

# CLAN MACMILLAN<sup>International</sup>

## Newsletter

### June 2012

## Scottish government calls all clans home again to gather at Stirling in July 2014

MacMillans invited to the Outer Hebrides after Stirling events for special gathering 14th - 17th July

Highland Clans to join together for final flourish in Inverness on following weekend

A few years ago the Scottish Nationalist Government announced its intention to hold another "Year of Homecoming" in 2014, which is also to be the Year of the Referendum - when the Scots get to vote on separation from England. 2014 is the 700th anniversary of the great Scottish victory over the English at the battle of Bannockburn, and will also see the Ryder Cup being played at Gleneagles.

Ever since the spectacular but financially disastrous *Gathering 2009* during the last Year of Homecoming, a repeat performance of it (or of the spectacle at least) has also been promised; and now the dates and host town have been announced. Though there are no details at the moment of what will happen at Stirling, the release of the dates does allow clans to make their own plans for complementary gatherings and associated events.

Clan MacMillan International hope to hold its associated gathering on the Outer Hebrides - probably centred on the island of Benbecula - between the 14th and the 17th of July, to be followed by some joint events with other clans in the Capital of the Highlands over the weekend of the Inverness Highland Games - which take place on the 19th of July.

According to Stirling Council, its 2014 events will be similar to 2009:

*Plans for Clans 2014, an international gathering of the clans (11-13 July 2014) are taking shape, to include a Clans Village, a cavalcade procession between the Village and Stirling Castle, and entertainment on the spectacular Castle Esplanade. There would also be a programme of musical and other cultural events in venues across the city. Clans 2014 will run alongside the Sekonda Stirling Highland Games. There will be a link-up with the Bannockburn Battlefield site to give visitors another opportunity to commemorate the ... 700th anniversary.*



*The statue of King Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn*

The clan event will happen a few weeks after the actual anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, which took place in 1314 on the 24th of June.

Stirling Council have announced there will be separate "Bannockburn 700" celebrations taking place between the 23rd and 29th June, which will include battle re-enactments and the official opening of the National Trust for Scotland's new Visitor Centre at Bannockburn.

More details of both events should be posted as they are decided on the website set up by Stirling Council: [www.stirling2014.co.uk](http://www.stirling2014.co.uk).

## Who did the Macmillans fight for at Bannockburn?

Everyone wants to be on the winning side, especially a chief whose life and lands are at risk if the wrong choice is made. *Gylebriht McMalene*, the fourth man bearing the clan surname to appear in the historical record, lost his lands in the Barony of Ken in 1308/1313 for just such a misjudgement, choosing John Balliol's patriotic party against the usurper and murderer Robert Bruce.

That may not be the way you learnt your Macmillan history, but it's

what the contemporary evidence - as opposed to the wishful thinking of some later clan historians - shows.

On the other hand, Gilchrist Maolan's descendant *John de Lany* appears in 1326 as one of Bruce's key officials (Constable of Tarbert Castle), and the Macmillans were indeed allied to Bruce's friends the MacDonalds in later years. But what about in 1314; and what about that tartan in the royal colours of Scotland? Plenty to debate in the next two years. Do join in.



**Clan MacMillan International Centre,**  
Finlaystone, Langbank, PA14 6TJ, Scotland.

Info on the Clan Centre & membership of Clan MacMillan International  
can be found on the clan's official website: [www.clanmacmillan.org](http://www.clanmacmillan.org)

The Clan Centre publishes The Clan MacMillan International Newsletter each June and  
The Clan MacMillan International Magazine each December. They are sent free to members  
of Clan MacMillan International, the worldwide body that supports the Clan Centre's work.

