

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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Newsbulletin

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT AND CLAN COMMANDER



SANDY McPHIE

Time has flown by since our last Newsbulletin and I often wonder where the days go - certainly they can be better utilised now that they're an hour longer(!).

Helen and I attended some most enjoyable Clan functions both in Australia and New Zealand during this time. Reports appear in various places in this Newsbulletin along with details of developments on the Clan front during the past year.

I feel the Clan is fast regaining the forward momentum it lost following the death of our first Clan Commander, Dr. Earle MacPhee of Canada, in 1982, and with it, there is a heightened interest amongst Clan Society members.

On the page opposite details are set out regarding a Clan Society Barbeque Lunch and Scottish Week activities in Sydney at the end of November. Helen and I will be at the barbeque, all functions on Sunday 25th and the official opening in Martin Place at midday on the Monday, but will be returning home that afternoon. We are particularly sorry to miss the Rawson Park Gathering the following Sunday, but hope we will have the opportunity to meet many of you at the barbeque or at the March and other activities on the Sunday. It will be my first appearance in Sydney as Clan Commander.

Our visit to New Zealand was most enjoyable. A good rollup by enthusiastic Clan members at the Reunion weekend plus numerous contacts with McPhees in the Dunedin and Catlin area in the south of the South Island augers well for the future of the Clan over there.

Inside too, are details of the World Gathering of Clan Macfie at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina next July and the Gathering and Clan Macfie Parliament on Colonsay in September 1993. Both Gatherings will attract Macfies from around the world and will be full of good fellowship and enjoyable functions. I do hope there will be a strong contingent of Australian Macfies at both Gatherings.

I know I will see many of you before Christmas. To those I don't see, as well as those I do meet, my thanks for your support during the year and very best wishes from Helen and me to you and your respective families for an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy McPhie".

Toowoomba
1st November 1990

A. C. (Sandy) McPhie
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Commander of Clan Macfie

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CLAN MACFIE BARBEQUE LUNCH
SYDNEY - SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 1990



At the home of N.S.W. Vice-President Bill and Dorothy Tyrrell,
"Tay-Creggan", 18 Yeran Street, Sylvania, 2224.

Time: From 12 Noon onwards. BYO Provisions

Bill would appreciate a phone call (02 522-6420) if you are
attending to give him an idea of numbers to expect.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME — SCOTTISH WEEK '90

Saturday, 24th November

7.00 p.m. Reception for Chiefs (\$50.00)
June Hayes (327 4707)

Sunday, 25th November

10 a.m. Kirkin' of the Tartan — St. Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street, Sydney. (Barbara McLennan — 262 5330)

12.30 p.m. Gathering of the Clans — Picnic Lunch, The Domain.

1.30 p.m. March of the Clans to Opera House (Ken Curran — 451 8449)

2.30 p.m. Free open air Concert on Steps of Opera House (Dorothy Kerr — (B) 211 0742 (H) 337 4807)

6.00 p.m. Reception for visiting Chiefs — by invitation only.

Monday, 26th November

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information Centre opens in Convention Room at C.T.A. 35 Martin Place, Sydney (Joan Nix 232 2473).
each week day.

11 a.m. Opening of Historical Exhibition to run all week. Venue to be notified. (Judge Johnston — 224 5131)

12 noon Scottish Week Opening Ceremony in Martin Place amphitheatre. Lord Mayor to attend. (Paul Gregor — 419 7159)

1.30 p.m. Lunch at Parliament House — limited tickets @ \$50.00. To be hosted by the Hon. John Dowd MLA Attorney General (Clan Keith) and the Hon. Geoff Shaw QC MLC (Clan Shaw)

8 p.m. Main seminar — several speakers including the Earl of Kintore (Keith) and John Shaw of Tordarroch, to be chaired by John Maitland & Malcolm Broun. Supper provided.

Tuesday, 27th November

12 to 2 p.m. Martin Place activity (John Sinclair — 638 2481)

12.15 p.m. Afternoon Seminar at C.T.A. Club. John Shaw of Tordarroch to speak on the Clan System, with special reference to Clan Chattan, (John Maitland and Malcolm Broun).

5.30 p.m. Opening of art exhibition of Scottish-born and trained artist Cherie Peate, *Art Haus Too Gallery, 379 South Dowling Street, Darlinghurst.* Enquiries 331 1938.

Wednesday, 28th November

12 to 2 p.m. Martin Place activity (John Sinclair — 638 2481) Scottish Race Day.

7.30 for 8 p.m. Patrons' Dinner — limited tickets at \$200 ea. (Malcolm Broun — 231 6300)

8 p.m. City Ceilidh in Ferguson Hall, St. Stephen's, Macquarie St., Sydney. (Duncan MacLeod — 50 8455)

Thursday, 29th November

11 a.m. Manly day, activities at Manly and Civic Reception (June Jay — 949 2797)

12 to 2 p.m. Martin Place activity (John Sinclair — 638 2481)

1 p.m. Golf Day at Manly Golf Club — All inclusive or Dinner only, see booking slips. (Enquiries to Mr Bill Broun, 23 Clanalpine Street, Mosman, 2088. — 969 9359)

7.30 for 8 p.m. The Sydney Society for Scottish History evening. The Earl of Kintore will speak on the Traditional Posts of Scotland, with special reference to the Post of Earl Marischal — History and duties. Level 44 M.L.C. Centre. (Malcolm Broun — 231 6300) Supper & wine provided.

