



ELLIOT CLAN SOCIETY Newsletter

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Chief: Margaret Elliott of Redheugh

“Here’s to all Elliots and Elliot’ bairns
And them that lie in Elliots arms.”

“Wha daur meddle wi’ me?”

Dear Kinsmen,

We are all looking forward to our next Gathering. The plans are now falling into place; the entertainment and the marquees all booked and accommodation in the area filling up fast.

The Clan Elliot event at the Edinburgh Tattoo on the 23rd August is the only time my clansmen and I will have had the opportunity to march onto the Castle Esplanade showing off in front of a huge audience. What could be more fun?

Looking beyond the Gathering James Elliot has kindly reiterated his invitation to open the inaugural Collie Games in Western Australia this October. Last year’s plans were put on hold due to his health but I am looking forward to my first ever visit to Australia.

We are living in uncertain times. The UK has been transfixed by American politics and increasingly anxious about the progress of leaving the European Union. Scotland’s position is one of endless speculation. I have always thought that people were better pulling together rather than pulling apart, but I seem to be paddling the wrong canoe at the moment!

In this issue the story of the Scott-Elliot blood feud is an interesting one. It showed foremost that the Elliots were ruthless in using their cross border position in their own interests.

The Scotts eventually got their own back but there was certainly no blind loyalty to the Scottish king. Also Mary, Queen of Scots, near disastrous ride from Jedburgh to Hermitage.

I hope you enjoy it.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Elliott of Redheugh

VISITING THE CLAN ROOM:

To avoid disappointment, please warn us if you intend to visit Redheugh. Email or telephone us on the following UK number: 013873-75213 or redheugh@btinternet.com

NOTICES AND NEWS ITEMS

Library: *Flodden: Legends & Legacy – The findings of the Flodden 500 Project.* published by the Flodden 1513 EcoMuseum Ltd.

Rare Edition of an original copy of The Elliots “*The Story of a Border Clan*” Edition No. 785 (one of 950 copies). Cost £75.00.

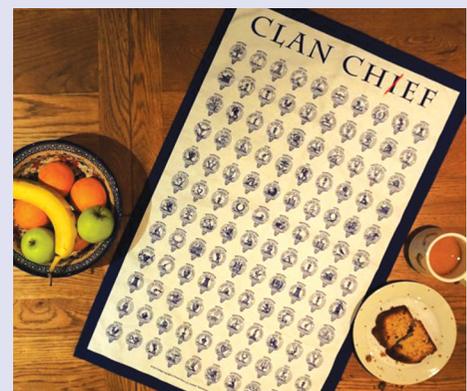
Contact: andrew_sharp@tiscali.co.uk
Address: Andrew Sharp, Nethercott, Behind Hayes, Otterton, Budleigh Salterton EX9 7LQ.

Telephone: 01395 567661.

New Additions to Elliot merchandise. “Clan Chef” apron £10.



and Clan Chef T Towel £5.00.



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Watch Out USA – Haggis is on its way!



Haggis may not be everyone's favourite meal, but Americans may finally be allowed to eat the Scottish delicacy on native soil. Scotland's national dish has been banned in the United States for almost half a century.

Since 1971 Scots have been battling the import ban when the US Dept. of Agriculture ruled that "livestock lungs shall not be saved for use as human food." Then in 1997 more obstacles were put in place following the announcement of a probable link between Creutzfeldt-Jacob and bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

After years of negotiation the Scottish government said it was "hopeful that the restrictions on the export of lamb and haggis will be lifted.

Third generation family company MacSween will need to change its recipe but said "it will be exactly the same if not better" by leaving out the ingredient of sheep's lung!

While haggis may not sound like the most appealing food, MacSween said he was on a mission to convince everyone the dish isn't all about guts "There's no guts! It may be put into a piece of intestines like a sausage casing but haggis is a really healthy, fulfilling and satisfying meat dish – unlike anything in the world.

