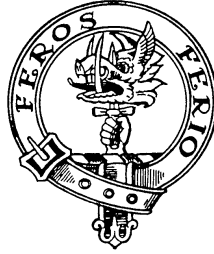
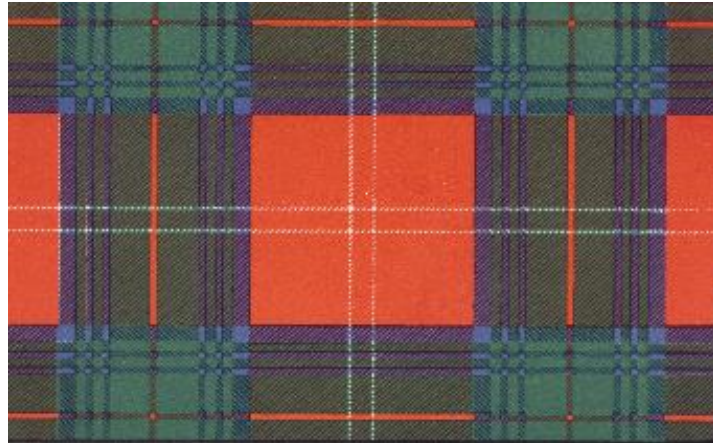


**CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY  
UK BRANCH**



An Cirean  
Cean Cinnidh



## Welcome to Issue No 73 -UK Branch Newsletter

Dear UK Branch members.

The UK Branch AGM was held at the Lovat Arms, Beaulieu on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Eleven members gathered in the Lovat Arms where teas and coffees with shortbread biscuits were set out for our meeting.

One or two members who had hoped to join our gathering were unfortunately unable to get there on the day. However there was plenty of discussion before, during and after the AGM.

Minutes of the meeting are published within this newsletter.

Following the meeting we walked across the road to the Priory Hotel, famous for its high teas. A great time was had by all and several of us went away with boxes of cakes and pastries we had not room for that evening.

On the Saturday morning I met Duncan Chisholm at Bught Park where we started to assemble our table and display in the Clans marquee. Sadly Ben and Juliette were not able to join us this year. They merit considerable praise for managing the Clans Village tent and our Chisholm table over very many years. I was able to send Juliette photographs of our table and the tent during the day. We were helped in our setting up by a young friend of Duncan's from the Scouting world. Many of you may know that Duncan has a very long association with the Scouting movement – longer than 70 years including around 50 years as a scout leader. For his commitment to the movement he was presented with one of Scouting's biggest honours, the Silver Acorn, at a ceremony at Windsor Castle in 2003.

Dr Margaret Collin and husband John soon joined us to help put up banners and set out some Chisholm material for our visitors to view.

The Games opened at 11:00 and a steady flow of visitors visited the clans and associations tables. We were delighted to meet Harry Chisholm and his wife from Australia and Tom Chisholm with wife Pat and family from Massachusetts USA.

The weather that day was rather wet with scattered showers and a couple of torrential downpours with thunder in the afternoon. When these deluges occurred, our marquee became packed with visitors sheltering from the rain.



*The Clans and Associations line up ahead of the Games opening*

A family party comprising my youngest sister Lucy with her husband Bobby (both over from Kerry in Ireland) and our cousin Rob Atkinson (from Inverness) arrived together and popped into the tent to say hello. They were determined to enjoy the Games and see all they could. I joined them outside during a dry spell where we watched some of the track and field events and the children's Highland dancing competition. I returned to the tent so that Margaret and John and Duncan could take a break when they wanted to. Duncan had very kindly brought sandwiches, a very thoughtful action – the queues for the food stalls were very long I noticed. Lucy, Bobby and Rob stayed outside watching the heavy events; stone throwing and shot putt, weight over the bar. Both males and females compete in these events although caber tossing appears to remain with just the men. After the second downpour the crowds thinned out as folk went home, so Lucy, Bobby and Rob were able to get under cover in the grandstand. The rain didn't deter the competitors and most events continued, including the stirring Pipes and Drums March Past.



*Tom Chisholm on the right with John & Margaret Collin, Susan Chisholm of Chisholm and Duncan Chisholm.*

I couldn't see any Chisholm athletes in any of the sporting events, however the programme gave a list of some record holders going back over 40 years. The men's 4 x 100 metre winning relay team of 1984 included T Leighton, N Fraser, **D Chisholm** and C Bonnington with a time of 45 seconds.

