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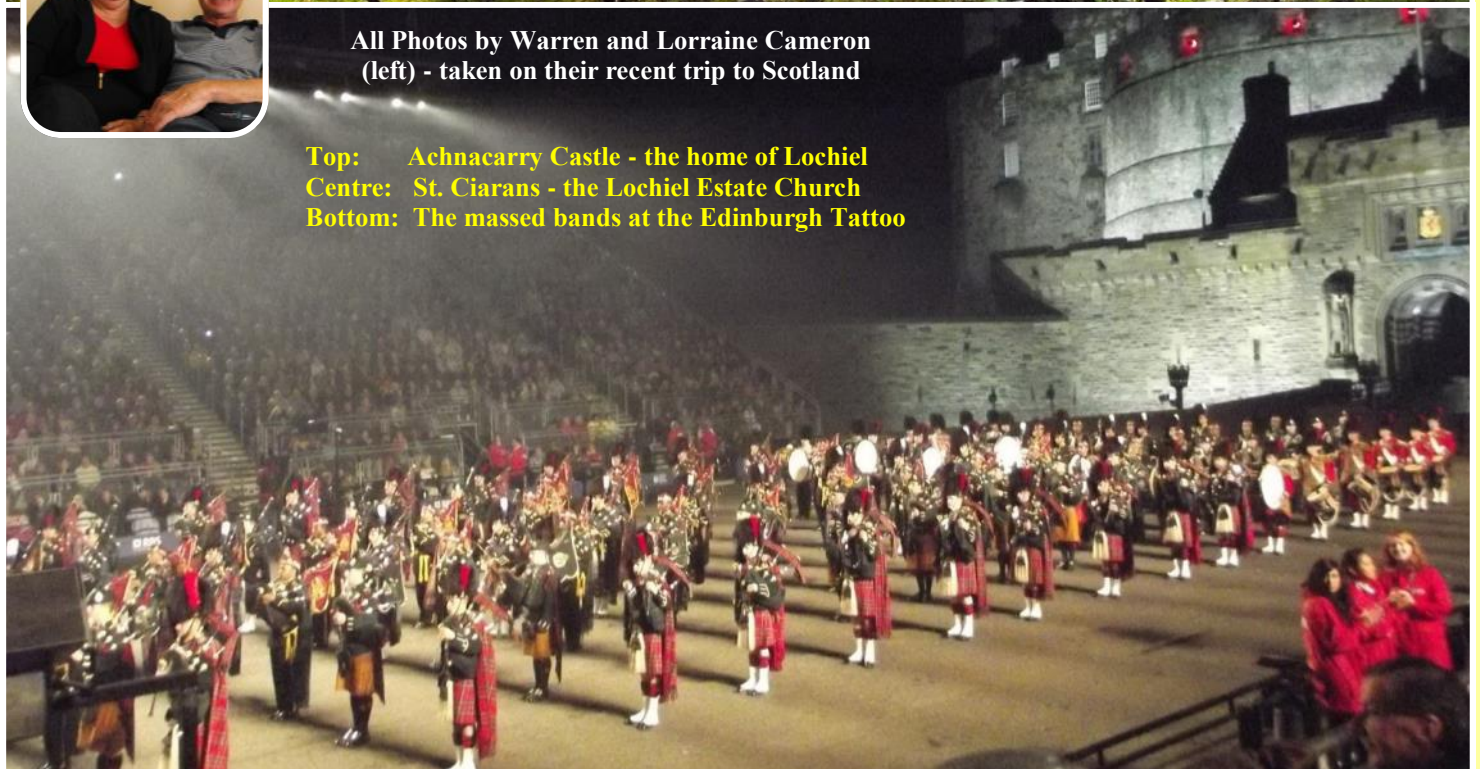
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All Photos by Warren and Lorraine Cameron
(left) - taken on their recent trip to Scotland

Top: Achnacarry Castle - the home of Lochiel
Centre: St. Ciarans - the Lochiel Estate Church
Bottom: The massed bands at the Edinburgh Tattoo



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A message from our President.....

