



# Cameron



*The Magazine of Clan Cameron New Zealand Inc.*



*The Hororata Highland Games 2020*

*Photo: Nick Cameron*



*We wish you all  
A Happy Christmas and  
a Healthy and Enjoyable 2021*



*At the Manawatu Tattoo*

*Photo: Neville Wallace*

**Vol 54 No6  
December  
2020**



*Where the standard was raised 275 years ago—Glenfinnan on Loch Shiel*

*photo: Bill Cameron*

## “Cameron”

is the magazine of the  
Clan Cameron Association of New Zealand (Inc)

### Directory

**Hereditary Chief and Captain of Clan Cameron**  
Donald Angus Cameron of Lochiel,  
Lord Lieutenant of Inverness,  
Achnacarry, Spean Bridge,  
Imverness-shire, Scotland. PH34 4ES

**New Zealand President and Commissioner**  
Nick Cameron  
322 Auchenflower Road, RD 1 Darfield 7571  
Ph. 027 232 6664  
nick.cameron@cropmark.co.nz

**Secretary**  
Tanya Cameron  
97B McGarvey Rd, Whakatane 3120  
Ph. 027 293 5603 Tanya.cameron30@gmail.com

**Treasurer**  
Alison Thompson  
8A Mana Street, Otumoetai, Tauranga 3110  
Ph. 027 525 4766 alison.th59@gmail.com

**Genealogist and Historian**  
David Weston  
14 Tanguru Street, Wanganui 4500  
Ph. (06) 343 2539 westmor@yahoo.com

**First Light Exchange Convenor**  
Bryan Haggitt  
96A Lucerne Road, Remuera, Auckland 1050  
Ph. (09) 524 5254 bchecho@xtra.co.nz

### Branch Presidents

**Auckland**  
Rob Cameron  
15B Gavin Street, Ellerslie, Auckland 1060  
Ph. 022 525 3151 robcameronnz@gmail.com

**Bay of Plenty**  
Tanya Cameron  
97B McGarvey Rd, Whakatane 3120  
Ph. 027 293 5603 Tanya.cameron30@gmail.com

**Gisborne**  
David Cameron,  
885 Wharekopae Rd, RD2 Gisborne. 4072  
Ph. (06) 862 7803 camerondvd@xtra.co.nz

**Hawke's Bay**  
Hamish Cameron  
76 Jarvis Road, RD 5, Hastings 4175  
Ph. (06) 876 7509. h.jcameron@nowmail.co.nz

**Iar (Taranaki / Whanganui)**  
Neville Wallace  
275 Turuturu Road, RD 14, Hawera 4674  
Ph.(06)278 6005. neville.wallace@talk2me.co.nz

**Manawatu**  
Russell Cameron,  
6 Woodland Grove, Feilding 4702  
Ph. (06) 323 7432 russelldcam@gmail.com

**Wellington / Wairarapa**  
Graeme Cameron  
4 Karamu Street, Ngaio, Wellington 6035  
Ph. (04) 977 6250 glcameron@outlook.com

**Canterbury**  
Nick Cameron  
322 Auchenflower Road, RD 1 Darfield 7571  
Ph. 027 232 6664  
nick.cameron@cropmark.co.nz

**Magazine Editor**  
Neil Cameron,  
28 Oxford Terrace, Devonport, Auckland 0624  
Ph: (09) 446 1177 kncam@xtra.co.nz

**Web Co-ordinator**  
Tanya Cameron Tanya.cameron30@gmail.com

**Facebook**  
<https://m.facebook.com/ClanCameronNZ>

## A Message from our Commissioner...

Dear Clansfolk,

We were very lucky that the Hororata Highland Games event was held on the 7th November considering that the traditional Canterbury A&P show had to be cancelled. The Clan Tent was well visited and thanks particularly to my wife Julie and son's partner Ann-Marie who were able to help. A special thanks to Maggie Donald for carrying our banner in the opening ceremony parade.

For anyone interested there will be a Piping and Dancing event at the Archery Lawn, Christchurch Botanic Gardens on the 5th December. This replaces the traditional Victoria Square Day.

Other events worth mentioning are Palmerston North on the 12th December, Dunedin on the 20th and 21st February and the Nationals in Napier on the 19th and 20th March 2021. We were pleased to hear that my nephew Glen Rodgers was appointed following a vote from the bands of New Zealand to be appointed as a National Drumming judge for the 2021 National Pipe Band Contest event.

With my grand-daughter Andrea continuing her dancing contesting ... it led me to look up the meaning of some of the origins of the various dances that are performed. In particular is the Seann Triubhas. This word is Gaelic for "old trousers" and the dance symbolises the shedding of the trousers for the kilt. Perhaps someone more knowledgeable could write an article for our clan on the more exact origin of this dance.

I hope you are all keeping well and I hope you all enjoy Christmas as much as we intend to do!

Good wishes and keep safe.

Cheers,  
Nick



## And from Lochiel, our Chief ....

It is very difficult to concoct a cheerful message in these troubled times and my overriding thought is that I hope clansfolk around the world are safe and well. Covid is proving to be a devastating pandemic and we can only hope a vaccine becomes available in the near future. It was sad (but obviously correct) to cancel the International Clan Gathering planned for the summer and I wonder when it will be possible to reschedule – only time will tell.

