to the affection and esteem in which Mary was held that so many attended from far and wide.

Meanwhile Council business proceeded as usual, our three meetings being held in Glasgow's Western Club. We still need to recruit a Secretary and a new Treasurer. It seems to be a perennial problem. So come on all you just-retired Macleans; there have to be two of you out there! You don't even need to have retired! Two new council members have been recruited, so there is hope yet.

We did not hold an Edinburgh drinks party in 2007, as it was felt




A flashback in time!  
Robin at the Gathering at Duart in 1992  
with his daughters (l. to r.) Helen (4), Sarah (8)  
and Miranda (6).

that it would have been too close to the June gathering on Mull, but this event will be back this year, at the New Club in Princes Street on May 15<sup>th</sup>. I think you all know what a tremendous week the Gathering in June was. I would like to express my thanks to Donald and Vera, also to Donald's sister Lizzie, to Sara Bishop for another Mull Gathering Souvenir magazine, and to all of the 2007 Gathering team for the tremendous effort they put in to achieve such a successful week. Advance planning for the 2012 Gathering is already under way, and we anticipate something even bigger and better to commemorate the centenary of the first Duart Gathering.

Our Annual Gathering in Glasgow at the Normandy Hotel was attended by about ninety, and was notable by the very brave attendance of Mary with the Chief. Our numbers were slightly down, probably because we had to bring the date forward by a week due to clash of bookings, which in turn

clashed with school half-term. The final of the rugby World Cup was also televised live that evening! This year we are back at the Normandy Hotel on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November for the annual General meeting, followed by the Gathering. Do make an effort to come, and make this a great evening. (See notice on page 32.)

The forthcoming Gathering 2009 being held in Edinburgh in July next year has been much discussed. This two-day Gathering and Highland Games in Holyrood Park is a commercial venture headed-up by Lord Jamie Sempill and is being staged to supplement the 'Year of the Homecoming' launched by the Scottish Government. This limited-company venture has been grant-aided by government funds, and the individual costs to participate have been revealed. A ten to fifteen pound charge will be made to enter Holyrood Park, with a further charge to individual clan members of between £88 to £110 to participate in the parade up the Royal Mile, and to watch the pageant on the Castle esplanade. Added to this of course is the high cost of accommodation in Edinburgh in the middle of the tourist season, so an expensive weekend is guaranteed! There will be a Maclean tent, and I know many people have expressed an interest in attending. To date seventy-one clans have registered. Lord Sempill and his team have been very active in promoting this event around the world and it is being described as the largest Clan Gathering ever held in Scotland. There is some feeling that Inverness, as the capital of the Highlands, would be the more natural venue for such an event but the arrangements are already in place in Edinburgh. There are moves afoot by some societies to stage an event in Inverness the week before, to complement the Inverness Highland Games.

In any case, the Edinburgh Gathering promises to be a spectacular event. If you wish to know more you can go to [www.clangathering.org](http://www.clangathering.org) to enable your planning. 

## 2008

### Clan Maclean Scottish Gathering

The Annual Gathering will be held in the Normandy Hotel, by Glasgow Airport, on **Saturday 1st November 2008** and the tickets will cost £34 per adult and £17 each for children aged 10 to 15 years inclusive.

The Normandy Hotel has offered the Clan accommodation at £35 per person bed & breakfast (two sharing a room). The hotel is very accessible by road (M8), rail (Paisley, Gilmour Street) or air (Glasgow).

*Applications for tickets should be sent to:*

Lt. Col. Donald MacLean, 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill,  
Ayrshire KA23 9HT, UK. Tel: +44(0) 1294 823240



### Other Events in Scotland in 2008

15 May	Edinburgh	Clan Maclean Drinks Party
24 July	Tobermory	Isle of Mull Games
16 Aug	Glasgow	World Pipe Band Championships
10-18 Oct	Falkirk	Royal National MOD



# New Zealand

Noel Robinson ~ Newsletter Editor

Greetings to our Maclean Cousins Around the World. The Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand has enjoyed a very successful year since we last reported to you. Of course a highlight was that many of our members were able to attend the 2007 Gathering on Mull and all reported enthusiastically on their experiences.

We have begun a publication project and are nearing completion of a book *A Boat of Our Ain* which is a collection of carefully researched and authoritative articles about Macleans, both in Scotland and New Zealand, written by our eminent member Dr. Mervyn McLean. Mervyn gained international recognition as an ethnomusicologist and retired as an Associate Professor from Auckland University. He was a prolific author in his speciality and also wrote numerous articles over the years for our Clan newsletter, which is now known as *The Gillean Call* and most of these will appear in this new book. Publication date

is midyear and we consider this will be a significant contribution to recorded history.

We have fully participated in Clan Gatherings over the year and in November we held our Annual Clan Dinner at the historic community of Waipu. It was here that many migrants landed in the 1850s to establish a unique Scottish community, after travelling from Nova Scotia under the leadership of Rev. Norman McLeod. At the dinner we were thrilled to honour Dr. Mervyn McLean with Life Membership of the Association. He is only our second Life Member. The first was our founder, Rhona McLean.

