

# CLAN EWEN SOCIETY



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**Bulletin**

## FAILTE.

As you may have realized from the previous bulletin, the familiar welcome and introduction from our Chairman: Alan Ewing has been missing.

It is with much sadness and regret that I must inform all Clan members of the recent death of Alan's wife Irene, after a long illness which she bore with great courage and dignity.

Irene, with Alan, has been involved deeply with this Society from its inception and the two of them together have been pillars and stalwarts in defense of the clan and its Society through all their lifetimes work.

Due to the circumstances, Alan has signaled his intention to stand down at the next A.G.M. meeting in June, as Chairman of the Clan Ewen Society. But he will hopefully keep actively in touch with us within the committee and society.

I must also inform everyone of the death of John McEwen, who was the husband of our past Bulletin Editor, Betty. Both John and Betty have been with us from the beginning. John, a Second World War veteran was a staunch Scot and proud of it. People like Irene and John will always be remembered with love by their families and loved ones and also with honour by this Society. A word sparingly used, sums up the two of them admirably, they are both irreplaceable.

There are obituary notices from Martha and Charles Ewen to both Irene and John within the Bulletin. Friends of both, their thoughts and expressions are encapsulated within a poem.

So this is a sad welcome, but there is much to digest with this edition, therefore, I bid you, take your time.

Sub Editor: On behalf of Alan, Society Chairman.

On behalf of all members of the Society, we express our deep sadness and sorrow on the loss of both Irene and John and sincere sympathies to both families, some personal tributes follow directly. **Editor.**

## Obituaries Notice.

### **John McEwen.**

Since the last A.G.M. two of our clan members have sadly died and their passing has left us with spaces which will be impossible to fill.

John, with his wife Betty, joined the Society at the beginning and both were dedicated to the work of furthering the aims of the clan. John served with the Gordon Highlanders during the second world war and took part in the liberation of Europe. We send our sympathy and love to Betty and her family and hope she keeps her "chin up".

### **Irene Ewing**

Irene left us on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2002 after a long spell in hospital where her husband Alan, (our Chairman) visited every day. Although Irene was so poorly she still managed to give one of her witty remarks now and again. Irene was always on hand to help in any way she could, with her quiet caring manner. She is sorely missed by us all. To Alan and family we send our sympathy, love and blessings.

Martha Ewen.

### *Poem for Irene and John.*

*I am with you in the sunshine  
When your world glows warm and bright  
I am with you when life's shadows  
Bring long hours of endless night  
I am with you every moment  
Every hour of every day  
Go in peace upon life's journey  
For I'm with you all the way.*

Martha Ewen

## Secretary's Report – April 2003.

Three committee meetings have been held since the last A.G.M. – one in Perth and two in Kirkintilloch. The January meeting had to be cancelled due to the fact that several committee members were unable to attend. This meeting was held in March. A brief resume of the business arising and discussed at these meetings is as follows:-

**Bulletin** : Present Editor Sidni Terry resigned from Office but Sub Editor Colin Davies agreed to take over editorial for the present – we are very pleased with this arrangement. Bulletin now being printed in Greenock as an exercise in cutting costs of production – so far favourable comments but effort must be made to get Spring issue out earlier.

**Treasurer** - Iain submitted his retiral from position but acting as interim treasurer until a replacement is found, The financial report was presented and the problem of collecting subs.from overseas is on-going as the Clan is losing money through bank charges. Various ways of tackling this problem have been suggested but at the last committee meeting it was agreed that present subscriptions are too high and a motion will be put at the A.G.M. in June to reduce costs. To simplify the banking of overseas subscriptions it was moved that representatives overseas could collect from their part of the world and send in one cheque to the Treasurer. Other suggestions were a 2 year discount, standing orders or direct debit. This also to be finalized at the A.G.M.

**International Gathering** - It was agreed to hold this every 3 years and the A.G.M. of course every year. The International Gathering would be at the Royal Marine, Hunter's Quay, Dunoon and the A.G.M. at Kilfinan Hotel. Arrangements for this year's meeting arranged and discussed.

**Constitution Changes.** - Minor changes have to be made to qualify for any available grants. Proposed alterations will be put forward at the A.G.M.

**Chiefship** – It was agreed to pursue research into establishing information about this.

**Correspondence** – The Secretary has been in correspondence with our overseas representatives and has encouraged them to spread interest in the Clan in their parts of the world. Our two new members, Colin and Janet McEwen in New Zealand are very eager to help in this way.

**Proposed Development Strategy** – David Band presented an excellent paper on this subject which will be seriously considered at our next meeting.

**Eleanor Williamson, Secretary.**

## Clan Ewen Society Committee Meeting

St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Kirkintilloch  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2003. @ 1.30pm.

**Sederunt:** Alan Ewing, Eleanor Williamson, Jim McEwen, Duncan McEwan, David McE. Band, Charles Ewen, Barbara McEwen, Martha Ewen.

**Apologies:-** Murdo McEwan, Rachel McEwen, Malcolm McEwan, Iain McEwan & David McEwan.

The minutes of previous committee meeting were read, approved and signed.

**Business arising:-** A discussion on the Clan being represented at the Cowal Games took place and it was asked to join if the other clans in the area were taking part. Further information to be obtained.

**Bulletin:-** Contents and appearance of November bulletin were considered with praise and criticism – namely cover could be brighter, delivery was late and every effort must be made to send out Spring issue earlier, some articles missing from Bulletin due to lack of space should be included in next issue; committee members names to be added to back page, favourable comments on production from new printers.

**Colin Davies:-** (Bulletin Sub Editor) has agreed to edit the May issue and overseas copies will be sent by air mail to allow time for any opinions on Clan name to be expressed. Failing this the matter would have to be postponed until the next A.G.M.

**Subscriptions:-** All members of committee agreed that the present subs are too high and a motion will be put at the A.G.M. in June that we reduce the cost. Another suggestion is for a 2 year discount and to encourage members to take out a standing order or direct debit. To facilitate the collection of overseas money, Charles suggested that Lynn Gheling would collect subs in USA and send cheque to Treasurer. This was a very acceptable solution to the problem and Lynn would be willing to do this.

**A.O.C.B. –** Jim and David Band proposed making up a welcoming package and costing this. It was agreed. David discussed advertising in the Bulletin – it was agreed that he would pursue certain companies. Jim asked to re-join C.V.S. (Community Volunteer Service), this was agreed.

