



THE DURIE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Member,

2015 AGM

The AGM, held in May, was a jolly affair, once more at Heather Durie Ewart's studio in Chelsea, London. It was enlivened by a talk from the Chief's *Shennachie*, Dr Bruce Durie, who seems to accumulate new roles, if not by the month, at least by the half year. You will remember he recently became *Seannachaidh* (an alternative spelling) to [COSCA](#), the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, the umbrella body in the USA.

Bruce spoke on the progress of the Durie DNA project. There is a note here about the latest findings, coupled with a plea for as many of us as possible to take part or upgrade.

In my annual report on 2014 (available in full on the DFA website), I was able to announce that membership continues to climb, albeit slowly. All Durie relatives are of course welcome so you could encourage them to join – or even give them membership as a Christmas or birthday present!

Our Treasurer, Alistair Durie, was able to report that our finances remain healthy enough to weather any storm we are likely to face in the near future (unlike the Greeks!).

I noted that sales of Durie whisky and Durie items through ScotClans have continued to go well and the whisky has provided some extra income for the Association (see the report below). In fact, the sales of whisky have been so brisk that we may need shortly to organize a whisky tasting to find a replacement for *'The Abbot's Seal'*. We may look to Bob Durie to help find a venue for that – so watch this space!

At the AGM, I stood down as Chairman after five years (long enough and time for a change!!) but was very pleased to be re-elected to the Executive Committee. I will continue to do what I can to continue to promote the Association and its activities.

Our Chief, Andrew Durie of Durie, has agreed to take over the role of Chairman but would be ready to hand over to another DFA member in due course if a volunteer can be found.

The other change was that Tom Durie was elected to the Executive Committee and we are very glad to welcome him in that role.

DNA

There is a considerable amount of new information up on the website including, 'DNA Made Easy', Bruce's presentation for the 2015 AGM in Pdf, 'Scottish Genealogy Masterclass' and two in depth DNA articles 'Using DNA to track Duries', in two parts. [DNA Project](#)

We are not necessarily any closer yet to the "Dinosaur Durie", and encourage everyone to upgrade to 67 markers at least.

Merchandise – ScotClans and Durie tartan:

We are delighted that more items are added regularly to the offer of Durie badged and tartan goods. The latest are lambswool tartan travel rugs/throws and serapes. Pewter quaichs (see below!) with the Durie crest are another recently popular item. [ScotClans](#)

Members' News and Information: We continue to seek your information, your family's story. Recently uploaded is the extensive detail of the [South African Duries](#), this is very professionally produced but don't be daunted - simpler presentations are just as welcome.

Congratulations: Dr Bruce Durie, genealogist to the DFA, has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scottish Studies Scholar Award. This will allow him to spend a considerable amount of time in the United States to undertake historical research and teaching. It just shows how very lucky we are to have such a distinguished international scholar, one of Scotland's top genealogists, as our guide to all things 'family'. Full story: [News](#)

Tribal Pages - [Access](#)

A number of DFA members have contributed family trees, and corrected some errors and overlaps. We now have 7,748 relatives but only 6 photos. Please login, and check if your ancestors are there. Then send a GEDCOM file of your tree to [Bruce](#). Almost all Family Tree database programs can generate a GEDCOM file. If you don't have such a programme, a decent one is '[Legacy Family Tree](#)'. Make sure to download the Standard Edition (free) and there are lots of training materials, videos etc.

2016 – Grandfather Mountain, 61st Highland Games, N. Carolina! The Chief has already started to make plans to attend the Games at Grandfather Mountain next year. So pencil in 7th-10th July 2016, the expected dates, and meet him there!

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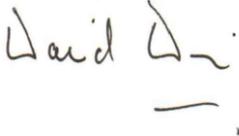
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This will be my last newsletter as chairman, so thanks for listening! Sue and I are off to Canada for a short visit at the end of August where we hope to meet some Duries, including Ken who came to last year's Durie Gathering. We will also be making another short visit to Venice at the end of a cruise on which I am lecturing. I plan again to display my Durie tartan bow tie, cummerbund and scarf at the Opera there.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for the gift of a Durie Quaich to mark my period as Chairman – I was happy to christen it at a small dinner attended by the Secretary last month.

Yours aye,



Sir David Durie, KCMG



A word from the Chief:

I would like to express my thanks to David, both as Chief and on behalf of the Executive, for all he has achieved as our Chairman since the formation of the Association. It seems a long time ago since we marched together up the Royal Mile from the Gathering Field at Holyrood to Edinburgh Castle, for the first time under the banner of the 'Durie Family'. That was 2009, and now we have a thriving Association worldwide, bringing Duries and their family stories together. David has led us with skill and determination. I am delighted that his experience will not be lost as he has agreed to stay on the Executive Committee.

To David and Sue, a Big Thank You,



Andrew Durie of Durie, CBE DL
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Access links in full:

Durie Family Tree at Tribal Pages:
<http://durie.tribalpages.com/>

Family Tree GEDCOM format:
<http://legacyfamilytree.com>

Durie Family Tree DNA – To take part:
www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx

New DNA information:
www.duriefamily.co.uk/genealogy-dna/dna-project

South African Duries:
<http://www.duriefamily.co.uk/history-today-duries-world-wide/south-african-duries>

ScotClans:
www.scotclans.com/scottish_clans/clan_durie/shop

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