

# CLAN MACMILLAN *International*

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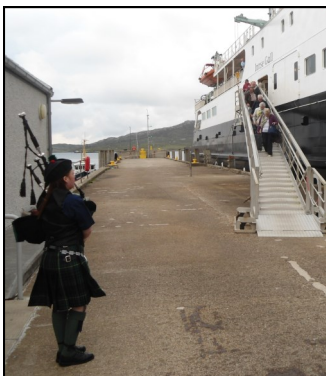


## Hebrides offer warm welcome to clan members from around world

MacMillans piped ashore at Lochmaddy ready to enjoy a week with lots of sunshine, bonhomie, good food - and no midges!

The Hebridean Homecoming 2014 will go down as one of the most relaxed and enjoyable international gatherings ever organised by the Clan Centre. Fifty four participants from six countries (which may be seven after September's Independence Referendum) made it by one means or another to the Isle of Benbecula, many coming by coach and ferry from Paisley and Uig on Sunday 21st June, to be piped ashore on North Uist by Mairi MacInnes (below left).

Most of them, plus a further twenty or more, had enjoyed an afternoon and evening of festivities at Finlaystone the previous day, featuring mini highland games, music and a barbecue. Hospitality on the islands was centred on the Isle of Benbecula House Hotel which laid on a wonderful buffet with local seafood (and helped arrange the ceilidh entertainment) on Monday evening, plus an excellent banquet on the Thursday evening.



Transport for the tours on the islands was provided by Hebridean Coaches, driven with great good humour and skill by the boss Donnie Macdonald and his brother Iain, who's pictured below with the bus against the wonderful blue of a cloudless sky - with the Van Asperen camper van, complete with TV satellite dish (for watching the Dutch team in the soccer World Cup) parked behind it.

Though the cloud and rain showed everyone what the Hebrides is often like during our trip to Barra on Wednesday, all the other days varied from fine to idyllic; the most memorable perhaps being the previous evening as we relaxed on the ferry across the Sound of Harris having nearly missed it because of road works.

The clan were lucky throughout to have Angus Macmillan with us to guide us round his family's ancestral isles.





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 can be found on the clan's official website: [www.clanmacmillan.org](http://www.clanmacmillan.org)

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 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.

## Editorial

Firstly I must apologise to you all for the lateness of this newsletter, which should have been completed and sent out in June, but got held up by preparations for the Hebridean Gathering. Secondly, I must apologise to those attending the gathering whose old email addresses went out to other attendees with the contact details for all who were there. Your corrections have enabled me to update the CMI membership database accordingly, so some good may have come out of that. Thirdly I must apologise to Blanche McMillan for the substantial edit of her CTS page, both to allow for the fact that it is to be published after rather than before the gathering, and to make room for the photograph taken at the end of the CTS Service. Hopefully she and other companions will be pleased to see it adorning the back page, and in colour for those of you receiving your newsletter by email attachment.

It's encouraging that so many of you are happy to receive your newsletter and magazine electronically, since it does save the Clan Centre a great deal of money as postal costs continue to rise dramatically. The Trustees have decided this should be the default method of

publication in future; but rest assured everyone will have the option of receiving a hard copy if you prefer (albeit not all in colour) by ticking the appropriate place on your membership renewal form each year.

As reported elsewhere, the *Bannockburn Live* event was lively indeed for the clans, with some signing up many new members. The very colourful MacMillan stall also received visits from new faces, as well as old hands; so hopefully the UK branch of CMI will benefit from one or two active new members to assist in keeping the MacMillan flag flying in Scotland, as it does so vigorously elsewhere.

