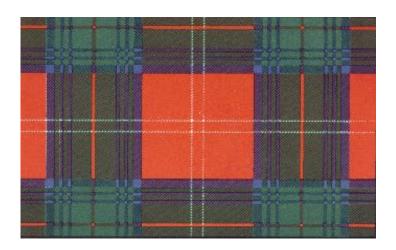
CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY UK BRANCH



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Welcome to Issue No 65 -UK Branch Newsletter

As advised in the May newsletter the date for our 2021 branch Annual General Meeting has been set for Saturday 18th September. The meeting will be held electronically as it was last year. Although the Covid restrictions have been relaxed many people will continue to take precautions and planning a physical AGM would not be advisable.

Please let me know if you have any questions to raise at the meeting and I will put them forward. The Agenda for the meeting is published in this newsletter - see inside back page.

We are hoping that next year we will be able to have a get together of some sort. With the recent death of the owner of Erchless and things going through probate we will have to wait and see how the estate will be run. The letting agents still have my booking for next July so it is hoped that we will be able to use the castle.

In July I spent a week or so in the Highlands – the weather was bright and sunny throughout and I was able to spend a lot of time outside. Even had the weather been dull I should still have greatly enjoyed my break in beautiful Inverness-shire and Ross-shire. It was good to catch up with so many clan members, friends and family and to see that everyone was looking fit and well.

My thanks to Norman and Christina Chisholm for their hospitality and company and many thanks to Norman for sending links to Highland news items that I can use in our newsletters. Thank you also to Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield who continues to send press cuttings of interest.

I am sure many members do come across such items of interesting news to Chisholm's.

I appeal to them to send these to me so that they may be shared in the newsletter. Of course any family news, births, graduations, engagements, marriages and deaths is always of interest to the wider clan family. If you would like to send articles but prefer not to have a personal mention that is fine. Any material is gratefully received.

Yours in clanship Susan

THE BEAULY ELM

The 800 year old wych elm in Beauly Priory has succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease and is dying say experts. It has been confirmed by scanning that just 5% of the tree is still living. The tree which now has an extremely knarled appearance was mentioned in records going back to medieval times. Beauly Priory was founded in the 1230's by monks of the Valliscaulian order.

Dutch Elm Disease is a fungal infection spread by tiny bark beetles. It can rapidly wither and kill healthy trees. The disease arrived in the south of England in the 1960s and since then it has spread across much of the British mainland, massively reducing the elm population. In recent years it has been moving west through Aberdeenshire and Moray and into the Highlands, but it was hoped that the lower density of elm trees, cooler climate and prevailing winds would slow down its progress. In 2018, warm weather was blamed for speeding up the spread of Dutch Elm Disease in the Inner Moray Firth area of the Highlands.

In our Newsletter number 58, November 2019 we featured 'Scotlands Tree of the Year' an elm in Glen Affric which has so far been kept safe from Dutch Elm Disease. Its remote location is thought to have protected it from contact.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM - MANCHESTER

In June Rosemary, elder daughter of Claire nee Chisholm of Chisholm sent pictures of the exhibits on display at the IWM in Manchester. The display features Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm and shows garments which would have been worn by her during the 1914-18 war. Included are a pair of breeches made of khaki, heavyweight cord material featuring leather panels to the inside lower legs and with laced cuffs. There are also many photographs of Miss Mairi and others at the front.



Pair of Bedford cord breeches worn by Mairi Chisholm whilst serving in the British Red Cross, attached to the Belgian Army during the First World War.

On outbreak of war in August 1914 Mairi Chisholm, aged 18, motorcycled from her home in Scotland to London to join the Women's Emergency Corps as a despatch rider. Her intrepid riding skills attracted the attention of Sir Hector Munro who invited her to join his Flying Ambulance Column, which he was organising to be sent to assist the Belgian medical services. After joining and in service in Belgium she worked with fully trained nurse Elsie Knocker, in setting up and manning a First Aid Post immediately behind the Belgian front line (in easy range of German artillery) at Pervyse. The women remained in and around Pervyse (apart from short periods of leave) from November 1914 to March 1918 when both became gas casualties.

