



## The Hunters' Cryst

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### DAY TRIP TO THE ISLE OF ARRAN

Monday 23rd July 2012

It has been suggested that we arrange a day trip to Isle of Arran on Monday 23rd July 2012 if you could let your Clan Secretary know if you are interested so that a suitable sized bus can be booked.

This will be a full days outing, leaving Hunterston Castle at 8.am and taking the bus to Ardrossan then a sail "courtesy Caledonian Mc Brayne" over the Firth of Clyde to Arran .Once ashore your tour of the island with visits to places of interest will commence: there will of course be a stop for lunch.

The cost cannot be finalised until we know how many of our guests are interested in this trip to view "Scotland in miniature".

The cost will be approx: £20 per person including Ferry Fare (Meals are not included).

#### Glen Sannox Isle of Arran

The Isle of Arran sits in the Forth of Clyde between Ayrshire and Kintyre. Arran is 19 miles long by 10 miles wide but has a remarkable diversity of landscapes and Seascapes

The pretty villages on Arran's beautiful coastline are complimented by a rugged and Mountainous interior in the north and green rolling hills and woodlands in the south. I was first introduced to Arran in the year of 1953, as a member of an R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team based at RAF West Freugh (Stranraer) we sailed from Fairlie to Brodick on a Friday afternoon in the month of May.

We pitched our tent in Glen Rosa on the Friday, Saturday morning we played the local football team (do not remember result) in the afternoon I entered a two mile race at the sports event (3rd place) Sunday we went a walk over the ridges in Picture at Glen Sannox then on Monday we ran in the Goat fell (2867 ft) Race 13 Km Tuesday back to camp, I was rather fit in those days. Takes me all my time to climb the stair at Hunterston now.

Since 1953 I have visited Arran many times, Janet and I purchased a timeshare at Auchrannie and had it for 15 years although the Island is quite small I have not yet Visited every nook and crannies

I now live in West Kilbride and look over to Arran from my lounge window and if I can see Arran I know its` going to rain and if I cannot see it" IT IS RAINING"

Hope those that are going to visit Arran on the organised tour in July 2012 enjoy their short time there.

Bill Hunter o.r.h.



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On the day Christ Church New Zealand Shook  
Tuesday 22/2/2011

Dear Everybody  
Just a quick note to thank you all,  
For the messages you have sent us.

We were in TeAnau when the earth quake happened. We came back to Christchurch with Fizz and after a struggle to open the front door managed to get into the house to find that everything was on the floor, several tables and bookcases were also on the floor. You could not walk anywhere without treading on glass pictures. The house has several large cracks inside and many minor ones. Tiles outside have moved 2 or 3 inches away from the foundations, concrete walls have also moved away from the house. The roof was the major problem, with most of the concrete ridge capping fallen off, but they were still on the roof.

We took one look then shut the door and went and stayed with Marion and Russell Henderson at Ohoka. The next day, Thursday, we all went back into town and started the clean up.

Pip came down and helped me make the roof temporarily watertight. Gill Fizz and Marion did a sterling job and got the inside mess tidied up. We do not

have power, water, or sewage. The phone is off and on. The road is a mess with big cracks and the pavement has moved away from the kerbing.

Compared with some others in the area we have got off quite lightly. We look at a sea of covers on roofs. The central city is a mess. One of the tallest buildings is on a lean and if it does not fall over first, will have to be pulled down

We are with Pip & Lucy at the moment and will probably stay with them for a few days till we get the services restored. Sas and James are also fine a little damage but nothing major

Thank you for all your messages and we are sorry that we have not got back to you sooner, but

communication has been a bit difficult. Love to you all from us both

Gill & Hugh



Dear Gill & Hugh.  
What a terrible piece of bad luck to befall you and your Family. It looks like you have just lost your home. I cannot think anything quite as bad: though as we here in UK can Only send our sympathetic regards, we thank God that you are all well and have been saved (unlike

so many others 166 lost) to remain amongst us. I Hope to see you both at Hunterston; come the 2012 Gathering. On behalf of all at Clan Hunter (world wide) we wish you health and prosperity