Another good opportunity to fly the flag is coming up over the weekend of 12-14 September when the Inverness Highland Meeting will feature the Masters World Championship Highland Games (throughout the weekend - culminating in a world record mass caber toss), a torchlit march of clans, athletes, and pipe bands through the city on Friday evening, and a "Meet the Clans" exhibition in the historic Town House on Saturday. Chief George MacMillan hopes to be there, and if you want to carry a torch for the MacMillans that night please email the editor ASAP (20 torches per clan): [graeme@highlandroots.org](mailto:graeme@highlandroots.org)

## Clan MacMillan International Summary Accounts for year to 31 December 2013

INCOME	£	UK \$	US \$	OUTGOINGS	£	UK \$	US \$
CTS	947.92			PO Box Renewal			
Conclave Challenge	608.00*		6302.00*	Telephone	0.00		
Subscriptions	795.00		1475.00	Stamps/Printing	675.01		
Donations	515.00		1250.00	Secretarial	0.00		
Project MAOL	40.00		5.00	Graeme	6145.44		
Publications	80.00			Utilities	0.00		
Transfer from other account	3691.47			Miscellaneous	0.00		350.00 #
Miscellaneous	65.69			Transfer to other account		6000.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6743.08</b>	<b>00.00</b>	<b>9032.00</b>		<b>6820.45</b>	<b>6000.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>
Difference	-77.37	-6000.00	8682.00				
							<i>\$350 is 2 x \$150 for Highlander Ads in 2012 &amp; 2103 plus \$50 member refund #</i>
Opening bank balances	7562.99	6328.35	00.00				
Excess of outgoings/income	-77.37	-6000.00	8682.00	Average exchange rate for transfers	UK \$ account	\$1.63 to £1	
Closing bank balances	7485.62	328.35	8682.00				

### \* Conclave Challenge Donations:

<u>In GB Pounds:</u>	PEI Canada	£61	<u>In US Dollars:</u>	Pacific 2012:	\$1216.	Pacific 2013:	\$1216
	Australia	£547		Appalachian 2012:	\$1300	Appalachian 2013:	\$1800
						Texas:	\$250
						Mississippi	\$400
						North Central States:	\$120



## Some News from the Clan Around the World

### Appalachian Branch AGM to elect new President at the Grandfather Mountain Games

After an outstanding tenure as Branch President, Rob Jones will be standing down at the Grandfather Mountain Games in July. He and his wife Fran, who has served alongside him as Secretary and Treasurer, had a hard act to follow in Robert and Susan Bell, but threw themselves into the task with immense grace and determination. They've been helped by a relatively young, and very enthusiastic executive, from whom we're sure will emerge equally impressive successors.

The branch kicked off this year's games with a lovely weekend at Loch Norman, NC, on the outskirts of Charlotte, where the MacMillans are pictured right preparing to join the parade of clans.



### Next CMSNA Gathering to be in Ottawa

CMSNA President Susan Drinkwater has announced that the 2015 Gathering will be held in the Ottawa area of Canada towards the end of June. Details will be posted on the CMSNA webpages (<http://www.mcmillen-design.com/cmsna/>) and on our website, as soon as they are available.

### Clan MacMillan Soc. of Australia AGM

The Australian Society AGM will take place on Sunday 24 August at Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Road, South Yarra, Victoria, 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. The Society attended the Ringwood Highland Games on 30th March, where the new venue was judged the best for some years.

### Birthdays in the Glengarry and Ottawa Valley Branch



*The Gov*, the excellent newsletter of the Glengarry and Ottawa Valley Branch of Clan MacMillan, included these pictures of two senior members who recently celebrated their birthdays. Harold MacMillan (left), long-serving Treasurer of the branch, was 85 on 23rd March, and Elizabeth MacMillan Heath (right), mother of branch President, Anne Neuman, and *The Gov* Editor, Margaret Taylor, was 91 on 31st January. *The Gov* also announced that work was progressing on the branch's new website which will soon be found at [www.macmillangov.com](http://www.macmillangov.com).



### Pacific Branch AGM elects new officers

The Pacific Branch AGM at the Olde Ship British Pub in Santa Ana, CA, on 10 May, elected Ralph "Mac" McMillan as President; Linda Cooke, Vice-President; Megan McMillan, Secretary; and Fred Young as Treasurer.

