



From The President

Hello again everyone.

Well, here I am back from the most amazing time ever in Scotland. Over the next few Newsletters I will be sharing with you my time in that beautiful place we all originated from.... Scotland.

It was great to see those who attended our meeting today. It would be even better to see a lot more faces at the next meeting.

I would still like to encourage all members to become more active within the Society. We need to become more noticed at as many of the functions and Gatherings that are available to us. This I think can be achieved by being strong in numbers at these outings. So come on and lets show everyone out there what Clan Donald W.A. can achieve.

Again the Scottish Heritage Society organized the "Kirking of the Tartan" This was held again at the RAAF Complex in Bullcreek. I would like to say thankyou to those members who attended. Also Thankyou to the Scottish Heritage Society for again inviting Clan Donald to their function. As always everyone had a great time.

Clan Donald W.A. is still so very young. The more who know about us the better the opportunity for more members.

We have a date for our very first Clan Donald W.A. Annual Luncheon. It will be held on the 17th October 2010. The RAAF Complex in Bullcreek has confirmed our booking. All details will be in our Dates for Your Diary section. Again it would be very encouraging to see all members and their families at this function. If you have friends who would like to find out more about us, they too will be made more than welcome. We will be on show for our first official outing. Our High Commissioner of Clan Donald Australia and his wife Jan have accepted our invitation as has the President of Clan Donald South Australia and his lovely wife Eileen. So all I can say is that, if these Officials can come from Victoria and South Australia surely we can show them what Clan Donald Western Australia is made off and all attend on the day.

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Very soon we will be adding some new sections to our Website. So keep a watch on our site. As you all know we are at www.clandonald.com.au.

Don't forget to send in anything that you would like to contribute to our Newsletter. We would all enjoy reading about your Travels or maybe you have something that you would like to submit for our "Down Memory Lane section." It would be great to have you all contribute to our Newsletter. Come on everybody send in those Memories. We are all interested in our past .Who knows this could help you to link with another of your "Rellies."

We have also had a few great ideas concerning fundraising. We have had another great idea suggested by Bernadette Miles." A Swapmeet." So go through those cupboards. What you don't want "We Do". What you donate to this can be brought along to the next meeting and I will store it here. At the moment one of my spare bedrooms has taken on the look of "Steptoes" abode.

We are still wanting all the Great Scottish & Aussie recipes for our Clan Donald Cookbook. We will never be a best seller if we don't get this happening. So send them in please.

We have also decided on a Christmas Picnic instead of a Christmas Luncheon. This would be more children friendly and we are planning it for a Park in Mandurah . The date for this is 28th November. So save that date. It will be a great day. For those Members with young children, at our last meeting it was decided that a limit of \$10.00 a gift for your child. We will make arrangements to have these collected and delivered to Santa before the day.

We would like to wish all who are having a birthday in the next couple of months a Very Happy Birthday. You will be mentioned in our Birthday section of our newsletter. Check it out!

Don't forget our T Shirts. They are selling well. So if you would like to place an order this can be done by contacting me. My details are on our Website.

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Our next meeting is going to be held on the 19th September at my place commencing around 1.00pm .It would be very encouraging to see all members attend.

I would like to remind everyone how has not sent in their Membership Fee's, that they are now due .Thankyou. The Fee's are still the same. \$35.00 for a Family and \$20.00 for a Single over 18 years old.

Don't forget to keep spreading the word that "Clan Donald" is back in W.A

Until then Remember

Bi h eibhneas gan

Chlainn Domhnaill

It is no joy without Clan Donald

Pam McDonald

President

I can see this happening at a genealogist's grave.....

Two men were walking home after a party and decided to take a Shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of The cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming From the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man With a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You Scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you Doing working here so late at night?"

"Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

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A Message from Scotland

Herald Scotland

Friday 30th April 2010

South Uist honour for Scot who was one of Napoleon's general's

David Ross ,Highland Correspondent.

30th April 2010

One of Napoleon's most trusted generals will be honoured at a ceremony on Sout Uist today.

A plaque will be unveiled to the memory of Marshal of France Jacques MacDonald, later created Duke of Tarentum, whose family came from the island.

The event, at Howbeg, will be attended by Herve Bouche, the French consul general in Scotland,

And Etienne Louys, secretary general of the French Institute. Later there will be a seminar and ceilidh at Kildonan Museum.

Jacques Etienne Joseph Alexandre MacDonald carved out an outstanding military career between

1785 and 1830 and was famous throughout France.

His father was Neil MacEachen from the village of Howbeg on South Uist, where the Gaelic tradition

Held him to be a very important figure, although he is hardly mentioned in and record.



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A spy, he flitted in and out of shadows surrounding Jacobite affairs and Bonnie Prince Charlie, even popping up in the boat that sailed “Over the Sea to Skye”.

In his book, A MacDonald for the Prince, the late Dr. Alasdair Maclean said that the much of what was written about Mr. MacEachen was inaccurate.

Dr. Maclean, a Gaelic scholar and long-time GP in South Uist wrote “A picture emerges of a remarkable man who left Scotland as a student priest in his early teens. In June 1746, he was with Princes Charles Edward Stuart on the crossing (from Benbecula) ‘over the sea to Skye’ with Flora MacDonald. Shielded by his friend, however, he escaped the close scrutiny of history”.