Waipu was also the venue where we launched our new venture at

the 137<sup>th</sup> Waipu Highland Games on 1st January, an event called 'Tartan in the Park'. This is a form of fashion parade, conducted in a fun environment and is conducted in four categories; boys, girls, men and women. A great deal of hard work went in to some of the entrants' costumes, and we have big plans to develop this



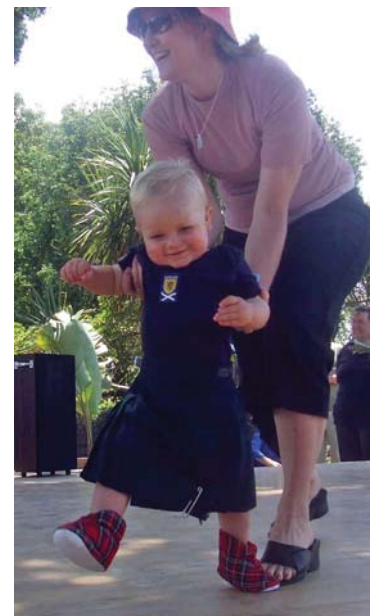
Clockwise from left: Ross O'Halloran, winner of the Tartan in the Park' mens division; Noel Robinson, our compere, talking to Lady Josephine Sempill who entered the competition. She and her husband were in New Zealand to publicise the 2009 Homecoming in Edinburgh; a tartan-booted toddler; Mairin Collyer, winner of junior girls.



event in the future. As always, the children stole the show, but we were thrilled at the response and also the amount of publicity the event received. We are looking at means of protecting the rights to ensure we continue to conduct this as an exclusive event, however we are happy to share information with our cousins around the world. Amongst the entrants was Lady Josephine Sempill, who gave great grace and international flavour to the event. She was a visitor to the Games with her husband Lord Jamie Sempill of 'Gathering 2009' fame.

In late January we held our Clan picnic at the seaside again, and our Committee is now working hard on a project to increase our membership. We are confident with the growth in activity that the time is right for a major membership recruitment drive. At the time you read this we will be having our Annual General Meeting in Auckland and charting a course for the future. Our Clan Piper Andrew Hayward, has recently returned from Scotland where he undertook specialist tutorship with the bagpipes.

Like all Clan members we were saddened by the passing of Lady Mary and extend our sincerest sympathies to Sir Lachlan and family members. 🍷





# CMA France

Alan R.M. McLean ~ President

I write on the sad note of the loss of our Chief's lady, whom I had known for many years and whose loss is deeply felt by all those in France who had the good fortune to know her.

We have here in France a hard core of Macleans (mostly in Paris) represented by a few families. Thanks to these we are able to maintain our small Association, but at best we can expect to recruit only two or three new Clansfolk each year.

We participate in certain Scottish events here, such as they are, and take a keen interest in those at home. No less than sixteen of us, of which three are children and one a baby, attended the 2007 Mull Gathering — More than ever before from the country of the Auld Alliance.

The undersigned in his business now has a close association with Tangiers, the country and city adopted by Caïd Maclean. On a recent visit there, he inspected the Caïd's beautiful grave, paid homage to it and laid flowers. "Maclean is again in Tangiers...".

Presidential Wedding ~ Marcus MacLean

Macleans invaded the 'City of London' in force on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September for the wedding of President Alan McLean to Dr. Elizabeth Jenner. Many of us had gathered at a hotel in the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral for the event.

As most of us were in tartan, we provided quite an eyeful for the tourists as we walked together past the Cathedral to the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great — one of London's oldest and most beautiful churches and the final church in the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. The service was moving, the music and the singing simply exquisite.

Later after photos, our procession halted briefly by the plaque which marks the place of execution of William Wallace, before entering The Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Barts') for the reception. Before the speechmaking, we were wined and dined in style in this, one of London's finest halls. And the day would not have been complete without a good session of our native dances.



Best Wishes for a Long  
and Happy Future

Clockwise from top left: Rev. Allan & Anne Maclean; Col. Donald & Vera MacLean; Marcus & Brooke MacLean; Best Man Ian Wallace with Bridesmaid Michelle; Fiona Torrie & Fiona Maclean; Hamish Torrie & Robin Maclean.



# London Letter

Nigel Alington ~ President

The Association was well represented at the International Gathering on Mull in June. Both President and Vice-President attended, together with several members.

The Association held its annual meeting at the Caledonian Club in Halkin Street, London SW1, on 19 October 2007. Nigel Alington (President), Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross (Vice-President) and Nick Hart (Treasurer and Secretary) were all re-elected. The Association also managed to adopt its first Constitution,

a mere 55 years after its establishment (albeit as a branch). We welcomed seven new members, bringing the total membership of the Association to 51. The meeting was followed by a dinner at the Club, attended by Elizabeth, Lady Maclean, as the guest of honour.

On 8 February 2008 the Association held its annual Burns Supper, again at the Caledonian Club. The Selkirk Grace was said by the Vice-President, Nicholas Maclean of Pennycross, and the address to the haggis was delivered by David Dunham, whose enthusiastic gestures with his sgean dhu would have had him arrested in any other forum. The toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns was proposed by the President, Nigel Alington. He noted that we are now in the 250th year since his birth and in his speech considered the aspects of Burns' character, writings and personal philosophy that made him 'immortal'. Quotations from Sir Walter Scott, Ralph Waldo Emerson and W. H. Auden were enlisted in support. Alex Maclean gave the toast to the lasses, including a splendid poem of his own, and Mary Wilson responded.

