



Crest Badge of a Member of Clan Hunter

Hunters' Halloo

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Hello everyone,

May I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2007. 2006 had its moments medically speaking for me but I am looking forward to a brighter 2007. Of course the emphasis this year is on the Clan Gathering at Hunterston in July 2007. We are hoping for a good representation from Canada and a few people have already indicated, to me, their intention of attending. Much of this edition of the newsletter has been given over to information about the gathering including the proposed programme and the menus with costing and registration fees. I make no apology for this but I am sorry that it takes up so much room. It is not in any way necessary for folks to tell me that they are attending the gathering but it is nice for me to know, so if you are planning on going perhaps you could drop me a note.

As most of you are aware, Clan Hunter holds its annual meeting during the Fergus Highland Games. For as long as I have been a member of the Clan Hunter Association, John Allan Cameron has been the "Chief of the Games", opening the event with his clash of sword on shield as well as performing for his many fans during the weekend event. Sadly John Allan passed away in November 2006 after a long battle with cancer. We have included a tribute to him in this issue taken from "World Press". He will be sadly missed by his many, many fans whom he simply called "his friends"

As we will be attending the Clan gathering in Scotland this year, Christine and I will unfortunately not be able to attend the normal circuit of Highland Games. Whenever possible Christine and I like to spend three weeks in Scotland visiting with our quite extensive family which means that July is fully accounted for. However we will be back in time for the Fergus Highland Games and our annual meeting in August.

Tom





Dear Clansfolk,

It has been some time since I wrote to you all and hope to find every Hunter in good heart. I know you will join me in thanking all our Clan members who have attended Games over the last summer, for their support of our Clan and their enthusiasm and time and effort. It is very much appreciated. Being a member of Clan Hunter should be a pleasure and interesting. Meeting up at Highland Games is a great way to re-affirm our interest in our Scottish heritage, meet those with similar interest and have a good time.

Recently, the St. Andrew's Society of Manchester has invited myself to be the First lady Chief Guest of the Society. They are a very prestigious St. Andrews Society, which stated in 1876. It is a very great honour for myself as Clan Chief and for the Hunter Clan. The dinner will be held on St. Andrew's Day, which is exceptional too.

Next year, 2007, is our International Gathering at Hunterston Castle. It is also the celebration of the Hunters having been at Hunterston for 900 years. It is interesting to think back to the days when the first Hunter, Norman Venator arrived at Hunterston, which was then marsh and woodland and to look at the Hunters now, who live in many countries. I am sure that they would be proud that we have grown in numbers and still value our ancestry. The Gathering will be held over the weekend of the 20th 21st and 22nd July and I hope that many of you will be able to make the journey. We are fortunate amongst Clans not only to still have our original Clan lands but also our Clan Seat, Hunterston Castle.

I will be making this a special Gathering by presenting the Order of the Royal Huntsman to three individuals from all our Clan Associations.

The Programme:

Friday: Evening Buffet Supper 6.30 pm then from 7.30 on Interactive stories around a campfire in front of Hunterston Castle or in the Castle.

Saturday: 9.30am Clan Officers meeting with the Clan Chief
10.30am presentation of The Order of the Royal Huntsman to Three Clan Members
Display and interaction with Living History.
Dinner at the Community Hall with entertainment by Something Scottish
Sunday: Pipers and Dancers

Deaths:

Tom Hunter, of Illinois, USA. 15th October 2006.

Tom Hunter, Editor of the Hunter's Horn, was a stalwart of the Hunter Clan Association in the USA and one of the founder members there. As Editor of the Hunter's Horn, Tom created an exceptional magazine and was very pleased to have won a 'highly commended' award one year. It is those like Tom who just get on with the task that make our Clan Association what it is and help to keep us all in touch. I still miss those green newsletters coming through the post even though e-mail is great, it does not generate the same interest as holding the paper magazine. It was a very great pleasure that I was able to award Tom, the Order of the Royal Huntsman, for all his efforts on behalf of the Hunter Clan Association in the USA. We shall all miss him and send our deepest sympathies to his family.

