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This is your newsletter. We welcome interesting stories and pictures. No limits to your creativity! It's about sharing everything MacAulay.

Farewell to the Chief!

As we say a very fond farewell to Hector MacAulay, who is retiring as our illustrious Chief in September, we wanted to share with you some memories, thoughts and pictures. This edition is dedicated to Hector!

Hector has served the Clan MacAulay Association well and faithfully, taking on the roles of Secretary and Organiser before becoming our Chief. We'll watch for you and Kate on the dance floor at future Gatherings!





Clan Chief Opens Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games

Clan Chief Hector MacAulay officially opened the Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games on Saturday 1st June 2019. The 12th annual games were held at the local rugby club's Ardencaple grounds which is less than one mile from where Ardencaple Castle stood.

The official parade took place at 12 pm and was led by Clan Chief Hector MacAulay, Sir Malcolm Colquhoun of Luss, Chief of Clan Colquhoun and Bob Anstey, Commodore of the nearby Faslane Naval Base. They were accompanied by a pipe band as they completed a full lap of the field where Chief Hector declared the games officially open and the traditional celebrations began.

It was glorious weather with much to do and see throughout the day. Most popular were the heavyweight events and the Highland Dance competitions with many other sporting events available including visitors' races. Various food and trade stalls and the traditional beer tent added to the excitement.



(L) Chief Hector with Sir Malcolm Colquhoun

(R) Chief Hector, Sir Malcolm, Lady Colquhoun and Sephton McQuire Games Organiser



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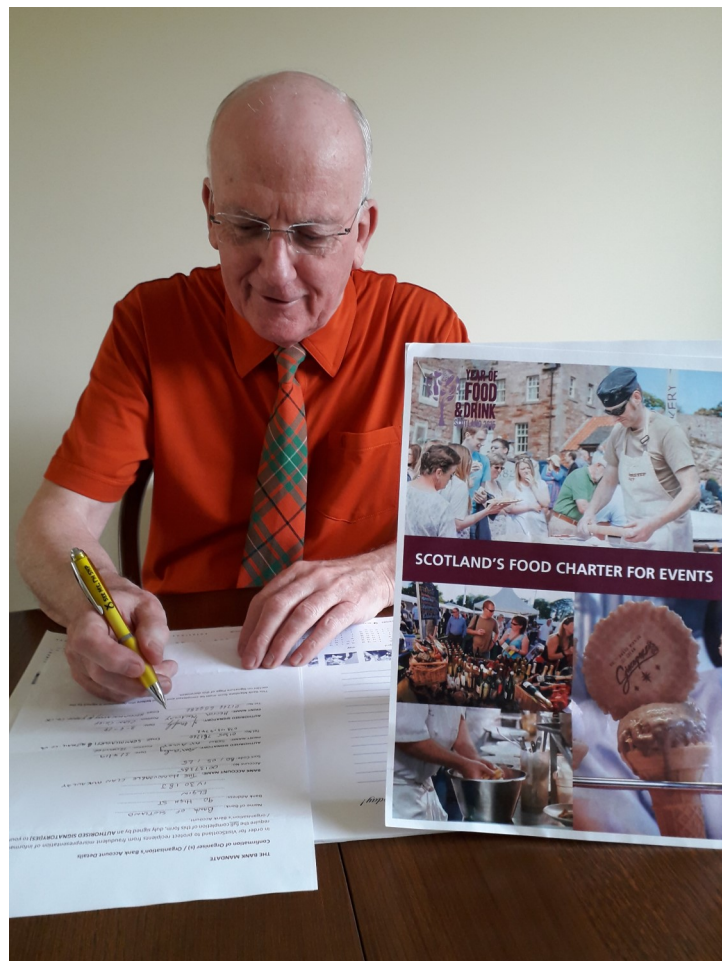
CLAN CHIEF SIGNS UP TO SCOTLAND'S FOOD CHARTER

When our Clan Chief signed up to Scotland's Food Charter he said "This year our International Clan Gathering to be held in September at Aviemore is being sponsored by the Scottish Government's Clan Event Fund. As part of the sponsorship we have agreed to sign up to promote the Government's Scottish Food Charter.

