



# The Lion's Face

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## Braemar Castle's future

*Braemar Community Limited has signed a 50 year lease for Braemar Castle. Clan Farquharson have a special chance to visit in August this year to see work in progress.*

*Now is the time for us to decide how we are going to support this project.*

The following comes from the Braemar Community Limited Website [www.braemarscotland.co.uk](http://www.braemarscotland.co.uk)

Braemar Community Ltd plan to re-open the castle to visitors as soon as possible.

Work has already started to get the building into shape.

The first working parties of volunteers took place on Sundays April 1, 8 and 15 this year and will continue to be held most Sundays from 12.30 to 4pm.

All are welcome to come along and lend a hand but must be prepared to get dirty.

If you are interested please contact Alastair Colquhoun at "Lamont Sporrans" on 013397-41404.

A grant from the Scottish Community Foundation for £3,000 will be put towards the cost of electrical rewiring.

But it is unlikely that the castle will open to the general public this year because of the amount of work that needs to be done.

The grounds are however open at all times and you are free to have a walk around.



The dining room in April as work began



Clan Farquharson at the castle in 2004

**What do you think of the work going on at the castle? How should Clan Farquharson get involved? Would you like to be part of a special Clan Farquharson working party? Let us know at [www.farquharson-clan.co.uk](http://www.farquharson-clan.co.uk) or by writing to Hannah Farquharson 6 Stonecrop Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU4 7XS.**



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## Clan raises £1,500 in record time

Clan Farquharson has secured its place in history by raising enough money to lay an insignia stone in the Culloden Walk.

In early 2007 Clan Farquharson treasurer Gordon Farquharson launched the appeal asking clan members to make a small donation.

Within months the target of £1,500 was reached, largely between members of the UK and United States associations.

Gordon said: "I was astounded at the rate of response from the members who clearly saw this was an important opportunity to contribute to Scottish heritage and put a marker down for the Clan.

"Our American friends made a significant contribution"

The Clan's stone will be set in the Culloden Walk at the new world class visitors centre.

The National Trust for Scotland are erecting the centre on Culloden Moor, the site of the Battle of Culloden in 1745 in which the Farquharson Clan fought.

The battle was the final fight between the Highland Army of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Royal Troops of George II.

The Stones, which will help fund the centre, are made from finest quality Caithness stone, quarried from the north of Scotland.

They are individually engraved and hand finished with an appropriate message.

The Farquharson Clan stone will read Càrn na Cuimhne Clan Farquharson.

These stones will last for many years to come and allow a strong bond with one of the most significant battlefield sites in history.

The Walk will be located in the approach to the Visitor Centre, a lasting reminder to all who visit

and those who have contributed to such a symbolic heritage site.

The stone will have its own Certificate of Authenticity that will be retained by the association and copies can be made available to members.



The inscription on the stone



An illustration of the Battle of Culloden



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## Our vice presidents

A year ago we were delighted to welcome Angus and Alison Farquharson as our first honorary vice presidents in recognition of the huge support they had given and continue to give to the association.

The couple are resident on the Finzean estate where they are active supporters of maintaining and developing a sustainable community in every sense of the word.

For Angus taking on an honorary role was an easy decision as he has been welcoming the Queen on her visits to Aberdeenshire as Lord Lieutenant since 1998.

At the time of his appointment to Lord Lieutenant Angus had spent 14 years as the Deputy Lieutenant and 11 as the Vice Lord-Lieutenant, working with his predecessor Capt Colin Farquharson (Lord Lieutenant from 1987 to 1998).

"It is the Queen's appointment," explained Angus. "The Queen is advised who to appoint by the Prime Minister. I am her representative after that.

"It was a rather historic occasion for the Clan in 1998. Colin Farquharson retired on August 12 and I took over after that. We welcomed the Queen at the gates of Balmoral, Colin, the chief and myself. Three Farquharson's waiting to welcome the Queen; three Farquharson's all under the age of 80. I suppose it was rather unusual for the family."

With experience as a council member of the Scottish Landowner's Federation Angus wasn't

daunted by his new challenge

"I am responsible for all Royal visits, and we get quite a lot. I welcome the Queen to the Braemar Games and when she arrives in the county.