With thanks to CNN Money International.

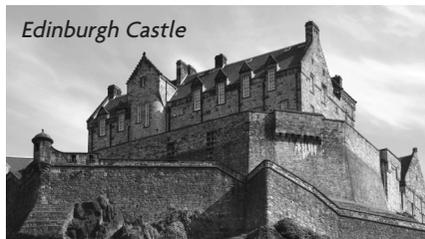
More Information on the Gathering Week in August

THE EDINBURGH TATTOO – Those who have bought tickets for 23rd August and who intend to march with us must be wearing Elliot tartan. You will be turned away from the esplanade if you are not.



THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

Joining instructions have not been received yet but I will be posting information up on the elliotclan.com website, so please check on the website nearer the time.



There is a bus travelling from Newcastleton to the Tattoo and back. I have, at the moment, 14 people booked on it. It will probably cost about £14.00 per person. Time of leaving to be posted on the website.

SCOCHA CONCERT – Please make sure you have bought your tickets at borderevents.com for the night of 24th August. There will be a bar and barbecue. It is taking place in a marquee on the Newcastleton Showfield so stiletto heels are not advised! This is a shared event with the Liddesdale Agricultural Society.



THE GATHERING – We have some great entertainment with L'Amis d'Onno, stunt riders from Jedburgh and the Border Clansmen. You will be able to have a go at Archery and talk to expert genealogists. Sensible shoes a must, and we are hoping that the weather will be good. The lamb barbecue is always delicious.



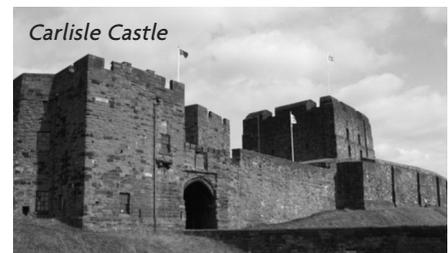
Kirkandrews Church Event – early Saturday evening. A beautiful situation on the River Esk. A must to visit. Only 10 miles away.

Sunday Coach trip: 9.30 from Douglas Square, Newcastleton. Don't be late!!

Suggested visits while you are here:



Hermitage Castle – 5 miles away.
Hadrians Wall World Heritage Site – 45 mins drive.
Jedburgh Abbey and Mary Queen of Scots House – 50 mins drive.
Carlisle Cathedral & Castle, Tullie House Museum – 45 mins.
Melrose Abbey - 1 hour.
Kelso Abbey & Floors Castle – 1 hour.



This deadly feud had its origins in an argument over stolen sheep. A member of the Scott family was accused of stealing Elliot sheep, countered by the Scotts accusing the Elliots of stealing their oxen.

This argument escalated until William Elliot of Horseleyhill and several accomplices slaughtered David Scott of Hassendean.

The accused were rounded up and taken to Edinburgh for trial and the result was swift as Walter Scott of Buccleuch was acting as the Queen's Advocate.

The verdict was that five Elliots were acquitted with the remainder sentenced to death. No time was wasted as Robert Elliot of Horsleyhill, his bastard son William and James Scott were all led from the castle onto the Royal Mile and on Castle Hill they were beheaded that night.

Taken from an article by Derek Stewart in The Highlander November/December 2016.

THE SCOTT - ELLIOT FEUD

Martin Elliot of Braidley was furious and sought help from Sir John Forster, the English Warden of the Middle Marches who was only too glad to oblige as Buccleuch was a major threat to peace in the Borders. It was unfortunate that at this crucial moment Robert Elliot, 15th Laird of Redheugh and married to Jean Scott, sister of Buccleuch died under unknown circumstances. He was highly respected and might have been able to stop the bloodshed.

Robert's son, also Robert became the 16th chief at nine years old and Martin Elliot, his great-uncle took over the reins of power. The winter months of 1565 brought a temporary halt to the violence but once spring arrived the feud erupted into a small-scale war triggered by Martin Elliot leading his lancers into Scott country to leave a trail of death and destruction.

