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Message from the President

Stephen Hope

2023 is well underway and already we have seen Scottish events happening around the globe.



There have been a number on the East Coast of the USA and we expect a few soon in the Pacific North West at which Clan Hope will be represented.

Canada has also been holding some of its first events of the year with more scheduled.

While in the southern hemisphere we have just had the largest annual Scottish Gathering 'Bundanoon is Brigadoon' on the 1st April in Australia and Clan Hope had a great showing with new members marching in the street parade and visiting the Clan Hope of Craighall stall.

We look forward to much more activity with Scottish Gatherings, Highland Games and Celtic Festivals as 2023 continues and plan to have our clan represented at as many of these events as possible.

If you know of one being held in your area, please let us know by writing to newsletter@clanhope.org and we'll publish the event in the next edition under the appropriate heading.

If you are a member of our Facebook group please post information there as well so we can encourage those people who aren't yet Clan members to come along and participate.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet please head to our website <https://www.clanhope.org> to renew online.

Let me wish you all the best for 2023, Sláinte Mhath - Good Health to you and your families.

Bundanoon Highland Gathering 2023

with thanks to Stephen Hope

After three years without the Bundanoon Highland Gathering being able to be held because of the natural disasters of catastrophic fires and major flooding and the pandemic we were delighted to be able to attend Australia's largest Scottish Gathering again this year in the southern highlands of New South Wales.



L-R: Andrew Hope (with the Hope banner), David Hope, Ourania Hope

The day started out with typical highland mist during the street parade but a little rain couldn't dampen the

spirits of all the bands and clans marching nor the thousands of spectators who lined the street and were seated around the oval for the opening ceremony and massed pipes and drums.

We were extremely pleased to be accompanied by other Clan Hope members, Andrew Hope and our newest clan member, David Hope, during the street parade.



The street march at Bundanoon, with Andrew Hope carrying the Hope banner

Andrew Hope proudly carried the clan banner with David, Ourania and me.

You can see some of the street parade from the link below.



This is the first set of music by the pipe bands we were marching behind during the street parade. The YouTube video is at this link.



We were ably assisted at the Clan stall by our son Andrew, his wife Elinor and two grandsons Gabriel and Benjamin. It was really pleasing to see a number of different Hope families, including long time members Paul and Kathryn Hope who we first met at Bundanoon in 2016. Kathryn often provides us with wonderful photos of the event which we have previously posted on Facebook. Their son Andrew carried the Clan Hope banner in the street parade.



Greg and Karen Hope with Ourania Hope

Some of our newest clan members David and Jennifer Hope and a few of our recent Facebook friends Greg and Karen Hope (who are shown below with Ourania), and who we hope will take the opportunity to become Clan members after their experience of the day and talking with us.

A large number of clans were represented at the gathering and we had the opportunity to have a photo of



Clan Commissioners with Chief of the Day Simon Abney-Hastings the 15th Earl Of Loudoun



the Commissioners with 'Chief of the Day' Simon Abney-Hastings the 15th Earl of Loudoun. The organisers reported that the day attracted over 11

thousand people attending the gathering which was a wonderful response after three years when it could not be held.

I also had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of having a plaque honouring Sir John Adrian Louis Hope, 7th Earl of Hopetoun and Australia's 1st Governor General, placed on the plinth of his statue in the Rose Garden at Linlithgow Palace in Scotland with Australia's current Governor General David Hurley.

More on that when there is a reply to my follow up correspondence with the Governor General's office.

I'd like to say we were able to get out and witness some of the events at the Gathering, including caber tossing, the stones, pipe band competitions and highland dancing which were being held in the oval but we were quite busy with our stall and visitors.



However, I was able to watch one event though, the Stones are always a great crowd favourite.

Our next event will be the 2 day **Australian Celtic Festival** at Glen Innes in the Northern Highlands of NSW on the 6th and 7th May where Scotland will be the featured nation so it will be another large event set spectacularly among the Australian Standing Stones.

