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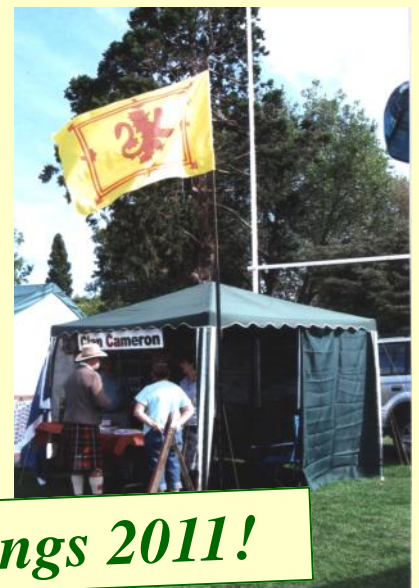
June 2010



A Great Clan Gathering !

Photo: Ed

The Haggis is addressed by Ken Weir, while piper John Frater, of the Wairarapa Ferns and Thistle Pipe Band and the Haggis Party of Don, John, Warren and Rob Cameron look on.



We look forward to Hastings 2011!

The next Clan Gathering will be in Hastings over Easter 2011. Here Mike Topham and Helen Shaw publicise the Clan at this year's H.B. Easter Highland Games. Photos: (l) Duncan McQueen (r) Helen Shaw

Meet our new Secretary and our new Treasurer

Clan Cameron New Zealand's new secretary **Catherine Cameron** has large doses of Scottish blood coursing her veins. Her mother's family are MacLeods from North Uist. Her grandfather came to NZ as a shepherd on Hakataramea Station in North Otago and ended up farming on his own account at Colyton near Feilding. The family have a number of pipers playing today, and like all of us, foster a strong interest in genealogy and Scottish history.

Catherine is married to Rob Cameron, the current Wellington/Wairarapa Branch President.

They have three adult children, 2 based in Wellington and one in Auckland, plus two grandchildren. Rob's father and grandfather are both Past Presidents of Clan Cameron NZ.

Catherine has just retired from her position as Deputy Principal of Palmerston North Central Normal School after a long, interesting and successful career in the Educational field. She has at times been employed as a IT advisor, been seconded to ERO, taught in large schools in the Wairarapa and Manawatu areas and been Deputy Principal at two large schools in Palmerston North. Catherine and Rob farmed in the Wairarapa for 20 odd years before Rob went primary teaching.



They live on a farmlet just north of Masterton with a large garden, in which their youngest daughter Christina will be getting married early next year

Our new national Treasurer is **Alison Jordan**, from the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Born and bred in Taranaki, with her university life in Hamilton, she lived in Wellington for 10 years followed by a further 10 years on Waiheke Island.

Alison went to Ireland for 5 years and now lives in Tauranga with her husband Martin and 3 sons, Edward, Anthony and Nicholas.

She thoroughly enjoyed touring through Europe at every opportunity including Achnacarry and meeting Donald Cameron.

Alison is a 3rd generation chartered accountant following in the footsteps of her grandfather E.K. Cameron and father Ted Drake.

She works full time as national Accounting Manager for Jennian Homes and Milestone Homes.

Alison is a keen supporter of Clan functions and is a descendant of John Cameron of Corrychoillie.



History Corner by Fiona Cameron

Passengers or Swimmers

"15 November 1876

Dear Donald and Mary

Our brother John and his wife Margaret arrived safely here in Dunedin from Glasgow on the 'Strathallen' last week. The wee bairn Ewen was born four weeks into the voyage and is doing well as are his brother Angus and sister little Maggie.

They will stay with us here in Dunedin before joining our cousin Robert in Timaru."

The above letter is fictional wishing thinking on my part. My Cameron forebears were not so accommodating as to leave detailed letters, diaries or any official records of their arrival on these shores. For all I know, many of them swam here!

If your ancestors were equally uncooperative, how can you find when and where they arrived here?

When did they arrive?

As most passenger lists and records are organised by arrival dates, it's useful to first narrow down a possible arrival year.