"Prince Charles and the Princess Royal visit a lot too.

"I must have been to over 50 different occasions during the last few years.

"After a royal visit there is a great feeling of elation. It is something that is hard to explain."

Angus' other responsibilities include supporting army cadets, air cadets, sea, cadets, scouts and guides.

Last year he also became involved with citizenship ceremonies, welcoming new citizens to the UK.

Each job is carried out with the help of Alison.

"She does all my secretarial work,"

explained Angus. "My big problem is that I

have never been that good

with facts and figures.

"Another thing Alison is good at is kicking me under the table if I am about to make a terrible faux pas. It is nice having her sharing this with me.

Records indicate that Colin may have been the first Farquharson to take on the role of Lord Lieutenant and following in his footsteps Angus said: "I think it is a great honour for Colin and me. He was the first in his branch of the family and I was the first in the Finzean branch."



Angus and his family



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## Chief's Chatter



The Chief and his wife Pat

I am grateful to have this opportunity of making contact.

A great deal has been happening behind the scenes since we last met and there is a great deal more in the pipe line for the future, which we must get together and talk about.

Apart from our own ongoing effort we have received encouraging stalwart support from our fellow clansman overseas towards the cost of placing a stone in the 'Culloden Walk'.

We must agree an appropriate and acceptable inscription for this so that it will remain a lasting tribute and memorial to our clan in which we

can all share and take pride.

This year's programme for our annual gathering in Ballater and its surrounding area looks, and I hope you will agree, attractive and should prove enjoyable for us all.

My wife and I are greatly looking forward to being with you again - both meeting up with old friends and to making new ones too.

With our best wishes to all of you.

**Alwyne Farquharson of Invercauld - Chief of Clan Farquharson**



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## President's Prattle

**Greetings to all my fellow Clansmen around the world.**

Where does a year go as President of Clan Farquharson?

It has been a good year as far as the Clan is concerned although it does seem amazing that as I write this that nearly 12 months have gone past since I took over the reins from Gordon.

A lot has happened in that time.

There has been much contact within your active Committee which is keeping the Clan flourishing and maintaining some good interest from both members and non-members.

In the South of England, Val, our secretary, has arranged a couple of successful Sunday lunches in Worthing with around twenty people attending each time for a relaxed chat, a hearty meal and a lot of discussion about Farquharson history.

The good news North of the border is that Braemar Castle will again open to the public thanks to the hard work of the Braemar Community Ltd, a group of volunteers in the village who have vowed to maintain it and get it open again. The Castle together with the Invercauld Estate is controlled by a trust that preferred to hand over the day to day running.

It was a tense time for the Village whilst decisions were being made.

I promised at the AGM last year that I would try and get the Clan Website rebuilt and after a lot of work I have, mainly getting all the articles and photographs together.

I hope you find it both interesting and useful. It now extends to some seventy pages with many fascinating areas.

It can be found at [www.farquharson-clan.co.uk](http://www.farquharson-clan.co.uk)

Please remember it is you, the members, that keep this Clan alive, so please keep your ideas coming in and more importantly bring the family with you to the next event.



**President Andrew Farquharson with the Chief**

My best wishes to you all.

**Andrew Farquharson - President of Clan Farquharson**



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## Clan Matters

### Email addresses

To keep our data-base of email addresses up to date please send an e mail (blank will suffice) to our Membership Secretary Val at [valerie@farquharson6.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:valerie@farquharson6.wanadoo.co.uk)

### Website

The Clan Farquharson website has been updated so click on [www.farquharson-clan.co.uk](http://www.farquharson-clan.co.uk) to see the revamped site.

All news for the website should be sent to [andrewthefarmer@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewthefarmer@hotmail.com)

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**Welcome to the Clan Farquharson**

The Farquharson Clan UK was reconstituted in early 2001 after many years of dormancy.

The society is open to all Farquharsons, septes and friends of the Clan.

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

We look forward to seeing you at Ballater in August this year for another great Clan Farquharson reunion. To book your place click here.

**Latest News & Events**

Clan Gathering August 2007 in Ballater  
'Braemar Castle update'  
Colloiden stones

The new look Clan Farquharson website