



CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE  
**FOUNDATION**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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 supports Scotland  
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SPRING 2023

## December in NEW ABERDOUR, SCOTLAND

Update on the Clan Baird Society Centre - Commercial - Dower Hotel

During the month of December, *Clan Baird Society* members, Debra Baird, Laura Lynn Kerner (our hotel strategic/business planner), her husband, Jim Kerner, Kate Baird Kelly, Ailsa Kelly, Branton Baird, Tracey Holley, Levi Yealock, and Seth, Rowan, and Lauren Burgess, traveled to New Aberdour to prepare the old hotel for renovation.



Peter Chapman and the Beyond Boyndie band entertained the guests at the Christmas Ceilidh.

The highlight of the trip was our Clan Baird Christmas Ceilidh held on December 17th at the Aberdour Parish Hall. There were about 90 villagers and people from the surrounding area in attendance, as well as several clan baird members. Commander Richard, Polly, and our piper Adam were with us, as well as Joanne and Chris Ash (Jack Baird's daughter) from Lincolnshire.

Entertainment at the party was splendid! The band Beyond Boyndie played (included our own John Woodside, Jim Buchan, and Bob Watson), Peter Chapman and his wife Edie Watson Chapman were with us, and Peter gave a wonderful rendition of several Doric ballads as well as poems.



Kirsty Howie, a young lady from the village, played the guitar and sang, accompanied by Bob Watson on the accordion. Adam Cadmarteri, the Clan Baird Piper from Stonehaven, also played for us. One of the village pipers, Sarah-Jayne Morrice, played outside as we gathered, and we very much appreciated her fine work. Kirsteen Watson, Claire Harper, Isobel Watson, and Emma Colledge all helped in the kitchen, where our chef Jill Summers was finishing the Cullen Skink and Broth. Katherine Harper prepared some of the Cullen Skink beforehand.

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The Dower Hotel and soon to be The Clan Baird Centre



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We appreciated the help of all the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the food.



We found the old hotel in rather dismal shape but did secure some of the historic items that were found inside, and plan to return in March to secure some doors and larger items before the final clean out down to the rock. We are currently seeking planning permissions to continue our work from the Aberdeenshire and Community Councils. Our architect, Ian Rodger, is finalizing the plans for the building use, and we hope all will be settled by the end of February 2023, so that we can move forward.

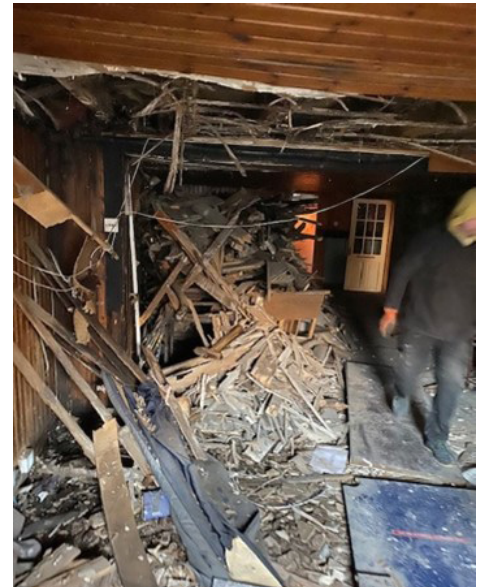
The water damage from the central gutter leakage is our main problem, but we have found that the entire roof must be reworked. Thankfully, many of the slates can be repurposed and reused in the new roof. Many of the old timbers must be reinforced with new timbers

close by, but we plan to save as much of the original structure as possible. There is a treatment we can do for wormwood, so that the historic timbers and other wooden parts of the building can be retained.

According to workmen who were there, the rock structure of the building is unbelievably sound and only the inside must be renovated, which we had planned to do anyway. Getting the roof sound is our next part of the project, and the building watertight.

Grants are being prepared for help with the renovation since the building is a class B historic site. It is hoped the Aberdeenshire Council and the Community Councils will help us develop the old hotel into our Baird Centre and a community centre for the village of New Abdour.

We appreciate the continued efforts of Bob and Isobel Watson, Ross and Doreen Baird, our Commander Richard Baird, Corinne and Phil Cox, Gordon and Claire Harper, Bill and Lynn Pitt, Graeme Bruce, John Woodside, and Jim Buchan,



as well as all those who have done so much preparatory/ongoing work for us to be successful with this project. We all hated to leave the villagers and the work, but alas, our jobs called us home. We plan to be back in the summer, for more work and progress toward getting our hotel open and running.



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statement

Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statement  
January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Starting Balance	\$6,345.87
Final Balance	\$3,592.32

Total Income for Period	\$692.45
1/07 - \$200.00 B.B.Baird Donation	
1/19 - \$80.00 Facebook Donation	
02/03 - \$200.00 B.B.Baird Donation	
02/13 - \$10.65 Amazon Smile Donation	
03/07 - \$200.00 B.B.Baird Donation	
03/31 - \$1.80 Dividend	

Total Expenses for Period	\$3,650.00
January	\$160.00 Baird Fire
February	\$160.00 Baird Fire
March	\$156.00 Baird Fire
03/13 International Wire Out	\$3,050.00 Dower

Totals	
Income	\$692.45
Expenses	\$3,650.00
Membership Fee	\$5.00

Total Balance

\$3,592.32

Signed:

Branton B. Baird - Treasurer of Clan Baird Society Worldwide Foundation