Dear Clan members and friends,

It is newsletter time once more and we have not been dashing around the country of late. We travelled to Matamata, collected the family members ready to attend the Auckland branch annual dinner - plus added some more at Bombay, then headed to the venue under the directions of the Aucklanders. We did not get lost! - but we saw a lot of Auckland. We were joined later by Jeff and Shona from Helensville, then met and dined well with the Aucklanders.

The evening was as usual up to top action including the address to the Haggis. The Haggis quality was up to standard and enjoyed by all. We all, that is the family, stayed at Helensville to catch up on the latest work of artist Jeff Thomson. It could be a fish tank or a giraffe to be erected in your garden. Then it was back home and get matters together for the council meeting, following final discussions with the Manawatu branch.

Tanya has now sent minutes and notes to all branches so we hope we will be blessed with a good attendance for both the council meeting and the luncheon. It is hoped that Warren Cameron and Brian Haggitt will be in attendance to update members on First Light matters, following their visits to Scotland.

It is my intention to visit Gisborne branch for the Annual General Meeting in early October. I hope, as is always my wish, to be able to collect a few more Camerons - but it is a big wish.

Regards,

Fraser



Coming Events

Thursday 3rd October 2013
Gisborne Branch Meeting
Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club
12pm - 2pm
Lunch then meeting following.
All Welcome

Sunday 13 October 2013
Turakina Kirkin "O" the Tartan
The service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 2pm. Get out your tartan & wear it to Turakina.
Enquiries to Roz Grant
tullochgorum@xtra.co.nz

Saturday 23 November 2013
Auckland Highland Games
Three Kings Reserve. Commencing 10.30am. Free entry and a wonderful day for all the family. Visit the Cameron tent for a friendly welcome and to learn about our clan.
"It has been decided to capitalise on the

Clan MacLeod World Gathering Celebrations being held during the week of the 18th through 24th November.

The Clan MacLeod Pipe Band, of Bendigo in Australia, is joining us on the day and celebrating with 2 of the Australian Chiefs and possibly a Canadian Chief as well.

We extend a cordial invitation to attend and join with us in observing our Annual Festival and Gathering to confirm old friendships and establish new ones."

Wednesday 1 January 2014
Waipu Highland Games
Events open with the formal Clan March at 9.30am. Come and visit the Cameron tent and give us your support.
Details: www.waipugames.co.nz

Weekend 28-30 March 2014
Annual Gathering and AGM
At Daniels in the Park, 11th Avenue, Tauranga.
See enclosed Registration Form.
A copy may be down loaded from the Clan Cameron NZ website.

Editor's Corner

Please note my new e-mail address from 1 October 2013: kncam@xtra.co.nz

Clan Cameron NZ exciting new website will be up and running in the near future. It's address will be:
www.clancameronnz.co.nz

Coming in the next magazine:

Lake Wakatipu by Mike Topham
'Knife in a Stocking' by Fiona Cameron

Next Magazine Deadline is 15 November

Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:



Bay of Plenty Branch

Jamie and Rebecca Cameron

Pukehina Beach

Auckland Branch

David and Karen Cameron

Auckland

Ceud Mile Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

The St Kilda Mailboat

by Bill Cameron (Lochaber)

When the last thirty six St. Kildans left their island homes in August 1930, a unique Gaelic culture that had existed out in the furthest reaches of the British Isles for thousands of years finally succumbed to the pressures of the outside world.

Earlier last month a uniquely St. Kildan tradition was recreated eighty three years after the island was evacuated. The St. Kilda mailboat was a slow and unpredictable means of communication between the islanders and the outside world in sending messages long before today's instant broadband and wi-fi connections.