Friday, 30th November —

St. Andrew's Day

12 to 2 p.m. Martin Place activity (John Sinclair — 638 2481)

7.30 p.m. Grand Scottish Ball at the Roundhouse — University of New South Wales, Kensington. (Wendy Broun — 232 2733)

Saturday, 1st December

2.00 p.m. Garden Party by Holroyd Council — Free entertainment, stalls, etc. (Helen McWilliam — 682 0511)

8.00 p.m. Western Ceilidh at the Celtic Heritage Club, Guildford. (David Campbell — 523 6877)

Sunday, 2nd December

8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Highland Gathering and Games at Rawson Park, Mosman, the site of our bi-centennial Cairn. This will include a wide range of traditional games and activities, N.S.W. Pipe Band Association competition, Highland Dancing competitions, displays of Country Dancing, Army and Navy displays, multiple stalls, etc. (David Miller or Pamela Urquhart — (B) 225 5446 (H) 969 4248)



CLAN COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie recently announced the appointment of five Clan Commissioners to act as his representatives in their respective countries. Those appointed are:

- Canada - Miss Sylvia McPhee, Toronto, Ont.
- Australia - Sandy McPhee Esq., Mt. Vincent, N.S.W.
- Sweden - Ulf Hagman Esq., Uddevalla.
- New Zealand - Leith Brew Esq., Wanaka, Cent. Otago.
- U.S.A. - Dr. Bruce McDuffie, Chattanooga, TN.

The appointment of Leith Brew in New Zealand is interesting. Being an Armiger, Leith had first to be formally accepted into Clan Macfie before being appointed as a Commissioner. This was achieved by his completing a Bond of Manrent swearing allegiance to the Clan Macfie leader - a 1545 document was used as the basis for this Bond.

The Clan Commander has indicated that further appointments of Commissioners may be made.

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INVESTITURE OF COMMISSIONER SANDY MCPHEE

The investiture of Sandy McPhee of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. as Commissioner for Clan Macfie in Australia was carried out by Clan Commander Sandy McPhie at a formal ceremony at Mt. Vincent on Saturday 22nd September 1990.

Some thirty eight Clan members gathered at the home of Sandy and Norah McPhee for the ceremony. It was followed by afternoon tea and much talk on family and genealogical matters which in some cases, continued well into the night.

The setting for the ceremony could not have been better. Sandy and Norah's home is set in lush green rolling pasture land west of Newcastle. With a warm and sunny day Clan members gathered on the lawn in front of the house while the official party was piped in and the investiture performed.

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie said the appointment of Sandy as Clan Commissioner in Australia can be taken as a mark of appreciation of the quality of his work and involvement in a wide range of Clan activities over a number of years.

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THE IONA MCPHIES AND SUNDAY'S VISIT

Alexander McPhie and Ann McDonald were married in the church on the Isle of Iona in the Hebrides on 29th January 1807.

In 1837 Ann (now a widow) and two sons and four daughters sailed from Greenock on the s.s. Minerva, a Lang Bounty ship, bound for Sydney. Arriving on 23rd January 1838 the ship was quarantined and

landing delayed due to 14 deaths from fever on the voyage out. The family came ashore in February and moved north to the Maitland district.

In 1846 the older son, John, leased 1140 acres of farmland near Woodville on the Hunter, north east of Maitland. He named the property Iona. When the lease expired in 1868 John purchased the homestead block of 321 acres. The Iona Primary School at Woodville is on part of the original holding.

Quite a number of descendants of the sons and daughters of Alexander and Ann are members of the Clan Society. Clan Commander Sandy McPhie of Toowoomba is the great-grandson of Neil, the younger of the two sons to migrate in 1837.

On Sunday 23rd September following the investiture of Sandy McPhee of Mt. Vincent as Clan Commissioner the previous day, a party of these descendants plus some other Clan Society members, visited the Iona farm and nearby cemeteries paying respects to their ancestors.

Twenty two people in a convoy of nine cars met in Morpeth and travelled to the Iona farm via the Hinton Cemetery and Woodville Church. They were on the site of the original slab hut on Iona where some family members had lived as recently as the 1920/1930's. Lunch was taken at the Paterson Hotel and the party returned via the East Maitland Cemetery before dispersing after an interesting and enjoyable day.

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CLAN COMMANDER'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife Helen visited New Zealand in mid October. The main reason for the trip was to attend the triennial Reunion week-end of The McPhee Family Clan Society of New Zealand at Gladstone, north of Wellington, on 20th/21st October 1990.

Before this however, they were met by Leith and Yvonne Brew at Christchurch and with them visited a number of McPhees in Dunedin and the Catlins area to the south. An interesting morning was spent in Dunedin with John McPhee (Z76-202), a member of our Clan Society in Australia. On the way north they called on another member, Cedric McPhee (N77-310) at Rangiora near Christchurch - the hale and hearty 90 year old is father of Nat McPhee (N77-253) of Cooranbong, N.S.W.

Over seventy members attended the New Zealand Reunion Week-end. Much talk, much fellowship, plenty to enjoy, good weather, a challenging sports afternoon (Helen was in the winning tug-of-war team!) and sixty eight were at Saturday night's dinner and ceilidh with Leith showing promise as a future champion haggis addresser.

At the commencement of the dinner Leith was formally invested as Commissioner for Clan Macfie in New Zealand by Clan Commander Sandy. Leith's mother, Belle Brew, Convenor of the Clan Society in New Zealand was a proud onlooker.

Following the warm and generous hospitality of their New Zealand "cousins", Sandy and Helen drove across Northy Island to Auckland for the trip home. A most enjoyable visit thanks to the planning of Leith and Society President Don McPhee and their band of capable and merry men and ladies.

Our query in the last Newsbulletin about the "McPhee" name on the Cobb & Co poster in the coach at Sovereign Hill in Victoria brought two interesting replies, the first from Mrs Carmel Cogle (V76-152) of 3/2 Shaw Ave., Wendourie, V., 3355, and the second from Mrs Jan Harper (V89-716) of 62 Relowe Crescent, Box Hill North, V., 3129.

Mrs Cogle wrote "Re the poster in the Cobb & Co coach at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat.