### Clan MacMillan Soc. of New Zealand

The NZ Society are hopefully enjoying a quiet winter after the excitement (if that's what's generated by a visiting genealogist!) of the summer. Their next General Meeting of the Committee is in Auckland on the 14th of September.



### Norwegians catch up with the clan at Bannockburn

John Millan Sydsjor and his family had hoped to join the gathering in the Hebrides, which would have been appropriate since the Outer Isles were settled by the Vikings and belonged to the Norse kings for centuries during the early Middle Ages. Unfortunately they couldn't manage that, but they did catch up with the clan at *Bannockburn Live* - where they're pictured left at the MacMillan tent with Nigel and Gordon Macmillan.

Though the unexpected number of last minute visitors threw the entry and catering provisions at Bannockburn Live into some disarray, the arrangement of the clans area was excellent, and all present were kept busy with visitors and potential new members for their societies. Chief George was helped getting to and setting up at Bannockburn by his sister-in-law Belinda MacMillan (wife of Lt Gen. Sir John MacMillan). I don't know if they had the pleasure of a visit from First Minister Alex Salmond, but when the current Scots' ruler was at the Bruce tent, King Robert was heard to ask him if he'd come looking for advice!



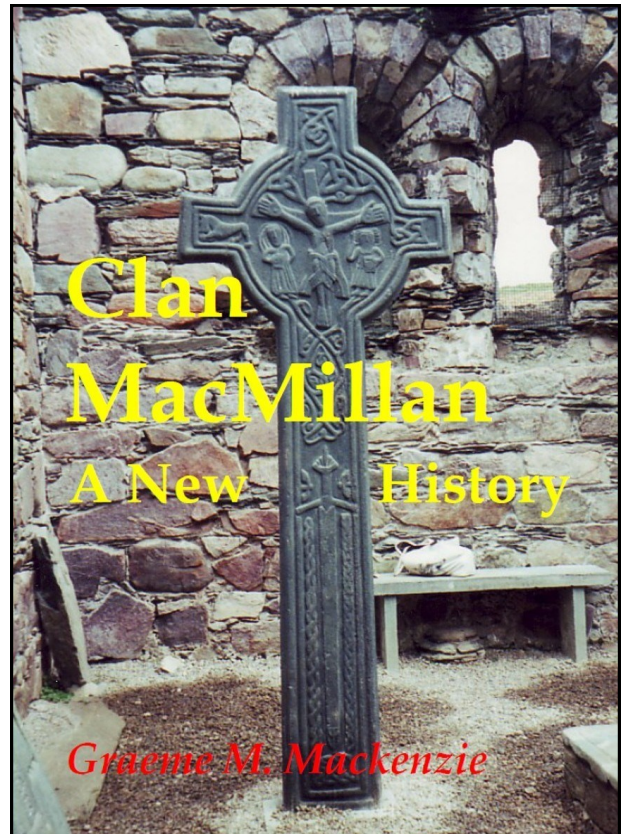
# On the way: a new complete history of Clan MacMillan

There has been no full history of the clan available since Chris McMullen's "MacMillan Endeavour" sold out some years ago. Chris has indicated he will not now be producing a new edition of it, and instead will concentrate on booklets such as that advertised on a later page about the original Clan MacMillan Society, so that leaves a gap urgently in need of filling. I've decided therefore to proceed immediately with the writing of "Clan MacMillan: A New History" which I hope to have available next year. This work will sum up the present state of knowledge about the clan, fully acknowledging the remaining unresolved areas (of which there are quite a few), and hopefully stimulate others to start looking for answers to them as well.