Lying one hundred and ten miles from mainland Scotland, the St. Kildan community lived independently and resourcefully, mainly through crofting and communal wild fowling on the highest and remotest sea stacs in the British Isles. This provided their food, oil and feathers from which they lived and also paid



An original St. Kilda mail boat made from a carved piece of wood tied to a sheep bladder.

their rent. Visited by occasional passing trawler boats in the summer months, the St. Kildan community largely lived independent from mainland Scotland and could be cut from the rest of Britain for up to nine months or longer out in the temperamental North Atlantic Ocean.

An original St. Kildan mailboat can be seen on display at the West Highland Museum in Fort William. This was donated to the museum in 1930, the same year the island was evacuated. This unusual communication device is made up of a simple boat shaped piece of wood with a carved out compartment in to which a message would be placed and sealed. The mailboat was then tied by a length of rope to a float made from a sheep bladder that was tied around a wedge of wood to function as a buoy. The mailboat would then be launched out into the ferocious and unpredictable North Atlantic, with pleas of help when food or medical assistance were required. From the distant shores of St. Kilda it would then be carried at the mercy of tidal currents until it made landfall some weeks or months later.

Although not enclosed with SOS messages, a modern day version of the St. Kilda mailboat was launched out in the St. Kilda archipelago earlier this month, enclosed with information to make

contact with those involved in the recreation of this uniquely St. Kildan tradition.

The St. Kilda mailboat was launched into the dark waters of the North Atlantic by the furthest travelled member of a group, Chris Hunter from Saskatchewan Canada whose grandfather had emigrated from Island Flodda, Benbecula many years ago.

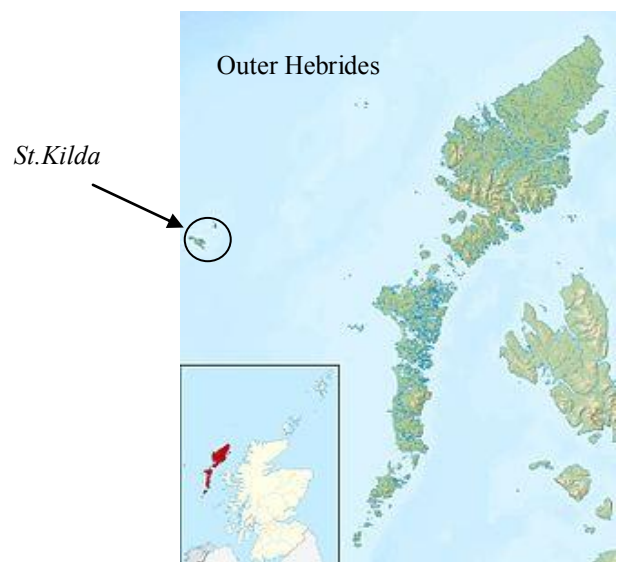
The last St. Kilda mailboat was launched in August 14th 2010 by Mr. Neil Ferguson from Ayrshire, grandson of the St. Kilda Postmaster of the same name. This mailboat commemorated the 80th anniversary of the evacuation and was found a month later on the west coast of Lewis.

St. Kilda mail boats have been found as far afield as Thurso and Norway.

Where and when the 2013 St. Kilda mailboat will end up is still in the hands of the North Atlantic tidal highway.



Launching of the 2013 St Kilda mail boat. Pictured are Alasdair Maceachen from North Uist and his cousin visiting from Saskatchewan Chris Hunter with Stac an Armin in the background.



From the Branches....

Auckland by Don Cameron

Over the last two months the Auckland members of Clan Cameron have been going about with big smiles on every face. Early this year we had a very lively annual meeting at the Parnell Cricket Club (Brian Haggitt, the Clan treasurer, is also a hard worker for cricket) - the election of Angus Fletcher as our first Patron was a feature. This was followed by a lively barbecue.

Then came the Annual Gathering of Clan Cameron New Zealand, the dinner of which succeeded in raising \$400+ for the national First Light funds.

More importantly, the venue for the national meeting (earlier planned for staging on the North Shore) was changed to using the Parnell hotel (once Barrycourt, now Quality Hotel) usually the home of the Auckland combined clans' Robbie Burns dinner. This hotel is just on the fringe of the Auckland CBD, with many tourist facilities close by.