Yours Aye,  
Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston



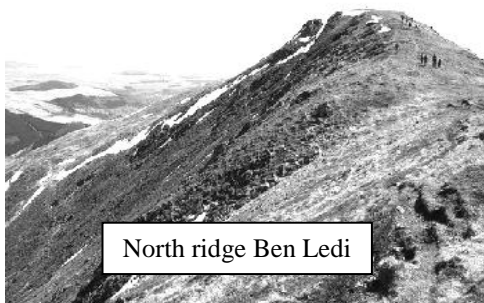
## Take a Hike Ben Ledi

Ben Ledi, (2,885 ft) the name in the Gaelic describes: the Gentle sloped Hill and it is, so long as you stay on the popular trail starting from the head of the "Pass of Lenny" on the east side of the mountain. As a young man; my heart was completely taken by these gentle thick forested slopes where the Red Deer forage and mountain burns cascade. Walking through the woodland, the trail climbs upwards and shows the way onto the bare mountain-side. Here birds of prey hunt the mountain hare, and where a sense of freedom excites.

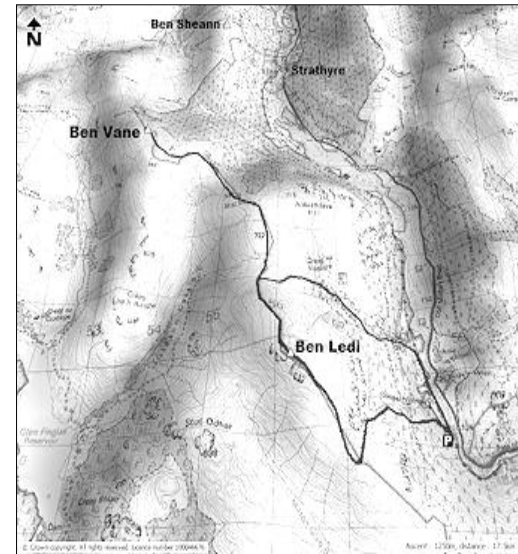
The Spirit of a Highland Legend or "rogue" as some would say: haunts these hills. Loved or loathed Rob Roy Macgregor was born lived and died in this land. 1671- 1734

This sense of freedom got me into a bit of bother: more than that (lost) at some point between the summits of Ben Ledi and Ben Vane. However should good fortune favour the foolish? Well, it did me: picked up I was and taken safely down to Balquidder by two passing Hikers. Although Scotland's hills are bonnie but "wee" they are still bigger than us.

From the trig point the views of the Trossachs lochs and Bens are impressive  
On the east-side  
Loch Lubnaig, west-side  
Loch Venacher further  
west there is Loch Katrine: etc.

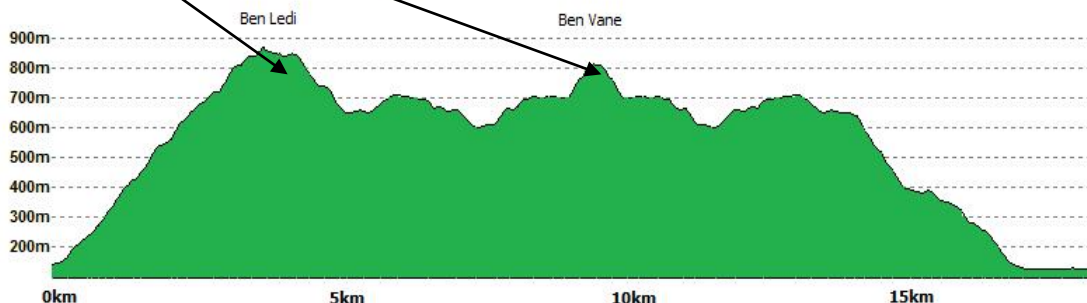


North ridge Ben Ledi



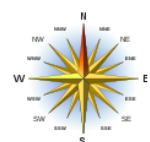
Mountains to be viewed are; Ben Vane, Ben Vorlich, Ben More Ben Lomond and too many to mention. How to get there, from the M9 leave at J10 take the A 84 for about 12 Mile to Loch Lubnaig you can view the hill from the Trossachs` town of Callander ten miles N.E. of Stirling and still on the A 84 this is a fine base for a touring holiday of the Scottish Highlands .