*One of the main mysteries about the clan is why its name-father (or "eponymous") Gilchrist mac Cormaic should have been remembered for his shaven head or tonsure (something that would not have been unusual in a family of clerics). Here, as a taster for the new book, is a draft of what I have to say on this matter:*

Gilchrist, the man who would come to be known as *Maolan*, "the shaven-headed one", or *An Gillemoal*, "the shaven-headed servant [of God]", was probably born sometime between 1100 and 1115, and could have come into this world in northern Ireland where his father Cormac may have been born and was almost certainly educated, or in his family's Scottish ancestral lands in Lorn. Cormac probably didn't become Bishop of Dunkeld until after Gilchrist's birth, so it's unlikely the future *Maolan* was born in an episcopal palace; but it's tempting to suggest he may have been born at *Dun Airbertach*, the fort named for his grandfather in the heart of Lorn.

The name-father of the MacMillans shares with the eponymous of Clan Donald the distinction of appearing once only in a contemporary record; his being in 1131/2 when as *Gille-Crist mac Cormaic* he witnessed his father's deed noted in the Book of Deer. *Douenaldus filius Reginaldi* ("Donald son of Ranald") is recorded in Latin as a charter witness nearly a hundred years later. These fleeting records may not tell us much, but they're significant since the eponyms of many other clans are not documented at all. The MacMillan eponymous appears with his given name in MS1467, as *Gillacrist dar comhainn an Gillemaol*,



but on the Leny tree only the two versions of his nickname are used: *Maolan Macgilespic* (*Macgilespic* for *macGilleasbuig*) and *Gilibile Macgilespic* (*Gilibile* being a phonetic form of *Gillemhaoil* and the origin of the MacMillan septname *Bile/Bell*).

Nothing else is known about Gilchrist, or why his descendants chose to take a surname remembering him, thus founding a new clan (the same can be said about his brothers *Guair* and *Fingon*, the eponyms of the *MacQuarries* and *Mackinnons*). Other descendants of Bishop Cormac used the surnames *Gillespie* and *MacCormaic*, and it's notable that the areas associated with the latter name (*Mull* and the *Glenkens of Galloway*) were homes at one time to *Mackinnons* and *MacMillans*. A similar obscurity surrounds *Donald mac Ranald*, whose claim to the fame implied by the founding of a clan is unknown.

We can reasonably assume that Gilchrist's life as a leading figure in his kindred, and therefore an important noble of the Scots realm, would have been just as itinerant as his father's. The patronage apparently extended by Gilchrist's family to the abbey of *Deer* means that he could also have had connections with *Old Spynie* in modern *Morayshire* as *Somerled MacMillan* asserts, without reference, in his clan history; but there appears to be no evidence whatsoever to support this contention, let alone the idea that he was there as a *Culdee* (there's no actual evidence either that the *Culdees* themselves were associated with *Spynie*). Though Gilchrist's tonsure certainly suggests some sort of religious role, that would not be surprising in the family of a bishop; and it remains a mystery as to why his shaven-head in particular should have become so notable.

The Reverend Dr Hugh Macmillan, writing before Gilchrist mac Cormaic had been identified as Maolan, says the clan surname is supposed to derive from a Celtic rather than a Roman tonsure; i.e. having the head shaven from ear to ear at the front rather than in a circle on the crown. He mentions the dispute about the form of tonsure in the time of Nectan king of the Picts, saying "It was probably during this controversy that the name of Macmillan came first into notice".

The Reverend Somerled MacMillan, writing half a century later, and having discovered that Maolan lived three hundred years after Nectan, adapted the story by suggesting Gilchrist used the Tonsure of Saint John as a gesture of protest at his father's acceptance of King David's "Romanisation" of the Scottish church. However, repeated references to King David's "Roman Catholic bias" and "sinister designs against the Celtic Church" may reveal rather more Free Church presbyterian bias on Somerled's part than pure historical analysis.