### ***A message from the Chief..***

*A new way to receive your Clan  
Centre publications - and in colour.*

*Printing and postage costs have been  
rising steeply; but we're reluctant to  
raise subscriptions. So we hope you'll  
think hard about opting for an e-mail  
attachment (PDF) instead of a 'hard*

*copy' of the Newsletter/Magazine,  
starting this Christmas. The big 'plus'  
is that you'll get full colour in both  
issues.*

*If for any reason you would rather  
continue as at present, we'll respect your  
wishes. If, however, you're willing to*

*accept the electronic version, please send  
me - [chief@clanmacmillan.org](mailto:chief@clanmacmillan.org) - your  
name (and postal address to identify  
you beyond doubt) and your current e-  
address as soon as convenient.*

*We're hoping this will revolutionise  
our finances and enhance your  
enjoyment of Graeme's publications.*

***George.***

### ***...and a note from the Editor***

*A number of Clan MacMillan societies  
are already sending out their newsletters as  
email attachments - one advantage of which  
for us is that it's easy to lift material from  
them for the international publications -  
and as George says it also means you can  
get them all in colour.*

*We do appreciate however that not all  
of you have email and that it's important  
therefore to continue to offer a paper version.  
It has been suggested that, in order to save  
more money, and to make the e-version even  
more attractive, all colour should be taken*

*out of the paper version of the Magazine;  
but I am strongly of the opinion that it  
would be unfair on those who don't have  
email, and that a clan magazine needs an  
element of colour to exhibit our tartans and  
spectacular events properly.*

*The need to save money however is  
urgent since some UK postal rates have  
gone up this year by as much as 30%.  
Your editor/archivist/webmaster agreed  
last year to take a reduction in his monthly  
stipend in order to help the savings; but the  
issue needs to be addressed at the other end  
too - i.e. we need to raise more money as  
well as to make more savings.*

*This does not mean that the "Conclave  
Challenge" - whereby branches voluntarily  
contribute a sum to the Clan Centre  
proportionate to the size of their  
membership - has necessarily to go up, since  
we all know that the branches are equally  
hard-pressed. The amount raised for the  
Clan Centre through special events as  
George and I toured Canada and the USA  
last summer shows what else can be done  
with initiative and effort. We're also  
looking at ways of using the Project that  
soaks up a large part of our money -  
MAOL - to generate income too, so expect  
news about that in due course.*

## **CMI Summary Accounts for year to 31 December 2011**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>OUTGOINGS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>\$</b>
CTS		1000.00	PO Box Renewal		137.00
Conclave Challenge	677.00	3701.00	Telephone	0.00	
Subscriptions	720.00	1075.00	Stamps/Printing	760.00	
Donations	1277.00	5445.00	Secretarial	0.00	
Project MAOL	105.00	290.00	Graeme	6197.95	
Publications	32.50	17.00	Utilities	0.00	
Transfer from USA	3602.02		Miscellaneous	0.00	154.60
Miscellaneous	6.34	9.83			
			Transfer from US		6035.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6419.86</b>	<b>11537.83</b>		<b>6958.65</b>	<b>6326.60</b>
Difference	-538.79	5211.23			
Opening bank balances	3360.30	6518.30			
Excess of outgoings/income	-538.79	5211.23			
Closing bank balances	2851.51	11729.53			
Average exchange rate for transfers	\$1.68 to £1				

# News from the Clan Around the World



## Retirement of long-serving Australian Society Treasurer June Senior

*June Danks, President of the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia, writes:*

In 1982 George MacMillan, son of Sir Gordon MacMillan, the then Chief of Clan MacMillan visited Australia and met a group of people who had connections with name of MacMillan. A teacher at Scotch College by the name of Donald Robertson Thomson Macmillan arranged this gathering on the banks of the River Yarra at the school and encouraged by his wife Geva and others decided to form a branch of

the Clan in Australia. He was President from June 1983 to September 1987.

June Senior was not at this event because she was travelling but she joined the Clan later in 1983 and has been a member of CMSA for 27 years. She has held the following roles:

President, September 1987 to October 1993; Treasurer 1993-2011; Editor of CMSA Newsletter, which is produced 3 times each year, 1990-2003.

June and husband Max set up the first tent of CMSA at the Ringwood Games in 1989 (the tent was loaned by Bruce McMillan). She served as the Minute Secretary of the Council of Clans 1989-1991.

In November 1997, when Chief George MacMillan of MacMillan & Knap made a second visit to Melbourne, she was invested as a Companion "Honoris Causa" of the *Community of the Tonsured Servant*.

June has been a conscientious and diligent member and her ancestors from the Isle of Arran have been researched by a relative, Robert McMillan-Kay, who was also Editor of the Newsletter for six years (1983-1989).

Over the years June's husband Max has audited the accounts. June is always friendly and helpful to everyone. Over her watch subscriptions rose to 95, but recently have slipped. She took an interest in all members.