However, many Auckland clan members had growing concern that the once-popular event, sometimes attracting 70-80 guests, seemed to be losing support. Six weeks before the August 10 date very experienced Camerons, such as Neil, were worried as it looked as if only 50-60 might be attracted. The Quality Hotel booked the clan in to the ground-floor dining room which had plenty of space for the national dinner some weeks before.

Then the miracles happened. Brian and Pam Cameron -- out of town for several years came hustling in from their beach home to bring nine younger Cameron relatives to the dinner.

Alison North (with Neil Cameron Auckland's life members) called to say that she would be bringing many of her family, and required a special taxi to cater for her wheelchair.

Neil and Ruth Cameron had their McQueen grandchildren with Andrew piping, Sarah dancing and Matthew putting aside his drums to recite the Selkirk Grace - and not forgetting son-in-law Duncan, who was MC for the evening.

As the names poured in in the fortnight before August 10, the hotel people suddenly realised their ground floor room might be too small, and moved it to the 100 plus seating first floor area.

In the meantime various clan folk lead by Jenny Haggitt and Valmar Cameron gathered a handsome jumble of raffle prizes -- baskets, books, bottles, the lot.

Some folk looked in vain for the North contingent -- their taxi driver became lost for half an hour or so

It was drizzly outside, but the big room filled quickly, the toasts and speeches and demonstrations (including a lovely lady kilt-maker Annie Littlejohn), the haggis was dismembered and became the first item in a splendid dinner menu -- quite the best of any Auckland dinners of recent years.

One big smile came from Neil Cameron, slightly miffed at the national clan dinner when his favourite plum duff was replaced by bread-and-butter pudding, when he sighted the plum duff.

One pity was that some late withdrawals (Angus Fletcher had an unexpected and urgent business appointment) meant that the dizzy prospect of 100 diners dropped to 96.

But the greatest event of the evening was the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Somebody suggested several singing circles would be needed. One circle was all that was needed, spread completely around the room -- the perfect way to finish.

Taranaki/Wanganui by Shona Wallace

Not a lot happening in Taranaki/Wanganui at the moment. We will meet again in early October. Neville and Shona will attend the executive meeting in September.

Our best wishes are sent to our Treasurer Don Cameron who is still unwell in Australia.

Hawke's Bay by Helen Shaw

Once again the Hawkes Bay branch of Clan Cameron supported the Kirking of the Tartan service held at St Columba's Presbyterian Church, Havelock North, on Sunday 18th August. Clan Donald and Clan Johnston were also represented with their banners as was Clan Cameron. Many of the congregation also wore their tartan in either scarves or kilts. The day started out fairly fine but was wet and cold by the end of the service, but this didn't dampen the warmth and feeling of pride which we all felt. Four members from the Hawkes Bay branch attended.

The presiding minister, wearing a Clan McPherson Hunting Tartan scarf, spoke of our heritage and the song *Flower of Scotland* - which was proudly sung at the end of the service with pipes accompaniment. The morning tea which followed was a credit to the ladies who served us.

Canterbury by Rae Magson

Two November events were planned at the recent meeting of the Clan Cameron Canterbury executive. The Hororata Highland Games are to be held on Saturday 9 November, and last year this was an extremely successful event, with many people attending. The Scottish Heritage Council have a tent for the Clans, and Clan Cameron intends to be there. Our free haggis was popular last year, so we intend to do this again, also have lots of Cameron and Scottish information on display. Many lively discussions resulted last year so we are hoping for the same this year.

As well we have the Annual General Meeting the weekend after, on Saturday 16 November. This will be held at the home of Pat and Rex Tarbotton in Ashburton, members might even have time to admire their beautiful garden. Afterwards we intend to go out for lunch.