There appears to be no tradition in the clan, and no historical evidence, to support the contention that Gilchrist was a rebel, or that the nature of the tonsure remained an issue in the Scottish church in the 12th century. What's more, neither David nor his mother Saint Margaret was hostile to the Celtic church. Although she had begun the process of inviting into Scotland the continental orders of monks who would in due course replace the Culdees, the queen took care to nurture the existing church; paying particular attention to rebuilding Iona after the ravages of the Vikings. David too, while certainly confiscating the possessions of some Culdee communities to endow new orders of "Roman" monks, also confirmed the privileges of others; as indeed he is seen to be doing in the last of the Gaelic notes in the Book of Deer.

There is another possible, and perhaps more likely explanation for the notoriety of Gilchrist's shaven-head, and one that we can find at least a scrap of circumstantial evidence to support. It is that he was tonsured as a pilgrim or crusader. We are fortunate to have an evocative and moving description of Scots preparing in this way for a trip to Rome or to the Holy Land from the pen of the early 13<sup>th</sup> century pilgrim and bard Muireadach Albanach:

*Murdoch, whet thy knife, that we may shave our  
crown to the Great King,  
Let us sweetly give our vow, and the hair on both  
our heads to the Trinity,  
I will shave mine to Mary; this is the doing of  
a true heart....  
Preserve our shaved heads from cold and from  
heat, gentle daughter of Iodehim,  
Preserve us in the land of heat, softest branch of Mary.*

The possibility that Gilchrist acquired his tonsure in such a fashion is given some credence by the highland tradition that one of the progenitors of Clan Chattan had travelled to Palestine; a story that was taken

particularly seriously by the Macphersons, whose later chiefs exhibited a belt which they claimed had been brought back from the holy land by their crusading ancestor. The Macphersons descend from the same kindred as the MacMillans—probably indeed from Maolan himself—and Scots certainly were involved in crusades in the 12th as well as the 13th century. It's worth remembering too the Leny tradition, backed up in stone by the MacMillans in Knapdale, that Cormac and his immediate successors were "... riders, which is to say knights ...".

The 16th century historical note on the Leny family tree saying this, refers to the second of these knights, the successor to Cormac the "Great Rider", as "... *the reidhar ouir wh slue in uar the meikle horse man ...*" or "the grey knight who slew in war the large horseman". It's entirely possible that Cormac's son Gilchrist fought the meikle horseman in Spain or the Holy Land, since going on crusade was one of the obligations of knighthood.

*Observant readers will have noticed the use in this passage a number of times of the word "evidence". While history is not a court of law (and indeed proper historians will acknowledge that there is no such thing in their subject as the sort of "truth" that a court of law seeks to establish), credible history depends on evidence and on argument from it. That is why academic history books are full of footnotes, referring to the evidence or arguments upon which the stated conclusions are based, so that other historians can judge the validity of those conclusions, and general readers can better understand what is, and is not, actually known about these issues.*

*While it's true that famous historians were once referred to as "authorities" on a subject, even their judgements had ultimately to be based on arguments from evidence. The authority of the professorial chair was not, and is not, enough; nor is the position within a clan of the bard, shennachie, or chief. Sadly Clan MacMillan's late bard and shennachie, Somerled MacMillan, rarely provided references that would allow such evidence as he may have been using to be checked, and all too often said he had good reason to suppose something was the case, without actually saying what that reason was.*

*It should be noted that, having discovered Somerled's account of Gilchrist and his tonsure to be unsupported by evidence or historical sense, I have merely suggested a more plausible possibility—which is at least based on some evidence (albeit very circumstantial)—rather than asserting that it must be the case. Given the lack of contemporary evidence, and the often contradictory nature of Highland traditions, we will never know the truth of the matter. In seeking however to get as close to it as we can, it behoves all addressing this or any other historical issue also to argue from evidence, and not just rely on the fact that members of clans often prefer deference to reference.*

Graeme Mackenzie



# From Northland to Southland - and on to Gippsland

## *Graeme's travels down under*



*With the Pools at Arkles Bay*

What a wonderful way to spend February, the most depressing month of the long Scottish winter: being taken into cousins' homes on the other side of the world, talking about genealogy, and travelling around two beautiful countries in their lovely summer sun. Spoilt doesn't begin to describe it.