**David Band:-** presented an excellent paper on the Society of a 'Proposed Development Strategy' which was very favourably received and will be seriously considered at our next meeting. It is obvious that David had put a lot of work into this presentation and he was thanked. Committee members will be given time to read and discuss his proposals.

A short discussion took place on the A.G.M. programme. Jim outlined the arrangements for the weekend – briefly times arranged for Meeting, Film Show, Reception, Buffet etc on the Saturday and Church Service and walk to the Cairn on the Sunday.

Final item of business was general agreement to pursue research into establishing information about Cl...

## Society Manager's Report.

Dear friends, as I write my article, I notice that spring is now with us. My garden and the countryside around me is bursting into bloom and new growth is everywhere. What a lovely thought it would be if we could replicate this every year in the clan. The chance and opportunity for us to grow green and strong again, a chance for new developments and new ideas to be put into practice. The winter months have given me an opportunity to think and what I propose is to offer the clan the prospect of scaling up its overseas developments, the opportunity of active overseas members to seize upon the chance to develop their own overseas branch in an effort to self promote the clan in their own country, the chance to recruit, fund raise and host various events. The number of such overseas posts held would depend clearly on those willing to take up these posts and positions. If, as we have previously envisaged, the International Gathering be held throughout the world, then we must give these overseas developments time, assistance and encouragement. At home, our newly appointed International Procurement Manager, my cousin, David McEwen Band and myself, have worked tirelessly drawing up an ongoing Business Plan for what we envisage to meet our needs for the years to come. This would clearly be dependent on the assistance of all our membership and after the proposed constitutional changes I wish to make at this years A.G.M.,

1. our constitution must change to enable us firstly to be able to seek charitable status.
2. up date the wording of part of the constitution to enable us to meet modern day criteria to allow us to apply for grants (you will note I said UP DATE not CHANGE the content of the old constitution).

I am sure this revised constitution will no doubt assist our overseas branches to apply for similar grants.

The name change of the clan proposed by our membership secretary, Mr. Malcolm McEwan, I fully support. There is nothing here in Scotland associating Ewen with our family name of McEwen. The commercial world all identify with our clan as McEwen. No product to date that I know of bears the name of Ewen and we only confuse outsiders under this disguise. I was recently reminded by one of my very good overseas friends that to use the word Mc in front of a name clearly identifies that person as coming from Scottish roots. The prefix O' or Fitz would be associated with Irish descent, Van being of Dutch or continental origin and Sson as in Magnusson as Scandinavian. It is only right that Mc, be it Mac or Mc gives clear identity to our nationality. Let us, prior to this years' A.G.M. think seriously of these changes and not delay or flounder for another year.

Since the last A.G.M., Barbara and I have been very busy. We had the opportunity to visit and stay with fellow clans people, Lynn and Jill Gheling in Upper Michigan. This was our opportunity at last to see our 5<sup>th</sup> Great Lake in North America, Lake Michigan. We flew from Toronto to Sous Saint Marie and Lynn very kindly was there to drive us to his home in Marquette, Upper Michigan. We had a marvelous time there with Lynn and Jill, Barbara now being fully conversant in dress making and E-Bay technology thanks to Jill and me now an expert on how to identify a sycamore from 2 miles away and in what direction to fell it. Lynn indeed is a great woodsman and feller although very short on industrial relations with his workforce knocking lumps out of each other on a daily basis. I am sure Lynn will see the funny side of this.

Fishing is indeed my forte but I am sad to report on the grand occasion between Scotland and U.S.A., the new country won hands down (or so Lynn tells me). Still, this year, after the gathering when Lynn and Jill stay with us, it will be my chance of a well earned revenge, await results of this in the autumn bulletin.

I clearly witnessed, during our stay with Lynn and Jill, the fellowship, generosity and the support of reciprocal visits to take place between fellow clans people in the years to come.

On our return back to Toronto it gave me the chance to visit the Canadian War Plane Heritage Museum at Hamilton International Airport, Mount Hope outside Stoney Creek where we stayed with Alan and Anita Marshall, our Canadian friends. They have more Scottish blood flowing through them than many Scots. Al and I visited this world famous collection of times past planes, one of the last remaining Lancasters still flies over the skies of Canada. I spoke to many people who volunteer their services to help rebuild these old planes back to a state of air worthiness and their dedicated service and devotion are true testament to the good work being done in that museum. I met there a young lady, Karen Dick, Karen is working with the Bolingbrook restoration crew. The plane they are restoring has been worked on by these volunteers over the last 20 years and it is still 3 years to go before its final completion. *See photograph on back cover.*

I look forward to this years A.G.M., the Hotel at Kilfinan is fully booked now but I believe there are still other hotels and B&B's to be found in the surrounding area. These can be found on our web site:  
[www.clanewensociety.org](http://www.clanewensociety.org).

We attended 2 International Trade Fairs in Glasgow and many new and exciting items were on display. However, as clan sales are way down on previous years I have no funding for this year to purchase new stock. I hope you all consider purchases of what stock we still carry. Our existing stock is all at lower price than shop prices and can be seen on our updated web page, all thanks to Jill Gheling.

I am in negotiations at present with a company I recently met at the Trade Fair in replica ancient weaponry and if anybody would like to take the opportunity, we would consider setting up a historical re-enactment society and to enable us to avail ourselves of the clothing and weaponry our ancestors would have had back in the Kilfinan area. I am very interested in forming such a society which could meet at the time of the International Gatherings. My e-mail address as you will know is [j.g.mcewen@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.g.mcewen@ntlworld.com)

May I end this article on a high note. Last week, at the Scots Guards Glasgow Branch Association Annual Reunion, I met a young serving soldier by the name of Captain T.N.McEwen, a young gentlemen who hails from Cove down outside Helensburgh. Captain McEwen of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards was very interested to hear of our association and will no doubt be joining up with us in the near future. I asked if he would join us at our gathering this year but he sadly declined saying that he would be taking part in Her Majesty's Trooping of the Colour in London on the morning of our gathering. I would ask all of you who may see this event on television to take note of this fine young gentleman paying his respects to Her Majesty at her birthday parade. What an honour it is for Captain McEwen and the clan that our name is mentioned in such high esteem. Incidentally for those who have colour television, he will be sitting on a grey mare throughout the ceremony, those with black and white television can suit yourselves!!!

I hope to meet many of our members this year and for those of you traveling from abroad, have a safe journey and a hearty welcome to your Motherland.  
**Yours aye, Jim.**

## CANADIAN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

Listed are pilots and Aircrews killed on active service during the Second World War of McEwen family name.

