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LETTER

FOR & ABOUT PEOPLE OF THE NAME, IN ALL ITS VARIATIONS - MARCHBANKS, MARCHBANK, MARSHBANK & THE REST

Clan Marjoribanks Society AGM and Gathering, 27-28 June 2014



2014 is the Year of Homecoming in Scotland with hundreds of events throughout the country, perhaps the best known being the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn in June, the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in July, the Edinburgh Festivals in August and golf's Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in September. On 18th September Scots vote whether to be independent or to remain in the U.K.. In this amazing year, for us Marjoribankses one event not to be missed is our Clan Gathering in Edinburgh on 27th and 28th June.

The Gathering will start with a Reception at the flat of Clan President Patricia Baillie Strong at 13 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh, at 6pm on Friday 27th June. All clan members and their friends attending the Gathering will be able to meet in the relaxed atmosphere of this beautiful apartment overlooking the Royal Holyrood Palace, the Scottish Parliament and Salisbury Crags (the picture above shows some of the clan members at the 2009 Clan gathering and AGM). Those who wish will be able to go on to a Family meal in one of Edinburgh's quality restaurants.

The following morning, we will reconvene in the Dell Rooms at Colinton Parish Church. Colinton is a delightful village, now in southwestern Edinburgh. The Dell rooms overlook the manse garden, where the 17th and 18th chiefs grew up while their father, the Reverend Dr Thomas Marjoribanks of that Ilk, D.D., 16th chief, was parish minister. The meeting will be inaugurated by the ringing of the Bathgate Bell by Andrew Marjoribanks of that Ilk, 19th and current chief. There will then follow a short illustrated presentation on the Chiefs of Marjoribanks by John Marjoribanks, brother of the present chief. The slides accompanying the talk will include photographs or portraits of nearly all the chiefs back to Thomas Marjoribanks of Balbardie and of that Ilk, 8th chief, who registered arms in 1673. The talk will be followed by a general meeting at which any clan member may bring up anything of interest to the clan.

A pamphlet will be available describing places of Marjoribanks interest that can be visited in Scotland. An exhibition of Marjoribanks memorabilia will also be on display in the Dell Rooms.

Lunch will be taken in the Spylaw Tavern, a traditional pub with good catering facilities a short walk from Colinton Church. After lunch, an outing will be arranged, (assuming sufficient interest) to the Falkirk Wheel, an amazing rotating boat lift, lifting craft 35 metres (about 110 feet) from the Forth and Clyde canal to the Union canal.

Don't miss this chance to visit Scotland in such a momentous year and to learn more about your historic Scottish Clan. The cost of the Gathering will be £20 per head to cover reception and the morning meeting; extras are likely to be as shown on the form on the next page. Please complete the form overleaf and return the data on it to John Marjoribanks, Eden House, Gavinton, Duns TD11 3QS, Scottish Borders or john@marjoribanks.com. It is important that John knows the numbers as soon as possible to ensure our bookings.

Contact details

Name: _____
address: _____
email: _____
phone: _____

What would you like to attend?

Item	Estimated cost (£)	Day and time	Number attending
Reception at 13 Regent Terrace	included	Friday 6pm	_____
Clan Meal in a nearby restaurant	20 - 25	Friday 8pm	_____
Meeting at Dell Rooms, Colinton	included	Saturday 10am	_____
Lunch at Spylaw Tavern, Colinton	15 - 20	Saturday 1pm	_____
Trip to Falkirk Wheel:			
Transport (coach hire)	10	Saturday 3pm - 6pm	_____
Boat trip on the wheel	9	Saturday 3pm - 6pm	_____
Access to viewpoint and cafe	free	Saturday 3pm - 6pm	_____

Return your form to john@marjoribanks.com

Katie, eldest daughter of the Chief marries



On Saturday 28th September 2013 at the Great Barn at Aynhoe in Oxfordshire, England, Catriona (known to the family as Katie), the eldest daughter of the Chief Andrew Marjoribanks of that Ilk and his wife Fiona, was married to Glen Laishley. The ceremony was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives and fortunately held in beautiful weather. Katie's four nieces Molly, Poppy, Anna and Flora were her flower girls and thoroughly enjoyed the dancing after the reception.

