



## LANE COVE, SYDNEY, SCOTTISH GATHERING.

Well the Lane Cove Scottish Gathering has come and gone for another year and if you did not come to it you missed a very good day. The weather itself was beautiful in the morning, but started to get windy in the afternoon.



*Councillor Ian Longbottom, Mayor of Lane Cove Council.*  
The Mall itself was being upgraded by Lane Cove Council, but that aside it was a pleasant place to meet. The Scottish Dancers were a joy to behold and the fiddle players gave a great performance.



*Some of the Scottish Dancers on the Stage.*

This was the eighth year that the Lane Cove Gathering has been organised by Doug Swan of Swan of Grangemouth, in conjunction with Lane Cove Council and he is to be congratulated on a fine job.

*Barrie Leslie. Gordon, NSW.*

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## Roll of Honour

### COLONEL DOUGLAS ROBERT LESLIE. 2/9 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.



*Col Douglas Robert Leslie (Doctor)  
VX 39117. 2/9 Australian General Hospital  
The above photograph is from his Attestation form 26 Nov 1940..*

Douglas was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1914 at Hitchin in England, the younger son of the Reverend Ernest Thomas Leslie (1877- 1965) from Moonee Ponds Victoria and Margaret Jane Maggs from Melksham in Wiltshire England. His elder brother is the Reverend Kenneth Leslie, 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bathurst. The Patron of Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand.

Douglas initially studied science, but changed to medicine after his first year and went on to complete a distinguished course. He played football during his University days with Trinity College and with the University Blues..

He graduated in 1937 and did his residency at the old Melbourne Hospital where he met nurse Margaret Blom. They subsequently married in Adelaide in 1942, whilst Douglas was on leave from the Army.

Douglas had a distinguished Army career in North Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific and finally New Guinea where he served on the Kokoda Trail, with Dr Alan Watson, a Dental Surgeon from Narrabeen in Sydney, who was attached to the 2/4 Field Ambulance. Douglas was appointed as Consultant Surgeon to the Australian Army in Vietnam.

*To be continued:-Thanks to Dr John Leslie, Melbourne*

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**FETTERNEAR PALACE,  
ABERDEENSHIRE.**

**Scottish Episcopal Palaces  
Project Fetternear 2004**

A team of professional and amateur archaeologists will return to Fetternear (near Kemnay, Aberdeenshire) for a tenth season of fieldwork. The project was initiated in 1995 and co-directed by the late Nicholas Bogdan and Dr Penny Dransart, of the University of Wales, Lampeter. After the sudden death of Nicholas Bogdan in 2002, Penny Dransart is continuing as sole director. Following on from the successes of last year's work, the team will continue to excavate a substantial ditch surrounding the medieval bishop's palace, which was the summer residence of the Bishops of Aberdeen. After the Reformation (1560) the estate passed into the hands of the Leslies of Balquhain. The team will be at Fetternear throughout the month of July.

**Post-Reformation cultural history at  
Fetternear**

A long wall was constructed in late medieval times along the edge of the ditch. After the Reformation Fetternear became the main residence of the Leslies of Balquhain. They built a towerhouse on the site, and incorporated the late medieval wall, perhaps to serve as a barmkin with a face of finely dressed stones. They cut this medieval wall down to serve as the base of a wing that ran at right angles to the towerhouse. In the late sixteenth century the former bishop's palace was transformed into a complex of buildings that would have had much in common with Tolquhon Castle near Tarves.



*Ruins of Tolquhon Castle, Tarves, Aberdeenshire, home of the Forbes ancestors of Barrie Leslie*

During the seventeenth century the towerhouse had a hall house built onto it, then at the very end of the century there was a major refurbishment. The Leslie family removed much of the surviving medieval masonry and created a mansion house. The main façade of the mansion is still visible today, in spite of the 1919 fire that converted the family home into a ruin.

The Leslies of Balquhain and Fetternear had in the meantime had become Counts of the Holy Roman Empire, and there is a beautifully carved Coat of Arms above the main doorway. An inventory of contents of the mansion dated 1742 has survived. It indicates that the mansion was a treasure house with fine paintings and rugs, as well as housing an extensive library. Our study of the mansion during this period indicates that the Leslies developed Fetternear as a centre of recusancy in order to sustain Catholicism at a period when Catholic worship was illegal. One of the main people responsible for this was Father William Aloysius Leslie, younger brother of the third Count Leslie, Patrick, whose marriage to Mary Irvine of Drum is commemorated in the Coat of Arms.



