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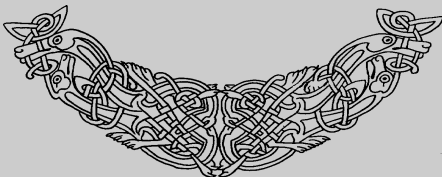
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Dear Clansfolk,

Greetings to all Clan members for Christmas and the New Year. Plans are progressing well for the next Gathering. This Gathering will be held in front of the Castle with the medieval encampment opposite. Sadly Stuart Hunter the Clan Events Coordinator has had to give up helping with the Gathering due to ill health. However I now have an assistant for the gathering, Christine Scouller, who will be collecting names of those attending, the bookings for the meals and collecting the fees. For this Gathering I shall have to charge an attendance/registration fee to cover the cost of the marquee and other entertainments.

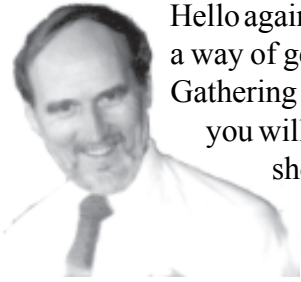


These last years I have concentrated on putting most of the Clan Association Funds into the Castle Restoration so that Phase I will be complete by the Gathering in June. Phase I is the replacement of the Garage doors, carrying out drainage work round the pele tower and replacing gutters, also the Castle stairway needs the chimney rebuilding before it falls down and there are several slates in need of repair. The work is due to start early in the New Year.

I am pleased to be able to announce that the Argentine Clan Hunter Association is now active with its first 14 Clan members. Ramon, the Clan Officer, has just completed and had published a book of his family genealogy from his great-great grandparents. It is a superb volume with lots of photographs and will be an invaluable addition to our Clan Genealogy collection. Many thanks to Ramon. Recently I had news from the New Zealand Clan Association and our numbers there have increased to nearly 200 due to the excellent work carried out by Richard Kearney, Clan Officer New Zealand. Congratulations to Richard and his team in New Zealand.

The charge for attending the Gathering at Hunterston next year is £15 per person. Charges for the meals are as follows and are per person: £10 for Friday evening, £10 for Saturday Lunch, £18 for Saturday Dinner and £12 for Sunday Lunch, Payments may be made by cheque in US Dollars, Canadian Dollars and UKP-. Please make cheques payable to "Clan Hunter" and send all information and payments to: Christine Scouller, 2 Campbelton Cottage, Hunterston Estate, Ayrshire, Scotland, KA23 9QF. Her phone number is: 01294-829062 or Mobile: 07870- 963172. She will be able to put anyone looking for accommodation in touch with the local Tourist Board. There is a wide range of accommodation in Largs and Seamill.

Yours Aye,
Pauline, Clan Chief



Hello again everyone. I am sorry this edition of the newsletter is a little late but sometimes things have a way of getting away from you. I'm sure many of you are making arrangements to attend the Clan Gathering in Scotland in June 2001 and for those folks (and also for those who haven't yet decided) you will find a menu list as well as a repeat of the activities program included in this edition. This

should now give you a complete costing for the weekend. Some of the articles in this issue harken back to a time when the roads and highways were clear and snow was just a not too serious thought of things to come. Seriously, I have included some items that we were not able to include in earlier editions such as the launching of "The Hector" and

the piece on Adelaide Hunter Hoodless and likewise the Cruise on "The Empire Sandy" on Lake Ontario. Another latecomer to this newsletter is the minutes from our annual members meeting last August. I hope you enjoy reading about what goes on at the gathering and will perhaps think about joining us next time. For those of you who have access to the Internet, you may be interested to know that the Canadian site has been redesigned. You may or may not be aware that we have a facility on the web site called "Livehelper" which allows anyone accessing the site to talk to a real person (me on the English side and Lizz Thibodeau on the French side), providing of course that we are logged on at the same time as you. We also have our own discussion page where we can exchange ideas or ask for genealogy help etc. Give the site a try and let me know what you think.