Back in the tent things were now very quiet with only a few late visitors so we began packing up at about 4:15. In the morning to set up we were able to bring the vehicles up to the marquee to unload. However in the afternoon as the Games were still open until the closing ceremony at 6pm we had quite a way to carry all our boxes and bags round the perimeter fence to where the cars were parked. This entailed two or three trips in the still steadily falling rain.

Duncan and I then whizzed round to the Eden Court Theatre where the AGM of the Association of Highland Clans and Societies was planned for 5pm in the Bishops Palace.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and other difficulties the Association had not been very active for a year or two. It was great to meet the heads of the other clans and associations as we restart the AHCS together. The new secretary Ross McEwen had worked with the City of Inverness Council on the organisation of the Clan Tent this year. Despite the rain all clans thought it had been a successful day. The thirty members present discussed a number of agenda items including events of interest to Highland clans. The meeting ended at 6:15pm and I headed back to Rob's just outside Inverness where Lucy and Bobby and I were staying for a couple of days.



*Bobby and Rob come in out of the rain and join us behind the table as it was less crowded!  
John, Margaret and Duncan talk with visitors.*

We had spent a few days travelling up from Suffolk via Berwick, Lesmahagow and Plockton before heading across the country for our gathering. We had a further lovely week in the Highlands staying at Erchless where we were joined on Sunday by chief Hamish and wife Julie, elder daughter Katrina and husband Colin and younger daughter Anna with her two young children Reggie and Florence. Also joining us were my niece Danu and partner Marc who had travelled from Portugal. Sadly Hamish and family were not able to come up sooner to join us at the AGM and Highland Games.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July I attended, with Lucy and Bobby a meeting of the Strathglass Heritage Association at Marydale in Cannich. This was a Social evening so there wasn't the usual talk or presentation however a great deal of heritage material was laid out on tables for us to look at. The Association holds quite a lot of scrap books, maps and images as well as historical documents relating to the Strathglass area. It was fascinating to see how much material there is that the organisation has gathered and is holding in safekeeping. Currently (August 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>) the Strathglass Heritage Association is holding a Clearances Exhibition. This was mentioned in our last newsletter as they are always looking for new stories and information A guided walk is planned on 1<sup>st</sup> October as part of the Highland Archaeology Festival. It will take in land at Lower Guisachan and include three sites; an illicit still, Achblair township, and an old Lime Kiln. The SHA has negotiated with Forestry and Land Scotland to postpone thinning works in the area to allow the event and to allow work parties to remove moss and vegetation to make the sites more identifiable to visitors. I hope to attend more meetings of the SHA, - work and family life permitting!

Next year in July we will host an International Gathering in week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July – it is expected that we will have three days of events ending with a garden party on the lawns at Erchless Castle. The City of Inverness Highland Games is planned for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Details will be published on our website and in newsletters as we make progress on planning. Our next newsletter will be produced in late November so if you have any news or articles to contribute please do send them to me.

*Yours in clanship,  
Susan*

**Clan Chisholm Society - UK BRANCH**  
**Annual General Meeting. 22nd Annual Report**

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 – 16:30 BST.  
Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly, by Inverness-shire IV4 7BS.

Present

Chairman Ben Chisholm-Broomfield

Secretary/Treasurer Susan Chisholm of Chisholm

Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield (UK branch committee, Immediate past president Clan Chisholm Society), Duncan F. Chisholm (Vice chairman), Norman Chisholm (Vice Chairman), Christina Chisholm, Dr Margaret Collin (Historian), Mr John Collin, Robert Atkinson, Robert Greenfield and Lucy Greenfield née Chisholm of Chisholm.

Chairman Ben Chisholm-Broomfield opened the meeting at 16:45 and greeted UK members and handed over to Susan to read out Greetings and Apologies.