Once again, Elizabeth, Lady Maclean was our guest of honour. She has been a constant and much cherished supporter of the Association for many years and has not missed any of our gatherings for as long as anyone can remember. Having therefore regarded Lady Maclean as our patron (with a small 'p') for many years, we were delighted that she accepted our invitation formally to become our Patron.

Photographs from the annual Burns Supper at the Caledonian Club



The evening ended with the traditional musical entertainment. Roddy McFaddyan, our piper, played a medley of tunes, David Dunham played his melodeon and the evening concluded with the singing of Scottish airs, led by Barbara MacLean and Jennie Evans, who also sang *O My Luve's Like a Red, Red, Rose* as a duet.



## ISLE OF MULL SILVER & GOLDSMITHS



Check our website [www.mullsilver.co.uk](http://www.mullsilver.co.uk) for

- A huge selection of silver & gold jewellery including MacLeans Cross
- MacLean crest jewellery
- Silver quaichs with the Scottish hallmark
- Christening spoons and many
- New this year, a range of silver jewellery set with Ross of Mull granite

MAIN STREET, TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL PA75 6NT  
01688 302345 [info@mullsilver.co.uk](mailto:info@mullsilver.co.uk) [www.mullsilver.co.uk](http://www.mullsilver.co.uk)



# Western Australia

Brian McLean ~ Editor

The year 2007 will be remembered by several of our members as the year of the International Gathering of Clan Maclean on Mull. For some it was a new experience with the opportunity to meet Macleans from around the world and for others, the renewal of friendships made at earlier Clan Gatherings.

Then early in January we were saddened with the news that Lady Mary had died almost on the last day of the year. While not able to play as prominent a part in the Gathering as in previous years, Mary supported our Chief as much as she was able at Duart during the Gathering and will be missed by us all.

Your writer had the rare opportunity during the Gathering to visit several historic Clan Maclean sites starting with Moy, the Maclaine of Lochbuie castle. The first stage of restoration has started with the castle being encased in scaffolding. The owner of Lochbuie, Jim Corbett, led the way inside by torchlight and pointed out interesting features such as the well in the ground floor, the 'pit prison' built into the outside wall and emphasised the strength of the structure due to cross-vaulting of the ceilings of ground and first floors. First stage restoration will be confined to stabilising the structure and replacing the roof to prevent rain ingress.

A fine day gave the opportunity for a rambling walk to the isolated Killean graveyard to view exposed, ancient Maclean grave slabs. The Trust is hoping to have these protected from further deterioration. Old house ruins were passed on the way and from a high point a clear view of historic Eilean Amalaig can be seen in Loch Spelve.

Drimnin House in Morvern has undergone an extensive restoration since 2002 and new owners, Derek and Louise Lewis, invited a small group, including Clan Maclean

Heritage Trustees, to view the result. They now have a beautiful old house of which they are justifiably proud. Fortunately, some of the old period furniture was left in the house, complementing the result.

Also on the estate is ruined St Columba's Chapel, built by a previous owner about 1840 on the foundations of ruined Drimnin Castle and used for Roman Catholic worship. Parishioners travelled by boat from Mull and Ardnamurchan for services. Again, scaffolding was in place for work to start on stage one and the builder and owners signed the contract in front of the visiting party. When fully restored—a stained glass window is planned—the chapel will be used for nondenominational Christian worship and it is hoped will become a centre for the arts and music. As with Moy Castle, stage one will see the roof replaced and other work to prevent rain ingress.

We were shown the isolated grave of Allan McLean, son of Charles McLean of Drimnin who led the Clan and was killed at Culloden. The grave has a large, readable headstone, indicating that he died in 1792 aged 68.



A visit to the historic island of Inch Kenneth was also arranged by invitation. Privately owned and situated in Loch na Keal, this was a rare opportunity. The island caretakers ferried the party across

in an open barge built like a landing craft, primarily for carrying stock. Canon Allan Maclean had prepared informative notes as a guide to the ancient history of the island. The ruined chapel was built as a parish church in the mid 13<sup>th</sup> century and was already roofless when Dr. Samuel Johnson and his lawyer companion, James Boswell, visited the island in 1773. At the time, Sir Allan Maclean (22<sup>nd</sup> Chief) lived on the island in retirement. Boswell was Sir Allan's lawyer in a lengthy dispute with the Campbells over possession of Broilass (which included Inch Kenneth) and eventually won. Sir Allan died in 1783, the year the case was decided in his favour. He is buried outside the chapel where there are numerous old headstones. Eight tapered slabs showing carvings of sword, galley, animal and vegetable imagery have been placed inside against one end of the chapel.





## Western Australia ~ (Continued)

The owner's large white house, although since added to, replaced one destroyed by fire in 1882. It has a flat roof for collecting rainwater as the water on the island is excessively alkaline.