I flew into Auckland on a plane scheduled to arrive at one minute to midnight, which, near enough, it did. However it was an hour or more

into the next day when I emerged from baggage pick-up, immigration, and customs (on the lookout for the smallest nut and raisin one might mistakenly be importing) to be warmly greeted by Pools long-past their normal bedtime. After recovery at Pete and Margaret's lovely home at Arkles Bay, they took me to meet my cousins who farm in Northland.

Alex Macmillan, the father of Laurie the Loch Ness marathon runner, is a grandson of Robert Macmillan (son of my great-grandfather's brother Donald) who was born in Glenurquhart in 1845 and died in New Zealand in 1938. Alex and his wife Colleen have an amazing farm in the hills above Whangerai. Much of it is still untamed bush, in which they're developing a honey business (the bees seem to flourish on wild flowers that include an inordinate amount of gorse, brought to New Zealand by early Scots settlers). Their house however overlooks cattle grazing on meadows beside a burn that could have come straight from their ancestral glen in Scotland, with only a few alien trees to show that it's actually on the other side of the world. Elsewhere it's usually the proliferation of such strange, and often magnificent trees - Kauri and Norfolk Pine being the most obvious - that instantly identify where you are.



*With cousins in Northland (Alex Macmillan, left, his brothers, sister, and sister-in-law*

My opening talk, the first of half a dozen I was to give over the next four weeks to clan groups (MacMillans and MacKenzies) took place at Waipu, the final resting place of the indomitable Rev. Norman MacLeod, who took his followers from Assynt in north west Scotland, first to Nova Scotia (in 1817), and then, in 1851, to Australia and on to New Zealand, where on the east coast of Northland he finally found the isolation he sought to create his version of the Promised Land. A number of MacMillans went with him from Cape Breton to Waipu, and Avon MacMillan, a past president of the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand is a descendant of one of them. The story of the man, his followers and their settlement is illustrated in great detail in the wonderful visitor centre at Waipu (the first of a number of great museums I was to see in New Zealand).

From Waipu I returned to Arkles Bay and spent the next few days in the Auckland area, where I talked to more MacMillans and gave the first couple of lectures to family history and genealogy groups. Then it was a day on the train (a very comfortable train) to Wellington, to be met there by Jim and Marilyn McMillan from Paraparaumu Beach, and Duncan McMillan and his daughter from Upper Hutt.

My time in the Wellington area included two lectures to genealogy groups, a soaking in the wonderful wild-life park on the edge of the city (the weather was very Scottish at this stage), and an absolutely absorbing morning in *Te Papa Tongereva* (Museum of New Zealand) learning about Maori history and culture.



*Duncan, Jim & Marilyn in Wellington*

From Wellington I took the ferry to the South Island, enjoying a spectacular journey up the fiord to Picton, from whence the train departed for Christchurch. Though it's being rebuilt after the great earthquakes, the centre of Christchurch is still a sad sight, and a hard place to get an evening meal if you haven't booked in advance, because of all the construction workers in town.

The next stage of my journey took me over the Southern Alps by train to Greymouth - another great rail journey - and then by bus down the west coast and inland to the mountain resorts of Fox Glacier and Wanaka (what a spectacular setting!). The final leg of my tour on New Zealand's excellent buses took me north through "MacKenzie Country" (named for the enterprising explorer and livestock rustler who first opened it up for European settlement) and back to Christchurch, from whence I flew down to Southland for my next genealogy lecture - set up in this case by MacKenzies who live near Invercargill. Next day they very kindly took me to Gore, where I stayed with another cousin of Glenurquhart Macmillan descent, Elspeth Gardyne.