Apologies were received from:-

Chief & Madam Chisholm	Beck Row, Suffolk
Alastair Chisholm	Lasne, Belgium
Margaret Chisholm	Bearsden, Glasgow
Mike Casselden	Matlock, Derbyshire
Jenni Atkinson O'Sullivan	Kew, Surrey
John O'Sullivan	Kew, Surrey
John & Kitty Chisholm	Rickmansworth, Herts
William Fraser Chisholm	Haute Savoie, France
Michael & Lorna Sayers	Thetford, Norfolk
Malcolm Waller	Scarborough. N Yorks
Gavin Coulthard	Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
Philip Chisholm	Redcar, Yorkshire
Murray J Chisholm	Storrington, West Sussex
Alan O B Chisholm	Hinterbruel, Austria
Alastair R R Chisholm	Nr Blairgowrie, Perthshire
Janet Eldred	Pocklington, Yorkshire
Frances Chisholm	Uckfield, East Sussex
Martin Chisholm	Darlington, Co Durham
Peter & Rosa Chisholm	Inverness
Pam & François Baronnet	Nancy, France
Alastair Chisholm	Minstead, Hampshire
Mairi-Angela Foster	Edinburgh
Gerald Chisholm Mackintosh	Nr Chichester, West Sussex

#### Agenda item 1 - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Being of the 21st AGM of the UK Branch Clan Chisholm Society held on Saturday 24th September 2022, 10:00, 11, Croyard Drive, Beaulby by Inverness IV4 7EE by electronic means.  
The minutes had previously been published and sent to members in branch Newsletter No. 70 November 2022.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed – Duncan Chisholm  
Seconded – Ben Chisholm-Broomfield  
There were no comments or matter arising and the minutes were approved.  
Agenda item 2 - HON. TREASURERS REPORT

UK Branch Financial reports were presented for the year ended 31st December 2022.  
The accounts had been prepared on 12/01/23 and audited by Mr Michael Sayers on 3rd February 2023. The financial reports had previously been circulated to members with Newsletter No.72 in May 2023.  
Susan explained that this year she had updated two publications – Strathglass booklet and Erchless A Building History. The booklet now included colour pictures and images in the Erchless pamphlet had been replaced with sharper definition pictures of the same features. The cost of printing would be included in the 2023 financial accounts. The 2022 accounts showed an excess of £151.56 and the bank balance was healthy.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed – Norman Chisholm  
Seconded – Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield.

There were no comments and the minutes were approved unanimously with all present nodding their agreement.

#### Agenda item 3 - MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Susan advised that we had only two new members in 2022 and some members had not renewed. Sadly, some members had died and these were mentioned in our newsletters over the year.  
The total number of individual members of the UK branch remains at 157 and this is from 117 households. The contribution of our branch to the International Society running costs is based on the 117 households.  
Subscription rates remain unchanged.  
Susan noted that postage costs had greatly increased and the cost of publishing and circulating the quality annual Clan Chisholm Journal now exceeds the income from some life members.  
Margaret mentioned that some clan council members are keen to produce the Annual Journal in Electronic format. Ben prefers to retain a quality booklet as at present. Susan agreed and added that we deposit copies in various museums and collections. Margaret agreed it was important to continue to do that. Juliette suggested that members views are sought on whether they would prefer an electronic version or printed volume. Lucy suggested they also be asked if they would pay more for the printed copy. Further questions and discussion revealed we now have very few life members who only pay the £5.00 contribution, most members pay enough to cover the costs.

#### Agenda item 4 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following agreed to stand for a further year - Nominations for officers were as follows :-

Chairman – Ben Chisholm-Broomfield  
Hon Secretary / Treasurer – Susan Chisholm  
Vice Chairman 1 - Duncan Chisholm  
Vice Chairman 2 - Norman Chisholm

Juliette thanked Susan for her administration in respect of keeping the branch together.  
No change to the slate of Officers was proposed and the nominations as shown were re-elected unanimously.

## Agenda item 5 - Confirmation of Appointments

Honorary Historian – Dr Jean Munro\*  
Honorary Historian - Dr Margaret Collin  
Hon Auditor - Mr Michael Sayers  
Hon Committee member – Norman Chisholm  
Hon Committee member – Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield  
Hon Committee member – Mairi-Angela Foster  
Hon Committee member - Alastair Chisholm (CGI administrator)

It was agreed that Margaret holds the position of Historian from a practical point of view and Dr Jean Munro should not now be contacted with enquiries as she retired some time back. Jean was widely praised and thanked for her very many years of work on behalf of the Society.

No change to appointments/committee members was proposed and the list as shown was approved.

