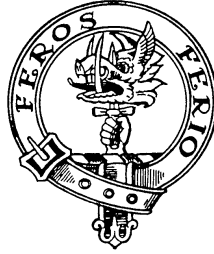
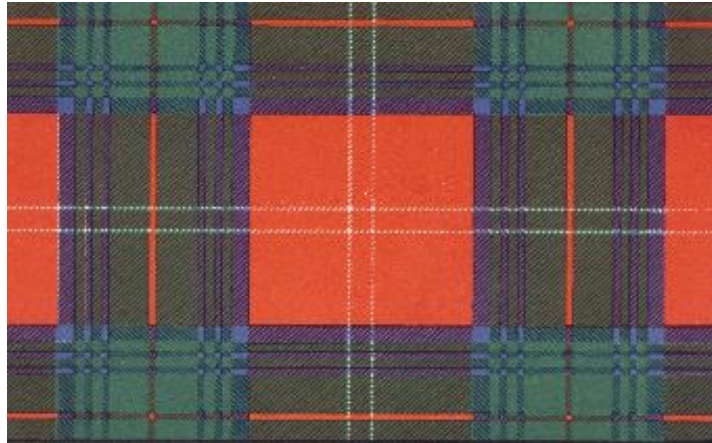


**CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY
UK BRANCH**



An Cirean
Cean Cinnidh



Welcome to Issue No 71 -UK Branch Newsletter

Dear UK Branch members.

I hope everyone has kept warm and well over the winter which continues with some very chilly weather just recently. In the north of Scotland there has been a lot of snow making driving and even walking on pavements difficult. In my garden down here in Suffolk the snowdrops are coming up which is an encouraging sign of spring.

Thank you to those members who have sent cheques and bank transfers to renew their subscriptions. It is pleasing to know that so many folk continue to enjoy membership of our Society founded in 1951. The world has changed significantly since then but the feeling of clanship remains. Most new members are hoping to find out more about their own family history and our volunteer historians and genealogists around the world assist with information and research pointers.

The UK branch produces a newsletter four times each year and we have recently started circulating around two thirds of these as pdf via email. The printed version continues for all those who prefer it. Other branches send out periodic newsletters notably New Zealand and Australia who have joined forces to produce a document packed with stories and information approximately twice per annum. These are often published on our website at www.clanisholmsociety.org

As briefly mentioned in the November 2022 branch newsletter we will hold our **2023 UK Branch Annual General Meeting** on **Friday 14th July 2023 at 4:30pm**. We have booked the Garden Room of the **Lovat Arms Hotel** in Beauly, by Inverness and will provide teas & coffees. Following the meeting we invite members to join us for supper at **The Priory Hotel, Market Square, Beauly**.

Saturday 15th July - The City of Inverness Highland Games will be held at **Bught Park**. We hope to have the usual marquee with other clans and history societies. Further information to follow as plans are made.

Looking further ahead to 2024 - Our branch is keen to host an International Gathering and Erchless has been booked during July 2024. Many of those who in the past have helped organise International events are not now able to do so, This means the Gathering will not be as large as in previous years. Plans are in the early stages but a highlight is always a visit to Erchless Castle and that is secured. The City of Inverness Highland Games is always in July too and we will look at other visits for instance to Urquhart Castle, the Highland Folk Museum at Newtonmore and Culloden.

The International Clan Chisholm Society will hold the 2023 AGM electronically on Saturday 25th March. All Officers have agreed to stand for re-election. The Honorary Appointments have all agreed to remain in those positions and the leaders of the Clan Council Projects have also agreed to continue in those positions. We thank everyone around the world for their continued support for our Society.

The Agenda for the electronic AGM is included in this newsletter. Ben as our branch chairman holds proxy votes for UK branch members. Please let me or Ben know if you have any comments or queries on the agenda items that you would like put forward at the meeting.

The Annual Report for the International Society will be posted on our website and I will circulate paper copies to those who do not use computers. The audited financial reports (Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet) for the International Society are shown in this newsletter. My thanks to Mr Michael Sayers for auditing these as well as the UK branch accounts.

NB. The UK Branch P&L and Balance Sheet will be published in the next newsletter ahead of our Branch Annual General Meeting.

Thank you to those who send me items for the newsletters. Please consider sharing your family news we enjoy hearing about new additions, graduations, weddings etc.

My apologies that the February newsletter is rather late - I started it in early February but never quite found the time to get back to it!