At the AGM in September 2011 she resigned as Treasurer but will remain a member of CMSA. She and Max were sincerely thanked for their many contributions and awarded Life Memberships of CMSA.

*The picture above left - from the Australian Society Newsletter - shows June Senior (in the hat) with fellow officers of the Society.*

## New Zealand weather plays havoc with games

*Jim McMillan, President of the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand reports:*

The final Highland Games of our summer season which were held at Lindisfarne College in Hastings over Easter were rained off the ground and moved indoors for the first time in over 40 years. With very poor weather for two weeks prior to Easter and fields too wet to allow vehicle access or parking, the organisers reluctantly made an early call on the Thursday prior, cancelling all outdoor events. Just as well as the rain & wind continued through the weekend and into Easter Monday.

The Hawkes Bay and Gisborne East Coast weather has been poor this year. I imagine that their reputation as the provinces with the highest annual sunshine hours is under threat this year. Naturally Marilyn and I did not drive the 200 miles each way under these circumstances. It has since been reported

(and I intend to quote this in my July issue) that the Piping and Dancing was a success and that seven Clans attended but the location inside was not good for either the clans and stalls, described as cramped and a little noisy. Also and only to be expected; foot traffic and food sales was well down due to lack of public attendance. It is after all, only a college assembly hall with adjacent rooms whereas 40 years ago we would have had the use of stadium facilities.

As we're moving into winter now our Highland Games season has concluded and there are no "Coming Events", other than a Committee Meeting in July, until about October.

At our AGM in February, Cathy decided not to stand for re-election as Secretary. Carrol Elliott was elected as Secretary, having had a one year break from this office.

## News from Appalachia - the clan's largest branch

Young at heart members Betty-Jo Barclift (aged 75) and Harry Chandler (77) got married on the 28th April. Betty-Jo has hosted visiting clanspeople in her lovely home in Greensboro, NC, and Harry donned a kilt for the first time to meet Chief George at Grandfather Mountain last year, and was married in it.

Rudy Batchelor, Nashville, NC, husband of long time member Julia Mulliken Batchelor, died on 21 February 2012. Rudy is remembered at Finlaystone as the "Master Chef" for his BBQ expertise.

Alex Brown CTS has graduated from Army Basic Training, and will be going on to 16 weeks training at Medic School.

The branch's AGM will be held during the Grandfather Mountain Games over the weekend of July 12th to 15th.

# The MacMillans on the isle of Benbecula

By Angus Macmillan

There are a number of MacMillan families in the islands that have been separate at least since records began. Benbecula has had four such lines and perhaps more, one in Balivanich, one in the central townships of Torlum and Griminish and two in Uachdar. South Uist probably matches that number of lines though there has been rather more movement and the distinctions are less clear. There has always been a degree of uncertainty and something of an ongoing debate about whether these families originated in Lochaber or Knapdale.

The late MacMillan clan bard, the Rev. Somerled MacMillan, Fife born to a Glasgow ex Isles of Mull and Lismore family, provided two seemingly fairly specific pieces of evidence concerning origins. The first was:

*"About the year 1540 a party of MacMillans from Locharkaigside accompanied young Allan, son of the deceased Dougal MacDonald of Moidart when he returned to claim his father's estates. Some of the descendants of those MacMillans went to South Uist in the service of Clanranald."*

This could be clearer. Dougal VI of Clanranald, who was regarded as both bad and mad, was murdered by his people on the mainland in 1520, his sons being minors at the time. He was briefly succeeded by his uncle as Alexander VII but, by the time that Dougal's sons, Angus and Allan, were of age towards the end of the 1530s, Iain Muidertach VIII, the great and long lasting Captain of Clanranald, was in full possession. He chose to treat Angus and Allan, who had been brought up in their mother's Lochiel family over the hills from Moidart, kindly, granting them lands in South Uist. Given the MacMillan connection with the Camerons, it is reasonable they should have acted as a 'tail' for Dougal's sons and any move to



**Angus Macmillan, Oxford, is the great grandson of Angus Og Macmillan who left Griminish, Benbecula, to settle on the shores of Loch Fyne, Argyll, in the 1860s**

South Uist will have been immediate as the sons settled there, built *Caibeal MacDhugaill* as their burial place at Howmore and descendants, known as the *'MacDougal MacDonalds of Morar.'* are still in situ.

