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Welcome

We have just enjoyed a glorious autumn with some of the best colours I have ever seen. Drying rooms were hardly used during the last four weeks of stalking and school children visiting the estate for the October half terms, which are staggered over the month, had perfect weather for exploring the gardens and enjoying the many estate activities. The hydro schemes had a chance (which they don't need) to rest. Meanwhile, Jamie has written up the journey he and the estate have taken over the last ten years building six hydro schemes. The beautifully illustrated book will provide an excellent record for the archives in the years to come.

As always, the Glenfiddich Piping and Fiddle Championships were held in the castle ballroom on the last weekend of October. After 27 years of sponsoring the fiddling, the William Grant Foundation has decided to concentrate its sponsorship on the Piping event. Enormous thanks are due to the foundation and the administrator of the event, Liz Maxwell, for such long term funding and dedication. A loyal following has been built up and I was delighted to be able to announce at this year's event that the Scottish National Fiddle Orchestra will continue with a championship competition at Blair.

Sarah Troughton.

New faces



Etta MacLeod began in May as a Housekeeper covering the Estate Office, castle and Forest Lodge.



Douglas Wilson began in August as a Mason with the Works Team.



Anna Louise Mason and husband Karl Scarborough. Anna Louise began work in mid-October as our new Archivist. Karl began at the same time in the Gardening team.

We say goodbye to ...

Scott Robertson, Tourism Sales & Business Development Manager, who leaves to take up a position with Kingsbarns Distillery in Fife.

The cover photo was taken at this year's Glenfiddich Fiddling Championships which took the form of a concert with 17 of the past 20 champions participating on stage and in the front hall. Photos: Derek Maxwell.

News in brief



Sandy Reid (third from left) and wife Mairi with Alex Hogg of the SGA (left) and Fergus Ewing at the trophy presentation at Moy.

Sandy Reid landed a prestigious education award in August when he was given the Ronnie Rose Trophy from The Scottish Gamekeepers' Association. In 2005, Sandy took over the wildlife land rover safaris and his 49 years of experience on the estate was put to use showcasing the wildlife to visitors.



Our Open Day for schools was held on 1st June this year. 549 children came to the estate from schools all over Perthshire, to enjoy educational activities laid on by different estate departments. The children loved the ferrets, and the tractor and trailer rides, the teachers thought the new Cairngorms wildlife quiz run by the rangers was a great addition.



In May, George Campbell, Balachallan farm manager, received a Police Chief's commendation for help apprehending quad bike thieves. The commendation arose as a result of George's quick thinking and action in following the thieves from Tulliemet until they were caught near Crieff.



The rangers have been keeping their eyes peeled for a new resident to the Blair Atholl area. The speckled wood butterfly is found in various locations around Scotland, but is spreading its range rapidly. It was seen near Killiecrankie a couple of years ago and we suspected it was only a matter of time before it popped into Blair Atholl. Ranger Kirstin Mair saw one in Baluain this September. Next on the list is the nuthatch which has also moved north to Killiecrankie.

Photo: Iain Cowie / Butterfly Conservation Scotland



Walter Wylie, shepherd at Balachallan Home Farm, has been keeping busy recently with a number of high profile judging appointments including Aberdeen Show, Doune and Dunblane Show, Alyth Show and jetting off to Balmoral Show in Belfast. In August 2017 the International Sheep Dog trials will return to Tulliemet.



The Scouts Jamborette enjoyed every kind of Scottish weather at the end of July, starting with a particularly violent thunderstorm which tested the tents to the maximum. Every jamborette offers the scouts a chance to join the rangers and do something positive for the local area and its wildlife. This year the scouts enthusiastically carried out varied tasks including path work on the Tilt riverbanks, putting up bird boxes in the memorial park and clearing debris from the mill lade. They also spent a day putting up 30 wire enclosures to protect birch, rowan and hazel trees in Glen Tilt.

Grouse season on Atholl

After a disappointing season in 2015 on many of the beats, early grouse counts were looking encouraging for the 2016 season. At Clunes the grouse counts were the best they had been for over ten years, with 70 brace shot over six days. At Glen Bruar they shot 160 brace over 12 days. However, since then, these beats report that they are seeing thin grouse, indicating signs of disease, with the expectation that numbers will be down in 2017.

The beats at the castle and Glen Tilt were also encouraging, with a good number of coveys ranging in size from 8 to 12. At Tulliemet, walking up with pointers produced the odd brace and the joy of the days out on the hill with dogs more than compensated for the lack of numbers.



In November, **Brian and Bunty Cruickshank** will retire from **Balgowan Farm**, Tulliemet to spend their retirement in Abernethy.

Brian's father, William, took on the tenancy in 1959 before passing it to Brian in 1972 when he moved into Balgowan. Brian was well known for his novel ways of farming, and was a major supplier of raspberry canes to the wholesale market. He also was well known for his sheep and cattle, and the manner in which he maintained the farm.

