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It is almost time to pay the piper. Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who faithfully renew their membership each year, Your dues helps us to maintain a presence on the website, as well as various games around the country.

The Newsbeat is published Quarterly, January, April, July and October. If you have any news, pictures, stories, poems, Games reports, or genealogy queries, please send them to Ginger (at the address to the left, preferably e-mail) for inclusion in the next issue. We love to hear from you and the membership wants to know what is happening with other members.

Dues Schedules
Dues are due each June.

Family \$25.00
Individual \$15.00
Individual (over 65) \$7.00
Associate \$10.00

One time:
Sponsorship \$500.00
Life Membership (over 65) \$200.00

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Annual dues will be due again on June 1, (unless you have joined within the past 6 months or so, in that case your dues will become due until the year following. Please check your membership card to see when you need to renew. Thanks to all those who faithfully renew their membership each year, your dues helps us to print and mail out this newsletter, it also helps us to maintain our web site and have a presence at many of the larger games in the county and be a presence to meet and get to know other Macfies around the country. We encourage you to attend as many Scottish Games as possible, and if you would like to convene, the society will pay half of the games fee. We will also provide a banner, and some items for the table, just contact Ginger at jgmcafee@charter.net

**The Macfie Society of
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The Council of
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Macfie Merchandise for Sale

Kilt Pin-\$15.00
Badges \$12.00
Pro Rege T-shirts green-\$12.00

Minimal postage will be added to each order. Send order and payment to:

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Upcoming Scottish Games where you are likely to find a Macfie Clan Tent

May 3-4 West Virginia Scottish Games in Bridgeport, West Virginia. http://www.scots-westvirginia.org/scottish_heritage_society-ScottishCelticFestival.htm

May 17-19, 2013 Smoky Mountain Highland Games Maryville College, Maryville, TN www.smokymountaingames.org

May 30- June 2, 2013 Glasgow, KY Highland Games Barren River Lake State Park, Glasgow, KY www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

June 8-9 Blairsville, GA Scottish Games
<http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/>

July 11-14, Grandfather Mountain NC Scottish Games
www.gmhg.org/

September 7-8 Long's Peak Celtic Festival, Estes Park, CO
www.scotfest.com/

September 21, 2013 106th Ligonier Highland Games Ligonier, PA
www.ligonier.com

September 21, Charleston SC Scottish Games charlestonscots.org/

October 19-20, Stone Mountain, GA Scottish Games www.smhg.org/

November 2-3, Tucson AZ Highland Games
www.tucsoncelticfestival.org/

Ceud Mile Failte (One hundred thousand welcomes)

To our newest Society members

Kimberly McAfee, Columbus, GA

Robin Myers (MacPhee) Phoenix, AZ

We hope to meet you at some of the Scottish Games or in Scotland in September for the Macfie Clan Parliament and Gathering in Dumfries and Colonsay. (see page 6)

Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus

Thursday, July 11, 2013

8:30am - 4:30pm

Lees McRae College *Banner Elk, North Carolina, at the foot of Grandfather Mountain*

The **Council of Scottish Clans & Associations** is delighted to announce the return of an old tradition - Clan and Scottish Organization Workshops and Conferences at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This year, to kick it all off, we are hosting a very special day long conference on Thursday prior to the opening of the games at Grandfather Mountain.

The **2013 Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus** is designed to bring Scottish American clan, family and organization leaders and active members together to explore and debate how we can bring Scotland and America and the global Scottish diaspora much closer together as we continue to move into the 21st century.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that **Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs** will co-chair Thursday's **Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus** on behalf of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Sir Malcolm MacGregor will be joining the official 2013 Chief of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games **Sir Malcolm Colquhoun of Luss** in making the trip across the pond to be at Grandfather Mountain this year and we hope that other Scottish Chiefs can come as well.

Most of all, we hope that our Scottish American members and friends can join us for this important conference in the cool and beautiful North Carolina highlands this July. The **2013 Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan Caucus** is **YOUR** conference and an opportunity for you to learn more about what other people are thinking and doing and to make sure your own thoughts and ideas are heard and discussed. We are fortunate to be working in a time of great change in Scotland and in the Scottish American community. It is important that we continue to come together, organize and grow as a national and international Scottish family.

