



# Hunters' Halloo

Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada

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Member of Clan Hunter

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Well, here we go again. We are packing our bags for another trip to Scotland. This will be the 5th time in the last 6 years. The emphasis in this trip of course is on the Gathering at Hunterston Castle. I'm looking forward to meeting Mary Queen of Scots and touring the Isle of Arran. Of course I've done that before (the isle thing not the Mary thing) but it will be lovely to do it again. Actually one of the real reasons we go back so often is so that I can refresh my Scottish accent. LOL (that's Facebook language for "Laugh Out Loud") I hope to see as many of you as possible at Fergus this year. It is a wonderful chance to catch up on all the family news and hopefully I will have lots of Photos from Hunterston to share. Hopefully you have noticed that The Holiday Inn have given us a better deal on our hotel rate and buffet. Why not make a special effort to join us. Don't forget to let me know so we can set your place at the table.



**Tom**

## Membership Report

There have been no new memberships since our last newsletter. There is one in the works right now – but you'll have to wait until the next newsletter to find out about this new member.

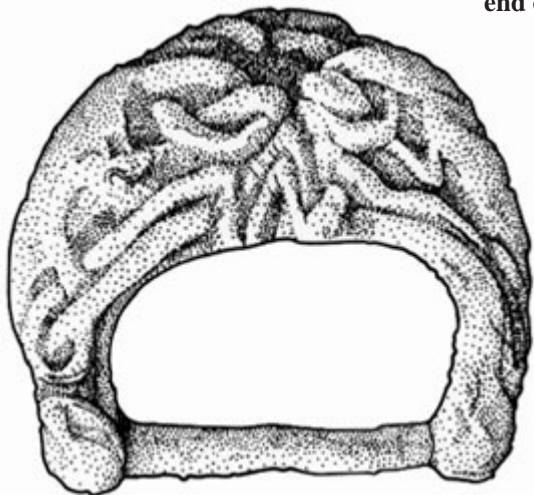
So I thought I would just write a little reminder .....no – not about the yearly dues – I'm sure you've all taken care of that already!!!

This time I want to ask you to make sure that you let us know if you change your home address or your email address.

We have a home address in our files for all our members, and e-mail addresses for all those who have shared this information with us. We need to know if you change either of these addresses – otherwise we can, and do, sometimes lose touch because of this oversight. So make a note – write it on your hand, or stick a post-it on your fridge, and make sure you keep us up-to-date on any new information that we need to know! Let's keep in touch!  
Christine Hunter  
Membership Secretary

# The Hunter Archaeological Trust

Established by the late Doreen Hunter to promote study and research into the history and archaeology of Scotland from the end of the Roman period: c.400-1400 AD



*Copper alloy buckle of Romanesque style and of 12th- or 13th-century date excavated in 1966 by the late **Doreen Hunter** at 324 High Street, Linlithgow.*

## Isle of May Excavation



Cisted burials, (7th - 9th century), many of which exhibited pathology of deep set infection and other illnesses and had maybe come on pilgrimage as a cure

## Funding research into the history and archaeology of the Middle Ages in Scotland.

Grants are available for many different kinds of projects including:

**Research Fieldwork** including excavation and campaigns of fieldwork carried out over one or several seasons. In exceptional circumstances payment of fees for a professional freelance director may be made, in addition to travel and subsistence.

**Employment of temporary research assistants** and technical staff or other specialists to work on the writing-up of field results preparatory to publication.

**Support for scholars and independent researchers** especially post-doctoral students in carrying out research and fieldwork, for publication and attendance at conferences in special cases.