"My grandfather John Cameron McPhee bought the Victorian run in partnersgip with Vines when Cobb returned to the U.S.A.. He later bought Vines' share who then became proprietor of the N.S.W. run. My grandfather was then the sole proprietor of the Victorian run until his death from pneumonia.

"He died without a will and I have the sale bill of the Trustees Exec sale at Scotts Hotel in Collins Street, Melbourne, of the property of John McPhee of "Woodstock" estate and coach proprietor.

"I have never heard of Anderson - maybe he was one of the coachmen. Bessie McPhee (V76-147) of Ivanhoe, is a daughter of John McPhee's son Angus. John had six sons and one daughter - my mother - Mary Elizabeth."

and Jan Harper:

John McPhee of Cobb and Co.

The last Newsletter queried the name "McPhee" on the old coach at Sovereign Hill.

John McPhee began his coaching career in 1854, when he and a partner started a coach line from Melbourne to Kilmore, one of the first coach lines to run out of Melbourne. The coaches were spring carts with one horse in the shafts and another running outrigger. The vehicle would plunge and dip over drains and broken tree limbs and oscillate violently when rounding corners, the passengers needing all their strength to keep their seats. John McPhee later ran mail coaches between Tarcutta and Gundagai in N.S.W., and between Ballarat and Horsham. In 1860 he joined Cobb and Co. in the Ballarat district, using his own coaches.

Young John had no doubt learned to drive the horses in Fort William, where his father was a carter. Testament to his later ability was the opening of the Clunes waterworks, when he made such perfect arrangements that the large number of guests from Ballarat were conveyed there and back the same day, the local newspapers profusely praising his ability as a coaching manager.

He is best known for his part in the 1873 "Battle for Clunes". He was driving the leading coach of a caravan which was conveying a large body of Chinese from Creswick to Clunes. Feeling against the Chinese was particularly strong at the time, and when the news reached Clunes the miners took instant action. Manning Clark described the scene:

The bellman was sent round the town to alert the diggers to the impending arrival of 'the leprous curse'. Work was immediately suspended in all the principal mines and on what remained of the alluvial flats. Public meetings were held at which miners and diggers unanimously resolved to drive the unclean yellow men off the fields. Axe- and pick-handles and waddies of all descriptions were distributed to the men waiting for the arrival of the Chinese...One thousand men, accompanied by troops and women and children and inflamed by the fire-bells ringing out the alarm as well as the stirring music from the brass bands, erected barricades at the junction of Ballarat and Clunes Road to stop the Chinese coaches. Ploughs, drays, timber, stones and bricks were used. As soon as the Chinese coaches came within distance, a hail off stones and bricks fell upon the occupants. The police tried gallantly to protect the Chinese and restore order, but all in vain...compelling the Chinese to retrace their steps to Ballarat, to the cheers of the victors."

The Excelsior, the coach driven by John McPhee, continued in use, bearing the marks of the fray.

John McPhee had been born in Fort William in 1833 to John McPhee and Effie Cameron. He emigrated to Victoria in 1852 and, in company with two cousins, made his way to the Bendigo and then the Ballarat goldfields. Later in life he purchased one of the Port Phillip Pastoral Runs, "Woodstock" in the Castlemaine area, a property of 23,600 acres running 10,000 sheep. He died in 1899 at the age of 67, leaving six sons (one named John) and one daughter.

VALE

With regret we record the deaths of the following members. Sincere sympathy is extended to their families.

Mrs. Marjorie McGuffie (N74-060) of 11 Dudley Street, Haberfield, N.S.W., on 25th June 1990, aged 88 years.

Mr. Keith McPhee (N80-488) of 8 Raven Street, Yass, N.S.W.

Additionally, we record with sorrow the death in America in August of Bill MacLenan of Sydney. Bill was a Chieftain of Clan MacLennan and the driving force behind the highly successful Scottish Australia Heritage Council in Sydney and its annual Scottish Week. His contribution to things Scottish and in many walks of life was considerable, he will be sadly missed by all.

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MEMBERS' DOINGS

* Congratulations and Good Wishes to our Naval Member Submariner Allan McCarthy (N82-507). Congrats on appointment as a J.P. and recent promotion to Petty Officer -- Good wishes to Allan as he is currently serving on HMAS Adelaide on U.N. duty in the Gulf. Allan had earlier been on the 75th Anniversary visit to Gallipoli, underwater that time on HMAS Oxley. He expects to be home from the Gulf for Christmas leave with his family in the Lismore/Ballina area of N.S.W.

* Off for overseas are Bill and Bonnie Bush (N74-007!) of Sans Souci, N.S.W., to the U.S.; Dr. Kerr (N74-008) and Barbara Chatfield of Penrith, N.S.W., to Scotland; Keith and Lorna Charles (V89-711/712) of Mildura to South Africa for Christmas; and next year to Scotland, (and Colonsay) Jan Harper (V89-716) and Margaret Mulherin (V75-115) of Melbourne.

* Back from overseas - those intrepid Vice-Presidents Nev. (Q74-084) and Linley McPhee of Toowoomba and Brian and Cass McHaffie (S77-280/396) of North Haven, S.A.; also Bah McWilliam (Q74-031) of Toowoomba who was in Sweden for the International Horse Show and made contact with Ulf Hagman while there.

* Congratulations to Lyndal McPhie (Q76-163) of Toowoomba on completing her Psychiatric Nursing Training (her second nursing certificate) and carrying off the Professional Association prize.

REFURBISHMENT OF GREYFRIARS KIRK IN EDINBURGH

The Greyfriars Church was founded in 1620, is a significant place of worship and has played an important role in Scotland's history. The Kirkyard with its Covenanters' Prison, Martyrs' Memorial and fine collection of monumental sculpture, has more famous Scots buried in it than anywhere else. The story of Greyfriars Bobby is known to most of us thanks to Walt Disney.

