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Hunters' Halloo

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Dear Clansfolk,

2004 has been an exceptional year for Clan Hunter.

At Hunterston Castle I was able to present the "Order of the Royal Huntsman" to Robert Hunter, retiring Clan Officer of the UK Clan Association and my Standard Bearer. Please go to the web page for more information.

In August I was able to welcome Clan Hunter clan members to our three yearly Gathering at Hunterston Castle, also as a first we were delighted to welcome Raymond Morehead, Chief Elect of Clan Muirhead and other Clan Muirhead Clan members. As you are all aware we have formed a "Link of Friendship" with Clan Muirhead as they have no Clan Seat in Scotland. They all have said how special it is for them to be able to come to Scotland and have a spiritual home. As far as I am aware the "Link of Friendship" that Clan Hunter and Clan Muirhead is unique. Both Clan Hunter and Clan Muirhead are separate Clans and each have their own organizations, but where we can we are supporting each other to help promote our joint Scottish Heritage. We certainly look forward to many years of Kinship with the Muirhead Clan.



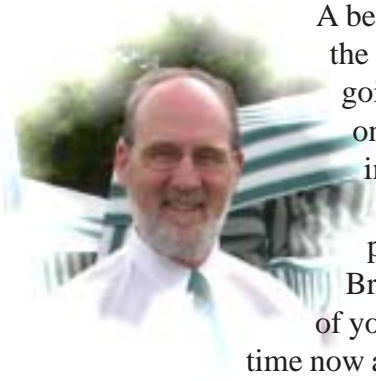
The Gathering was once again blessed with warm and dry weather, the re-enactment group Gaddgedlar came and set up their encampment and were on hand to demonstrate Medieval living. Several Clan members were able to take part in the demonstration of fighting technique and many had a go at the archery.

We were very privileged to have the Isle of Cumbrae RBLs Pipe Band come and play for us all on the Sunday. They have taken part in several Pipe Band competitions and been doing very well. The standard of playing was truly excellent.

At this years Gathering I was very pleased to have our Clan Piper , Scott McNab, who is usually found playing in Harrods (he is the piper to Mr. Al Fayed). Mr Al Fayed had kindly released him from his duties to play at the Gathering. Scott played superbly all weekend. We are very honoured to have a professional piper for our Clan.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Gathering this year, Hunters and Muirheads. You have made it into a very special event.





A belated "Happy New Year to everyone. I'm afraid I am way behind with this issue of the Clan newsletter. It must be the weather or something, I can't seem to get myself going with this wintery weather we have been having. My sympathies go out to those on the east and West coasts though who seem to have been suffering more so than us in the "middle" of the country.

It looks like it's shaping up to be a busy summer this year. Christine and I are planning to visit the East Coast and attend the Antogonish(15-17 July) and New Brunswick (Fredericton) Highland Games (22-24 July) where we hope to meet as many of you "East Coasters" as possible. This is something we have wanted to do for some long time now and at last it looks like it will happen. We realize that for some people it will still involve a bit of travelling but we hope you will consider meeting with us and hopefully have dinner at a local restaurant. It is always a big problem keeping the lines of communication open when folks think of themselves as simply a name on a membership list, but we hope we can change that a little by seeing each other face to face. Now, even more important than meeting us, is the chance to meet the Clan Chief. Madam Pauline is not able to visit us too often but this year she will be joining us at the Fergus Highland Games, 12-14 August. This is your chance to meet her and join in the fun and traditions of your Clan. If you haven't already made plans to be there why don't you start planning now. Come for the weekend and join us at Friday evening's Tattoo, then spend the day with us at "your" Clan tent. Explore the excitement and fun of the Games and the Piping of Champions. Join with us for the Grand Parade of the Clans and then relax with us at the evening banquet with good food, good fellowship and good entertainment. If you can stay over for the Sunday service you can stand with your Clan at the Kirkin' o' the Tartan at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus. Does that sound like a fun weekend?

Tom

From Scandinavia to the Battle of Hastings (Rollo, Duke of Normandy)

Researched and written by Lizz Thibodeau

Many people have heard that the Hunters are descendants of the Vikings. It's also relatively common knowledge amongst our clans' folk that our ancestor, William Venateur (Hunter in Latin) arrived in Britain in 1066, or shortly thereafter, with William the Conqueror of Normandy. But how did we get from Scandinavia to the battlefields of England? The answer lies in the person of "Rollo".