GENEALOGY AND DNA - DUNCAN CHISHOLM FIDDLE PLAYER

Often looking at DNA links can help with family history research where the paper trail may have gone cold or become tangled. The Chisholm DNA project headed up by Robert Chisholm of New Zealand (Vice President of the Clan Chisholm Society) has helped many members across the world to make progress in their research. Sometimes a vital link is found but more often just additional interesting information is given.

In May this year Lucy Greenfield nee Chisholm of Chisholm contacted Duncan Chisholm the well known musician to discuss traditional music. Duncan is proud of his Strathglass and Glen Cannich heritage and has stories of his folk living at Cozac.

Duncan's DNA test came back with many links to known Chisholm lines including likely common ancestor chiefs John XVI and Alexander XVII. It also showed links to Chisholm's in Nova Scotia many of whom hail from Knockfin. Robert has advised Duncan to gather more information on his more recent family history.

An interesting spooky story in an article by Scottish writer and hill walker Cameron McNeish is found on-line and involves Loch Mullardoch and Cozac. McNeish had written a piece on Donald Watt leader of the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team and a companion descending to Mullardoch and seeing a house with smoke coming from the chimney. As they approached the house the view of it was hidden by a copse of trees, but when they passed the trees they were astonished to see a crumpled ruin, where a few minutes earlier they had spied what appeared to be a lived in home.

Some time after this piece was published McNeish was contacted by William Adam of Kirkcudbrightshire who had a fuller version of Donald and his disappearing cottage.

"It was a fascinating tale and by a strange coincidence chimed with conversations I'd recently had with the well known fiddler Duncan Chisholm whose grandparents had lived on the shores of Loch Mullardoch."

William Adam was an old friend of Donald Watt and a one-time member of the Lochaber MRT when he worked as a solicitor in Fort William.

The story is that Donald and his companion Sandy Kane were walking eastwards along the north side of Loch Mullardoch after a day in the hills. They saw in the distance along the loch side, a cottage which appeared to be just above and close to the bank of the loch.

As they approached, their view of the house was hidden by a plantation of trees. When the view opened up however, the house appeared to have vanished – there was no sign of it. However, both were convinced by what they had seen from far away but when they came close, all they saw in the place where the house had been was a flat stretch of water.

When they returned home they mentioned this odd experience to one or two people and word of it eventually reached the ears of the well known local news reporter in Fort William, Alistair Scoop MacMillan. Now, according to William, Scoop always had a good nose for a story, so he decided to look into the matter and in the course of his enquiries, managed to get hold of a photo of an old house on the north shore of Loch Mullardoch.

The present Loch Mullardoch was created in 1951 when a dam was built just upstream from Mullardoch House in Glen Cannich as part of the Affric-Beauly hydro-electric power scheme. Prior to the construction the natural Loch Mullardoch stretched for over four miles along the floor of the glen as far west as Benula Lodge and Benula Old Lodge, the sites of both of which now lie beneath the reservoir's waters, as well as a number of other former houses and cottages. The smaller Lochan na Cloiche and Loch Lungard were drowned as the reservoir filled.

Towards the end of the 19th Century the glen was home to 'eight shepherds, seven gamekeepers and one farmer.' The growing popularity of deer stalking led to the construction of Beinn Fionnlaidh Lodge. Close by were the stalkers cottages at Coire na Cuillean and Luib na Daimh. Together with the remote settlement at Lungard they disappeared under the rising waters of an enlarged Loch Mullardoch.

This is where the story becomes very interesting. Armed with his photo of the Mullardoch cottage, Scoop MacMillan approached William Adam and asked him to look after the photo, but not to reveal it to either Donald or Sandy. He then asked the hillwalking pair if they could make a sketch of the house they claimed to have seen. They did so. I'll let William Adam tell the story now... "It was arranged that when the sketch was finished, Donald, Sandy and I would all meet up at Scoop's office in Monzie Square, Fort William. "There, both the sketch and the photograph were produced and lo and behold, there was no mistaking the clear and numerous similarities between the two.

"Somehow an image of the house, which had been under water for many years had appeared to the two lads and in almost exactly the place where the house had been, albeit that what they saw was above water level and thus quite a bit higher than the original.

