

NEWSLETTER

Clan Cameron Association Scotland



Clan Picnic at Achnacarry

It is planned to have a Clan Picnic at Achnacarry, this summer. The most suitable date is Sunday 7th August at say 12.30. The idea is that we all take our own picnic to Achnacarry and meet in front of the museum. Lochiel will be in residence at that time and will join us at the picnic so that we will all have the opportunity to meet with our new Clan Chief. We will also organise a walk for the more energetic of you.

While it is intended to be an informal gathering, it would be useful to have some idea of numbers and I would appreciate if you could give some indication if you are likely to be there.

Contact: Alan Cameron at 01358-720130 or alan.cameron@snp.org

A New Clan Member



Our picture shows Astie, our clan piper with Nina-Yves. Our congratulations to Astie and Tracey on the birth of their beautiful daughter.

Clan Activities - Summer 2005

Ashbourne Games - Clan Tent - 17th July Contact Duncan
Inverness Games - Clan Tent - 23rd July Contact Alan
Arisaig Games - Wed 27th July Contact Neil
Glenfinnan Gathering - 20th Aug. Contact Rosemary
Pipefest - Edinburgh - massed pipers. Contact Duncan
Braemar Gathering - Overseas Tent - Contact Alan
Derby -re-enactment - 3rd/4th Dec. - Contact Duncan
Duncan - 01629 825 902 Rosemary - 0131 441 2325
Neil - 01360-770-292 Alan - 01358 720130

Also for your diary:

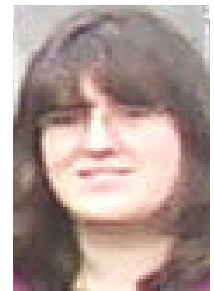
AGM - Saturday 29th October, Perth
Culloden 2006 - 15th April - Candles Restaurant
Help of any kind at any of these events would be greatly welcomed. Please contact Elizabeth at: 01358-720130 or e-mail - elizabethcameron2001@yahoo.co.uk

Communications

The Council agreed that we should communicate by a Newsletter on a more regular basis with a bi-annual magazine containing features. In order to cut costs, I would like to send the newsletter by e-mail. **Please send me your e-mail address to : alan.ccas@btinternet.com**

News from New Zealand

I have recently heard from Heather, who was our First Light Exchange, from New Zealand, this year. Heather, who is a Primary School teacher in a suburb of Auckland spent four months here at the beginning of the year. The first part of her exchange, she spent teaching on the island of Eigg - what Heather described as an unforgettable experience



After that, Heather took time to find out about Scotland, the Camerons and her family roots in the Plockton area. In addition she spent some time with David in Edinburgh exploring the Capital and surrounding area. She then spent a week in Aberdeenshire with Elizabeth and me visiting a Primary School, Ma Cameron's Inn, (of course) and Slains Castle where Dracula was written.

After that Heather went on an amazing tour of Europe through France, Italy, Austria, Germany Holland and Belgium. Of all the places she visited, Heather highlighted the canals in Venice, cycling in Holland, and the Eiffel Tower in Paris at night.

She is now a popular guest speaker at the Clan Societies back home.

CULLODEN 2005

It was a wet and windy day on 16th April, this year when a considerable number of the Association membership turned up at the memorial cairn to participate in the Service of Commemoration. The Clan wreath which was made by Sonia Cameron Jacks was laid by Duncan.



The blessing was said by Douglas Cameron - newest Clan Chieftain and formerly Episcopal Bishop of Argyll and the Isles. At the end of the service, the Clan assembled and were led to the Cameron marker stone by piper, Astie Cameron. There, David laid a simple floral tribute, after which we proceeded to the Cameron grave marker where Astie played a Pibroch.

The lunch was held in the Columba Hotel on Ness Walk. We had an excellent meal and the service was first class. On behalf of the Association, Colonel Charles handed over the Certificate of Chieftainship to Douglas Cameron - together with two eagle feathers. It is quite remarkable and in all probability unique that two brothers should have attained the highest office in the Church and are both now Honorary Clan Chieftains



Next year the service will be held on Saturday, 15th April. If you have not been at a Culloden service, I can thoroughly rec-

Clan Crests

We still have a number of Clan Crest plaques which make an excellent gift as a Birthday present or for the person in your life who has everything. These are quite special and unique and, priced at £28.50 inc p&p are most reasonable since comparable crests in the shop cost £35.00.

To obtain your own plaque, please send your cheque to

**Ian Cameron,
78 Milton Road West
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made payable to
"Clan Cameron Association Scotland"

We also have **Clan Certificates** at £17.00 and again are an excellent present or even a self indulgence. This can also be obtained from Ian Cameron.

I have enclosed order forms for your convenience. You may see it also on our web-page www.clan-cameron.org

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Articles for publication, enquiries about events etc

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Membership

Some subscriptions are now overdue, please contact Lyn and /or Ian. The future of our Association and its activities depends on your subs.

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Finally, can I wish you all a good and restful holiday break and look forward to meeting you at one or all of the events listed in the calendar. Any suggestions as to events, format of newsletter etc would be most welcome but please **SEND ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.**