There should be more about this on the COSCA website www.cosca.net very soon.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS ON COLONSAY

From the Corncrake, Newsletter of Colonsay

<http://www.corncrake.org.uk/cornframe.html>

The island of Colonsay is undergoing excavations Marianne O'Connor and Colin Breen (an Archaeologist) at the University of Ulster in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, have been awarded funding from the Arts and Humanities Research Council to work on an archaeology project on Colonsay. This will involve investigation examining the cultural landscape history of Colonsay during the 2nd Millennium and will include targeted excavations at a number of sites selected through discussions with the Colonsay Community. The first of a series of archaeology investigations took place over the Easter period with excavations at Dun Cholla with two archaeologists, Colin Breen (University of Ulster) and John Raven (Historic Scotland). The next period of excavations will take place at the end of May at other locations around the Island.

The official website for the island of Colonsay, has a new look. Check it out <http://www.colonsay.org.uk/>

CALLING ALL CATHEYS

The 2013 Cathey Reunion will be held Sat. Aug. 3rd at The Holiday Inn Express in, Columbia, TN. The motel is located at Exit 46 on I 65, about 40 miles from Nashville.

We have a block of rooms reserved for Fri. Aug. 2nd & Sat. 3rd in the motel, five rooms for \$101.15 +tax/night with king bed, 5 rooms for \$107.10 +tax for 2 queen beds. The room rates are good till Jul. 26/2013.

Included is the complimentary, hot Express Start Breakfast Bar served each morning. They offer free high-speed, wireless Internet access throughout the facility, as well, so you can stay connected to home and to the office. The motel is located near several businesses and popular attractions, such as the James K. Polk Ancestral Home and the Henry Horton Golf Trail. Many Catheys have lived in the Maury Co., TN area.

Other nearby motels are: [Super 8 Hotel Columbia](#), [Comfort Inn Columbia](#). In town are: [Hampton Inn Columbia](#), [Baymont Inn & Suites Columbia](#), & [Extend Stay Suites Columbia](#).

Registration will start at 9:30 am in the Conference Room. The reunion will start at 10:30 am. There will be a dinner Sat. evening. The cost and location of the dinner will be determined later.

This year there will be free downloads including the back issues of the Kith & Kin. If you have a computer at home, bring a flash drive to download on. If you have a lap top computer please bring it to help with downloads.

Pre-Registration Form

Print Clearly and Return to:

John R. Cathey, 3112 Cannon Road, Greer, SC 29615-5328 By JUNE 30, 2013

NAME: _____

Primary contact for the Party

Number in Party: _____ adults _____ children

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Deposits: **Non Refundable:**

Meeting Room & Handout expense: Amount Enclosed
_____ X \$5.00 = _____ \$ _____

Number of participants in meetings

Checks should be payable to: **Cathey Reunion Association** due by June 15, 2013. Mail to John R. Cathey, 3112 Cannon Rd., Greer, SC 29651-5328

Please check: _____ I (we) will be staying elsewhere **4**
_____ I (we) will be staying at the Holdiay Inn Express

Society Happenings

Amy Fee writes: Just imagine 82 degrees and wind. That was how it was at the 49th annual Highland games in Phoenix in March. There was a lot more people attending this year. Old and new MacFies came by the tent to visit. I hope to see more Macfies at the November games in Tucson. The temperature will still in the 70's or 80's.



Doug Macfie wrote: Introducing Duncan Macfie, the latest member of the Langhouse line. He was born Jan 17 2013. He is the first son of Eric and Mélanie - first grandson for Douglas Macfie. Thanks to Vanessa King of Ireland and her generosity it was determined through the DNA test that we belong to the first group of Macfies, which includes both the past and present Commanders of our Clan.

BETH GAY WROTE: *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* is "up" on the Internet again! Just visit <http://www.electricscotland.com> at any time. There is an archive there where you may read the BNFT editions since this incarnation of Beth's publication has been on the Internet beginning in 2006. It's FREE with no strings at all. All you have to do is go to the site above at any time. New issues are up close to the 1st of every month. Please also send your Clan news or news of what you all are doing.

Sadly, Miss Narra The Wonder Cat has passed away at age 19 years and 2 months. She has been seen in Beth's Newfangled Family Tree for almost that entire time. She was half Maine Coon and half Siamese and all heart. She served as the proofreader for any publication Beth was working on. She is buried so Beth may see her grave from the kitchen window. Her stone says, "If love would have healed you, you would have lived forever." She is survived by Beth and Tom and Peggie Hairy, Bicket, Angus, Dora and Whimsey.