"As far as I know, no explanation of the phenomenon was ever found. The scurrilous allegation from some of the climbing fraternity in Lochaber that they must have been under the influence was dismissed out of hand by all who knew the two gentlemen.

It's an extraordinary story and I mentioned it to Duncan Chisholm.



Duncan has spoken very movingly of how his grandparents had lived at Cozac Lodge on the north shore of the Loch Mullardoch but after the loch had been expanded and their house was drowned his grandmother could never bear to return to Loch Mullardoch.

Duncan mentioned the Donald Watt story to his father, who had actually worked on the building of the Mullardoch dam. He is convinced that the cottage in question was the former Cozac Lodge, "near the plantation of trees."

MAURICE ROBSON - RIP

20/12/1943 - 02/06/2021

From the Telegraph of 12 June 2021

ROBSON The Hon. Maurice Erik William died peacefully on 2nd June 2021, aged 77 years b 20 December 1943. Son of the late Sir Lawrence and Baroness Robson of Kiddington, beloved father to Jamie and Natasha. A private funeral will take place at St Nicholas Church, Kiddington and details of a Memorial Service to follow.

He was son of Sir Lawrence William Robson 1904-82 and Inga-Stina Arvidsson (LP Baroness Robson of Kiddington) 1919-99.

He married 1985 (div 2010) Chloë Annabel b 1956 daughter of Richard Arthur Edwards 1912-2000 and Eileen Daphne Hylton Jolliffe 1921- (gt granddaughter of 1st Baron Hylton 1800-76), and had son and daughter as above.

Maurice Robson inherited Erchless Castle from his parents and until a few years ago would often stay there. Chisholm's will have met him many times and he attended our ceilidh at the 2001 International gathering.

Erchless was sold on 10th April 1937 to Highland Estates Ltd. It was said to have been requisitioned during WW2 as a rest centre for staff employed in entertaining the troops. In 1946 the Baron and Baroness Stackelberg acquired the Castle and estates. And in 1963/4 Mr Lawrence Robson who had founded a successful accountancy firm became the owner. He was active in the Liberal party becoming president in 1953. He was knighted in the Queens Birthday Honours list of 1982. His wife a magistrate was also a president of the Liberal party and was created Baroness Robson of Kiddington in 1974.



Water colour showing Erchless castle.

ERCHLESS CASTLE - LETS

Maurice Robson's old friend Peter Sinclair-Knipe and his wife Jilly have stood down from managing the lets of the castle and cottages, The booking agent is Tom Chetwynd. Jilly wishes to thank all the Chisholm's who have stayed at Erchless during her time managing the letting. "I would like to say a big thank you to all Chisholm's that we were able to meet or who came to stay at Erchless during the last ten years. Without exception they were all sociable and interesting people and we felt privileged to do our bit in welcoming them. Many came from overseas, and we were continually struck by the amount of drive and resilience families must have had to succeed in a new world when they left the glen many years ago."

If anyone is interested in renting the castle or cottages contact tom@chetwyndrural.co.uk – information is found on the website www.erchlesscastle.com

The 2021 Clan Chisholm Journal features an article by David Chisholm-Higgins of USA on his stay at the castle in November 2019. At David's request I sent a copy to Jilly.

In July of that year Alastair Chisholm, Minstead, Hampshire (Genealogy database administrator) also enjoyed a stay at Erchless with his family.

HARRIETTE F THRASHER - CHISHOLM HISTORY

Recently Alastair Chisholm (Genealogy Administrator) came across for sale on-line an original leather bound set of the 3 volume The Clan Chisholm and Allied Clans. The work was compiled by Harriette Thrasher in 1935 for Hugh J Chisholm Jr of Park Avenue, New York as a gift to his father Hugh Joseph Chisholm the pulp and paper industrialist and entrepreneur based in Maine, USA.

The Society has now acquired the volumes believed to have been the authors own copy for £367. An inscription shows a different family ownership in 1970.

Alastair is studying the volumes which include some annotations and he is sharing any potentially useful or interesting information with our genealogy group.



Volume 1 – deals with History & Genealogy,

Volume 2 – Miniatures of Royal and Noble Ancestors

and

Volume 3 – Ancestral Charts. Clan, Roval. Kev and General.