*Arms of Count Patrick Leslie and Mary Irvine at Fetternear Palace*

The books listed in the 1742 inventory reflect the interests of members of the Leslie family, especially those of Father William Aloysius. The titles include books concerned with ancient Egyptian religion, such as the Alexandrian writer Horapollo and authors who cited Hermetic texts. Jesuit interests in linguistics, hieroglyphics and ancient religion suggest that he collected these books. He might also have encouraged his

brother and sister-in-law to acquire a series of 'Eight fine large prints of Poussin's landscapes in the Louvre'. These were late works by Poussin, perhaps significantly some of them containing visual allusions to ancient Egypt. Sometime after his death, during the life of either Count Ernest or his elder brother Count James (between 1721-1722 and 1739), someone acquired a real Egyptian mummy from Colonel Lethieullier (whose collecting activities also contributed to the Egyptian holdings in the British Museum) and had the specialist knowledge to place it next to the Poussin prints. The mansion at Fetternear was therefore a repository of intellectual resources before the Scottish Enlightenment. Although the Leslies removed much of the medieval architecture, it is evident that they valued Fetternear's ancient associations with the bishops of Aberdeen. In the nineteenth century they conducted an extensive archaeological excavation on what had by then become their front lawn. In our own excavation we are tracing their work, and have identified their reconstruction work of the medieval walls. They intended the ruins to be visible as a reminder of the antiquity of the site.

One of the spectacular finds made in the 2003 excavation season was an exquisite bone mount of a king, dating from about 1300. It was found in a deposit dating from the time of the Leslie family at Fetternear.



*Bone Mount of a King, excavated at Fetternear Palace during the 2003 excavation.*

## FETTERNEAR IN THE DARK AGES

Documentary evidence indicates that Fetternear existed by the 12th century, when the lands already belonged to the bishops of Aberdeen. However most of the archaeological finds excavated so far date from the 13th century onwards.

By the end of the thirteenth century, it is likely that the bishop's palace was in a poor condition. Bishop Cheyne rejected William Wallace's invitation to join the nationalist cause against England's Edward I and then he had to go into exile. It is possible that Wallace might have visited the Bishop at Fetternear. Bishop Cheyne returned from France as an old man and was reconciled with Robert I (the Bruce).

In 1329 Alexander de Kininmund became Bishop of Aberdeen. Previously he had been associated with the Scotland's declaration of independence, the Declaration of Arbroath. He was one of a group of men who took the document to Pope John XXII in Avignon in 1320. During his visits to Avignon he would have observed the Pope's building programmes in converting the former bishop's palace in Avignon into a papal palace. The Pope was also occupied in construction work at his summer palace at Sorgues at that time. Kininmund's travels in other European countries could have inspired him to enlarge his summer palace at Fetternear in line with developments in other countries. His own building programmes took place during the second war of independence, when there was a need for defence. It is probably during Kininmund's period as bishop that the Fetternear palace began to acquire its massive proportions.



*The ruins of Fetternear Palace from the side.*

By the end of the 14th century it took the form of a castle, consisting of large ranges of buildings, constructed from massive walls in which there were latrine shafts, surrounded by the ditch.

In our 2004 season of fieldwork we are anticipating finding more evidence from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries at Fetternear, a period of importance in the history of Scotland. Through the links that the Scottish church maintained with the popes at Avignon, Scotland was able to maintain its independence against England. Relatively little is known about the living conditions of Scottish bishops during that crucial period. Our project therefore aims to investigate it more thoroughly.

*Thanks to Doctor Penny Dransart of the University of Wales, Lampeter, for the above article.  
Photographs from the collection of Barrie Leslie*

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### **KINGS OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS REGIMENT.**

The KOSB Regiment had an alliance with the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Darling Downs Regiment) approved by Army Order 132 of 1931.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Darling Downs Regiment) was linked with the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion in 1930, which preceded the Army Order of 1931, therefore the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion was also linked with the KOSB Regiment.

The Royal Queensland Regiment was formed in 1960 when it absorbed all the various Regiments in Queensland and also took over their old alliances, as its own

The Queensland Scottish Association has for a number of years been developing a living history group, based on the original Scottish Volunteer Corps, which was formed in 1885 as a reaction to the Russian (Crimea) War scare.

The organiser of the Queensland Scottish Association is Brian Rough and he can be contacted at <http://qsvc.tripod.com> by any person who would like further information on the alliance with the KOSB Regiment or the Queensland Scottish Association.

*Barrie Leslie. Gordon, Sydney Australia.*

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### **KINGS OWN BORDERERS REGIMENT MEMORABILIA & PICTURES**



*Raising of the KOSB Regiment in 1689*



*Piper and Soldiers from the Regiment in the late 1800s*



*Piper from the KOSB Cairo Egypt circa 1908*

## A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

### ARCHIVE CD BOOKS PROJECT.

I would like to advise all our members that CLANZ is taking part in a worldwide project to digitalize reference books to make them available at a reasonable price.