Robin McPhee, of Wellington, NZ wrote: I am researching my branch of the McPhees, who settled in Kenyon, Glengarry, Ont around 1815. One branch of this group the desendents for John McPhee & Mary Cameron moved to Sullivan, Grey, Ont. and then to Lead, Lawrence Co., South Dakota (around 1870-1920) - I believe there are descendants of these McPhees in Billings, Montana today. I was just wondering if any of your MacFie Clan Society members might belong if so contact Robin at turbot@ihug.co.nz

Bill McPhee wrote: Hi ginger, I have since transferred my McDuffieDNA results to ftDNA. There was no cost for the transfer. If you want to advance you must do the 37 marker test to make the results to be compatible. Maybe you could put a note in the Newsbeat.

Macfies GATHER IN DUMFRIES

Clan Parliament Gathering September 4-7 2013



All clans folk are invited to visit and join with others at **the Clan Macfie Parliament and Gathering**. A full programme of events, excursions and entertainment has been put together for your enjoyment, along with the opportunity to explore the delights of the area and beyond.

The Gathering will be based in one of Dumfries' premier hotels, the Cairndale Hotel, which is situated close to the town centre and railway station.

Dumfries is situated in the South West of Scotland and is the county town in the beautiful area of Dumfries and

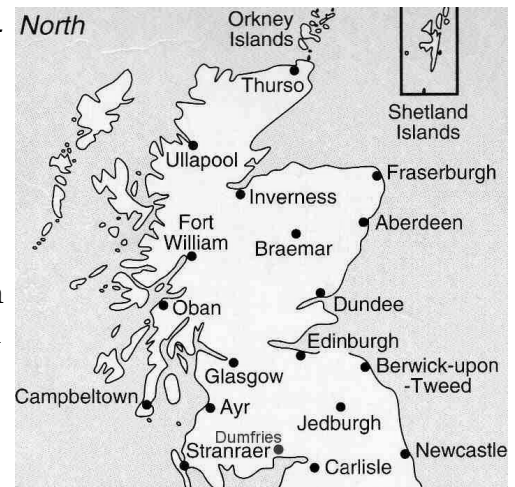
Galloway. Dumfries has train, coach and road links to Scotland and Northern England. The area is steeped in history with some significant historic events having taken place in the area. Discover historic castles, forest parks, 200 miles of coastline and plenty of perfect habitat where an abundance of fascinating wildlife flourishes. You will have the chance to learn more during your stay at the gathering. Why not extend your visit to explore the delights of the Dumfries area?

Accommodation – A special rate for the Gathering of £64.50 per person per night has been secured at the Cairndale Hotel, located in English Street, Dumfries, for those sharing a double or twin room. Single rooms are £89.50 per night. This price includes dinner (4 course), bed and breakfast and includes the Clan Dinner on the evening of Saturday 6th September. Dinner, including the Clan Dinner, is available each evening at a cost of £25 to non-residents.

The hotel offers double, twin, single and family rooms. It has a fitness centre and spa with swimming pool available free to residents and has lifts (elevators) to all floors. All the sessions of Clan Parliament, evening entertainment and the Clan Dinner will take place at the hotel. All excursions will also begin from the hotel.

You can book your room by emailing info@cairndalehotel.co.uk or telephoning 0(44)1387 254 111. Please quote *Clan Macfie Gathering* when you are booking and also mention any special requirements that you may have during your stay such as access, dietary etc. (a full vegetarian menu is available).

Rooms go very quickly at the hotel and you are advised to book as soon as possible. More information about the hotel and its leisure club can be found at <http://www.cairndalehotel.co.uk> (Continued on next page)



Other Accommodation is available at the nearby Station Hotel and nearby guesthouses. There are premises located in Lovers Walk and the Annan Road which are the closest to the Cairndale Hotel. Please visit <http://www.dumfries-and-galloway.co.uk/accommodation> for details, prices and booking information

Travel - Dumfries is easily accessible for those travelling to the UK with rail links from Glasgow and Carlisle. The station is only a few minutes walk from the Cairndale Hotel. There are also coach links from London, Manchester, Carlisle, Edinburgh and Glasgow and Dumfries' main trunk road, the A75, is connected to the M74 and M6 motorways. Car hire is available in the town and most entry ports to the UK. Directions and advice on travel options to Dumfries and the Cairndale Hotel will be made available to those who register for the Gathering, or who email gathering2013@clanmacfie.co.uk.