The Church is now in need of refurbishment and an appeal has been launched world-wide to raise the necessary funds. If you would like to assist in preserving this part of Scotland's history, please send donations direct to:

The Honourable Lord Davidson, Chairman, Appeal Committee, Greyfriars Toolbooth and Highland Kirk, Greyfriars Place, Edinburgh EH1 200, SCOTLAND.

Scotland greets the New Year — **The Night of**

BY F. MARIAN McNEILL



NOWHERE else in Britain is the arrival of the New Year celebrated so wholeheartedly as in Scotland. Hogmanay, as New Year's Eve is called in Scotland, is the survival of the festivities which, in medieval times, centred on "the hinner end of Yule" — in other words, Twelfth Night (January 6th), which the Scottish people called Uphalieday. Later, when New Year's Day in Scotland was changed, in conformity with the new Christian calendar, from March 25th to January 1st, it was thus brought within the Twelve Days of Yule, and the focal point of the festivities was transferred from Uphalieday to Hogmanay. This did not happen in England, where the new calendar was not adopted until much later.

As the festival of Hogmanay grew in popularity, it attracted to itself many of the rites associated with the old Celtic Quarter Days which marked the entry of the seasons — notably saining, divination and first-footing. Saining and divination are gradually dying out, but first-footing is as popular as ever.

Throughout Scotland, the preparations for greeting the New Year start with a minor "spring-cleaning". Brass and silver must be glittering and fresh linen must be put on the beds. No routine work may be left unfinished: stockings must be darned, tears mended, clocks wound up, musical instruments tuned, and pictures hung straight. In addition, all outstanding bills are paid, overdue letters written and borrowed books returned. At least, that is the idea!

Most important of all, there must be plenty of good things to eat. Innumerable homes "reek of a celestial grocery" — plum puddings and currant buns, spices and cordials, apples and lemons, tangerines and toffee. In mansion and farmhouse, in suburban villa and city tenement, the table is spread with festive fare. Essential to Hogmanay are "cakes and kebbuck" (oatcakes and cheese), shortbread, and either black bun or currant loaf. These are flanked with bottles of wine and the "mountain dew" that is the poetic name for whisky.

The large round cake of rich, crisp shortbread is, in fact, the

lineal descendent of the ancient Yule bannock, notched round the edge to represent the sun's rays, which, like the Yule log, was a relic of sun worship; whilst black bun, which is dark with fruits and spices, is the medieval Twelfth Cake.

The traditional Hogmanay beverages are Het Pint — a sort of wassail bowl composed of hot mild ale, spiced with nutmeg and laced with whisky, which used to be carried through the streets in copper kettles and pressed on all and sundry — and Atholl Brose, a delectable compound of whisky, honey and oatmeal, which is dispensed to first-footers in Highland homes and at the Hogmanay celebrations of the Highland regiments.

The Communal Welcome. In the cities and burghs, the New Year receives a communal welcome, the traditional gathering-place being the Mercat Cross, the hub and symbol of the old burghal life. In Edinburgh, however, the crowd has slid a few yards down the hill from the Mercat Cross to the Tron Kirk — being lured thither, no doubt, by the four-faced clock in the tower. As the night advances, Princes Street becomes as thronged as it normally is at noon, and there is growing excitement in the air. Towards midnight, all steps



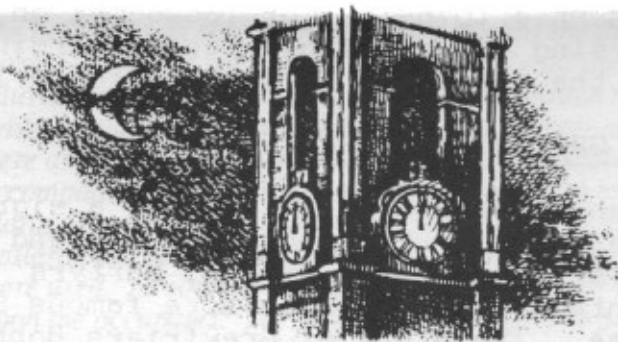
turn to the Tron Kirk, where a lively, swaying crowd awaits "the Chappin o' the Twal" (the striking of 12 o'clock). The windows of the fruit and sweet shops make oases of light in the dark northern night. Hawkers with trays of "fausse faces", coloured streamers, blow-outs and other carnivalia, do a brisk trade. Hip-bottles are freely preferred.

As the hands of the clock in the tower approach the hour, a hush falls on the waiting throng, the atmosphere grows tense, and then suddenly there comes a roar from a myriad throats. The bells peal forth, the sirens scream — the New Year is born!

The shouting and the greetings over, and the last strains of *Auld Lang Syne* having died away, the crowd disperses, and the young folk — after a raid on the orange-barrows and the sweet shops — set out in small groups on their first-footing expeditions.

Hogmanay in the Home. Many families prefer to bring in the New Year at home, with music or dancing, cards or talk. As the evening advances, the fire is piled high — for the brighter the fire, the better the luck. The members of the household seat themselves round the hearth, and when the hands of the clock approach the hour, the head of the house rises, goes to the main door, opens it wide, and holds it thus until the last stroke of midnight has died away. Then he shuts it quietly and returns to the family circle. He has let the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Simultaneously with the opening of the door, there is often a rush



Hogmanay

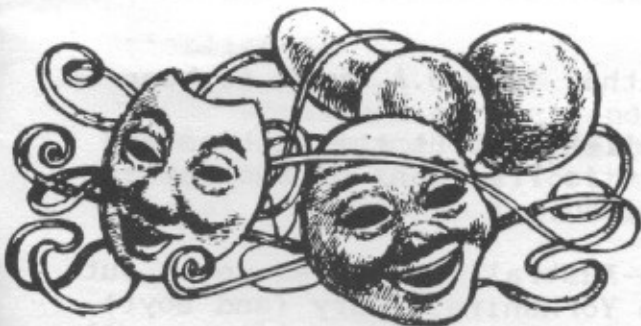
to open the windows, and the pealing of the domestic bells and the beating of trays mingle with the clamour borne in from the streets. Originally this was no mere welcome, but a solemn rite designed to exorcise the demonic or malign influences that had accumulated throughout the past year. The hullabaloo subsides, the windows are shut, a verse of *Auld Lang Syne* is sung, greetings and small gifts (or "hogmanays") are exchanged, glasses are filled - and already the first-footers are at the door.