The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust arranged a public ceremony in the grounds of the Kilninian Church, near Torloisk, to commemorate Brigadier General Allan Maclean of Torloisk with the unveiling of a plaque attached to a cairn. Born at Torloisk in 1725, Allan Maclean has been called '*The Saviour of Canada*' and the '*Hero of Quebec*' for organising the successful defence of the city of Quebec against American Rebel forces in 1775-76.

The unveiling was performed jointly by Sir Lachlan and Richard Compton Maclean of Torloisk. The Canadian



High Commissioner was represented by Colonel Edgar, and Brigadier Macfarlane read Gaelic poetry.

Following the public unveiling, **Friends of the Heritage Trust** were invited to Torloisk House for a generous afternoon tea, served 'upstairs' and 'downstairs'. Torloisk is a lovely old house with many artefacts and memorabilia scattered around. Above a landing on the staircase to first floor, the original Regimental Colours of the Royal Highland Emigrants are displayed behind a glass case. Although original, they were never carried in battle.

From far left: The barge used to ferry visitors to Inch Kenneth; The ruined St Columba's Chapel at Drimnin; The Memorial to the Clans at Culloden; Rewa in the graveyard of Kilninian Church; Drimnin House.

Golf Course  
Prints

Shortbread  
From Scotland

My Clan, My Fragrance  
Fragrance

Robert Burns  
Fragrance

## Taking Scotland's Footprint to a Global Market

**Scotland - The images are beautiful scenery, friendly people, whisky, heather, tweed, seafood, bagpipes.**

Now a new opportunity has risen, a marketing concept for Scottish Products to reach the World Marketplace.

Working with both top producers and products from our partner factories we offer a wide range of services which include Marketing, Branding, Clan Perfumes, Jewellery, Food & Drink, Clothing, exciting new corporate opportunities & ideas, competitive freight costs, a complete in-house service offered by our designer systems

If you can't visit Scotland, let us bring a little bit of Scotland to you.....visit us at

[www.scottishpartnership.com](http://www.scottishpartnership.com)



# New South Wales

Les McLean ~ President

From New South Wales, Australia, we extend our warmest greetings to our worldwide Clan Maclean friends.

The year of 2007 has seen a further increase in membership mainly thanks to the committee members who have attended our Clan stall at the various gatherings during the year. Clan Maclean have also continued to benefit from our close relationship with Scottish House where the sharing of the stall area for liability insurance reasons has encouraged a greater number of visitors to engage in conversation pertaining to our common ancestry!

There has also been an increased interest in our quarterly newsletter, and we have received encouraging feedback from our members concerning the quality of the stories published, and also our recent introduction of improved paper quality and colour printing.

Clan Maclean has also finished the year by retaining our previously reported strong financial position. The income from a small raffle in 2007, membership fees, and the continuing sponsorship from St. Kilda Retail – All Things Tartan have all contributed to this.

Colin McLean Sproule was awarded 'Honorary Membership' of the Clan Maclean International Association (CMIA) during the year 2007 and the recognition of Colin's history of continuing dedication and support of the Clan was a highlight of the year and we thank CMIA for recognising the ongoing knowledge and support of our Past President and Life Member Mr. Colin McLean Sproule.

We are pleased to report that our trip to Aunty Molly's in May 07 was a great success. Led by Pipers, thirty five of our Clan members and their guests marched around the streets of Morisset, arriving finally at the doors of the restaurant. The local newspapers were advised of the 'Clan Gathering', and with the help of Toni McLean (Aunty Molly), several photos and a complete story of the 'Special Event' were printed in the local paper. A total of seventy people enjoyed the food



Above: Dianna & Leslie H McLean.

Below: The Committee on the bridge at Tree Valley Golf Course.  
Left to right: Leslie H McLean (President), Norma and Colin Sproule, Barbara McLean, Lola Moate, Eleanore Reichel (Secretary), Norma McLean, Ian McLean (Vice President), Dianna McLean (Treasurer), and Grahame McLean.



and entertainment, and it was so successful that Toni McLean suggested that Clan Maclean should consider holding a similar function every year. We took her advice and we have organised a repeat performance in May 2008 and already the numbers are looking good.

Our committee remained unchanged in 2007 as it was not an election year. We are confident that the ideas and suggestions that are discussed at our committee meetings will result in Clan Maclean in NSW continuing to increase its membership and retaining its financial position into 2008.



# CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA INC.

Grahame Gartside ~ President

Greetings to members of Clan Maclean associations across the globe. Doug Maclean's three-year term as President of our association came to an end at our 2008 AGM as mine began. I live in Harcourt in Central Victoria. My Scottish interest resulted in my becoming the Pipe Sergeant in the Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band having played the pipes in the band's first public appearance over 50 years ago. As a younger man I was also a champion caber tosser. May I take this opportunity to wish all the Maclean Associations the very best for the future. I look forward to working with you over the next three years.

It was disappointing to have to cancel the Chief's Birthday Banquet normally held annually in May, as it is the major function our association conducts. The CMAA Council decided that because a number of council members and their partners would be attending the International Gathering of the



Clan in Scotland in June 2007, a low attendance at the banquet would be expected.