We do know there are many inaccuracies within the volumes in respect of history and genealogy. It is however of historical and clan interest in its own right. Note that we do also hold a handsome cloth bound set of the three volumes which was sent to Miss Mairi by Hugh J Chisholm in 1953.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

TOWN CRIER WINS CONTEST Daily Telegraph Saturday 15th May 2021

Alistair Fraser Chisholm who joined the Society last February has won the **Annual British Town Crier Championships**. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the contest had to be held 'virtually'. The criers had to enter their pronouncements in writing. They were required to submit up to 140 words to The Loyal Company of Town Criers on the topic of 'nature and the environment'. Hundreds of applications were received, and Alistair's winning entry focussed on the effect that Covid-19 has had on mental health.

Our congratulations to Alistair who was 'flattered, surprised and delighted' to have won. He noted that over £1,000 was raised from the event for the mental health charity SHOUT. See his winning entry below.

OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ!

Sunshine almost always makes me happy, but sometimes I'm depressed;

And I am not the only one, it happens to the best.

The natural world is wonderful – its beauty unsurpassed,

It lifts you up when you are down and better thoughts it casts.

The time has come to re-connect with flora and with fauna,

To sense our place in nature and restore its special aura.

To walk in fields and forests, by lakes and running streams,

Improves our mental health and revives our hopes and dreams.

Covid 19's been a trial for us all,

Its damage to minds the cruellest of all.

So let's treasure nature and all of its glories,

For time spent therein will improve all our stories.

God Save The Queen

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

Daily Express Thursday 27th May.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Earl and Countess of Strathearn in Scotland) visited St Andrews where they were both at university. Catherine was shown wearing a jumper from **Campbells of Beauly**.

The family-owned Campbells of Beauly was sold in late 2014 to well-known textile families the Sugdens and Brookes. James Sugden is involved with a Scottish project initiated by Prince Charles to retain traditional skills in the textile industry. The business was owned by James Campbell and his sisters Catriona and Miriam and had been in the family since 1858. Regarded as the 'Guardians of Tweed', specialising in estate tweeds for sport and country wear they have held royal warrants, most recently with the Queen mother until her death in 2002.

The Scotsman, 3rd June 2021

Give us this day our daily shed: Scottish priest in running for Shed of the Year DIY prize.



Shed heaven:

Father Len Black in his shed, the Oratory of St Joseph, in Inverness

The "lockdown" category introduced in last year's competition has been retained.

This year, 331 entrants are vying for the title of Cuprinol Shed of the Year, more than double the number in 2020. In the competition's 15th year, Father Len Black, from Inverness, has made it to the finals with summerhouse The Oratory of St Joseph.

The Catholic priest streamed Mass from the shed at Laurel Avenue every day during lockdown, attracting viewers from Essex to Australia. Fr Black said: "My shed started life as a 6 foot by 6 foot summer house about 22 years ago when I bought it in kit form in a charity auction for around £100. It stood at the bottom of the Rectory garden when I was an Anglican priest, and I used it as a quiet retreat.

When I became a Catholic priest in 2011 the shed moved too. Within the Catholic Church I have the care of a small group of ex-Anglicans in Scotland called the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

"As we had no permanent church, I enhanced the interior of the shed to make it suitable for saying daily Mass on weekdays." He added: "The shed, The Oratory of Saint Joseph, has been a work in progress over the years and all who come to Mass each week say it is a haven of tranquillity in a quiet garden not far from the centre of Inverness."

Inverness Courier 16th May 2021. Down Memory Lane

Act of Betrayal 275 years ago

Grant clansmen of Glenmoriston and Glenurquhart who had fought for the Jacobite cause at Culloden were tricked into surrender by a treacherous clan chief.

The Grant clansmen of Glen Moriston and Glen Urquhart were lured to Inverness on a false promise from their own clan chief, Ludovic Grant of Castle Grant on Speyside.