The First-footers. First-footing, in the usual sense of the term, means visiting in the early hours of New Year's morning; but the first-foot,

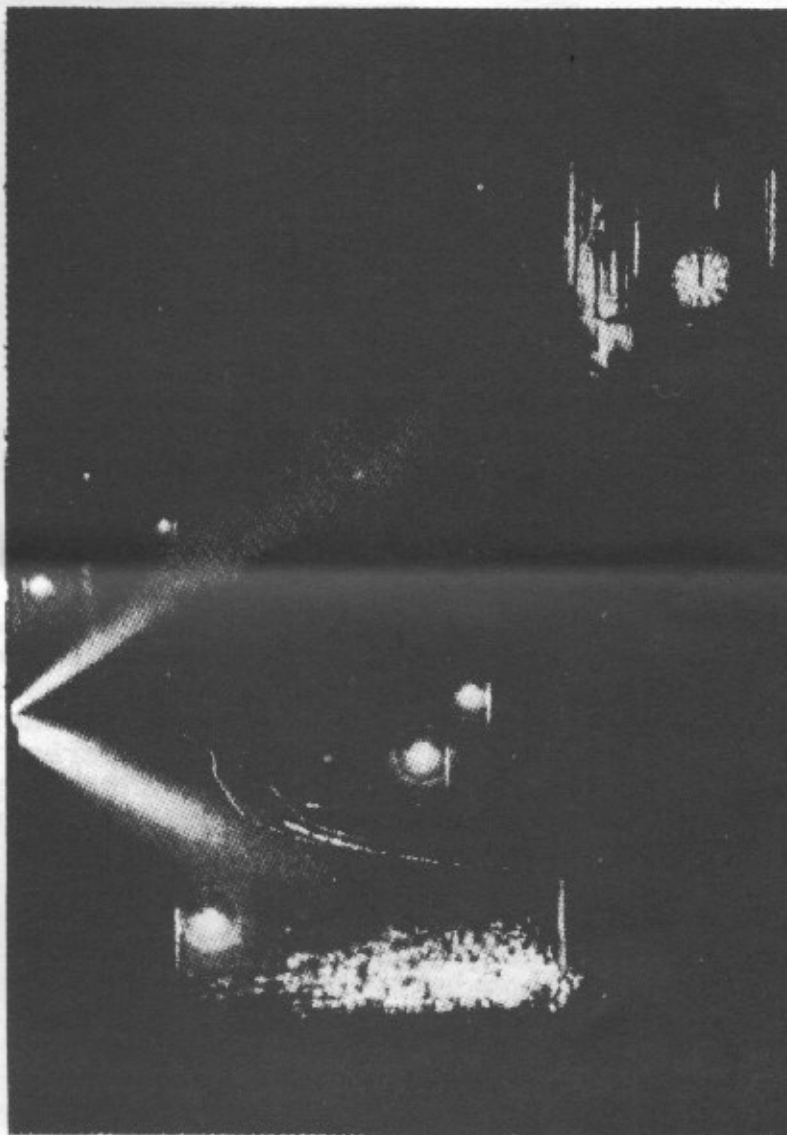


strictly speaking, is the first person (other than a member of the household) who crosses the threshold after midnight. According to an ancient Celtic tradition, the appearance of the first-foot indicates the character of the luck that will attend the household in the coming year, and it is therefore a matter of concern that he, or she, should be "sonsie" and well-favoured. A well-set-up dark-haired man is held in high regard, as is a comely fair woman (the prejudice against fair men is supposed to date back to the Norse invasions). The actual colouring, however, is of secondary importance. Generally speaking, any healthy, robust person, or one of kindly disposition or good repute, is lucky; and, conversely, any ill-favoured person, or one of disagreeable disposition or ill repute, is considered unlucky.

The first-footers all carry "handsel", which may be anything from an orange to a bottle of whisky. Fuel, too, is welcome. It should be placed on the fire by the bearer before he speaks a word. (This is a relic of the belief that all lurking evil influences are destroyed by fire.) On the farms, the traditional handsel is a sheaf of corn, the symbol of a good harvest, and in the fishing ports a red herring decked in ribbons, symbolising the harvest of the sea, is still highly popular.



(It is a dreadful thing to say but regretfully, we have misplaced the original publication and are thus unable to acknowledge this excellent article in the correct manner. Our sincere apologies...Ed.)



ONE MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT, and the Hogmanay crowds are gathered beneath the illuminated clock tower of Edinburgh's Tron Kirk. As the hour strikes, the expectant hush is broken, bells ring, sirens scream, and the crowd roars out a wholehearted Scottish welcome to the New Year.

The first-foot, on crossing the threshold, greets the family with "A gude New Year to ane and a'!" or simply "A Happy New Year!", and pours out a glass from the flask he carries. This must be drunk to the dregs by the head of the house, who, in turn, pours out a glass for each of his visitors. The glass handed to the first-footer himself must also be drunk to the dregs. A popular toast is:

*Weel may we a' be,
Ill may we ne'er see,
Here's to the Queen
And the good companie!*

or the Gaelic "Slainte Mhor!" - "Your good health!"

The first-footers must take something to eat as well as to drink, and after an exchange of greetings they go off again on their rounds.

In some parts of Scotland the practice of Burning the Old Year Out still survives. Biggar, for instance, has its Bonfire, Stonehaven its Fire-balls, and Comrie its Flambeaux; but wherever you go, and whatever form it takes, Hogmanay is a night to remember.