Around 860 A.D., Hrolfe was born to a Norse earl named Jarl of More. Hrolfe was a very large man; too large, in fact, to ride the small Norwegian horses, earning him the nickname of Hrolfe the Walker. [The name Hrolfe was later translated as Rollo in a 10th century text called Gesta Normannorum.] Jarl was involved in a rebellion against the Norse king and was close to succeeding when he passed away. His sons Rollo and Gurim tried to continue the fight but failed. Rollo and the

remains of the rebellion army sailed away. Their exact route is not clear; however, they eventually reached Angleland [England] and fought the Angles. In exchange for peace, the Angles made Rollo co-regent of Angleland. Over time, Rollo came to trust the Angles, although the



Standard of Rollo, Duke of Normandy

Angles continued to regard him with fear (Medieval Biography: The Vikings).

At some point, Rollo had a dream which he believed to be prophetic. He asked the Angle priests to help him interpret it and they saw their opportunity. They came up with a convenient interpretation that directed Rollo to leave Angleland and invade the land of the Franks [France]. Rollo followed their advice and set off down the Seine

River to face Charles the Simple. It was not an easy fight for Rollo to win his way into France, but with the support of supplies and troops provided by the Angles, he eventually won. (Medieval Biography: The Vikings) In 911 A.D., Charles III conceded to give Rollo some land if he agreed to swear fealty to France and her King (Hooker, Richard). Rollo agreed and was given the Northern coastal region of France, now known as Normandy [Norse Man's Duchy] (Medieval Biography: The Vikings). Although Rollo had sworn fealty to the King, he still considered himself to be independent from France and ruled Normandy as an independent state. In 980, the Normans helped Hugh Capet to the French throne, which resulted in a relationship of mutual independence (Hooker, Richard).

Over time, living in close community with the Franks, the Normans began to adopt the culture, language and religion of the Franks (Hooker, Richard). At the same time, the Normans continued to follow the custom of primogeniture, which leaves all property to the oldest son when the father dies, causing it to be necessary for the younger Norman sons to conquer more land. The practices of plundering and stealing, however, did not agree with their new-found practice of Christianity. The discrepancy did not lead the Normans to stop their plundering; instead they spent large amounts of their spoils on building churches and monasteries to atone for their sins (Spartacus Educational).

Hrolfe [Rollo] Radnvaldsson was father to William Longsword, who fathered Richard the Fearless, father of Richard II, who fathered Robert, the fifth duke of Normandy (Medieval Biography: Timeline). This Robert, called Robert the Devil, died while on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It was the Norman's practice that the oldest son would succeed the father as ruler, but Robert left no legitimate sons. It was decided by the other Norman leaders that his illegitimate son, William, would take over the position of duke of Normandy. Normandy was, by this time, a very powerful force in Western Europe. William was seven years old at the time when he gained power. As he grew, he also grew in ambition. He wanted to rule more than just the Duchy of Normandy (Spartacus Educational). Eventually, he looked towards England, and, in 1066, William the Bastard led his forces

across the channel to face Harold Godwinson, King of England (Hooker, Richard).

William and the Normans, including our own William Venateur, won the Battle of Hastings in 1066, thus changing William the Bastard to William the Conqueror and gaining him the English throne. It was in this way that the first Hunter descended from the "Northmen" [Norsemen] of Scandinavia and ended up on the battlefield in Hastings, thus beginning three hundred years of Norman rule over England and altering our culture, architecture, and language from that of the Angles to what it is today.

Hooker, Richard. "The Normans." European Middle Ages. 6 June 1999. 19 January 2005. <<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~dee/MA/NORMANS.HTM>>.

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"The Vikings: The Norman Settlement." Liber Gentium: Medieval Biography. 2002. 19 January 2005. <<http://www.medievalhistory.net/page0007.htm>>.

"Timeline." Liber Gentium: Medieval Biography. 2002. 19 January 2005. <<http://www.medievalhistory.net/genealog.htm>>.