The result of cancelling the banquet meant a very quiet year for our association. However, a major administrative project undertaken was the updating of the CMAA Constitution to bring it in line with current Government requirements and to ensure current practices were reflected in the detail of the constitution. The constitution had not been changed since 1991. The recommendations from council were passed by members attending the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

We have begun to develop a process to ensure that the management and funding of our archives continue well into the future. Over the last few years our association has taken on the additional responsibility of maintaining the archives of the New South Wales Clan Maclean. The burden has fallen on the shoulders of our archivists Edwin and Marigold Maclean. A decision was made to charge nonmembers a fee of AU\$10 for the information and support they obtain from the clan's archives.

We are also actively seeking to appoint a trainee archivist to develop the skills and interest to ensure that this critical role is maintained into the future.

Clan Maclean Association in Australia along with other associations across the world supported the local council appeal against specific aspects of the redevelopment of Kingairloch House, Kingairloch, Ardgour, Scotland. Our association's interest resulted, in part, from the original links to the Macleans of Kingairloch. We consider it important for the current developers to accept that they are building on the efforts of those who came before them. We do not believe that the developers should consider these historic precincts to be their sole property — to dispose of as they wish. It would be so much better if they saw themselves as the present custodians of an historical site, which could be enjoyed by all, and used to inform future generations about the contribution Scotland and its people have made in the world.



Above: President Grahame Gartside and Senior Vice President Gordon McLean after their election at the 2008 AGM. Doug Stevenson, left of photograph, chaired the meeting during the election of office bearers; left: The council

EST. 1897  
HIGHLAND  
BY SHEARER



Light up your home with a little piece of Scotland  
Shearer Candles New Highland Collection offers  
beautiful filled quichs, whisky goblets & chalices in  
Traditional Scottish Scents of Ae Fond Kiss,  
Marsh Orchid & Cranachan

Hand Made in Scotland using only the purest and finest ingredients



THE CANDLE STORE 23 ROBERT ST GLASGOW G51 3HB  
T: 0141 425 1661 W: WWW.SHEARER-CANDLES.COM



# Clan Gillean USA

Betsy McLean ~ Secretary & Editor

The year 2007 began with Clan Gillean USA's celebration of Robert Burns' birthday at Knoxville, TN. Among those attending the dinner were President Emeritus Clarence Greek and wife, Bobbye, of Murfreesboro, TN, President Claude Hicks and wife Lyn of Macon, GA, and Vice President Robert McLean and wife Johnnie of Clayton, NC. Vice President Robert McLean awarded the first annual Audrey Peebles McLean Clanswoman of the Year Award to Julie Lane, of Knoxville, TN. According to all who attended, the dinner was a complete success.

But the anticipation of the International Gathering seemed to take priority over the conversations of all Macleans there. The excitement continued to build at the Jacksonville, FL Highland Games. In April, at the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, NC, the Gathering was the only topic of conversation. By June 9, at the Greenville, SC Highland Games, everyone was well prepared for the excursion. As a matter of fact, Secretary Betsy McLean and her mother, Patricia McLean of Raleigh, NC phoned the Macleans in Greenville on the afternoon of the games...from the airport! They were already on their way to Glasgow. The Gathering was quickly becoming a reality. Clan Gillean USA was represented by a large contingency including the entire Executive Committee.



No member could have memories of the gathering fonder than Vice President Robert McLean, his wife Johnnie, and their family. After two years of planning, Bob was well prepared with the surprise. As soon as he set foot on Mull, and as friends and family looked on, he proposed another 40 years of marriage to Johnnie. Thank goodness she said yes, since the renewal of vows were already scheduled to take place that afternoon at Duart Castle! Johnnie wore a wedding gown made of silk shantung appliquéd with beads, and lace, and accented in the back with an appliqué of a 'true lovers' Celtic knot in modern Maclean Hunting tartan, beautifully sewn by Connie McLean Sutton of Raleigh, NC. (By the way, the wedding dress was later awarded 'Best in Show' at the North Carolina State Fair's sewing competition.) The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend Patrick Maclean, of Huntersville, NC, a longtime CGUSA member, and the piano was played by Laura Maclean, wife of Rev. Maclean. Alison McLean List, and Marla McLean Baswell, daughters of the bride and groom, were the bride's attendants. The ceremony was as beautiful as the location.

After we returned to America, we thought that we had already experienced the best of the year. We were all wonderfully

surprised with what was to come. In October, at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA, Clan Gillean USA was awarded the prize for Best Clan Tent by Clan MacLaine of Lochbuie! Not only had we won both of the major awards at The Stone Mountain Games within two years, but to be awarded by the Lochbuiers! The Macleans and the MacLaines all celebrated the day's events together.



Left: Claude Hicks and his wife Lyn with the Chief at the Gathering; above: Tropies from the Lochbuiers; below: Bob and Johnnie renew their vows with their daughters Alison and Marla in attendance.

At the end of October, Clan Gillean USA was the Honored Clan at the Foothills Highland Games in Hendersonville, NC. The honor was the reward for winning the Best Clan Tent in 2006. It was a sight to behold as close to 50 Macleans led the parade of tartans. Macleans were leading the entertainment, too. Alex Beaton was performing right behind the Maclean tent, while the Celtic rock band 'The Hooligans', with singer, guitarist, and CGUSA member Shawn Dunham performed near the entrance of the games.

