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Dear Clansfolk,

Over the past few months all our Australian States and Territories have experienced severe destruction and loss of life from innumerable bushfires. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who are affected.

On top of this, most of Australia has been experiencing drought, some areas not having had any rain for several years. However, as I write this we and much of Australia are receiving the first good fall of rain in ages. — Let's hope it continues!

Our Chief Ruairidh and his sisters Kirsteen and Lorna are all well. Ruairidh was an honoured guest at the Stone Mountain Highland Games 30th Anniversary in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, from 15 — 19 October, 2002, and the visit was most successful. (See article and "News from our Chief")

On the 22nd April, Ruairidh will be 26 years of age and his sister Kirsteen will celebrate her 30th Birthday on 23rd April. - We wish them both a very Happy Birthday and I'm sure they would appreciate receiving your good wishes.



Chief Ruairidh at Stone Mountain.



Julian Bellamy
(See article)

If you have tried to reach our Clan web-site recently you will have discovered that it has disappeared — We are trying to reconstruct this as soon as possible.

Our Annual Scots' Church Service and Gathering at the Fitzroy Gardens on 17 November was much enjoyed by our clansfolk attending. Our special thanks to Julian Bellamy for entertaining us with his piping and to his father Michael, for driving all the way from Warrnambool.

Our Clan's Perpetual Trophy for Piping which was competed for in competitions during 2002 (run by the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association) was won again by 16 year old Julian Bellamy of Warrnambool, for the second consecutive year. — We congratulate Julian for this exceptional achievement.

Our next Gathering is on 30th March and will be held in conjunction with the Annual Ringwood Highland Gathering and Games at Jubilee Park (Melway Map 49 J10). — This is a great family day with a real Scottish flavour, providing

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plenty of entertainment or participation if you choose. There are competitions in Highland Dancing, Pipe Bands, Heavy Games and many more carnival events, with lots of food to try. Wear your tartan, rally at our Clan tent proudly displaying our Banner, for a “cuppa” anytime during the day between 9am and 5pm. Ours will be one of the many Clans gathered on that day and your attendance will help make it again one of those with the strongest representation in the Grand March Past of the Clans. (*Marshal at 1.00pm.*)

The Scots “O” the Murray Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 3rd May in Rutherglen and as usual a number of our members will be attending. This is always a great evening and you would be most welcome. (Contact Alister Chisholm Ph. 02- 6032 8328). Then on Sunday 4th May at 12 noon there will be a Gathering in North East Victoria for any Mac/McLennans, Lobbans, Logans etc to get together at the home of Brian and Jeanette Jasper, 5 Indigo Court, Rutherglen. Please come if you can but bring your own meat and drink for a BBQ lunch. (Salads etc. provided. Please advise Jeanette Jasper if attending Ph. 02- 6032 8231.)

Our second Gathering for 2003 will be on 15th June at the Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall, Cnr. Burwood Hwy. and Blackburn Rd. with a basket lunch followed by our Annual Meeting and Ceilidh from 1pm to 5pm. Please reserve this date in your diary. — Mary Cooper is organizing the Ceilidh and would welcome any volunteer performers. (Ph. 9802 5453).

The Kirkin “O” the Tartan Service organised by the Council of Clans, will be held at The Scots’ Church, Melbourne on Sunday 6th July at 11am. After the Service all Clans will meet in The Scots’ Church Hall in Russell Street, for a BYO lunch. (Tea and Coffee provided.)

Our last Gathering for 2003 will be in November for the 25th Anniversary celebrations of our Association. (For the record — the actual date of our 25th Anniversary is 9th April 2003). Our Chief Ruairidh expects to be in Australia for approx. 10 days and when his actual dates are known an itinerary will be prepared. However, our Chief will be here for our Silver Jubilee Luncheon on Sunday 9th November at the Sherwood Receptions, 1000 Somerton Road, Greenvale, Vic. from 12noon to 4.30pm.

Your wholehearted support and attendance at this Luncheon is needed to make it the success it should be and to honour our young Chief Ruairidh. - We ask you to please publicise our Chief’s visit throughout your family and relatives, encouraging them to attend, including the younger ones who will enjoy meeting Ruairidh.

To help defray the cost of our Chief Ruairidh’s visit to Australia we are running a Silver Jubilee Special Fundraising Effort, as per article later in this newsletter. - In addition to this, further donations/contributions toward the costs of this visit are also needed, and any amount that is affordable would be very much appreciated. (*In this regard we very much appreciated receiving a very generous donation from Mary and Smoky McLennan, Canada.*)

I look forward to seeing you at Ringwood on 30th March.

Sincerely yours, Max McLennan, President and Chief’s Lieutenant.

NEWS FROM OUR CHIEF.

November 5, 2002.... Clan Web Site....I have sent each of you this short e.mail by way of an introduction to each other in the hope that some liaison takes place which will hopefully see a Clan web-site being developed that will successfully bring all branches of the Clan together by way of links.

A number of you have approached me separately with the intention of creating such a web-site. Bruce McLennan in NSW and David Jones in Atlanta both have the same aim and that is to create a Clan homepage or revive the one set up by Graham Auld in Glasgow. It is my intention for each of you to liaise on this issue in the hope of creating a successful site.

My primary concern at the moment is (1) Scotland & Australia’s have disappeared off the web homepages. (2) There are numerous Clan MacLennan sites which cause confusion as some do not link into other MacLennan Association sites. (3) There are a couple of non updated sites that need removal from the internet. Basically, all this is very confusing for potential members and people just having a look.

At this stage, I am writing to a very few of you to ask for some guidance on this issue as I am not up to speed on the technological aspect of creating such a thing. Many of you are and I would therefore suggest that we liaise together on this matter. Regards, Chief Ruairidh.

November 14, 2002....Many thanks for the e.mail. I very much agree with your comments on the individual web sites with links to other sites. I perhaps didn’t make myself clear in my original e.mail but that is what I meant. Basically I wanted to get the experts on the case and get our’s up and running again and help the Americans sort out a new one and get rid of their dormant ones.

I have e.mailed the Scottish committee to have a meeting and will hopefully get a response from some of them. I'll keep you updated on this. All else is well. Working hard, about to get another Estate in my portfolio which will keep me busy. It is a 5,000 acre lowland estate with good fishing, shooting and around 5 farms and 70 houses. I will be based on the Estate one day a week and another Estate one other day a week. I have been busy piping over the last few weeks and have been re-commissioned by the OTC . I am quite happy about this as I am fond of the OTC as it has some good people as well as some very good pipers. Hoping to get home for a weekend soon. Kirsteen and Lorna are both fine, looks like we are all going to be in Dores for Christmas and New Year which will make a change. Things seem fine at Dores. Lorna is now nursing and Kirsteen is back up in Dores a fair bit. She has a fairly serious boyfriend on the go and I have placed a bet for her to be the first to be married. Her boyfriend is a lovely chap who also went to school at Fettes, although a few years above me. He part owns a very successful seafood company in Buckie.

Hope all is well with yourselves and the family and regards to clansfolk.....With Love, Ruairidh.

January 21, 2003.....Happy New Year from Scotland! Apologies for not getting hold of you over New Year and for delaying in responding to the invitation to Melbourne in November 2003. I have had to wait until I could check matters with work and to see what Lorna & Kirsteen have planned. At the moment I can confirm that as long as Kirsteen is still with British Airways, I will make it across the ocean for 9th November. Kirsteen & Lorna are fairly confident but are unable to confirm 100% until a little nearer the time. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get all three of us together due to the diversity of our lives/jobs. Both Kirsteen & Lorna had to pull out of the trip to Atlanta in October with no notice whatsoever. Nearer the time I will have a better idea of how long I will be out for but at the moment I think that I will be restricted to coming out for just 10 days. I have my professional exams shortly before (31st Oct.) and I have very limited holiday allowance which is very frustrating. Anyway, I will certainly make it across, even if I have to swim!