My family are all well and, God willing, we will have two more grandchildren next March bringing the number up to ten and making Xmas even more expensive !

The Estate is in good shape and the Hydro schemes are making a difference with regard to planning and cashflow. We are currently making a big effort to improve the garden which is a lovely, long term project.

I realise that clan branches are unable to function properly at this time but my thanks to all of you who keep the clan spirit alive. I am very grateful to those who spend time and trouble on clan activities.

I wish you a happy Christmas and hope that 2021 is a happy and healthy year for all of us.

Lochiel



**Clan Cameron New Zealand  
Website**

[www.clancameronnz.co.nz](http://www.clancameronnz.co.nz)

**Next Magazine Deadline is 15 Jan 2021**

**Printed By**

**The Clan Cameron Interactive  
Network**

<http://clanameron.ning.com/>

## Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:

Canterbury Branch

Jan Egarr

Nelson

*Ceud Mìle Fáilte  
One Hundred  
Thousand Welcomes*

## Cameron Stories Shared

From Clan Cameron Australia News—November 2020

### Edition 1

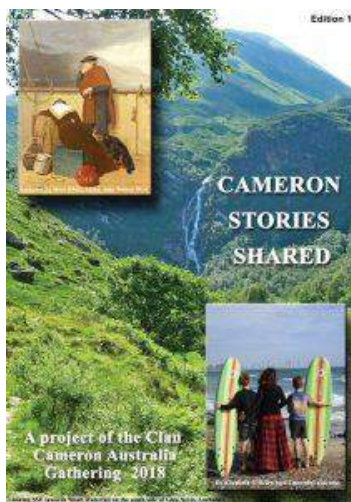
After some delay the Cameron Stories Shared – Edition 1 is now available via a link on the header of the Clan Cameron in Australia website.

<https://clan-cameron.org.au/>

At the Clan Cameron Australia Gathering held at the Gold Coast 20-22 April 2018 we asked people to share their stories of their Cameron ancestors, particularly those who are part of the Scottish diaspora. We asked people to tell us about the location and lifestyle of their ancestors in Scotland, how their ancestors travelled and where they travelled to and to relate the subsequent story in their new home. Did their ancestors leave Scotland willingly or with a heavy heart? What happened to the Camerons, the Clarkes, the MacSorleys, the Chalmers, the Taylors, the MacMartins, the Gilberts, the MacPhails and the many other families associated with Clan Cameron when they left Scotland?

This book is a result of the stories that were so generously shared. We want to say thank you for all who contributed. The stories have not been edited, except for brevity where necessary.

These are your stories and we thought it important that



they be told in your words.

We hope that you enjoy these stories and we encourage you to record your own family history! The stories of those before you helped shape who you are. In telling their story you can feel part of something greater than yourself since you are the connection between the generations before you and those that follow after.

This is the thing that unites us to our bloodline and to our fellow clansmen and clanswomen.

Edition 1 may undergo further refinement with both the content and presentation.

If you wish to contribute your own story for the 2nd Edition or amend your story in the current edition please submit your copy to the Secretary, Terry Cameron, Clan Cameron NSW Inc. See contact details below.

The Secretary, Clan Cameron NSW Inc. 24 Park Road SPRINGWOOD NSW 2777 or [secretaryclancameronnsw@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryclancameronnsw@gmail.com)

Final date for submissions will be 30 June 2021.

A concise story, typed in Times New Roman 12pt font, 2-4 pages with photos or images is

recommended.

*By Editor:*

*Clan Cameron Australia have invited New Zealand contributions and these will be welcomed. NZ attendees at the Australian Gathering will already have been invited to contribute. This is open to all of us so let's hit the keyboard.*

## Coming Events

### Sunday 6 December 2020

#### **Auckland Branch Christmas Luncheon**

12.30pm at the Whisky Room at the Good Home in Normanby Road, Mt Eden. All are welcome.

This will be preceded by a short committee meeting at 12 noon. Please let Jenny Haggitt know if you are coming to the luncheon. <bchecho@xtra.co.nz> 09 5245254

### Saturday 12 December 2020

#### **Jenny Mair Highland Square Day**

The Square, Palmerston North  
8am – 6.30pm.

A great day for all.

See Manawatu Report on page 4.

### Saturday 12 December 2020

#### **Wellington/Wairarapa Branch Pre-Christmas Get-together**

Margrain Vineyard, Martinborough.  
See W/W Report on page 5

### Saturday 23 January 2021

#### **Auckland Branch Annual Dinner (postponed from 22 August 2020)**

The Parnell Hotel, 10-20 Gladstone Road, Parnell. 6pm for 6.30pm.

Contact Neil, [kncam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kncam@xtra.co.nz), for a flyer. Flyer for Auckland members enclosed with this magazine.

### Saturday 30 January 2021

#### **Turakina Highland Games**

Cameron Road, Turakina  
Come and enjoy a day in the country.  
Starts 8.30am.