Was one child born overseas and the next in New Zealand? Did they marry here or overseas? Death certificates from 1875 (and some burial/cemetery records) show how many years a person had been in New Zealand. Intentions to Marry show 'length of residence' for both bride and groom. This refers to residence in the district, but it may also be a guide to length of residence in the country. When does the family start appearing on Electoral Rolls, postal directories or school records? Are they mentioned in newspaper articles or books such as the *Cyclopedia of New Zealand*?

Where did they arrive?

Again, where did the first New Zealand 'events' happen? Are residences mentioned in any official records like births, deaths or marriages? Are there family stories about walking the Bridle Path to arrive in Christchurch?

Where did they come from?

Many immigrants to New Zealand came via Australia, so it can be useful to look for any family records there.

Victoria has some of the best online shipping records, and includes a searchable index of passenger travelling from Victoria to New Zealand.

http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/indexes/index_search.asp?searchid=42

Will there be a record?

So now you may have a good idea of when and where your family arrived. What's the next step? Archives New Zealand has a good research guide to migration records – showing what is (and isn't) available.

http://archives.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Migration_-_A33044_0.pdf

Basically, you are much more likely to find your Camerons in the records if they came here with one of the many immigration schemes – either as assisted immigrants, where part or all of their fare was paid for them, or as nominated immigrants, where they were nominated or sponsored by someone already in New Zealand.

Many passenger lists appeared in local newspapers, so Papers Past is a very useful site to search for these.

Due to shortage of space, Fiona's article will be continued in the next newsletter—Editor

Please contact Fiona if you would like a 'lookup' of the Cameron Shipping Index or assistance with any queries.

Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:



Hawke's Bay Branch
Cusla Cameron

Havelock North

Charlie East

Hastings

Wellington/Wairarapa

By Rob Cameron

Close to 60 clanspeople gathered in Masterton over the weekend of 16th to 18th April 2010 to attend the Clan Cameron New Zealand AGM, to renew old friendships and to enjoy the hospitality of the Wellington/Wairarapa branch. The weekend events began with the Executive Council Meeting being held at the Copthorne Hotel on Friday evening. On Saturday, morning tea was taken before the AGM and afterwards a finger lunch spread.

In the afternoon the organising committee from the Wellington/Wairarapa branch had two local trips arranged. One went north and visited a cheese making venture and a museum while the other went south and visited Aotearoa Stonehenge then a local winery. Both trips were very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by the passengers.

Saturday night's dinner and entertainment was very well attended by clansfolk. The haggis was fervently addressed by expat Scot Ken Weir and this was followed by the meal. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the local Scottish Country Dancing group, a local piper and drummer as well as group singing by all present. The singing was ably led by Ken Weir.

The Sunday morning church service was attended by a good number of clansfolk who gathered at the end of the service to farewell each other and wish them all a safe journey home.

The weekend enjoyed outstandingly fine weather and was deemed to have been very successful by all who attended.



The trip to
Aotearoa
Stonehenge

Photos
By
Rob
Cameron



Canterbury News

by Rae Magson

On Sunday 11 April several Clan Cameron Canterbury members attended the Unveiling of the Scottish Pioneer Tribute organised by the Canterbury Scottish Heritage Council. The plaque is to remember those early pioneers from Scotland that settled in, and made their homes in Canterbury and is at the intersection of Colombo Street and Kilmore Street, Christchurch.

Clan Cameron Canterbury gave a donation towards this plaque. Everybody assembled at the Caledonian Hall in Kilmore Street, and at 2pm paraded to the Tribute site led by the City of Christchurch Pipe Band. There was a Maori Welcome and a welcome by Peter Keller, patron of the Scottish Heritage Council. Alistair Fraser of Clan Fraser unveiling the plaque and there was a blessing by the Rev. Tom Campbell, Minister of St Andrews at Rangi Ruru. Closing remarks were made by Ann Smith, President of the Scottish Heritage Council and the Flower of Scotland was sung. Craig Lowe was the artist and designer of the tribute and Barrie Rendell the piper. At the conclusion of the ceremony afternoon tea was served in the Caledonian Hall and there were various displays in the hall, as well as some highland dancing.