Registration and Clan Entertainment

There is a registration fee for all those attending the Parliament and Gathering. This has been set at £25 per person, but is free to children under 16 years. This fee will be used to cover costs for administration and paperwork plus each registered attendee will receive an extensive welcome pack and three nights of entertainment laid on at the hotel after dinner for residents and non-residents.

The Entertainment will include a Scottish music night with opportunities for Clan members to get up and perform. A Robert Burns presentation, but nothing stuffy, more a fun and amusing walk through the life and loves of the poet/farmer/fencible/ excise man. On the final night, following the Clan Dinner, there will be a ceilidh with a live band. Listen to Scottish tunes and jigs plus a chance to join in with the Scottish dancing. We hope that this will be a great finale to your stay in Dumfries.

The Clan Parliament sits every four years in Scotland. Led by the Clan Commander and it deals with Clan business. There will be two sessions of parliament on Thursday and Saturday mornings during the Gathering. **All Clan Macfie members are summoned by the Clan Commander to be in attendance.**

Excursions - Four excursions have been organized for attendees to the Gathering. These have been planned so that you can experience and explore local attractions and beauty spots and to give you great value for money. Children under 16 are most welcome and will be charged half price.



Excursion 1 Thursday afternoon. This will consist of a visit to the famous Steamboat Inn at Carsethorn a sea-side village that was once an important setting off point for Scottish immigrants to around the world. Also a visit to John Paul Jones' Cottage (pictured) at Arbigland, the birth place of the 'Grandfather of the U.S. Navy' and the trip will also take in the village of New Abbey where Sweetheart Abbey is located. The village was voted the best small village in Scotland in 2012.

Excursion 2 Friday. This is a full day excursion where we will travel by coach over the border to Cumbria to visit the Lake District National Park. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty with magnificent views of the lakes, hills and mountains. Our trip will include a boat trip on Lake Windermere, a ride on a Steam Train and a visit to the Beatrix Potter Centre. On the way back, time permitting, there will be short stop to view Hadrian's wall. Then on our return to Scotland we will call in at the Old Blacksmiths Shop at Gretna Green, the famous wedding venue, and you will have an opportunity to shop for Scottish food, drink, clothing and other goods. (The Lake District)



Excursion 3 Saturday. The third trip will be to Ellisland, the farm worked by Robert Burns. Here you can learn more about the Scottish Bard's home life. We then return to Dumfries and visit the famous Globe Inn, where Burns stayed and that he frequented. At his house (or haunt) his favorite seat stills survives, and some of his poetry may

still be seen inscribed by him with a diamond on a bedroom window. Here you can have a dram or two. (Ellisland)



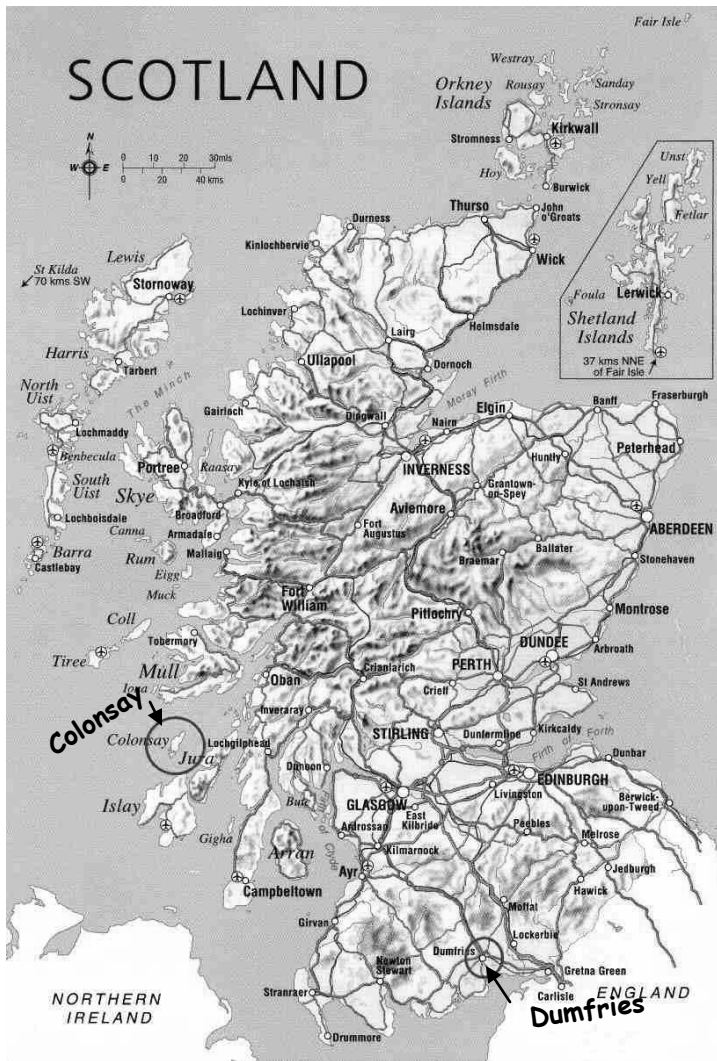
(Ellisland)