McEwan, Ronald Alexander P/O (AG) J86800/R6190A. From Verdun, Quebec. Killed in Action Jun 29/1/1944 age 28 #432 Leaside Squadron (Saevitir Ad Lucem). Target-Metz, Germany. Please see P/O W. Fernyhough D.F.C. for casualty list and flight details. P/O McEwan had been interred in Switzerland when his #431 Squadron Wellington aircraft was lost during a raid on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1943. He, however, returned to England on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1943, via Gibraltar which he had reached on June 27. Pilot Officer Air Gunner McEwan is buried in the Communal Cemetery, Creil, Oise, France.

McEwen, Alan James F/O(OB)J5087. From High Prairie, Alberta. Killed in Action Jun.9/1942 age 26.#504 City Of Vancouver Squadron (Ducimus). Target-Essen, Germany. Please see P/O. W.J. Pethybridge for casualty list and flight details. Flying Officer Observer McEwen was buried in the Military Cemetery at Cologne, Germany, exhumed, and then reburied in the War Cemetery at Rheinberg, Germany.

McEwen, John Alexander Sgt/(AG) R193028. From Preston, Ontario. Killed in action Nov.19/1943 age 19. #428 Ghost Squadron (Usque Ad Finem). Halifax aircraft #LK 950 suffered engine failure and all the crew baled out. Sergeant McEwen bailed out at 15000 ft he was the first out of the aircraft and the only casualty. Sergeant Air Gunner McEwen has no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, England.

McEwen, John Finlay WO(N) R142364. From Riverhurst, Saskatchewan. Killed in Action Oct.22/1943 age 19. #605 County of Warwick Squadron (Nunquam Dormio). Mosquito aircraft #HJ768 took-off and crashed into some trees at the end of the runway at Bradwell Bay, England. The RAF Pilot was also killed. Warrant Officer Class 1 Navigator McEwen is buried in the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Woking, Surrey, England.

McEwen, Lawrence David FS(AG) R120920. From Ernfold Saskatchewan. Killed in action May.14/1943 age 24. #419 Moose Squadron (Moosa Aswayita). Target Bochum, Germany. Please see Harrelson O.J. for casualty list and flight details. Flight Sergeant Air Gunner McEwen was buried in the City of Munchen - Gladbach, exhumed, and reburied in the War Cemetery at Rheinberg, Germany.

McEwen, Stewart Almer LAC R191601 - Construction Hand. From Parkhill, Ontario. Killed Nov.21/1944 age 23.#8<sup>th</sup> Construction Maintenance Unit, Tufts Cove, Newfoundland. A dump truck slipped into a ditch and rolled over onto LAC. McEwen who had been thrown from the truck. Leading AirCrafterman McEwen is buried in Parkhill, Ontario.

McEwen, William Tripp FS(P) R69829. From Winnipeg, Manitoba. Killed in action April. 10/1942. age 25. #12 Squadron (Leeds the Field). Wellington aircraft#W5570 failed to return from a night bombing operation, presumed hit by enemy action. P.O. H.L. Cook was also killed. Two R.A.F. and two R.A.A.F. members of the crew missing believed killed. This was Flight Sergeant McEwen's twentieth operation. Flight Sergeant Pilot McEwen has no known grave, his name is inscribed on the Runnymede War Memorial, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, England.

## CORRESPONDENCE FROM OUR MEMBERS

### *How Scots are the Scots?*

*New Years Eve or "Hogmanay", as it is to us true Scots, (as we should not be referred to as Scottish) is a time for celebration. Another year out and another New Year beginning, "out with the old and in with the new".*

*How do we celebrate? Drinking, eating, Scottish Country dancing, singing, parties, yes, just like practically every other country in the world but in "our own" way. Once the whisky or now days any other alcoholic drink takes over the brain we suddenly become very nationalistic. We pride ourselves in being Scots, we are unique, we passionately remember history as if it were just yesterday, we remember those who invaded us hundreds of years ago. Those who sacrificed in defense and who's actions changed our present day lives. We remember. Oh how we remember! The pride! Our pride! We Scots! The English! The Auld enemy! The date to remember? 1298, 1314, 1320 or as most of would say "about" meaning we haven't got a clue as to the actual date but who cares it is the actual event that matters, right? "They" caused us pain, they invaded us, they took away our rights, they cleared us out of our homes to make way for sheep, they robbed us, they raped us, it hits home and hurts hard. But we had Wallace, Bruce, Baxter and.....and.....and...../? OkWallace, Bruce and Baxter but that made up for the last 700 years, right? Stirling Bridge, Bannockburn and Wembley. We battled against overwhelming odds and were victorious! God Forbid I mention 1966! They won the World Cup but we had the glorious '67. Yes 1967, you know 1967? We beat them, the undefeated world champions, we made an exhibition of them, we humiliated them at Wembley, we really were victorious!!!!*

*We are in our own Independent Country, we have Whisky, we have Tartan, we have Golf, we have our own National Flag, we have our own National anthem, we have our own Monarchy, we have our own music and language – Gaelic, we invented – penicillin – road surfaces – telephone – television – aseptic techniques (a McEwen invention), we fought in the front lines of all Britain's campaigns in the name of freedom..... we Scots have a true identity! But for all that we are still suppressed on this island.*

*In that few brief hours between the Old and the New all things Scots made the world seem right. It means something. Our pride is ingrained, it lives inside us with a heartfelt emotion, with a sadness of what was, of what we had achieved and of what has to come, a pride to go forth and proclaim that we are not "British" but Scots. (as the recent war / campaign in Iraq has proven / world championship sporting events) Why does it take an occasion once a year*

*to bring out this simmering and unique Scots pride, to reminisce of what we really are, of what our ancestors had achieved and what they had endured and sacrificed to make us the way we are today.*

*Does it really take the making of a Hollywood Film (Braveheart) to enforce our already known sentiments of ourselves? One thing it did do was to highlight our grudge against the auld enemy to the rest of the world.*

*But times are changing.....Traditions are only as good as the ones handed down and they in turn are only as good as those who learn or want to learn. Modern times require modern thoughts and ideas. Too much is being forgotten, as it is not useful in today's "modern" world.*

*The wearing of the Kilt or Clan tartan as formal dress is a modern acceptance of Old Highland values but lost in it's wearing is the true traditions.*

*"Scots" all over the world now wear the Kilt not just the Highland Clans. The divide between East and West Scotland is gone.*