## Agenda item 6 AOB

### 6a – International Gathering 2024

Members were keen to know the exact dates for next years proposed International Gathering. Susan said that it would be around the time of the City of Inverness Highland Games and that we had not started any detailed planning yet. Christina asked if we have an idea of numbers of overseas visitors expected. Susan and Juliette responded that we have interest from USA, Australia and New Zealand and that perhaps we should actually restrict numbers this time. Previous gatherings have been very difficult to manage when the number were large. Juliette had rung a few coach companies in the area without much success and Susan elected to go online and see what companies may be available. Ben asked about using the Tarradale Fiddlers for entertainment perhaps at the Tea Party at Erchless. Ideas for events were discussed further with the Highland Museum at Newtonmore, Fort George and Culloden all suggested. Juliette thought that the Cnoc Hotel could do a buffet lunch. A trip on Loch Ness was considered by Juliette and Duncan although it would depend on numbers with Margaret asking how many could be taken at a time.

Susan said that once this July's meeting and the August newsletter were done she would attend to planning for 2024.

Margaret thought that the Highland Archive Centre would put on a display of Chisholm material for us. She went on to report on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century Chisholm documents found in Perth in April 2015. The Archive has now listed all the documents and this list matches the list Jean Munro saw when she compiled the Chisholm Writs in 1992. Some of the documents are very fragile and there is difficulty in copying those. Margaret noted there are no restrictions on reproducing the list. There are costs associated with photocopying the documents, where allowed and safe to do so without damage to the original. Norman asked if they could be digitised. Some would be available in digital format but the cost would be much higher. If we were to reproduce an image for example in the Journal it would cost £66.00 currently.

Juliette thanked Margaret for her report and for keeping in touch with the Archive.

Duncan noted that he thought Joan Mackay may still have some old material and perhaps old Chisholm bagpipes. Norman noted that he had seen on the Dingwall mart a Chisholm practise chanter. This and various medals are traded on-line.

There being no further business Ben formally closed the meeting at 17:32 and thanked all for their participation.

Duncan thanked Susan for all her work for the Society and asked the room to show their appreciation in a show of hands.

## NEW PUBLICATION

Member Michael Cope who produced in 2018 the wonderful volume “The Photographs of Archie Chisholm” – Life and Landscapes in the Outer Hebrides 1881 – 1913 has now written “The Chisholm’s of Lietry” – Two Centuries of a Highland Family. Published by Thirsty Books, Chisholm’s of Lietry will be available in a few weeks’ time – see our website for details. Michael has very kindly offered a copy for our Clan Archive.

## WILDFIRES – CANNICH

At the end of May a wildfire broke out near Cannich, to the South of the village near Kerrow Wood. Fire fighters from across the Highlands spent over a week at the scene which spread to over 30 square miles of forest and moorland. The plume of smoke was reported to be 12 miles high. RSPB Scotland said the fire had spread to the nearby Corrimony Nature Reserve and had damaged birch woodland and heather moorland. The activities of ground nesting birds had been badly affected and some species, including frogs had died in the fire. Helicopters were used to water bomb the area and this had helped to prevent further spread of the fire. Forestry Land Scotland, one of the landowners, said it suspected the fire was linked to wild camping in the area.



*Images taken by the fire services*

## SPORTING CHISHOLM

Moy Country Fair 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – **Stuart Chisholm** taking part in a shooting competition in 2022.

Moy Country Fair takes place at each year at Moy Estate, Ten miles south of Inverness with the kind permission of Mrs Celia Mackintosh of Mackintosh.





## THINGS TO SEE IN & AROUND INVERNESS

Many visitors to the Highlands head East from Inverness to the **Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre**. This is well worth a visit and new archaeology is still being uncovered giving new perspective on the battle. Also East of Inverness is **Fort George** built after the 1746 defeat of the Jacobite Army to control the Highlands. It remains as a garrison and is the home of the Black Watch. The Highlanders Museum within the fort houses collections from The Seaforth Highlanders and many other regiments. Alastair Chisholm of Chisholm late chief of clan was a Captain in the Seaforths and was stationed for a time at Fort George.

Head along to **Nairn** for great beaches and golfing and a very good Museum.

When I visited in July with my sister and her husband we were delighted to meet one of the volunteers at the museum who had known Miss Mairi Chisholm of Chisholm during the time she lived in Argyll. Taking a tour around Cantray and Croy and following the River Nairn and not far from Culloden we stopped at **Clava Cairns**. This Bronze Age site has three large chambered tomb cairns within stone circles. In and around Inverness are about fifty of these 4,000 year old tomb cairns with a very good example at Corrimony on the road between Cannich and Drumnadrochit.