Regards
Tom

Menus for Gathering 2001

**Buffet Supper on Friday 22nd
June 2001**

*Honey Roast Ham
Savoury Cheesecake
Mixed Bean Salad
Tossed Green salad
Potato Salad with Whole Grain
Mustard
Chicken Vol-au-vents
Tikka Triangles
Selection of Bread Rolls*

*Zuccoto
Lemon tart
Price per person £10*

**Buffet Lunch Saturday 23rd
June 2001**

*Chicken and Watercress Roll
Sliced Ham
Tomato, Melon and Mint Salad
Russian Salad*

*Mixed Salad
Parmesan and Herb Potatoes
Selection of Bread Rolls*

*Tiramisu Cheesecake
Pears in Red Wine and Cream
Price per person £10*

Dinner Saturday 23rd June 2001

*Scotch Broth
Taste of Haggis*

*Pan Fried Trout in Oatmeal served
with Lemon salad*

*Roast Haunch of Venison with
Cranberry sauce*

*Chocolate Gateau or Fruit Me-
ringue*

*Selection of Scottish Cheeses with
Oatcakes*

*Coffee and Homemade Tablet
Price per person £18*

Lunch Sunday 24th June 2001

*Melon
or
Poached Salmon*

*Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding
or
Vegetarian Dish*

*Tipsy Sherry Trifle
Apple Pie and Cream*

Tea or Coffee

Price per person £12

*A Glass of Wine is included with
every meal.*



Lizz Thibodeau, Tom Hunter, Christine Hunter, Marion Hunter and Don Hunter enjoy the view of the CN Tower from the Cruise Ship Sandy during the Annual Cruise

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was born in 1857 and as a young wife decided that there was more to life than looking after a house. She started the Women's Institute in Stoney Creek in 1857 to give a focus to her local neighbours and to promote the feeling that together they could contribute to the success of the community.



She campaigned for schools to teach motherhood and management courses. She also helped found the National YWCA and the Victorian



Lizz and Andrew Thibodeau get into the spirit of the day with traditional dress.

Order of Nurses. Definitely a woman well ahead of her time.

In May '2000 Tom and I were privileged to attend a reunion of the descendants of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless. Tom was invited to attend in his official capacity as Clan Officer for Canada of Clan Hunter. He was asked to give a few words of welcome and asked to talk about 'the Clan'.

It was a beautiful day and the reunion was held at the old homestead in Burlington—a lovely setting. As part of the activities, we were invited to

The Empire Sandy Cruise

September past saw the members of the Scottish Studies Foundation and friends embarking on a short cruise aboard "The Empire Sandy" Although the weather was questionable before we set sail, it turned out to be a lovely trip, enjoyed by all. Although we in Clan Hunter had not had the opportunity to participate before, the Society organises these cruises every year to commemorate the arrival of "The Hector" in Pictou, Nova Scotia.(see article in this issue). On board we were entertained by some young Highland dancers and a talented fiddler and step dancer.

take a tour of the homestead and also to check out their family tree. It was nice for us to meet some old friends there from the Hunter Clan whose family tree appeared to cross that of Adelaide. There was lots of discussion around the genealogy table about who came from which brother and how all the families were linked. This family tree started with Joseph Hunter, born in 1773 in Ireland. Adelaide was one of his grandchildren. Genealogy was discussed at great lengths and finally, after the

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ladies of the Women's Institute served a wonderful lunch, a time capsule was inserted in one corner of the covered pavilion, and sealed. This is to be opened in 100 years. The afternoon ended with two lovely young girls entertaining us with some Irish Dancing. This made us all want to get up and kick up our heels, but we were assured that the time to take up Irish Dancing is when you are about 5 years old – fifty plus is just too late. So we settled back down and had another well-deserved cup of tea and enjoyed the rest of the show.

Notification of the Election of Office Bearers - August 2001

Notice is hereby given that nominations for Office bearers will be accepted for the 3 year period beginning August 2001. The positions to be filled are Treasurer, Minutes secretary, and Secretary. Nominations have been received for Don Hunter - re election as Treasurer, Nadine Hunter - Minutes Secretary and Christine Hunter - Secretary. Nominations should be sent to -

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Clan Hunter Gathering Hunterston Castle 22, 23 and 24 June 2001

Programme

Friday 22 June

Registration from mid-day onwards. Book a tour of the Castle.