*Scotland, to know her is to love her. It is so easy to forget, but it is a thing that we love.*

*I've grown up holding onto traditional values of where my family originated and the culture they had and the hardship of existence. Family heirlooms are the remaining contact with the past, therefore they have become sorely prized possessions. It is too easy to loose contact with what once was, and once gone it's gone forever. I have sadly lost one hereditary aspect of my family – Islay Gaelic because of ..... changing times.*

*But McEwen's have left their mark through history in other parts of the world. The Caribbean. Trinidad and Tobago have indigenous McEwen's. A legacy of our adventurous and historical past. And so it is throughout other parts of the world, you'll find.....McEwan's.*

*My thirst for knowledge of my ancestral past is unquenchable. As I will eventually be the last source of my family history and therefore all that went before is important to me. I want my children to have the knowledge and pride of "their" Scots past not in one night but every night throughout the years.*

*I am a McEwan!*

*We are MacEwan's*

*We are part of history and history is never forgotten, so let us not forget.*

## *Is it all in a Name?*

*Sticks and stones will break our bones but name change never harmed us.*

*Are we a Clan or a Society?*

*The Ewen name has served its time well but has the time come to consider a name change?*

*Members of the general public seem not to associate **Ewen** with **MacEwen** and vice versa.*

*So why not call us Clan McEwan?*

*All Clan / Highland merchandise is marketed as MacEwen / MacEwen / McEwan / McEwen, books relating to Highland Clans all carry the name McEwan etc, the history relates to McEwan's etc, the Tartan is McEwan etc.*

*So why do we not advertise and promote such?*

*Will changing names attract more members?*

*Historically, you may wish to argue that it all started long ago with Ewan / Ewen (the Ewen Society) but we are Sons and Daughters of that ilk and as such we carry the name Mac(Son of....) & Nic (Daughter of ..... ) Ewen.*

*Clan Donald, as they are known are the exception to the rule. However, their merchandise is advertised as Macdonald.*

*How would other Clans refer to us?*

*How do we refer to other "Mac" Clans..... Kenzie or MacKenzie, Nab or MacNab.....Ewan of MacEwen?*

*Yours,*

*A member of our Clan.*

## *Clan Name.*

*I am against any change in the name of our Clan Ewen Society for the following reasons:*

- 1. History tells us that we are all descendants of Ewen of Otter.*
- 2. The inaugural meeting was held in the Bath Hotel, Glasgow on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1977, the Purpose of which was to establish a Clan Society. Those attending were Dr. Douglas McEwan, Mr. Archibald McEwan, Mr. Duncan McEwan and Miss Agnes McEwan. The clan was established and named Clan Ewen Society.*

3. I cannot accept the point being made that the MacEwens do not understand their relationship with Clan Ewen.
4. The McEwans of 1977 like many other clans consider their history all important. An example being the MacDonalds who are one of the largest societies and have the name Clan Donald.

*I have been a member of Clan Ewen since 1977 and, for the last twenty years I have held the positions of Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and E-mail correspondent.*

*I ask you to use your vote and say NO to any change.*

*Please e-mail your reply to Rachel McEwen at [rachelmcewen@aol.com](mailto:rachelmcewen@aol.com) or by post to Clan Secretary – Miss E. Williamson, Bellcairn Cottage, Cove, By Helensburgh, G84 ONX, Scotland.*

*Charles Ewen.*

***Dear Cousins,***

*As you may well be aware, a proposal has been put forward by a member that proposes that the Clan Ewen Society name be changed to Clan McEwen Society or some other variant thereof – spelling to be discussed as of yet. And therein is the problem. Which spelling? There are well over 100 variants of the spelling of the original Gaelic name Eoghain. In Ireland I understand the Anglicized spelling became “Owen” and in Scotland “Ewen”. Now you may be wondering of what I may be getting to on this issue, well here it is. In my opinion as just one member, if the name be changed at all it should be changed to the original Gaelic name of Eoghain with the “son of” which is Mac or the Gaelic spelling which is “Mhic”. Why this opinion? Because if this change be made and the name be changed to MacEwen.Ewan/Ewing/Cuin/Keown/Cunne/Owens/Owins/Cun or some other variant of the name, what would prevent the popping up of many other societies floating about that claim as such.*

*I, therefore, propose the name be changed to “Eoghain” with the “Mhic” which would include ALL variants present of the name whether Irish or Scottish.*

*Yours gratefully, Lynn Gheling.*

*N.B. with thanks to all members who expressed their opinions. Editor.*

## NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

### **Iron age find is Scotland's most exciting.**

Warrior chief was buried with full honours.

Builders who were on the brink of using a JCB digger to lay the foundations of a new housing estate have unearthed what may be the richest archaeological find in Scotland.

It includes the well preserved skeleton, sword and valuable adornments of an Iron Age warrior buried with full honours.

Experts who announced the discovery of the site at Alloa, Clackmannanshire, last night described the grave as one of the most "valuable and exciting" to have been found on these shores.

It is believed that only around 100 such ceremonial Iron Age burials took place in Scotland over 800 years and, of those, only four had weapons lying alongside the skeleton.

Ancient communities disposed of their dead in different ways and the majority of corpses in Iron Age Scotland were put in rivers, left on exposed platforms, or put up trees.

Building work was first halted last Tuesday when workmen uncovered a Bronze Age grave containing the skeleton of a woman along with an ornate food vessel and copper alloy items dating back to between 2500 and 1500 BC. However, two days later, the digger uncovered the more important grave.

The Iron Age warrior whose head had been placed on a stone pillow is likely to have been a chief ruling the surrounding kingdom, and appeared to have been aged between 25 and 35 when he died around 200BC to 200AD.

His sword had been placed in his hand and surrounding him were valuable rings, an ornate copper pin and glass beads. The artifacts indicate that he was a high-ranking powerful individual who would have been able to display great wealth.

Archaeological staff, who believe there may be more graves in the vicinity, immediately secured the site to deter vandals.

Ian Ralston, professor of archaeology at Edinburgh University, said that a great deal was already known about the Iron Age in Scotland in terms of hill forts and brochs, but that rituals pertaining to death were still largely undiscovered.

"We can trace Iron Age life in the north-west, the Western Isles and Lowlands, but we still know very little about how they treated their dead" he said.

"It is quite amazing to think that this skeleton has turned up by chance, but it replicates a pattern whereby builders can be the ones who make these fantastic finds".