ANY QUERIES

Several more queries are to hand. Please reply direct to the enquirer.

- * Mrs. Bonnie Bush, 141 Napoleon St., Sans Souci, N.S.W. 2219.

I am looking for descendants of James Beatson and Winifred McPhee born 20 October 1847 Hinton Williams River, daughter of Alexander and Una (nee Cameron) McPhee, "Ahalton", Clarenza, Clarence River. Children at the time of Winifreds death at Ulmarra 7 January 1891, Florence 12 (m. William Bailey 1897 at South Grafton), Ernest 11, James 9, Winifred 7, Alexander 5 and Gordon 3. My Grandfather, Alexander McPhee, brother of Winifred, married Janet Beatson, sister of James Beatson, so I am double hitched.

- * The following item appeared in the June 1990 copy of The RAAF Association Journal.

Bundaberg Legacy, Box 251, Bundaberg, Q. 4670.

We are endeavouring to obtain information re No. 24437 William McPhee to assist us in a Claim for War Widows Pension for his wife.

William McPhee served with 455 Squadron RAAF (Hampden aircraft) as ground crew. 455 Squadron RAAF was transferred to Murmansk Russia around late 1941 or early 1942. Aircrew flew the aircraft to Murmansk while the ground crew were ferried by the Royal Navy.

During the stay in Murmansk, 455 Squadron was bombed and many of the ground staff were injured - including William McPhee.

McPhee was hospitalised at Murmansk and eventually shipped per Royal Navy to England for hospitalisation. McPhee recovered and joined 460 RAAF Squadron until the end of the War.

RAAF do not have any medical records of Murmansk nor is any medical evidence available for McPhee's hospitalisation in United Kingdom.

Should anybody be able to supply any information concerning McPhee's injuries we would be pleased to receive them.

sgd. L. A. Tait
Hon. Secretary

- * WATERLOO VETERANS. Following our list of those killed at Gallipoli in 1915, Beth Sainsbury (W76-154) of Gosnells, W.A., came up with a list of Australian Veterans of Waterloo. Amongst the names was one Donald McPhee who was in the 79th Cameron Highlanders at Waterloo and in the 28th/22nd Regiment in Australia. Does anyone have further information on him?

- * Mary Gillies in Scotland and Boyt Cathey in U.S.A. wish to hear from any Cathies/MacCathies in Australia. Mary wrote the article/s in our last Newsbulletin about the Cathies and has been in touch with Boyt for years. Boyt is President of the Cathey Reunion Association in America (Founded 1951).

Mary's great-grandfather migrated to Australia but died young out here. His widow re-married and returned to Yorkshire. Mary (and Boyt) have always thought some Cathie/MacCathies migrated to Australia as well as to America, via Ireland. They would like to hear from anyone with relevant information.

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CLAN SOCIETY AND CLAN FINANCES

The Clan Society has, from time to time, collected moneys in addition to normal membership subscriptions and has allocated funds for a number of purposes over the years. Many members have contributed to the Clan Society's General and Trust Funds and to the Clan fund for Maintenance of the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay and to the Clan Capital Fund.

Since 1986 the Clan Society has paid 20% of the amount collected each year in membership subscription as a contribution towards Clan administrative costs on the international scene.

The Clan Society and its members have an excellent record in providing financial support for the Clan. We forwarded a total of A\$241.83 as assistance to the running of the six International Gatherings (and Parliaments) of Clan Macfie from 1979 to 1989 incl.. Between 1980 and 1985 incl. we forwarded A\$772.44 to the Clan leader to assist with administrative costs. Both these areas will be covered in future by our annual per capita contribution.

Until recently this per capita levy money and donations to the Clan Capital Fund have been held in the Clan Society Investment Savings Account pending further disbursement. At the beginning of October this year these funds were transferred to a Clan Macfie Account quite separate from the Clan Society accounts. The amounts transferred including accrued interest were \$1,588.86 (per capita levy) and \$485.42 (capital fund).

From 1978 to 1987 we forwarded A\$767.42 on behalf of Clan Society members for Standing Stone maintenance and hold further donations for forwarding at the end of the year. A breakdown of donations etc., to the Standing Stone and the Clan Capital Funds will be given in the next Newsbulletin.

The Clan Capital Fund was established in 1981 by the late Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, our first Clan Commander. As most of you know, our Clan is without lands or wealth of any kind. It was Dr. MacPhee's intention that monies be raised for a capital fund which would constitute the wealth of the Clan. Only the interest from this fund would be available for use on approved projects. The total amount in this account world wide at present is Fund A\$799.20 and accrued interest A\$413.57 - not a very good effort when you consider the wide Clan population in the six countries where Clan Societies are established.

Donations to Clan and Clan Society funds are always most welcome no matter how small - or big! Please remember the Clan Capital Fund though, it is the one for the Clan's future and certainly worthy of special attention - including bequests in your will should you so wish.

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1990 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts are enclosed for those few who have not paid their 1990 Subs - please give them your early attention and make Treasurer Lorraine happy.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, N.C., U.S.A. 11 -14 JULY 1991

This is the first International Gathering of Clan Macfie to be held in the United States. It will be hosted by the MacDuffee Clan of America Inc., and held in conjunction with the Thirty Sixth Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans. These Games are amongst the largest in the States. Traditionally, the MacDuffees couple their Annual General Meeting and Dinner in with the Grandfather Mountain week-end.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