The Food Charter is aimed at promoting Scotland's fast growing food and drinks industry. An industry that exported over £6B last year and is expected to grow even further in the years ahead as our iconic products like salmon and whisky becoming increasingly popular around the world.

There is a developing taste for Scottish produce which is regarded as some of the finest in the world and which is driving steady growth for the industry and the Scottish economy as a whole, with exports of whisky valued at over £4B with food exports including sea fish products valued at over £2B.

Local, national and international events held in Scotland offer an outstanding opportunity to celebrate and showcase our local produce. We shall aim to promote quality Scottish food and drink at our Clan Gathering with the focus on offering a quality Scottish menu throughout the event as well as visiting venues producing quality Scottish products. A display of food and drink promotional material will be given prominence throughout the Clan Gathering"



Spotlight on Hector!

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Position in Clan MacAulay:

Clan Chief

Why did you become Chief of Clan MacAulay?

To create an international clan with a sense of purpose.

Birthplace?

Nairn, Morayshire, Scotland.

Where do you currently live?

Crieff, Perthshire, Scotland.

What's your current job or profession?

Enterprise Education Consultant.
(Developing student's interpersonal skills.)

What's your favourite hobby/activity?

Country Dancing, Hill Walking and Fishing.

Who's someone you admire and why?

Zachary MacAulay for his huge contribution to abolishing the slave trade which made him one of the great social reformers of his time.

What is your most unique talent?

Jack of all trades, master of none, although good at teambuilding, marketing, etc.

What's your favourite beverage?

16 year old Lagavulin single malt whisky and a good Scottish real ale.

What's your favourite kind of music?

Scottish dance music and folk songs. I also confess to being a Rolling Stones fan.

What's your favourite place to travel and why?

North West Scotland for its sheer beauty. Also Spain for some sun and Sangria.

Your personal motto?

Try to change things for the better.

Which branch of the MacAulays do you hail from?

Loch Broom and Ullapool. A unique grouping from Kintail, Wester Ross.

What's the name of the oldest MacAulay ancestor you've traced back in your line?

Alexander MacAulay May 1780, Letterfearn, Kintail.

Have you taken a DNA test? Yes, FTDNA.



Submitted by
Laurence
MacAuley,
Host of the
2017
Gathering in
Carrickfergus,
Northern
Ireland

I fondly remember meeting Hector for the first time at our first gathering 'The Homecoming' in Edinburgh in 2009.

As the first Irish ever to attend a MacAulay gathering Karen and I were both quite apprehensive about the workings of the clan and how we as interlopers from across the sea would be accepted by its members. Hector, clan secretary at the time, however, was to put us at ease right away and soon had us enjoying the clan camaraderie aboard a bus bound for a garden party at the Edinburgh home of Lord and Lady MacAulay of Bragar.

Within time Hector was to become Clan Chief and what a worthy one he turned out to be. The clan made great strides with him at the helm.

He will be a hard man to replace!

I must say that I was always very jealous of his gathering ceilidh dance skills as he and his good lady whizzed around the dance floor leaving the rest of us in their wake...and as such I have it on good authority that they shall be appearing on the upcoming first series of 'Strictly Ceilidh Come Dancing'! Get your money on them now!

Laurence



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Submitted by
Christiane
MacAulay
Readhead,
Membership
Secretary

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What's the first thing you did when you got a fancy new computer in the 90's and were exposed to the World Wide Web for the first time?

Well, I search for the name Macaulay of course, and I came across something that led me to write to the then Organiser, one Hector MacAulay. In fact I sent him a card and included all the MacAulay family members I could name in my extended family! He must have thought 'who's this crazy woman!' but I was so excited to write to a fellow MacAulay who wasn't part of my immediate family down in the South of England where I and the majority of my extended Macaulay family still live. Gracious as Hector is he wrote back thanking me for my interest and telling me about a 'Gathering in a place called Dingwall, Scotland'. I was hooked and after chatting to one of my brothers, John Bernard Macaulay, we made plans for a road trip to Scotland. We took along with our Mother, Anneliese Macaulay. It was one of the first Gatherings in the new era of the MacAulay Clan.