Professor Ralston added that such graves were often discovered by farmers ploughing their fields.

Susan Mills, museum and heritage officer for Clackmannanshire Council, said the find was less than 50 yds away from a Bronze Age cemetery discovered in

1828. "The later burials of the Iron Age may have been based on some sort of folk memory of the site being used as a burial place. It would have still been regarded as a special place for those who lived in the area", she said.

"I also think the graves have been so well preserved because they were protected for years by nursery greenhouses which were demolished in the 1970's.

Paul Duffy, human remains and forensics expert from the archaeology department at Glasgow University, said the site was the greatest find he was likely to come across in his lifetime.

He said "I've worked on many sites throughout my 12 years in the field but these, particularly the Iron Age grave, far outweigh anything I've ever seen. The skeletons have been taken to Glasgow University for forensic examination, while the precious artifacts found with them have been sent to a specialist firm in Edinburgh.

George Tainsh, director of the £1.5m Ochilview housing development, which plans to build 30 houses on the site, said his company would cooperate fully with archaeological experts to safeguard the graves.

A spokesman for Historic Scotland said: "It is a very significant discovery for our understanding, particularly of Iron Age warriors and warfare and the period immediately preceding the Romans.

#### **Community Chest.**

The Iron Age lasted around 800 years (750BC-43AD)

In 1973, late Iron Age houses were uncovered at Bostadh beach on Great Bernera.

**The Communities:** were primarily agricultural, with the daily routine revolving around the maintenance of crops and livestock.

**Villagers lived** in wooden roundhouses.

**By the end** of the Iron Age, people were starting to live in larger and more settled communities. Coinage had been introduced and wheel-thrown pottery was being made in many villages.

*With acknowledgement to Shan Ross*

#### **South Uist mummies lead to Bronze Age burial rethink.**

Mummified bodies found on South Uist are leading to a rethink of Bronze Age burials, as they predate the Egyptian pharaoh Tutenkhamen.

The discovery of Cladh Hallan, near Daliburgh, was the subject of a television programme on Tuesday evening.

The remote Bronze Age site has yielded a man and a woman, the oldest mummies found anywhere in Europe. The man is believed to be around 3,500 years old and the woman is a couple of centuries younger. They were discovered buried in the foundations of one of the roundhouses at the site and

the team from Sheffield University which discovered them believes that the condition of the bodies shows they were kept above ground for at least 500 years, preserved by being dried by wind or fire, pickled in salt or dipped in a peat bog. They also believe the bodies were kept somewhere warm and dry and were perhaps venerated in some way before being taken down and buried. "It could be a form of ancestor worship or local people could have preserved them because they were great leaders or shamans whose powers they hoped to tap into after death, said Dr. Mike Park Pearson who led the team from Sheffield.  
Oban Times.

*With acknowledgement to Oban Times*

**Dear Ancestor:**

Your tombstone stands among the rest;  
neglected and alone. The name  
and date are chiseled out,  
on polished, marbled stone.  
It reaches out to all who care,  
it is too late to mourn.  
You did not know that I exist  
you died and I was born.  
Yet each of us are cells of you  
in flesh, in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts, and beats a pulse  
entirely our own.  
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled  
one hundred years ago.  
Spreads out among the ones you left  
who would have loved you so.  
I wonder if you lived and loved.  
I wonder if you knew,  
That someday I would find this spot,  
and come to visit you.

The above poem was written by a man who had done his research in Scotland. He had gone back and found his ggg-grandfather's old farm lands. While walking the fields, he came across an old piece of beam and on it were carved his ancestor's initials. Now wouldn't that be the greatest find in the world. That was his inspiration to write the above poem.  
With thoughts of Elgin, Moray, Scotland.

*Submitted by Martha Ewen.*

## GENTLEMEN – THE TARTAN.

Here's to it!  
The fighting sheen of it,  
The yellow, the green of it,  
The white, the blue of it,  
The dark, the red of it,  
Every thread of it!

The fair have sighed for it,  
The brave have died for it,  
Foemen sought for it,  
Heroes fought for it,  
Honour the name of it,  
Drink to the fame of it –  
The Tartan.  
Murdoch MacLean.

### **The Great Book of Gaelic enters new education pack.**

The rich history of Gaelic and Gaelic culture has been encapsulated in a new education pack for schools.

Devised by well-known Gaelic campaigner Dr. Anne Lorne Gillies, the pack has been brought out on the back of the hugely successful *Leabhar Mor na Gaidhlig* (The Great Book of Gaelic) being staged at the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow.

It comprises an electronic book with separate audio-CD of song and poetry and more than 500 pages of pictures, poems, stories, information and ideas.

These include the rich history of the Gaels and Scotland's linguistic and cultural links with Ireland.

Subjects include the Iron Age; Celtic languages; St. Columba; the Book of Kells; the Vikings; Kenneth MacAlpin; the Lords of the Isles; the Jacobites; the Potato Famine; the Highland Clearances; Cu Chulainn; Ossian; the Stone of Destiny; and the Loch Ness Monster.

It also deals with more up-to-date issues and easy poems and artworks for use in upper primary schools and secondary schools, in English and Gaelic.

Dr. Gillies said: "For younger children there are colourful poems and artworks like *The Scholar and his Cat* and *Valparaiso*; for older children more challenging subjects like love, war, human rights and the chaos of global communication. Proiseact nan Ealan (The Gaelic Arts Agency) now aims to capitalize on the runaway success of *An Leabhar Mor* by reaching out to yet

another new audience – one which is vital to the future of Scots and Gaelic language and culture.

An official launching of the pack took place last Friday at the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow, when guests of honour including Rosemary Ward of Born Na Gaidhlig and Dr. Gillies were treated to Gaelic music and song from Sgoil Gaidhlig Ghlaschu, Kenna Campbell and Rhona MacKay.

*Oban Times.*

With the full acknowledgement to the writer Shan Ross on her Archaeological report shown. Also acknowledgement to editorial articles visited from the Oban Times.

### **ATTENTION.**

To the highest bidder!

All bids to be received by the Clan Membership Secretary by the  
25<sup>th</sup> May, 2003!

**RARE!!!!**

Original Old 78rpm Record

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“We will talk it o’er together, Bye-and-Bye”

Sung by WILLIAM McEWAN

Recorded 1926 in New York

1<sup>st</sup> ever successful recording of this Beautiful Hymn

Record in fantastic condition!

He was known to have the most soothing of Highland voices.