Members were saddened to learn of the passing of member Bruce Banwell. Bruce was a banker from down south and a man of many parts. A prize winning gardener and flower grower, a keen fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman, a man proud of his Celtic heritage, a connoisseur of whiskies, a world expert on deer (especially red deer), the author of a number of books on that subject. Our sympathy is extended to his widow Barbara, who was a Cameron before marriage.

Our president Nick's brother has been honoured with the award of the Order of Australia Medal. (see page 6)

Bay of Plenty by Denis Cameron

A small committee has been planning for the New Zealand Clan Cameron Annual General Meeting in Tauranga from 28 - 30 March 2014. This is well underway.

Further members will be co-opted to assist as required. We have the registration form included with this newsletter as the motels will hold rooms until mid-December at a reduced rate. Early registration would be appreciated and assist us with our planning.

A registration form is enclosed. Further copies are available from Joy or may be downloaded from the website.

Our entertainment committee will be in touch regarding a function before Christmas.

There are a few members who are not currently financial. If you think you may not have paid your subscription we would appreciate a phone call to either Joy or Denis to confirm.

Please note that we have changed our email address. It is now camisky@kinect.co.nz

Cameron Square *by Bill Cameron (Lochaber)*

A new look for Cameron Square.

Considered by many to be the centre of Fort William's High Street, Cameron Square lies almost mid-way along the main pedestrianised street.



Two theories exist as to the origins of its name. One suggests a connection with the 79th Cameron Highlanders who were raised nearby in 1793 by Sir Allan Cameron of Erracht. The other suggests a link with Duncan Cameron of Fassifern who was one of the main sponsors of the protestant Church in Fort William and to which it bears his name - The Duncansburgh Parish Church.

Over the centuries the Square has evolved to accommodate the changing needs of the local community, containing at one time or another: a church, town hall, bank, solicitors offices, tourist information and cinema.

The Square has always been a gathering point for locals and visitors alike. At one time it was home to a substantial memorial to a local doctor who paid with his life in the fight to save local families suffering from typhoid. Sadly this substantial and impressive edifice was demolished in the 1970's as it was considered unsafe.

Cameron Square will once again undergo another redevelopment in

the near future with plans to install a large permanent canopy and coloured lighting to show off the handsome architecture that surrounds the square. Possibly one of the most interesting features planned for the new look Cameron Square is a full size bronze casting of a Ford Model T motorcar. Allowing visitors to sit in it and experience the thrill of this legendary vehicle. The sculpture also aims to make the local connection with the 1911 ascent of Ben Nevis in a Model T, an ascent that was recreated by taking another Model T to the summit of Ben Nevis in 2011.



As it might look

See Model T project:
www.thebronzeford.co.uk
Photo: Neil Tuckett



Postcard of Cameron Square with a crowd surrounding the Model T that went up Ben Nevis in 1911. The image also shows part of the Kennedy Memorial in the Square.

This article was published in *the Braes of Lochaber* and is of interest because of the many descendants of Corriechoille living in New Zealand, including our national President Fraser. - Editor

John Cameron "Corriechoille" (1780 -1856)

Known as "Corrie" or "Corriechoille" after the name of his home, John Cameron was the most famous of all Highland drovers. Inheriting just a few goats from his father who died young, the boy Corrie sold the goats and hired himself out as a drover's lad. Gradually, he bought the odd stirk with wages earned and started dealing profitably on his own account. Soon he had his own droves and having rented his first farm from Lochiel, he went on to rent more farms, buy more stock and to prosper. By shrewd buying and renting, and leasing ground as far away as Crieff and Loch Tayside, Corrie established a monopoly of the northwest droving route. It is said his cattle droves took up 5 miles of road and that he had so many farms he could graze his droves from Skye to Falkirk on his own land each night!

Described as short and wiry "with a sharp hooked nose and lynx eyes", Corrie was invariably shabbily dressed and moved so fast that he often went unnoticed. He was known for helping drovers all over the Highlands and stories of Corrie abound. Here is a famous one.