**Grants in aid of publication** of syntheses or survey papers relating to the period and area of the Trust's interests.

## Support has been provided in recent years for projects such as:

- Excavations on the Isle of May
- Scottish Episcopal Palaces Project
- Land Assessment on the west coast of Scotland
- Excavations at St. Nicholas' Chapel, Papa Stronsay
- Excavations at Finlaggan, Islay
- Early Historic Tree-ring Chronology for Scotland
- Research into Viking pottery in Scotland
- Shetland Chapels project
- Shiant Islands excavations
- Scone Abbey and Moot Hill
- Excavations at Sandwick, Unst

Applications should be sent to:

Mr W.F.T. Anderson,  
Messrs. Russel & Aitken, Solicitors,  
King's Court,  
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Falkirk, FK1 1PQ  
marked "Hunter Archaeological and  
Historical Trust"

Further information may be available from Mr. Anderson at 01324 622888 or [williamanderson@russel-aitken.co.uk](mailto:williamanderson@russel-aitken.co.uk)



## *Connections Corner*



**Lizz Thibodeau**

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Recently, my father got a request for genealogy help from someone who had found the British Clan Hunter site. Always ready to help, he began working on the British side, while I started looking at the Canadian part. This woman's ancestors had immigrated to somewhere in Canada in the late 1800s, but she didn't know where they had come from. Dad started trying to find them in Scotland, while I tried to find where they had come to in Canada, hoping to find an obituary or gravestone or something which might say, "Native of:" or some equal treasure. Since we didn't have a location in Canada, I worked with the logic that the vast majority of Scottish immigrants came to Ontario and so that is where I started. Lo and behold, I wrote to dad and said that I thought I might have found the cemetery they were buried in. But I wasn't totally positive, so I kept searching. I was able to find the family on the 1881 census, but then they disappeared! Finally I found them on the 1901 census – they had moved. Then I found them on the 1911 census – moved again! This was starting

 **We are Family, I've got all my cousins with me!**



to sound a little fishy. Most farmers don't move around that much. So I looked into it a little farther and discovered that they hadn't moved at all – the township that they lived in kept changing names! So that meant that I had found them on all three censuses in the same district as the graveyard that I believed they were in. That sounded more promising, so we sent a message to the descendant telling her that we believed we may have found the family we're looking for in Ontario. We told her what cemetery we thought they were in and that they must have had a farmhouse in the nearby township. With another few days of research, we figured we might even be able to find the address of the farmhouse. "No need!" she replied. "I live in it! It's been the family farm since my great grandfather came to Canada! And you're right about the cemetery – I've been there many times. Should I send you photographs of my grandparents' gravestones?"

Two morals can be learned from this story: First, for anyone asking for assistance – we really need ALL the details. Dates are important, but so are places! Anything you know starting with your grandparents about where they lived, died, worked, what their occupation was, etc. is all helpful.

Secondly, I was thrilled, that within two days my dad and I had both (independently of each other) figured out where this family had settled. Often in genealogy, you do lots and lots of research and you check and cross-reference every fact, but you can never really KNOW 100% that such-and-such a person who lived several hundred years ago is the one you're looking for. At best, you can say that it is a logical assumption. This time, we got living confirmation that we had found the right family! So cool!!!

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## Hunterston power station plans withdrawn by Ayrshire Power

The following information was gleaned from the BBC NEWS Scotland Business website  
read the full article here <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-18602532>

Controversial plans for a new coal-fired power station with carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology in North Ayrshire have been dropped.

Ayrshire Power confirmed it was withdrawing a planning application for the facility at Hunterston. The company blamed the economic slowdown and funding uncertainty for the move.

The decision means a public inquiry into the proposed development will not now proceed this autumn.

The Scottish government said the withdrawal was a commercial decision for Ayrshire Power. In November, North Ayrshire Council rejected the firm's Hunterston plans after more than 20,000 objections were lodged.

The decision was welcomed at the time by environmental campaigners but Peel Energy-owned Ayrshire Power insisted it would fight on.

In a statement on Tuesday, the company said it had decided to drop its plans.

It also confirmed it was withdrawing the project from the UK government's CCS competition, which is offering up to £1bn for schemes to trap and bury carbon dioxide.

Project director Muir Miller said: Whilst we believe we have a strong case to succeed in the planning inquiry, we cannot proceed with the significant risk that the current power station design and fuel mix could not be funded and built in the necessary timetable following the grant of consent.