**Bid – NOW!!!!**

## Clan "MacEwen" – Appointing a new Chief.

For approximately the last 500 years the Clan has been 'scattered and dispossessed' – with no Chief and no 'Clan Lands'. But this belies the rich past – and rich future – of a Clan which descends from Ewen of Otter on the eastern shores of Loch Fyne in Argyll, some 40 miles north west of Glasgow.

Historically the chiefs of the Clan, whilst being independent, has loose associations with the nearby Maclachlans, Macneils and Lamonts until about 1432 when by a charter of James I, the Barony of Otter was confirmed to chief Sween Macewen with a destination to the heirs of Duncan Campbell of Loch Awe. Sween (Swene) is the last chief on record and thereafter the clan and its members have been 'clan less men'.

There are few tangible remains of this distant past; but the most inspiring and evocative must be the remains of Caisteal Mhic Eoghain (McEwen's castle) on the shores of Loch Fyne, close to Kilfinan. The emphasis should most certainly be on the word 'remains'; but – situated on a raised promontory above the shore – the site commands a magnificent vantage point. A memorial cairn was erected on the site in 1990. Standing seven feet high, it features a bronze plaque with the inscription: "Site of MacEwen Castle. An enduring memorial to Clan Ewen of Otter. 'Reviresco'. Erected by Clan Ewen Society, June, 1990.

The Clan's motto takes us forwards and upwards: "Reviresco" – variously translated as being 'I flourish again; I grow green'. Whatever the exact and literal wording, the message is clear...

But we remain, at present, without a chief. Ideally, a formally recognized direct descendent of Swene could be identified, and that person would have the strongest claim to the title. However, the chances of establishing a direct line going back nearly 500 years are remote. The way forward, therefore, is for the derbhfine of the clan to meet and present an individual to the Court of Lord Lyon – seeking to appoint that person to be, initially Commander of the Clan. The Lord Lyon is currently disinclined to appoint an individual directly to the position of Chief. In the meantime it would fall to the Commander to organize the clan and establish it on a strong footing – which may take several years. The derbhfine can then re-convene, and seek the Lord Lyon's approval for the Commander to be formally recognized as Chief.

Who/what is the derbhfine? Briefly, any members of the clan holding a Scottish coat of arms. It is probable that the Lord Lyon will only recognize those who have held arms for at least one year. Eldest sons of living armigerous members do not count. It is necessary to identify those who have recorded arms over the centuries, and efforts will have to be made to locate and identify descendants of those persons – as these individuals can be members of the derbhfine, and they must be included in the deliberations. In the case of a double-barrelled name, it is the last part of the name that determines if the person may be eligible or not. Thus someone with the surname "James-McEwen" is acceptable, but the surname "McEwen-James" is not. Other

members of the derbhfine include any landed member of the clan – persons owning at least a small agricultural holding in Scotland, outwith the boundaries of any burgh. So someone owning a house in Edinburgh as such is not eligible to be in the derbhfine.

It is important that suitable effort is made to identify and contact all persons who may be eligible to be part of the derbhfine, so that those persons' views, opinions and votes can be considered and taken into account for presentation to the Lord Lyon. Suitable efforts may well include appropriate advertisements in Scotland's national newspapers, the Scotsman, and the Herald, and in a local newspaper covering the clan area (such as the Oban Times). In addition a Herald (an expert authority on Heraldic matters) will need to be employed in order to oversee the proceedings of the derbhfine; and this Herald will report to the Lord Lyon that all the formalities have been properly complied with.

So, establishing who may be included in the derbhfine is no small matter in itself. It is then for the derbhfine to identify and promote a suitable individual to the Lord Lyon – with guidance and advice from a suitably experienced and knowledgeable Herald along the way. It is not for the Clan Society or its ordinary individual members to deal with the matter. It must be done via the properly constituted derbhfine, under the watchful eye of a Herald. The Lord Lyon will be guided by the advice of the Herald, and will in due course make a formal pronouncement – probably “Commander” in the first instance and then “Chief” at some date thereafter, following further petition by the derbhfine.

Needless to say, the words “time” and “cost” look fairly large in all of this, It is certainly not an undertaking to be treated without due respect and appreciation of what all is involved. At present the clan committee is taking steps to identify which coats of arms that have been granted by the Lord Lyon's office over the centuries are pertinent in this particular exercise. The earliest is thought to be that granted to John McEwen of Muckly in 1742, and efforts are being made to establish exactly where Muckly is/was located. In this particular case it is then necessary to try and identify descendants of this John McEwen. Other coats of arms have been granted more recently, and may not be so difficult to follow up. Readers who are interested in finding out more, or who feel they could be eligible members of the derbhfine should write with appropriate details to the clan secretary, Eleanor Williamson, Bellcairn Cottage, Cove, near Helensburgh, G84 ONX, Scotland.

The above article has featured in The Scottish Banner – “The largest Scottish newspaper in the world outside Scotland”. See [www.scottishbanner.com](http://www.scottishbanner.com) for more information on this fine monthly publication.

**Murdo McEwan.**

With thanks to Murdo for sending in and producing this article: Editor.

## EXCLUSIVE TRAVEL DISCOUNTS.

As promised I can now report that after approaching a number of car hire companies and other organizations within the travel trade I have been able to secure special arrangements and discounts for all clan members.

### CAR HIRE.

The following car hire companies have agreed to offer the clan the following discounts and facilities at all times.

### ENTERPRISE rent a car.

This is a well known international car hire company with branches in many countries, in fact I am informed that they are the largest car hire company in North America. Enterprise has extended a 10% discount on all hire in the UK, USA and Canada. This means that our members in North America and the UK can make use of this facility when ever they need to hire a car, 365 days a year. This arrangement has been made with Mr. Randall Rickabaugh, Group Corporate Manager for Scotland and as mentioned applies at all branches of Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

To take advantage of this discount please contact your local Enterprise Branch and quote the following reference. ISA 1499.

### CLARKSON of Glasgow

This is a family driven company offering a fantastic range of vehicle rental and related services and currently enjoy business from home and overseas markets for both business and pleasure.

In Scotland they are the largest company of its type offering such a wide and varied selection of transport options including airport transfers, chauffeur driven vehicles, group travel and full wedding car facilities (should they be needed). All these services are available from all main Scottish Airports and throughout Central Scotland.

Clarkson have extended the following discounts to the Society.

Seven days for five offer – pay for 5 days and get 7 days use.

Free road map with every rental.

20% discount on all airport transfers.