When travelling on the steamer from Fort William to Glasgow, Corrie became enamoured over one of the lady passengers, much to the annoyance of the young gentleman with her. Observing Corrie's interest, the gentleman facetiously asked the disreputable old man if he would care to buy the lady and offered to sell his wife for £1000. "It's a bargain," said Corrie and when the ship called at Greenock, he slipped off to draw £1000 from one of the city banks. When the ship docked in Glasgow he was there on the quayside waving a thousand crisp notes. The gentleman was thunderstruck and protested that it was only a joke! Corrie insisted "a deal is a deal" but eventually and after much haggling, he relented.... but only on condition that the young man agreed to "dine" Corrie's shepherds and drovers. The feast at one of the best hotels in the city was enjoyed by fifty of Corrie's men and cost the would-be-wag the best part of £100.

Outback nurse honoured with Order of Australia Medal

Former Mount Isa Nurse Andrew Cameron has become one of Queensland's newest Order of Australia Medal (OAM) recipients for his work with patients in Australia and abroad. Mr Cameron now works as a nurse and midwife at the Birdsville Clinic and throughout Queensland but has travelled to war torn nations to assist their health care system during his career.

It's not the first time he's been recognised for his work either. In 2004 he was named the Australian Nurse of the Year for his work in the WA mining town of Cue. His other work in Australia included a seven year stint at the Mount Isa Base Hospital as a nursing supervisor in the 1990's followed by a role as Nursing Director at the Mornington Island Hospital which he described as 'extraordinarily hard work, but immensely satisfying'. "I think back to those long years at Mornington Island with many happy memories," he said. "We had a great team of nurses back then and we all worked hard to improve Aboriginal health outcomes."

Mr Cameron obviously doesn't seek anything less than a challenge, going as far as Iraq, Afghanistan, The Sudan, Yemen and Ossetia for another seven years to work in public health services. "Amongst my many tasks, I made a number of trips to Tarin Kowt to ensure the soldiers were caring properly for the POWs and other detainees in their places of detention," he said. "Our Aussie officers and enlisted troops all made me feel very welcome."

Going to the ends of the world to help those in need was one of

the reasons Mr Cameron suspected he'd won the OAM, and said he was very pleased to win the award. "Naturally I am very pleased to receive the honour; who wouldn't be," he said.

Andrew Cameron is the brother of Clan Canterbury NZ Branch President Nick Cameron.

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Registered nurse and midwife Andrew Cameron (middle) with tribal elders in Afghanistan during a meeting about vaccinating children against polio. Mr Cameron will receive an Order of Australia Medal today for his service to Australia and abroad.

Our Scotland Trip

by Lorraine Cameron (Wellington/Wairarapa)

(Lorraine and Warren returned a few weeks ago from visiting Lochaber)

It's hard to say what the highlight of our trip to Scotland was when we managed to fit so much into the 3 ½ weeks we spent there, but the week we spent in and around Lochaber was certainly a most enjoyable week.

We had to stop at the Caledonian Canal on the way to Achnacarry to allow a boat to go past. I was so interested I almost forgot to take some photos.

Staying on the Achnacarry estate was a good decision and we can thoroughly recommend the Steading Apartments to anyone considering a trip to Scotland. The apartments were a home away from home.

Astie and Tracy Cameron live about a mile away and we made early contact with them, dropping in unexpectedly on a Sunday afternoon and catching them when they were about to take the children on a bike ride. But being the lovely couple they are, they delayed the ride for an hour (or two) while we had a talk to Astie about the First Light programme. We were invited back for dinner on the Wednesday night and enjoyed a lovely meal with them. Nina and Allan were impressed with my Nessie photo and Warren and I were very impressed with Tracy's pavlova.

On Monday 5th August we went for a drive to the Glenfinnan Monument and climbed the spiral stairs to the top. Then on to Mallaig village, taking photos of the steam train as it followed the rails to Mallaig and appeared at intervals beside us, or crossing bridges ahead. What a pretty little seaside village. We joined dozens of other tourists and sat on the wooden steps by the waterfront eating Haddock and chips for lunch.