Wishing our members a happy Easter and I hope many of you will be able to join us in Beauly in July.

Yours in clanship, Susan

WYCH ELM FALLS IN BEAULY PRIORY

From BBC News Scotland 17th February.



A tree believed to be Europe's oldest wych elm has fallen down in a Highland village after succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease.

The so-called Beauly Elm - which was believed to be almost 800 years old had stood at the entrance to Beauly Priory.

Previous scanning had revealed only a small portion of the Beauly elm was still living.

An event to celebrate its life was held in the village last October.

References to the tree have been found in records going back to medieval times.

Local artist Isabel McLeish, who recently worked on a project on the Beauly Elm, said it was "very unexpected and very sad" to hear the tree had come down. She said; "It really is a spectacular tree and that is what inspired me to want to learn more about it.

"We've had a whole host of different responses - everything from drawings and photographs to personal anecdotes and memories from when people were younger.

"The tree has been in people's lives for such a long time. It is astonishing to think what it would have witnessed through its 800 years of life."

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) previously laser-scanned the elm as part of work to document ancient Scottish trees.

The Beauly Elm toppled over last month after succumbing to Dutch Elm Disease.

It had been a distinctive feature at the entrance to the ruin of Beauly Priory, a monastery established by Valliscaulian monks in the 1230s.

The tree has been moved into storage.

Historic Environment Scotland, which has responsibility for the elm, said it was looking at how some of the timber could be repurposed.

Parts of the tree have already been donated to the local community.

A spokeswoman said: "Following the scheduled essential branch limbing process late last year, we donated the resulting timber to the Beauly Men's Shed for reuse and we will again explore donating some of the wood from the elm to local community groups or artists where this is possible."

Wych elm is the only elm regarded as being truly native to the UK, according to the Woodland Trust.

It usually grows in hilly or stony woodlands, or near streams and ditches and is hardier than the English elm. Its name refers to how easily the wood can be bent. Elm wood is strong and durable with a tight, twisted grain, and is resistant to water. Wych elm is easier to work for carpentry than common elm as it will split. It has been used in decorative turning, and to make boat parts, furniture, wheel hubs, wooden water pipes, and floorboards.

Wych elm is highly susceptible to Dutch elm disease, a fungal disease which has devastated populations of elms since it arrived in the UK in the 1960s.



Wych Elm near Castle Douglas, Galloway

GLEN AFFRIC BREWERY

We have featured this business in a previous newsletter issue No.49 August 2017. Brothers Craig and Callum McCormick founded the brewery in Birkenhead in 2017 and called it Glen Affric as their parents have a holiday home there. They had hoped to move to the site of the old Glen Affric Hotel in Cannich but that plan fell through. They do however supply beer to the Slaters Arms in Cannich and this is now their official Scotland Tap room. Some of the beers supplied are called – Plodda Falls, Strath Pale, Misty Munro to connect with the area.

I have also seen their beers in Dunbar when I am there for work so they supply across Scotland. They do mail order too and have a wide range of canned beers. See www.glenaffricbrewery.com for more information.

NEWS CUTTINGS

Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen

Newspapers in Late November reported that the King and Queen Consort will stop the centuries old tradition of 'ladies in waiting' as part of changes in the Royal Household. Several Women of the Bedchamber as they are formally known, are to retire from public duty after decades of serving the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Camilla is to replace them with six close friends appointed to the new and less formal part-time post of Queen's Companions. A Buckingham Palace announcement said "The role of Queens Companion will be to support the Queen Consort in some of her key official and state duties".

One of the new companions is Conservative peer Baroness Chisholm of Owlpen in Gloucestershire. Baroness Chisholm, Caroline Elizabeth nee Wyndham is married to Colin Chisholm, son of Archibald Chisholm CBE. This Chisholm family has distinguished itself over many generations, with various members being in wartime military intelligence, editors of Financial Times, The Times, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Warden of Standards. Of particular note is one of the women of the family the mathematician Dr Grace Chisholm Young.

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Spotted in the letters page of the **Sunday Express 5<sup>th</sup> February** comment on the jobs of Civil Servants by member **Stephen Chisholm**, Newcastle upon Tyne.

# Will Paved Driveways Sink our Country?

*Daily Telegraph – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

This full page article looks at the cause of devastating floods in the last few years leaving many folk homeless for months. The Environment Agency says that three million homes are at risk of surface flash flooding and a report from the National Infrastructure Commission stated that more than 600,000 English properties could be at risk by 2055.