[www.turakinahighlandgames.co.nz](http://www.turakinahighlandgames.co.nz)

### Saturday 13 February 2021

#### **28th Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo**

9am to 9pm Paeroa Domain.  
The Cameron tent will be there.  
[www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz](http://www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz)

### Sunday 21 February 2021

#### **Proposed Bay of Plenty Branch Luncheon.**

To be confirmed.

### Sunday 21 February 2021

#### **Manawatu Branch AGM**

Mt. Lees Reserve

### Saturday/Sunday 19 and 20 March 2021

#### **National Pipe Band Championships**

Napier and Hastings.

### Saturday 10 April 2021

#### **National Gathering and AGM**

*By Neville:* At this point we have date and venue organised I have one speaker of National recognition and another well-known local who has not confirmed availability due to a proposed overseas trip pending the spread Corona Virus. Even our certainty of staging this event is up in the air till maybe February next year. When we can act with more certainty.

The function will start approximately 1.30pm at the Hawera Club 38 High Street Hawera, (opposite the Ford Dealership) with our executive meeting, followed by a light afternoon tea and then our national Annual General Meeting. We are aware of costs and trying to minimise them!

Dinner will be at 6pm this will be an event open to the public to portray how our ancestors brought the Scottish culture to NZ, such as Farming and was influential in establishing the University of Otago This may be preceded by an entertaining quiz so learn your Scottish history. Our guests may wish to speak or take part in an entertaining debate; topic yet to be decided

*By Editor:* Registration form will be with the February newsletter.

## From the Branches....

*The views expressed in these reports are those of the writers. Some have been lightly edited.*

### **Auckland** by Rob Cameron

There has not been any clan movements since the executive meeting held back in September. We are planning to have a get together luncheon before Christmas, then we will be preparing for our annual dinner in January. The Scottish Clans Association had its AGM in early October and will be having their annual dinner on the 28th of November. Some Auckland clan members are set to attend this event and I look forward to seeing them there. On the Pipe band scene, most Auckland bands are preparing for the Auckland Farmers parade which will be 29th of November, depending on any restrictions that maybe put in place between now and then, however everyone is hopeful this will go ahead. Much like the rugby, I expect this will have a large attendance from the public. Pipe bands are also preparing for other Christmas parades, I will be playing for Papakura, Papatoetoe, and Te Atatu parades.



### **Manawatu** by Anne Walker

The last few months of 2020 are flying by. Clan Cameron Manawatu have been quietly preparing for the next important events on our annual calendar.

On Saturday December 12th you will find Clan Cameron Manawatu at the **Jenny Mair Highland Day** in the Square Palmerston North. Our marquee will be there to provide a hospitality venue for members and friends to call in and visit for a while and to enjoy the piping and marching from a good vantage point. Please come along and join us. We plan to have complementary tea and coffee for visitors, and haggis tasting for everyone.

**Turakina Highland Games** will be held on Saturday 30th January 2021, and as usual Clan Cameron will be there with our marquee. Plenty of information about the Clan will be available, and we are all looking forward to catching up with old friends and Clan members we have not seen for some time.

Our AGM is planned for 21st February 2021, at the Mt Lees Reserve, Feilding

### **Hawke's Bay** by Hamish Cameron

Here we are again looking at Christmas just around the corner and inevitably reflecting on the year that was - - - - - or maybe in this case "the year that was cancelled." This time last year I was musing as to the unlikelihood of the coming year of 2020 being any more challenging than what we had just endured. To be honest though, this time last year we hadn't any idea what COVID - 19 was, or how it would impact on everything we wished to undertake.

Getting on with life and being mindful of how COVID would impact it didn't prepare us, and particularly Napier City, for Monday 9th November.

It didn't just rain, it bucketed non-stop all day and intensified during the night. Some NIWA expert with a remarkably long memory described it as - - - "a one in 250 year flood". Now that guy has been around a long time !!



We ourselves were out in the night digging extra drains to aid the dispersal of never before seen duck-ponds. This week has been clean-up week and an apprehensive appraisal of our 2 meter deep road-side drains that maybe are just not big enough - because at its height the water was a foot above right out across the roadway.

However, we had better think about a Christmas get together and when I rang Maree, our Secretary, as to what format she thinks we should pursue, the cheery response of "I don't know" took me by surprise. From someone of energy, and always with a reasoned opinion, this was not the expected response. When questioned further, she explained that she was in fact speaking from a hospital bed awaiting surgery on both her shattered legs. A delay enforced by massive bruising precluding instant surgery. This situation came about as a result of her and husband Leigh's efforts to secure stacked timber from being washed away in the Napier torrent.-----

So it appears 2020 hasn't finished with us yet-----  
Oh well, next year has got to be more mundane----oops I said that last year!!

By the time you read this we well truly be in the "silly" season and another chance for 2020 to catch us out -So from all of us here in H.B we wish everybody- firstly, a safe Christmas - - which in turn allows happiness its own space to flourish.

This is the time to cherish, not only those closest to us, but those who sit constantly in the back-rooms of our minds--- -those we wonder about but don't "get around" to contacting as often as we should. For it becomes all too "normal" to overlook that they are having challengers too.