The Scotts looked to the government to make a legal reprisal but while they were waiting for official approval there was a major attack from the Elliots accompanied by their Crosier and Nixon allies. An area of ten miles around Branxholme was ravaged and Hawick burned. The Elliots were rewarded with £100 from the English Earl of Bedford.

The Scotts eventually struck back riding deep into Liddesdale and in May 1565 Thomas Randolph, Queen Elizabeth's ambassador at the Scottish Court, observed, "the country is so far broken that there is daily slaughter with redress between Scotts and Elliots – stealing on all hands, and justice almost no where." The Earl of Bedford, from his Berwick location, reported in July that, "the slaughter, burning and waste done between these two clans had been such as never was

greater between such mean persons". Again, the Elliots looked to England for support and offered to become English citizens willing to hand over Hermitage Castle. Lord Scrope wisely turned the offer down.

The feud raged on until Martin Elliot decided to deliver a knockout blow to the Scotts. With 400 riders he planned to ambush Buccleuch at the head of the Ewes Valley at the narrow mountain pass of Ewesdores. To lure Buccleuch into the trap he sent a small raiding party in Scott territory. Sure enough the Scotts being Scotts mounted up in pursuit.

Oblivious to what lay ahead Buccleuch's men rode up to the pass. The Scotts, were outnumbered and taken by surprise. Six of Buccleuch's men were killed and 60 prisoners taken. It was a complete victory for the Elliots and they were amply rewarded by the Earl of Bedford with £50 and promised more if they continued.

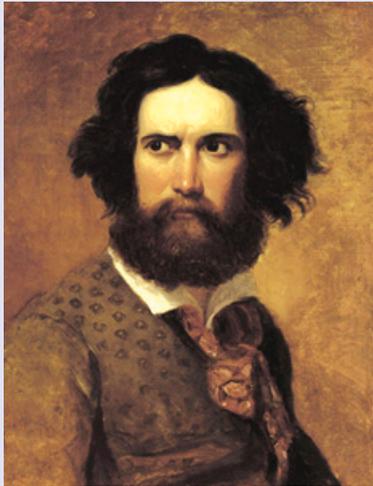
Encouragement also came from Queen Elizabeth who sent £100 to Martin Elliot to keep the peace and in 1567 he was presented in Edinburgh with 300 merks Scottish as a gift for his effort "to keep and to cause to be kept good order from Berwick to Hermitage Castle".

The ambush had done the trick and the feud did not last much longer. A marriage was arranged between the two families. In 1566 Jean Scott, widow of Robert Elliot of Redheugh married Gavin Elliot of Baillilie one of the Horsleyhill Elliots.

As Forster, the English warden, observed, both families agreed to ride together and spoil England in combined raids.

The Earl of Bedford's warning that the Elliots would soon raid into England was proven correct. Normality was restored. It was business as usual on the Borders.

Charles Loring Elliott was born at Auburn, New York. His father was a builder and, as a boy, Elliott spent many hours in his workshop. He showed skill in constructing toys, sleds, wagons and small windmills, as well as in drawing.



An early self-portrait of Charles Loring Elliott

Charles Loring Elliott - Portrait Painter

While in the public school, he studied from pictures and life to perfect his drawing. When he was 15, the family moved to Syracuse, then a small frontier hamlet, where his father had a dry goods and grocery store. He assigned Charles to work with him, but the youth was not interested in becoming a merchant.

His father continued to work as a builder and asked the son to do architectural drawings for him, which he did quite well.

The younger Elliott also studied the subject at a select school, but he still wanted to be a painter. His father finally approved his move to New York City for further study. He studied with the painters Colonel John Trumbull and John Quidor.

Elliott returned to central New York, where he worked intensively at portrait painting for 10 years.