Our season came to an end at the Alexandria, VA Christmas Walk. 38 Macleans marched in this Christmas Parade that celebrates Scottish Heritage. The fun continued well into the evening after the parade at the home of Robb and Alison List with dinner and a special performance by world class Highland Dancer Caitlin McLean, in thanks of the scholarships awarded her by Clan Gillean USA.





# Atlantic (Canada)

Murray MacLean ~ President

We have had a successful year for Clan Atlantic. The highlight for many of us was The International Gathering of Macleans in Mull Scotland. My wife, Betty, and I attended our first gathering and it was a great week. We arrived on Monday afternoon, with our youngest daughter and her boyfriend.



Above: Clan Atlantic members at lunch with Sir Lachlan and Lady Mary during the Gathering week in June 2007; right: at Duart Castle

We arrive early so that we would be able to attend our luncheon with Lady Mary and Sir Lachlan on Tuesday afternoon. It was a pleasurable afternoon with about twelve Clan Maclean members attending the luncheon. A delicious meal was provided by The Highland Cottage. It was great to meet and talk to our Patron and Chief at an informal engagement. It definitely was a delightful start to a great week!

It is with great sadness that we heard the news of Lady Mary's passing. This was a sad ending to a great year for Clan Maclean Atlantic, especially since our Association had a unique relationship with Lady Mary as she had been our Patron since 2005.

It was a great pleasure for members of Clan Maclean Atlantic when we had the opportunity to meet Lady Mary at a luncheon in her honor this past spring in Tobermory. I believe that she fully enjoyed her time with us, as we certainly did with her. She remained rather late in the day considering she had so much to do for the Gathering which was going on that week.

Our Web site continues to do well and has been a great asset in keeping Macleans and Scots of all backgrounds informed of our activities in Atlantic (Canada). We have continued to add books, pewter items and a new line of glass ware to our inventory of saleable

items. Our flags have been a very successful adventure for Clan Maclean, Atlantic (Canada) having sold flags to numerous Maclean Associations. It makes me proud to see our flag flying in the background of pictures in Maclean Newsletters from around the world. We also had the opportunity to sell some of our items such as books, CDs and flags at the Gathering and would like to thank all who helped made this happen.

Our Clan helped to launch the first 'Kirkin' o' the Tartan' at the International Gathering. Marjorie Maclean did a great job in setting up, organizing and staffing this successful affair. This was a nice way of finishing a wonderful week. Hopefully the Kirkin' o' the Tartan will become a great addition to coming Gatherings. Great job Marjorie!

We have continued to be represented at the Highland Games and the various Scottish cultural events in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island during the past year. Most of these events take place during the spring and summer months. Our thanks go to our many members who volunteer their time with the moving and setup of our tent at these various venues.

The AGM Clan Maclean Atlantic meeting was held in the home of Nancy & Gordon MacGregor, in Amherst Nova Scotia. Changes to the executive were minimal with only one addition of Andrea (Maclean) Holohan as the Keeper of Genealogy. Other executive members will remain the same.

Following our fall meeting this year, members who attended the gathering shared their pictures and experiences of their visit to Scotland for the International Gathering of Clan Maclean



*Surround  
yourself  
with charm  
& beauty.*

VISIT THE  
SPECTACULAR  
HOMES OF  
RICHARD COMPTON,  
MACLEAN OF  
TORLOISK

**TORLOISK HOUSE**  
ISLE OF MULL,  
SLEEPS 14 & 2



Explore the wonderful Isle of Mull from Torloisk House. Enjoy trout fishing, beach and seaside life as well as some stalking. With its own sandy beach ten minutes walk from the house, the classic 'family holiday' is readily to hand.

**Tel: 01381 610496 [www.LHHScotland.com](http://www.LHHScotland.com)**

**NEWBY HALL &  
GARDENS**  
NORTH YORKSHIRE



Enjoy a wonderful day-out at the Compton's family home near Ripon, North Yorkshire. Newby Hall is a beautiful Adams house with stunning gardens and an imaginative adventure garden for children. Open to the public from Easter to the end of September.

**Tel: 01423 322 583 [www.newbyhall.com](http://www.newbyhall.com)**



# California / Nevada

Ed McLean ~ President

Clan Maclean was the honoured clan at this year's Scottish Games at Pleasanton, California. Local California-Nevada members and the Cal-Nevada branch pooled funds to fly Clan Chieftain Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross from his home in London. Clan President Ed McLean showed Nicolas the sites in San Francisco and Craig and Cynthia Maclean showed him our beautiful Napa Valley.

He has just completed seven years as Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and is now Chief Executive of MWM.

He has also played an active part in education, charity and the arts, such as with the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, and the University of Westminster, as well as serving on the boards of the CBEVE, CILT, the Project Trust, Leonard Cheshire International, Sadler's Wells Theatre and the International Advisory Council of Aperture in New York. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the British American Project for the Successor Generation, and plays an active part in the American European Business Association. He is the initiator of what is now the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme (JET), the world's largest international teaching assistant programme.

