

## Your Clan at Work, Coming Events:

Due to current COVID-19 travel restrictions and as a precautionary measure, Stephen and Ourania Hope will not host a Clan Hope of Craighall Society tent at the [Aberdeen Highland Games](#) in the Upper Hunter region of NSW, October 2, 2021.

While the games are still scheduled for the October date there remains the possibility they may yet be further postponed or cancelled outright.

Stephen and Ourania will continue to host Clan Hope of Craighall Society tents at future events once the threat of Covid-19 is under control and it is determined safe to do so. We thank them for all they have done and continue to do on behalf of Clan Hope of Craighall Society.

### [U.S. Scottish Games by State](#)

[Grandfather Mountain Highland Games](#)

[Scottish Games Calendar: Scotland](#)

[Celtic Festivals in Australia](#)

[Scottish Highland Games Association](#)

The Clan Hope Of Craighall Society Newsletter welcomes submissions. Clan Hope members may submit biographies for the *Members' Corner*. We also accept submissions of any material relating to Scottish history/humor, Hope genealogy, Hope history, genealogy methods and tricks, or any additional information that may be of interest or useful to our readers. We look forward to your contributions.

### Clan Chieftain

#### Sir Alexander Archibald Douglas Hope, OBE 19<sup>th</sup> Bt of Craighall

Normally one might expect to read of a clan chieftain living in a stately manor somewhere in Scotland. Perhaps doing a bit of fishing and hunting or delving in company directorships in the realms of establishment and industry. Happily our chieftain decided to be a little more creative in his pursuits than just those careers and pastimes. So if you are unaware of who the Clan Chieftain of Clan Hope of Craighall is this extract from a 2018 article on Double Negative (DNEG) the business he co-founded in 1996 might help shed some light.

### RISE OF DNEG

As film production in the UK ramped up, so too did competition among visual effects studios, many of which happened to be located in the Soho area of London. DNEG Co-founder Alex Hope says the focus in those earlier years was to not only help grow DNEG as a business and as a creative enterprise, but also the local industry as a whole.



Co-founders Matt Holben (left) and Sir Alex Hope

Although it did not achieve wide success, *John Carter* proved to be a major demonstration of DNEG's animated creatures pipeline. (Image copyright © 2012 Walt Disney Pictures. All rights reserved.)

Scottish Humor

It was St Valentine’s Day in Auchengillan and Sandy McTavish, the local travel agent, was in a good mood. Bookings over the winter had been well up on the previous year and profits had been sky high. So when he looked out of his window and saw an old lady and an old gentleman peering in the window at the posters showing glamorous destinations around the world, he experienced a rare feeling of generosity.

He called the dejected couple in and announced: *“On your pension you could never hope to have a holiday abroad, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense - and I won’t take no for an answer.”* He gave them two flight tickets and a room in a five star hotel in sun-drenched Tenerife for two weeks.

About a month later, the little old lady came in to his shop. Sandy asked *“And how did you like your holiday?”* The old lady replied: *“The flight was exciting and the room was lovely. I’ve come to thank you - but, one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?”*

Recipes

Scottish Meat & Tatties for an Autumn Supper



“We are undoubtedly a sentimental people, and it sometimes plays havoc with that other celebrated sense of ours, the practical.”

Robert Burns (1759-96)

“One of our primary aims was to get the visual effects industry in the UK on the map,” recalls Hope. “Through that period, the *Harry Potter* films started being made, and we first became involved on *Prisoner of Azkaban*, released in 2004. Those films, and the commitment of Warner Bros. Everyone associated with those films to want them to be done in the UK gave confidence to British visual effects companies, and gave confidence to Double Negative – that we could invest in training and R&D and capital expenditure and build our business.”

Another cornerstone relationship that DNEG cultivated was with Christopher Nolan, first working with the director on *Batman Begins* and then several others DNEG also quickly became one of the major contributors to other large franchises such as *The Hunger Games* series, Bond films, the DC Extended Universe and the Marvel Cinematic Universe. For that to happen, DNEG had to grow – quickly and creatively – not only in London but around the world.

The studio now has locations in London, Vancouver, Mumbai, Los Angeles, Chennai and Montréal.

DNEG has proved its metal in the competitive creative area of VFX production winning multiple awards for its work on a diverse range of feature films and television productions including Academy Awards (Oscars) for:-

- Inception**
- Interstellar**
- Ex Machina**
- Blade Runner 2049**
- Dunkirk**
- First Man**
- Tenet**



Alex Hope (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Matt Holben with DNEG’s Academy Award winners

After 22 years Sir Alex left DNEG in early 2020 to take time away from the industry. He’s now involved in some new ventures in the entertainment industry looking to launch in late 2021 and 2022. Sir Alex also serves as vice chair of ScreenSkills the UK’s industry led skills body for the screen industries.

Clan Hope of Craighall Society looks forward to hearing more about our chieftain’s future business ventures and successes.