One thing 2020 has become synonymous with is the worthwhile mantra of : "Be kind to one another"  
Oh ---And the Teddy Bears in the windows.  
Merry Christmas to all.  
Next year will be a cracker!!!!

### **Bay of Plenty** by Tanya Cameron

Clan Cameron Bay of Plenty has done little since the last newsletter.

Please remember to pay your subs for 2020 so we may keep going as a branch and if anyone has any ideas of gatherings they would like to go out on such as a Clan or morning tea or lunch outings, please let us know. This is your branch too.

We are hoping to hold a luncheon the weekend after the Paeroa Highland Games & Tattoo in February next year. The Tattoo is Saturday the 13th of February 2021 so we will try for Sunday the 21st of February 2021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All and we look forward to seeing you all there.

### **Canterbury** by Rae Magson

Clan Cameron had a Clan tent space at the Hororata Highland Games on the 7th November in amongst a large number of other clans and displays. Nick and Julie Cameron set up the tent early in the morning having cooked a haggis with a 5am start.

The free haggis tasting was a great draw card and provided interesting comments once the contents of it were described in detail!. We had 15 people registering interest in joining the clan as a result of the tent display. Julie Cameron and Hamish Cameron's partner Ann-Marie Butler spent all day looking after the tent and giving out haggis and information about the clan. Nick helped where he could but was involved in duty band piping for the opening ceremony



(since his band were last years winners) and in competing in band events during the day. His daughter Rowan (who manned the tent last year) was likewise somewhat involved in assisting her daughter Andrea competing in 5 different highland dance events... so could not help in the tent as in the past. The games were very well attended with 8,500 people through the gate. The general feeling was that it was one of the most successful games so far and that people were looking for an escape from the restrictions of COVID-19.

Our branch has yet to call an AGM – but this has been partly held back by several factors. Firstly our president is undergoing a major house renovation which is 80% done and he would like to hold it at his home once completed. Secondly we have been wary of holding an event in the event of another COVID-19 pandemic where a lot of our members are elderly.

We have been fortunate and delighted to acquire 2 further branch members Denis and Joy Cameron who are very well known to us. Denis was commissioner from 2006 -2011 and has strong connections to our Ashburton members.

Christmas is coming up fast, my guess is that people will be pleased to get 2020 behind us, it has been a memorable year but one we do not wish to repeat. My granddaughter had originally planned to get married in April, but of course this was not able to happen then due to Covid19. However we had a happy time when the wedding was eventually held in September.

Happy Christmas to all, it is a time of family togetherness.

**Iar (Taranaki/Whanganui)** by Neville Wallace

Well, Shona, myself and Clan Cameron Iar would like to congratulate Neil and Ruth Cameron on their 60th wedding anniversary well done both of you.



Over the last week end of September Shona and I went down to the Manawatu Tattoo that was held in the Manfield event centre in Fielding, an event of Celebrating women in the Arts: Highland dancing, Piping pink, Bras and Brass bands also back by popular demand Suzanne Prentice, Vicki Lee, and several others including equestrian events and kapa Haka this was a very entertaining event and it's a shame that attendance was down.

I am keeping this newsletter brief as I've got more work to do but for those of you with smart phones beware of scam text messages. I got one the other day saying I had a package to pick up and it was the third and final message they were sending. Plus, there was a web address to for more details NEVER CLICK ON THOSE MESSAGES IT WAS A SCAM!!!! To learn more, I called on the Post Office and I learned that there was fifteen other people had called in with the same message.

And a reminder that Clan Cameron Iar is holding the Clan Cameron AGM in Hawera April 10th, 2021 Enjoy these pictures of the Manawatu Tattoo



**Wellington/Wairarapa** by Graeme Cameron

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday 7 November at the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Clubrooms for Ken Cameron who passed away on 10 May (see June newsletter) during the Covid lockdown. Ken was a long serving member of the Wellington-Wairarapa Branch. Ken was a staunch yachting enthusiast at Muritai Yacht Club, a man of well crafted words, and a fine journalist, and a dedicated volunteer at Sailability Wellington. We extend our deep sympathy to Marilyn and Ken's family.



The Wellington-Wairarapa Branch are holding a pre-Christmas get-together at the Margrain Vineyard, Martinborough, on Saturday 12 December 2020. Members, including family and friends, wishing to attend but who have not confirmed their attendance, please contact Rob (phone 06 377-0377) or Graeme (04 977-6250).



Left: Joy and Denis with family. – Bruce, Joy, Denis, Toni and David.



Right: With Grandchildren – Back row – Charmaine, Denis, Nick, Sam, Tom, Alex. — Front row – Sarah, Joy, Sophie.



Cutting the cakes!