- Thursday 11th 3 pm Clan Reception, Broyhill Inn, Boone, N.C.
 6 pm Picnic and Torchlight Opening Ceremony for the Games, Macrae Meadow (the main arena).
- Friday 12th am Local Tours
 3 pm MacDuffee Clan of America Inc., A.G.M., Broyhill Inn.
 5 pm Clan Reception
 7 pm Clan Macfie Banquet
- Saturday 13th 7 am Clan Macfie Breakfast
 8 am Grandfather Mountain Games Commence
 10 am Opening Ceremonies and Massed Bands
 6 pm Clan Macfie Dinner
 9 pm Tartan Ball
- Sunday 14th 8 am Clan Macfie Breakfast
 9 am Grandfather Mountain Games continue
 9.30 am Worship Service and Kirkin'o'the Tartan
 10.30 am Parade of Tartans
 4 pm Games Closing Ceremony
 5 pm Clan Macfie Farewell Supper/Ceilidh

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- Contacts: - Our Secretary, Helen, if you are able to attend or would like further information.
 - MacDuffee Contact - Dr. Bruce McDuffie, Commissioner for Clan Macfie in U.S.A. and President, MacDuffee Clan of America Inc., 1601 Edgewood Circle, Chattanooga, TN. 37405. (Tel: [615] 267-3520)
 - Broyhill Inn, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. (Tel: 438-6022). Accommodation charges for 1990 were single room US\$56, double US\$60.

Bookings: Accommodation is at a premium at this time. The MacDuffee's can attend to bookings, but deposits will be payable in advance.

Other

- Functions: - 4th August 1991 - The Cathey Reunion Association Biennial General Meeting near Charlotte, N.C.
 - 19th October 1991 - The MacFie Clan Society of North America, A.G.M. at Stone Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Georgia.

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ACCOMMODATION ON COLONSAY 1993

Accommodation on Colonsay is somewhat limited in quantity. Caravans, campervans and camping are not permitted on the island.

We have requested that all the Colonsay House flats and a number of holiday cottages be held for Clan members from the 1st to 8th September 1993. A reply is awaited.

In the meantime Kevin and Christa Byrne, proprietors of the Isle of Colonsay Hotel, have responded positively to our request for assistance with accommodation. The Hotel is not large, but they have agreed to give the Clan priority bookings for all the hotel and chalet accommodation for the first week in September 1993.

Kevin will accept bookings direct on a first come basis from individual Clan members. He is charging UK£315.00 per person for Dinner, Accommodation and Breakfast including all taxes for the equivalent week in 1991. He expects the 1993 price will be about UK£350.00.

Accommodation booked by Clan members will be held without obligation until 5th November 1992. At that time a deposit of an expected UK£60.00 per person will be payable to confirm the reservation.

A waiting list for Clan members will be kept by Kevin should bookings exceed the total number of beds available. If accommodation remains available after 5th November 1992 or is not confirmed by the payment of the required deposit, it will then be released for normal (i.e. non-Clan) booking.

Remember these bookings are to be made direct with Kevin Byrne on a person to person basis and similarly confirmed by the due date. Address: c/- The Hotel, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll, PA61 7YP, Scotland.

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FULLY PAID MEMBERSHIP

INTRODUCED IN 1991

The Clan Society Executive has decided to introduce Fully Paid Membership for individual members from the commencement of next year.

Applicable rates will be:

Under 50 years	-	\$100 per member
Over 50 years	-	\$80 per member

The Clan Society accounts will be restructured to maximise the benefits of Fully Paid Memberships from a book keeping point of view, and also any Subscriptions Paid in Advance. Both earn interest for the general fund and reduce the work load when accounts and receipts are prepared.

Members may convert to Fully Paid Membership or pay subscriptions in advance at any time.

"SCOTLAND ON SUNDAY"

A complimentary copy of "Scotland on Sunday" arrived at Clan Society headquarters in April. Started in August 1988, "Scotland on Sunday" has established itself as a quality Sunday newspaper in the UK.

Sandy and Helen remember it favourably from their visit to Scotland last year - and this complimentary copy's sport supplement was avidly devoured by Sandy as it reported in much detail Scotland's magnificent win over England to take this year's Five Nations Rugby Championship.

"Scotland on Sunday" is available to down-under subscribers at a quarterly rate of around UK£28.73 (without magazine or UK£43.29 (with it).

If you are interested in subscribing write to Mr. Donald Grant, General Circulation Manager, "Scotland on Sunday", 20 North Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1YT. (Telephone 031 225 2468)

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MACLEAN - AUSTRALIA'S SCOTTISH TOWN

Of interest in a Clan Maclean Association's recent newsletter is the fact that the town of Maclean on the Clarence River in northern New South Wales has been granted Life Membership of the Association.

Maclean can lay strong claim to being Australia's leading Scottish town. Gaelic street names have been approved by the Shire Council, the High School was the first school in Australia to introduce a course in Gaelic, and a major Highland Gathering is held there each year in March. The BBC has even run a special 45 minute programme put together by the people of Maclean telling the story of their town and featuring the Maclean Song.

The late Lord Maclean, 27th Chief of the Clan Maclean, was Patron of Maclean, the Scottish town in Australia, Association.

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CALLING THE BOYDS

Michael Stirling of 74 Rudd Road, Leumeah, N.S.W. 2560, is convening a Boyd Clan Society. Would all those with Boyd connections please contact Michael. The Chief of the Boyds is Lord Kilmarnock.

AND THE HENDERSONS

Ronald Palmer of 5 Coolabah Crescent, Forestville, N.S.W. 2087 has information regarding the formation of a new family society of Clan Henderson in Australia. The Chief of Clan Henderson, Dr. John Henderson of Fordell (who resides in Toowoomba, Q'ld.) has given his patronage to the clan society which has been formed for social and genealogical purposes and is associated with the Clan Henderson Society of America. The Hendersons originated from widely separated districts in Scotland. The Chief's family came from Fordell in Angus, while those in the north claim to be a sept of the Gunns and others claim to be associated with the MacDonalDs and MacNaughtons. Ronald is on 02 451 0158.

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MEMBERSHIP LISTS: The promised (last Newsbulletin) Membership List has been started on but not completed. It will be included with the next Newsbulletin - Helen and the computer permitting.