Excursion 4 Saturday. The last excursion on offer is an alternative to trip 3. This will be an afternoon on the range at Crocketford where Scottish firearms along with firearms, swords and other weaponry from the era of the '45 will be demonstrated. With a chance to handle and use them.

Colonsay

It is hoped that visitors to the Gathering will extend their stay and visit the many other attractions in the area and across Scotland. Some Clan members will be traveling onto the Isle of Colonsay on Sunday 8th September. If you would like to visit Colonsay as well, then we advise that you book your accommodation and ferry to the island as soon as possible. The Colonsay music festival takes place during this time and the island will be busy with visitors. The following web sites have information about accommodation on Colonsay :- <http://www.colonsayestate.co.uk> or <http://www.colonsay.org.uk>

Ferry travel to Colonsay can be booked through the Ferry Company Caledonian Macbrayne. If traveling with a vehicle you must pre-book. Foot passengers may buy tickets on the day of travel. More information is available at <http://www.calmac.co.uk>



Flights to Colonsay are available from Hebridean Air flying from Oban Airport, North Connel, but these are infrequent, serviced by light Britten-Norman Islander Aircraft with a capacity of only nine passengers and

expensive at £65 one way. <http://www.hebrideanair.co.uk>

Coach transport from Dumfries to Oban for the ferry crossing has been arranged at a cost of £30 per person, but this is dependant on numbers wishing to use this service. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to reserve a place for this one way journey.

Sponsorship of the Gathering. The organizers have endeavored to keep the costs of all activities as low as possible. We welcome any offers of support and sponsorship for any of the events. If any Clan Society, company or individual wishes to assist can they please contact the co-ordinators via gathering2013@clanmacfie.co.uk. All offers of help will be fully acknowledged and publicized.

(Information about the Gathering was taken from "The Galley" The Journal of The Clan Macfie Society in Scotland)



Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Fiona McFee, wife of Commander (Ceann Cath) Iain McFie, who recently received a nasty cut to her brow.

Homecoming Scotland 2014

Homecoming 2009 was such a success, Scotland is doing it again. In 2014 Scotland welcomes the world to join in another exciting Year of Homecoming. In addition to the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, there's our year-long program of events and activities to showcase all that's great about Scotland; mouth-watering food & drink events, lots to get you active in our great outdoors plus spectacular arts, cultural and ancestral heritage to explore. For more information check www.homecomingscotland.com

Kilts and Sporrans

Copied from Clan Macfie News
by Macfie Ceann Cath, Iain Morris McFie

Buying your kilt is a big step. It is expensive, so get it right the first time. There is the initial problem of deciding which of your Clan's tartans you wish to wear -- that is, if your Clan has more than one tartan. I recognize three tartans as Macfie. All have the same thread and color count. What makes them different is the shading of the colors. We have the Ancient, the Modern and the Muted/Weathered. Which one you choose to wear is your preference. There are also two others that are semi-recognized as Macfie - the Funeral black and white, and the black and white with the yellow over-stripe. Both these tartans have the Macfie name attached to them, but neither matches the thread or color count.