The NIC singled out one feature; impermeable surfaces such as driveways that stop rainwater running off into the ground. A study shows that paved front gardens have risen three-fold in the decade since 2005 and for Greater London since then they account for an area 22 times the size of Hyde Park.

**Alastair Chisholm** of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management commented that the problem is not just front gardens but other paved and hard surfaces which prevent water seeping away. He also talked about how to manage our existing sewage systems so that water run off does not cause them to overflow as they have recently. Planting trees beside streets can assist in this. Chisholm made many other suggestions as to how individual homeowners can help but ‘the remedy needs to be done at a more strategic level”, he said. “Asking homeowners to change their driveways is locking the stable door after the horse has bolted”.

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Northern Meeting Park Pavilion gets green light in ‘big step forward for Inverness’

From Inverness Courier

Councillors granted planning permission for the new and refurbished grandstands at the Northern Meeting Park.

Highland Council’s south planning committee has granted permission for a new pavilion at the Northern Meeting Park.



Northern Meeting Park, Inverness.

The planning application also included proposals for a total refurbishment of the existing, listed pavilion. Councillors heaped praise on the project, which they said conserves the history of the park while creating a modern new facility.

The redevelopment of the Northern Meeting Park is part of Highland Council’s bid to the Levelling Up Fund. It aims to promote zero carbon and cultural regeneration in Inverness.

The £5.2 million project will deliver a new, modern pavilion in the north west corner of the park. This will offer a useful multipurpose event space for community hire, plus backstage facilities for larger functions.

Highland Council’s sister Levelling Up project – the Bught Park pavilion – previously drew criticism from councillors for its colour. They dubbed it the “big red blob” and asked for a nicer colour and the addition of solar panels.

It seems planners were paying attention, as they highlighted today that this design features grey aluminium and a whole roof's worth of solar panels. Members welcomed the plans, and also spoke about the important history of the park, with some recounting personal memories of their time there.



Council planners told the committee the Northern Meeting Society dates back to 1788, and was set up to encourage reconciliation after Culloden. The society purchased the park in 1864 and its B-listed grandstand is the oldest and finest in Scotland.

Council officers say they expect the grandstand to be reclassified as A-listed following the restoration work.

This includes sensitive repairs to the exterior, roof slates and wall render, then repainting in heritage colours.

Some councillors asked if modern features such as solar panels and disabled access could feature in these plans, and officers said they'd investigate. However, Historic Environment Scotland had strongly objected to any solar panels on the listed building.

Nevertheless, the committee unanimously granted planning permission.

"This is a great step forward for Inverness and the Northern Meeting Park," said councillor Ken Gowans. Councillor Andrew Mackintosh said: "I first used this park at least 60 years ago and it's a big part of Inverness history. This is sensitively done, with a balance between conservation and moving forward into the future.

Clan Chisholm has met at the Northern Meeting Park on many occasions when the Inverness Highland Games has been held there instead of at the larger Bught Park.

Building in Inverness city centre transformed.

from Inverness Courier.

Ref the building next to Chisholm's Highland Dress, Castle Street, Inverness featured in a previous Newsletter.

Merchant House in Castle Street, Inverness, has been transformed from a derelict eyesore into much-needed homes.

Inverness developer HHA has completed the regeneration of Merchant House at 51-53 Castle Street. The B-listed building – part of the 18th century street frontage overlooked by Inverness Castle – had run into a state of disrepair.

Under HHA's ownership, the site has been transformed into seven one-bed flats and a two-bedroom penthouse apartment for rent plus a 1000 sq ft commercial unit on the ground floor. It has been made possible through a £1.2 million Scottish Government Partnership Support for Regeneration grant, private finance and City Region Deal funding.

HHA worked with local contractor Compass Building & Construction Services to retain as much of the original building as possible.

The existing building façade was removed and re-built stone-by-stone to create an improved streetscape mirroring its original character.

A communal courtyard has been revived at the rear with the creation of a private garden while historic stones and steps once connected to Inverness Prison, previously at the castle, have been retained.

HHA chief executive Gail Matheson said: “The restoration of the iconic Castle Street building marks a significant milestone for HHA, as not only is it another building that we have restored to its former glory, but the first time we have secured Partnership Support for Regeneration Funding from Scottish Government and we are proud to help breathe new life into a much-loved part of the city.