**Remembrance Day 2020**

Remembering the more than 25,000 Commandos who trained at Achnacarry. Lest we forget

Photos: Clan Cameron Museum and Achnacarry



**Flashback to 2003**

Lochiel came to have afternoon tea (and a Cameron cake) at the Lochaber college with Lady Margaret to wish David and Bill all the best before they headed over to NZ on the First light exchange. It was organised by Margaret Boyd. Photo: Iain Ferguson

Photo: Bill Cameron



Castle Tioram is a ruined castle that sits on the tidal island Eilean Tioram in Loch Moidart. It is located west of Acharacle, approximately 80 km from Fort William. Though hidden from the sea, the castle controls access to Loch Shiel. Castle Tioram is the traditional seat of the Clanranald branch of Clan Donald. The castle was seized by Government forces in around 1692 when the clan chief Allan Macdonald of Clanranald joined the Jacobite Court in France, despite having sworn allegiance to the British Crown. A small garrison was stationed in the castle until the Jacobite rising of 1715 when Allan recaptured and torched it, purportedly to keep it out of the hands of Hanoverian forces. It has been unoccupied since that time, although there are some accounts suggesting it was partially inhabited thereafter including for the storage of firearms from the De Tuillay in the 1745 Jacobite Uprising.



### Happy 100th

*At a recent socially distanced celebration of Colonel Charles Cameron's 100th birthday at the Black Watch museum in Perth. President of the Clan Cameron association, Dr Roddy Cameron, presented Col Charles with a limited edition bottle of Ben Nevis malt whisky on behalf of the association.*



*Remembering Culloden. Australian and New Zealand Camerons, in Scotland to attend the 2009 Gathering, pose at the Cameron Stone. Colonel Charles Cameron (behind Denis) was the guide for the Culloden visit.*

*Photo: John Cameron*

# *This week in 1745: The prince raises his royal standard at Glenfinnan*

by Ally Entwistle.      Parts 4,5 and 6 (As published in the Lochaber Times)



Today, Borrodale House is a handsome, three-storey house close to the viaduct at Loch nam Uamh.

It can sleep 16 lucky guests who can take a 10-minute stroll to the lochside to enjoy fine views of the head of the loch to the east and out towards Ardnamurchan point to the west.

But what links this genteel holiday let to our weekly timeline of the turbulent events of the 1745 rising?

In a clue to its importance in Jacobite history, the original house burned down in 1746 – after Culloden. It was rebuilt in the late 18th and early 19th century, and is now B-listed.

In 1864 the renowned English Arts and Crafts architect, Philip Webb, converted the derelict house into two buildings, one for the factor and one for the coachman. It was to be his only work in Scotland.

By this time, Borrodale House had been relegated to the status of home farm to the Arisaig estate, and is described by Canmore, the record of the historic environment, as a: ‘Polite, but plain, Georgian tacksman’s house’.

But back in 1745, Borrodale House was to play a pivotal role in the rising, serving as both Bonnie Prince Charlie’s living quarters and the headquarters of the fledgling Jacobite rising. Today you can stand lochside and drink in the historic events, imagining the Du Teillay at anchor and the Prince coming ashore here by visiting the Prince’s Cairn, not far from Borrodale.

The house was owned by Clanranald himself, and let to Angus MacDonald of Borrodale. While the Prince stayed at Borrodale House, most of his men stayed at Kinlochmoidart House.

The last few days of July and the first few of August had been spent on the Du Teillay on covert operations, sending out messages and receiving key players for meetings about the fledgling rising.

Then, on August 4, to emphasise his own resolve and to impress the waverers, the Prince ordered the Du Teillay to sail back to France. She weighed anchor and departed that day.

There is a description of the Prince’s welcome at Borrodale House in the Lockhart Papers: ‘HRH being seated in a proper place, had a full view of all our company, the whole neighbourhood without distinction of age or sex, crowding [sic] in upon us to see the P.

‘After we had all eaten plentifully and drunk cheerfully [sic], HRH drunk the grace drink in English, which most of us understood.’

## **The Prince’s Cairn**

John McCulloch, of the 1745 Association, told us: ‘The Prince’s Cairn marks the traditional spot from where Prince Charles Edward Stuart embarked for France from Scotland on

September 20, 1746, following the failure of the Jacobite rising of 1745.

The cairn is located on the shores of Loch nan Uamh in Lochaber. It was erected in 1956 by the 1745 Association, a historical society dedicated to the study, recording and preservation of the memories of the Jacobite period

In August, 275 years ago, Bonnie Prince Charlie was just a week away from the start of the 1745 Jacobite rising. At Borrodale House, near Arisaig, final preparations were being made. Lochiel and MacDonald of Keppoch both left to gather their men. They would have around 900 and 500 men respectively to fight for the Prince.

As the Jacobite force was mustering, the date was set. As the memorials of Murray of Broughton say: ‘Lochiel with McDonald [sic] of Keppoch, Clanranald [sic], Stewart of Ardsheil [sic] principal gentleman [sic] of Glengarys [sic] family [sic]... agree to have their people in arms in two weeks after, and the Rendezvous was appointed att [sic] Glenphinnen [sic], a small place at the head of Locheil [sic], upon the 19th day of August’.

When Clanranald had gathered about 100 men, the Prince joined the others at Kinlochmoidart House. It is said when he crossed to Glenuig, the delighted locals appeared and danced a reel to welcome him. He stayed at Kinlochmoidart from August 11-18 when he would leave and make his way to stay over night at Glenaladale House, by Glenfinnan.

