

2013 and prior news items

Edinburgh lawyer appointed Honorary President

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Donald MacAulay, a retired Edinburgh lawyer is appointed Honorary President of the Clan MacAulay Association in recognition of his support and contribution to the clan over the past twelve years. Donald, a lifelong member acted as the clan association's legal adviser for many years. Donald was born and brought up in Edinburgh where he studied law and became a partner in a leading company of lawyers. His family originate from Benbecula where his Great Great Grandfather was the local sheriff. Donald lives in Edinburgh with his wife Eileen. Speaking after his appointment he said " It is a real honour to be appointed Honorary President and I look forward to supporting the clan association for many years to come."

Plaque Presentation at Rhu



Jillian Jackson presenting the plaque to Walter MacAulay with the Scots Pine tree to the right of the picture

A Scots pine tree planted by the late Iain MacMillan MacAulay in August 2003 in the grounds of Rosslea Park Hotel, Rhu to mark the clan's historical link with Rhu was visited by members of the Clan Association when they held their AGM at the Hotel in July 2012.

It was Iain MacMillan MacAulay who resurrected the clan in the nineties and who in 2002 became the first elected Chief of the Clan MacAulay Association. A new plaque to commemorate the planting of the tree was made by Rosslea hotel and presented by Jillian Jackson to Clan Secretary Walter MacAulay.

Paul MacAulay

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Hilbre High School, West Kirby named a new building extension after former pupil Paul MacAulay who tragically died in an accident last year. Paul, known as "Fesh" and a relative of Clan Chief Hector MacAulay was just 19yrs old when he slipped and fell from the roof of a building in Liverpool last September while at a party with his friends. In his memory, Hilbre High School dedicated his name to a new building extension. The opening ceremony was held on 25th June 2012 and attended by many family and friends. Paul's father Ian MacAulay a long time member of the Clan MacAulay Association said " It was nice to know that the school thought so much of Paul that they decided to honour his name in this way. It is a tremendous gesture and a lasting memorial."



Barry Macaulay helps the blind children of The Gambia

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Three blind/partially sighted people and two guides from Northern Ireland visit the Gambian Organisation for Visually Impaired [GOVI]. The visit had four aspects, providing music, facilitating cultural exchanges using music with the children of GOVI. Sport and leisure, facilitating sporting workshops with the young people, including football and bottia. Bringing games, toys, daily living aides and some IT equipment with access technology. Writing blogs, and recording interviews with teachers and children for broadcast. One Major success of this visit was, securing national coverage of GOVI on national TV news, raising the profile of the organisation and school which is very low in the Gambia.

Clan Chief visits Kintail



Clan Chief Hector MacAulay recently visited Kintail along with Clan Heritage Secretary Christiane MacAulay Readhead. The purpose of the visit was to make a short video appealing for new members which should appear on our web site in due course. Speaking about his visit he said: "This is Ross-shire MacAulay country. My own ancestors were born and brought up here on the shores of Loch Duich where for generations they worked as crofters and fishermen. It is not surprising I get a sense of belonging when I visit this area, knowing I am part of this magnificent landscape." More about the landscapes of Clan MacAulay will be shown on our appeal video.

Clan Chief Thanks Wayne MacAulay



After years of promoting Clan MacAulay in the USA Wayne MacAulay has retired through ill health. Wayne was given the responsibility some 14 /15 years ago to set up a Clan MacAulay organisation across the USA. At the time it was a huge challenge but in spite of that he organised a very successful structure and was responsible for launching our first web site. He was also the administrator for the FTDNA programme. As a result of his contribution we can build on the foundations he laid and we are now in the process of doing that. On behalf of all at Clan MacAulay I send him our thanks and appreciation and wish him well for the future.

Hector MacAulay

Clan Chief

October 2011

Clan MacAulay Association elect Chief

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18 August 2010 The Clan MacAulay Association have announced the election of a new Chief for the next five years. The Clan's former Organising Secretary Hector MacAulay, an Education Consultant from Crieff in Perthshire, was overwhelmingly elected by the worldwide membership. In 2002 the Clan Association adopted a democratic system to elect a Chief of the Association after years of research failed to establish a bloodline Chief to any of the Clan branches. Addressing the members Hector MacAulay said "It is a great honour and privilege to be elected Chief of the Clan MacAulay Association." With a focus on the future role of the clan he said "While it is important to maintain what is unique and special to all of us with our shared sense of history and identity it is equally important to seek ways to give the clan a greater sense of purpose for the 21st century." Outlining his strategy he said "I want to start an 'ideas forum' which will appear on our web site to encourage members to advance views on how best we can effectively link our heritage, culture and kinship in such a way as to contribute to the image of Scotland as a place to visit and do business with." He concluded his theme by saying "We have built a very strong association based on a sound constitution and democratic principles attracting overwhelming support over recent years. With a new sense of purpose we shall move the clan association forward to reflect the interest and enthusiasm of our worldwide members."