Since 1972, Brian and Bunty have farmed the lands at Balgowan and Pitcastle, latterly with the assistance of his son, Stuart who



Bobby Baird, retired manager of Balchallan Farm, and Elizabeth seen sitting on a bench presented to them by their family for their 60th wedding anniversary on 3rd November, 2016.

will be issued with a new lease for Pitcastle Farmhouse and Lands. The remaining land at Balgowan will be leased out in the short term.

Nature Festival

In May, Blair Atholl hosted the third annual Celebrating Nature weekend, with events at the Information Centre, Caravan Park and Castle. Co-ordinated by the Cairngorms National Park Authority, this event is organised to enthuse local people and visitors about the wildlife in the Cairngorms. Blair Atholl was one of four area hubs around the Park, and many different organisations including the National Trust for Scotland, RSPB, Perth and Kinross Council and Pitlochry Junior Rangers came to Blair Atholl to offer activities. The ranger service repeated our popular woolly woods, with knitted nature, only possible due to the fantastic knitting efforts of many local people. Even the rangers got the knitting needles out!



The caravan park offered a dog show including information on being a responsible dog owner. Other events included a family red squirrel trail, building nestboxes and a film of trail camera footage from the local area.

The Nature Festival will return to Blair Atholl on the weekend of 13-14 May, 2017.

Flood prevention at Garryside, Blair Atholl

After the terrible flood last December, two initiatives have been taken forward by the estate in an effort to prevent such devastating impact on people and their homes happening to this community again.

First the door and air brick seals to protect each cottage have been purchased with grant funding from Perth and Kinross Council. The air brick seals are permanently fitted but the door seals are installed by the estate on each occasion when a flood alert is issued by SEPA. The equipment is designed for floods where water levels reach far higher relative to property floor levels than is the case at Garryside and it is hoped that this alone will be sufficient to protect residents.

Secondly, and in the longer term, we are researching the options for establishing flood banking around the entire 17 cottages. This is not as easy as it sounds given the lade to one side, footpaths to the south and the public road to the west. However, a scheme has been identified that might work and it is now being taken forward to further detailed design, costing and if viable, to licence consents through SEPA. Establishing new flood banking, even to protect homes, requires a complex licence application which in turn requires detailed analysis of how the works affect the river's hydrology.

Phytophthora ramorum – Larch Disease

A fungal-like pathogen, *Phytophthora ramorum*, was found to have infected shrubs in nurseries in the UK during 2002. The following year it spread to the wider environment, when a mature oak tree was infected. The disease has now spread throughout the country. This is mostly due to the combination of the ideal climatic conditions in the UK.

In 2009, the pathogen was discovered infecting and killing larch trees in south-west England. It subsequently spread to many western parts of the UK, which has led to the felling of thousands of hectares of Larch. Spores are released from infected leaves or needles and can be spread rapidly through mist, fog and water courses. They can also be transported by animals and on footwear. It is necessary to clear-fell areas that have been infected to mitigate the risk of the disease spreading further, which results in the loss of canopy and important wildlife habitats.

At Tomkitchen, Calvine, there was a single confirmed infected tree on the northerly edge of the woodland coupe. This whole coupe was clear-felled, along with a section of the Bruar pine scheme, which was taken out, to reduce the risk of further spread into the large section of Larch nearby.

As part of the review of our Forest Plan, we will be looking at increasing the felling of Larch and reducing the restock of Larch, to alleviate the risk of large clear-fells.



The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

His Grace, the Duke of Atholl, accepted an invitation for the Atholl Highlanders to attend and take part in the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration at Windsor from the 11th-15th May, 2016. Captain Michael Murray (the Marquis of Tullibardine) and 20 Atholl Highlanders were in the total of 1,500 participants and 900 horses from both the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth who took part in each evening show in the presence of senior members of the Royal Family, with Her Majesty, the King of Bahrain, the Duke of Edinburgh and other family members present on the final evening.



The Atholl Highlanders 'enacted parading' at the Braemar Gathering as part of the Queen's association with her Royal Estates (Balmoral and Braemar in Aberdeenshire), along with Massed Pipe Bands representing the Commonwealth: The Edinburgh Tattoo Dancers: the Braemar Royal Highland Society President and Secretary: Highland 'Heavies' and Tug O' War teams.

On Friday 13th May, Captain Murray, RSM Jack, Col. Sgt. Hepburn, L/Cpl MacIntosh and Hldr's MacKintosh and Reid, representing the Atholl Highlanders, attended a reception in Windsor Castle given by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh. The Atholl Highlanders returned 'home' to Blair Castle on Monday 16th, tired, but proud and delighted to be involved in this very unique tribute.