Campaigners from the Say No to Hunterston Coalition said they were delighted the planning application was being withdrawn.

WWF Scotland director Richard Dixon said: Peel have finally seen sense over the most unpopular planning application ever in Scotland.

With the local community and North Ayrshire Council against it, over 22,000 objections and no chance of winning the public inquiry, walking away was the only sensible option.

Welcome move'

The Scottish Wildlife Trust also welcomed the news, saying it was the right decision".

Chief executive Simon Milne said: A large part of an important habitat in the Firth of Clyde has been saved.

This area has nationally important eelgrass beds and the best inter-tidal mudflats for feeding wildfowl and waders in the Clyde, as well as supporting other wildlife including otters, the nationally scarce plant seaside centaury and a rare type of cuckoo bee.

Green MSP for Glasgow, Patrick Harvie, said Ayrshire Power's move was welcome, if extremely overdue.

Carbon capture was often cited by promoters of the scheme but it is widely accepted that such technology is a distant dream, he said.

I hope today's U-turn sends a clear signal that the arguments for fossil fuels simply don't stack up, allowing us to pursue Scotland's renewables potential with vigour.

# **Tentative Programme for the 2012 Clan Hunter International Gathering**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Castle Open All Day

Afternoon- Story Telling by a professional Scottish  
Storyteller

Buffet Supper

Welcome Speech by Madam Pauline, Clan Chief

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Mary, Queen of Scots comes to Hunterston

Re-enactments and displays All Day

Buffet Lunch

Evening Dinner at the Masonic Hall, West Kilbride village

Entertainment by our Clan favourites- Something Scottish

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Church Service at local church – times will be posted

Buffet Lunch

Pipe Band Isle of Cumbrae RBL Pipe Band

Clan Officers meeting

## **Menus for the Hunter Clan Gathering 2012**

### **Friday evening buffet**

- Steak Pie
- Chicken with Pepper Sauce
- Cold Ham Salad +
- Strawberry Gateau
- Peach Melba +
- Tea or Coffee                      £ 7.00

### **Saturday Buffet Luncheon**

- Roast Beef
  - Gammon
  - Turkey
  - Chicken Mayonnaise
  - Egg Mayonnaise
  - Quiche
  - Coleslaw
  - Green Salad
  - Crusty Bread                      £6.00
- Baked Potato with the above please add 50p

### **Dinner on Saturday**

- Southern Fried Gougons
- Scotch broth
- Brussels Pate with Melba toast +
- Roast Beef Chasseur
- Braised Steak Bordelaise
- Poached Salmon
- Cold Ham Salad
- Mixed Vegetables +
- Caramel Apple Granny
- Snowball Ice
- Strawberry Gateau +
- Tea or Coffee                      £ 9.00

### **Sunday Lunch**

- Fruit Juice
- Prawn Marie Rose
- Fan of Melon with Raspberry Coulis +
- Roast Rib of Beef
- Salmon in Shrimp Sauce
- Roast Chicken Salad
- all served with Roast and Boiled Potatoes
- And Seasonal Vegetables +
- Caramel Apple Granny Pie
- Strawberry Sundae                      £ 11.50

## Booking Form for Clan Hunter International Gathering 2012

All payments to be made to 'The Hunter Clan' in Sterling (£UK) and sent to:

**Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston**  
**Plovers Ridge**  
**Lon Crecrist**  
**Trearddur Bay**  
**Anglesey LL65 2AZ**  
**UK**

### EVENTS

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012</b>	Storytelling in the afternoon
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Re-enacting Group Mary Queen of Scots ALL DAY
<b>Saturday Evening</b>	Entertainment at the Masonic Hall
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Isle of Cumbrae RBLs Pipe Band

	Price	Number	£ Total
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### Meals per person Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Friday Evening Buffet	£ 7.00		
<b>Saturday Lunch Buffet</b>	£ 6.00		
Optional extra- Baked Potato	£ 0.50		
<b>Saturday Evening Dinner</b>	£ 9.00		
At the Masonic Hall West Kilbride			
<b>Sunday Lunch</b>	£11.50.		