Notable Hopes:

Stephen Ackerman Hope

1931-2003

Several members suggested we feature the life and work of Stephen Ackerman Hope (1931-2003); music editor, motion picture industry for addition to our list of notable Hopes. One being our own President Stephen Hope who said "I actually knew of Stephen A Hope as, having a very similar name and working in the same industry, his name would capture my interest when it appeared in film credits".

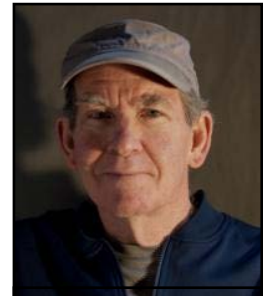
Stephen A Hope was born on September 15, 1931, to Fredric Hope. At age 4 he played violin for the Beverly Hills Baby Orchestra. He became a film editor at Desilu Studios in the 1950s. He married Mary Elizabeth Hughes.

Stephen worked on [National Lampoon's Animal House](#) and all of the [Karate Kid](#) films.

He died on June 8, 2003 in Burbank, California.

He was a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Motion Picture Editors Guild and the American Federation of Musicians.

Stephen A Hope was the son of **Fredric Hope** (January 22, 1900 – April 20, 1937) who was also in the film industry and was an American art director. Fredric won an Academy Award for Best Art Direction for the film *The Merry Widow*. He was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania and died in Hollywood, California. The lead actors in *The Merry Widow* were Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald. His filmography included:



Fredric Hope
1900-1937

- *Romeo and Juliet* (1936)
- *The Merry Widow* (1934). In 1935 Fredric won an Oscar in the category "Art Direction" along with his co-Director Cedric Gibbons for *The Merry Widow*.

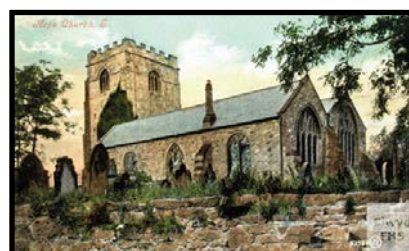
And so in featuring one "Notable Hope" in Stephen Ackerman Hope, we finished up featuring two - they being a father and son, who worked in the same industry.

Places Named Hope

Hope, Wales, UK

Hope (Welsh: *Yr Hôb*) is a small village and community in Flintshire, north-east Wales. The village is located approximately 3 miles / 4.5 km from the Wales-England

border, on the course of the River Alyn, and less than 5 miles from Wrexham ***.



Hope Church, Wales

Hope is one of several villages including Caergwrle, Abermorddu and Cefn-y-bedd which

together form the community. At the 2001 Census,

community the population was 2,522, increasing to 4,224 at the 2011 Census, partly due to boundary changes. One of the major features in the area is Hope Mountain (*Mynydd yr Hob*), to the west of the village.

Yr Hob was originally the name of a commote within the cantref of Maelor in the medieval Kingdom of Powys. Both the Welsh and English language names are derived from an Old English word *hop* meaning "enclosed land in a marsh", a relic of Mercian settlement in the area.

In 1086, when the Domesday Book was compiled, Hope was listed as a very small settlement and it was within the hundred of Exestan and the county of Cheshire.

The old parish of Hope was once divided into two parts by the River Alyn. One part, called Hope Medachied, was made up of the townships of Uwchmynydd, Cymau, Caergwrle and Rhanberfedd: the other was made of Hope Owen, Estyn and Shordley. In 1843 a large area of Hope Medachied was transferred to the new parish of Llanfynydd.



Plas Teg, Hope, Wales

The villages of Hope and Caergwrle are steeped in history. The area boasts a medieval castle, possibly the oldest Church in Flintshire, a seventeenth century Packhorse Bridge, a fine example of a Renaissance

stately home (Plas Teg) and many more intriguing buildings.

A magnificent Grade 1 Listed 17th Century Jacobean Mansion brought back to its former glory. The recent restoration has enabled us a fascinating chance to truly step back in time. Built in 1610, this stunning house has over 400 years of history; deaths, dirty deeds, suicides, it has seen the lot! It is a former court for the "Hanging Judge Jeffreys" and it is said some of his victims still haunt the house!