These discounts are available at any time and can be booked in advance either by telephone, fax or e-mail. Point of contact Mr. Barry Clarkson, Director.

Telephone No. 0141 771 3990

Web Site. [www.carhirescotland.com](http://www.carhirescotland.com)

E-Mail. [clarksonofglasgow@btinternet.com](mailto:clarksonofglasgow@btinternet.com)

If you encounter any problems ask for Mr. Barry Clarkson in person.

### **THRIFTY Car Rental**

Thrifty are currently based in Edinburgh but are to shortly open offices at both Glasgow and Edinburgh Airports. Although Thrifty is in international company it is run very much as a local family run business allowing them to tailor their service to meet the needs of their customers.

William (Billy) Anderson the Travel Trade Manager is himself a passionate about anything Scottish and has indicated that he should be contacted in person by our members so that he can offer a personal service.

Thrifty have offered all Clan Ewen Members a 10% discount across the board, however, Billy has informed me of very special rates for Clan Ewen members which will be tailored to your own special requirements.

In addition Thrifty are currently putting together a web site link so that in a few weeks time you can contact them from the Clan Ewen web site

[www.clanewensociety.org](http://www.clanewensociety.org) This will mean that you can book your car hire requirements on line. Thrifty offer a full range of vehicles for hire from compacts through 4x4 to 12 plus mini buses all of which are the latest models, fully insured and available at a discount to Clan members.

In the meantime until the web link is set up please use the following contacts.

Telephone No. 0131 337 1319. Fax Number. 0131 347 9904

E-Mail. [Thrifty.Edinburgh@thrifty.co.uk](mailto:Thrifty.Edinburgh@thrifty.co.uk)

Overall the response was excellent with only one large car hire company failing to acknowledge receipt of my enquiry letter.

Please make use of these facilities and let me know if you encounter any problems, in fact let me know what the quality of service was like.

### **ACCOMMODATION.**

I have been looking at ways to obtain discounts on accommodation however, due to the large number of hotels, bed and breakfast and caravan establishments, it has proven difficult to come up with a comprehensive arrangement. However, I have been in contact with the following organizations that offer a range of accommodation and services.

### **HELPMEGO.TO**

HelpMeGoTo specialize in arranging holiday packages. They will organize your full trip, let them know where you want to go to, how long you intend staying and they will make all your accommodation and transport arrangement and produce a programme to cover your trip. This can also include tickets to historic sites and other places of interest. All this will be arranged at very competitive rates. Although discussions are still at an early stage, it is proposed that all arrangements can be made on line via a Clan Ewen web site link. When this will happen is difficult to predict, however, keep checking the Clan Web Site.

You can contact HelpMeGoTo at their web site <http://helpmegoto>

### CLASSIC SCOTLAND

Classic Scotland, represent a number of quality independently owned hotels across Scotland. Classic Scotland has extended a discount of £5.00 per person per night on their published rates (which vary depending upon the season) to Clan members.

The Marine Hotel, Dunoon where last years Clan Gathering was held is one of the hotels within this group. In addition I have stayed at a number of the 72 hotels listed in their brochure and can confirm that they are all quality hotels and you should not be disappointed if you decide to stay at one or more.

The 72 hotels do cover most of Scotland from Wick in the North to Dumfries in the south and most main centers in between.

Classic Scotland can be contacted at [www.classicscotland.com](http://www.classicscotland.com)

They also have an e-mail address for the USA and Canada, which is [info@scotsamerican.com](mailto:info@scotsamerican.com)

A web link from the Clan site will be established in the near future to allow clan member's easier access.

Please quote the following reference when booking and all accommodation booked is paid for at the hotel so there is no risk involved.

### GREENHILL HOUSE

Greenhill House is a small but very lovely and well-run private hotel only a few minutes from Glasgow Airport, ideal for that stop over before or after a long flight. Bill and Sandie Black run Greenhill House and provide a very personal service for all their guests. Bill is a Country and Western music fan and has had his own Country programme on Radio Clyde since it started some thirty years ago. Special rates will be available to all clan members and Bill and Sandie can be contacted as follows:

Telephone/Fax Number 0141 889 6752

E-Mail [enquiries@greenhillhouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@greenhillhouse.co.uk)

Web site [www.greenhillhouse.co.uk](http://www.greenhillhouse.co.uk)

### AIR TRAVEL

I am informed that the best airfare deals for those crossing the Atlantic are to be found through agents in USA or Canada, not here in Scotland. Therefore, at this time I do not intend to pursue this further unless I get information to the contrary.

Please quote that you are a Clan Ewen member in all communications with the named organizations, this will help to eliminate any confusion.

Let me know how you get on if you have the opportunity to use any of the above services. Contact me by e-mail at [davidband@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:davidband@blueyonder.co.uk)

N.B. With thanks to David for a detailed and informative article. Editor.

## FINAL NOTICE. FINAL NOTICE. FINAL NOTICE.

Dear Clans folk,

The clan has generously issued two (2) Bulletins to those ex Members who failed to renew their connection in 2002 –2003. Hopefully this free allocation would have prompted them to re-apply but this seems not to be the case.

Membership runs from 01<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> May in any given year.

To enhance and ease the payment of your Annual Membership Fees we have included on our website ([www.clanewensociety.org](http://www.clanewensociety.org)) and on the Annual Membership Form the Clan Banking details.

This is to enable Membership Fees to be deposited into the Clan Account with the minimum of fuss both for the members and the Clan.

\* For Overseas Members still wishing to send CHEQUES.

Statutory Banking charges are made to the Clan for each overseas cheque. Subsequently, the increase to overseas cheque is an additional £5.00 or equivalent nomination in local currency.

\* Direct into the Clan account.

Each member can set up an annual debit (Standing Order) for their Fee on a predetermined date. This will then be automatically debited from your account and deposited into the Clans Account.

For our overseas members this will mean that the exchange rate will be calculated at the time of transfer.

\* Using a Bank Instant Debit Card Switch/Maestro/Cirrus etc

Use All details.

Bank – Bank of Scotland  
Payable to – Clan Ewen Society  
Sort Code – 80 – 06 – 64  
Clan Account: 00 25 11 63  
Full Name and Address  
Swift Code – BOFSGB2S

## Excellent Value for Money.

It has recently come to light that some of Overseas Clan Members seem to think that the annual cost of being a member is too high and does not represent value for money.