The lower Clanranald numbers were explained by Alastair Cameron in his book about St Finnann’s Isle on Loch Shiel: ‘Though such places as Gaskan, Annat and Druminlaigh on the Moidart side had suffered considerable depopulation, there were still about a hundred MacDonald males above 25 years of age in the district besides MacEacherns, MacIssacs and MacVarishes, while the Jacobite clans Cameron and MacPherson were well-represented on the Argyll side, the sheep run craze having not yet become so effective as to create many clearances in the Ardnamurchan and Morvern areas.’

The Lockhart Papers reveal that: ‘The Highlanders did not await the raising of the Standard to commence hostilities. On August 14, Captain Swetenham... was captured by Keppoch’s Clan as he was proceeding from Ruthven to Fort William’. Rebellion was in the air.

## **The Seven Men of Moidart**

The Seven Men of Moidart – the Prince’s companions – were commemorated in the mid-1800s by Robertson MacDonald, the owner of the Moidart Estate at the time. He planted a row of seven beech trees in a field on the shore of Loch Moidart. They are clearly seen from the road – a lay-by contains a more modern cairn and plaque telling the mens’ story, erected by The 1745 Association.

Replacements were planted in 1988 after the original trees were storm damaged, but these failed to flourish, so seven more saplings were planted in 2002. These later trees were planted at right angles to the original trees.

It is unclear today exactly which they are, and to the casual observer it appears there are only two-and-two-half men of Moidart still standing.

## **The Prince’s Walk**

Another arboricultural commemoration of the ’45 is the so-called Prince’s Walk at Kinlochmoidart House. An avenue of oak and horse chestnut were planted after the Prince’s stay at Kinlochmoidart, and it is part of a circular walk.

Starting at St Finan’s Church, also built by Robertson MacDonald, the walk takes in views of the house itself. Like Borrodale, Kinlochmoidart House was burned down after



Culloden, on the Duke of Cumberland's orders. It was rebuilt in 1884.



*The royal standard is raised at Glenfinnan on August 19, 1745. Image courtesy of West Highland Museum.*

Although by this week in August 275 years ago the Prince had been in Scotland for almost a month, news of his landing didn't reach Edinburgh until August 8, and Fort William a day later.

When news reached London that the Prince had landed, the British government announced a reward of £30,000 (equivalent to £15 million today) to anyone who seized him. August 10 – In Edinburgh, General Sir John Cope's response to reports of the Prince's presence on the west coast was to order two companies of troops from Perth to march north to strengthen the garrison in Fort William.

**August 15** – the government troops, some 90-100 men under the command of Captain Scott, reached Fort Augustus.

**August 16** – The reinforcements set out early to march down the Great Glen to Fort William. After the best part of 20 miles they were approaching the High Bridge on General Wade's military road just a mile or two from Spean Bridge, when they were ambushed by a small group of Highlanders under Donald MacDonnell of Tiendrish comprising 11 clansmen and one piper.

Two government troops were killed and Captain Scott's mount, a fine grey horse, was taken, and would be later presented to the Prince. As the troops fled back towards Fort Augustus, they were intercepted further along the military road at Laggan by another 20 or 30 Highlanders under the command of Keppoch.

Four redcoats were killed and a dozen wounded, at which point the rest surrendered. What would become the first skirmish of the Rising of 1745 had ended in victory for the Jacobites. Meanwhile, the journey to raise the Royal Standard at Glenfinnan began.

**August 18** – The Prince, the Seven Men of Moidart and other supporters numbering around 50 men, took boats at Dalilea to go up Loch Shiel to stop at Glenaladale, close to Glenfinnan, for the night.

**August 19** – Midday-1 o'clock – After breakfasting at Glenaladale, the company left in a flotilla of small boats. According to a local story, the Prince's boat paused at a bay in order for his oarsmen to rest, now known as 'Prince's Bay', and arrived at Glenfinnan in the afternoon. The Prince was concerned to find there was no clan army waiting for him.

3 o'clock – Lochiel arrived with about 900 men. With Lochiel's men and about 150 of the Prince's Clanranald supporters under MacDonald of Morar, the Royal Standard was raised.

6 o'clock – Keppoch came over the hill with about 350 clansmen and the captured government troops, the redcoats, who had been taken during the skirmish at High Bridge. Whilst Captain Scott was hosted by the Prince, his remaining men were released and told to walk towards the Lowlands.

For two days the Jacobite army stayed at Glenfinnan, with the Prince making his quarters 'in a little barn att [sic] the head of the loch'. Councils of war were held, provisions collected, arms and ammunition distributed, despatches written and an attempt made to organise the clansmen into more regular army units.

**21 August** – At last, with high hopes, the Jacobite army marched eastwards towards Fassfern – the '45 had begun.

The Highlanders threw their bonnets in the air and cheered, shouting: 'Long live King James the Eighth and Charles Prince of Wales, Prosperity to Scotland, and no union.'

## The raising of the Royal Standard

Described as 'about twice the size of an ordinary pair of colours', the Royal Standard was a large banner of red silk with a white area in the middle. It is said that the Standard itself was sewn by the women of Dalilea and that the pole was made by a man called Corbett from Moidart.