Hector very soon became a great friend and mentor to me of everything Scotland. Over the years and along with various family members and friends, I've attended all but two Clan Gatherings and have some fantastic memories of the MacAulay people and places, we, as a Clan held our Gatherings. I'm not a great writer but I do love to take photos, so in my photo archive, I have hundreds of photos documenting the Gatherings and yes I have a fair few of Hector and Kate and their exploits at the Gatherings. ...cont'd



Hector and Christiane, Edinburgh 2014

Submitted by
Christiane
MacAulay
Readhead,
Membership
Secretary

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My late husband Paul Readhead and I even went on two International Gatherings that Hector and Kate attended, along with other great stalwarts of the Clan, Betty Ribble and Bud & Tena Lush. One in Williamsburg, Virginia, USA and one in Fergus, Wellington County in Ontario, Canada. They were both brilliant and we often joked that the US and Canada do Scotland better than Scotland. The Highland Games there are not to be missed; they are always done on a big scale.

Many of you may know that Hector has a great eye for detail, and so before he was Chief of Clan MacAulay he was the Organiser of events and especially the Gatherings. Each time we had an event it was said it couldn't better the last but each time it did. Often there weren't great MacAulay numbers at the Gatherings but I liked that as during the course of a long weekend event you had time to visit with and get to know each person attending.

One of Hector's close friend and helpers within the Clan was Iain 'Og' MacAulay who lived with his wife Avril in Kilwinning in North Ayrshire, Scotland. These two men, when they got together were 'Trouble' but in the very nicest way. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Hector and I remember one cold Sunday morning he drove down from his home to Stirling to show me round Stirling Castle. I learned a lot about the history of the Castle but I learned more about the big hearts the Scots have and none come bigger than Hector's. I could tell you a hundred more stories about our beloved Chief Hector but you'll have to ask me about them some time.

Christiane MacAulay Readhead



L-R: Kate and Hector, Betty Ribble, Christiane MacAulay Readhead

Submitted
by
Committee
Member
Neil
MacAulay

2015 Oban Gathering
Neil MacAulay, Laurence
McAuley, Catriona MacAulay
MacKenzie, Hector, Walter
MacAulay and Barry Macaulay

Hector has been a rock for our Clan for many years and he has given a lot of time and effort to the cause. Always has a nice smile and a very calm manner, ably supported by his good Lady Katie. He will be much missed as Chief but I am quite sure some able person will take his place, to keep our great Clan going forward.



Submitted
by Bob
Macaulay,
Comm. ,
Southern
Missouri

2015 Oban Gathering
Bob Macauley, Mike
Macauley, Joan MacAulay,
Hector and Laurence MacAuley

Hector, has been the quintessential Chief for the MacAulay Clan! He looks, walks, talks, dances, and dresses better than anyone else in the Clan, so, yes, he is the epitome of everything a member could expect from their leader! We have been blessed for many years to have Hector leading the Clan charge, and I will miss his delightful humour, and knowledge of all things MacAulay as he lead our Clan Executive meetings. It has been an honor and privilege working with Hector, and his leadership will be missed.

All Hail the Chief!



Submitted by Member Betty Riddle

Thinking back to our first meeting it was also to be my first attendance to the second reawakening Gathering of the Honorable Clan Macaulay at the Tulloch Castle, Dingwall. My eldest daughter was accompanying me for the great adventure to Scotland. As we arrived a day early we were enjoying an evening meal and getting acquainted with other early arrivals for the weekend. Amongst those



having a meal in the pub area at the Castle was one Hector Macaulay. We all had some good laughs and talk of our relation to the family name Macaulay. At one point in the discussion, my daughter Sally looked at Hector and said you know you remind of my grandfather Macaulay. I think I had a moment of who? And then realized she was speaking of my father whom I had had similar thought but had said not of it. I must say that while physical appearance was one thing it was his quiet-spoken ways that added to the occasion. Thus a fine friendship developed from this moment.

