

## 2016 News

### 270th Anniversary of the Battle of Culloden

Chief Hector and Kate, and Secretary Walter and Ariane represented the Clan at the 270th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden. There was a very moving service in Gaelic and English where psalms were sung in Gaelic. Hector laid a Scots Pine branch (one of the emblem's of The Clan MacAulay as one of the Clans of the Siol Alpin, descendants of King Kenneth MacAlpin) in memory of the fallen. To view more photographs [click here](#) There is a Youtube video which if you look carefully you can spot Hector and Walter.

## 2015 News

### 300th Anniversary of the Battle of Sheriffmuir

Walter and his dogs represented the Clan at the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Sherrifmuir (13th November 1715)

Lunch was provided at the Sheriffmuir Inn then most people were bussed down to the Battlefield, a matter of a mile or so, ready to commemorate at 14.00. Walter and the dogs braved the sleet and snow and walked.

Firstly there was a small service for the Clan MacRae, who had come from Kintail (MacAulay country!) never to return home. There was wreath laying by the MacRae Association.

Next another service was held by the 1745 Association at their smaller cairn 10 metres up the road. This had a poem in Scots and some singing of psalms and prayers.



We then marched together along the pathway to the Gathering Stone on top of the wooded moor where the AHCS (Association of Highland Clans and Societies), of which the Clan is a founder member, held a wreath laying service at the fallen standing stone where the Earl of Mar (the Jacobite Army commander) from which he was supposedly commanding his army. We also remembered the other actions which took place on the same day at Preston and the seige of Inverness.

Walter laid a Scots Pine branch in memory of the fallen, joining the present Earl of Mar, various chiefs and our friend Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart, who hosted our visit to Duart at the Gathering in the summer.



## Zoe Presents New Clan Banner



Clan member Zoe McAuley from Durham has presented the clan with a fantastic new handmade banner for display at future gatherings and highland games.

The 5' x 3' banner features an intricate design modelled on the Ardencaple insignia of crossed arrows and belt buckles. The design was never registered with the Lord Lyon, so the clan is legally quite free to display it.

I'm sure all clan members would agree Zoe has made a first class job, and especially so as she only took up the pastime of needlecraft six months ago!

From the Clan,  
Many thanks Zoe. What an excellent job.

## Clan at Culloden 2015



Memorial Service to commemorate the 269th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden

Chief Hector and Secretary Walter attended a memorial service to commemorate the 269th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden. The battle, fought in April 1746 between the Jacobite army of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Hanovarian Government army, ended the Stuart ambitions to be restored to the throne of Great Britain.

Hector laid a Scots Pine branch, as one of the MacAuley emblems, to commemorate the fallen at the battle on behalf of the Clan.

There were around 500 people attending the moving service in Gaelic and English, where Gaelic Psalms were sung.





## MacAulay Marmalade wins Bronze in the Marmalade Awards

Walter has entered a Clan MacAulay Marmalade into the Stirring of the Clans section of the [2015 Marmalade Awards](#).

The Clan won Bronze!!

The entry, with a tartan stripe on the lid was Walter's first attempt at Marmalade - his chilli sauce is better!

The Thick Cut Marmalade was made from an ancient recipe handed down from generation to generation (taken from the internet!).



## 2014 News

### Clan Torchlight Procession at the Highland Homecoming, Inverness 2014



On the evening of Friday 12th September, Chief Hector and Kate, and Secretary Walter and Ariane were invited to the Town House in Inverness for a light buffet supper by the Association of Highland Clans and Societies (AHCS) as part of the Highland Homecoming. Special guest Kriss Akabusi, who was adopted as a Mackenzie that evening was dressed in an African national dress. Then the Clan took part in a torchlight parade with hundreds of competitors from the Masters World Championships, a few clans and a pipe band.

The parade through the streets of Inverness to the Eden Court Theatre was especially atmospheric as the haar had come in.

On Saturday, the Clan attended the Annual General Meeting of the AHCS in the Town House. After a light lunch, the Clan had a table at the "Meet the Clans" exhibition.



Outside in the High Street, campaigning in the forthcoming Independence referendum was coming to its climax. The council officials refused access to the Town House, anyone wearing any political badge. So "Meet the Clans" exhibition only got about three people through the door!

Hector and Walter instead went to the Camanachd Cup final to see Kingussie beat Glen Urquhart 4-0 in Shinty.

The evening before the Culloden memorial service, on Friday 17th April, Chief Hector and Secretary Walter joined a social meeting and discussion on "Septs – Are we being honest or greedy?" in the Glenmoriston Town House Hotel in Inverness. The meeting was held by the Association of Highland Clans and Societies (AHCS), of which the Clan is a founder member.

While the discussion was not that interesting, the proposal of having a Clan torchlit parade through the streets of Inverness and a reception in the Inverness Town House, the evening before the Culloden service was attractive.



## Clan at Culloden 2014

Clan Secretary, Walter attended the memorial service to mark the 268th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden.



The battle fought on 16th April 1746, was the last land battle fought in the British Isles. It was fought between the Jacobites under Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Hanoverian Government army. The government troops routed the Jacobite army. The aftermath of the battle brought to an end the Highland way of life. There are records of four MacAulays killed in the Roy Stewart Regiment on the Jacobite side. There are no records of any MacAulays in the government army.

There was a very moving service in Gaelic and English attended by over 400 people in the Invernessshire sunshine. Clans, societies and

families were invited to lay a floral tribute. Walter laid a branch from a Scots Pine, one of the emblems of the Clan MacAulay.

Afterwards, Walter and Ariane attended a lunch and meeting at the New Drum Mossie Hotel with the Association of Highland Clans and Societies (AHCS), of which the Clan is a founder member.