I am moving to a new house next month and will have a land line telephone which means I will have constant access to e.mail which will help levels of communication. I am meeting with members of the Clan over here in March at Dores to discuss various matters, mainly Clan web-sites and getting it all set up again. I'm hoping to draft an up-date letter this week, so will hold off on all the news until then. With love, Ruairidh.

25 February, 2003...I have just moved into the new house and have access to e.mail all the time now. Have you sent out your newsletter yet? If not I could get a short message/update to you in the next couple of days.

Work has taken a very high step up in pace due to us taking on another Estate within my management team. I have had a further 80 tenancies (house, farm & commercial) added to my portfolio this year which along with my professional exams this year makes it a little more hectic. However, it all keeps me out of mischief.

The girls are both well although I haven't seen much of them in the last month. I will speak to the girls as soon as possible as well as my work and clarify dates for the November visit as much as possible.

Will be in touch soon, Regards, Ruairidh.

NEWS OF CLANFOLK BOTH NEAR AND FAR.

Christmas has once again been & gone but many greetings were received and the following are just a few:

From Henley-on-Thames, England...Thank you so much for the lovely calendar, my word what an interesting artist. I like that sort than I can hang up by the telephone for engagements. Good to hear that you are keeping well, happily so am I. Going on 84 — can't believe it! Had a nice year,



'Dancer'

friends from America came over — hadn't seen them for 10yrs so much enjoyed catching up. Haven't been away — just odd days out. Sadly I lost little Drummer back in March, he developed a tumor — he was ten years old. Piper 12yrs and Dancer 5 - in very good form. I put Dancer in the Halloween fancy dress as Highland Games, kilt, vest, Glengarry, caber, shot put and discus, he won first prize. Lots of piping, concerts and various events, already booked for Burns night!



'Peggy with Pipes'

Garden was good although lots of rain which suited my clematis, have got more heather which are slug and snail proof. Many thanks again for the Newsletters which I enjoy having. My Greetings to you all and Best Wishes for a Good New Year. Love as Aye to you all.... **Peggy (Leonard) Piper and Dancer.**

From British Columbia, Canada ...Still mild and the birds are on their own - no feeder up yet. We dug Elva's dahlias yesterday —they grew 6ft. high. Most things are as normal as they will ever be. My nephew Rick and I got our heads together and finally put the Family history together — 240 pages — biography, photos. Scottish stuff and an excellent Registry by Rick of 700 names, and more to be added. 30 copies printed and all gone to family. Elva had a cataract operation on 23 September something went wrong and it had to be done over. The second time meant more intrusive surgery and took 6 weeks to heal, coming along nicely. Very stressful time for both of us. We had our usual trip east to Fergus for games in August. ...I managed 2 swim meets — 2 -1sts, 23 — 2nds, 3 — 3rds. At club practice a couple of weeks ago, slammed into wall head first (was swimming underwater, head down) reminded me of what the fish said when it swam into a cement wall — DAM.....So Charlie Brown has been on TV already, so you have to read the Second Chapter of Luke for the real meaning of Christmas.....Thanks again for your Newsletters... Hope you are away from the fires.....**Yours aye, Doug and Elva.**

From Vancouver, CanadaSeasons Greetings and our warmest best wishes to you and all your McLennan Mob.....**Hugh & Hilda McLennan.**

From Ontario, Canada.....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year ...**Betty & Bob McLennan.**

From Plymouth, U.K.....To Max & Mary and all the Clan, Happy Christmas...**Roddy McLennan.**

From Thurso, Scotland....Best wishes and good luck in the New Year....**Mairi & Harry Dale**

From James McLennan, Glasgow....18 Nov. 2002 - Thank you for sending your newsletters, they are so bright and cheery with all the news about the MacLennans world wide. Our Association in Scotland exists in name only, without a secretary and newsletter editor — no association is possible, so we hear only from the Melbourne newslettter and that's it. It is an awful shame the way things have turned out. I do hope you are keeping well. Best wishes for Christmas and New Year. Regards. James McLennan.

From Dunedin, N.Z.Always wonderful to hear from you at Christmas and we have the Clan Newsletter through the year — a real way of staying in touch. Have a very Happy Christmas and New Year.....**Alison, Mike and Jayn Jameson.**

From Hamilton, N.Z......If this doesn't reach you till after Christmas, our apologies. For the past twelve months my card writer (Viv.) has been suffering from severe bouts of sciatica which was not helped by the two epidural injections she was given. An appointment with an Orthopaedic Surgeon brought to light the fact that a large protuberance on one of the discs in her spine was exerting excessive pressure on the sciatic nerve. The operation was scheduled for 11 Dec. or earlier if there was a cancellation (which there wasn't) which was not really much to go on. So, last week the op. and she is back home now and may stand up or lie down but may not sit for the next four to six weeks.....**Regards, Ross and Viv. McClennan.**

From Hamilton, N .Z......We are both well and enjoying our new home. It has taken 12 months of planning, building and getting in order..The grass is looking green but hasn't been mown yet — we have put in some trees and shrubs. I miss my established garden of 40 years. The kerbing for the driveway is being finished today. We haven 't been anywhere for quite some time but hope to in the near future. "Good Health" and best wishes to all....**Rex & Jean Murray.**

From Sth. Carolina, U.S......Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Greetings to all in the Clan....**Lock and Chic. McLendon.**

From Nova Scotia, CanadaTime certainly does fly, doesn't it? I feel I must have been asleep for several years, like Rip Van Winkle, otherwise how can I possibly have lived 81 years. I am very thankful to feel as well as I do and I am very contented. I keep busy although I don't seem to accomplish as much as I would like. I read, watch TV or listen to the radio, or else write letters, do a little around the house or bake. Since coming to Cape Breton from Scotland I have learned to bake what the folks here call "tea biscuits", a favourite of my neighbour, John. On Halloween he dressed up, complete with wig and mask and came over. When I answered the door he stood silent for a moment and then handed me a demand note for tea biscuits. I am still a member of the Central Ontario Branch of Clan MacLennan and correspond with Eileen of Ottawa and receive your Newsletter from Australia. It is nice to keep abreast clanwise. We had a good summer and I was able to use my Garden Swing . I did not go away this year except for a few short runs. I had windows replaced, the house painted and a linen closet built. We have had snow on the ground now since early November, sooner than it has come for several years now. It does make things look Christmassy. We hear that Sydney NSW and its surroundings are once again plagued

with fires. I do hope the fire fighters get favourable winds to help them put out the flames. Three of the family who live farthest off visited this summer. My daughter and son-in-law from Halifax are unable to spend Christmas here this year so came recently for a long weekend. My youngest daughter lives with me and I have another daughter here in Sydney. I am very lucky. My best wishes to all for a Joyous Festive Season. **Margaret McLennan.**

From British Columbia, Canada.....Thank you so much for your lovely card and greetings. Mary's cancer is in remission but unfortunately the side effects of the chemotherapy are causing severe problems. However she is able to get around some, is home and doing her best to survive my cooking. We hope you don't feel the enclosed donation in support of your Association's 25th Anniversary is presumptuous or intrusive, we feel just pleased when we can aid any worthwhile clan activity, plus it really provides great satisfaction to give once in a while rather than being on the receiving end of your friendship and outstanding Newsletters. Again, many thanks and best wishes to all Clan Members. **Mary and Smoky McLennan.**