It was a dramatic moment as the Standard was unfurled and held aloft by the Marquis of Tullibardine, and it was blessed by Bishop Hugh MacDonald, Morar's brother. Tullibardine then read the declaration, dated at Rome, December 23, 1743, proclaiming the Prince's father, James VIII, as King of England, Scotland and Ireland.

Next, a commission was read in the name of his father appointing Charles, Prince of Wales, to be prince regent. Finally, a manifesto penned by the Prince, dated at Paris, May 16, 1745 declaring that he had come to execute the will of his father by setting up the Royal Standard, asserting his father's undoubted right to the throne of his ancestors, and offering pardon to those who would take up arms on his behalf. Toasts were drunk to the Prince in brandy which he had brought from France.

## The mystery of the 'Glenfinnan Stone'

There are three or four spots at Glenfinnan which vie for the title of the place where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised the Standard. One of them is particularly intriguing. A heather fire which broke out on a hillside at Glenfinnan in 1988 revealed a large, flat boulder with an inscription in Latin which reads: 'MDCCXLV, in the name of the Lord, the Standard of Charles Edward Stuart was set up in 1745, triumphant at last.'

There were three sets of footsteps carved out on the stone, a crown, a cross and the names 'Cameron 827', 'Hugh' and 'Trdine'. Were these denoting Lochiel and the number of men he brought? Was 'Hugh' Bishop Hugh MacDonald? And 'Trdine' the Marquis of Tullibardine? Other carvings were an arrow and the number '4'. Was this the direction of, and the number of steps to, the spot that the Standard was actually raised?

There are local stories that this is the spot where the Standard was raised, carved perhaps within living memory of the event, but there are also stories that the carvings may have been executed much, much later. Near the boulder was a stone, about 12 inches in diameter, with a hole at its centre, which it was presumed was the place where the pole of the



*The large round stone with a hole which is believed to have supported the Jacobite standard at Glenfinnan in August 1745. It is currently on loan to the West Highland Museum. Photograph: West*

Standard would have rested. In 1989 this smaller stone disappeared, and it wasn't until 2009 that a woman contacted Lochaber historian Iain Thornber after watching the TV programme *Countryfile*, realising that the historic stone was sitting in her son's rockery in Hartlepool, England, a gift to

her many years before when she was living in Scotland. The 'Glenfinnan Stone' is now on display in the West Highland Museum.

*With thanks to the Lochaber Times, Mark Entwistle and Bill Cameron*

# *Lt. Col. Charles Cameron*

*By Mark Entwistle*

No surname is more closely associated with the lands west of Fort William than that of Cameron and for the last 100 years it has been borne with pride and courage by the famous clan's newest centenarian.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Cameron MC TD, who celebrated reaching his centenary last Tuesday at his home in Auchterarder, is the youngest son of Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, who was the 25th Chief of Clan Cameron. That makes him the brother of the 26th chief, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel and the uncle of the current 27th chief, Donald Cameron of Lochiel.

He is also the great uncle of Conservative MSP Donald Cameron, who represents the Highlands and Islands. As befits a former officer with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Lieutenant Colonel Cameron's special day was marked with a visit by a piper from the 7th Battalion (51st Highland), The Royal Regiment of Scotland, which is based in Queen's Barracks, Perth.

A piper from 7 SCOTS performed for Lieutenant Colonel Cameron at his home in Auchterarder on his 100th birthday last week.

This was followed by a family lunch at the Crieff Hydro and a presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross Stephen Leckie of a birthday card from the Queen. Lieutenant Colonel Cameron celebrated his 100th birthday last week.

Born on September 29 1920, Lieutenant Colonel Cameron was brought up at the clan's ancestral seat at Achnacarry, near Fort William.

He attended Lorretto School, Musselburgh. In February 1939 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the territorial battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and between 1942 and 1946 saw active service in Egypt, Tunisia, Palestine, Italy and Greece.

Promoted to Major at the end of the war, he commanded the 4/5 Battalion (TA) Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Inverness as a Lieutenant Colonel from 1957 to 1960.

In 1948, Lieutenant Colonel Cameron joined Alginat Industries Limited as manager of its seaweed collection operations at its South Uist factory, later becoming general manager of seaweed production.

He married Felicia Macdonald, from Tote House on Skye, in 1953 and they had a son and a daughter. Felicia died in 2014.

The following year, he started a seaweed collection factory in North Uist and by 1963 was general manager of the Irish Seaweed Company, in addition to the Scottish factories. In 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Cameron oversaw the start of a seaweed factory at Keose on Lewis and in 1970 opened an office in Inverness with John Sanderson, previously the company's manager in Orkney.

Lieutenant Colonel Cameron retired from the firm in 1980 and devoted his energies to serving the people of South Uist from 1952 to 1962 and 1965 to 1974 on Inverness County Council. During this time, he chaired the police and landward health committees.