More than a fortnight earlier, these men of Loch Ness-side had fought for the Jacobite cause at Culloden. Ludovic Grant, aspiring to be a baron at the Scottish exchequer court, had urged his clan to stay out of the battle. But fight they did, with 30 of them dying on Drumossie Moor. After the defeat the fugitive clansmen feared retribution and were thus relieved to receive a message from Ludovic Grant, who said he had been in touch with the Duke of Cumberland who had given him an assurance. They were instructed to congregate at Inverness on May 4th and, on handing over their weapons, would be allowed to return home. In all, 84 men responded to their chief's proposal and arrived in Inverness. They were surrounded by troops, disarmed and marched down to Citadel Quay, where they were put on board The Dolphin, a prison transport vessel of the kind in which 400 Jacobite prisoners would die en route. Arriving at Tilbury Docks, they were convicted of treason and transferred to another ship, the Primula, which took them to Barbados and a grim existence toiling in the baking sun. Within three years of setting sail, only 18 Loch Ness men still survived, with just seven getting to see Scotland again. They thought "Butcher" Cumberland had betrayed them. Instead, their clan chief had written to Cumberland saying the group had surrendered without any terms and his Highness could dispose of them "as he saw fit". One of the unfortunate band was Donald Mackay, who escaped from Barbados by stowing away on a ship to Jamaica, working as a planter there for several years while saving for the journey home to Glenurquhart where he was eventually reunited with his wife and family who had feared him dead. Another escapee was Alexander Grant who would make it back to Glenmoriston in 1748, followed two years later by his brother Donald. Following the betrayal of the Grants, Kingston's

Light Horse regiment ravaged Glenurquhart, carrying out reprisals for Culloden. After escaping from Skye, Prince Charles Edward Stuart was discovered in the Loch Ness hills by what became known as The Seven Men of Glenmoriston*. Their land and property burned by Hanoverian troops, they were outlaws led by "Black Peter" Grant. The Stuart prince had not eaten in 48 hours but they took him to their cave and fed him mutton, cheese and whisky and he spent several weeks as their guest until a messenger brought the news that a French ship was in Loch Arkaig to rescue him. On leaving, Charles shook the seven men by the hand – and one, **Hugh Chisholm**, always gave a left handed handshake in future, as his right hand had touched the Prince.

Charles's farewell tribute: "Kings and Princes must be ruled by their privy council, but I believe there is not in all the world a more absolute privy council than what I have at present."

These seven men never regained their land and, ironically, "Black Peter" served in the British Army in America and ended up as a Chelsea Pensioner. Ludovic Grant died in bed 27 years after his treachery.

*The Seven Men of Glenmoriston included three Chisholm's; Alexander, Donald and Hugh.

AFFRIC LODGE

Affric Lodge was built at a cost of £8,000 by Lord Tweedmouth between 1860 and 1872.

It replaced an older building which became the stalkers house.

Tweedmouth, owner of neighbouring Guisachan had taken a long lease on the Affric estates. On completion of the new Lodge the Chisholm estate reduced his rent by £1,000 per annum until the lodge was paid for and it became the estates property.*

* taken from My Yester Years in Glen Affaric by Duncan MacLennan. Head Stalker – Glen Affaric 1942 – 1989.

NB. Duncan notes papers he held dating back to 1850. It would be interesting to find out where these papers are now held. Duncan died on Monday 6th October 2014 at Runivraid, Cannich, in his 101st year.

From The First Munroist, The Reverend A E Robertson. His Life, Munros and Photographs. Chapter relating to Rights of Way, Old Tracks, Coffin Roads etc. Kintail to Glen Cannich and Glen Affric.

Affric Lodge is one of the most beautifully situated lodges in the Highlands, It was built by the first Lord Tweedmouth in 1870, and shortly thereafter a sort of gentleman's agreement was come to providing that, if the old right of way via Knockfin and Beinn nan Sparra and the south side of Loch Affric was left unfrequented in order to give privacy to that side of the forest, Lord Tweedmouth would construct a good path along the north side and give the public way-leave over it. This was done, and both the proprietor and the public got the benefit.



The Lodge has been featured in many newspapers lately as it is available for lease at around £35,000 for a week! The current owner who purchased it in 2018 is David Matthews. Born in Rotherham son of a coal miner Mr Matthews has amassed a fortune of £40million from selling motor cars. Press interest is most likely because Mr Matthew's son is married to Pippa Middleton the sister of the Duchess of Cambridge.