The executive of Clan Cameron Canterbury are organising a membership drive day on 27 June, 2-4pm at the Caledonian Hall. Invitations will be sent out. The New Zealand President and Commissioner, Denis Cameron has indicated he will be able to attend, and we have organised a genealogist to speak to the gathering. There will be displays of Cameron material, but any ideas that you have for this day would be appreciated. Naturally afternoon tea will be served! Also if you know of anyone in the Canterbury area who would like an invitation please let me know. Either at raejohn@xtra.co.nz or write to Rae Magson, 41 Queens Drive, Ashburton 7700.



The Scottish Pioneer Tribute Plaque. Photo by Ngaire Power

First Light Exchangee – Introducing Tristan Sanders

By Heather Cameron

I am delighted to say that a First Light candidate has been selected and will travel to Fort William, Scotland sometime in the next few months. Dale Bailey, Don Cameron and myself met with Tristan and are certain that he will represent New Zealand well and will gain much out of this experience. Tristan Sanders is 19 years old and comes from a farming background. He has spent much of his youth on his parents' dairy farm in South Waikato and hence has many skills and a great 'can-do' attitude.

Tristan comes from a family with strong connections and involvement with Clan Cameron in New Zealand. At present his grandfather, Fraser Cameron, is the president of the Bay of Plenty Branch.

Tristan is looking forward to experiencing a different culture and learning more about from where his family originated. Preparations are underway for his travel. Hopefully the next newsletter will have confirmation of his departure or some stories of his first weeks in Scotland.

Thank you again to those who have, and continue to contribute towards the First Light Exchange programme. It is much appreciated by those we are sending.

Further details and photo of Tristan in next newsletter - Editor

A message from our President

Dear Clan Cameron Members - Ciamar a tha thu?
(How are you?)



Winter is nearly here, but that's no excuse to go into hibernation. Why would you want to when there are so many beautiful winter sights and enjoyable activities on offer?

Most of us think of snuggling up in a nice warm bed at night as a winter treat to look forward to. For many, however, bedtime simply marks the start of yet another night plagued by insomnia or restless and broken sleep.

The temptation to stay indoors is strong this time of the year, but that's no reason to be bored. Winter provides the perfect excuse to catch up with friends or family and enjoy this time together. For the more adventurous, go out and discover the fantastic range of outdoor activities on our doorstep that we take so much for granted. Whatever you choose, have a great winter season.

Thanks: May I thank the Wellington - Wairarapa Branch for a well run NZ Clan Gathering in Masterton, in which, we the members, thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and friendship accorded to us. We all enjoyed the dinner, the items of entertainment and minibus tours of interest in the region. Thanks to all the members for looking after us on such a grand scale. We now look forward to seeing you all next year at Hastings.

Welcome: I would like to welcome two new members to the Executive Council; they are Catherine Cameron, Secretary [Masterton] and Alison Jordan, Treasurer [Tauranga] and hope they enjoy working with us.

Something Scottish: The Highland Cattle breed has a long and distinguished ancestry, not only in its homeland of Western Scotland, but also in many far-flung parts of the world. One of Britain's oldest, most distinctive and best known breeds, with a long, thick flowing coat of rich, hair and majestic sweeping horns, the Highlander has remained largely unchanged over the centuries. Written records go back to the 18th century and the Highland Cattle Herd Book, first published in 1885, lists pedigrees since that time.

New folds, as herds of Highlanders are known, are founded every year both at home and abroad and in recent years Highland Cattle societies have been started in Sweden, Denmark, Austria, Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland and Norway and there are also Highlanders in Luxembourg, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Poland and the Faroe Islands. In the British Isles, folds are found from the furthest south to the extreme north on many different types of ground varying from the slopes of the Sussex Downs, the fenland of East Anglia, to the windswept machairs of the Outer Hebrides.