Edward Hunter Blair.

Brother to Jamie Hunter-Blair and a frequent attendee at Gatherings, died last week. He last visited Hunterston in 2001 and will be missed for his interest in the Clan.

The Gathering 2007. Frequently Asked Questions

I have received a number of inquiries about the Gathering in July 2007 and it struck me that perhaps a general "Frequently asked Questions" spot might be in order. So, thanks to a few of our members attending the Gathering, here are some of the questions most asked.

1. Where do people stay for the reunion?

The most popular spot would be Largs, which is about 6 miles from Hunterston and has the biggest selection of B&Bs, but other possibilities would be Fairlie, which is smaller but closer and West Kilbride also quite close, and Seamill which is also very close. I believe Seamill has a hotel but the name escapes me at the moment

2. And how much in advance do you have to book a place?

You should be looking at booking now to get the best selection. You can do this on the web. One of the best sites is the Scottish Tourist Board site at <http://www.visitscotland.com/> but there are others. The best prices are definitely the Bed & Breakfast spots but I suppose it is very much a matter of preference.

3. How do you get from there to the Castle?

I'm afraid it is best if you have your own mode of transport although taxis are readily available. I don't know what kind of bus service there might be but as it is outside of the city it is not likely to be too regular. I always have my own car so I am a little unsure of this aspect.

4. Is there Public transport from Glasgow to any of these areas where we might stay?

Yes. You will be able to get from Glasgow to Largs (or any of the spots mentioned above) with no trouble at all. You can go by bus or by train. Here are some instructions created by Hunterston.....

FROM GLASGOW CITY CENTRE:

BY ROAD: Journey time 1 hour.

Pick up MS Motorway (Freeway) at Charing Cross 1 mile west of City Centre at the east-end of Sauchiehall Street. Follow signs to Glasgow Airport and Greenock. In Greenock follow signs for A78 coast road to Largs. 6 miles south of Largs entrance to Hunterston Castle is on right hand side. (2 miles from Hunterston Power Station roundabout. If you pass Seamill you have driven too far.)

BY RAIL: Journey time to West Kilbride 1 hour.

Train service is approximately hourly from Glasgow Central Station to Largs. West Kilbride Station is after Ardrossan and before Largs.

TAKE CARE not to board a train to Ayr which runs on the same line. On arrival in West Kilbride either telephone the Clan Office or take the local taxi service from the village to the Castle. (Castle is 2 miles from West Kilbride)

John Allan Cameron

(Canadian Press)

John Allan Cameron, a Cape Bretoner who helped spread Celtic music across Canada and beyond, has died after a long struggle with cancer. He was 67. His brother, John Donald Cameron, said the legendary entertainer died yesterday morning (November 23, 2006) in a Toronto hospital. A native of Mabou, N.S., Cameron was diagnosed five years ago with bone marrow cancer and leukemia. Stuart Cameron said he was with his father when he died. "It was his time and he was a fighter



friends and fans. "It's countless ... He never said he had fans, because fans comes from the word fanatical. He always said that he had a lot of friends," Stuart Cameron said. Those friends included many in London, where John Allan Cameron

taught English and religion at Catholic Central high school in the downtown in the late 1960s. His connection with the city continued even as his musical career flourished. Known as "Mabou's ministering minstrel," Cameron tirelessly promoted Celtic music long before

performing this stuff before it became sociologically acceptable," Cameron said in a 1993 interview. A charismatic performer, Cameron began his career with the Don Messer Show and Singalong Jubilee, then as the opening act for Anne Murray and again on CBC with his own half-hour show.

He made a name for himself playing strathspeys - a lively Scottish dance - reels and jigs on the guitar instead of the fiddle or bagpipe.

Murray, during a tribute last year to the then-ailing Cameron, said she remembers how people looked at him as a curiosity, especially in places like Las Vegas.

"He puts on a great show and he makes people laugh," Murray said. "You can't help but clap your hands and stomp your feet."