6.00pm Official opening of the Gathering by the Clan Chief, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, who will unveil the restored Hunterston Castle with US and Canadian Clan Pipers.

6.30pm Supper, followed by Storyteller.

Gaddgedlar, the re-enactment group, will have a living history camp with participation from Clan members throughout the weekend.

Saturday 23 June

10.30am A display by Gaddgedlar.

12.30pm Lunch.

Afternoon: AGMs for Clan Associations. Living history events with Gaddgedlar.

Late afternoon: Clan Officers' meeting with Madam Pauline, the Clan Chief.

7.00pm Clan Dinner and Ceilidh.

Sunday 24 June

10.30am - 11.00am Religious Service with Clan Chaplains

12.00pm Clan Photograph.

12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm International Clan Meeting

An Apology to Adam and Heather

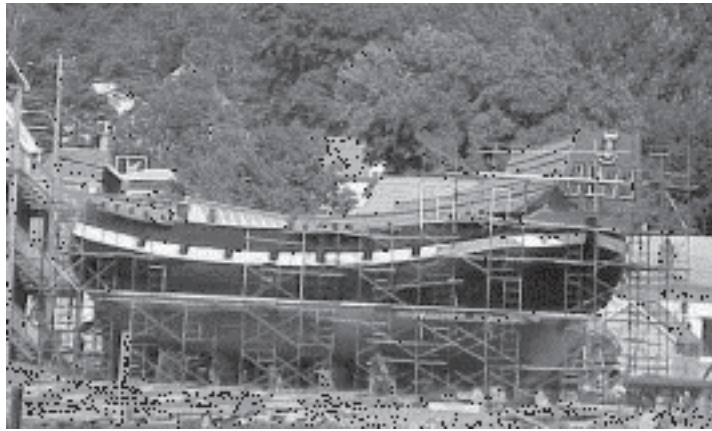
The editor, (that's me) regrets to say that in the last newsletter two of my new young friends were identified as Alex and Heather Cridwell instead of CRIDLAND. This was not because I did not know their names but simply that my brain was further ahead in the

story than my hands were. I apologise Alex and Heather and you will find in your envelope containing this newsletter another edition of the last newsletter with your names spelled correctly.

A Celebration of History and Highland Spirit

On September 15, 1773 an old Dutch cargo ship, well past her prime, arrived in Pictou Harbour. In her hold "200 tons burthen" were 33 families, 25 single men, their agent and a bagpiper. These children of Scotland were carried forth on this voyage by a decision to leave their homeland. Inextricable from the memory of all onboard was the image of Scottish retreat, which they were continuing 25 years after the Battle of Culloden. The voyage had been much longer than expected, and lives had been lost. Blown many weeks off course it seemed even fate was against their heavy-hearted decision. These families clung only to the knowledge that they were fleeing more than physical hunger, they were fleeing from a famine of spirit. Indeed, life in Scotland had become insufferable. To bow to a distant monarch was a reality that could be shirked in their hearts. To lose their land was a great burden to be endured. But there could be no denying the pain borne by the removal of their tartans and their pipes, for these were the essence of a Highlander.

In Canada, today, the re-construction of the Ship Hector stands as a tribute to the courage and determination of these individuals who, in the face of great odds, left an indelible mark on this place. The Ship Hector Millennium Project serves also as a symbol of journey and discovery for all people who have made the decision to leave homeland and begin anew.



A replica of "The Hector" under construction in Pictou Harbour, Nova Scotia

A TRIBUTE TO A SPOUSE

Author unknown

(Borrowed with permission from the Clan Ross Newsletter)

A normal North American stood next to you in hand,
The preacher led you in your vows, your wedding cake was grand.
You kissed, they cheered, you cut the cake; you finally tied the knot,
But now be warned about your spouse - you are married to a Scot!

Though bred and reared and schooled within the Western Hemisphere,
Their minds begin to wander and their thoughts begin to veer.
A book, a scarf, a bagpipe tape don't really cost a lot.
Oh, but that's just the beginning - you are married to a Scot.