Among his works were portraits of many faculty at Hamilton College. Needing the stimulation of the city, he returned to New York in 1845,

where Trumbull approved of his progress in painting. The following year he was elected to the National Academy of Design, which was a measure of recognition and helped him attract more clients.

Elliott was considered the best portraitist of his day. Although he never studied abroad, his technique is neither provincial nor uncertain. His method is mature, his drawing firm, his color fresh and clean, and his likenesses excellent, though somewhat lacking in sentiment.[He was said to have painted over 700 portraits, mostly heads, as he had little idea of the composition of large canvases.

Among his sitters were Fenimore Cooper, Fitz-Greene Halleck, Fletcher Harper, A. B. Durand (The Corcoran Gallery, Washington), and Governor Bouck (City Hall, New York). Additional portraits by Elliott hang in the New York City Hall, and the New York State Library at Albany. Four of his portraits are held by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

2 Bedroom Semi-detached House for Sale

2 Sandholm, Newcastleton, Scottish Borders, TD9
Guide Price: £110,000

Sitting Room, Kitchen, 2 bedrooms, Shower Room, Brick and Timber Sheds, Off road parking, Garden surrounded by a beech hedge, Great location for outdoor enthusiasts.

This property is marketed by:
CKD Galbraith, Galashiels
5-7 Bank Street, Galashiels,
TD1 1EN

Request Details or call:
01896 555016



Full description:

Sandholm lies north east of the village of Newcastleton on the B6357 close to the junction where the Hermitage Water joins the Liddel Water.

2 Sandholm is a charming traditional semi-detached cottage. The single storey stone built house was built in the late 19th Century. The house benefits from a decent garden which

has the potential for landscaping. A useful brick built byre sits in the garden behind the house. Also included is a timber storage shed close to the back door.

Directions:

From Newcastleton head east on the B6357. 2 Sandholm forms the western cottage of a pair of semi-detached cottages on the right hand side of the road.

QUEEN MARY'S RIDE

Queen Mary arrived at Jedburgh in early October to hold a justice eyre. She inhabited a 'bastel-house,' or fortified dwelling in the main street, still visible today.



Mary, Queen of Scots

While she was there news came that Bothwell, her lieutenant on the borders, had been seriously wounded by WEE JOCK ELLIOT OF THE PARK and was now lying in danger of death at Hermitage Castle.

Six days later, when her business had been completed, she decided to visit Bothwell, a trusted man and chief adviser on the perennially vexed Border questions and needed to consult with him.

and must have contributed to the physical and mental stress she was under.

Mary's ambassador in Paris, Maitland, attributed her illness entirely to her disagreements with Darnley – 'he misuses himself so far towards her that it is an heartbreak for her to think that he should be her husband.' This illness became so severe that many thought she was unlikely to recover. She teetered on the edge of life for about a month



Queen Mary's house in Jedburgh

On 16 October Queen Mary set out for Hermitage Castle with a large number of her court and a company of soldiers.

This gaunt Border fortress was unable to receive the luxurious burden of a royal stay, so she had to return to Jedburgh the same day, a ride of over fifty miles. At the time a good day's ride was considered to be thirty to forty miles, it was always possible to ride more than fifty miles in emergencies and so this was not a great hardship to the queen who was accustomed to daily hunting and riding hard in the saddle all her life.

After her visit to Hermitage, Queen Mary fell violently and seriously ill. The situation with her errant husband, Darnley seemed insoluble

and was publicly prayed for in the churches of Edinburgh.

Her death at this time would have changed the course of Scottish history dramatically but she recovered to continue her march towards the executioners' axe . . . many years later.