Mr MacEachen went back to France after the failure of the Jacobite rising, and spent the rest of his life in exile. By 1749, he had changed his name to MacDonald, possibly because nobody could pronounce MacEachen in his adopted country or perhaps because of the esteem in which the Prince held those of that name.

Marshal MacDonald visited South Uist in 1825, to find out more about his father’s background, of which he admitted knowing very little.

Rob McDonald Parker

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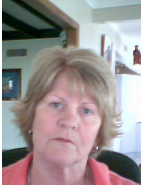
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Down Memory Lane

Graveyards can reveal much about our past, including how we honored our dead and how styles of the time influenced headstones. You can use your local graveyard as a research tool and read into local history.

Keep a look out for different markers & markings as you walk around. Certain shrubbery may have been planted for a reason.. Do a rubbing so you can look up the meanings later. To do this press a large piece of paper against the gravestone and rub a piece of charcoal against the paper. Please don't use anything else as this may affect the headstone.



Write down the verse on the headstone. If you notice many dates from around the same year, there may have been an epidemic - especially if there are many markers for children - a natural disaster, a war or even a small local skirmish. Most cemetery's have a section for their war dead.



Pay attention to the names, races and religions. Write down any biblical verses and find out if their meanings.

If you can photograph any symbols, if your not sure on what they mean ask there is always someone willing to help you.

Notice gravestones set outside the cemetery.

Often these markers are for suicides, strangers, criminals, people who belonged to a different religion or even pets.

Also some people working on properties with no family were either buried on or near the property if no cemetery within a reasonable distance.

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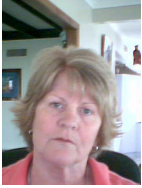
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Be respectful as you walk around any graveyard. Avoid walking on the actual graves.

Be very careful walking around old graves in old country cemetery's, the ground can give way or something may be in there.

I have had a rabbit jump out at me, and yes I did leave the ground and yell.

Stay away from any funeral processions.

Most of all, enjoy your walk around your cemetery.

There is much to learn about our past from our ancestors resting place. I personally find it a most relaxing time and find trying to put myself in their shoes and wondering how they made it as far as they did.



Glenda James (Researcher) ©

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Scottish Tradition

Scottish Wedding Prayer.

Lord help us remember when

We first met and the strong

Love that grew between us,

To work that love into

Practical things so that nothing

Can divide us.

We ask for words both kind

And loving and hearts always

Ready to ask forgiveness

As well as to forgive.

Dear Lord, we put our

Marriage into your hands.

Amen.

Avalon Whitfield

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Birthdays

Brain Wallace	4th August
Glenda McDonald	31st August
Rory McDonald	2nd September
Tracy McDonald	4th September
Kevin McDonald	9th September



Research Centre

This month I thought I would look at Scottish sport.

So what was it that Scotland is so famous for ,that's it,

"GOLF"

Golf originated during the 15th century on the east coast of Scotland.

Seems they would hit a pebble around with a stick or a club.

"Don't ask me why".....

Many games use stick and ball , but ,the main ingredient was the hole, And so golf was born.. and is the game as we know it today.

Golf along with soccer was banned in 1457 by King James 11.The ban was latter re-affirmed in the late 1400's,yet they say it was mostly ignored.

The best golf course of the time was in Leith near Edinburgh. Leith was also the first course to play international games.

St Andrews,Scotland's most famous course began in 1552.

The first women's club began in 1895.

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Hundred's of years ago when man beat the ground with a stick they called it witchcraft.

Today they call it golf.

Happy hitting boy's.

Regards to you all

Glenda (Researcher)

CAMEL STEW (Avalon Whitfield)

3 medium sized camels

1 ton of pepper

1 ton of salt

200 bushels of carrots

500 bushels of potatoes

3,000 sprigs of parsley

2 small rabbits

Cut camels into bite size pieces, this should take about 2 months.

Cut veggies into cubes, (another 2 months).

Place meat in a pan and cover with 1,000 gallons of brown gravy.

Simmer for 4 weeks.

Shovel in pepper and salt to taste.

When meat is tender, add veggies.

Simmer slowly for 4 weeks

Garnish with parsley.

Will serve 3,800 people, but if more are expected, add two rabbits.

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Traditional Scottish Recipes

"Auld Reekie" Cock-a-Leekie Soup

The "Auld Reekie" does not refer to the soup being "smokey" but to the origins of the recipe in Edinburgh which used to be called Auld Reekie in the days of coal fires. Cock-a-Leekie soup makes a regular appearance in Scottish kitchens but this variation has a special ingredient - Scotch whisky! It will, as the say, "stick to your ribs".

Ingredients:

- 3lb boiling chicken (giblets removed)
- 3 slices of streaky bacon
- 1lb shin of beef
- 2 lb leeks
- 1 large onion
- 5 fluid ounces Scotch whisky
- 4 pints water
- 1 level tablespoon dried tarragon
- Salt and pepper
- 8 pre-soaked prunes (optional but traditional!)

Method:

Mix the whisky, tarragon and sugar in the water. Chop up the bacon and place the chicken, bacon and beef in a large bowl and pour over the whisky marinade. Leave to soak overnight. Place the chicken etc in a large soup pot. Chop up the leeks (reserve one) and onion and add to the pot. Salt and pepper to taste. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for two hours, removing any scum as required. Remove the chicken from the pot, remove skin and bones. Chop the meat into small pieces and return to the pot. Cut up the shin of beef, if required. Add the prunes and the last chopped leek and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. It will serve up to eight people.

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