The couple are both engineers in the UK railway industry. Katie is the Engineering Director of Greater Anglia Trains and Glen is Head of Rolling Stock at South West Trains. They live with their cat Bonnie in the village of Haddenham in Buckinghamshire and are involved with the local Scout Troup (Katie) and the local Cycling Club (Glen). In Spring 2014, they will join the Chief in the French Alps for some skiing while Fiona heads to Spain to visit her niece Fiona and family.

Glen and Katie plan to attend the Marjoribanks Clan Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland at the end of June.



A Marjoribanks Clan Chief buried in the USA

The Reverend. George Marjoribanks of that Ilk, BSc, MA, BD, was seventeenth Chief of the Marjoribanks clan between 1947 and 1955. He died and was buried in the USA.

George was born in 1908 and grew up in Colinton Manse, Edinburgh, Scotland. His father and predecessor as Chief, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Marjoribanks of that Ilk, was a Minister of the Church of Scotland. George was educated at two famous Edinburgh schools, Merchiston Castle and Edinburgh Academy, before studying at Edinburgh University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Edinburgh New College with the medal in Hebrew in 1932. He was offered a scholarship to Union Seminary, New York, USA, but declined it in order to follow Dr. Frank Buchman, who launched the Moral Re-Armament (MRA) movement in America. Before the Second World War, the Provosts of Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow along with Scottish church leaders asked George to lead a team of twelve kilted Scots to Canada. Their job was to carry forward the work of MRA, which had been called for by the Mayors of Canada. When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Niagara in 1939, George Marjoribanks led the three cheers as his Scots team stood as guard of honour beside the famous Horseshoe Falls.

In 1947, George became the Chief of the Marjoribanks clan when his father died in Scotland.

George became friends with many US Senators and Congressmen and in 1948 he arranged for a Committee of Congress, who were examining the Marshall Plan's

operation in Europe, to visit the MRA Assembly at Caux, Switzerland.

He also worked with the Stoney Indians in Alberta and with the men of the automobile centre of Windsor, Ontario. In 1950, he led a delegation of 70 Japanese government, industrial and labour leaders through Europe to America. They made history by apologizing and addressing America from the floor of the Senate – an act that forged new relationships between two former enemy countries.

In 1953, George married Elizabeth Morris of New York. Elizabeth, a graduate of Vassar College, New York, had been born in China of American missionary parents. Sadly, George died childless soon afterwards in Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1955 of polio he had contracted while working in Brazil, South America. He was succeeded as chief by his younger brother William Marjoribanks of that Ilk father of Andrew, the present chief.

George was honoured for his worldwide work for MRA by services held in Scotland, New York, Washington, Seattle, Miami, Bombay and London. Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman, founder of MRA said, "His parish was the world ... He had a rich heritage from the past. He nobly pioneered new roads to the future. His life poured out for others to the last drop. He lives in thousands of hearts." George was piped to his last resting place in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York. His widow Elizabeth died in 2000 in New York.

Clan President's sign



Our Clan President found this sign in Bathgate, Scotland that looks like it was made for her!

Patricia's Maiden name is Patricia Marjoribanks.

Chief attends Battle of Flodden Memorial Service



In September 2013 our Chief was honored to attend a Memorial Service at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh.

The service was organised by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and held to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden, and to celebrate 500 years of the Scottish soldier.

In September 1513, 10,000 Scots lost their lives at the Battle of Flodden including King James IV, who led them into battle.

Pictured above are the members of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, including the patron of the America Scottish Foundation, His Grace Alexander Douglas-Hamilton, 16th Duke of Hamilton and board member Lord Sempill.

Many of those who attended the service lost members of their clan and family at the Battle of Flodden.

The Marjoribanks Letter

The Marjoribanks Letter, published by The Clan Marjoribanks Society free to members. Annual Membership fees were due on 1st January 2014 and are as follows:

Annual Fees	Individual	Family
The United Kingdom	£11.00	£21.00
The United States	\$18.00 (U.S.)	\$35.00
Canada	\$26.00 (Can.)	\$47.00
Australia	\$22.00 (Aus.)	\$42.00
New Zealand	\$28.00 (N.Z.)	\$53.00

Family membership includes parents and dependent children.

If possible, we would prefer annual membership fees to be paid by standing order. Otherwise you can send annual membership fees by bank transfer, cheques or money orders made payable to The Clan Marjoribanks Society to either:

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If you have information of interest to other members of the clan, please get in touch.

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The Marjoribanks Clan web page can be found on the Internet at www.marjoribanks.net.

The Marjoribanks DNA project can be found at www.familytreedna.com/public/Marjoribanks.

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