We must not forget the Americas, Australia or New Zealand where folds have been found in many places. Having had a small fold myself, I found the Highland Cattle interesting and definitely most intriguing. Most of them were very quiet, and never in any way wanted to use their sweeping horns to good effect – that is on the humans; except one we had, which we figured out had been having trouble from the original owner. But the other two were real sweeties and liked to have their faces and ears rubbed and scratched. One of our adult cows had some fascinating eyes – they were most unusual in colouring and very hard to

describe. The person who purchased her did so, because as she told us, these coloured eyes had come from the original Scottish cattle that were seen in many parts of Scotland in ancient times. I was very sorry they had to be sold, but when one of the worst summer droughts to hit the Bay of Plenty was forecast, something drastic had to be done and they finally went down to Southland and one went back to Taranaki.

Who invented retirement?

For most of the world's history the only way people could eat was to toil for as long as possible. If you got sick there was only your family to turn to.

German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck created an old age payment scheme in 1889, but he set the retirement age at 65, which in those days was so old that few got to collect it.

As the Industrial Revolution gained pace, factories needed a stream of workers to man production lines. It suited industry to periodically bump out older workers in favour of younger, stronger newcomers. Pensions eased the blow of being laid off and by the mid 20th century they had become the norm, thus creating for the first time in history a contrived separate life stage known as retirement.

“Leis gach dhurach and Slainte mhath”
[With every good wish and good health]

Denis Cameron

Thank You Heather Lowes

The members of Clan Cameron New Zealand express their sincere acknowledgement of Heather Lowes years of service as the Secretary of our Clan Association. Heather was always willing to take on extra responsibilities, including that of Convenor of the First Light programme.

Heather also recently accepted the duties of Treasurer until our AGM in Masterton. This was much appreciated and we look forward to her further involvement in Clan affairs

Denis Cameron – President

Stop Press!

Fire in Achnacarry Stables

We have just heard that an early morning fire has badly damaged the recently developed holiday accommodation in the former stable block at Achnacarry. No one was injured but the fire caused substantial damage to the property and belongings. It is understood that alternative accommodation has been provided for the occupants. Investigations into the cause of the fire are underway.



Before the fire (l) and after (r) Photos by Bill Cameron



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Cameron

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Articles about Camerons, Branch activities with photographs, and advice of Coming Events are especially welcome.

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Coming events

Saturday 26 June 2010

Scottish Clans Assn Auckland District Inc.
Tartan Day Grand Ceilidh

Greyfriars Church Hall, Mt Eden Road, Auckland
10am—3.30pm
\$5 Door charge—lunch provided
Enquiries to Murdock McDonald 09 298 4802

Sunday 27 June 2010

BOP Branch Mid Winter Luncheon

Tauranga RSA Building, 1237 Cameron Rd, Greerton
11.30 start. Cost \$17.50 per person. All welcome.
BOP members see detailed enclosure
Enquiries to Hazel Cameron: 07 578 1346 or
Ray and Janet Crafts: 07 577 9562

Sunday 27 June 2010

Canterbury Branch Membership Drive

See Page 3 for details

Sunday 27 June 2010

Annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan Service

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Symonds St
Auckland. Banners muster 9.30am, Service 10am.
All Clansfolk welcome.
Morning Tea after the service.
Enquiries to Murdock McDonald 09 298 4802.

Saturday 3 July 2010

Waikato—BOP Combined Clans Tartan Day

Agora Centre, Kent Street, Frankton
11am—3.30pm. Admission \$7, School children free.
Enquiries to David MacLachlan:
lachlan@wave.co.nz
or see Scottish Clans Assn. website below

Saturday 14 August 2010

Auckland Branch Annual Dinner

Fairway Lodge, Glenfield. \$50 per person.
Contact editor for a copy of the flyer.
Mark your calendar now.

April 22-24 2011

Clan Cameron NZ Annual Gathering and AGM

Lindisfarne College, Hastings.
Something to look forward to!

Useful Websites

Clan Cameron New Zealand website
<http://www.camclan.orconhosting.net.nz>

Clan Cameron Online
<http://www.clan-cameron.org>

Clan Cameron Scotland
<http://www.clanameron.org.uk>

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<http://www.clan-cameron.org.au>

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Fraser Cameron

“No shock resignation for this Opotiki electrician”

I wonder how many pairs of white overalls electrician Fraser Cameron has worn over the years.