### Ben Ledi and Ben Vane profile



Ordnance survey map no.57 .Ben Ledi map ref No. 562098

Yours Aye  
John E Walker



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE

**1st APRIL 2011**

**Cheques to the value of £12.00 payable to:-  
Clan Hunter Association UK**

**And posted to:-**

**Treasurer Clan Hunter Association UK**

**Mr Eoin Hunter**

**24 Main Street**

**Kilwinning**

**KA13 6AB**



**PLEASE NOTE: - It is now possible to renew membership by Paypal**

### E mail & Home Address

**Have you changed your e mail or Home Address since you joined  
If you have send an e mail or write to the Membership Secretary to  
enable him to keep the records up to date...**

**Membership Secretary**

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**Wheest noo! Ye`ve been tellt`**

The gangs all here: are you?



If not then we would like to hear from you .This collage has been put together by Bill Hunter: and is on display in the Castle.  
When you are renewing your membership, why not send us a photo of you and yours that way you too will be seen at Hunterston.

## The World Pipe band Championships



Clan Hunter USA member Pipe band

Pipe-Major Douglas Hunter will be in Glasgow with his Pipe Band Wasatach & District Pipe Band USA and will be competing with 140 of best bands in the world who will be playing in the world championships at "Glasgow Green" Glasgow Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Good Luck Wasatach!!

He (Douglas) has requested to play his pipes in the grounds of Hunterston Estate on 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011. I shall have the privilege of a grand stand view

It has been decided by the Clan Council, that a Barbeque will be fired in the walled garden to honour our Clans-folk from America. "Or Clan Members from anywhere else should they happen to be in Ayrshire on that day".

Anyone wishing to be at the Castle on these days should call Bill Hunter orh, nearer the time on:

01294 829851 so I can give the times for the visit

### About the World Championships

Expected turn-out will be: 140 Bands

40,000 spectators

8,000 Pipers and Drummers

16 nations

1 World Champion

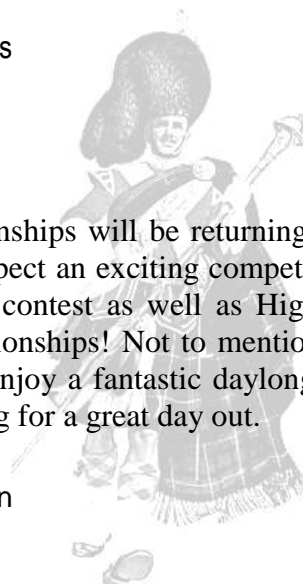
The World Pipe Band Championships will be returning to its heartland, in Glasgow Green on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Expect an exciting competition across all Grades, in the fiercely contested Drum Major contest as well as Highland Dancing and Glasgow World Highland Games Championships! Not to mention the relaxing atmosphere of the hospitality tent. Come and enjoy a fantastic daylong event that will delight both piping fans and those just looking for a great day out.



Pipe-major  
Douglas Hunter

Hope to see you all at Hunterston

Bill Hunter Orh & Castilian



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**Menus for the Hunter Clan Gathering 2012**

**Friday evening buffet**

Steak Pie  
Chicken with Pepper Sauce  
Cold Ham Salad

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Strawberry Gateau  
Peach Melba

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Tea or Coffee

£ 7.00

**Saturday Buffet Luncheon**

Roast Beef  
Gammon  
Turkey  
Chicken Mayonnaise  
Egg Mayonnaise  
Quiche  
Coleslaw  
Green Salad  
Crusty Bread

£6.00

Baked Potato with the above please add 50p

**Menus for Hunter Clan Gathering 2012**

**Dinner on Saturday**

Southern Fried Gougons  
Scotch broth  
Brussels Pate with Melba toast

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Roast Beef Chasseur  
Braised Steak Bordelaise  
Poached Salmon  
Cold Ham Salad  
Mixed Vegetables

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Caramel Apple Granny  
Snowball Ice  
Strawberry Gateau

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Tea or Coffee

£ 9.00

**Sunday Lunch**

Fruit Juice  
Prawn Marie Rose  
Fan of Melon with Raspberry Coulis

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Roast Rib of Beef  
Salmon in Shrimp Sauce  
Roast Chicken Salad all served with Roast and Boiled Potatoes  
And Seasonal Vegetables

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Caramel Apple Granny Pie  
Strawberry Sundae

£ 11.50

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## An accomplished young couple

Dear Clansmen / Lady.

Please allow me to introduce to you, Lois Hunter pictured on the right. Lois is the Granddaughter of our very own Clan Officer "Big Ian". She an accomplished Chartered Accountant .Lois took off with her Partner Jonathan Quarrie an aircraft engineer in January of this year thinking to see something of this wonderful world of ours.