Hermitage Castle

We welcome the following new members to the Society

UNITED KINGDOM

- E490 Dearing Mr & Mrs Robin,
Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley LS29 7LT
- E489 Elliott Mr & Mrs Russell,
Caterham, Surrey CR3 6DB
- S163 Elliott Lynn & Family, Newcastleton,
Scottish Borders TD9
- S163 Anne Groom, James Alexander Elliott,
Beth Frances Goodwin and Jean Slater
- S162 Rains, Jo Helen, Inellan, Argyll PA23 7TR
- S162 Elliott, Adrian L E, Tettenhall Road,
Wolverhampton, WV6 0BS

CANADA

- C1132 Elliott, Tom George, Toronto, ON, M8X 3X3
- C1133 Elliott, Jeff & Danielle, Waterdown, ON,
LOR 2H9
- C1134 Elliott, Avis, Winnipeg, MB, R3M 3J9
- C1135 Hirst, Susan, Paul & Rebecca, Toronto, ON,
M4C 2E4

NEW ZEALAND

- N/334 Elliott, Jane, Grey Lynn, Auckland
- N/335 Elliott, Ridley, Palmerston North

UNITED STATES

- US3862 Lewis, Debra, Searsport, ME 4974
- US3863 Dollarhide, Kim, Monterey, CA 93940
- US3864 Elliott, Teri & John Delaney, Oakland,
CA 94602
- US3865 Marshall, John & Vicky, Pleasanton,
CA 94566
- US3866 Elliott, Greg, Chebuygan, MI 49721
- US3867 Bradley, Dwight, Randolph, NH 3593
- US3868 Elliott Jr, Buck, Rochester, NH 3867
- US3869 Elliott, Courtney, Boulder, CO 80301

UNITED STATES

- US3870 Elliott, Dale, Jamul, CA 91935
- US3871 Ransom Jr, John H, Alpharetta, GA 30005
- US3872 Elliot, William, Burton, CA 93001
- US3873 Ashley, L. Gary & Judith, Dunwoody,
GA 30338
- US3874 Griswell, Nathan Elliott, Duluth, GA 30096
- US3875 Royster, Ann McBrayer, Shelby, NC 28150
- US3876 Smiley, Lisa, Pinckney, MI 48169
- US3877 Elliott, John E, Wichita, KS 67217
- US3878 Parker, Paula Mason, Cavendish, VT 5142
- US3879 Elliott, Rich & Lynn, Scottsdale, AZ 85260
- US3880 Reisenberg, Pamela Elliott, Dayton, VA 22821
- US3881 Elliott, Alice, New York, NY 10014
- US3882 Wilson, Linda Elliott, Merced, CA 95340
- US388 Elliott, Eric J, Gastonia, NC 28054
- US3884 Elliott, Jay E, Wheaton, IL 60187
- US3885 Elliot, Lowell & Ardyce, Sioux Falls, SD 57108
- US3886 Elliott, Elizabeth A, Tyler, TX 75709
- US3887 Elliott, William Forst, Kettering, OH 45429
- US3888 Bates, Chrisa Phyllis, Bulverde, TX 78163
- US3889 Elliott, Ian Macartney, Edmonds, WA 98026
- US3890 Stubbs, Patricia Elliott, Yucaipa,
CA 92399-6872
- US3891 Elliott, Garnett Craig, Tucson, AZ 85741
- US3892 Forsman, Emil, San Francisco, CA 94114
- US3893 Elliott, David A, Kannapolis, NC 28083
- US3894 Elliott, William Stephen, Malta, IL 60150
- US3895 Elliott, Ray Anthony, Houston, TX 77002
- US3896 Dachenbach, Catherine, Pataskala,
OH 43062-7541
- US3897 Elliott, Mr & Mrs. Stephen, Bridgewater,
MA 2324
- US3898 Elliott, Sharon E, Portland, OR 97232
- US3899 Elliott, Eric & Lori, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Details of new members received too late for publication will appear in the next newsletter.

REMINDER FOR UK MEMBERS: Annual subscriptions may still be due: Single Membership £18.00, Family Membership £20.00, Life Membership £150.00 to The Treasurer, Elliot Clan Society, 20 South Liddel Street, Newcastleton TD9 0RP. On line: Please put membership number as your reference. Sort Code 80-17-06. A/C 00668159.