From South Australia....Thank you for the card received today..... We have been out of touch with the Clan for some time now...Hope this finds you in good health. Please pass on our Good Wishes to your Clan Members.....**Malcolm, May Lobban and family.**

From Sydney, NSW,.....Best wishes for the festive season, **Chieftain Greg and Annelle.**

From Lilydale, Victoria,We send you wishes for a happy Christmas and a happy 2003. Hope you are all well. I read the Clan Newsletter with interest. I am house bound now — a little motorised wheelchair, walking frame, 2 sticks and Derek!! to make life comfortable for me. I have Osteoporosis, it is very annoying and it's sore at times - Asthma nasty and Diabetes. You can see it is in my hands and I can't write very well — even so we love our Village and friends here with us. Please excuse my writing, my hands can just about make it. Derek is wonderful to me. **Love Joy & Derek Gibson.**

From Canberra Australia....Dear Folk it was good to hear from you at about this time last year. Whatever one's beliefs. The Xmas season provides a welcome opportunity to renew old friendships, if only by a few written words. We do hope that you are in good health and that you have been blessed with the support of family and friends. Internationally, it has been a disastrous year and we can only hope that the innocents (however defined) don't suffer even more in 2003. - We have had what might be described in nautical terms as a year of "steady as she goes". Some annoyances and inconveniences, but nothing requiring major intervention (medical or otherwise). - We have greatly enjoyed the company of many Canberra friends and that of interstate visitors.

Our own travel is restricted but we have spent some time with family in Sydney and in beautiful northern Victoria. Both memorable. Kate also managed a week of R&R in Brisbane, leaving Mac at home to play with the dishwasher. At one stage it looked as though the near collapse of the companies providing personal liability insurance would make it impossible for Kate to continue to teach her Tai Chi classes but some maneuvering has enabled the good work to continue. Health concerns are omni-present, both for ourselves and our loved ones, and this year has not been without its sadnesses. Fortunately, both of us are reasonably hale-if not always hearty. — **May the wind be always at your back.... Gordon and Kate McLennan.**

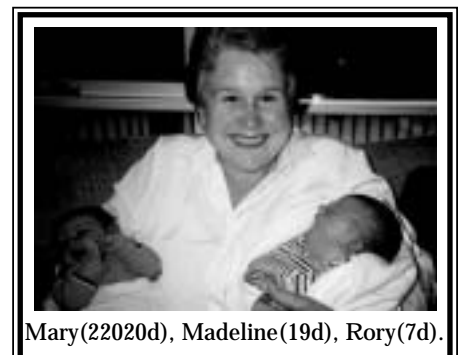


Christie (3rd from left)

FOUR'S A CROWD. - Seen at the "Bettina Liano" Christmas party was **Christie McLennan** with three of her friends. (*They seemed to be having a good time.*) (Herald Sun, 21 Dec 2002.)

'WELCOME TO THE WORLD'

- **From Mary Cooper...**I'm pleased to report that I now have seven grandchildren — two grand-daughters and five grandsons. My daughter Peggy and her husband had a daughter on 2nd Feb. and have named her **Madeline Rutherford Creek**. Our happiness was further increased when my eldest son Jim and his wife Jacqueline became the proud parents of **Rory James Cooper** on St. Valentines Day 14th Feb. As both families live just round the corner from me, I am deriving a great deal of pleasure from seeing them all often. (*Mary we are very pleased that the babies arrived safe and sound and both mothers are well. Congratulations!*)



Mary(22020d), Madeline(19d), Rory(7d).



Kendell.

- On 3rd November, 2002 **Kendell Maize Parker** came into the world. Kendell is the daughter of Geoffrey & Simone Parker and a new sister for Adara. Kendell is the 4th grandchild for Joan (nee MacLennan) and Dick Parker. One of her first outings at just 2 weeks was to Auntie Lily Rae (nee MacLennan)'s 90th Birthday celebrations. (*Kendell Parker is the greatniece of committee member Heather Vickers (nee MacLennan).*)

PARTY TIME!!!

- **Nancy McLeod (nee McLennan)** celebrated her 90th birthday on Monday 4th November, 2002 with a party at The Village, Baxter where she has lived for over 20 years. In attendance were 3 generations of her McLeod/McLennan families, friends from The Village and her Church. Nancy was born in Caulfield to Alexander James (born in Peterhead, Scot.) and Ruby Helene McLennan who lived in St.Kilda with her brothers Jack and Rex. Nancy and her late husband Ned had three children and lived in Yarram, Newry and Tyabb. The family has now grown to 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Nancy's brother Rex was father of our Treasurer, Geoff. McLennan. The youngest present was Connor Hawley (10mths) the grandson of Geoff. & Marion. For much of the afternoon Nancy was proudly wearing her MacLennan scarf, some years ago she crocheted a rug in the tartan which is a prize possession. **Happy Birthday, Nancy!!**



Jayne, Geoff, Nancy, Marion, Alan, Connor & Sally

- **A Piper welcomed** family and friends celebrating the 90th Birthday of **Lily Rae (nee MacLennan)** to the home of Sue and Ange Raso of Mount Eliza. The Piper was a big surprise and Lily was thrilled. Everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon of family chat in the garden while the cubby house kept the little ones busy. The photo wall was of interest to all!! Lily was born on 14 Nov. 1912, one of six children and the family grew up in Murchison, Vic. Lily, along with sister Phyllis and her husband Bill Brook are wonderful supporters of our Clan and always attend Clan functions. **Happy Birthday, Lily!!**

Happy Birthday Geoff !! - Our Treasurer, Geoff. Celebrated his 60th birthday on 7th Feb. and his wife, Marion, daughters, and sons-in-law organized a party held at the home of Jayne and Craig Hill on Sunday 9th Feb. and the following address was made by his daughter Jayne Hill: —

On behalf of Marion, Craig, Alan and Connor, I'd like to thank you all for being here to help us celebrate Geoff's 60th Birthday. - Geoffrey John McLennan was born on the 7th February 1943 to Nellie (Bon) and Rex (Mac) McLennan in Caulfield. After a trouble free childhood he went to work at the National Australia Bank where he rose to Manager at the Mill Park Branch



Lily Rae

before he moved to the Catholic Education Office as a Zone Finance Officer and now Long Service Leave Co-ordinator.

Meanwhile he met Marion Kelly and they married on August 30th 1969. After moving to Watsonia, on the 26th August 1971 they welcomed their first daughter Jayne and on the 19th December 1973 Sally arrived to complete the McLennan clan. In 1976 we all moved to 10 Gleeson Drive, Bundoora where Geoff and Marion still live. - Growing up, my main memories of Dad was hearing Jazz and old scratchy 45's coming from the spare room, talk of MG's and the fact that the wine rack was never short of bottles of red. — The last few years have been big ones in our family. Unfortunately we lost Nanna but we've gained 2 sons-in-law. Something I know Dad is happy about because I can remember him complaining about the lack of males and how he was surrounded by females — even the cat is a girl.

So Dad and his bank account have now survived 2 daughters, 2 weddings and recently two huge arrivals — a grandson, Connor McLennan Hawley and a much awaited MG B. I'm still not sure which one has pride of place in his heart. They're both here today, you be the judge!