First stop Canada's Blue Mountains; and a three months Instructors Course in Snowboarding; and after qualifying they were both off on a well earned "jolly holly" through America.

After enjoying the USA, they were off again; this time it was to New Zealand .Purchasing a Mobile home in Auckland and heading for North Island, and then a tour of South Island.

Before leaving the U.K. Bill Hunter o.r.h. and our Clan "Castilian" at Hunterston gave details to Lois and Jonathan of our Sister Clan Associations both in Canada and New Zealand. Unfortunately no contact was achieved with our Clansfolk in Canada; `Though I am quite sure "Big Tam Hunter" if he had known that they were in Canada, as big as that country is, he would have found them.

However, traveling in South Island N.Z.; they found a place named Hunter Valley Vine Yard. Visiting and making themselves known to Jane Hunter, of the Hunter Clan down under, they acquired for themselves a bottle Hunter Marlborough Wine the proof is in the photograph. I have not established if Jane was actually a member of the Weston- Hunter Clan association, but at least a worthwhile contact has been made. Family efforts like this make the world a small place. Hopefully we will enjoy the company of the New Zealand Clan at Hunterston 2012.

What is for certain is that Lois and Jon have both been offered jobs as Snow Boarding instructors' .for the coming winter season starting in June. If they are not there already, then they soon will be. What a nice way to spend your working life. "Never happens to me".

Ian was invited to present a hand-made (Cromach) a walking stick to a Pipe-major at his home-town of "Turriff Highland games". I cannot find the word Cromach in my Gaelic Dictionary. What I have found is the word Cromachas: this is a Gaelic word meaning "bandy legged".

Well hairy knees, bowlie, knocked knees? Among other slangings: all these afflictions merit a walking stick, I wish this wee man a hundred happy walking miles, in Gaelic or Scots or otherwise.

The Clan Officer (eyes right), fully resplendent: and complete with his Cromach?



Yours Aye  
Robert editor



Clansfolk,

The very best to every one of you for 2011. Our next International Gathering will be held over the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2012. This will be the weekend before the official opening of the Olympics in London. Any of you planning to come over for the Olympics will be able to join us the weekend before at Hunterston, which will be a great start to your visit

We can all be proud of our achievements this year for the Hunter Clan. We have gone from strength to strength in 2010.

My thoughts have been with the Clan members in New Zealand and the very bad time they have had with the earthquake. Hugh Hunter – Weston, Clan Officer for New Zealand and our cousin, has written that they have had their house damaged and so have several of their family and many of their friends.

Tom Hunter, Clan Officer for Canada, and his wife Christine, their daughter Liz, husband Andrew and their two children travelled right across Canada to visit Clan members on the west coast of Canada - the first time for a Hunter Clan Officer. Thank- you Tom for your travels and for representing the Hunters and visiting Clan members on the west coast. Thank you to Lizz Thibodeau, Tom Hunter's daughter for helping with the newsletter and researches in genealogy.

Mel Hunter is our new Clan President for the Clan Association in the USA and Pat his wife has taken on Secretary to the Hunter Clan Association in the USA. Mel and Pat arranged for the Clan to get together at the Highland Games at Stone Mountain and a thank you Brad for continuing to carry out the role of Treasurer, a valuable person for any Clan Association.

The UK Clan Association met again at Hunterston Castle in April for the AGM where we finalised plans for the Gathering. Thanks to Rosie who has kindly taken over as Secretary for the Clan Association. Peter has been assisting the New Zealand Clan Association with their website. Please check out our Hunter Clan website, Peter is always adding new information and Bill has been taking photos of happenings at Hunterston.

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The Programme for the 2012 Clan Hunter International Gathering

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Castle Open All Day

Afternoon- Story Telling by a professional Scottish Storyteller

Buffet Supper

Welcome Speech by Madam Pauline, Clan Chief

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Mary, Queen of Scots comes to Hunterston

Re-enactments and displays All Day

Buffet Lunch

Evening Dinner at the Masonic Hall, West Kilbride village

Entertainment by our Clan favourites- Something Scottish

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Church Service at local church – times will be posted

Buffet Lunch

Pipe Band Isle of Cumbrae RBLS Pipe Band

Clan Officers meeting

Entrance fee for the weekend will be £30.00 per person.

Children up to 16 go free



Yours Aye  
Madam Pauline  
Praefectus Venator Regis