The Rev. Somerled continued: *"Malcolm MacMillan was personal servant to Allan of Moidart during the '15 (Jacobite) rising."*

Elsewhere, he writes a little more fully on the same topic:

*"During the much disputed battle of Sheriffmuir, in 1715, Calum MacMillan, the ancestor of John MacMillan, piper to the (Clan MacMillan) Society, was fighting under Ailean Muidertach. His son married one of the maid-servants of Flora MacDonald's household."*

This too has its problems as evidence. Juxtaposition suggests that Somerled saw Calum/Malcolm as a descendant of his suggested earlier MacMillan migration to the islands with Dougal's sons.

Ailean of Moidart was Allan Dearg MacDonald XIV of Clanranald, who had indeed had to take up residence in South Uist, the first of the Chiefs/Captains of Clanranald to do so as, returning from army service in the French cause, his Moidart base at Castle Tioram was still garrisoned by Government

troops in the aftermath of the 1688/9 troubles. However, it was from his more populous mainland estates in Arisaig, Morar and Moidart, that he collected the bulk of the forces that accompanied him to Sheriffmuir, so it would appear that Calum could equally have been located there.

The Flora MacDonald addition does not directly strengthen the evidence; whilst Flora was raised in the parental home in Balivanich, Benbecula, her stepfather had to leave for Skye at Whitsun 1746 as a result of an affair with a married woman, six years before Flora's marriage and, in fact, she never had a household in Benbecula or South Uist, only in the Isle of Skye.

The Rev. Somerled confuses the issue further by introducing wholly unsupported speculation. He noted that Sir Fingon Makmulane was Rector of Benbecula in 1542 and suggests that:

*"... it is reasonable to believe that he brought some of his relations along with him from Knapdale. This may account for a number of MacMillans being in Benbecula. We are proud of Angus MacMillan, that great prince of seannachies and storytellers ..."*

This latter was Aonghas Barrach, born at 13 Griminish, Benbecula, but, unfortunately for the Rev. Somerled's suggestion, as his cognomen suggests, his MacMillans were from Barra rather than native to Benbecula. The assumption about Sir Fingon as progenitor, or for that matter concerning Donald MacMillan, first Protestant Minister of Benbecula and *'ane very auld man'* in 1626, is no more than guesswork and there must be some doubt that, having gone underground for a century and a half, the name should then be restored when the use of surnames began to sit alongside patronymics in the islands.

The speculation proceeds:

*"At an early period the MacMillans of Lochaber were busy phying between the*



*The old croft house at Gearraidhmor, home of Angus Macmillan's ancestors*

*two Uists and the mainland in the business of cattle dealing and, no doubt, a number would come to settle in these islands."*

Another Clan historian, albeit one who claimed roots in the Western Isles, is Christopher W. McMullen. In his 1990 story of the clan, *The MacMillan Endeavour*, he gives a number of specific details of movements of MacMillan groups. His assumption, seemingly derived from the Rev. Somerled, was that those in Benbecula were descended from the Protestant Minister above and those in South Uist were associated with Sir Fingon. He also mentions a group serving the MacPhees in the Isle of Colonsay; Malcolm MacMillan above, who he describes as bodyguard rather than simply personal servant to Ailean Dearg MacDonald XIV of Clanranald; South Uist MacMillans who '*became Roman Catholics*' and, in the 'religion of the yellow stick' incident, fell out with their landlord, MacDonald of Boisdale, precipitating the 1772 Glenaladale emigration to St John's (PEI).

None of these add to the evidence and the yellow stick story was imported from the Isle of Eigg and had nothing to do with the 1772 migration which, in the event, barely involved the inhabitants of South Uist.

Taken together, these various references suggest that there may have been a multiplicity of MacMillan lines in a population that was overwhelmingly of Clan Donald and that never numbered more than about 6,000 souls. Though inherently doubtful, there are reasons not to regard the thought as necessarily in error. To date, three of the four certainly

separate lines in Benbecula as far as the records extend, have been Y-DNA tested and there is no shared genetic link in genealogical or historic times. What is also noticeable is that none of the views about the origins of the island MacMillans derive from the island families themselves or directly from local tradition. There is such a thread though that hints at a very different story.

