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THE AGNEW ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL

We have had quite a successful year since the last newsletter, during which time the Committee have met once and corresponded frequently. We now have 76 life members, which means effectively 76 families. Vi Coulthard (nee Agnew) of West Pennant Hill, Sydney NSW, who has been very active on behalf of the Association in Australia, has joined the Committee. The Association has generated considerable interest at home and abroad. The Convenor has a steady flow of letters from all over the world asking for details. However, we need to encourage more people to join in order to make the association economically viable.

MEMBERS NEWS

Sir Crispin has had a full 18 months, with an expedition to climb Mt Api (23,399ft) in the north west corner of Nepal. During the 3 month expedition the party were plagued by bad weather and had to abandon the climb only 400ft from the top. On his return he got engaged and in September married Susan daughter of Jock Strang Steel, who farms in Angus. There was a large Agnew turnout at the wedding and the couple were piped away at the end by 5 pipers, including Jock Agnew. In November, as Slains Pursuivant, he was invited to participate in a conference at Wintrop College, Rock Hill, SC on Scots-Irish culture.

We are very sorry to report the death of Captain EM. Agnew one of our life members, who died of a heart attack on 24 Dec 1979. After war service in the RSF, where he was wounded and taken POW he settled down as a businessman in Dundee. We extend our sympathy to his wife Jane.

We congratulate Vi Coulthard, who has just celebrated her Silver wedding anniversary, married to John Coulthard, Advertising Producer. They have 2 daughters, Belinda (23) who was 1979 Australian Ice Skating Champion and an international representative in that sport for 7 years - and Tracy (18) a school swimming champion, who has just embarked upon a career in fashion, photographic and TV modelling. When not chasing up other Agnews, Vi and John play golf (they say badly!) and John still indulges in cricket.

Jonathan (Jock) Agnew, who has recently joined the association is a very good piper. He has agreed to become the Association piper and (hopefully) will be heard playing at the gathering. He and his brother Andrew (also a member) built themselves a catamaran a number of years ago and have been having some very exciting ventures sailing round the British coasts.

The Sunday Express (1 Jun 80) reports that Pat Agnew, a great grandson of the Good Sir Andrew 7th Bt, who is a lecturer at Glasgow University, has perfected a water driven generator. He hopes it will be more efficient than its nearest rival and plans to be in production soon. His son David has recently been commissioned in the family regiment, The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

We congratulate Edwin (our committee member) and Dorothea on the birth of a son Richard.

Mrs Lois Schieck from Coral Springs is a very active genealogist and has been pursuing her Agnew ancestors. She thinks they may come from the Dalreagle branch of the family and is trying to prove the connection.

A number of Agnew connections have stayed at Lochnaw Castle and report having most interesting holidays.

The Convenor hopes to have more news for the next letter, but asks members to let him have details of any interesting events in your family in about 1 years time. Unless members provide the news, there can not be "Members News".

TARTAN

Please note that Kinloch Anderson Ltd, who can provide the tartan, crest brooches, sashes, ties etc and a full tailoring service have moved to:

45. High Street
Edinburgh

(Tel: 031 556 6961)

The tartan cloth and other items are also available from:

Comity Ltd
Lochnaw Castle
Leswalt
by Stranraer, Wigtonshire.

AGNEW PUDDING

Edwin Agnew has provided the following recipe from "Cassell's Shilling Cookery, published c 1900 - 10."

'Pare and core 8 apples, and boil them to a pulp with rind of half a lemon. Beat up the yolks of 3 eggs and add to them 3 onz of melted butter; sweeten to taste and beat all together. Line a pudding dish with puff pastry, pour in the mixture and bake until it becomes light brown colour. Time to bake is approx. 30 mins. Sufficient for four persons.

We hope you will like it!

GATHERING 1981.

As part of the "International Gathering Scotland 1981," the Association is holding its own events in Edinburgh and at Lochnaw Castle. Details were circulated last year asking interested members to register with the Convenor and full details have been sent to those who registered. In outline we are holding:

28 May - Drinks Party in Edinburgh

30 May - a. am bus to Stranraer
b. pm AGM at Lochnaw Castle
Tour of Castle
Reception and buffet supper at
Lochnaw Castle.

(by kind permission of Miss Agnew)

31 May - Church Service at Leswalt Church
pm. Tour of Wigton guided by Quentin
Agnew including places of Agnew interest
Bus returns to Edinburgh

Full details are being sent with this newsletter to those members who have registered. If you have not registered and are interested in coming, send £5 (in sterling) to the Convenor (to cover airmail postage) and full details will be sent to you. So far about 70 members and their families have indicated that they may come.