Norman Armor

The first Hunters arrived in Ayrshire in the last years of the 11th Century. Experts in hunting and field craft with generations of experience in the forests of their land of origin, Normandy, northern France. William Hunter was invited to Scotland by David I, who was himself brought up in the Norman Court. He must have had considerable skills to have been so honoured, he was responsible for providing the Scottish Court with meat and game, a position that the Hunters held throughout the Middle Ages and beyond. In papers relating to the King's Inquisition in 1116, we find mention of Williemo Venator (William the Hunter, 1st Laird) who was appointed as Royal Huntsman while his wife had the honour of serving Queen Matilda as lady-in-waiting. (Clan Hunter site UK)



New World War II monument unveiled in Quebec. (above)

Monument to the memory of the Canadian Merchant Seamen from the Province of Quebec who lost their lives at sea during World War II. Bronze (9' tall) and granite. Unveiled in Quebec City on September 12, 2002. **Raoul Hunter, Sculptor.** (Raoul is a member of Clan Hunter, Canada)

Special Birthday(right)

Sometimes information arrives on my desk which is decidedly suspicious. This time the sender claimed Mida- Betty LeCocq was celebrating her 65th birthday. However as you can see from the photo, this just couldn't be possible. Happy Birthday anyway Mida-Betty whatever one it is. Mida-Betty is pictured here with her 4 grandchildren, Deven, Rebecca, Darian and Joshua



Let's Do a Scottish Wedding (below)

Photographs of this beautiful outdoors Scottish wedding were sent to us by Nadine Hunter (jr), the aunt of the groom



Josiah Wallace Hunter, Jr. ; Bride is Marcey Burton.

*The Celtic band know informally as
" The White Horse Irregulars"*



The outdoor Alter

Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Here are the proposed plans for the visit of our chief
Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston

August 11,12,13,14, 2005

Preliminary plans include ...

- Sponsors Reception 11 Aug 2005 Fergus
- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45 pm 12 Aug 2005 Fergus
- Fergus Highland Games 7.00 am 13 Aug 2005 Fergus
- Clan Hunter reception 6.00 pm 13 Aug 2005 Holiday Inn
601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am 14 Aug 2005 St Andrew's Presb.Fergus

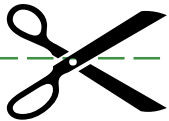
Madam Pauline will be staying at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Guelph. If you wish to join the group of Hunters there you should contact the Ramada directly at (519) 836-1240 as soon as possible. However there are lots of alternative accomodation at Fergus (please refer to the accomodations list provided with this newsletter)

Why not plan to attend this special gathering

- Stay over in the Fergus area
- Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent with Madam Pauline
- Join in with the other Hunters in the Clan Parade -11.30am on 13th
- Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music
- Meet some new Clan friends
- Attend the Kirkin' of the Tartan
in St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus
10 am Sunday morning

Share your genealogy with other clan members
Check out the Fergus Hughland Games web site
for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 12-14th August 2005

with Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston and of that Ilk, Clan Chief and 30th Laird

- Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 12th Aug Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 13th. Aug Number in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be attending the reception/dinner on Saturday 13th Aug \$20.00/adult Adults in Party _____
\$9.00/child (5-12) Children in Party _____
- Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 14th Aug Number in Party _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

cheques for the reception should be made payable to Clan Hunter

The Clan Chief's Reception at The Holiday Inn, Guelph.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you have received an invitation to join with your fellow clansmen and women at a reception in honour of our Chief, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston & of that Ilk. We are always ever conscious of the costs involved in such programmes, especially for those with children and our aim is to encourage as many people as we can to join us at this event. With this in mind we have made every effort to keep the cost low as well as provide some entertainment and of course another opportunity to socialise with our Clan Chief. The cost for the evening, including dinner and entertainment, will be \$20.00 per adult and \$9.00 per child.



Acting as MC for the evening will be our own **Andrew Ross Thibodeau**. Andrew is a very successful motivational speaker whose work with High School young people takes him all over North America. Although Andrew has taken a leadership role in Clan Ross his loyalties to Clan Hunter remain as firm as ever. Perhaps that would be because he is married to Lizz Hunter (now Thibodeau) who happens to be the Clan Officer's daughter. We are very pleased Andrew has agreed to share his time/humour with us in this way.