*One of the Chambered Cairns at Balnuaran of Clava*

## HIGHLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Highland Family History Society is based at the Highland Archive Centre, Bught Road, Inverness IV3 5SS. It produces regular Journals with historical articles contributed by members, Officers and the Committee. The most recent Journal, Volume 41, Issue 4, August 2023 includes a wealth of articles on:- The Napier Commission; MacDonalDs, MacQueens and MacQuians; Inverness Burgh Councillors 1836-7; The Chisholm's of Lietry (a new book); John Lyle of the 71<sup>st</sup> Highland Foot; The Captain of Clan Chattan; and The Rosemarkie Poor of 1843 (continued).

Membership is a very reasonable £12.00 per annum - year 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August. Email [HighlandFHS@gmail.com](mailto:HighlandFHS@gmail.com) for information.

The article on MacDonalDs, MacQueens, MacQuians and the connections between these names and other variations of it eg MacSween, Sween etc has mention of a Chisholm family with a Mary Chisholm marrying in 1792 a John MacQueen. There is also a likely connection to Rev David Chisholm (1723 – 1768) Minister of Kilmorack Parish.

The article showing the Inverness Burgh Constables for 1836 – 1837 lists Harold Chisholm, Vintner, Academy Street. Prior to the introduction of a police force in Inverness, Constables and an inspector were sworn in annually by the Town Council. 23 streets listed were covered by 65 named persons. Of these there were 12 vintners including Harold Chisholm.

See below for table showing all the occupations listed. Many connected with the licenced trade and several the building trade as well as the expected bakers, shoemakers, grocers etc. Wright and Cartwright may be the same occupation and Star Inn against Thomas Aitcheson presumably makes him an Inn Keeper.

Vintner	12	Dyer	2	Blacksmith	3
Baker	5	Tailor	3	Slater	1
Shoemaker	3	Mason	1	Flesher	4
Wright	2	Cartwright	1	Inn Keeper	2
Janitor of Academy	1	Brewer	2	Star Inn	1
Carter	4	Plasterer	3	Painter	2
Sexton	1	Grocer	1	Labourer	1
Ropemaker	2	Carpenter	1	Sawyer	1
Miller	1	Currier	1	Pensioner	1
Meal Dealer	1	Gardener	1	Cartwright	1

## OBITUARY NOTICES

*From Inverness Courier*

Suddenly but peacefully, passed away in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on 18th April, 2023, **Anne MacKenzie Chisholm** (nee Wright), aged 67 years, Pict Avenue, Inverness. Beloved wife of George, much loved mum of Scott and Sarah, wonderful granny to Anna, Jack, Ben, Lily and Beth, dearly loved sister of Alison and good friend to many. Funeral service on Tuesday, 16th May, 2023, at 12.30pm, in the Trinity Church, Huntly Place, Inverness; thereafter to Kilvean Cemetery. All welcome to attend.

Peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on 22nd June, 2023, **George Chisholm**, aged 68 years, Pict Avenue, Inverness. Beloved husband of the late Anne, much loved dad of Scott and Sarah, wonderful granda of Anna, Jack, Ben, Lily and Beth, also a dear brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, uncle and good friend to many. Funeral service on Monday, 10th July, 2023, at 12.30pm, in Trinity Church, Huntly Place, Inverness; thereafter to Kilvean Cemetery. All welcome to attend.

Sadly but peacefully, at home, surrounded by his family, after a short illness, on Saturday, 22nd July, 2023, **William (Ian) Chisholm**, of Lower Gartally, Drumnadrochit. Beloved husband of Ina and dearly loved dad to Tootan, Baba, Donnie, Lynsey and Alyson. Loving brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, cherished grandfather and friend of many. Funeral service on Tuesday, 1st August at 12.30pm, in Urquhart and Glenmoriston Parish Church; thereafter to Old Kilmore Burial Ground.

Peacefully, with the kindest of attention of Castlehill Care Home, **Doreen Chisholm**, one time of MacEwen Court, aged 89 years. Beloved wife of the late **Alistair**, dearly loved mother to David and Ann, loving granny to Lara and Steven and great-granny to Liam. Sadly missed by all the family and many friends. Funeral service on Friday, 25th August, 2023, at 11.00am, in the funeral home of William T. Fraser and Son, Culduthel Road, Inverness. A warm welcome to all



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