DNA test links Irish McAuleys to Ardencaple

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Laurence McAuley of Ballygally, Co Antrim, has recently had DNA testing which links his ancestry with the MacAulays of Ardencaple. Although a proud Ulsterman, Laurence had always wondered if he was of Irish or Scottish descent. He submitted his DNA to the **MacAulay Surname Project**.

The results showed that in all probability (when added to family hearsay and circumstantial evidence), that he is descended from a branch of Scottish MacAulay migrants from Ardencaple, Rhu, Helensburgh.

These migrants had settled the area known as the Glens of Antrim in the north east of Ireland in the early 16th century.

The results of the Clan MacAulay DNA Study can be seen at clanawley.com

Clan Commissioner for Northern Ireland and Clan Commissioner for New Zealand

Submitted by admin on Wed, 21/09/2011 - 20:33

Hector MacAulay, Clan Association Chief, announces the appointment of two new Clan Commissioners. Addressing the recent Clan Gathering in Northern Ireland he said: "I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new Clan Commissioners. Ruth Cooper is to be our first Clan Commissioner for New Zealand and Laurence McAuley our first Clan Commissioner for Northern Ireland."



He continued " We have two committed and dedicated stalwarts in Ruth and Laurence who will contribute to building a modern Clan Association. They will be outstanding representatives who will serve our clan efficiently and professionally and I look forward to working with them."



Australian Gathering March 23 2013

Submitted by admin on Sun, 07/04/2013 - 10:07

MacAmhlaidh gu Brath!

This is the war cry of the ancient MacAulay Clan and the sound of bagpipes were to be heard around Swaggers Restaurant at the Sundowner Swaggers Motor Inn at Yass on Saturday March 23



gathering, starting with an informal dinner on Friday night in town, a tour of the district on Saturday after the annual general meeting, including lunch at Cooma Cottage and a splendid homemade afternoon tea at the Binalong Motor Museum. Then came the Grand Dinner on Saturday night at Swaggers Restaurant.

However, it was not an attack of wild Celtic warriors on Yass but the annual clan gathering of the MacAulays in Australia.

Members came from all over NSW,

the ACT, NZ and even from England this year to celebrate the heritage of the

MacAulay name.

The MacAulay clan in Australia is the

local branch of the Clan MacAulay which is based in Scotland and encourages friendship between all descended from

the MacAulay name.

The MacAulay clan in Australia had chosen Yass for their 2013

At every MacAulay clan formal dinner, it is essential for the haggis to be piped in by a lone piper accompanied by the sword bearing protector of the haggis, old Scottish tradition.



The haggis was then addressed by the master of ceremonies

who recited the Scottish poet

Robbie Burns' poem, Address to the Haggis, before the toast of whisky (Scotch, of course), and the serving of the dinner, together with the traditional mashed potatoes. A further two courses of dinner followed and everyone caught up with the year's news as much as possible.

The rest of the evening was spent with a talk on the history of the area given by Gloria Carlos of the Yass & District Historical Society, presentation of updates on the genealogy of Macaulay, and a raffle of various items including items with embroidered MacAulay clan badges.

Our piper, Diamond, played Scottish tunes including those requested by clan members.

All members of the MacAulay clan commented on the friendliness of Yass people and the clan executive would like to extend their thanks to the staff of the Sundowner Swaggers Motor Inn, Friends of Cooma Cottage, Yass & District Historical Society and Binalong Motor Museum for the wonderful assistance given to the Macaulay clan for the gathering.

The clan gathering in 2014 will be held in Griffith and the MacAulay clan in Australia always welcomes new members.

It does not matter how the name is spelt as there are a number of different spellings available, as long as everyone is prepared to celebrate the name and have a good time.

For membership details, please contact the honourable secretary on 0409 328 193.

By the way, MacAmhlaidh gu Brath! means MacAulay Forever!