We arranged to meet Bill Cameron for Lunch on Tuesday the 5th at the Alexandra Hotel in Fort William and enjoyed a lovely meal and friendly chat with him over lunch. After lunch Bill took us for a guided tour of Fort William, which was interrupted (and this is

Bill's version) when a Campbell came up behind Lorraine and pushed her with such force she ended up flat on her face on the ground and once more, blood was spilt in Cameron Square!! Personally I didn't feel any contact on my back but did turn my ankle on the edging surrounding the cobbles and lost my balance. Bill was a perfect gentleman and quickly found some cleansing wipes and plasters for my wounds. He did say he was going to write an article for the newsletter about the incident but I somehow don't think he will, but his version was so colourful I decided I just had to include it.

We had an appointment with Lochiel to meet him on the Wednesday and walked over to see him at 10.30am. What a wonderfully warm welcome we got. I'll never forget that warm hug, which put us at ease straight away. We chatted over a coffee and then Lochiel took us for a "look around the house". He was keen for us to see the little church, St Ciarans on the estate and we assured him we would go for a walk to see it.

After lunch we went to see Ben Nevis and rode the gondola up the Nevis range. From the point the Gondola stopped we walked up to the lookout and took more photos. Thankfully there wasn't too much mist about.

The following day we went for a walk to find St Ciarans church after first going for an 8km walk through the estate and around the bordering road. The little church was beautiful and I could imagine it full of people for services and family weddings. Walking to the church gave us a different view of the Castle and we were able to take lots more photos. We also found some interesting wood carvings of mushrooms and rabbits in a clearing. I suspect the people cutting down the trees got a little bored and decided to make the walk to the church really interesting.

Friday 9th was our last day at Achnacarry and we went for a drive to Urquhart Castle and then on to Loch Ness where we had lunch in the hotel.

We left for Contin on the Saturday morning to spend a few days looking around the area where my ancestors once lived and to meet another Clan Chief and look through another Clan castle.

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The Royal Edinburgh Tattoo

by Shirley-Anne Thomson (Wellington/Wairarapa)

This year I was privileged to be invited to Edinburgh as a guest of the Tattoo Chief Executive, David Allfrey. This was in preparation for next year when the New Zealand Highland Dancers will perform with additional support from the Te Waka Huia Maori Culture club from Auckland.

Kiwi performers at this year's Tattoo were the New Zealand Army Band, and the Lochiel Marching team which was coached by Colleen Pobar QSM. Both teams were very well received, being voted by many as the top two performances of the Tattoo. The Army Band received the Claymore Sword as best overall performance.

The Tattoo has a very wide viewing audience in Scotland as well as from overseas countries. Over 200,000 visitors attend the Tattoo each year with around 1000 performers taking part. It is broadcast to 40 countries and watched by around 100 million television viewers.

A highlight for my time in Scotland was when the Tattoo office supplied a Tour Coach for myself and the Lochiel Marching Team to travel up to Achnacarry in Spean Bridge.

Clan Cameron Chief Donald Cameron of Lochiel had invited myself and the Lochiel Marching Team over to meet him and what a wonderful time we had. When we arrived Lochiel was sitting waiting in his wheel chair outside the front door of the castle and put his arms up wide to greet me with a big hug as I got off the coach. He was so delighted to see us and likewise we were all so very excited to meet him. We had photos taken then he showed us through the lower part of the castle seeing all the alterations including a marvelous new kitchen. While there, the Marchers sang two Maori songs for him which he was so very impressed with and told the girls that they should have sung those as well at the Tattoo. He asked one of the girls to play the grand piano and showed us photos of the family and spoke about his daughter Catherine who was flower girl to Prince Charles and Diana and the different paintings of past Chiefs of Clan Cameron. The girls showed a video of their marching at the Tattoo which was really splendid. It took 3 ½ hours to drive back to Edinburgh so unfortunately we could not go to see the scene in Brave Heart which was filmed by the waterfall.