The hope of some vacation calm goes up again in flames,
The next five summers have been booked around the Highland Games,
With -coolers, banners, flags and chairs, you wish you'd packed a cot.
'Cause you're stuck there staffing the Clan Tent - you are married to a Scot.

At least a baseball game is called when raining cats and dogs,
But there you sit, all soaking wet, to watch your kids toss logs,
The dancers dance, the pipers pipe, the noise makes your nerves taut.
But still you grin, and bear it all - you are married to a Scot.

You long for more variety in wardrobe choice and plan.
Instead your closet overflows with colours of the Clan.
In tartan this and tartan that, you're always feeling hot.
In woolens piled up to your ears - you are married to a Scot.

Now at last you're both retired. Time for leisure, surf and sun?
Your spouse thinks ten more Highland Games would be a lot more fun.
You'd love to sit and take a nap, find peace you've always sought.
Instead you march in Clan Parades - you are married to a Scot.

So when all of life is o'er, and they rest your mortal bones,
The sod, at last, will shield you from the pipes' infernal drones.
Saint Andrew will reward you in that special quiet spot,
Reserved for those in Heaven - who were married to a Scot!

*Clan Hunter Gathering and Meeting
Sunday 13th August, 2000
Wellington County Museum*

Present: Tom Hunter, Christine Hunter, Mel, Cindy & Crys Hunter, Dr. Nadene Hunter, Wally Hunter, Nadene B. Hunter, Don & Marian Hunter and their grandchildren Adam & Heather Cridland, Bob & Aldene Hunter, Paul, Jane Ann & Adair Hunter, Lizz & Andrew Thibodeau, Lynn (Hunter), Al, Thomas & Christina Ball, Sharon & Al Chicoine and Mark & Julie Nykamp.

Our gathering & meeting was called to order by our clan officer, Tom Hunter, who welcomed all, at 1:00 PM., and we started with a set of tunes played on the pipes by Mel Hunter. Crys Hunter played the Hunters' March on her violin and Lizz Thibodeau played a tune for us on her violin. The Gaels made a welcome reappearance and sang a selection of songs (Shoals, Coulter's Candy & Dark Island). There were a good number present (the youngest was Paul and Jane-Anne's son Adair), and regrets from Joe and Fran Hunter, who were unable to stay for the meeting after the Kirkin'. They were to meet Joe's daughter, Mandy, in Michigan that evening for dinner and had to miss the gathering. Tom announced that Clan Hunter had won the Best Tent award at the Montreal games last weekend. This makes the third year running that we have taken prizes for our tent. In 1998 we took third place at Ancaster and last year we took first prize at Fergus. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on a motion by Mel, seconded by Dr. Nadene. Under old business, the membership cards have been done and are being distributed as people pay their dues. Our membership application hasn't been modified yet. Tom will take care of this. There has been no feedback at all on the French version of the newsletter so we won't pursue it any further at this time. A letter to delinquent members asking for a contribution to continue the newsletter will be sent out. These people will still be members but will NOT receive the newsletter if they don't make a contribution. We just can't afford to continue to pay for free newsletters and postage.

