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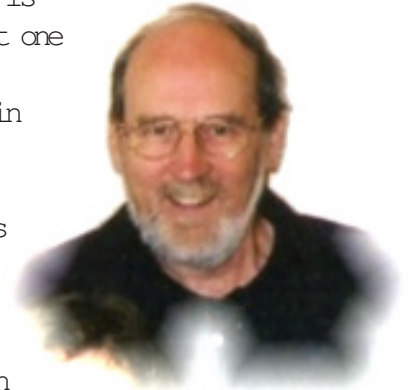
Newsletter of the Clan Hunter Association, Canada

Summer 2016

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Greeting friends, I hope your summer is going well. It has certainly been a hot one in our area but I promised during the winter freeze that I would not complain when we finally got some heat. This summer Christine and I have been unable to attend the Highland Games that we normally do. We will still be attending the Fergus Highland Games but that will be the only one. This year, as you will see further on in this newsletter, we have re-scheduled the Annual General Meeting to be held in London in September. The banquet that we have held at the Holiday Inn in Guelph has also been cancelled. We were unfortunately hit by a series of cancellations which decimated our numbers and made the project unfeasible. I was browsing through our newsletter archives and realized that we had been producing our Canadian newsletter for 22 years. See the little write up on that on page 6. Which encourages me again to beg for more input from our readership? It is really hard to fill these pages with appropriate material. Don't forget also that our genealogy person (Lizz Thibodeau) is always ready to cast her net on your behalf and help with your tree. Speaking of family trees, have you added yours to our genealogy page yet. The more people who add their stuff, then the more valuable our data base becomes. Our data base only allows you to search our trees but who knows you might find a connection with someone else's tree. We were saddened to hear of the loss of "Wally" Hunter Jnr. of New York in June this year. See our "In Memoriam" on page 5



The International Clan Gathering at Hunterston Castle 28th, 29th, and 30th July 2017

We are at present awaiting the most current information on this gathering but Madam Pauline tells us she is currently working on the Gathering Programme and has managed to invite Lord Lyon to give a talk on Saturday with possibly Archery in the afternoon with ASKA assisting. They have a large collection of training bows and are willing to supervise, and the field in front of Hunterston house is most suitable for archery.

TOM

This poem was written by Burns to celebrate his appreciation of the Haggis.

As a result Burns and Haggis have been forever linked.

This particular poem is always the first item on the program of Burns's suppers. The haggis is generally carried in on a silver salver at the start of the proceedings.

As it is brought to the table a piper plays a suitable, rousing accompaniment.

One of the invited artistes then recites the poem before the theatrical cutting of the haggis with the ceremonial knife.

Address to a Haggis

Fair fa' your honest, sonesie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o need,
While thro your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin, rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak the hindmost, on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve
Are bent like drums;
The auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
'Bethankit' hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout,
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad mak her spew
Wi perfect scunner,
Looks down wi sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle shank a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
An' legs an' arms, an' heads will sned,
Like taps o' thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies:
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a Haggis!

Address to a Haggis Translation

Fair and full is your honest, jolly face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.

The groaning trencher there you fill,
Your buttocks like a distant hill,
Your pin would help to mend a mill
In time of need,
While through your pores the dews distill
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour wipe,
And cut you up with ready slight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like any ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm steaming, rich!

Then spoon for spoon, they stretch and strive:
Devil take the hindmost, on they drive,
Till all their well swollen bellies by-and-by
Are bent like drums;
Then old head of the table, most like to burst,
'The grace!' hums.

Is there that over his French ragout,
Or olio that would sicken a sow,
Or fricassee would make her vomit
With perfect disgust,
Looks down with sneering, scornful view
On such a dinner?

Poor devil! see him over his trash,
As feeble as a withered rush,
His thin legs a good whip-lash,
His fist a nut;
Through bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit.

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread,
slap in his ample fist a blade,
He'll make it whistle;
And legs, and arms, and heads will cut off
Like the heads of thistles.

You powers, who make mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill of fare,
Old Scotland wants no watery stuff,
That splashes in small wooden dishes;
But if you wish her grateful prayer,
Give her [Scotland] a Haggis!

Haggis Recipe.

kindly shared by Christine Hunter
(membership secretary)

My mum, Jenny Oliver, came to live with us in Canada when our youngest daughter was born. She brought with her lots of recipes that she had made for many, many years. She would make haggis every time we had a Burns Supper of Scottish Night at our church, and this is the recipe she used.

Be adventurous - try it, you might like it!

Haggis

1 sheeps heart (we used beef)
½ pound sheeps liver (or beef)
½ pound chopped suet
½ pound oatmeal (steel cut)
2 chopped onions
½ pint (1 cup) beef stock
1 tsp salt
Pepper to taste



Directions:

Wash and boil heart and liver for about 1 hour, then mince finely.