In my further study of the Harp and the Gaelic language at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig I took the opportunity to travel up to Ullapool to attend our Gathering. It was so nice to see so many of our Scottish members and amongst them was my new friend Eachain. I greeted him by this name to his surprise and to others standing nearby. A question was asked about the name and I recall Hector's reply that his father had called him by this name as well. From that point any correspondence we exchanged or when I would first see him he was always Eachain to me.

I do think there should be a word noted here of Hector's strongest supporter, Kate. She has been at his side through all the events and extended a warm welcome to all. She, Hector and I have enjoyed hitting the Ceilidh dance floor for good turn at the Dashing White Sargent at many a clan Ceilidh. Both he and Kate have been active in their Scottish Country Dance group so you can be sure of a good turn around the floor, especially for the Polharrow Burn. It is a dilly.

My thanks to you Hector for your service and to your lovely Kate. You have represented us well and I hope you will continue to be one of the go-to members for the future.

Submitted by
Ruth Cooper,
Commissioner,
New Zealand

Bruce and I have known Hector since the 2000 Gathering at Tulloch Castle Dingwall when he was the Organising Secretary. These were the early days of the International Clan when Commander Iain MacAulay was proposed as Chief of the Clan to the Lord Lyon and all the pomp and ceremony of the Derbhfine at Tulloch Castle Hotel again in 2001. It was 2003 Gathering at Rosslea Country House Hotel when Chief Iain planted the tree as our Chief, only to die a few days later. Hector and Kate were always there to organise, welcome and support fellow Clan members at all times happy or sad. This constancy of Hector's work has really cemented the Clan into a strong international organisation. Bruce and I have attended at least 8 of the Gatherings since 2000 and Hector and Kate have attended them all.

In February 2013 Hector and Kate came to stay with us in Christchurch. This was after the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 but our house was still comfortable and we asked our Macaulay families and other Clan members to drinks in the garden hence Hector and I enjoying the sun in front of our pool.



Hector was chief of the day at our Scottish Cultural festival at Riccarton House and presented the prize to the best dressed young Highland Dancer. ... cont'd



Submitted by
Ruth Cooper,
Commissioner,
New Zealand

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We have been so fortunate to have had Hector as our Chief and appreciate all his correspondence, wisdom and fun over so many years.

Hector and Kate are a magnificent couple dancing and regularly support Scottish Country dancing. Seen here at one of our gatherings in Scotland.



After the Crieff 2013 Gathering Kate and Hector spoilt us with 3 days at Pitlochry hiking around above Aberfeldy. That Scottish view was unforgettable followed by a visit to nearby Menzies castle Kate's Clan home. Another day Hector had us climbing all those stone steps 2700 ft up another Munro.



While in New Zealand we took Hector and Kate to our holiday house at Lake Tekapo in the Mackenzie Country of the South Island. On a clear day we drove to the Hermitage Mt Cook and walked the Hooker paths to where the Glacier is now a lake with huge chunks of ice and the wind blows. Kate, Bruce and I made it all the way over 2 swing bridges with great views of Mt Cook. Hector preferred solid ground but did manage this one. And on the way back to Tekapo taken with Lake Pukaki in the background.



Through the years with Hector ...



Hector, Ian 'Og' MacAulay and Donald Macaulay
2nd Aug 2003 at The Clan Gathering Rhu, Scotland



July 2004 we had our Annual Clan Gathering in Rhu,
Helensburgh, Near the old Ardencaple Castle.



Hector and Kate, Ullapool 2005



Isle of Lewis Gathering 2006

Through the years with Hector ...



Acting Chief Hector at the 2006 Fergus Games, Canada



Hector and Kate at Fergus 2006



Inverness 2007



Hector dancing up a storm with Beth,
Inverness 2007

Through the years with Hector ...