*My cousin Elspeth (second left) and husband Graeme (right) with fellow farmers Donald and Ann MacKenzie*

The family farm of the Gardynes, in a fertile part of Southland, was a great contrast to that of the Macmillans in the hills of Northland. Though they keep livestock, they have an extensive grain business too, and I arrived just as the harvest was beginning. Despite being so busy with that, Elspeth's husband Graeme took time out to show me all over his extensive enterprise, and then to drive me to Dunedin to link up again with the Pools.

Margaret Pool grew up in Otago, and had used her local links to arrange yet another genealogy lecture, as well as an enjoyable supper with some of the local MacMillans. Dunedin also offers two of the most spectacular railway excursions in the world, even though it is no longer linked by train to the rest of New Zealand. It also has a great museum which, like Waipu, has a room with its walls covered in photographs of the pioneer settlers (including Margaret's ancestor Angus Macmillan, who came from Lochaber, though his picture was not up on the day I was there).

After three days in Dunedin I took the bus back to Christchurch for my flight to Australia. I was met at Melbourne Airport by June Danks, the President of the Australian MacMillans. The next day, after a visit to the genealogical archive and library where Mick McMillan works, we enjoyed a lovely supper on the Melbourne waterfront with the committee of the Australian Society, when at last I had the chance to meet June and Max Senior, with whom I have corresponded for so long.



A highlight of my week in Victoria was the visit to the Gippsland Heritage Park, where I gave a talk to local MacMillans (eventually - getting the technology to work there was quite a problem) and toured the recreated pioneer settlement, that included the house once lived in by Angus Macmillan the explorer of Gippsland (see photo below).

My day-off in Australia was taken up with a trip by trains and buses along "The Great Ocean Road", a spectacular bit of coastline to the south west of Melbourne and Geelong; and I returned to the latter city a couple of days later for the Geelong Highland Games, where the MacKenzies very kindly hosted the MacMillans in their tent. That was followed by my most intensive day of lecturing, giving a double talk in the morning to the Genealogical Society of Victoria, and then repeating it all again in the afternoon for those who had been unable to get places in the morning. Though exhausting, it was a gratifying experience, since my reception was so enthusiastic - as indeed it had been throughout my month down under. I can't thank the New Zealand and Australian Clan MacMillan Societies enough for making it all possible.

**Would you like to support the writing of "Clan MacMillan: A New History", which will take many weeks of Graeme's time, by becoming a Subscriber.**

Subscribers, as well as being recognised in the book, will receive a 50% discount on the cost of their first black & white copy (with colour covers) of the completed work, and will be entitled to a 20% discount on up to five additional such copies bought directly from Graeme.

Sterling Subscriptions of £50 or more: personal cheques or bank drafts (note, please, not money orders), made out to *Graeme Mackenzie*, can be sent to him at *24 Rangemore Road, Inverness, IV3 5EA, Scotland.*

US Dollar Subscriptions of \$100 or more: These may be wired to Graeme's bank, in which case contact him via [graeme@highlandroots.org](mailto:graeme@highlandroots.org) for transmission and account details. Wiring money is quite expensive, so the North Central States Branch has kindly agreed to collect US Dollar subs for onward transmission to Graeme: checks made out to *Clan MacMillan* and sent to *Mike McMillan, 5141 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55419, USA*, with memo noting it is for Graeme's book subscription.

**Please be sure in all cases also to inform Graeme directly, by post with your cheque, or by email if wiring or sending money via Mike, of the date and amount of your subscription, along with your name & postal address.**

***You don't need to wait for great new writing on Clan MacMillan.***

Rev. Chris McMullen's excellent account of the original Clan MacMillan Society contains many fascinating details about relations between the fledgling Clan MacMillan Society and the much older Buchanan Society, as well as much else of interest.