Geoff McLennan

CLAN MacLENNAN TROPHY. - The Clan MacLennan Trophy is awarded by the MacLennan Clan for the highest aggregate points awarded during the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association Solo Piping Competition season for all grades from Learner to Intermediate. This trophy is a very impressive looking trophy and our Congratulations go to **Julian Bellamy** who scored the highest aggregate points in the Sub-Intermediate section for 2002. (Julian was also last year's winner.) We were privileged to have Julian and his father Michael attend our Gathering in the Fitzroy Gardens last November — they travelled all the way from Warrnambool so Julian could entertain us with his pipes - for which we were all very much appreciative. Julian is taught by Donald Blair of Warrnambool . Each year Warrnambool and District Pipes and Drums Inc. present a concert and this year they featured four excellent and very different styles of Celtic music. The show began with Marie Crabbe performing a superb vocal of an Irish tune "The Isle of Inisfree", accompanied by Pipe Major Donald Blair on pipes. The concert concluded with three members performing solo: Rose Wombwell, Julian Bellamy and Tim McLeod. This led into the grand finale of popular and traditional tunes to cap off an enjoyable evening of Celtic music that took us through the Scottish Highlands, Irish wilderness and Australian beach culture. (*Sounds like a wonderful night!!*)



Michael Bellamy.

WHILE SPEAKING OF PIPING we congratulate **Margaret Johnson OAM** on being awarded the Order of Australia in the recent Australia Day Honours List. Margaret has been Secretary of the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association for over twenty years and the Australian Pipe Band Association, Victorian Branch since its conception. In her piping days Margaret was with the Melbourne Ladies Pipe Band. Congratulations from all members of our Clan.



Megan and Sarah.

TWO MUCH FUN! **Megan McLennan** and Sarah Wilks having fun at 'Cabinet' in Fitzroy. (Herald Sun 25 Jan 2003.)

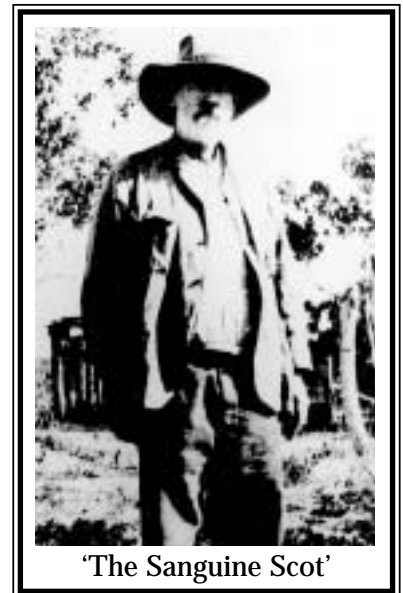
AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM TOM HUSSEY, ST. KILDA. 17 Nov . 2002.

Thank you for your warm welcome today at the Clan MacLennan Gathering in the Fitzroy Gardens. It was nice to speak to several Clan Members in attendance — all of whom had different but interesting stories to relate about themselves and their family line. In particular I mention Bob & Patsy McLennan, Mary Cooper, Bruce McLennan and Jeanette & Brian Jasper from Rutherglen. It was nice to hear the Pipes played so well by the young man who had travelled so far from the country.

I mentioned to Mary McLennan that I had some information for Douglas G. McLennan of Kangaroo Flat regarding "The Sanguine Scot" in Mrs. Aeneas Gunn's book titled "We of the Never

Never". John (Jack) McLennan was the son of Piper John McLennan who came to Marnoo in early days and selected land - probably some time after Angus and William and later by their brother John McLennan. There does not appear to be a direct relationship between Piper John and our three brothers of Marnoo; however my Grandfather Jack McLennan — son of Angus McLennan — grew up in Marnoo and probably went to school with "The Sanguine Scot" — and claimed him as a cousin.

I enclose a photo of "The Sanguine Scot" sent to my Grandfather. Written on the reverse of the photo are these words. "*The Sanguine Scot. - Taken a very few months before his death on his Peanut farm about 5 miles from the Katherine by me — BARLEE.*" - I understand that "The Sanguine Scot" has some family descendants living in Darwin, Northern Territory. I hope this will assist Doug. McLennan with his research. Regards, **Tom Hussey.**



'The Sanguine Scot'

FROM LYNETTE BLAIKIE, CLAYFIELD, Q'LD....5 Nov. 2002. - I received the Clan Newsletter yesterday and was very interested in the article on the "S.S.Great Britain" My daughter Alyson lives not far from Bristol & naturally every time Malcolm & I visited her and family we saw how work was progressing on the old vessel. It would have been lovely to attend the lectures to be held next week, but advancing age & short notice makes this impossible. - I don't know if you have read John McLennan's account of his voyage out so am enclosing a copy. Malcolm sent a copy to the Great Britain Trust in England & in their publication "Is Yours an S.S.Great Britain Family?". 2 paragraphs are devoted to John's observations on life on board. In 1970 a copy of the diary was sent to John O'Callaghan who was

writing "The Saga of the Great Britain". It is interesting to note that in his opinion John wrote the best diary he received.. Malcolm kept an extensive folder with newspaper cuttings, photos, post cards etc. You may have copies of the Rules for Passengers and the Menu, if not I could send you copies.

When Malcolm and I first saw the Diary it contained 9 pages of a Temperance Lecture with a note from John "I hope the reader will pay particular attention". Sadly when Malcolm's Uncle Neil died and Malcolm received it, those 9 pages had been cut out! Was that a message from Uncle Neil? I remember Aunt May, widow of Uncle Lou, saying Annie McLennan would stand in front of the local hotel and tell her sons — "H O T E L spells HOT HELL and that is where you will go if ever you go in". - Incidentally, my English son-in-law Michael Marsden formally proposed to daughter Alyson on the deck of the Great Britain! - 8 out of the 9 Blaikie great grandchildren of John have trod her decks.

With kindest regards, Lynette Blaikie.

P.S. Since writing I decided to ring you and have a good chat. I re-read the diary for the first time for many years and I think John's sterling character & innate morality came out in his day-to-day observations. I don't think he thought much of the Irish immigrants! You will note the difference in what the 1st Class passengers and the Steerage ate — imagine the latter were sick of salt meat and plum pudding by the end of the voyage. Yours aye, Lynette.

FROM JAMES McLENNAN, GLASGOW....23 Nov . 2002. - Just a short note enclosing some Aussies who served in World War 2 and were born in Scotland. It might fill a space in your newsletter, as usual it comes from Donald MacLennan, Dingwall. Hope you are both keeping well. Regards James.

Readers we are sorry we couldn't repeat all of the pages we received from James, but we certainly will keep them on file and if anyone is interested please get in touch with the Editor. It is available on the net and the address is : <http://www.wv2roll.gov.au/script/veteran.asp?ServiceID=A&VeteranID=736903>.

DONALD & DOROTHY MacLENNAN....*Many of our members, especially those who have attended gatherings in Scotland would remember Dorothy and Donald MacLennan from New York. Donald was, at one time, a Lieutenant to Ronald and then to Ruairidh. In January we received the following letter:*

Dear Friends, We finally listened to all of you and retired this past year. Dorothy went first in May and Don followed in June. Now we are not doing anything we had planned for or wished to do. Because of our health challenges, we require assisted living facilities. We sold the house in New York and moved closer to one of our children to cut the travel stress, too for those seemingly endless calls for help. We are now living near to our son Andrew and his family in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh.

Dorothy's address is: 896 Weatherwood Lane, 318, Greensburg. PA 15601. Ph.724-832-5697

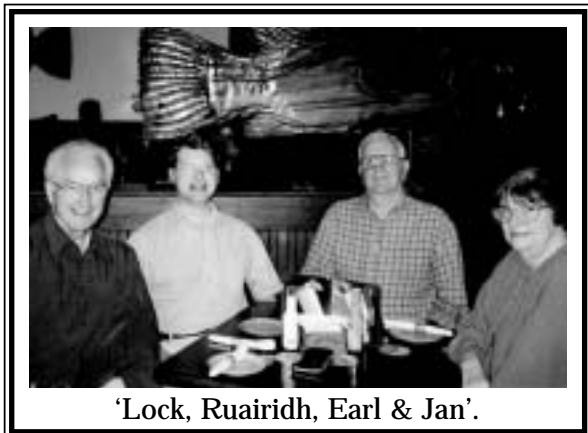
Don's address is: Westmoreland Manor, C2-219,

2860 S.Grande. Blvd.,Greensburg PA 15601. Ph. 724-832-1558

We hope you will forgive our failure to correspond, but the changes are coming faster than we can keep up with them. Dorothy's health remains good, but she tires easily. Don had a neurological event in March which made typing, holding a telephone and talking very hard to do. Thankfully our children rescued us by helping sell the house and moved us here. Hopefully you had a better and less eventful year. Please write or call to tell us so.....Donald and Dorothy MacLennan.