Dr Alasdair MacLean, brother of the Gaelic poet Sorley, the South Uist GP, is on record in his Notes on South Uist Families published in the *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness* as regarding the MacMillans as an indigenous clan, having come by the name through borrowing when Anglicised surnames were introduced for record keeping purposes. The Rev. Dr Angus MacDonald of Killearnan, joint author of the great *History of Clan Donald*, was a Griminish native whose family home was overlooked by one set of MacMillans and who went to school in Balivanich next door to another such family. In his MS history of Benbecula and South Uist, long before Dr MacLean's article, he had already pointed to

a family tracing ancestry to a Maolmuire, hence *mac Mhaolmhuire* and the shared root that saw the adoption of the MacMillan surname.

The only problem for those of us carrying the name has been that, though familiar in early records of the mainland MacMillans, until very recently, the given name Maolmuire was unknown in *sloinneadh* or record in the islands. That has now changed.

Maighstir Alasdair MacDonald, uncle of Flora and father of Prince Charles' Gaelic tutor and Jacobite poet of the '45, Alasdair MacMhaighstir Alasdair, was born and raised in Balivanich. On 1 December 1694, Maighstir Alasdair wrote to his lawyer in Edinburgh suggesting '*naming and shaming*' his brother-in-law for careless ill-treatment of the latter's wife during pregnancy, leading to her death, nominally in order to warn others, and he named *Maolmuir Mc Cabill vc Murchy* i.e. a son of the Benbecula bard, Cathal MacMhuirich, as a credible witness. This would seem, putatively, to add a *MacMhuirich* as *MacMillan* line in Benbecula and the Uists to the notion of those carrying the MacMillan names as all incomers. It may even explain the close connections between families bearing these two names in the early history of the island.

The project now is to complete the Benbecula testing, which is less simple than it sounds as the male line of the missing family left for Cape Breton in the 1840s and '*daughtered out*' there, with the males of the family leaving for California. There are more readily accessible though less well documented families to investigate in S. Uist.



*Gearraidhmor today - the middle barn is built on the foundations of the old croft house*



# Clan MacMillan in the UK



## Prominent MacMillans join Camerons at Annual Battle of Culloden Commemoration

Nigel and Gordon Macmillan - both Past Presidents of The Clan MacMillan Society (1892) - and Sheila Macmillan were joined this year at the Gaelic Society of Inverness's Annual Culloden Commemoration Service by long-standing Clan MacMillan International member Sir Kenneth Calman, who as Chairman of the National Trust for Scotland, laid the second wreath at this year's ceremony.

Sir Kenneth, who's pictured above (right) marching to the memorial cairn alongside Lochiel and the usual large

Clan Cameron contingent, has had a particularly prominent place in Scottish politics in recent years as the Chairman of a Commission examining options for further devolution of power from the UK to the Scottish Parliament.

*Clann 'ic 'illembaoil Abrach* - the Lochaber Macmillans - fought at Culloden as a company of Lochiel's regiment, led by their own officers and commanded by Captain Ewen Macmillan the younger of Murlagan.

## Focus on Finlaystone

Two winter storms with particularly severe winds have brought down a number of Finlaystone's bigger trees in recent months, including one close to the MacMillan Memorial Wall. Apart from the loss of some particularly fine arboreal specimens there doesn't however appear to have been any other serious damage - and at least the MacMillan family's log baskets will benefit for the next winter.

The Finlaystone website has been revamped and now has a wonderful selection of new photographs on the home page which are well worth a look: [www.finlaystone.co.uk](http://www.finlaystone.co.uk).

If you're thinking of visiting the Chief - who's always pleased to see members of the clan - and the Clan Centre, don't forget that Arthur and Barbara now have accommodation to let on the estate, in the shape of 2 self-catering barns (shown below). See [www.finlaystonecottages.co.uk](http://www.finlaystonecottages.co.uk).



## Highland Games in England

Clan MacMillan International Trustee Peter MacMillan, who lives in Lancashire, England, is hoping to attend a Highland Games being held in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, on Sunday the 15th of July.

These one-day games have existed for a few years, and are only attended by a few clans at the moment; but they are keen to attract more, and since Ashbourne is situated in the middle of England it's ideally placed.