In 1970, Cameron got a standing ovation at the Grand Ole Opry, with fellow Nova Scotian Hank Snow telling him offstage, "Whatever you're doing, boy, keep it up because it works."

Cameron's career and health took a turn for the worse in the late 1980s when Murray's management company dropped him and a tumour was removed from his thyroid gland. For almost two years he couldn't perform, but he eventually put his career back on track through conventions and staging shows for the military.



Cape Breton performer John Allan Cameron, shown here with members of Clan Hunter, was a pioneer in spreading Celtic music across Canada and beyond. He died late last year after a long struggle with cancer.

and he never wanted to give up .. " He did everything, lived life to the fullest in every regard." . Stuart Cameron said the family has received "countless" calls from

such acts as the Rankin Family, the Barra MacNeils and Natalie MacMaster became known to Canadian listeners .

"I was in on the ground floor,

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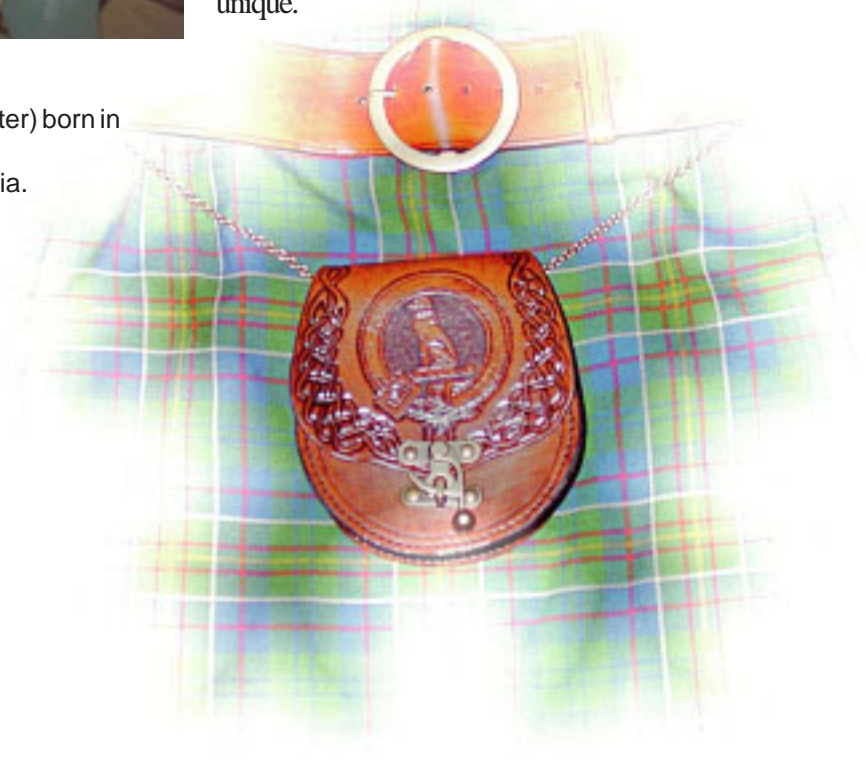


The Gift

I received a gift this month which totally blew me away. Unexpected gifts are always the best don't you think? And this one was definitely most unexpected. A young man who has been so much a part of my family as to be considered an extra son decided that he should make me a special hand made sporrán and belt. The beautiful results of his work are shown below. Ryk (the Rev Ryk Brown actually) created two such sporrans, one for my son, his best friend, and one for me. Both sporrans are slightly different in the Celtic knot work and when they were completed Ryk destroyed the template to ensure that our gift would be unique.

Isn't she cute?

Audrey Laetitia Charvin (mother Vanessa Hunter) born in Victoria, BC on St. Andrew's Day, Nov.30. Grandaughter of Lianne & John Hunter, Victoria.



Happy 85th Catherine

Congratulations to Catherine Elder who celebrated her 85th birthday in December 2006. Your Clan Officer and his wife Christine were honoured to be invited to the party in Chatham, Ontario where they shared in a wonderful family experience.