“Alongside project partners, we have carefully rejuvenated the building’s original characteristics to create a new destination for people to live, aligning with Highland Council’s Inverness City Vision roadmap to strengthen the city centre whilst preserving its culture, pride and identity.”

She added HHA was looking forward to expanding its portfolio of properties across the north of Scotland which would include both private and mid-market rent schemes.

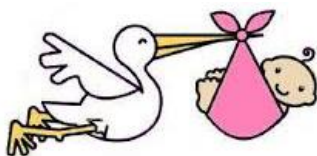
Scotland’s housing secretary Shona Robison said it was “fantastic” to see work completed.

“I pay credit to all those involved for the major work undertaken to deliver this high-quality development, while preserving the character and history associated with the building and its location in the city,” she said.

“Supported by £1.2 million of Scottish Government funding, these flats will support the local community and make a real and lasting difference to the lives of the new residents.



HAPPY NEWS



Jenni & John Atkinson O’Sullivan send news of a new grandson. Their son Fergus and wife Vicky celebrated new arrival Arthur early in the morning of 6th December 2022. Vicky hails from the USA and the couple have plans to settle in Connecticut.

Our congratulations to the family and best wishes for the future.

Jenni is cousin to chief Hamish, her mother Liliat Atkinson née Chisholm was younger sister of the late chief Alastair.

OBITUARY NOTICES

MAX-MULLER - Peacefully, on Wednesday, 14th December, 2022, at Raigmore Hospital, Gordon Max-Muller, formerly of Mullardoch Estate, Balnain and Inverness, aged 73 years. Lifetime salmon fisherman in well known Scottish rivers. Sadly missed by his sister Anne and so many friends. Arrangements by William T. Fraser and Son, Culduthel Road, Inverness



.I remember the Max-Mullers at Mullardoch in the early 1970's and the house has had several changes of ownership since then. It is now let as a holiday home and information from the website gives - Mullardoch House is a charming private Edwardian hunting lodge which was built in 1912 by the Chisholm of Chisholm.

The house is large with seven bedrooms, a main hall with magnificent stags heads and a large dining room.

The statement about the Chisholm of Chisholm seems unlikely as the chief in 1912 would have been Chisholm son of James Chisholm Gooden-Chisholm. Chisholm we think was living in Canada at this time, he died in 1929 without issue, my great grandfather Roderick then succeeded to the chiefship.

In 1912 the family of James Sutherland Chisholm were still living on the Chisholm estates which had been willed to his widow, mother of Roderick Donald Matheson Chisholm who had succeeded from James but did not long outlive him. Perhaps this family were involved with building the hunting lodge? It would be interesting to find out more of its history.

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**CHISHOLM - Alexandra 'Sandra'** (nee Mackintosh). Peacefully, at Nairn Town and County Hospital after a short illness, on Friday, 20th January, 2023, aged 79 years, of Rosandie, Merryton Crescent, Nairn. Beloved wife of Robert (Bob), much loved mum of Susan and Diane, mother-in-law of Calum and Iain, loving granny of Nicole, Rebecca, Gemma and Owen, great-granny of Maeva, dearly loved sister of Janet and John and the late Jane, a dear sister-in-law, auntie and friend to many. Funeral service at the Old Parish Church, Nairn on Friday, 3rd February at 12 noon; thereafter to Nairn Cemetery.

**CHISHOLM - (Strathpeffer)**. Peacefully, at Raigmore Hospital, on Tuesday, 31st January, 2023, **Derek**, aged 70 years. A dear brother of Sheila, a much loved uncle to Shelly and great-uncle of Sam and Emilie and friend to many. Funeral service at Fodderty & Strathpeffer Church of Scotland tomorrow (Saturday), 18th February, at 11am; thereafter to Fodderty Cemetery. Donations, if so desired, can be made at the service for Home Care Scotland.



# THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY

72nd Annual General Meeting to be held 10:00 NZT Saturday, March 25rd 2023

West Auckland, New Zealand by *Electronic means*

## *AGENDA*

1. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting – 23rd April 2022
2. President's Annual Report 2022
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report for year ending 31st December 2022
4. Approval - Election of Officers

Nominations are: -

President – Robert Chisholm

Vice President – David Holmes

Vice President – Kim Polley

Secretary/Treasurer - Susan Chisholm

NB. Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield remains on clan council as Immediate Past President.