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES. (Lockhart McLendon.)

We had a grand time at the 30th anniversary of the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, Georgia. These games are held the third week and weekend in October each year. There were probably fifty thousand people there over the two days on the field. The games had invited all of the past honored guests to come back for the anniversary event. There were eleven Chiefs that were able to return and Chief Ruairidh was included, since he was the honored guest in 1996. Kirsteen and Lorna were scheduled to arrive on Thursday and I made plans to meet them at the Airport. I arrived at the guest hotel on Thursday at 11am to take Ruairidh with me to meet the girls but Ruairidh had received word that his sisters were unable to come. They had planned to come on a standby ticket and all of the aircraft were full coming and going back. It was a great disappointment to all of us. We really did miss them, they are such fun to be around.



'Lock, Ruairidh, Earl & Jan'.

Chief Ruairidh arrived late Tuesday afternoon Oct.15, I was unable to meet him on Tuesday but had one of my relatives meet him and take him to the guest hotel. I live about four hours from Atlanta in Columbia, South Carolina. One of my young cousins spent time with Ruairidh Tuesday night and on Wednesday, then I took the two of them out for Dinner on Thursday night. On Friday, another cousin, Earl and Jan McLendon took Ruairidh and me out for a grand sea food lunch. Then on Friday night we had the formal reception at the Guest Hotel. After the reception, I went to bed but Ruairidh paired off with Angus, the son of Chief MacLaine of Lochbuie. I heard they stayed up into the wee hours of the morning solving the future problems of the Scottish Chiefs.

Saturday and Sunday were spent on the field at Stone Mountain, which is located about 20 miles from downtown Atlanta but only about 15 miles from the Guest Hotel. Each of the Honored Guest tents was twice as large as the other tents. Our kin folk brought lots of good food for all to enjoy throughout the day. We had a good turnout of guests and members of Clan MacLennan. - Chief Ruairidh tells me he is planning to go to Australia in 2003. He has really matured a great deal and I know you will enjoy his visit as much as we did in Atlanta.

I do hope that we can all get together once more before we get much older. Time is going by too fast these days! Give my love to all our Kin Folk Down Under. Mary Ann "Chic" is finally getting better from her broken shoulder and knee operation. I think she just got tired of my cooking. Yours Aye, Lock.

FROM SALLY JO AND BOB TRUHLAR, TEXAS.

We were really happy to hear from you and to get the Newsletter a few days later. We were saddened to hear that Whilton Harvey had passed away. Is Marion still alive and who will take care of her if she is? We really liked them and thought about them often.

The weather has warmed up again and we have had about five days without rain. We have actually had sunshine the past two days, but it is supposed to be cloudy tomorrow and a little cooler in the evening. — 78oF instead of the 83oF we had today. We actually had some low 30's. the week before last but it didn't stay cold enough to freeze anything. I was so tired of rain by the time it finally quit. It was so dark and dreary every day. I have a dusk to dawn timer on the light that lights up the flag, and it would come on at 4pm instead of 6.30pm. We received over 10 inches of rain in October. The three year drought has finally broken. Our fields are still too wet for our farmers to shred. Another couple of days, sunshine, warm temps and high winds, should dry it out.....I transplanted some verbena plants that I had brought down from Lincoln, into an expanded bed in front of the porch today. The ground was still wet enough to get mud on my shoes.Many of the pecans that I have picked up this fall (including my own) have been bad. They look beautiful in the shell, but when you crack them, there isn't anything in the shell. I think less than 10% are good. I'm hoping that the pecans I picked from one tree in the old orchard, on public land, will be good. The wild turkeys and squirrels had ruined a lot of them, but you could see that they had good nutmeals.....My canning did keep me pretty busy, this summer Ian and I missed some fishing trips because of it....I give away all of the goodies that I can to family and friends. I donated two cases of 12 different jams, jellies and fruit butters to my church for their Harvest Festival Auction last Saturday night. They brought \$60 a case. It's too bad that you are so far away. I'd love to share with you...

My niece, Ruth Carole, and her husband went to the Stone Mountain Games. They didn't see Ruairidh as he was off doing something when they went to the MacLennan tent. They did talk to Lock and his wife. They couldn't find our Campbell Cousins that usually run the Scottish Heritage tent, either....Well folks, it is about 2am so I'd better head for bed. I have to get up a little earlier tomorrow morning as I have to get back from breakfast about 9.30am as I have to finish up a casserole, for a potluck dinner after church, before I go to church. Love to all the Clan and yourselves, Sally Jo and Bob.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION. (Olive MacLennan.)

I had the pleasure of attending this celebration of **Max and Mary McLennan's** Golden Wedding Anniversary of 7 February, held at the home of their son Ross and his wife Yvette in Glen Waverley on 8 February, - it was organized by all their family including grandchildren — the toddler twins mingled with the guests who had come from Donald, Bendigo, Rosebud, Sunbury and many suburbs of Melbourne. My late husband Ivan and I attended their wedding at St. David's Presbyterian Church, West Brunswick after travelling 150 miles in our Austin tourer car. Max & Mary's family did a wonderful job providing all loads of food, drink and of course a wonderful Cake which was made by Alison's mother-in-law Pat Sharpe. "Wee" Max, aged nine, was appointed to be the 'Security' man and checked all who passed through the front door. This gives me an opportunity on behalf of our members to thank Max and Mary for all they do for the clan. Our clan newsletter has a very wide circulation including Interstate and Overseas. It is compiled 3 times a year by Max and Mary — Mary's typing skills are amazing. Not only do they prepare articles and photo's for the printer — they are there to assist with folding etc. but also to see them off at the Post Office. We receive wonderful compliments from members especially overseas members telling us how much they enjoy hearing clan affairs.

Thank you Max and Mary on behalf of clan members and we hope you have many more anniversaries.



'Chief Ruairidh & Clanfolk'



'Clan Presentation by Patsy to Mary & Max'

SCOTTISH HOUSE. - SYDNEY. (Sue Catteral - Editor NSW/ACT Newsletter.)

Scottish House (previously at Bankstown) has found headquarters at Hornsby on the corner of Edgeworth David Avenue & Sherbrook Road at an old historic home called "Willows Park". I hope to be assisting them along with a team of men and women. - This will be a place where people can come and research into their Scottish family histories. Ray Thornburn has said that he would come and do some free genealogy classes for beginners. This will also be a reference library for anyone wanting to do research and other things. This Scottish cultural centre will be responsible for all clan activities within NSW and the advertising of all clan events will be done free by the Chamber of Commerce which has an office upstairs. The centre may also become involved in tourism as we have a contact for that, as well as telling people where they can find a piper, kilt maker etc. We also have the Hornsby Library involved because Beth, who is Manager of the Library and Neil Chippendale, Local Studies Librarian, will also become involved with us. I am also getting members of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society to be involved, so hopefully if everyone does what they say they are going to do, it will be successful. Visitors may just bring a packed lunch as there is plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits provided. This place is within walking distance from the Station. There is also a bus one can catch from Hornsby Station that drops you right off in front of the driveway to Willow Park, if one does not want to walk. So we are hoping all clans will become involved as it should be a main centre for all clans.