Also appearing this evening will be "**The Gaels**" a Scottish Folk

Group from London, Ont. Many of the Clan have seen and heard The Gaels at previous Clan Hunter meetings/gatherings. The Gaels are a family group with **Paul Hunter** on vocals & Bass, **Lizz Hunter-Thibodeau** on vocals and

violin, **Lynn Hunter-Ball** on vocals, flute and piano, **Christine Hunter** on vocals and piano and **Tom Hunter** on vocals and Guitar. Most people will recognise Tom more readily as the Canadian Clan Officer. The Gaels have been singing as a family for more than 25 years.

To round off the evening we intend to have a team from The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society to show you how to step lively and put a spring in your step. Scottish country dancing is always a delight to watch and who knows you may get a chance to try it for yourself.

So, what do you think? Is that enough to entice you to come along? Bring the children, it won't be a late evening

How do you get there?

The Guelph Holiday Inn is located at 601 Scottsdale Dr.

From Hwy 401 take exit 295 (Hwy 6 North), drive 9km to Stone Rd., turn right, then left on Scottsdale Dr. at 1st set of lights. Hotel entrance is 1st and 2nd driveways on left.



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Fergus Scottish Festival Accommodation

PhoneList All in the (51 9) area code.

check Fergus Highland Games web site for most recent information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>

Code	Name	Address	Town	Tel
B&B	Blossom Hill B&B	RR 2 Elora Region	Ariss	836-2062
B&B	Jorunna Stables B&B	RR 1	Ariss	846-2327
B&S	Baumdale Farm	5949 Wellington Rd. 26, RR 6	Belwood	855-6320
B&B	Maple Brea Farm B&B	8724 Wellington Rd. 18, RR 6	Belwood	787-0346
B&S	Riverwood B&B	6885 5th Line, RR 1	Belwood	843-9982
B&B	Townsend's Whimsical Schoolhouse	6381 6th Line, RR 5	Belwood	787-5262
B&B	Appleby Acres B&B	RR 2 (12 miles NE of Fergus)	Belwood/Orton7	87-9993
B&B	Log House B&B	6435 Crowsfoot Rd, RR 1	Breslau	648-9474
B&B	Country Spirit	66 Ash St	Eden Mills	856-9879
B&B	Blinkers B&B	Box GG 26, 53 Victoria St	Elora	846-0703
B&B	Cottage on the Park	RR2	Elora.	846-8193
B&B	Dr. W. F. Savage's House 1875	45 Colborne St	Elora	846-5325
B&S	Fortress B&B	297 Geddes St, SS4	Elora	846-5673
B&O	Four Seasons B&B	RR 2, 7379 Wellington County Rd 21	Elora	846-0461
B&B	Gingerbread House	22 Metcalfe St.	Elora	846-0521
B&B	Grand Escape B&B	RR 2	Elora	846-0126
B&B	Grand River Guesthouse B&B	94 Water St, PO Box 1636	Elora	846-5980
B&S	Lord Ponsonby House	RR 2	Elora	846-8487
B&B	McWater's Home B&B	RR 2	Elora	843-4028
B&B,	Middlebrook House	7446 Middlebrook Rd	Elora	846-0938
B&B	Old Bissell House B&B	84 Mill St E	Elora	846-6695
B&B	Serenity Renewal Centre B&B	456 Irvine St	Elora	846-1997
B&S	Stoneacre B&B	363 Geddes St	Elora	846-5497
B&B	Three Bears B&B	RR 2, 0568 South River Rd.	Elora	843-5556
B&B	Vickerage B&B	90 Moir St.	Elora	846-9641
B&B	Water's Edge	68 Water St	Elora	846-9020
B&B	WimView B&B	83 Thomas Blvd, SS3	Elora	846-5649
B&B	Sem Wissler House	Site 1, Box 9, RR 1, 17 George St	Elora/Salem	846-2130
B&B	Cedarbrook Country Inn	5483 Wellington Rd 24, RR 2	Erin	833-1000
B&B	Brigadoon B&B	325 St Andrew St E	Fergus	843-5608
B' & B	Dalevista B&B	599 St Andrew St W	Fergus	787-7448
B&B	Dream Comers B&B	498 St. David St. N.	Fergus	787-7737
B&B	Fergus Fly-in B&B	6868 Beatty Line RR 1	Fergus	843-1487
B&B	Fergus Lee B&B	RR 4, 6287 Second Line	Fergus	843-5936
B&B	Gallery of Dolls B&B	250 Hillside Dr.	Fergus	843-6504
B&B	Grand Retreat B&B	340 St. Andrew St. E.	Fergus	843-1851
B&B	JK Bed and Breakfast Inn	RR 1, 7784 Sideroad 15	Fergus	787-1860
B&B	Maplecrest Farm	RR 3, 6827 2nd Line West Garafraxa	Fergus	787-1849
B&B	Rose & Thistle B&B	235 St David St S	Fergus	843-7041
B&B	St. George B&B	185 St. George St. W.	Fergus	787-1825