The house is open for tours on a Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday at 2pm & 3pm. It is said to be the most haunted house in Wales so for those who dare, come and join the Paranormal team on a Saturday night on a hunt for the spirits that inhabit the house!

The village's long association with neighbouring Caergwrle has given rise to the local expression "Live in Hope, die in Caergwrle"..

*** Wrexham recently gained international press coverage through their football team, which is the third-oldest professional football club in the world (founded in 1864). The town's football club has a rich history of success but has languished for many seasons in lower grades until two Hollywood actors bought the Club in 2020 and not only injected a lot of money into it but also injected a new spirit into the town itself and this season

the Club secured an emotional return to League Two in the British National League.

Post Script: Two Clan Hope members, **Martin and Amanda Hope** live on Hope Mountain, Wales. The Editor had no idea of this fact and simply chose Hope, Wales out of the blue - for no particular reason, other than it sounded like an interesting place to feature.

National Tartan Day

It's both been and yet to come in 2023!

In Canada

Tartan Day has been. It was celebrated in Canada on 6 April and has been since it was declared on 19 December 1991 to be a national day of observation. However, Tartan Day was first declared as an official day of observation on 9 March 1986 in the Province of Nova Scotia.

In USA

And as with their northern neighbour, Canada, Tartan Day has also been observed! Americans have been celebrating it on 6 April since 20 March 1998 when it was recognised to be known as their National Tartan Day. It was designated as a day for all Americans, particularly those of Scottish descent, to be held on 6 April each year.

In Scotland

The first Scottish Tartan Day was established by Angus Council and has since been followed by towns and cities like Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Montrose, Perth and Glasgow. It is interesting to note that Scotland's Tartan Day was first celebrated by the people of the Angus Council, which by some, can be considered the birthplace not only of Scotland - the 1320 Declaration of Arbroath first asserted the nation's sovereignty - but also of its grandparents. The area of Scotland which is now known as the "Angus Council" was one of the two heartlands of the Picts from about 100BCE to 900CE, when they merged into the Celts.

Declaration of Arbroath

The date 6 April has special significance in Scottish history as it was on this day in 1320 that the Declaration of Arbroath was signed.



The Declaration was drawn up at Arbroath Abbey and addressed to Pope John XXII. It was intended to confirm that Scotland was an



independent state which had the right to defend itself. 2023 was the 703rd anniversary of the signing of

this document.

In Australia and New Zealand

Tartan Day in these 2 countries is yet to be celebrated this year. 1 July was the date chosen to celebrate National Tartan Day in both Australia and New Zealand. Both countries chose this day because it is the anniversary of the Repeal Proclamation of 1782, which declared the 1747 Act of Proscription invalid.

In Australia, wearing tartan on 1 July has been encouraged since 1989. However, the day has been promoted as International Tartan Day in Australia since 1996 and has been formally recognised by some States but not at a national level.

What was the Act of Proscription?

It was part of a series of efforts to assimilate the Scottish Highlands, ending their ability to revolt, and the first of the "King's laws" that sought to crush the Clan system in the aftermath of the Jacobite rising of 1745. These laws were finally repealed on 1 July 1782.

Historic Houses in the Borders
Floors Castle, Kelso, Rox., SCT



Floors Castle - 1880, viewed across the River Tweed
Source: Wikipedia

The third in the series of Houses in the Borders is Floors Castle, Kelso, Roxburghshire, SCT. I've chosen this House because of more Hope family connections - throughout my family history journey I discovered that many uncles, aunts and cousins had worked at Floors Castle over its lifetime - in a



Floors Castle
Source: floorscastle.com

variety of capacities.

The name of Floors Castle is thought to come either from "flowers" (or the French fleurs), or from the "floors", or



terraces, on which the castle is built.

Floors Castle is the largest inhabited house in Scotland and was opened to the public by the 10th Duke in 1977. It remains an iconic piece of Scottish architecture and as a dwelling, has few rivals in the UK. Whilst it is a visitor attraction, first and foremost, it is a beloved family home to the Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe.

