



Press Coverage

Ross Sinclair

Real Life Gordons

2011

GORDON TOWN TOUR



Ross Sinclair at work, during Hairst, on Gordon art creations who will feature on the town tour on the family next Friday. (H.E. Photo)

THE artist in residence who has been exploring the Gordon Family and their links with Huntly has a special tour planned for next Friday.

Artist Ross Sinclair has developed the Gordon tour during his stay in Huntly and will launch it on Friday September 30th.

The event, which will provide an insight into the Gordon family, will start from the Brander Museum at 6pm with a short skype conversation with

Kim Gordon the Chief of the House of Gordons in America.

From there the tour will go via The Square to Huntly Castle and The Gordon Schools to the Catholic Chapel which was built and financed by the Spanish Gordons.

Along the route of the tour, various historians will join in to speak about the rich heritage of the Gordon family which still continues today.

The finale is in the Gordon Arms Hotel and takes the form of a ceilidh.

ARTY DAY OUT FOR GORDONS



Locals who share the Gordon name gathered at Huntly Castle for a 'family' reunion.

HUNTLY Castle was back in the hands of the Gordons recently when Huntly's artist in residence hosted a Gordon gathering.

Artist Ross Sinclair organised the event as part of his project which aims to explore the history of the Gordons in Huntly and bring the history to life for a contemporary audience.

A lunch was held for anyone from the Huntly

area with a Gordon surname and many fun entertainments followed.

Over 25 guests visited the castle for an afternoon of entertainment, good food and conversation about what it is like to be a Gordon living in Huntly today. Chat also turned to family stories and history.

Ross provided entertainment with a rendition of 'A Gordon for Me' and a musical interlude of 'Cock o' the North'.

GORDON DINNER DATE

AS part of Artist in Residence, Ross Sinclair's project looking at the history of the Gordon family, Deveron Arts will be hosting a special dinner for all local people with the Gordon surname.

Whether their ancestry stems directly from the House of Gordon or whether they have married in, or acquired their name in another way, Deveron Arts wants to bring all the people in the Huntly area called Gordon together and find out what it means to be a Gordon in Huntly today.

The special dinner will take place on Saturday the 13th of August at Huntly Castle.

Anyone who is a Gordon and would like to take part should contact Deveron Arts on 01466 794494 or email info@deveron-arts.com.

Gordon Highlander Museum Trip

Wednesday the 3rd of August, 2011

Leaving from the square at 11am, returning approx 4pm

£12 Per Person including entry, tour and travel to/from the museum (this excludes lunch, participants are encouraged to bring their own)

To book your place on the bus, please contact Devonon Arts Office tel 794434 email: anna@devonon-arts.com

REGIMENTAL ART PROJECT

SOON to be a familiar figure around Huntly is artist **Ross Sinclair** who has just taken up a residency with **Deveron Arts**.

Ross, who studied 15 years in the fields of sculpture and environmental art has come to

Huntly to undertake a project which will be broadly focused on the Gordon Highlanders.

To kick-start his project, Ross is to host a visit to the Gordon Highlanders' Museum

on Wednesday, 3rd August. All are welcome to attend. A bus will leave from Huntly Square at 11am, returning at approximately 4pm.

The cost of the trip is £12 per person, which includes entry, tour and travel to and from the museum. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. To book a place on the bus contact Deveron Arts on 01466 794494 or email anna@deveron-arts.com.

One of the first people Ross met when arriving in Huntly was Anne Forbes from Glass who is soon to publish a book about the Gordon family.

Anne took Ross on a tour of Huntly Castle during which she was able to tell him about the Gordon family and her research.

Ross hopes to meet up with people who served in the Gordon Highlanders or who have family connections to the regiment which has occupied such a proud place in Scotland's history.

Ross will be based at Deveron arts Empty Shop studio on Bogie Street and will be happy for people to drop in there to meet him and share their stories. He would also be interested to see any old photographs.

He can also be contacted by e mail to realifers@aol.com.



Artist in residence Ross Sinclair pictured with Anne Forbes who has researched the Gordon family and is soon to publish a book. (H.E. Photo)

CONNECTING WITH GORDON ROOTS

HUNTLY'S history and strong connections with the Gordons was put in the spotlight last week when the House of Gordon USA President paid a visit to the town.

Kim Gordon, from St Charles, Missouri, accompanied by his partner Janet Antonucci, arrived in Huntly keen to reconnect with his roots.

Although on a week-long stay in Scotland the couple spent just one day in Huntly but were able to pack a lot into their visit thanks to host Donald Boyd.

Once arriving at Aberdeen Airport the pair made their way straight to Huntly and stayed overnight in the Gordon Arms Hotel.

In the morning they visited Huntly Castle and were given an interesting and informative tour by the tour guides from Gordon Primary School.

The pair took up the chance to learn more about Huntly's history during a walking tour of the town with local historian Patrick Scott.

Lunch was enjoyed with Deveron Arts and Kim took the time to talk with Artist in Resident Ross Sinclair and learn more about his project which focuses on the Gordon Highlanders.

Kim said: "This is the third time I have visited Huntly, the last visit was in 2005. The first thing that we notice is the courtesy and kindness of everyone here. It is really refreshing and makes me feel like I have come home."

"Huntly is held with high regard in America and among our members. Many of our executives have visited in the past.

"I am tenth generation Scot. I would never forget where I came from. My father would always tell me, firstly you are Scottish, then Gordon and you just happen to live in the

new world.

"My family's connection with Scotland dates back to 1697."

House of Gordon USA is made up of families of the Scottish Clan Gordon who live in the United States of America. Their mission is to preserve and promote the Gordon heritage and culture and enjoy the fellowship and support of family and friends.

The House of Gordon USA began as a branch of the Scottish Incorporation of the House of Gordon, set up by the current chief's father, Douglas Gordon, 12th Marquis of Huntly. A Board of Directors was appointed and in 2006 the membership voted to reorganise as a separate non-profit organization in order to run the daily business of the House in a way that best benefited members.



House of Gordon USA President Kim Gordon and Janet Antonucci at Huntly Castle.

The Gordon name is synonymous with the rich history of Scotland and dates back to the 11th century. For more

information on House of Gordon USA visit their website at www.houseofgordonusa.com.

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