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Code	Name	Address	Town	Tel
B&B	Stonehurst B&B	255 St David St S	Fergus	843-8800
B&B	Thompson's B&B	360 Provost Lane	Fergus	843-4065
B&B	Elm Park	Fischer Dr.	Guelph	821-8734
B&B	Gardenviev B&B	296 Water St	Guelph	822-0664
B&B	London House	80 London Rd W.	Guelph	824-6874
B&B	Lyon's Den	18 University Ave. E.	Guelph	821-2556
B&B	Maples Inn II	25 Wellington St W.	Guelph	823-1090
B&B	Norfolk Guest House	102 Eramosa Rd.	Guelph	767-1095
B&B	Oasis, The	402 Ironwood Rd.	Guelph	822-0465
B&B	Suffolk B&B	115 Suffolk St W	Guelph	823-1910
B&B	Sugarbush B&B	2 Sugarbush PL.	Guelph	760-4103
B&B	Wakefield House B&B	11 Graham St	Guelph	822-1479
B&B	Willow Manor	408 Willow Rd	Guelph	763-3574
B&B	Glenna Guesthouse B&B	RR 2, 7816 4th Line	Wallenstein	638-2470
Camp	Highland Pines Campground	RR 1	Belwood	843-2537
Camp	Elora Gorge Cons. Area	County Rd. 21	Elora	846-9742
Camp	Fergus Scottish Festival Site	PO Box 25	Fergus	787-0099
Camp	Guelph Lake Conservation Area	Township Rd. 6 RR 4	Guelph	824-5061
Camp	Guelph Township Recr. Park	7376 County Rd: 30 (PO Box 3000)	Guelph (Rockwood)	824-4470
Camp	Rockwood Conservation Area	Highway 7	Rockwood	856-9543
Hotel	Schoolhouse Country Inn	24 Broadway, Wellington Rd. 26	Bellwood	843-3576
Hotel	Drew House	120 Mill St E	Elora	846-2226
Hotel	Elora Mill Country Inn	77 Mill St W. PO Box 218	Elora	846-5356
Hotel	Metcalf Inn	59 Metcalfe St.	Elora	846-0081
Hotel	Village Inn	66 Guelph Rd.	Elora	846-5333
Hotel	Blue Horizon Inn	820 St David St N	Fergus	843-2100
Hotel	Breadalbane Inn	487 St. Andrew. St. W.	Fergus	843-4770
Hotel	Groves Mill Brewhouse and Inn	170 St David St N	Fergus	843-8871
Hotel	Highlander Inn	280 Bridge St.	Fergus	843-3115
Hotel	Best Western Emerald Inn,	106 Carden St	Guelph	836-1331
Hotel	Comfort Inn	480 Silvercreek Pkwy N.	Guelph	763-1900
Hotel	David's Country Dining, B&B	Hwy 6, 5 minutes south of Fergus	Guelph	822-9000
Hotel	Holiday Inn	601 Scottsdale Dr.	Guelph	836-0231
Hotel	Holiday Inn Express	540 Silvercreek Pkwy N	Guelph	824-2400
Hotel	Parkview Motel	721 Woolwich St.	Guelph	836-1410
Hotel	Ramada Hotel and Conference Cntr	716 Gordon St	Guelph	836-1240
Hotel	Super 8 Motel	281 Woodlawn Rd. W	Guelph	838-5850
Hotel	Days Inn	785 Gordon St	Guelph	822-9112
Housing	University of Guelph		Guelph	824-4120

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