The Clan Macfie Tartans



Ancient



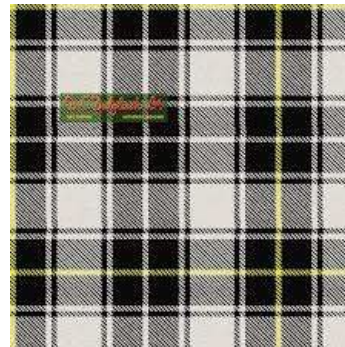
Modern



Muted/Weathered



Funeral

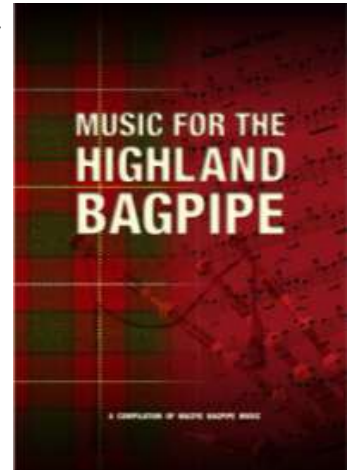


Dress

The kilt is a very smart form of dress if worn correctly, and it is suitable for all occasions. Your kilt should be set around your waist, and if wearing a belt, it should act as the equator between the kilt and your shirt. In other words, the top of your belt should be in line with the top of your kilt. The straps of your Sporrans (a pouch made of leather or fir that performs as a pocket or wallet in the pocketless kilt) should be hidden between kilt and belt. Seen from the back, only your belt appears. In other words, you put your sporrans on first and the belt overlays it at the back. If you wish to appear neat, the length of the kilt is also important. The bottom hem should never be lower than mid-knee, but is thought nowadays to be set between an inch and two inches above mid-knee



Bob McFie, of Glasgow, Clan Piper, Master of the Art, and brother to Commander Iain McFie, has completed an important addition to the pipe music repertoire. All compositions are by or about Macfies, and, of course, it includes original compositions by Bob the Pipe Master, himself. If you would like to have a copy, Donald McPhee, owner of **Kilts and More**, in Muelhausen, Germany, has arranged printing and distribution of this important addition to pipe music. It's now available in their online catalog at: www.kiltsandmore.de, click on "Bagpipe Music" on the links on the left hand side. By the way, even if you're not a piper, Kilts and More is a wonderful site to visit. They carry an amazing array of everything Scots, including Macfie tartans, etc.) Many thanks to Bob, and also to Donald McPhee, for taking the initiative in bringing this project to life and making the music available to pipers everywhere.



A Serendipitous Encounter Copied from Clan Macfie News by Macfie Ceann Cath, Iain Morris McFie

The half time whistle had just sounded in the rugby match between Italy and Wales when Fiona burst into the living room. "Come quick," she shouted as she left the room. With the urgency she displayed, it sounded like a disaster! When I arrived at the other\ end of the house, she was in our bedroom and staring out the window. "Look," she said, and I looked. All I could see was a man and a women standing on the grass verge in front of our house. "What," said I, slightly exasperated? "They are not really doing any harm." "Look at his bunnet (a bunnet is a flat cap; posh folk would say "bonnet")," she replied. So, I had a good look and was surprised to see the cap worn by the man was made from weathered Macfie tartan. Intrigued, I went out to speak with the couple, thinking they may be Macfies hoping to meet Fiona and me. I introduced myself, and when they replied, I realized they were from somewhere in Central Europe. They said they were waiting for the bus into Aviemore. It so happens that there is a bus stop at the bottom of the road leading up to the Highland Wildlife Park. I told them where the bus stop was, and they apologized for being in our garden. I said that it was not a problem, but what I was really interested in was why he was wearing a bunnet in Macfie tartan. He said he had bought it in Edinburgh and had chosen it because he liked the colours. He did not know anything about the Clan or the Tartan. (That is how well versed our sales assistants are.) I was only able to give them a few bits of information about the Clan before the bus arrived.

Macfie Day

May 27th is International Macfie Day.

Following the worldwide rallying of Clan

Macfie members, by Dr, Earle Douglas

MacPhee of Vancouver, BC, the Lord

Lyon King of Arms recognized the clan

on May 27th, 1981 as once again being an

active clan. In 1993, Clan Macfie met in

Parliament on the island of Colonsay for

the first time in 370 years. About 120

Macfies, representing Macfie societies

from around the world, met on the ancestral homeland.

Thus, May 27th was chose

for Clan Macfie Day by the members attending that Gathering and Parliament

meeting . Make your plans to celebrate

Macfie Day 2013 and let Ginger know so

we can include it in the next Newsbeat.



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