The organisers, who contacted Clan Mackenzie about it some months ago, say lots of expatriate Scots attend, making it a good opportunity for Scottish-based clan societies to recruit new members.

Any MacMillans interested in attending can contact Peter about meeting up at the games by phone on 01942-871358 or by email to [peter.macmillan2@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.macmillan2@btinternet.com)

## Clans to gather again during Inverness Games

Back in Scotland, the MacMillans will join other northern clans for a get-together in the MacLean Room at Eden Court during the day of the Inverness Highland Games, which take place in the neighbouring Northern Meeting Ground on the afternoon of Saturday 21st July - preceded by an Armed Forces Parade from the city centre to the games ground.

Since Highland Council moved the games from Bught Park to the Northern Meeting Ground - the Inverness Games' original venue - there hasn't been space for a Tent of the Clans. The social side of the annual clans get-together was missed as much as the opportunity to recruit new members from visitors to the games, so the Highland clans have been looking out for a suitable venue to reinstitute this enjoyable occasion.

The use of the MacLean room by his brother Nigel for regular jazz gigs gave Graeme the idea of hiring it for the clans, since it's so close to the games arena, and enough clans have signed up to join the MacKenzies and MacMillans to make it viable. For details contact Graeme on 0790-176-4329 or [Graeme@highlandroots.org](mailto:Graeme@highlandroots.org)

## More News from the Clan Around the World

### Central States Branch fascinates with spellings of the name M'millan

*Mike McMillen reports:*

We set up shop at the Minnesota Scottish Games yesterday [19th May]. As seems to have become a tradition, the weather wasn't what one would call comfortable: the temperature nearing 90 and very windy. Thankfully the humidity was low otherwise it would have been excruciating. Last year it topped out about 40. Good attendance this year, however.

People seem fascinated with one of our signs, this one stating "MacMillan has over 200 spellings. Septs include: Bell, Baxter, Blue, Brown, Millan and Walker." Non-MacMillans will frequently enquire about the spellings and I noticed at least six people taking photos of it.



***The Clan MacMillan Central States Branch tent at the Minnesota Scottish Games manned by President Jack MacMillan (left) and Ed Wills***

### Art prize for McMillan descendant in Australia

The Perth Institute of Contemporary Art [PICA] recently announced that its 2012 winner of the \$35,000 Dr Harold Schenberg Art Prize is Lachlan Petras, a recent graduate from Monash University, Victoria, for his work entitled *Aggregate* [shown below], a video projection onto a concave sculptural object made up of over 300 plywood facets. Lachlan is the son of Elizabeth McMillan, a Past President of the Australian Clan MacMillan society. The PICA press release said:

"The judges found their task particularly difficult when faced with an extraordinarily strong field of work by this year's participating Hatched artists. In addition to selecting the award winner they gave honourable mentions to artists Sarah Jane Haywood, Amina McConvell and Pip Stafford.

Recalling motifs from Velazquez and Francis Bacon and conflating cinematic tropes with architectural structures, *Aggregate* presents the

viewer with two protagonists, a mirror-plated figure and a little person, with symbolic Superman and Transformers tattoos, who are situated within a wind tunnel facility - a strangely mysterious site that resembles a science fiction set, silo or space station.

PICA Director Amy Barrett-Lennard says, 'When considering an artist for this award the judges were looking for a distinctive and individual approach, a refined visual language, conceptual rigour, technical excellence and clarity of communication. We got all this and more in Lachlan Petras' *Aggregate*, a fresh, intelligent, ambitious and refined work that lead us to believe that this graduate had the capacity to significantly further their career as an artist'."



### Pacific Branch Games

Following their AGM and the Costa Mesa Ceilidh in May, the Pacific Branch of Clan MacMillan will be in attendance at the following Highland Games this summer:

23-24 June: San Diego Highland Games at Vista, California

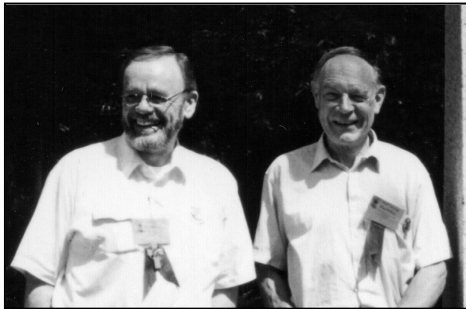
1-2 September: Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA.

