



THE DURIE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Member,

In my New Year's letter I spoke of my hopes that 2017 would be a more peaceful year than 2016. Unfortunately this has not proved the case, and we live in a world more divided and more dangerous than for many years. We must hope our leaders and their advisors can find ways to lower the tensions and relieve the lives of so many suffering people across the globe.



Durie Night: For us in the DFA our focus is on the last weekend in August when the Duries and the Bruces are the two featured Families at the Edinburgh Tattoo. And the following day when we have our special tour of Fife and follow the traces of Four Queens. The programme for the full weekend has already been circulated to you and is up on the website under 'News'.

We are delighted that seventy family and friends have purchased tickets to join us at Edinburgh Castle on Friday 25th August. We hope to assemble in the Great Hall of the Castle and then march down in two bodies, the Bruces and the Duries, onto to esplanade for the ceremony of the quaich. And then take our seats for what will, I know, be a spectacular performance of the Tattoo.

The next day we leave for a day in Fife led by my *Shennachie*, Dr Bruce Durie, visiting especially Falkland Palace and Dunfermline and ending with supper at an old pub under the Forth Bridges.

So far twenty-eight have signed up but if there are any late entries for the Tattoo or the tours please get in touch with the Secretary as soon as possible.

Just before Easter we held a DFA Executive meeting in London, our membership is steady and I am happy to have welcomed some new members - but we need more - so please encourage others, family or friends, to join. At the same meeting we reviewed our finances, they are just adequate but we had heavy expenditure on IT last year and this weakened our position. Alistair Durie, our Treasurer, does an excellent job in watching over this whole area.

Thanks to great team work between our Treasurer, Secretary and *Shennachie* we were successful in gaining a grant from VisitScotland which will help support the day tour to Fife in August. Adelphi Distillers Ltd which produces both our whiskies and Dr Bruce Durie provided generous sponsorship which helped achieve the grant.

Next month, as you know, we have our AGM in London and will welcome as many as can come. Bruce will – following his recent ten week US Road Trip - also give a talk '*Demythifying the Scots in America*'.

Reaching out: Once again I ask all members to help us trace the history of the Duries as they spread out across the world. Please give us *any* clues – perhaps just the details of your parents and/or grandparents and our genealogist will probably unearth more than you can possibly imagine about your antecedents and we can add another piece to our global Durie jig-saw.

As summer approaches I send you my best wishes for the months ahead and am much looking forward to meeting several of you in Edinburgh.

Yours,

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