You can find out more about DNEG here <https://www.dneg.com/>

(from VFXV Magazine 2018)

## Which Scottish athletes won medals at Tokyo 2020? How many medals did Scotland win in total?

Tokyo 2020 draws to a close on Sunday after one of the more unusual Games in recent years.

By Patrick McPartlin

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Excerpt from The Scotsman

Of Britain's overall total of 65 medals, 16 were won by Scottish athletes. Duncan Scott, Katie Archibald, [Kathleen Dawson](#), Jack Carlin, Angus Groom, Harry Leask, Neah Evans, Laura Muir, Anna Burnet, Sarah Robertson, and Josh Kerr all made the podium over the course of the Olympics.

### GOLD

Duncan Scott, Katie Archibald, and Kathleen Dawson all won golds in Japan. Scott triumphed in the pool as part of the British team to win the 4x200m freestyle relay; cyclist Archibald won gold in the women's madison, and Dawson swam the first leg of the final of the mixed 4x100 metre medley relay, setting a world record time of 3 mins 37.58 seconds as she, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Anna Hopkin won gold.

### SILVER

Ten of Scotland's 16 medals were silver. Scott took silver in the 200m freestyle, 200m medley, and the 4x100m medley while Archibald, Neah Evans, and the Team GB women came second in the women's team pursuit event. Staying in the velodrome Jack Carlin won silver in the men's team sprint. Rowers Angus Groom and Harry Leask won silver in the men's quadruple sculls while Anna Burnet came second in sailing's Nacra 17 event. On the track, Laura Muir put in a stunning performance to take silver in the women's 1500m final.

### BRONZE

Carlin added to his team sprint silver with a bronze in the individual sprint event, while Edinburgh-born Josh Kerr took bronze in the men's 1500m final and set a new personal best of 3 mins 29.05 seconds as he narrowly missed out on silver with a stunning run.

[Tokyo 2021 Update: Scottish Athletes](#)

## FOOD

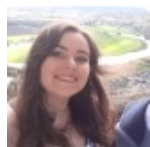
### Your guide to the Scottish chippy

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by Isla Glen

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Fish and chips are a staple of British diet, with chip shops or “chippies” being found in every town across the UK. In most, you'll find tender fish enveloped in crispy batter coupled with fluffy chips and an array of sauces, from salt and vinegar to curry sauce. Whilst fish and chips are popular, there is a diverse range of chip shop specialities which vary between regions and the countries of the United Kingdom. Scotland is renowned for deep-frying any type of food. However, Scottish chippies stretch far beyond battered Mars Bars. With treats from red pudding to patties, the Scottish chippy is far different from its neighbours'.

Like other countries, Scotland has regional menu differences. Throughout the nation, haddock is sold primarily – unless stated otherwise – whereas most other places in the UK opt for cod. Additionally, Scots call fish with chips a “fish supper” as both compartments function as a meal and fish without chips is classed as a “single”. This also applies to other menu items, namely a “haggis supper” or a “king rib supper”. It should also be noted that breaded haddock is called “special fish”.



[Full Article](#)

## Places Called Hope

### Hope, British Columbia

*Hope sits on the banks of BC's mighty Fraser River surrounded by the towering Cascade Mountains.*

The picturesque small town of Hope is strategically located at the junctions of Highways #1, #3, #5 and #7, so it offers a wide variety of lodging, accommodations, services and recreation opportunities. The early history of the area comes to life not only in the Hope Museum, but in many of the surrounding attractions such as the Yale Historic Site, the Coquihalla Canyon Provincial Park and the Alexandra Bridge Provincial Park. At the Hope museum, learn more about Simon Fraser who came this way in his search for a route to the Pacific and of the Hudson's Bay Company who followed and established Fort Hope and nearby Fort Yale; of the thousands of miners seeking riches during the Fraser River Gold Rush; the sternwheelers; railroaders; and early pioneers. The rich culture of the Sto:Lo aboriginal peoples is vividly depicted alongside the European culture.

**Population:** 6,298.

**Elevation:** 42 m. (138 ft.).

For Further Reading: Hope, British Columbia

For Additional Information on Hope, BC: Wikipedia



Thanks to Scott Hale for contributing the photos

Additional Images of Hope, BC

## Welcome to Clan Hope of Craighall Society New Member & New Life Member

Jonathon Edward Hope, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, England: New Member

Heather Hope, Willis, Texas, USA: New Life Member

### Postscript

We sincerely hope you will make this newsletter your own by contributing items relating to Hopes, Scots, history of either, genealogy or other related subjects. Please help us share our Hope and Scottish information among clan members and friends. We will accept anything that is in the public domain, original or cites origin. Submit anything you wish to have included in our newsletter to: [newsletter@clanhope.org](mailto:newsletter@clanhope.org). We look forward to your contributions. Thanks in advance for sharing.