The house, as it stands today, is the product of two main phases of construction. The first, constructed between 1721 and 1726 for the 1st Duke, was from architect William Adam, and was perhaps inspired by an original design from Sir John Vanbrugh, the architect responsible for Castle Howard in Yorkshire and Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire. Vanbrugh was an acquaintance of the first Duke, though the eventual execution of the design and build is undoubtedly Adam's.

Though Broxmouth Park, near Dunbar, seems to have been the main family residence, Floors took precedence after 1730, with the 1st Duke's mother leading the way by moving there permanently. The Duke himself spent most of his time in the southern part of England, to be close to Parliament, though he always cherished his time 'in the country'.

The stately and elegant Georgian house was constructed on a natural terrace overlooking the Tweed, looking directly south across the great river to the ruins of the once mighty Roxburgh Castle on its mound, dominating the local landscape, an important medieval fortress where King James II was killed during a siege in 1460.

Floors is clearly visible from the main river crossing into the town of Kelso, its distinctive sandstone facade making it stand out, even on the dullest of days, The grandeur of the house and its setting prompted Sir Walter Scott, world famous author and regular visitor to the great houses of his beloved Scottish Borders, to declare Floors, 'a kingdom fit for Oberon and Titania to dwell in'.

During the time of the 6th Duke, between 1836 and 1847, the Edinburgh architect William Playfair brought the original building into harmony with its landscaped park by grafting on the appropriately fairy-tale silhouette, as well as a number of extensions, interior redevelopments and the coach port, allowing visitors to alight from their conveyances sheltered from the elements. The result is one of the most iconic buildings in Scotland, with Playfair writing in 1838 'The Duke and Duchess are extremely cordial and much pleased with the alterations on their house are quite resolved to all I recommend inside as well as outside'.

Following the marriage of the 8th Duke to wealthy American real estate heiress, Mary Goelet, in 1903, the castle underwent another transformation, with its Victorian interiors being lavishly remodelled by the new Lady of the house. A treasure trove of artwork, tapestries, porcelain and furniture followed, with many of the state rooms being transformed to suit their new contents. The rooms on show to the public today stand as testament to the sweeping changes made during this period.

The Estate is run as a modern business, with a variety of revenue streams and interests. It comprises some 52,000 acres (21,000 hectares), and encompasses a variety of Borders landscapes, from the Cheviots to the Lammermuirs, and the fertile land of the Tweed valley.

The present owner of Floors Castle is Duke Charles Robert George Innes-Ker, 11th Duke of Roxburghe (also known as the Marquess of Bowmont and Cessford). The heir presumptive is his brother, Lord Edward Arthur Gerald Innes-Ker. Interestingly, the 11th Duke of Roxburghe and by association, his brother, can trace their family history back 38 generations to Oslac of Hampshire, and Ecgbearht, King of Wessex (775-839 CE).

Although the present castle lacks all defensive capabilities, and was built in a period when private fortresses had become obsolete in lowland Scotland, there was possibly a tower house on the site. Tower houses, or pele towers, were typical of the Scottish Borders. Until the early seventeenth century, the Anglo-Scottish border lands, or "Marches", were a lawless place where reprisal attacks were common, and which often took the form of cattle rustling or murders, carried on by gangs of Reivers.

The castle featured in the 1984 movie *Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes* and was also featured on an episode of *An American Aristocrat's Guide to Great Estates* on the Smithsonian Channel and Amazon Prime Video: it first aired in 2020.

The castle has a cool 7,000 rooms.

Source: floorscastle.com

Recipe Corner: Rumblethumps

This was a take on other casual meals served in many other countries and regions - mainly to use leftovers and to make them into a delicious meal in their own right and with their own flavours and ingredients. In Scotland the meal is called Rumblethumps but across the Sea in Ireland it's called Colcannon and in England it's known as Bubble and Squeak.