13-14 October: The Seaside Highland Games at Ventura, California.

## **Clan MacMillan's 'Community of the Tonsured Servant' (CTS)**

*CTS was founded in 1995: Supporting the Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC) at Finlaystone, Scotland, and providing educational materials and events for Clan MacMillan and Sept members around the world.*

There will be a Clan MacMillan Society of North America (CMSNA) International Gathering at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota 21 to 26 June, 2012. An Investiture Service will take place in the Weyerhauser Chapel on Macalester Campus on Sunday, 24 June at 10:00 AM followed by the CTS business meeting and photos. Barry W. McMillen, CTS, President of CMSNA and a Founder and Past President of Clan MacMillan North Central States, (CMNCS), Mike McMillen, former President of CMNCS, and Jack MacMillan, current President of CMNCS, have planned a comprehensive program for all. The current schedule, registration forms and more details are on the Gathering website at: <http://www.mcmillen-design.com/clan/pages/gathering.html>



L to R: Barry McMillen, CTS, current President of CMSNA and Chief George MacMillan, CTS, taken in 1999 at the MacMillan Gathering in Mississippi, USA, hosted by Lamar McMillin, M.D., CTS.

Barry's wife, Maria Cristina (Cris) Comtestin de McMillen, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, will be invested into CTS on 24 June 2012.

It is 15 years since I (Blanche McMillan) became Abbot of CTS in Ottawa during the CMSNA Gathering. The founder of CTS, Rev. Canon Malcolm A. MacMillan, Abbot Emeritus, Honoris Causa CTS, retired for health reasons in 1997, and Chief George MacMillan, CTS, chose me to succeed Malcolm as Abbot. Since then, I have prepared and officiated at 16 CTS Investiture services (see pg. 10 of the CMSNA Journal Vol. 51/52)

**News of Members:** June Senior, CTS, has retired from the Clan MacMillan Australia committee as Treasurer and Editor after 27 years of service. She has been president, then treasurer and also produced and posted the newsletter for 13 years. In the early days it was June, with her husband Max, who set up the tent at the various Games. Well done. I was pleased to meet June in Glen Waverly, Australia in September 2002. Chelsea Terrell, daughter of Chip Terrell, CTS, and Dee Dee Terrell, CTS, married K.. J. Bell in July 2011. Ashley McMillin Moomaw, CTS, wife of Charles Moomaw, gave birth to Grayson McMillan Moomaw, 26 July 2011. This is a first grandchild for F. Lamar McMillin, M.D., CTS and Carol McMillin, CTS of Vicksburg, MS, USA. John S. Whitehead, CTS, died 5 May 2011 in Birmingham, AL, USA. Gladys Hislop, mother of Susan Bell, CTS, passed away last summer in New Zealand. John B. McMillan, CTS and Blanche McMillan, CTS, welcome their first grandchild, Jack Uloth McMillan, 7 pounds 7 oz., son of John Marshall McMillan and his wife Krista Uloth, born at home on 24 May 2012, in Toronto, ON, Canada.

**Grants by CTS to CMIC:** CTS has granted \$2,000USD to CMIC to date in 2012. The total CTS grant to CMIC is \$38,643USD since 1996 averaging \$2,273USD per year over the last 17 years. CTS has raised \$500.00USD this year through CTS membership.

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- CTS memberships: Join CTS at the next Gathering in Minnesota in June, or consider an annual donation.
- CTS Tribute Funds: **Rev. Canon A. Malcolm and Sally MacMillan Tribute Endowment Fund:** Established March 2003. Sally, Malcolm's wife, died 1 March 1999 and "Father Mac" died 9 September 2008. **Jane MacMillan Tribute Fund:** Established 15 June 2005. Jane was the wife of George, Chief of Clan MacMillan, and died of cancer on 27 June 2005 at age 74 years. This is a fitting way to remember her tireless work, her wisdom and her friendship.
- Donations are always welcome to help defray the cost of producing and sending the CMI Magazine.
- Bequests: Remember Clan MacMillan in your will or a Memorial Gift in memory of those who have died. Make all cheques payable to '**CLAN MACMILLAN**'.

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