



THE DURIE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Member,

Homecoming Scotland 2014

I am conscious that we have promised to update you about the Homecoming plans for 2014. The problem is that details of what is happening and where are still emerging, so this is a brief summary of events we know about now. We hope to let you know what we are planning for Duries, the DFA - in particular - in a fuller newsletter, by the end of September.

Bannockburn Live - from the 28th to 30th June 2014 will mark the opening of the new National Trust of Scotland Visitor Centre and, to celebrate the 700th Anniversary, there will be re-enactments of the Battle itself each day. A whole range of other activities will be taking place at Bannockburn over these three days. More details to follow when we have them. In the meantime, if you are interested, have a look at <http://battleofbannockburn.com>

We are still hopeful that **Dunfermline** itself will be mounting events next year of which the Durie Family could be part, but as yet we have no details. We do know that there will be a **Bruce Festival** at Dunfermline on the 12th and 13th July 2014. This will be in Pittencrieff Park and will celebrate the Bruce Family as well as the history and culture of Scotland's ancient capital. This may well be the event that the DFA will link into.

Another event to note is the **25th Annual Conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies** to be held at the Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline on the 26th April 2014. Dr Bruce Durie, *Shenachie* to the Chief, may be involved. www.safhs.org.uk/silver.asp

If you want to know about other Homecoming 2014 events then look at: <http://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/homecoming-scotland-2014/> and www.clans2014.com

We do appreciate that for those thinking of travelling from overseas, time is running out to make bookings. Those in charge of the Homecoming planning are very much aware of this, but we – the DFA – are where we are! We await to hear what events have been confirmed. If you want any help or advice please get in touch with the Secretary. If any DFA member or group of members would like a bespoke Tour of the Durie heartlands and sites, please also let the Secretary know at secretary@duriefamily.co.uk

Website: We have been keeping you informed about the new information that has been going up on the site and also the improvements to the site – its navigation and its search facilities. Please do let us know via the Forum or by e-mail what you think of the changes as well as giving us suggestions for further content and improvements. The **Forum** is for an informal exchange of views and information between members. More substantial information which you would like to share with other Duries should be sent to secretary@duriefamily.co.uk We do encourage you to send us what you know of your part of the family.

Durie whiskies: The two, 'Abbot Durie's Seal', a 15 year old Highland Malt from a single cask, and 'The Durie Dram', a blend of Malt and Grain whiskies are proving popular. A reminder about them and how to order them can be found on the website under the 'Merchandise' tab.

More 2014 - The Commonwealth Games will be taking place in Glasgow from 23 July to 3 August 2014. And there will be thousands of events across Scotland – emerging details are at <http://www.eventscotland.org/>

Yours aye,

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