According to the Clan Buchanan website, Rumblethumps is a traditional dish from the Scottish Borders. The name is supposed to come from the noise the potatoes (tatties) and cabbage make as they are battered about the dish with a wooden spoon.



Clan Ho

According to Elaine Lemm of "The Spruce Eats".

This Rumblethumps recipe calls for swede (or yellow turnip [neeps]) and cabbage or kale. The vegetable mixture is topped with cheese and then baked until bubbling. The beauty of the dish is it can be made the day before and heated up. All it needs alongside it is a [hearty stew](#), or, if you prefer to eat it on its own, try it with a fried egg on top.

Ingredients

21oz potatoes, peeled, boiled and mashed; or leftovers
14 oz swede or turnip, peeled, boiled and mashed; or leftovers.

3 oz unsalted butter, softened and divided

9 oz savoy cabbage or kale, finely sliced

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

1 oz grated cheddar cheese

Gather the ingredients.

Preheat the oven to 350F/180C/Gas#4. Add the mashed potato and swede (turnip) to a large mixing bowl and set aside.

Melt 2 oz of the butter in a frying pan over medium heat.

Add the finely sliced cabbage (or kale) and cook gently for several minutes until softened but not brown.

Add the cooked cabbage to the bowl of potato and swede along with the remaining butter and mash together thoroughly. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Potato can soak up salt, so be generous with it to add good flavour.

Place the smashed vegetables in an oven proof baking dish and sprinkle the cheese on top. Cover with a lid or aluminium foil and bake in the oven for about 30 minutes or until heated through.

Remove the lid and cook for another 5 minutes or until golden brown and a little crispy on the top.

Serve piping hot as a side dish or main dish and enjoy.

Ancestral Mathematics

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents

4 grandparents

8 great-grandparents

16 second-great-grandparents

32 third-great-grandparents

64 fourth-great-grandparents

28 fifth-great-grandparents

256 sixth-great-grandparents

512 seventh-great-grandparents

1,024 eighth-great-grandparents

2,048 ninth-great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment - how many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? - did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment.

Tartan

Are you planning a trip to Scotland this year? If so, are you interested in the history of the tartan? If so, then you will not want to miss the Tartan Exhibition in Dundee by the Victoria & Albert Museum. From the Daily Telegraph:

“The reception to Tartan has been incredible. From the global coverage for its part in helping to uncover and confirm the world’s oldest piece of tartan, through the energised feedback from our visitors, to the BBC One Show and the outstanding reviews in the press - everyone loves Tartan!



Clan Hope of Craighall
Tartan

Tartan celebrates the global story of a unique pattern - how the rules of the grid have inspired creativity from the everyday to the sublime.

The instantly recognisable symbol of Scotland, a global textile of tradition, rebellion, oppression and fashion, tartan has connected and divided communities worldwide, inspiring great works of art as well as playful and provocative designs.

Experience dazzling objects from around the world from the high fashion of Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen to Jackie Stewart’s racing helmet, from the portrait of rugby legend Doddie Weir to the MacBean tartan which rocketed to the moon. See tartan worn by Bonnie Prince Charlie and Bay City Rollers trousers handmade by a lifelong fan, together with the indigenous textiles of Indian Madras and the humble Scottish shortbread tin.

Tartan is a core ingredient in the playbook of contemporary fashion houses and is one of Scotland’s most recognisable outputs. Tartan is not a material consigned to the past – tartan is ever present. The textile keeps reinventing itself and evolves to fit the needs of the next generation in Scotland and throughout the world.

The must-see show of the year - don’t miss out!”

Sources: *The Scottish Banner Vol 47 #10, V&A Dundee, vam.ac.uk*

CASSOC Spring Meeting 2023

Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

Sunday, May 7 at 3.00pm

Join us for our Spring General Meeting 2023

Festival Season Special

A Forum on Members attending Highland Games and Festivals

Speakers will include

Dave Radley, past President of Fergus Highland Games.
Erin Roberts, President of National Capital Highland Games.

Beth and Philip Banks of Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival and your CASSOC Directors.