Since childhood I've observed Fraser going about his business in the Opotiki district in a uniform that hasn't changed one iota. Workplaces the world over have adopted occupationally correct hi-glow codes to keep employed from being squashed by forklifts and skittled by trucks, but Fraser ignores worker-ware fashion and sticks to his Persil-whites.

Even more remarkable is that at 80 years of age, he still goes to work every day doing what he's done for the past 65 years.

“Why wouldn't I?” he says.

In the words of fellow Rotarian Ronny Johnston: “For the last 80 years he's spent 60 of them trying to shock himself.”

Vocationally, Fraser showed an early inclination to work with electricity.

“As a young fellow my brother and I used to build power lines and farms on the back bedroom floor using pegs,” he says.

Fraser was born in Gisborne and raised in the Ormond area. He attended Ormond School then Te Karaka District High School, now Waikohu College.

When it was time for work, he chose to do an electrical apprenticeship over his only other vocational interest, accountancy. He joined the small electrical division at Gisborne firm of Jas J Niven, but soon had cause to regret taking shorthand and typing at school instead of algebra and geometry. The Labour Department ruled he did not have the requisite education for an electrical apprenticeship so he was demoted to general hand. He had to enrol at night school to remedy his mathematical deficiencies.

Eventually, his commitment and a tutor's reference won over the department's bureaucracy and he was able to resume the trade he has stuck to for the rest of his life.

Very quickly he was forced into a role he has filled for most of his working life – the boss. One electrician in the department resigned to take up another job and the other took sick leave after a flickering hot solder into his eye.

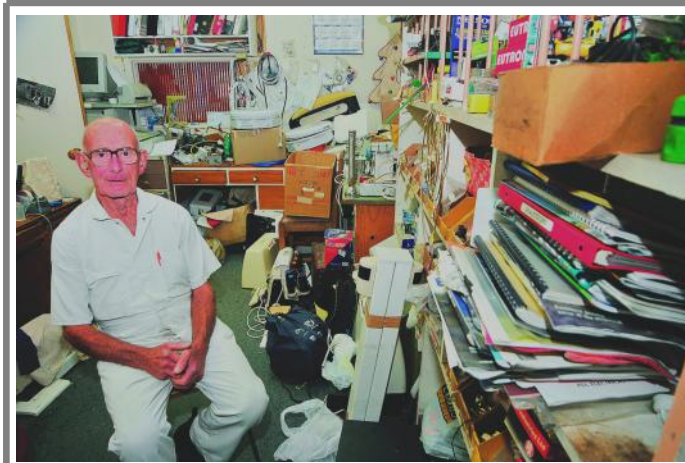
“I've learnt a lot about what not to do and how to do it,” Fraser says.

He failed his first attempt at his apprentice theory exam but recovered well to score the country's top mark at his second attempt and win a gold medal.

Near the end of his apprenticeship he applied for a job with the New Zealand Shipping Company. Excited workmates told him when he arrived for work one day that “a man” from the shipping company had asked for him the night before. Sure enough, a job was in the offing, but he had to be in Wellington in a fortnight to join his ship – the 21,809 gross tons MV Rangitoto.

For three years he sailed with the Rangitoto between Auckland and London, via the Panama Canal, a 28-day voyage. He would spend three weeks in London and three weeks in New Zealand between voyages. The Rangitoto was powered by twin Doxford six-cylinder diesel two-strokes, one for each propeller. It carried passengers and cargo.

He recalls the ship being struck by a large wave once, the effect being to dislodge an anvil in the engineer's workshop, which then plunged off a gang-way and into the engine room, narrowly missing a mechanic.



Accumulated Clutter: Fraser Cameron has worked as an electrician in Opotiki since 1955

Another freak wave struck the ship's port side, broke the gangway and buckled a cabin wall and part of the deck.

He married wife Elaine in 1953. They met while both attended school at Te Karaka. Elaine's father worked on Torere dairy farm Tunapaore and later for Drake Brothers Transport, which operated a bus service linking Opotiki with Te Araroa.