5. Honorary Appointments:

### Standing Appointments.

- (a) Webmaster
- (b) Editor of the Clan Chisholm Journal – Martin Chisholm (UK)
- (c) Genealogy Co-ordinator – Alastair Chisholm (Hampshire, UK)
- (d) Honorary Counsel – Marc Chisholm (NS, Canada)
- (e) Clan Historian – Dr Jean Munro (UK)
- (f) Co-opted member of clan council – Duncan Chisholm (UK)
- (g) Honorary Auditor – Michael Sayers (UK)

### Clan Council Projects

- (h) New History/Chisholm Researches, Dr Margaret Collin (UK)
- (i) Artefacts Register – Chairman, Fay Chisholm (NZ)
- (j) Clan Chisholm DNA project Chairman – Robert Chisholm (NZ)
- (k) WWI Centenary Memorial Project – Robert Chisholm (NZ)
- (l) Database Administrator/CGI Forum admin – Alastair Chisholm (Hampshire UK)

6. New Business –

6a) 2024 International Gathering – 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 provisional dates.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Clan Chisholm Society

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### PROFIT & LOSS

#### Income

| Source         | Branch Assessment<br>£ | Journals requested<br>@ £3.50 per copy<br>£ | Expected Total<br>£ | Donation      | Actual Remitted<br>(pounds sterling)<br>£ |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Australia      | 29.35                  | 199.50                                      | 228.85              | -             | 228.85                                    |
| Canada         | 24.60                  | 199.50                                      | 224.10              | -             | 224.10                                    |
| New Zealand    | 22.01                  | 189.00                                      | 211.01              | -             | 211.01                                    |
| United States  | 78.55                  | 553.00                                      | 631.55              | -             | 631.55                                    |
| United Kingdom | 50.49                  | 490.00                                      | 540.49              | 200.00        | 740.49                                    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>205.00</b>          | <b>1,631.00</b>                             | <b>1,836.00</b>     | <b>200.00</b> | <b>2,036.00</b>                           |

#### Expenditure

|                                             | £ pounds sterling |                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Clan Journal – production                   | 1,410.00          | 500 copies                                                                                 |
| Clan Journal – shipping                     | 604.10            | 326 copies bulk, tracked to branches                                                       |
| Website support & registration 2021/2022    | 120.70            | 11 Sept 2022 – 10 September 2023<br>Includes webspace, domain fee, backup/restore facility |
| Genealogy Project spend                     | 00.00             | None claimed in 2022                                                                       |
| Webhosting CGI 'Forum' & Genealogy Database | 110.66            | Simply Hosting<br>25 Jan 2022 – 24 Jan 2023                                                |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>2,245.46</b>   |                                                                                            |

#### Income less Expenditure

| Total Income<br>£ pounds sterling | Total Expenditure<br>£ pounds sterling | Income less Expenditure<br>£ pounds sterling |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>2,036.00</b>                   | <b>2,245.46</b>                        | <b>£ 209.46</b>                              |

SCC 16/01/2023

Audited - Michael Sayers, 3rd February 2023

**BALANCE SHEET**

**Current Assets**

**Totals**

Bank – Natwest Current Account

**£8,233.93**

Bank balance at 31 Dec 2021    8,443.39

Expenditure 2022

2,245.46

Income 2022

2,036.00

Bank balance 31 Dec 2022

8,233.93

10,479.39

10,479.39

**Balance at 31 December 2021**

**£8,443.39**

**Income less expenditure**

- £209.46

**Balance at 31 December 2022**

**£8,233.93**

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UK Branch Subscription rates. Annual - £12.00, Annual over 60 - £9.00,
10 year - £65.00, 10 year family - £74.00. send payment by cheque to secretary or bank transfer to
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NEW ALBUM

Duncan Chisholm the well known fiddle player has released a new album ‘The Black Cuillin’. An album review states - Black Cuillin is an integral part of the Cuillin range on Skye, the wildest bit in both geography and meteorological temperament. Chisholm describes the album as “a dream journey through this landscape over a day and a night”.

Duncan whose family hails from Glen Cannich in Strathglass has released eight solo albums and nine with former band Wolfstone as well as having numerous appearances on other music albums. His Strathglass Trilogy comprises Farrar, Cannaich and Affric his musical representation of the ancient Chisholm clan lands.

The CD may be purchased on line for £9.99 at www.duncanchisholm.com

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