



CLAN FARQUHARSON UK NEWSLETTER.

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Distributed to all members of Clan Farquharson UK.

The Clan Chief was unable to join the first meeting of the Clan Farquharson UK in Edinburgh on the 20th January 2001 but did send the following message:

" To all members of Clan Farquharson UK gathered at a first meeting of the society in Edinburgh on the 20th January 2001.

Greetings!

My warmest best wishes to you all. It is most encouraging that after a long lapse of many years a home based society is again being launched. I am only sorry that I cannot be with you on this occasion - but I give you this assurance of my strong support and will do what I can to further your efforts. I will look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in due course and to participating in as may be appropriate and when I can. I am sure that a bright future lies ahead and that as a clan we may, through a shared experience find its rewards.

I am with you in spirit and wish you the very best of good luck.

ALWYNE COMPTON FARQUHARSON OF INVERCAULD"

Welcome to the very first edition of the CLAN FARQUHARSON UK newsletter. At the first meeting held in Edinburgh during January, I volunteered to act as editor for our newsletter. I have in the recent past edited both historical and house journals for the Western Front Association and I currently edit our local Parish Church magazine.

I have thought long and hard at what you fellow clan's people would like to see in your newsletter and indeed how often we should publish it?

But the very first consideration must be as to what we should 'title' our newsletter....any appropriate suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

For reference the USA clan have entitled their journal the Cairn. It is published quarterly and as well as giving news on clan activities in the USA, it has a book review section, prints historical articles and generally keeps members up to date with all matters pertaining to Scotland and to the Farquharson Clan.

I would welcome the opportunity to duplicate the same here in the UK. So if you have any articles that you think may be of interest please do not hesitate to forward them to me, my

address, phone and fax numbers along with my email are printed at the bottom of this page. I promise that all articles will be returned. As far as illustrations are concerned we can accept line drawings, but unfortunately the little printing machine that I have access to does not allow for quality illustrations to be reproduced. Perhaps when we have additional finances we can look at having the journal professionally printed for us and include photographs.

At the first meeting of the CLAN FARQUHARSON UK held in Edinburgh on the 20th January 2001 the following officers were elected to form a temporary committee, they are:

Alan Caig, chairman.

Susan Gask, treasurer

Gordon Farquharson, committee member.

Tony Farquharson, editor.

Gordon has agreed to look at the rules and regulations concerning the formation of a society such as our own. Andrew Farquharson is looking at the possibility of building a Farquharson web site.

THE FARQUHARSON CLAN UK GATHERING.

At the January meeting it was agreed that we should look toward an official launch for the Clan UK. Many suggestions were given with regard to the timing of event but most agreed that it should happen during August, and that the best and indeed the only place to hold such an event would be on Farquharson soil in Scotland.

As the Laird is resident at Invercauld House during the month of August and would be willing and able to host the official launch the weekend of the 18/19th August has been agreed upon. Unfortunately the Laird is unable to host a formal gathering at Invercauld, but it is planned that an informal buffet reception and inaugural clan business meeting is held at the house, followed by a formal evening at the Invercauld Arms.

At the inaugural meeting it is planned that a formal committee is elected and that the articles of the clan are approved and accepted.

The evening gathering is intended to be a splendid affair and we would expect 150 people to attend. Full details of the weekend, along with a booking form and a list of hotels and bed and breakfast accommodation will be sent on to you over the next week or so.

We are certain that this will be a memorable weekend and one to be enjoyed.

CLAN FARQUHARSON USA.

You may all be interested to know that I have been in contact with Sharon Farley, President of the Clan Farquharson USA (CFUSA for short). They are extremely supportive of the initiative to form a UK Society and are more than willing to offer support where ever possible. I am not sure how many members there are in the USA but they are very active and have representation at all of the Scottish Games and Festivals that are held in the various states. Evidently Sharon's link with the Farquharson clan is through her grandfather, Robert Glenn Finlay.

I have a number of copies of their journal the Cairn, which I would be happy for anyone to loan, please contact me if you are interested.

Stuart and Ursula Farquharson-Roberts attended the clan meeting in Edinburgh in January and have forwarded to me a 'potted' ancestry:

John Farquharson married Ann Bee Robinson on 3rd May 1823. They had two daughters, Mary Ann and Harriet Elizabeth who married two Roberts brothers, John Henry and Edwin Judson respectively. John and Mary produced my grandfather Arthur Henry Roberts who changed his name by deed poll to Arthur Farquharson-Roberts in 1895. My father Murray died as a retired Brigadier in 1963; I lost my first wife in 1987 and married Ursula in 1990.

Stuart and Ursula live at Hillcroft, 29 Church Road, Steep, Nr Petersfield, Hampshire GU22 2DN. They hope to be at the summer meeting.

If you have any family history or a story that may be of interest please forward to the editor.

As a reminder the chairman's address is as follows:

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If you would like me to send a copy of the newsletter to anyone please forward the name and address details to the editor.