On one of his return trips to Gisborne, Nivens invited him to return to his old job. He rejoined his ship and handed in his resignation, but when he returned from this last voyage it was to discover the engineering firm had restructured and there was no longer a job for him.

He and Elaine travelled to Whakatane to visit Eric Tee and he was offered a job at the board mills, which he took for 12 months. His first daughter, Shona, was born at this time, an event Fraser says he was told about 24 hours afterwards. In 1955 he moved to Opotiki to work for the Bay of Plenty Power Board.

He credits his decision to strike out on his own to Luther Stephenson, who lived opposite what is now Ohiwa Holiday Park. His first encounter with Mr Stephenson was “less than ideal,” he says. “I ran into his car with my V8 truck. It slithered into him on the Ohiwa Road metal.”

“At the time I was doing most of the power board's contracting work and he said to me” ‘If you're going to work for them you might as well do it yourself.’ He pushed me a bit.”

Fraser Cameron Limited opened up originally in what is now AA Insurance building in King Street, Before Fraser moved in it had been the Newells factory, where ice cream was made. The business performed mainly household and domestic work and maintained generators up the coast.

As it grew, space became a constraint and Fraser moved to what is now Aladdins, next door to his present location. He took over the building known as The Fraser Cameron building in 1964, after the

famous flood that afterwards almost brought the town's relocation to Hospital Hill.

Water rose 1.37 metres inside the store and building's owners, D and A Croll, lost heart and moved on.

The bustling Opotiki Dairy Association was an important customer in those days and Fraser provided 24 hour service to the town's mainstay employer. He had four vans on the road most of the time and up to 15 employees.

He was also involved with installation of the original refrigeration systems at the Opotiki Fruitgrower's

Co-operative.

The dairy factory's closure was tough on business and he says if he had not been insured against such a sudden loss of work he may have faced bankruptcy.

He had been told the factory would continue to operate for another 18 months. “Then one day Stuart [his son] came in and told me they had closed.”

Today he continues to run his own company but on a co-operative basis with Cameron Electrical, a business owned by Stuart and daughter-in-law Irene.

“Both of us are not supposed to be out of town at the same time, otherwise things may collapse,” he says.

Indeed, imagining Opotiki without its iconic, overalled kaumatua electrician doesn't bear thinking about.

Written by Geoff Mercer and published in *Bay Weekend* “Our People” 18 April 2009. Thanks to *The Whakatane Beacon* for permission to re-print this story and Geoff Mercer's photograph

From "Fergie's Folk

with Fergie MacDonald

Robert Nairn from Kintra, Acharacle, Argyll.

This gaelic speaking young man plays button accordion, fiddle, bagpipes, whistle, guitar and sings gaelic songs in true traditional style. Where does he excel? Take your pick. He is brilliant at them all.

Although Robert lives near me in Acharacle, I really didn't pay much attention to his musical talents 'til one year I was button accordion tutor at the summer course in Sabhal-Mor-Ostaig, Isle of Skye and Robert was a student on the course. He was a dedicated student. Although lectures finished at five o'clock, Robert was just getting into 'top gear' at that time. He would still be in the lecture room at midnight, playing marches, reels and jigs to his fellow students who could hardly believe what they were hearing. This fifteen year old – which he was at that time, was totally amazing. Robert attended a number of these courses at the gaelic college and I note with great interest that this year, Robert himself is the tutor for the button accordion summer course at Sabhal-Mor-Orstaig. It's a funny old world. Anyhow, I knew then that Robert Nairn was an outstanding musician, and he is proving me correct all along. Where he will finish up is anybody's guess. At present, Robert is a third year student at the Royal Academy of Music in Glasgow, sitting his final degree exams this year. I fully expect him to pass with honours.

Congratulations are very much in order, in that his band recently passed the audition to broadcast on the popular BBC Take the Floor programme. We all look forward to his first broadcast which I bet will be a cracker. Robert Nairn is a true west highland country lad. When at home his time is spent attending to his sheep and cows on the croft in Kintra. He looks so happy when he is ploughing, fencing or driving the tractor with the dogs on board. Being a keen sportsman, Robert plays shinty for Ardnamurchan Shinty Club. I often tell him to give it up. I am terrified that he gets a whack on the fingers from big Jim Clark or Garry Innes.