A draft of our Constitution & Bylaws booklet was presented for our approval. It will include a directory of members. On a motion by Don, seconded by Andrew, there will be a statement that the directory is NOT to be used for solicitation purposes. Carried.. Tom wants to add to the history that there are two trains of thought on our ancestry and all going back to William Ventor. Paul moved and Andrew seconded a motion to print the booklet. On a motion by Jane Ann, seconded by Mel, it was agreed not to include the Family Tree since one is sent from Scotland when people join. This was carried. Andrew moved and Lizz seconded a motion to include the Family Tree in our tent display at the various games. Carried. Mel moved and Christine seconded that we add to the booklet a section on Highland Dress. Carried. Last year we agreed to have T-shirts made up with the castle embroidered on them. They have been made and are very good looking. There are still a few left and Christine is taking orders. They are green with an embroidered picture of Hunterston on the left breast. The shirts are also available in blue. Let Christine know your preference. We did subscribe to the Scottish Studies, as discussed at the last meeting. They have sent information on a Scottish sailing cruise on Lake Ontario from Toronto on the Empire Sandy. Don has fliers for anyone who is interested. Our Web page is now fully bilingual, thanks to Lizz. It has a human click, like instant messaging, with Tom on the English side and Lizz on the French side. It has also been updated and animation and music have been added. It was noted that at least two memberships have come from the site. The membership form can be downloaded. Don presented a report on the treasury, which was distributed to all present in printed form. On a motion by Don and seconded by Bob, the report was accepted as presented. There was no genealogy report this time. Catherine Elder has sent notice that she is no longer able to continue as genealogist. A letter will be sent accepting, with regret, her resignation. Paul suggested that it would be nice to present her with a gift, a tangible "thank you" for her years of service in this job. Paul moved and Dr. Nadene seconded the motion that we give a retirement gift to

Catherine. Carried. Christine & Tom and Lizz & Andrew will take care of finding an appropriate gift. We need a volunteer for someone to fill Catherine's place and Mel Hunter was appointed. He will need all our help and will be in contact with Catherine. The Hunters' Hallo continues. Information trickles into Tom's lap on genealogy etc. but he still needs input. It was suggest that we add American games, especially those held in wintertime, to the newsletter.

Don has information on the Toronto Heritage Ball on Saturday October 28th. It is \$45.00 per person for the dinner and Ball, with the last Wednesday in September as the deadline for signing up. See Don if you're interested.

It was noted that we need to operate in compliance with our own rules, as stated in our by-laws. We have never officially elected officers for this group and our rules say that we must. The following Officers were nominated election/re-election for the year 2001. The membership to be contacted re any further nominations.

Secretary Christine Hunter
Recording Secretary Nadene B. Hunter
Treasurer Don Hunter

Notice and call for nominations for office will go out in the April Newsletter. This will give the required 60 day prior notice before our meeting and election. There was a proposal put forth to invite our Clan Chief back to visit. Tom read letters from Pauline. She will be spending more time and energy on Hunterston and will be calling on officers to help in the restoration. Nigel has left Hunterston to tend to his own property. Pauline needs our opinions on the plans for restoration of the castle and costs/estimates so that the project can be finished in time for the 2001 Gathering. Pauline had to cancel her trip to Australia and New Zealand due to illness, shingles. Andrew moved that we contact Pauline as soon as possible to invite her to Canada for 2002 or 2003 seconded by Crys

There was some discussion on emailing the newsletter. It would have to be text only, no pictures. It was noted though that if it were on the web page, it would be accessible to all, paid up or not. Tom could report on the possibilities in the next newsletter. At this point, cost of printing and postage is not a problem. If we were to put the newsletter on the web page, we would still have to mail out copies for those who do not have computers and because the web page is in both English and French the newsletter would also have to be translated to French.

Mel reported on the Detroit games and asked if there might be a possibility of the US and Canadian associations getting together to arrange for a single subscription so that one would not have to pay both group dues. He also suggested that the two groups exchange newsletters (this is already being done) It was noted that for \$5.00 US /yr. One can get the newsletter. Canada does it and the US could reciprocate. Mel moved, Paul seconded that we confirm this with the US Secretary/Treasurer. Carried. Christine gave us a report on today's lunch. It cost \$200 plus \$240 for facilities. The Association is absorbing the cost for rent this year. Christine moved that the clan pay the balance for today after members pay \$10.00 for lunch (children 6-12 years, half price and under 6 years free). Mel seconded the motion and it was carried.

We can get the same place next year if we need it. Mark and Julie are willing to explore other possibilities for a meeting place next year. Christine moved that we empower them to do this. The motion was seconded by Cindy and carried.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Andrew and agreed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Nadene B. Hunter, Sec'y



*Hunterston
Castle
Embroidered
Crest
Shirts*

*Sweatshirts \$35
Golf shirts \$30
T-shirts \$18*

+ \$5 postage/item

*Check out
these great new
items from the Hunter
store. Available*

only in Canada.

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