GLEN AFFRIC FRIENDS SAY NO

This group recently challenged an application for a 101metre met mast by wind farm developers on land within the proposed Fiodhag Wind Farm development.

The Inverness Press and Journal in March noted that 130 local residents had raised objections. The group has often challenged intrusive development in the area including the erection of wind turbines.

Glen Affric Friends Say No were pleased when the Highland Council South Planning Application Committee refused the met mast application.

The reasons the committee gave were as follows:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policy 28 of the Highland wide Local Development Plan as it will have significant visual impact for recreational users of the Affric Kintail way and the nearby well used path network. Its excessive height will give undesirable visual prominence from areas around Knockfin and at the entrance to Glen Affric adversely impacting on the character of the area. The disparity in heights with the nearby Tweedmouth memorial will be most evident.
- 2. The proposal does not demonstrate avoidance and/or unnecessary disturbance to deep peat and is therefore contrary to Policy 55 of the Highland wide Local Development Plan.

Glen Affric Friends Say No gives the following additional information:-

This wind power project is being developed by a German company, Vento Ludens, in conjunction with landowners at Tomich and Guisachan. Although they have named it Fiodhag, after a small burn on the eastern edge of the site, it is located next to Tomich Conservation Village and includes the previously 'refused' site of Beinn Mhor.

Under the Spatial Framework for Onshore Wind Energy part of this site is in an area of significant protection. The area shown for potential wind farm development further extends to the South and East of Cannich village.

The site area covers 5,000 (five thousand) acres.

The project is currently 46 large wind turbines constructed on the skyline stretching from Beinn Mhor, in a South and Westerly direction, to Guisachan Forest above Plodda Falls.

ALL Turbines will be seen from the Glen Affric National Nature Reserve

The Turbines will be seen from parts of Cannich, parts of Tomich, and as far afield as the Black Isle.

The nearest homes to the site are less than 1500m away (about 0.9 of a mile), from the village of Tomich, with the homes at Balcladaich and the settlement of homes at Guisachan being closer.

The proposed turbines are 492 feet (150 metres) in height

See https://www.glenaffric-friendssayno.com/project/ for further information.

From Inverness Press and Journal

One of Inverness's oldest properties has been reduced to rubble.

The building at 53 Castle Street, next door to Chisholm's Kiltmakers was taken down and will be rebuilt using historic stone which has been retained for the 8 flats to be built. Highland Housing Association chief executive, Gail Matheson, said: "The building was one of the oldest in Inverness, so we will be rebuilding the facade by re-using the original stone to retain its original charm. It was important to us that we stop such an historic building being lost altogether. The project has been made possible after £1.2million was secured through the Scottish Government's support for the regeneration scheme, alongside funding from the City's region deal.

OBITUARIES

JENNIFER A BROWN 1932 - 2021

In early July I received an email from branch member Laura Dowling to say that her mother Jennifer A R Brown had recently died.

Jennifer and her late husband James (Jim) joined as Life Members in 1995 although records show annual payment in 1993. The couple attended several of our gatherings over the years. Jim died in June 2010 and Jennifer had been in regular touch since then. Jim's mother was a Chisholm as was his paternal grandmother. Our sympathy is sent to Laura and the family.

David Roy Chisholm of Dunfermline, Fife informs us that his aunt Kath died last summer. We reported the death of David's uncle Alan of Somerset in 2019 and of his father Robert (Bob) in 2013. David's mother Gloria Chisholm nee Wright also passed away, in January this year. Gloria was aged 99 and had been living with her son Martin in Lincolnshire since Bob died. Gloria was laid to rest with Bob in Rayne in Essex where they had lived. Of that generation of six Chisholm siblings only Barbara and Mavis are still with us.



2007- a lovely picture of all six siblings – Gloria and Bob seated, standing are sisters Kath, Mavis, Joan, Barbara and brother Alan.

Notices from Inverness Courier and the Press & Journal.

Peacefully, at her daughter's home, on Friday, 7th May, 2021, **Sarah** (**Sadie**) **Chisholm** (nee Moles), aged 95 years, Lochgarthside, Gorthleck. Beloved wife of the late Alister, adored mother of Alister, Catherine, David and the late Jim. A loving grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. Sadly missed. Funeral service, on Tuesday, 18th May, at 11.30am, in Greyfriars Free Church; thereafter to Drumtemple Cemetery.