In 2002 he was appointed a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) in HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee Honours List (for services to the UK's relations with Asia).

He is married to Qamar and has sons Mark (24), currently completing a PhD at King's College, Cambridge, and Alexander (19), starting a BA degree at the same college this October. Nicolas is

the 8th Chieftain of Pennycross, a cadet branch of the Macleans of Duart. One of his grandmothers was a daughter of the 24th Chief of the MacLaines of Lochbuie. His great-grandfather, Archibald John Maclean of Pennycross, represented the Clan at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago and played a key role in



Nicolas Maclean was born in London on 3rd January 1946, educated at Eton and Oriel College, Oxford, where his degree was in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. His subsequent career was in banking and insurance, including roles as Group Adviser, Midland Bank, Senior Adviser, HSBC Group, and Executive Director, Prudential Corporation Asia Limited.





## California / Nevada ~ (Continued)

support of the efforts of Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Duart and Morvern to buy back the ruin of Duart Castle on Mull and restore it to its former glory for all the Clan.

His grandfather, Brigadier General Charles Maclean of Pennycross, was Amateur Champion Piper of Scotland and his uncle, Brigadier Alasdair Maclean of Pennycross, was Amateur Champion Dancer and for nearly 20 years Director and Producer of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Nicolas and Qamar share Park House, Pennycross, with their Canadian cousins in an enclave on the former Pennycross Estate in the clan heartlands facing Ben More across Loch Scridain. He has served as President of the London Clan Maclean Association.



Opposite: Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross addresses the clans at the Pleasanton Games. This page: Roberta celebrates her 80th birthday with Sandy, Nicolas and Ed; Macleans and Maclaines march together; At the Clan Buchanan tent.

MacLean Wines 707.258.0729 [macleanwines.com](http://macleanwines.com)

When this is your house,  
this is your house wine.



# Pacific Northwest USA

Jim McClean ~ President

## Gleaning Visitors to the Clan Tent.

We can identify three broad groups of visitors to our Clan tent at the many games, festivals and events we attend.


**Group A.** Those of the name 'Maclean' in any of its spellings and those of our Septs. They seek you out. This is your extended family. They will come from near and far, you may be surprised how far. You will want to socialize with your members and introduce yourself to all potential members. You will want to have an annual handout, something not contained in your newsletter and available only from you. This can be regarding Macleans, Maclean lands or history or other items. A generic hand out with Scottish facts, a suggested reading list and a local vendor contact is a good resource. Always provide an application of course. Space permitting you may offer a place to sit and rest and provide bottled water and munchies! You will know your venue well enough to direct your guests to the nearest comfort station, food and beverage stops, and yes, recommendations are in order. You will of course know where the dancers dance, the pipers pipe and the athletes throw. You will share other points of interests at your event.

**Group B.** Those who identify with another recognized Clan and their Septs. Those who identify with family groups. They will visit your clan tent, or stall, seeking another clan or family, which may or may not be on the field this day. This group will stop because your stall attracts their attention and you appear to be someone who can help them find their clan or family. This means you must know who else is on the



field with you and where they are. If that clan is in attendance, it is best to walk your new friend over to them. If they are absent try to maintain contact information for other clans, groups or families even if it is at some distance. One of the best reasons for your attendance at your event is to be of help to anyone who asks. They will remember it was a MacLean who helped them, and tell their friends. They may even have a friend who is a Maclean. Among other clans, you will soon get a reputation for being helpful and knowledgeable.

**Group C.** Basically the curious who may have come for the athletics, dancing, piping, entertainment or something else. They will visit you because your stall attracts their attention. You appear to be the best informed people in view and might offer respite to the weary traveller. It is also quite possible someone told them to seek out the Macleans (see group B). This group represents the real gems of the day. It is possible you could help over one hundred curious and not find a single Maclean to join your association. However what if you find a Buchanan or a Macpherson or a Gordon and escort them to that tent? It's one-upmanship! Your new friend will remember it was a Maclean who helped them, as will the other clan. You will want to have modest resources (tartan books, clan books, books on names) to help you assist other visitors. You will also want to have a good understanding of Scottish history and geography, together with an understanding of the Scots contributions to your country.

At the end of the day, you will feel rewarded for having a satisfying harvest. 


## St Mary's Abbey on Iona ~ Fingal's Cave on



Just off the south west coast of Mull lies the tiny island of Iona, described by George MacLeod, founder of the modern day ecumenical community, as 'a thin place', where earth and heaven are not far apart. The Abbey's quiet cloisters were no doubt paced by the Columban monks who created the magnificently illustrated Book of Kells here.

St Columba landed here in 563, and eventually his monks brought Christianity to much of northern Europe. The cemetery is said to be the burial place of forty-eight

Scottish, four Irish and eight Danish and Norwegian monarchs. There are many monumental carved stones, including Maclean's cross (pictured), richly engraved with Celtic scroll work and runic inscriptions.

Felix Mendelssohn popularised Fingal's cave on the nearby Isle of Staffa with his 1829 overture. Dramatic hexagonal basalt columns and friendly Puffins make Staffa an otherworldly place. 