CAN YOU HELP??

From Linda Kazlauskas. - Thank you for your quick reply and offer to put an article in the Clan Newsletter. I would be most grateful and hopefully may get a response. I will give you a draft and you can alter as appropriate. I am hoping to return to Scotland next year and take my husband. Being Lithuanian by birth I know he will not have the same feelings about the highlands as I do but I know he will love the country and the people. My grandparents were both born in Australia but talked of Scotland as home. My grandfather was a Crawford.....

I visited the highlands of Scotland last year and was moved by the beauty of the country-side and the people. It must have been very difficult for my great-grandfather to leave the beautiful town of Inverness and move to Australia. Consequently I am very keen to gain some more information on my great-grandfather **John McLennan**. If anyone from the Clan has information could they contact me on e.mail <robertsl@ames.net.au> or address: Linda Kazlauskas, 8 Aquarius Court, Lilydale, 3140. Australia.

G.G.GParents: Mary Ross, John McLennan.

G.GFather: John McLennan, Born in Inverness, Scotland between 1860-1862

Arrived Australia: 1886; Married Florence Semple 1889 in Melbourne.

Children: Alan, Hector, Walter, Albert, John, Doris (my grandmother), Ada and Flora.

G.Parents: Doris McLennan andCrawford.

From John McLennan, Woolloomooloo, NSW. - Further to our telephone conversation, due to our computer "being on the blink" I am pleased to advise we are up & running again. Unfortunately, I didn't receive a response to the note you placed in the Clan Newsletter. However since then, further information has come to light that may now yield a response to a new note in the newsletter. I am now aware that my Grandfather (John Murdoch McLennan) had an elder brother (James Parland Colquhoun McLennan). We know that this James had two sons (Roderick James McLennan and Lewis George McLennan). As far as I'm aware they all lived their lives in Victoria, and descendants are most certainly alive today. I would be grateful if you would, once again place a note in your newsletter based on the information attached.

My name is John McLennan and I'm researching my family tree. I am interested in knowing whether you can provide me with additional information about my forebears.: My Great-grandfather (Roderick McLennan) and Great-grandmother (Elizabeth Stewart) arrived in Geelong on 25 Dec. 1852. They moved to Ballarat shortly after. They had a number of children, one of them was my Grandfather (John Murdoch McLennan) b.1856. They also had another son, James Parland Colquhoun McLennan whom I believe was born about 1853. This is the person I'm currently interested in, I believe his family lineage is as follows:

G.Grand- parents: Roderick McLennan & Elizabeth Stewart. Arrived 25/12/1852.

Children: James Parland Colquhoun McLennan b.1853 m.Ellen Hook (?)

John Murdoch McLennan

Children of James: Roderick James McLennan d. 1954 Mentone, Vic.

Lewis George McLennan d.1965 m. Gladys Mabel Hunt (?)

Children of Lewis: James Charles McLennan b.1919 Ballarat.

I am hoping you may be related to any of the above and therefore would welcome any information to help me compile my family tree. If you can help you may either contact me on the following address , or you may phone me (I will call you back to save you the cost of a call) or e.mail me at johnaudmcl@yahoo.com.au. Address: 21/67 Cowper Wharf Rd. Woolloomooloo, 2011. Phone No. (02) 9368 1980.

FOUR WEEKS - BY PLANE, ROAD AND RAIL (Patsy & Bob McLennan - Sept / Oct. 2002.)

We arrived at Manchester mid-morning, after almost missing our connecting flight from Heathrow and our luggage lighter to the tune of Bob's nail scissors being confiscated back at Tullamarine Airport. With great difficulty we drove out of wider Manchester after a final desperate plea for directions. Heading east through glorious green pastures and winding villages, picturesque Bakewell in Derbyshire was settled on for our overnight stop. We explored here and next morning detoured through Eyam, the famous plague town where in the 1600's the vicar and villagers made a pact in the Church to stay within the confines of the area. Money was left soaked in vinegar at an outlying well in exchange for provisions. Research is currently being carried out on descendants of plague survivors to help fight disease. It was time to move on to the home of the Manners family at medieval Haddon Hall, with its mullioned windows, well worn stone stairs and glorious tapestries.

Later in the day we arrived at Oakham in Rutland County, near Leicestershire, where along with 2 Dutch ladies we booked in for three nights at Exton Village — full of thatched cottages. Our fellow tourists, being without a car, we gave them a lift and had interesting chats each night, as of course, they spoke good English. This was our base for Cambridge, Ely Cathedral, Belvoir (pronounced Beaver) Castle, Woolthorpe Manor (home of Sir Isaac Newton) and Oakham itself, with its often filmed ancient market place with stocks. The next morning we reluctantly bade our hostess goodbye but not before Bob increased our load by requesting 2 jars of her jam when she found herself short of change.

After a long drive N.W. we were at last in Scotland where we stayed at a peaceful farmhouse at Torthnorwald near Dumfries. On our way next day to the Robert Burns Centre, we were enticed into Old Bridge House on the Neth River by the enthusiastic attendant who proved to be a fount of knowledge on the area. Behind schedule we arrived at the Centre — full of interesting displays and information on the life and times of the Bard. We spent hours driving around the surrounding countryside to places of interest, including our favourite — Sweetheart Abbey — founded by Devorguilla Balliol in memory of her husband, John Balliol, whose embalmed heart encased in an ivory shrine and placed before her at meals when she gave its share of every dish to the poor. Devorguilla carried the shrine with her at all times. This influential lady erected Friaries (Dominicans at Wigtown; Franciscans at Dundee & Dumfries) and endowed a hostel for poor scholars at Oxford (later Balliol College) and founded Sweetheart Abbey. She is also credited with the first stone bridge at Dumfries. She died at Buittle Castle and was buried in her Abbey with the casket in her arms. At Galashiels, our next stop, we recommend Abbotsford Hotel for good food and Bob the "Tartan" beer. Nearby at Lauder, the history of Thirlestane Castle was brought alive by our witty guide, who has a sister at Surrey Hills, Melbourne. We made good use of our Heritage passes at Floors Castle home to the Duke of Roxburgh, Melrose and Dryburgh Abbeys, the latter where Sir Walter Scott is buried, not forgetting his favourite resting place, "Scott's View", overlooking Eildon Hills, and where his horses automatically stopped during his funeral procession. We lunched at pretty Pitlochry on our way to Kingussie in the Highlands. That evening our B&B host informed us that not only

had "Duncan" of "Monarch of the Glen" stayed here while on location but the Prince of Albany slept in our room when stopping over. Thinking he must have been an impoverished European aristocrat we have since learned that Prince Michael is a legitimate descendant of Charles Edward Stewart and has just written a book on the subject. It was now time for our pilgrimage to Iona. From Kingussie? — you might ask! Yes! Down through Fort William, car ferry across Loch Linnhe and another ferry across to Mull and miles past mist covered hills until finally we admitted defeat, knowing we'd never make it to Iona and back to the ferry and to the mainland. Deciding on the Scenic Route back we were soon confronted with a herd of Highland Cattle who were not going to move!! Rejecting the great photo opportunity, Bob nudged gently forward until clear of the hairy beasts and we safely headed home to base. Being my birthday, we dined at Scots House with not a Scot in sight but full of English guests and a large autographed photo of "The Monarch of the Glen" cast on the wall. Over the next two days we visited Groam House — learning more of the Picts; the



'Hanging Baskets' at Pitlochry



"Dum Spiro Spero" hedging

huge garrison of Fort George built by the English after 1745 from which to repel any further uprisings, and Brodie Castle where the elderly Chief resides with his housekeeper and his pet dog.. Also down to Glamis Castle, Brechin Cathedral with its Round Tower one of only two in Scotland and then on to Edzell Castle and it's walled garden displaying the Lindsay family motto — "Dum Spiro Spero" spelt out in neat hedging!!