It's now on sale from the Clan Centre for £6, incl. P&P (cheques made out please to *Clan MacMillan Centre*) or from Chris for \$11 US/CAN, incl. P&P. Checks made out to Chris should be sent to *1004 Manawagonish Rd, Saint John, NB, Canada, E2M 3X3.*



**The Clan MacMillan Society:**

*The Journey to a Clan Identity  
1892-2005*

*By the Rev. Christopher McMullen, C.T.S.*

*For the International Gathering  
of Clan MacMillan,*

*Finlaystone, Langbank, Scotland,  
June 21, 2014*





## **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.*

The CTS Investiture Service took place in the Benbecula Church of Scotland, Griminish, on Thursday afternoon, 26 June at 2.00 pm, in conjunction with the Hebridean Homecoming Gathering, 21-27 June, preceding *Bannockburn Live*, 28-30 June. [the service was followed by a delicious tea kindly laid-on for the CTS and clan by members of the local congregation - Ed.].

There were 7 candidates for membership in CTS. **Anne Heath Neuman** (Mrs. Daniel) of Stouffville, ON, Canada, has been a very active member of the *Clan MacMillan Society of North America* (CMSNA) and the 22<sup>nd</sup> CMSNA President 2009-2010. She also is an active member of the Glengarry and Ottawa Branch of Clan MacMillan and was president 2009-2010. Anne has taken over as Almoner for CTS from W. Dugal MacMillan who retired in January 2013. Anne was given **CTS honoris causa**. **Daniel and Sherilyn Woodruff** of Williamston, SC, USA, are members of Appalachian Branch. Dan is currently the State Secretary for the *South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* and will be the State President in 2014. Sherilyn is in the Insurance industry. **Keith W. MacMillan** of Cochrane, AB, Canada, is a retired RCMP officer and private investigator and is now President, CEO and Chair of a pharmaceutical company. **Valda Jane McMullen**, of Saint John, NB, Canada, wife of CTS Chaplain Rev. Christopher McMullen, mother of Ian and Dan, assisted Chris in founding the PEI Chapter of the Clan MacMillan Society as well as helping Chris with his ministry. **Elaine Catherine MacMillan Ph.D.** of St. Paul, MN, USA, teaches Theology and World Religions at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, USA. **Margaret (Heath) Taylor**, (sister of Anne Neuman) of Toronto, ON, Canada, is in the IT business.

*New companions are pictured above with the CTS officers and other participants in the service inside Griminish church - Ed.*

**News of CTS members: Rev Christopher McMullen, CTS**, of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada has written a comprehensive history as a tribute to the Scottish Society of Clan MacMillan, 1892 -2005. "The Clan MacMillan Society: The Journey to a Clan Identity". He has produced this for the International Gathering of Clan MacMillan in Scotland, 2014. All proceeds of the booklet go to the CMIC at Finlaystone, Scotland.

**Harold MacMillan, CTS** of Hawkesbury, Ontario, Canada, was invested in Kingston, Ontario in 2010, *honoris causa*. I wanted to share this letter he wrote to the executive of the Community of the Tonsured Servant: "My induction into the Community is the highest honour I have ever received and I want you all to know how mightily I have been affected by this act. I know that this honour was deliberately and thoughtfully presented and as I sit here with the framed certificate in front of me, I am struck by the words of your admonition to me regarding upholding the motto of our Clan, which I always felt was most Christian-like, the support of the Chief and the encouragement of pride in our Scottish Heritage. I will do my utmost to uphold these values. Thank you for the Honour."

**Grants by CTS to Clan MacMillan International Centre (CMIC)**: The total CTS grant to CMIC is \$40,143 USD since 1996 averaging \$2,113 USD per year over the last 18 years.

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(1) **The 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.

(2) **The 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 '05 at age 74 years. It is a fitting way to remember her tireless work, wisdom and friendship. Consider covering the cost of the CMIC Magazine if you receive a hard copy.

**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'.

For further information about CTS memberships, Donations, Tribute/Endowment Funds, Bequests or Memorial Gifts, please contact **Blanche MacMillan, Abbot CTS**, 5364 Salem Road, Burlington, ON, L7L 3X3, Canada.

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