**Single Membership = £12.00**

For this the Clan provides: the cost of printing 2(two) Bulletins a year, postage twice a year, venue for the Annual General Meeting, the cost of photocopying the Annual Report and the Annual Membership Form, envelopes, paper, postage to members and prospective members enquiries, Clan merchandise, discounts of purchased items, the Website and Message Board, entertainment and reduced rates for accommodation at the AGM and advertising in the Scots magazine three (3) times a year. I, for one think that this represents excellent value for money.

The additional cost to our overseas members is down to the fact that the bank charges the clan £5.00 for *each* cheque received in *foreign denomination*. Therefore, to ask for this statutory charge to be paid by our overseas members is fair.

If they want to pay by (£) Pounds sterling, that's fine, no additional charges are made to the clan for cashing Sterling cheques.

£12.00 divided by 12 = £1.00 a month minus the aforementioned expenditure = 30 pence profit a month on each member.

£5.00 divided by 12 = 42 pence a month extra.

How do you measure time? The time spent by the Committee organizing and issuing Clan information is immeasurable and not quantifiable financially.

So, for the minimum amount of the annual fee I say that we offer a good deal and have a good deal to offer.

Aye,

**Malcolm McEwan**

Clan Membership Secretary.

## Listen! Listen!

If bardic traditions are anything to go by, we are a very musical and talented lot.

The Clan name, through a number of fine individuals, has expressed many people's feelings of longing and attachment to the lands of their birth, or of their forefathers. The perfect example of this Celtic tradition is embodied in:-

### **Father Sydney MacEwan**

- with the gift of a soft lilting tenor voice, Father Sydney MacEwan has recorded two wonderful selections of songs taken from the Celtic regions of Ireland and Scotland. They are produced under the titles of "**Songs of the Shamrock**" and "**Songs of the Thistle**" respectively.

During the 1950's Father MacEwan was internationally famous for his interpretation of a wide range of traditional songs, but in particular those of Scotland and Ireland.

He carried out numerous concerts and recording activities against the important duties of his role as the parish priest of Lochgilphead, a busy town situated in the heart of Argyll, in the Highlands.

Through his tours from this charming highland location he has traveled to many places far afield. In 1949 he visited Australia on tour and in the following year he flew to New York for a special concert at Carnegie Hall, which was an enormous success. So much so, those tours of the United States continued in 1955 and 1956. During these tours he visited many of the principal cities in America from Chicago in the north to New Orleans in the Deep South.

Father MacEwan's many honours include a Doctorate of Music (Honoris Causa) of the Catholic University of Windsor Ontario, for his services to Celtic music.

The records were produced by Philips label and coded as GL5783 for Shamrock and GL5782 for Thistle, if anyone is interested in searching for a copy. The list of the songs included would take up too much space to list here. However, if anyone wants to know which songs are recorded, please contact me further and I will supply a list if requested. On both records mentioned, Father Sydney MacEwan is ably assisted by Maria Korchinska on harp and Kitty O'Callaghan on piano.

Incidentally, if you are like me and have a penchant for Celtic music, then maybe I can wet your appetite further by illuminating the talents of another broadcaster of Celtic rhythms – William McCue.

William was born at Shotts in Lanarkshire in 1935. A natural singer of songs and well known locally. He started his working life as an electrical engineer for the mines, down the pit. He did not take up studying music, until at 21; he won a musical scholarship to the Royal Scottish Academy. Here his teachers included the famous singer, Heddle Nash. After war service in the R.A.F., he studied further with Marjorie Blakeston in Glasgow. Through this, he won the Sisselle Wray singing scholarship, and then studied with Roy Henderson. In 1960 this accumulated in the Royal Philomonic Society awarding him the Kathleen Farrier Memorial Award. He went on to make numerous recordings for the BBC, giving concerts and recital engagements all over Britain as well as appearing with the Scottish Opera Company.

William's recording is a celebration of Scottish Isles music orchestrated by George McPhee and arranged by Sir Hugh Robertson.

To quote "No matter where this body is, the mind is free to go elsewhere. To transport you to the Isles to chase the breeze amidst the white breakers of Hebridean seas, with a song on your lips". (Robertson).

The record is produced by the World Record Club, code no. ST.959.

The third and final mention is for a record, which displays the splendour and magnificence of massed pipes and drums. The '**Scarlet and Tartan**' is a

who's who of Highland marches, slow, counter and dances. It also contains a march, which is unmistakably ours. The 'Glendaruel Highlanders', if ever a march suited the skirl of the pipes and the swing of the kilt.

It is produced on the Decca label, code no. LK4523.

All the four recordings listed above have an identifiable link with the McEwens, so they are especially unique in that sense.

Colin, Sub-Editor.

### **Sub-Editorial Report.**

It has been said before 'that time never stands still' and a lot has certainly occurred in the last year with the ranks of the Society.

In regard to the Society changing, a number of proposals have been put forward for all members to consider and express their opinion on. Through the committee meetings, frank views and opinions have been expressed in open debate and differences recorded.

As members need to express their own opinions and judgement on the proposals in order to give their vote in favour or against such changes. The major and most important considerations put forward are set out below:

1. Do you consider that a name change to the Society e.g. McEwen Clan Society is a commercial viability and also suitably appropriate to the Clan.
2. That certain passages in the constitution would benefit from an Updating to allow the Society to apply for charitable status and further funding.

The opinions expressed by Committee members are contained with this bulletin and are there to stimulate all members to express their views on these matters.

In considering the proposals set out in the previous Bulletin, I ask all members to step back and thoroughly examine their views before giving their decision.

All proposals put forward should benefit the Clan and Society together. If not they become divisive. We are all of one family and above else should remain so. Healthy open debate is good for a Society and should stimulate contact and communication. However, it should be tempered with wise council and not allowed to become a destructive element.

If after all deliberations, votes and opinions are considered, there is still no clear majority of opinion amongst all members. Then it has been submitted that the proposal on name change be deferred to a later date to allow more time. It is inappropriate that the situation lingers and therefore interferes with the Society's normal workings. Also to consider, is the authorization of Clan Commander or Chief and what name the Lyon's Court would recognize for both Society and Clan in it's formal registration.

The quickest and easiest way to express your opinions would be through the internet e-mail link to Rachel. If not by that link write to me, the Sub-Editor, Colin Davies, the address is on the back of the Bulletin, or any of the Committee members. Any letters and opinions expressed will be ready directly to the Annual meeting and your views counted accordingly. This is YOUR Society and your views do count and must be heard, so express them. I promise, they will be heard and acknowledged.

**Colin Davies.**

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