On our last two days in Scotland near Callander we managed to see Inchmahome Priory, Lake of Menteith, Perthshire.

After the Battle of Pinkie (1547) Lord John Erskine, guardian to Mary, sent the young Queen to Inchmahome for safety. Then aged four and after a stay of barely three weeks, she was whisked off to France. Grand Stirling Castle, high above the town, though spectacular lacked lovely furnishings and treasures, but nearby Doune Castle we loved in it's quietly eerie setting.

We flew from Glasgow to Belfast, where we hoped to meet Una and Bill Donaldson, Una having Farquhar MacLennan of Strathconan in her ancestry in common with Bob. We had booked a cottage for a week at Cullybacky, horse-breeding country in central Northern Ireland and arrived at Belfast Harbour Airport to find our car was at Antrim to which we were driven in pouring rain. We arrived at Dreen Cottages and our hosts were not home, but we were thankfully rescued by a neighbour, Christov, a young Presbyterian minister of German descent, who invited us in for coffee and chocolate biscuits until they returned. He even demonstrated the washing machine next day, a true Good Samaritan. The weather improved and we enjoyed driving around the pretty green hills dotted with farmhouses. North to Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Distillery and next day to Derry where we walked the walls. - Returning on a different route through quiet towns and villages we were suddenly confronted with a roadblock and soldiers aiming machine guns in all directions. We nervously produced I.D. and were sent on our way. The TV news that night reported the raid on an I.R.A.headquarters at Stormton. Apparently roadblocks, once commonplace, are now very rare.

Saturday market at Ballymena boasted so many varieties of freshly dug potatoes and head-sized swedes alongside other vegetables and bric-a-brac stalls. On we went to the 800year old fortress at Carrickfergus, built by invader J.de Courcey and later extended by King John, with lifelike models at every turn. We lunched with Una and Bill on Sunday in their beautiful old home in Belfast and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with them and their daughter Shona who called in. We could have listened all day to their lovely quiet Irish voices and counted ourselves lucky to meet them as Una had just that morning received a long awaited call to hospital next

day for a heart operation. We have since heard that she has recovered well due mainly to Bill's strict nursing care and she is now waiting on a hip replacement due in March. A trip to Enniskillen, with a detour on our way back to the Beaghmore Stone Circles completed our travels here as next day it rained and I spent the day in bed to try and defeat a cold before our last six days in France.

Back to Belfast and our aeroplane to France. Arriving at night we managed to find our way to Paris by train . On the only precious day in the city of fabulous buildings, we walked until we dropped. I was glad I had brushed up on my school French and became very fluent at asking directions to the Bank of France — if only I could understand what they were saying to me. The fast TVG train took us to the City of Tours, the hub of the Loire Valley, from where we travelled by train each day. First to Chinon, again walking miles to the distant chateau on a rocky crag above the town, where Joan of Arc met the Dauphin who she persuaded to man an army against the English. Walking back down the cobbled Rue Jeanne d'Arc we were transported back in time, fascinated by the quaint old houses. On our journey to Chenonceau we met a young couple from Melbourne back-packing their way around Europe and learnt from them about the tragic Bali bombing the night before. Shocked and much sobered we continued on, leaving Simone and Jeff for the time-being at the Chateau gates after they were told "no pique-nique inside!". In it's serene setting on the River Cher, it really is stunning. Diane de Poitiers, mistress of Henry II lived here and had



'Bob, Una & Bill '

the bridge built to the distant bank so she could hunt and also raise silk worms. When the King died, she was banished to gloomy Chaumont and his widow, Catherine de Medici moved in, creating her own garden and constructing galleries over the bridge. At the station we caught up with the two young travellers and found that not only had Simone Bibby coached tennis at our old club Oak Park, but came from Navarre and knew MacLennans from nearby Marnoo, many of whom are Clan Members.

Our last day was spent at Amboise, rubbing shoulders with a large contingent of Russian tourists at the Chateau., - originally built as a pleasure palace. Then we found ourselves almost Euroless as being a Monday, businesses were closed. We shared a pastry then I left Bob nursing sore feet while I headed off on a 2k walk to find Clos Luc, the manor house where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last years as a guest of Francis I. On the way it was fascinating to see small apartments built into the walls below the castle. I reached my destination but found it was closed and had to content myself thinking about all the interesting relics inside we had missed. It didn't help seeing the nice café in the estate grounds. I trudged back to the patient Bob and we returned to Tours where we were able to replenish our funds. In the evening we dined very well on that last day of our holiday.

THE MONKEY'S VIEWPOINT.

Three monkey's sat in a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they're said to be,
Said one to the others: "Now listen you two
There's a certain rumour that can't be true
That man descends from our noble race -
The very idea is a disgrace,
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life,
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her babies for others to bunk
Or pass them on from one to another,
'Till they scarcely know who is their mother

This little poem was found among the papers of the Late Keith Fletcher and we felt it deserved repeating as it is quite relevant to human behaviour in the world at this time !

And another thing you'll never see -
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree,
And let the coconuts go to waste
Forbidding all other monks a taste;
Why, if I'd put a fence around the tree —
Starvation would force you to steal from me,
Here's another thing a monk won't do —
Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss,
But brother, he didn't descend from us."

AN APOLOGY. - In the last newsletter we mention the passing of Janice Jean Blunden, unfortunately the editor made an error in spelling Blunden as Bluden . Our sincere apologies go to the Blunden family.

SILVER JUBILEE SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EFFORT.



Janet with Tartan Rug

To help defray the costs of our Chief Ruairidh's visit to Australia in November, 2003 we are running this "Special Effort". — Enclosed is a booklet of 10 tickets; additional books available on request.

You will note that the 1st Prize is a selection of either of two items :



'MacScarecrow Clan'

1st prize - MacLennan
Tartan Crocheted
Woollen Rug OR
MacScarecrow
Crocheted Doll Family.
(Both donated by Clan
Member, Janet Hunter.)
2nd prize - Is the item
not selected by the 1st
Prize winner.
3rd prize - One bottle of
Scotch Whisky.



SIR WILLIAM WALLACE. ('Scots Link', 1997)

There are many legends and stories told about Sir William Wallace who was born about 1270, the second son of Sir Malcolm Wallace of Elderslie, Renfrewshire, but there are few facts about his early years until in May 1297 he killed the English Sheriff of Lanark, possibly to avenge the death of his, or a colleague's lover or wife and was declared an outlaw by the English King Edward. The Dictionary of National Biography acknowledges him as "*the chief champion of the Scottish Nation in its struggle for independence*".

In the wilds of Scotland he gathered about him a band of desperate men, which after the success of its early attacks on England grew to include such patriotic noblemen as Sir Edward Moray, Sir John de Graham and Douglas the Hardy, and so successful were his exploits that King Edward sent an army against him.

Dissent broke out among the nobles, and Wallace was soon deserted by most of his titled friends. But by 1297 it is recorded that Wallace had removed every English fortress from Scotland and on 11th September, 1297 at the Battle of Stirling Bridge with a large army a severe defeat was inflicted on the English forces, the remnants of which were pursued to Berwick.