Topics covered will include

Why should members participate in Highland events?
Why should Highland event organizers have members participate?

What goes right and wrong with planning, participation and follow-up.

A checklist to help with members attending Highland events.

This last topic will include an introduction to CASSOC’s new Answer-book Wiki with how to get access, navigate and, if you wish, become a contributor.

Registration in advance is required for attending the event through Zoom.

Click here by May 6, 2023 in order to register for attending by Zoom

The meeting will be streamed to our Facebook channel as well, so it can be viewed at a more convenient time. Full meetings details and registration link can be found at

<https://www.scotscanada.ca/en/spring-meeting>

Watch for more details on our Website, Facebook and Group Pages. Or contact: events@scotscanada.ca for more information at any time.

Note that a separate official notice will be sent out by email around two weeks prior to the event and note also that this is not a business meeting. No votes will be recorded, no registration as delegate or alternate is required.

Want to know more about being a panel participant?
Contact: chair@scotscanada.ca

Crum/Hope Family Reunion

The Florida Crum and Hope Family Reunion will restart our Reunion Picnic’s first Gathering since Covid at McKethan Lake, Brooksville, FL on May 7 at 11:30. All are invited.

Park entrance fee is \$2 for adults and is collected at the Pavilion, and is a covered dish event.

In the early 1800s, the Crums and Hopes migrated from the Georgia Colony, USA, to Florida for the opportunity to acquire more land with better soil. As part of the Reunion restart I am sharing on my FB feed historical facts and asides about our two lines - the Hope and Crum lines intersected several times.

Thus, being in a small rural community, way back, with several family line intersections, and the same history they did a combined Reunion which has been held at least since the 1950s. We know that it will be a rebuilding process due to Covid and the passing of so many elders. Well, now my generation span have become the new elders.

Again, please join us if possible-all are welcome! Our goal is to learn and celebrate our history and continue our connections!

My great great grands were David Hope m Frances Sophia Pyles and my Great Grands were John Washington Crum married to Ann Piles/Pyles Hope.

Did You Know?

Already mentioned in this newsletter under the banner of “National Tartan Day” is that this day is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand on 1 July. BUT did you know that this date is also the anniversary of the following events:

- The seal was granted to the Incorporation of Barbers and Surgeons to practise their craft, in 1505.
- The reconvened Scottish Parliament was officially opened, in 1999.
- The Treaty of Perth was signed, renouncing Norway’s claim on the Hebrides, in 1266.
- The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards was formed as the senior Scottish regiment of the British Army, in 1971.

Source: *The Scottish Banner*, Vol 46 #1

Found on Facebook



Jist an Auld Scottish Farmer giving yi a wee reminder
Source: R Heeps, Facebook

New Member

We welcome:

- David Thomas Hope, South Australia

New Life Member

We welcome:


- Ruben Wert Hope III, Texas, USA

Making Membership Even Easier

Clan Hope now has its own QR Code for membership

Using the QR reader on your phone, this link will take you straight to the Clan’s Membership page. Try it for yourself and then start signing up your kith and kin.

Clan Hope of Craighall





Crest: A broken terrestrial globe surmounted by a rainbow issuing out of a cloud at each end all Proper

Motto: At Spes Infracta (Yet Our Hope is Unbroken)

Surnames: Hope, Hop, Hob, Hoip, Hoep, Hoop, Hoppe, Haupt, De Hope

Hope-Vere/Weir #2 (ancient), chosen by Hope Clan Society

<https://www.clanhope.org/membershipapp/memberapp.html>

Do YOU have an article for upcoming newsletters?

The Clan Hope of Craighall Society Newsletter welcomes submissions.

Clan Hope members may submit biographies for the *Members’ Corner*. We also accept submissions of any material relating to Scottish history/humour, Hope genealogy, Hope history, genealogy methods and tricks, or any additional information that may be of interest or useful to our readers.

Do you have a family reunion coming up? If so, then we can post your “Save the Date” to let your long lost cousins know - how amazing would that be for you and your organising team to discover yet another cousin!

We look forward to your contributions.