Put everything into a large bowl, mix well and cover with greaseproof paper. Put the bowl over a large pot with water in the bottom and steam for 2 - 3 hours, until mixture is dry-ish and crumbly.

For a truly Scottish meal, serve with mashed potato and mashed turnip.

NOTE: Oats must be steel cut not instant. Steel cut oats can be bought at the health food store.

Special Announcement

Dear Clans folk, It has become necessary to change the arrangements for the AGM and dinner normally held the Holiday Inn, Guelph, during our time at the Fergus Highland Games. Unfortunately we have been faced with a serious lack of numbers caused by illness, vacation arrangements and to be honest lack of response. Because of the considerable deposit required by the Holiday Inn for this event and the possible default cancelling fees increasing as the date gets closer, I have had to cancel the dinner and reschedule the Annual General meeting to September when hopefully we will be able to have the necessary quorum. My original thought was to have the AGM at the tent at Fergus on Saturday afternoon. However after some thought I realized that in order to attend the meeting, Clan Members would have to pay \$25/head entrance fee to the games. This is not really acceptable as no member should have to pay in order to attend our meeting. As Christine and I and most of the family will be in Scotland from mid-August until the first week in September I have decided that the AGM will be moved to

***Chalmers Presbyterian Church
342 Pond Mills Road
London
Sunday September 11th, 2016, 3:00p.m.***

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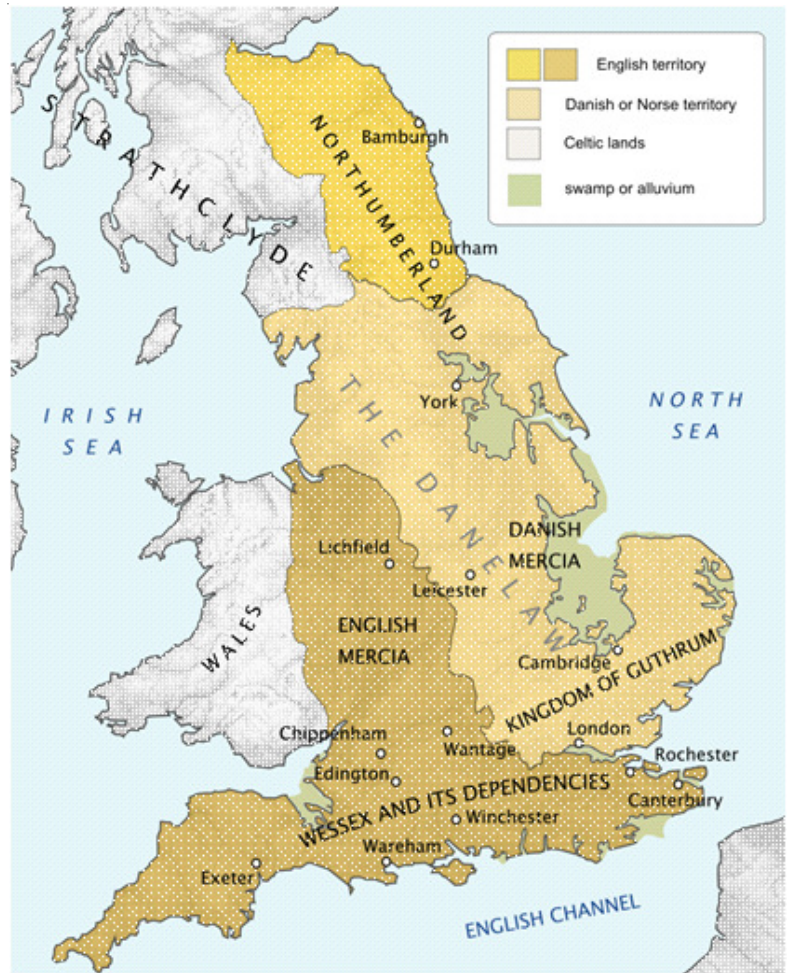
🎵 Connections Corner



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



I was stumped for a subject for this article and so I started googling Vikings, since the Hunters are believed to have descended from the Normans who were originally Vikings from Scandinavia. I stumbled across this map and decided that it was noteworthy. It's perhaps not earth shattering and for some it may be absolutely nothing new, but it surprised me to find that a large portion of what is now England was in fact considered Viking territory in 878 AD. I knew that the Vikings had had interactions with Scotland through Iona as early as 794 and had continual influence in the Shetlands, Orkneys and Hebrides all the way up until 1468, but I had never really thought about their influence in England. The earliest record of Viking

raids into England appears to be in 793 (a year before Iona) when the monks of Lindisfarne, off the East coast of England, were attacked. The Vikings continued to raid Lindisfarne regularly until the monks finally abandoned it 80 years later!!! During this time, in 865, a large army of predominantly Danish Vikings, referred to as the Great Heathen Army by the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, landed in East Anglia. They captured York (Jorvik) and were able to attack many of the English kingdoms which were already in turmoil. In 878, Alfred of Wessex defeated the Viking army at the Battle of Edington which led to the Treaty of Wedmore and the Treaty of Alfred and Guthrum. Despite these treaties, which outlined the boundaries of the English kingdoms and the Viking "Danelaw" territory and were intended to create peaceful relations between the English and the Vikings, the conflicts continued.