In March 1298 Sir William Wallace of Elderslie was made Guardian of the Realm, but when an English army of 100,000 men led by King Edward I, entered Scotland in the spring of that year, Wallace, with only 6,000 men was defeated in a battle near Falkirk. Wallace resigned as Guardian and lived a wandering life with a price on his head. He lived in France for a time but returned and was captured near Glasgow on 5th August 1305 when he was betrayed by one of his former followers, Sir John de Menteith and was taken under guard to London. He reached London on 22nd August and the following day was tried at Westminster Hall and found guilty of treason, was condemned to death and executed the following day.

An inscription at the base of a statue of William Wallace in Aberdeen is from a speech he is said to have made at his trial for treason in 1305. "*To Edward King of England I cannot be a traitor. He is not my sovereign. I owe him no allegiance. He has never received homage from me and while life is in this persecuted body, he shall never receive it*". - Records indicate that he left no children and it is not known if his brothers had any. However, it seems likely that an heiress of Elderslie married her cousin Wallace of Riccarton as by 1390 Elderslie was in the possession of John Wallace, youngest son of the sixth laird of Riccarton. The estate at Paisley continued in this family until 1769 when the heiress Helen Wallace sold it to Alexander Speirs a Glasgow merchant. A giant Oak, said to have been planted by Sir William Wallace, survived until 1856 when it was blown down.

In September 1995 a cobweb-covered portrait was uncovered while Stirling District Council marketing manager, Don Menteith, was helping clear out an old council warehouse in the town's Cornton area. It was not until a Latin inscription was deciphered that he realized it was a rare portrait of William Wallace. He joked "*He looks nothing like Mel Gibson*".

McLENNAN / McINNES RE-UNION AT CRESWICK. VIC.

The 5th October, 2003 has been set for another re-union of the descendant families of the three McLennan brothers and their sister Margaret, who arrived in Australia in the 1860's. Initially the brothers went to the Creswick area at Neil & Barbara (nee McAllister) McInnes' property, subsequently marrying three of their daughters and they then settled in the Marnoo Area in the 1870's.

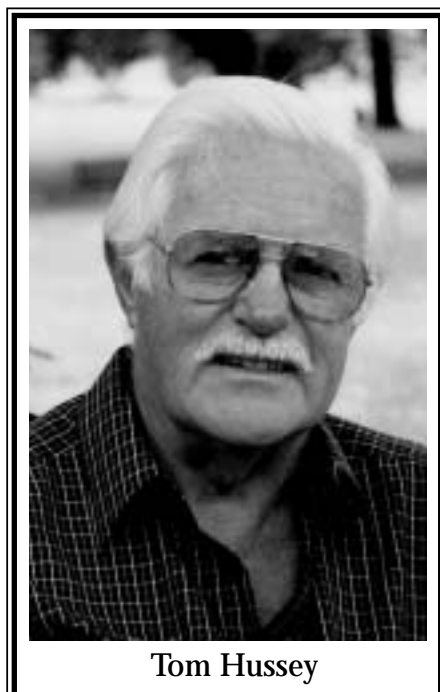
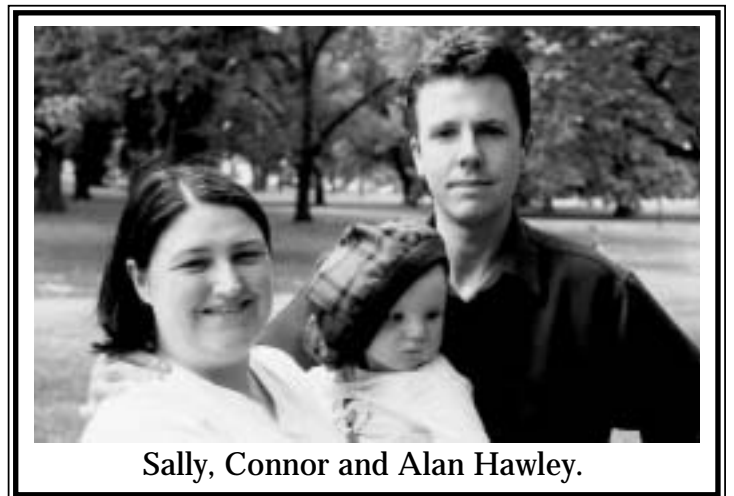
In 1864 William McLennan md. Flora McInnes at Bruce's Creek, Vic.; in 1868 Angus md. Mary McInnes at Spring Hill, Vic.; in 1878 John McLennan md. Annie McInnes at Stawell, Vic.; and in 1847 Margaret McLennan md. Kenneth McDonald. The McLennans were all born in Ross-Shire, Scotland and the McInnes' were all born in Skye. It is planned to hold this re-union at the Rotunda in Park Lake near the Tennis Court Complex, Bridge Road, Creswick on Sunday 5th October, 2003, from 10am, for a BYO Lunch at 12 noon (BBQ facilities available) and an afternoon of family re-union and genealogy. (Please bring your own chairs.)

Please spread the word amongst your family tree members to make this a well attended and enjoyable day. For more information contact: Doug. McLennan, Bendigo. PH. 5447 7657.



GOING NOWHERE - An English Cabinet Minister was addressing a Scottish meeting. 'I was born an Englishman,' he declared, 'I have lived all my life as an Englishman, and I will die an Englishman.' - 'Hoots, mon,' shouted a voice, 'have ye no ambition at all?'

“CLANSFOLK SEEN AT FITZROY GARDENS ON 17 NOVEMBER, 2002.”



NEW MEMBERS.

We are pleased to welcome the following folk into our Clan Association and hope that we are able to meet them all at some of our future gatherings :-

Elizabeth Nuske, South Perth, W.A. and Gavin McLennan, Goulburn, NSW.

DATES TO REMEMBER**OURS:**

30	March	2003	Ringwood Highland Gathering & Games, Jubilee Park, 9am - 5pm
4	May	2003	North Eastern Victorian Gathering, 5 Indigo Court, Rutherglen, 12 noon.
15	June	2003	AGM & Ceilidh, Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall,
9	Nov.	2003	Silver Jubilee Luncheon/Chief's Visit, Sherwood Receptions, Greenvale, Vic.(12-4.30pm)

NSW:

12	April	2003	Bundanoon Highland Gathering - Bundanoon.
12-13	April	2003	McRae/McLennan Sesqui-Centenary Celebration of the arrival from Contin of John and Mary McRae (nee McLennan) in Australia on 11 Jan.1853 - Armidale. (Contact Sue Catteral, Ph. 02-9489 0280)
19	April	2003	Lower Clarence Scottish Gathering, -McLean.
25	April	2003	Scottish Act of Remembrance. - Sydney.
2-4	May	2003	Standing Stones Festival. - Glen Innes.
8	June	2003	St. Columba's Day. - Balmain.
21	June	2003	"Tartan Day" - Lane Cove
29	June	2003	"Repeal O' the Tartan" Service - Westmead.
5 - 6	July	2003	Aberdeen Highland Games, - Aberdeen.
--	Aug.	2003	"Gathering of Clans" - Toukley.

OTHERS:

16	March	2003	Geelong Highland Gathering, Queen's Park,
5-6	April	2003	"Bandfest on the Murray", J.C. Lowe Oval, Yarrawonga,
6	April	2003	Scottish Settlers Day, Gulf Station, Melba Hwy. Yarra Glen.
2	May	2003	Scottish Societies & Clans Ball, Williamstown Town Hall.
3	May	2003	Scots' O' the Murray Dinner, Rutherglen 7pm (Ph.02 6032 8328)
28	June	2003	Kilmore Celtic Festival, Assumption College. (Ph.03 5781 1711)
29	June	2003	Hogmanay Australis Luncheon, Ascot House, 12 noon. (Ph.03 9524 6300)
6	July	2003	Kirkin O' the Tartan, The Scots' Church, Melbourne, 11am.
2	Aug.	2003	Celtic Nations Food & Music Festival.

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