CLAN HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA: Preliminary work has commenced for a History of Clan Macfie in Australia. It will be published in a year or two as a volume in the series "The MYTHOLOGY, TRADITIONS and HISTORY of MacDHUBHSITH - MacDUFFIE CLAN" (McAfie, McDuffie, MacFie, MacPhee, Duffy, etc.) commenced by the late Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee. Contributions etc., should be sent to Clan Historian Mrs. Norah McPhee of 10 Rodney Road, Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. Further Family History pages are available from Secretary Helen if you need them.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING (1990) MINUTES: Minutes for the Eighth BGM were distributed to members with the last Newsbulletin. As no objections were received, they are considered ratified in accordance with para 15 (1) of our Constitution.

NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 1992: The Ninth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society will be held in Perth in 1992 - probably on the week-end following Easter! The intention is to hold it in conjunction with Perth's Annual Highland Gathering. More details later.

COLONSAY BOOKS: The new book on Colonsay and Oransay by Norman Newton is well worth reading - and collecting. Listed at UK£13.95, it was landed in Australia for A\$38.81 from Colonsay Books, c/- Isle of Colonsay Hotel, Colonsay, Argyll, PA61 7YP, Scotland. In addition to a sound broad coverage of history of the islands and their inhabitants there are also interesting chapters on geology, archeology and folklore etc. A new list from Colonsay Books is available from Secretary Helen.

THAT FAMILY HERITAGE BOOK: Clan Commander Sandy McPhie wrote requesting a copy for vetting and if satisfactory, endorsement. A standard "Dear Customer" letter came in reply requesting cash or no book. Since then Sandy has seen one of these books. He feels it probably includes all it claims to include but is very thin in coverage of actual history and heraldry, relating to our name. He does not consider it value for money.

HIGHLAND DRESS: Highland Dress and its wearing...a vexed question at times... However, Lyon Court does not lay down rules on the subject, rather it offers advice from time to time. While correct dress is very much at the wearer's choice, manifestations of dress should be avoided which would cause surprise and possible derision if worn at a Gathering in the Highlands. A mixture of civilian and military dress for instance, is not correct - the civilian standards may be flexible, but the military ones generally are not.

McPHIE GATHERING: Descendants of early settlers John and Mary McPhie are planning to meet in the National Park at Noosa on Queensland's Sunshine Coast early next year. Its a BYO everything luncheon date for Saturday 26th January 1991 - Australia Day. Starters please contact Mrs. Gwen Duff (Q90-739) (a grand-daughter) at Unit 2, 6 Woorookool Place, Noosaville, Q. 4566 as soon as possible and Gwen will try to make motel bookings etc., if needed.

ADELAIDE HIGHLAND GAMES INC. is promoting its 3rd Celtic Festival at the Sacred Heart College Oval, Scarborough St., Somerton Park on Sunday, 25th November. More info from Theo Eickhoff (Hon. Secretary) on 08 45-3853 or at P.O. Box 1495 G.P.O. Adelaide, 5001.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following members who have joined our Clan Society in the past few months:

N90-735 Miss Colleen O'Keefe, 11A Spring St., Abbotsford, N.S.W. 2046.
V90-736 Mrs. Barbara McPhee, 7 Shewsbury Rd., Nunawading, V. 3131.
Q90-737 Mrs. Elaine Wakeling, 24 Penarth St., Runcorn, Q. 4113.
Q90-738 Kevin Everett Wakeling, 24 Penarth St., Runcorn, Q. 4113.
Q90-739 Mrs. Gwen Duff, 2/6 Woorookool Place, Noosaville, Q. 4566.

THEY'VE SHIFTED CAMP

Robert and Catherine McPhie (W88-674 and 675) from Wanneroo, Perth, W.A. to 65 Portmarnock Circuit, Joondalup Country Club Estate, Connolly, W.A. 6027.

Mrs. Julie McCormick (Q77-325) from Mackay Q. to Bribie Island High School just north of Brisbane - address P.O. Box 37, Bongaree, Q. 4507.

Mrs. Vi McFie (Q77-382) from MS236 Maryborough, Q. to 7 Vista Street, Maryborough, Q. 4650.

Kim McDuffie and family (V88-669/672) Caulfield, V. to RMB 2114 Milford Grange via Mirboo North, Vic. 3871.

Mrs. Nan McCathie (N89-706) from Woy Woy, N.S.W. to 4/147 Bourke Road, Umina, N.S.W. 2257.

Dr. Ian McPhee (N88-640) from Orange, N.S.W. to P.O. Box 293, N.S.W. 2145.

Jeffrey Cathie and family (S89-697/700) from Happy Valley, S.A. to 9 Springwood Court, Alberfoyle Park, S.A. 5159.

Murray McPhie (S78-432) address now 2/15 Kintore Ave., in Prospect, S.A. 5082.

Miss Cherry McFee (V75-094) address on Phillip Island, V. now "Rimutara", R.M.B. 1266, Cowes, V. 3922.

LOST CONTACT

Mail has been returned marked "left address" for the following members - if anyone can help with current addresses for these members, Secretary Helen will be a happy girl.

Graeme McPhee (V74-041) formerly of 5/15 Swallow St., Shepparton Vic., 3630.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles McPhee and family (S78-438/439, S81-495 and S87-579/580) formerly of 16 Williams Rd., Millicent, S.A., 5280.

Miss Bev. Badcock (N82-511) formerly of 7/58 O'Connell St., Parramatta, N.S.W. 2150.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde McPhee (Q89-704 and 705) formerly of 8 Sneyd St., Mackay, Q. 4740.

Miss Inez Ashdown (Z80-490) formerly c/- P.O. Box 918, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, U.S.A. 96793.

Mrs. Sara McPhee and Mrs. Betty McLean (N87-596 and 597) formerly of 166 Concord Road, North Strathfield, N.S.W. 2137.