At the moment Archive CD Books Australia is scanning a set of my books, "Genealogical Collections of Families in Scotland" Macfarlane, 2 volumes, which has quite a large section about the Leslie's.

I am also hopeful that we will be able to get "The Historical Records of The Family of Leslie" scanned as well. This would then be available at a reasonable price, which all members should be able to afford.

I would suggest that you go to their site at

<http://www.archivecdbooks.com.au>

where you will see links to the other countries that are participating in this project. Of most interest to CLANZ members will be Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland & Ireland.

This is a very great genealogical advance and I have already seen nine books, which would be of great interest to me. One such book is "Charters and other Writs of the Royal Burgh of Aberdeen 1171 – 1804" by Peter John Anderson 1890.

Another is "extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen 1398 – 1570" This book gives transcripts of ancient, civil and criminal court proceedings in Aberdeenshire with an index of names.

Of great interest to our members whose families went over to Ireland, under the Plantation Scheme is, "Irish Landed Gentry – when Cromwell came to Ireland" with genealogies and pedigrees, dating in some cases back to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Another is "Peerages of England, Scotland & Ireland 1790", giving the Peerages. Remember this site <http://www.archivecdbooks.com.au>

I would recommend this site to all our members.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*



*Shoulder Badge from the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion KOSB WWI*



*Cap Badge, KOSB Regiment*



*Drums and Pipes of the KOSB Regiment.*

*Many thanks to the Adjutant KOSB Regiment for information on the Regiment.*

*Barrie Leslie Gordon, Sydney.*

### **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

We may now have Public Liability Insurance, at least in NSW. I have signed an application to join The Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Incorporated and our application will be tabled at their meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October and we will be able to access affordable Public Liability under their umbrella. I will advise you of the result as soon as I have all the details.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

## MARK I TANK "CLAN LESLIE" 1916

I have been researching the Mark I tank from World War I that was called "Clan Leslie" and received the following information from David Fletcher of the Tank Museum, Bovington, Dorset England, which gives all the information that is available on the tank "Clan Leslie", but unfortunately it is not known why it was called "Clan Leslie".

### Barrie

Clan Leslie was a Mark I tank, a male of the species having two 57mm cannon (females had extra machine guns instead). 75 of each were built, shared between the Metropolitan Carriage, Wagon and Finance Company of Birmingham and William Foster & Co of Lincoln (where the original designs were built) and a handful by a firm called Robeys. Since over 100 were built in Birmingham that is the most likely birthplace of "Clan Leslie". Its vehicle number was 705.

The Mark I weighed around 28 tons, carried a crew of 8 and was powered by a Daimler, 105hp six-cylinder petrol engine driving through a complicated system of gearboxes so that, in action, it required four of the eight men to drive it. The two-wheeled tail at the back was primarily intended for steering but proved useless so the gears had to be used instead.

Armour was about 12mm thick at the front, just about sufficient to keep out rifle and machine gun bullets. Tank 705 was the section commander's tank of No. 4 Section, C Company, Heavy Section, Machine Gun Corps. Its crew number was C19 and on 15 September 1916 it was commanded by Captain Archie Holford-Walker who, as section commander, had a total of six tanks in his charge, three male and three female.



The name "Clan Leslie" can just be seen on the front right

We assume that all the tanks in this section had Clan names but the only other one we know is C23 which was Clan Ruthven.

The photographs show Clan Leslie moving up Chimpanzee Valley, heading for the front on 15 September. In fact, soon after these were taken the tank suffered a mechanical failure and it took the rest of the day to put it right so it did not take an active part in that day's fighting.



"Clan Leslie" just before breaking down on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1916

What became of it after that is not clear. C Company was involved in a few minor actions later that year and the surviving Mark I tanks fought at the battle of Arras in the following September; not necessarily with the same crews. After that they survived only in small numbers in auxiliary roles.

In a month or two my book on the Mark I tank, by Osprey Publishing, should appear, with a good deal more detail.

**David Fletcher.**

*So now you have all the information that is available, at the moment on the Mark I tank "Clan Leslie", vehicle number 705.*

*The tank that is on display at the Bovington Tank Museum in Dorset is not the original "Clan Leslie", it is another tank that has been painted to look like it. I for one will be getting David's book when it becomes available.*

*I would like to thank David Fletcher of the Tank Museum Bovington Dorset, for his assistance in compiling the above story. I am not sure whether it would have been safer in the tank or outside it.*

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

## SCOTTISH DANCING IN SYDNEY AREA.

If you want to learn Scottish Dancing and you live in the Sydney area from the Blue Mountains, Southern Highlands, Nowra to Gosford there is now, no excuse.



*Scottish Country Dancing*

The Sydney Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society holds classes in all these areas. You do not need a Kilt or a partner, just soft shoes and a smile.

For the address of the nearest class to you, ring Keith Napier on 02 9712 2918 and he will direct you to the nearest venue.