Peacefully, in the care of Southside Nursing Home, Inverness, on 3rd May, 2021, **Elizabeth L Chisholm** (nee Skinner), aged 86 years, Dochfour Drive, Inverness, beloved wife of the late Markie Chisholm, also a dear sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Funeral service in Ness Bank Church, Inverness; thereafter to Kilvean Cemetery.

Passed away peacefully, in the Royal Northern Infirmary, Inverness, with close family around her, on 27th May, 2021, **Catherine (Cath) Chisholm** (nee Stanford), aged 88 years, Tomnahurich Street, Inverness (staff nurse, Craig Dunain Hospital and devoted member of Dalneigh Church). Catherine was a beloved wife of the late Ronnie and she will be greatly missed by family and her wide circle of friends. Funeral Monday, 7th June, 2021, D. Chisholm & Sons' Funeral Home, thereafter to Tomnahurich Cemetery.

Peacefully, at home, after a long, hard illness on Friday, 25th June, 2021, **Margaret Anne Chisholm**, aged 80 years. One time of Arnotts. Beloved wife of the late Reginald, former Town Hall Council Officer, loving mother to Roddy and David, dear mother-in-law to Ann, cherished grandmother to Jenna and much loved neighbour and friend of many. Thanks to Dr Simpson and Dunedin Surgery, the NHS carers and MacMillan Support for their great care of Margaret. Funeral on Tuesday, 6th July.

The family, of the late **Elizabeth Margaret Chisholm**, Inverness wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kind words and support shown to them in their recent bereavement. Thanks to all who attended the funeral and for their kind donations to the Oncology Department, Raigmore Hospital, in recognition of their excellent care over the years. Special thanks to Rev. Fergus Robertson who kindly came out of retirement to give a lovely comforting service. Thanks also to all at John Fraser & Son of Chapel Street, Inverness for their sensitivity and support with the funeral arrangements.

Peacefully at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, on Monday, June 7, 2021, **Isla Chisholm** passed away aged 91 years. A dearly loved mother of Morven and Laurence, loving mother in law, granny and great-granny. Funeral private due to current restrictions. Family flowers only. Grateful thanks to all hospital staff.

Alexander Charles Presly (Sandy), Chisholm (formerly East Camaloun then Fyvie village) passed away peacefully, at Auchtercrag Care Home, Ellon, Saturday, July 17, 2021, aged 89 years. Special brother to Betty (deceased) and Rosemary, uncle to many nephews, nieces and their families and good friend. Funeral service to take place at Fyvie Church, July 29, 2021, at 1.30pm followed by burial at Fyvie Church Cemetery.



THE CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY - UK BRANCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held electronically Saturday 18th September 2021 10:00 BST 11, Croyard Drive, Beauly, Inverness-shire IV4 7EE

AGENDA

Welcome - Ben Chisholm-Broomfield

Apologies and Greetings - Susan Chisholm of Chisholm

- 1) Approval of the Minutes of previous AGM (Saturday 18th July 2020, Beauly IV4 7EE by electronic means)
- 2) Approval of the audited Financial Report year ending 31st December 2020
- 3) Membership report
- 4) Election of Officers

The following will stand for re-election.

Chairman - Ben Chisholm-Broomfield (Beauly, Inverness-shire)

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer - Susan Chisholm (Undley, Suffolk)

Vice Chairman - Duncan Chisholm (Inverness)

Vice Chairman - Norman Chisholm (Kindeace, Ross-shire)

5. Confirmation of Appointments

Honorary Genealogist - Acting - Alastair Chisholm (Minstead, Hampshire)

Honorary Historian - Dr Jean Munro (Edinburgh)

Honorary Historian - Dr Margaret Collin (Melrose, Roxburghshire)

Honorary Auditor - Michael Sayers (Thetford, Norfolk)

Hon Committee Members:-

Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield, Beauly, Inverness-shire.

Mairi-Angela Foster, Edinburgh.

- 6. Any Other Business
 - 6a) International Clan Chisholm Society news.
 - 6b) Plans for 2022

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