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Coach trip round Arran price per person £20.00  
Meals not included

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Grand Total

## **2012 Annual General Meeting - Fergus Aug 11 2012**

The AGM will be held as usual at the **Holiday Inn, 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph**. Those wishing to stay over at the Holiday Inn will receive a special rate of \$104.99 CAD. (you may use this link for fast booking)

[http://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=YGUCA&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=HCB](http://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=YGUCA&_PMID=99801505&GPC=HCB)

Indicate that you are part of Clan Hunter on booking to receive the discount. Full details of times and places are included in page 8 Please fill out the tearaway strip on page 8 to let us know if you will be attending any or all of the activities.

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### ***The most important information as far as numbers are concerned is - will you be attending the dinner?***

***\$25.00 Adult - \$22.00 Seniors - \$10.00 children (5-12)  
4 and under free***

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- as you can imagine we need to know numbers for the catering group. We hope you will consider joining us and meeting old friends and maybe some new friends. Take our word for it... it is never a stuffy evening and a good time is had by all.

## **Clan Hunter Gathering at Hunterston Castle 2012**

OK to all those folks who love to make up their mind at the last minute...The next Hunter Clan Gathering will be held at Hunterston on 20-23 July 2012. Check out the details here...

<http://clanhunter.org.uk/clan-gathering-2012.html>

If you like re-enactments, medieval costumes, historical stories funny or otherwise, then this is the event for you. **YOU STILL HAVE TIME!!!** (If you are impulsive)

In addition a Bus trip to Isle of Arran has been arranged on **Monday 23rd July 2012** .

If you could let us know if you are interested so that a suitable sized bus can be booked. This will be a full day leaving Hunterston Castle 8.am Bus to Ardrossan and sail over to Arran then a tour around the island with visits to places of interest and a stop for lunch.

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## **Victoria Highland Games**



Linda Walker (sitting) and Lianne Hunter at the Clan Hunter tent, Victoria Highland Games.

We had a lovely representation of Clan Hunter at The Victoria Highland Games this year. Staffing the tent, we had Lianne and John Hunter, Linda and ArtWalker and Shiela Shone. In spite of the weather which was excellent on Saturday but decidedly cool on Sunday, everyone seemed to have a good time. Quite a few names were added to the sign-up sheet, and a couple membership applications were taken. So there is hope that we may receive a couple of new members applications in the mail. The new banner, recently sent to the Victoria group looked lovely and was received with great enthusiasm by the team. It was attached to the rear of the tent as seen in the photo and was carried in the parade by Sheila

# Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

**Aug 10- 12 2012**

Preliminary plans include

- Fergus Tattoo & Lighting 6.45pm Friday 10Aug 2012 Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 7.00am Saturday 11Aug 2012 Fergus
  
- *Clan Hunter AGM* 5.00pm Saturday 11Aug 2012 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph
- *Supper* 6.00pm Saturday 11Aug 2012 Holiday Inn 601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph

*[\$25.00 Adult - \$22.00 Seniors - \$10.00 children (5-12) 4 and under free]*

*After supper entertainment by "Oor ain Folk"*

*(Christine promises to do one of her Scottish poems.)*

- Kirkin' o' the Tartan 10.00am Sunday 12Aug 2012 St Andrew's Presb. Fergus
- Fergus Highland games 12 noon Sunday 12Aug 2012 Fergus

**Why not plan to attend this special gathering**

Stay over in the Fergus area

Enjoy the Games - Hang out at the Clan Tent

Join in with other Hunters in the Clan Parade - 11.30 am on 11th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and 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 Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>



## Clan Hunter Association - Canada

Annual Clan Gathering 10-12th August 2012

- Yes I/we will be attending the Tattoo & Lighting on Friday 10th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be taking part in the parade on Saturday 11th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be attending the dinner on Saturday 11th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes I/we will be attending the Kirkin' o' the Tartan on Sunday 12th August      Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_