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## ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2004

The Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Inc are holding their Annual Gathering at the Castle Hill Showground, Carrington Road, Castle Hill, Sydney on the 31<sup>st</sup> October and you are invited to attend.

There will be Highland Dancing, Pipe Bands, Scottish Country Dancing, Tossing the caber, Scottish Stalls, a Haggis Hurl and many other entertainments. Don't even ask what the Heavy Events means, I for one don't want to know. This will be a great days outing for all those whose blood stirs with the skirl of the bagpipes.

Entry costs are:-  
Adults:- \$10.00  
Pensioners:- \$ 8.00  
Students 5 to 16yrs \$ 5.00  
and surprise surprise for Scots, parking is FREE.

**all enquiries to 02 9864 5782.**

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## ABERDEEN ANGUS STEAK

If you want to try the original Aberdeen Angus Steak, this is how to go about it.

Ingredients:- 4x 4 to 6oz (125 to 175g fillet steak  
1½ oz (40gr) butter.  
2 tbsp oil (your choice).  
1oz (25gr) medium oatmeal.  
1 small onion, very finely chopped.  
8 fl oz (250 ml) red wine. (your choice).  
3 tbsp double cream.  
salt and pepper to taste.  
2 tbsp whisky (Scottish of course)

Melt the butter in a large frying pan and cook the oatmeal slowly, until it has browned slightly. Remove this from the pan. Put in a tbsp of oil and add onions. Cook them until they are also lightly browned. Remove and put in a warm place with the oatmeal. Add another tbsp of oil and fry the steak (your choice on thickness) on both sides until cooked. Remove and put in a warm place.

To finish the dish, add the red wine and scrape around the pan to mix in with the pan juices. Simmer gently for a few minutes to reduce it and concentrate the flavour. Add the cream, onions and oatmeal. Season and adjust the consistency with a little more wine, if necessary. Return the steaks to the pan, pour over the whisky and flame it. Serve immediately.

Now drink the rest of the bottle of whisky.

*Barrie Leslie, Gordon, NSW.*

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## STOP PRESS

I have just received this photograph from Doug Swan of Swan of Grangemouth who is the co-ordinator for the Lane Cove Tartan Day and he has advised that the Lane Cove Tartan Day is set for the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Mark it in your diary.



This is a day that all members of CLANZ would enjoy and I hope that I will see you there and help make the day even better.

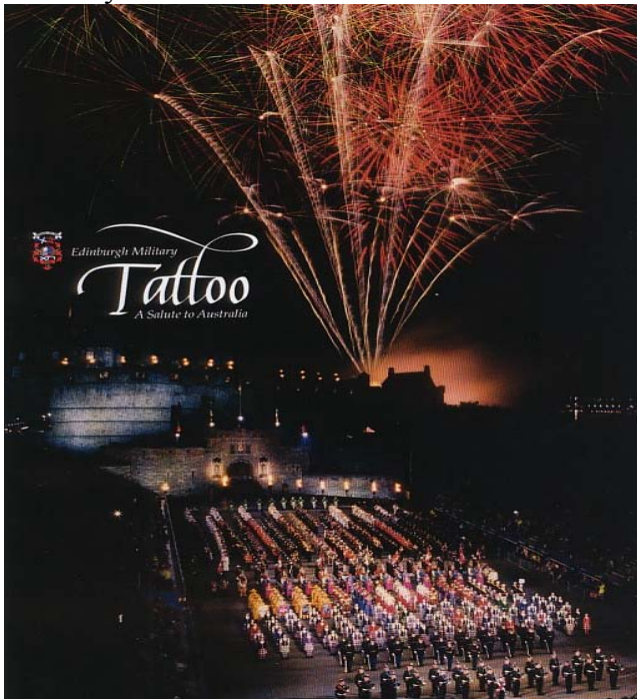
Ring me on 02 9418 2262 and I will give you any information that you would like. *Barrie Leslie.*

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**EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO.**  
**SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA.**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8<sup>TH</sup> 2005.**  
**AUSSIE STADIUM MOORE PARK SYDNEY**

This is the second time in the 55 year history of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo that it has been held outside Edinburgh. The first time was in Wellington New Zealand in 2000.

Tickets for this once in a lifetime opportunity went on sale on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004 and already the show has been sold out for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2005.



Do not miss the chance to see this magnificent show without having to travel to Edinburgh. Tickets are available from the venues below.

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Platinum:-	\$159	\$139	
Gold:-	\$129		\$99
Silver:-	\$99		\$79
Bronze:-	\$69		

*Prices include GST and Booking Fee. Transaction fee may apply*

Go to the website for the seating plan  
[www.edinburghtattooinaustralia.com.au](http://www.edinburghtattooinaustralia.com.au)

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