Photographs by Jacinta Shailer sgs • Story by Donald MacLean (Australia)



# Calling all Macleans of the North

Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch

The Clan Chattan is a confederacy of clans, unique because each of its constituent clans retained their own name and identity. It has been termed by the historian, the late R.W. Munro, as the only 'super-clan' and consisted of 16 different clans, and several other tribes and families.

In 1390 or thereabouts, Charles Maclean, the Constable of Urquhart Castle, as '*Tearlach mac Eachin vic Gillean*', entered his family and followers, termed the Clan Tearlach, into the Clan Chattan Confederacy, ninth in the list of sixteen.

The high point in the life of the Clan Chattan, and perhaps its most significant act, came 200 years later with the signing, near Inverness, of the great Clan Chattan Band of Union in 1609. Alexander Maclean of Dochgarroch duly signed 'for himself and his kin and race of Clan Tearlach', the Macleans of the North, 'with their own consents'.

2009 is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Band of Union, and on 6<sup>th</sup> August next year, in Inverness, there is to be a signing of a new Band of Union, by the present chieftains and clanspeople. It is, also, intended that members of the constituent clans, around the world, unable to be present, will have the opportunity that day, by the use of the internet, to add their signatures to the document.

The signing ceremony will be in the presence of and witnessed by the Provost of the City of Inverness and he has graciously invited members of the Clan Chattan Association to a full Civic Dinner in the historic Town Hall of Inverness that night.



*Touch not the cat bot a glove*

There are various other ceremonies planned during the week.

Who then are the Macleans of the North? It is usually considered that Macleans living in and around Inverness, Urquhart, Strathglass, Easter Ross, Moray, Banff, and the North of Scotland, along with Macleans living in Badenoch, belonged to this part of the Clan Maclean. The Macleans of the North have always been welcome to join the Clan Chattan Association, but in 2009 it would be splendid if those who would care to would add their names to the new Band of Union. Full details will appear later in the year on the website, [www.clanchattan.org.uk](http://www.clanchattan.org.uk).



Urquhart Castle looking over Loch Ness  
Top: Clan Chattan badge and motto

## STEVENS & GRAHAM - TARTAN CARPET SPECIALISTS

Ancient MacLean



FREE COLOUR  
BROCHURE  
& SAMPLES  
AVAILABLE

Rugs and runners  
made to  
any shape or size.

50 Jessie Street,  
Glasgow, G42 0PG  
TEL: +44 (0) 141 4233299  
[tartanrugs@aol.com](mailto:tartanrugs@aol.com)  
Showroom open Mon-Sat  
9am - 5pm

Hunting MacLean



\* WE DELIVER WORLDWIDE

\* NO MINIMUM ORDERING QUANTITY

[www.tartanrugs.co.uk](http://www.tartanrugs.co.uk)





# Clan Maclean International Association

## COUNCIL as at JUNE 2007

### Chief

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Bt., CVO, DL.  
Duart Castle, Isle of Mull, Argyll PA64 6AP.

### Chieftains

Robin Maclean of Ardgour, Salachan House, Ardgour, Fort William PH33 7AB.  
The Very Rev Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, 5 North Charlotte St, Edinburgh EH2 4HR.  
Sir Charles Maclean of Dunconnel Bt., Strachur House, Strachur, Argyll PA27 8BX.  
Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross CMG, 30 Malwood Road, London SW12 8EN.  
Richard Compton Maclean of Torloisk, Torloisk House, Isle of Mull, Argyll PA74 6NH.

### President

Duncan S. MacLean FSA(Scot.), PO Box 20263, Reno, Nevada 89515, USA

### Honorary Vice President

Donald H. MacLean, 134 Whitelands Avenue, Chorleywood, Herts WD3 5RG.

#### *President Clan Maclean Association*

Robin Maclean of Ardgour, Salachan House, Ardgour, Fort William PH33 7AB.

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association of London*

Nigel Alington LVO, 6 Cresswell Gardens, London SW5 0BJ, UK

#### *President Clan Gillean USA*

Judge Claude W. Hicks, Jr., PO Box 48, Macon GA 31202, USA

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association of California & Nevada*

Ed McLean, 1264 Countryside Lane, Manteca, California 95337, USA

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association, Pacific NW, USA*

Jim McClean, 9275 SW Cutter Pl, Beaverton, OR 97008-7706, USA

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association, Atlantic (Canada)*

Murray MacLean, 2337 Route 106, Allison, N.B. E1G 4L4, Canada

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.*

Graham Gartside, 2 High Street, VIC 3453, Australia

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association (Western Australia)*

Margo Henshaw, 1/15 Jugan Street, Glendalough, WA 6016, Australia

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association in New South Wales*

Les McLean, 53 Sylvan Ridge Road, Illawong, NSW 2234, Australia

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association of New Zealand*

Alasdair Maclean, 4 Quibray Place, Howick, Auckland 1705, New Zealand

#### *President, Clan Maclean Association of France*

Alan R M McLean, BP 319, 13177 Marseille cedex 20, France

#### *President, MacleanNet*

Alasdair White, Weemstraat 10, Hoeilaart B-1560, Belgium

#### *Immediate Past President*

Lt Col Donald MacLean MBE, JP. 2 Fullerton Drive, Seamill KA23 9HT, UK