HELP WANTED

1. Secretary. Would anyone in UK like to help by taking on the tasks of Secretary and thus ease the administrative burden on the Convenor.
2. USA Regional Organisers. Would any members who are prepared to be Regional Organisers in the USA please let the Convenor know. We need people to recruit members in their area, arrange representation at the various games (Grandfather Mountain etc) including an Association tent, where needed and to represent the Clan on the various US Scottish Societies.
3. Gathering Booth. We are sharing a booth with the Clan Hanay at the Gathering, which is there to provide information to visitors about the Agnews and the Association. Are there any members, who will be in Edinburgh who could offer some of their time to man it.

LECTURE

On 28 May at 2,00pm Sir Crispin is lecturing in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh on "Scots Heraldry & Titles" for the Scottish Genealogical Society, as part of the Gathering Programme. The lecture is open to anyone interested.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONNECTION
by Vi Coulthard

I didn't know Agnew was a Scottish name. It was my maiden name, but it held no significance until one day a vague curiosity stirred me to look up the church records at St. Pauls Castle Hill, where I believed my parents were married.

An amazing string of coincidences led me to the Soldiers Memorial Hall at nearby Kellyville where my father and an uncle were listed as members of the 1st A.I.F. in France, to fellow soldiers, neighbours, and finally to the grave of my grandfather John McNeil Agnew born Kilmarnoch 1862 died 1916, buried in the historic little Rouse Hill cemetery in the northern outskirts of Sydney.

From knowing absolutely nothing about Agnews suddenly I was off and running in the quest for more information.

The coincidences continued. At a course of Interior Decorating, my tutor was Del Agnew. She, I discovered during a chat about our notes, was head of a Co-operative which had purchased Lochnaw, the family seat in Scotland.

It was some years before I got to actually see Lochnaw Castle, but on my first visit to that 'Noble Pile' the enormity and antiquity of the name Agnew hit me like a thunderclap. Walking through the halls and rooms of the ancient Castle with Sir James Agnew, Sir Andrew Agnew and Lady Eleanor, all looking down on me from their huge framed paintings, I suddenly wanted to rush home and find every Agnew in Australia, and tell them about their heritage.

For the past 2 years I have been writing to as many Agnews as I can, letting them know about their family history.

Australia is a large country and the Agnews are widely scattered so I wrote to Phillip Gieves of the A.B.C. who broadcast a message over his family history programme. The Genealogy Society has also assisted by mentioning the 1981 Agnew gathering in their publication 'DESCENT'.

In unearthing Agnews all over Australia many interesting replies have been received.

A rural property owned by L.L. Agnew at Binnaway N.S.W. was named 'LOCHNAW' in 1886. Neil Agnew, shire engineer of Gosford Shire on the central coast of N.S.W., at the moment has the enormous task of dealing with drought conditions in the area. Another, recently widowed, has a property in Southern Queensland and is waiting on the harvest of her wheat crop to organise the trip to the Agnew Gathering. In Western Australia, Garrick Agnew is making national headlines as the prime mover in the establishment of the first new bank in Australia for over 100 years.

It is interesting to note that very few of the Agnews contacted had any idea of their family history, but almost everyone was delighted, and intrigued, to learn the little I could tell them.

Quite a remarkable number have expressed the hope that they can travel to the 1981 gathering. So here's to a marvellous time meeting the Agnews in 1981.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will take place at Lochnaw Castle, by Stranraer at 5.30pm on Saturday 30 May 1981. Any member, whether attending the gathering or not, may and is encouraged to attend.

Agenda

- a. Convenors Report
- b. Approve the Accounts
- c. Elect the Committee
- d. Future Association Activities
- e. Any other business.

SCOTTISH TARTANS SOCIETY

This Society founded to establish a museum of tartan and to initiate research into tartan. The Society publishes a regular newsletter and the museum is open to visitors. If any member wishes to join (Subscription £7.50) or visit the museum the address is:

Scottish Tartans Society
Comrie, Perthshire.

GENEALOGY

One of the objectives of the Association is to establish and in time publish a new family history. The Convenor is still interested in corresponding with any members about any family research they may have undertaken. He is interested in having copies of any genealogy of 3 or more generations to add to the collection he is making. It takes a long time to sort them out, but he hopes to be able to work on them in the next few years.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members, who have joined since the last Newsletter:

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