It wasn't until Edward the Confessor died and the English army was defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings, both in the year 1066, that things started to calm down between the Danes and the English. There seems a certain irony there, that it was the arrival of William the Conqueror from Normandy that actually was the beginning of the end of Danish Viking raids into England, but the Norse threat continued in Scotland. It was probably in the mid-thirteenth century that Hunterston's pele-tower was built under the encouragement of King Alexander III of Scotland to protect against possible incursions by Norsemen. But in 1263, King Hakon of Norway was defeated by the Hunters and other powerful neighbours in the Battle of Largs. And so, we Hunters, believed to be descended from Vikings through Normandy, helped to end the threat of Viking raids in Scotland.

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Notice of Dues for July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017

This is a gentle reminder that a new season is upon us and now is the time to renew your membership in the association.

If you have already renewed your membership, we thank you sincerely and please kindly ignore this reminder. If not perhaps you would like to fill in this note, add a cheque for \$30 and send it off to the address below.

Name : _____
Membership No. CHAC _____ \$ _____
Address : _____

Cheques should be made payable to Clan Hunter and mailed to the Clan Hunter Association treasurer:
Donald R Hunter
138 Sweeney Drive
Toronto, ON M4A 1T9

You may also pay your Clan membership dues
directly on-line using paypal.
Simply go to this address...

www.clanhuntercanada.weebly.com/membership.html

Wallace "Wally" Hunter Jr.

In Memoriam



H. WALLACE "Wally" HUNTER JR. age 70 of Homell formerly of Mount Morris, died Sunday June 12, 2016, at Elderwood Nursing Home in Hornell, NY. He was born the son of Dr. H. Wallace and D. Nadene (Deniso) Hunter Sr. on May 5, 1946 in West Brentwood, NY. Prior to his retirement in 1995 he was employed by the Iroquois Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Batavia for nearly 20 years as a Rifle instructor. He was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church of Homell, Lifetime

member of the National Rifle Association and the New York Schutzen -- Corps--He was a former member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Mount Morris. He is survived by his mother Dr. Nadene Denison Hunter, MD of Dansville, brothers & sisters Josiah Wallace Hunter of Colorado, Nadene Hunter of Dansville, Melville (Cynthia) Wallace Hunter of Dansville, Sara (Arby) Swift of Port Crane, NY, Reverend James Wallace (Jeaninne) Hunter of New

Mexico, Helen Voysey of Arizona, Martha (Gerald) Stranford of New Mexico and Reverend Walcott Wallace (Teri) Hunter of Florida. Many neices and nephews. He was predeceased by his Father Dr. H. Wallace Hunter, MD in 1965. No prior calling. Funeral services were held Sunday June 19 at 2 pm at the Christ Episcopal Church, Homell. Reverend James Andrews officiating.

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Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Aug 12 - 14 2016

•Fergus Tattoo & Lighting	6.45pm	Friday	12Aug 2016 Fergus
•Fergus Highland games	7.00am	Saturday	13Aug 2016 Fergus
•Fergus Highland games	12 noon	Sunday	14Aug 2016 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 13th

Enjoy the fabulous Celtic Music

Meet some old and new Clan friends

Share your genealogy with other clan members

Check out the Fergus Highland Games website

for up to date information

<http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com>

Membership News

Here we are into July and heading towards Fergus weekend on August 13/14. With this newsletter I have to report that we have another 2 new members.

1 – In May we received an application from Everet Bentley for membership in the Clan Hunter Association of Canada. Everet hails from Humboldt, Saskatchewan and was planning a trip to Scotland this summer, including a visit to Hunterston Castle. I hope this was a great experience for Everet and that he will possibly send us some photographs to include in a future newsletter.

2 – Judith Harrison joined us in June, and lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta. We welcome both Everet and Judith to the Canadian Association and hope they enjoy being part of our family of Hunters.

In other membership news – annual dues are now payable – and I would like to thank those who have already sent their cheque to Don Hunter, or who have paid through paypal. I would encourage you to make the decision to stay current and send that cheque as soon as you can. The membership cards are now available and will be sent out with this current newsletter.

Christine Hunter, membership Secretary



Did You Know?

Clan Hunter Canada has been producing its own Canadian newsletter since 1994 (Wow! that's 22 years.) The first 2 years were a little rocky as we strove to find our identity so to speak, but after that we managed to produce 4 newsletters a year. Over that time we have only had one minor copywrite infringement when, although we had an author's permission to publish, the subject of the article objected and asked us to withdraw it. You can read our archived issues at

<http://clanhuntercanada.weebly.com/newsletters.html>