From 1974 to 1982, he was the member of Highland Regional Council representing Inverness East and Ardersier. In 1963 and 1965 he also stood as a parliamentary candidate for the Western Isles. He served as Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace from 1956 to 1986 for Inverness-shire. Between 1982 and 1986 he was manager of the National Trust for Scotland's Highland properties and in 2010 he moved to Auchterarder, from Nairn.

Lieutenant Colonel Cameron's daughter Johanna Wilson told the Lochaber Times: 'It was wonderful to celebrate my father's 100th birthday, which was such a great milestone.

'The day started with a piper playing outside his house, watched by some of the neighbours. This was followed by a presentation by the Lord Lieutenant Stephen Leckie of the Queen's birthday card and lunch with family members, including three grandsons and a few friends, at Crieff Hydro. 'My dad enjoyed his day tremendously and our family were delighted to mark the occasion in such difficult circumstances. It was a very happy day.'

And Lieutenant Colonel Cameron agreed it had been a wonderful family occasion: 'My birthday was a great success despite the limitations of the coronavirus.

'I was honoured to have Pipe Major Reid from 7 SCOTS playing outside my house, as well as the CO [commanding officer] Duncan Mackinnon, who gave me a message from HRH Duke of Rothesay.

'I enjoyed listening to the piper playing familiar tunes connected to the Cameron Highlanders.'



*Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, Stephen Leckie, presents Mr Cameron with his birthday card from The Queen.*

*With thanks to Mark Entwistle and the Lochaber Times.*



*Charles Cameron passing on Lochiel's greetings at the opening of the International Gathering of Clan Cameron, held in Auckland in 2005. He is accompanied by Neil Cameron, Lochiel's Commissioner in New Zealand at the time.*

By Denis Cameron:

*We spent some time with Charles and Felicia at their home in Nairn when we were in Scotland some years ago, and Charles was also our guide for the New Zealand Cameron tour to Culloden. Fond memories also of his trip to New Zealand when he was the Chief's representative at the International Gathering in Auckland. Felicia died a few years ago and Charles has been in a Rest Home in recent years. A very kind stately gentleman.*

## *Diamond Wedding Anniversaries for Long Standing Clan Members*



*Joy and Denis Cameron were married 29th October 1960 at St Columba Church, Grey Lynn, Auckland, while Ruth and Neil Cameron were married on 5th November 1960 in the Congregational Church, Hayling Island, near Portsmouth, England*

**B**oth couples served Clan Cameron for many years.

Joy was the Bay of Plenty Branch Treasurer for 32 years and was a life member of the branch.

During his 42 years of service, Denis held many positions in the branch, including President, Vice President and Secretary.

Denis was National Secretary of the Association and National President/Lochiel's Commissioner for five years. He was made a life member in 1999.

More about Denis and Joys' dedicated service to the clan was published in the August issue of 'Cameron'.

Denis and Joy have moved to Christchurch to be near family and have joined the Canterbury Branch.

Ruth and Neil did not become involved with Clan Cameron until 1986 when they met Lochiel during his visit to New Zealand and Neil was asked to try to get a branch re-established in Auckland. This he did later in that year, was elected its president and remained so for 15 years. This was followed by 5 years as National President, at the end of which he was made a life member of Clan Cameron NZ. For the last almost 15 years he has been newsletter editor.

Ruth has accompanied Neil to Highland Games at Auckland, Waipu and Paeroa since the branch's inception until recently, when deteriorating health forced her to give it up. She spent full days manning the tent and was instrumental in signing up many new members and sold a great number of jig-saws and cards for First Light.

### ***Eileen Munde - The Burial Island***

**E**ilean Munde is a small uninhabited island in Loch Leven, close to Ballachulish. It is the site of a chapel built by St. Fintan Mundus/ Munnu (who travelled to the island from Iona in the 7th Century).

There are at least 300 graves on Eilean Munde, including those of Big Duncan MacKenzie and Alastair MacLain, two well-known figures. Alistair was a Jacobite fighter from Ballachulish who fought beside Cameron of Lochiel at Battle of Prestonpans in September 1745.

The church was burned down in 1495 and rebuilt in the 1600s. The last service in the church was held in July, 1653.

The island is the site of a graveyard once used by the Stewarts of Ballachulish, the MacDonalDs of Glencoe, and the Camerons of Callart. The clans shared the island and the maintenance of the graveyard, even when there was conflict between them. The last burial took place in 1972, a MacDonald native of Glencoe.



*With thanks to The Rocky Mountain Piper, USA.*



# Aonaibh ri Cheile The Back Page



## Hororata Highland Games



Our Commissioner Nick's daughter Rowan with his granddaughter Andrea and grand-son Evan at an event which occurred last weekend at the local Amberley A&P highland dancing contests. Andrea was first in the Novice Highland Fling, U8 Fling and U8 Sword. She was also highly commended in her Jig.



Andrea dancing and in inset : at the Greymouth Highland Dancing Competition. 1st in Irish Jig & 1st in Highland Fling & 2nd in Sword. She also received the shield for overall most points under 8.



The Clan Cameron tent



Jason Calder at Highland etc



Mike and Stella Fraser-Milne at Whisky Galore



Richard Hawke tuning up a young piper



Graeme Bryce tuning up a young piper



Some of the Clan Tents