Robert's newly formed band gathers momentum by the day, and is destined for the very top in the world of



traditional music. I am not going to elaborate much more on Robert Nairn. We will all take much pleasure from following his music career with great interest, because I tell you now, that this button key accordion virtuoso will be one of the biggest names that ever graced the fraternity of button box players.

Well done Robert.

"New two-mile path links memorial with Spean Bridge"

A new two-mile path linking the Commando Memorial and nearby Spean Bridge officially became reality on Friday - thanks to a huge cash donation and the support of a local farmer. Renowned Northumbrian engineer Dr Alan Reece gifted the entire £180,000 cost of the project after forming a close bond with local people during his many holidays in Brae Lochaber.

And local farmer Rory MacDonald,

of Blarour, agreed the path could be laid over his land for a nominal sum. Donald Cameron of Lochiel cut the ribbon across the gate at the Commando Memorial at 12 noon before many of the 40 spectators set out along the winding gravel path for the first time.

Although the route is short, it is packed with sites of historic interest. It passes High Bridge, built by General Wade in 1735-36, and the site of the first skirmish of the '45 Rising when Major MacDonnell of Tirmadris ambushed Captain Scott and his government troops before marching them to Glenfinnan in time to see Charles Edward Stuart raise his standard.

Donald Cameron told the crowd: 'It's been a tremendous effort by a lot of people. Congratulations to everybody.' Dr Reece said: 'The great thing about this path is that it is the best short path in Scotland.

'It will also last and will be here for hundreds of years ahead.'

Dr Reece, chairman of Newcastle-based Pearson Engineering, helped design the path, which required tons of sand and gravel to be flown in by helicopter and bridges built at seven places along the route.

Recently formed High Bridge Spean Bridge Pathway Group, a limited trust company, is leasing the land from Mr MacDonald.

Both articles on this page have been reprinted with the kind permission and help from The Oban Times Thanks also to Bill Cameron



Lochiel cuts the ribbon to officially open the path



The AGM about to begin



Val and John Grant (Wanganui)



Mary & Harry Lampen-Smith, John & Jessie Annabel (Manawatu)



(H B)

Robyn Vuleta, Cath Cameron, Helen Shaw, Trish Topham, Bob Cameron, Mike Topham & Andrea Cameron-Mearns



Erina and Rex Wood enjoy the after dinner dancing (Wellington/Wairarapa)



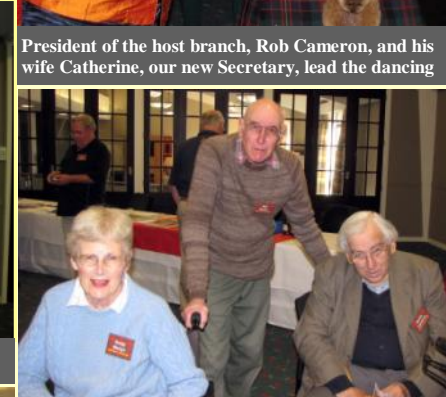
President of the host branch, Rob Cameron, and his wife Catherine, our new Secretary, lead the dancing



Ruth (Ak), Hazel (W/W), Elaine (BOP), & Heather (Ak) Cameron



Roslyne and John Pryce (Hawke's Bay)



Kirsty and Mac Martyn with Bruce Cameron (W/W)



John and Jan Thompson (Wellington/ Wairarapa) with Miriel and Michael Imber (Manawatu)



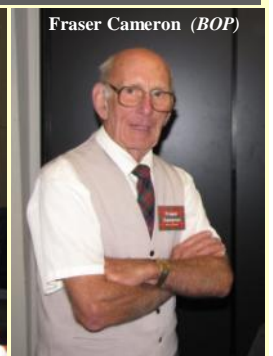
Jean and Ewen Cameron (Wairarapa/Wellington)



Clarice and Marilyn Cameron (W/W)



Lorraine Cameron (W/W)



Fraser Cameron (BOP)