I had many invites to lunch and afternoon teas so was very well looked after. Being up at the Tattoo every night was wonderful; talking with the representatives from other countries sometimes in sign language of our own to express something with peels of laughter. I was interviewed for a book by a local University Student



The Lochiel Dancing Team perform at the Edinburgh Tattoo

Photo: Lorraine Cameron

writing it for her degree and was also greeted by the BBC and photographers from past years.

On one of my quiet days I managed to climb Arthur's seat which was quite a feat with the ground being a bit loose and slippery. On the way back down I decided to take off my shoes as I was slipping too much and beside the rough track was long grass so I sat down in the grass and slid down on my seat instead. It was great.

The story behind the Tattoo this year was -

The Year of Natural Scotland, divided into Daybreak, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Nightfall and Winter.

Daybreak - 70 Highland Dancers drawn from SOBHD across Scotland.

Spring - The Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defence Traditional Band and Dancers. The IMPS Motorcycle display Team from London.

Summer - Monumental Jaguares Marching Band, Mariachii Oro De Mexico and Compania De Danza Folklorica Tenchtitland 110 strong.

Autumn - New Zealand Army Band (won the Sword for the best performance)

Nightfall - Lochiel Marching Drill Team - even Marched backwards through ranks

Winter - Central Orchestra of the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces.

Parade of animals including the mechanical War Horse.

Massed Military Bands - Band of the Irish Guards, Band of the Bugles of the rifles, Band of the Royal Logistic Corps and Corps of Drums. Joined by The Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defence Traditional Band, The New Zealand Army band, Central Orchestra of the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces.

Finale - The Guard of Honour – the Black Watch 3rd Battalion, the royal Regiment of Scotland. The whole Cast fill the Esplanade, Fireworks, Evening Hymn and sunset, Lone Piper, National Anthem, Auld Lang Syne, Recital of Lay of the Last Minstrel

March Out - to Scotland the Brave, We're No Awa tae Bide Awa, the Black ear.

I look forward to the challenge of Choreographing our New Zealand item next year.

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Members of the Lochiel Dancing Team meet Lochiel at Achnacarry. They are accompanied by Shirley-Anne Thomson.

Photo courtesy of 'The Braes of Lochaber' newsletter.



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The Back Page



Photo: Lorraine Cameron

The first First Lighter Astie Cameron and Tracy at home in Lochaber



Photo: Lorraine Cameron

Warren Cameron calls on Lochiel during a visit in August



Photo: Duncan McQueen

Young members of the Haggis Party at the Auckland Annual Dinner: William Tremlett, Cade Garland, Lachlan Cameron and Matthew McQueen



Photo: Duncan McQueen

81 year old Annie Littlejohn talked about kilt making at the Auckland dinner. William, Sarah and Andrew are all wearing kilts made by her.



Photo: Duncan McQueen

Clockwise from front: Trent Martin, Skye Martin, Wade Martin, Caitlin Lines, Chris Lines, Cameron Lines, Sharyn Lines and Nadine Martin.



Photo: Duncan McQueen

Some of the 96 diners forming a circle for 'Auld Lang Syne'



Photo: Duncan McQueen

Above: David and Cress Cameron at the Auckland Dinner



Photo: Duncan McQueen

Right: Anton Hodson plays a thrilling rendition of 'Highland Cathedral' At the Auckland Dinner.



Photo: Duncan McQueen

Above: Pamela and Brian Cameron at the Auckland Dinner

Right: John Cameron with partner Amy beside the America's Cup in San Francisco. John (son of Neil and Ruth) is the Technical Operations Manager of ACTV, the company which produced, for the America's Cup Event Authority, the broadcast package of the racing supplied to television networks worldwide.



Photo: Duncan McQueen

New Auckland members Karen and David Cameron. David was a First Lighter from Lochaber in 2003. They are now living in Auckland.