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New Zealand

*"Ni h-cibhneas gan Chlaimn Dombnail!"
(It is no joy without Clan Donald)*



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WAIPARA VALLEY VISIT - CANTERBURY Sunday 10th March 2013

What a beautiful day on Sunday the 10th March. Time to join our family of Clan Donald and go on an interesting day out. We started with an hours drive viewing the dry paddocks and rivers, ending up at Waipara Valley Wines.



Pictured at the wine tasting (left to right) Alison Kinraid, Doreen MacDonald, Valerie Bright, Margaret Donald, Joyce McFerran, Dave McFerran, Christine Martin, Elwyn Martin

Looking at the watch is was only 11am but boy the wine tasted good and cold. We managed to taste 6 wines both red and white. Some were sweeter than others and we now have an understanding of what grapes make what wines. It was just nice sitting outside in the lovely sun and taking in the scenery.



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Joyce and Dave McFerran with Margaret Donald



Grant McDonald and Colin MacDonald

We then took a little drive to a place called Belcairn. (No late night shopping here). A lovely little village with just a few houses with interesting lifestyles. It was a Clan member, Sandy Cooper who welcomed us all in to her front lawn as we enjoyed eating our lunch in the open air. Sandy served us with lovely coffee and cake (to die for) which went down a treat.



Margaret Donald with one of the locals

After a lot of chatter she invited us to partake in a treasure hunt counting all the ornaments or pictures of birds on her quarter acre property including the cottage. Well what fun was had by the members. Some managed to find ones that the owner had forgotten about. The total was between 80-90 items. Chocolate was presented to Ian and Valerie Bright for their counting efforts.



Searching for ornaments in Sandy Cooper's garden



They are in here somewhere!



Sandy's cottage which dates from the 1860's

It was just nice to spend time with fellow clans folk and enjoy the sun that Canterbury has to offer. Thanks to all who made the day and thanks to Sandy for the invitation.

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