Inverness 2007



Laurence and Hector
Homecoming Edinburgh 2009



Williamsburg 2009



Williamsburg 2009

Through the years with Hector ...



Karen & Laurence, Myrtle & Ross, Kate & Hector



Carnlough, Northern Ireland 2011



Kate & Hector, Crieff 2013

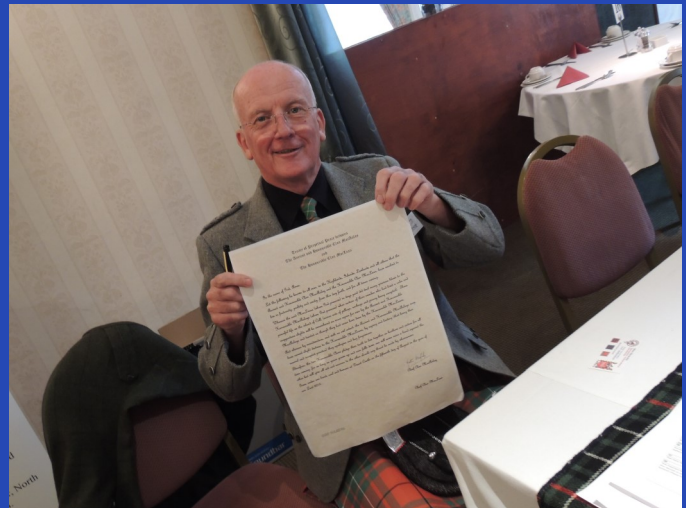


Hector, Crieff 2013

Through the years with Hector ...



Bannockburn Live! 2014



Oban 2015



Oban 2015



Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland 2017

Upcoming North American Highland Games

*Note: Please
confirm dates on
the website.*

CANADA

Festival of the Tartans & Highland Games

Jul 17 – Jul 21 Pictou County NS

The New Brunswick Highland Games Festival

Jul 26 - Jul 28 Fredericton NB

Okanagan Military Tattoo

Jul 27 - Jul 28 Vernon BC

Uxbridge Scottish Festival

Jul 27 Uxbridge ON

Glengarry Highland Games

Aug 2 - Aug 3 Maxville ON

Montreal Highland Games

Aug 4 Montréal QC

The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Aug 9 - Aug 11 Fergus ON

Canmore Highland Games

Aug 31 - September 1 Canmore AB

Calgary Highland Games

Aug 31 Calgary AB

UNITED STATES

Arizona Highland Celtic Festival

Jul 21– Jul 22 Flagstaff AZ

Michigan Annual Highland Games

Aug 3 & 4 Troy MI

Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival

Aug 3 & 4 Monterey CA

Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games

Aug 4 & 5 Lakewood CO

Redwood Highland Games

Aug 10 & 11 Blue Lake CA

Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival

Aug 18 Augusta ME

Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering

Aug 17 & 18 Hamilton MT

Long Island Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Aug 25 Glen Head NY

153rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games

Aug 31 and Sep 1 Pleasanton CA

Caledonian Club of San Francisco

Sep 1 & 2 San Francisco CA

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Sep 5-8 Estes Park CO

Middle Tennessee Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Sep 7 & 8 Whites Creek TN

Columbus Scottish Festival

Sep 8 & 9 Columbus IN

Prescott Highland Games & Faire

Sep. 13-15 Prescott AZ

Scotfest Oklahoma

Sep 14 to 16 Tulsa OK

New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival

Sep 21 to 23 Concord NH

Ligonier Highland Games

Sep 22 & 23 Altoona PA

Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival

Sep 27 to 29 Bethlehem PA

Dixon Scottish Games and Gathering

Sep 28 Dixon CA

Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival

Sep 28 & 29 Jefferson TN

The aim of Clan MacAulay International is the promotion of the spirit of kinship, harmony and unity within the Clan, fostering interest in Scotland ... the land, our origins, our history in a multicultural world. The clan aims to promote Clan MacAulay and its place in Scottish history both in Scotland and overseas. Our Clan is based on Democracy and Meritocracy not Aristocracy and Patronage.

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