Clan Chief to visit New Zealand

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Kate & Hector MacAulay

Hector MacAulay, Chief of the Clan MacAulay Association, and his wife Kate are to visit New Zealand next February 2013. They will be spending time with our Clan Commissioner for New Zealand Ruth Cooper and her husband Bruce who are arranging for them to meet as many MacAulays as possible. They will also be attending a Scottish Festival in Riccarton, Christchurch on Saturday 9th February. Speaking about the visit Hector MacAulay said " We are both looking forward to our visit and meeting up with our Clan Commissioner Ruth Cooper and hopefully as many MacAulays as possible. I hope to take this opportunity to successfully raise our Clan MacAulay profile in New Zealand."

Clan Commissioner for Central and Southern California, South Nevada and Arizona and Clan Commissioner for Maryland

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Clan Chief Hector MacAulay has appointed Jim McAuley as Clan Commissioner for Central and Southern California, South Nevada and Arizona and Scott McCauley as Clan Commissioner for Maryland.



Scott and his sons



Jim

Speaking of the appointments he said “Jim and Scott have already played a considerable part in promoting the clan. I know they will bring fresh impetus and new ideas for developing and modernising the clan association. We are fortunate to have them representing the Clan as Commissioners and I look forward to working with them.”

All our Clan Commissioners are listed on this web site under [‘Clan Commissioners’](#)

Clan Commissioner for Michigan

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Bill O’Reilly has been appointed Clan Commissioner for the state of Michigan. He has also taken responsibility for seeking support in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Bill lives in Dearborn near Detroit which is the birthplace of Henry Ford.

Bill’s family originated from Cushendall in Northern Ireland and settled in Canada. Every three years he organises a MacAulay reunion for members of his extensive family and hopes to attract a number of them to our 2013 International Clan Gathering in Scotland.

Clan Chief Hector MacAulay said “Bill has the determination, drive, enthusiasm and experience to successfully represent Clan MacAulay in Michigan and beyond. He is a very keen activist and will be a great asset to the Clan MacAulay Association.”



Ella Macaulay – Took part in the Olympics Opening Ceremony.

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Ella Macaulay, originally from Salisbury and one of our Heritage Secretary's, Christiane MacAulay Readhead's nieces, was chosen to take part in the Opening Ceremony of London 2012. In her own words Ella shares how that came about:

"I've skated for The London Rockin' Rollers for 3 ½ years. We're a Roller Derby team currently ranked 5th in Europe out of over 100 teams. Roller Derby is an originally American full contact sport played predominantly by women. We're a grass roots team, we train hard and we've been lucky enough to have some amazing games under our belts both within the UK and internationally. In Autumn last year, the Olympics casting team approached us, asking if we would be interested in skating in the ceremonies. It's not really an offer you can turn down! We started rehearsals in April this year, and it was pretty full for the next 3 months leading up to the opening, often with late nights and days off work and LOTS of being rained on.

It was an amazing experience, we met loads of great people both in our section (Second star to the right and straight on till morning), the other sections, and behind the scenes. Luckily out of 40 skaters 13 of us were Rockin' Rollers, so there was never a dull moment and for the first month we had the run of the stadiums many ramps and concrete corridors. The costumes were amazing, and we got to keep them, as well as they skates they had bought us!" If you'd like further reading, my Olympic diary was published on my teams blog along with lots more photos. <http://londonrockinrollers.co.uk/rollergirls-at-the-olympics-behind-the-...>



New Clan Commissioners Appointed

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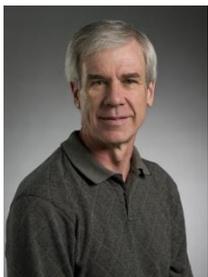


Clan Association Chief Hector MacAulay has announced the appointment of two new Clan Commissioners. Mike Macauley has been appointed as Clan Commissioner for North Missouri and Bob Macauley becomes Commissioner for South Missouri.

Mike and Bob are brothers, married with families and have lived in Missouri most of their lives. Mike is the owner of "Creative Marketing Concepts" a company which specialises in sales and marketing and Bob was Director of Meetings and Events with a large company called "Entertainment Marketing". He is now a freelance Marketing Consultant.

Mike and Bob are very interested in history and family ancestry. They are particularly keen on reconnecting with their roots through clan participation and look forward to attending a future International Clan Gathering.

Hector MacAulay said " I warmly welcome Mike and Bob into the clan and I know they will use their marketing and organisational experience to successfully promote Clan MacAulay throughout the state of Missouri."



Stephen Novick Graduates

Clan Member, Stephen Novick graduates from Chapman University, California with Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Performance, with a minor in French.



Stephen (pictured above) is resplendent in his MacAulay tartan kilt. We wish him all the best in his future career.