Above left: Catherine with her grandson Robert Elder and wife Stephanie

Left: Catherine and Mary Elder (daughter-in-law)

Hunter Clan Gathering 2007 Programme Celebrating 900 years of the Hunter Clan

Friday 20th July 2007

Hunterston Castle will be open from mid-day onwards.
Clan Officers meeting with the Clan Chief, Madam Pauline, 3 pm.
Friday evening buffet from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Living History Scotland will be setting up camp.
After supper we will have an evening of story telling by Hugh Robertson.
First story at 7.30 pm and last at 9.00 pm

Saturday 21st July

Address by Madam Pauline
10 am Award of the Order of the Royal Huntsman Led by Clan Piper Scott McNab
11.00 Clan Photo
Buffet Lunch 12.00 - Midday
Display by Living History Scotland. From 12.30
Archery Display with Long Bow followed by audience participation and the
Camp will be open.
2.00 pm Weapons Display
2.30 pm Horse Display (to be confirmed)
3.00 pm Further Weapons Display Camp Open for visiting
Dinner 7.00 pm for 7.30 at The Masonic Hall West Kilbride or the Community
Hall West Kilbride - depending on numbers.
Entertainment by "Something Scottish."

Hunterston Castle, Ayrshire

Sunday 22nd July

Morning The Isle of Cumbrae RBLS Pipe Band and The Rose Arnott School of
Highland Dancers
Buffet Lunch 1.00 pm
3.30 pm Closing Address from Madam Pauline

Menus for the Hunter Clan Gathering 2007 Friday Evening Buffet

Baked Ayrshire Ham garnished with fresh pineapple. Smoked Chicken and Asparagus Tart

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Coriander and Tomato Salad. Oiled Mixed Leaves. Minty Tabboleh
Buttered Baby New Potatoes

-0-

Fresh Cream Strawberry and Raspberry Pavlova. Chocolate Profiterole

£11.00

Saturday Buffet Luncheon

Cold Roast Lamb with Garlic and Mint. Chicken Liver Pate served with Bramble Jam. Herbed Cream Cheese Flan

-0-

Creamy Coleslaw. New Potato and Coriander Salad. Curried Rice Salad

-0-

Maple and Ginger Slice. Topsy Sherry Trifle

£13.00

Dinner on Saturday

Scotch Broth. Fruit Juice

-0-

Smoked Trout. Timbale

With Chive and Lemon Mayonnaise

-0-

Roast Beef with Puddings. Breast of Chicken in Orange Sauce

-0-

Caramel Apple Pie. Raspberry Cranachan

-0-

Coffee and Tablet

-0-

Red and White Wine will be served with Dinner

£22.00

Hunterston Castle, Ayrshire

Sunday Lunch

Cold Roast Venison with Cranberry Jelly. Hunter Chicken Salad

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Potato and Chive Salad. Cucumber, Chili and Pineapple.
Tomato and Red Onion

-0-

Fresh Fruit Salad scented with Cointreau. Lemon Meringue Pie

-0-

£14.00

Charges for the Hunter Clan Gathering 2007

Please make all payments in Sterling (£UK)

For the Gathering per person:

Each Adult £20.00

Each Child under 16 £10 All children under 5 free.

Meals per person:

Friday Evening	£11.00
Saturday Lunch	£13.00
Saturday Dinner	£22.00
Sunday Lunch	£14.00

Total for all meals = £60.00

Meals will be by ticket only. Tickets will be sent on payment of meals.

Please send payment and numbers to :

Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, Plover's Ridge,
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 UK

Please detach (or print) and send with payment

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 Number attending Hunter Gathering, 20th 21st and 22nd July 2007

Gathering	Number of Persons	Total Cost £ UK
Adults £20 per person
Child under 16 £ 10 per person
Children under 5 Free

Meals

Friday Supper £11.00 per person.....
Saturday Lunch £13.00 per person.
Saturday Dinner £22.00 per person,
Sunday Lunch £14.00 per person.....

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TOTAL