20 Atholl Highlanders and Captain Michael Murray.



New recruits 2016. The following 'new' recruits joined the Atholl Highlanders at the annual parade in May:
Lt. Robbie Donaldson;
Lt. Robert Troughton;
Piper Euan Clarke
(son of Pipe Sgt Angus Clarke);
Drummer Ian Elrick.

The castle roof

The main block of the castle has now been reroofed in three 'hits'. The south west corner was tackled this summer. Internally, there was a lot of damp evident with intermittent leaks and we knew that there were historical problems with condensation, failing slates, nail sickness, leaking gutters and failed lead flashings. Jonathan Gotelee, surveyor of the fabric, led the team and work started in April 2016, once again without any Historic Environment Scotland (HES, formerly Historic Scotland) aid.

Why did we need to tackle the roofs? The original roofs designed by David Bryce in the 1870's had been slated with Craiglea (Perthshire) slates fixed with iron nails. By 1920 the nails had failed and the roof was leaking to the extent that, with the prospect of a long let to the American De Wikfield family a watertight roof was needed (plus telephones and a lift). The slates were taken off, cut, dressed, resized and, once again, bedded on a lime and hair slurry mixture (a sort of watertight bonding and levelling agent) and fixed with clout headed copper nails. By 2016 these slates had done 146 years of service and needed replacing.

Around 400sq.m. of roofs have been reslated using a rough faced grey blue Burlington slate from Cumbria, fixed in diminishing sizes using a single copper nail, while every third course is double nailed and cheek nailed. The slates sit on an air permeable breather paper. As expected large areas of sarking (timber boards) had to be replaced where rot and water damage had worked their ruin. All the remaining sarking boards had to be re-nailed, the original nails had rusted away, there was consequently very little fixing between boards

and rafters, the weight of the slates keeping the roofs in place. The lead work for gutters and valleys has all been replaced with finely worked code 7 lead. Constructing the curved gutters to follow the circumference of the round towers proved to be a complex operation. Over 70 tonnes of slates and lime and lead debris was manhandled off the roofs and around 30 tonnes of new slates have been hauled up and fixed. The roof ridge pieces are made of stone and along with repairs to lintels, finials, corbels, the new stone needed for all these elements came from the Birchover quarry in Derbyshire.

The weather window for effective work on the castle is around 24 weeks and so the cost of scaffolding



Clockwise: Ian Cruickshank and Jamie Troughton; constructing the curved gutter; sized slates.

remains a significant cost for ongoing repairs and renewal of the castle fabric. The contents and fabric of the castle are why people visit the place and so they need to be in good order! This year's work cost around £460,000. Thankfully, we have a skilled project team and thanks go to Ian Cruickshank and Bruar Restoration and his subcontractors.



Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), Lethaby Scholars and William Morris Craft Fellows

Each year the Fellows and Scholars are funded by SPAB to travel the length of the country together, making site visits and meeting expert craftspeople and architects working in building conservation. While visiting Blair they started in the Archive looking at the photos and documents. They then were taken all over the South Roofs' work before carrying on to be shown a more general overview of all the work undertaken in the last five years: Baron Maule's Room, The Great Drawing Room and Comyn's Tower.

Their highlight was either seeing the re-slating of the turrets or the formwork and working of the curved lead gutters for the turrets.



Archives move on!

In October this year a transition started from Jane Anderson, who has worked in the archive since 1984, to Anna Louise Mason who was recently appointed archivist. Anna Louise is from Glasgow and initially worked as a maths teacher in that city. In 2009 she trained as an archivist and from 2010 had been working at Castle Howard in Yorkshire. This has given her the relevant experience in the varied nature of the archivist post, which involves not just answering questions on the historic documents, but also caring for the castle collection, giving talks on specialist topics and even dealing with the castle fire salvage procedures.



Anna Louise in her new office.



Jane receiving her long-service award at Aberfeldy Show in August 2016.

The archives today are very different from in 1984 – then they were housed in the old Atholl Highlanders clothes store at the north end with archivist, researcher and documents all sharing the same space, now there is a purpose built research room in the clock tower with an environmentally controlled store below. The archivist's work is also much more integrated with the castle business, providing information for the exhibitions, displays and marketing. The increasing use of digital media and our electronic inventory system will become part of the new archivist's work.

However, it is a transition and Jane will be around for a while yet helping the estate office with land registration and hopefully having more time to speak with long serving employees and tenants to add to the archive records and the next edition of the *Chronicles*.

VisitScotland audits the castle

Each year a member of the quality assurance team at the national tourism body, VisitScotland, visits the castle and gardens for a mystery audit. This review is to ensure that the castle is driving and maintaining its 5 Star Visitor Attraction status. The castle once again regained its status and the auditor made a number of positive comments about his visitor experience. Notable mentions included the new druggets/carpets but he was also impressed by the roof restoration. He commented favourably on each department's customer service and engagement. We are pleased that the castle is still rated with five stars from VisitScotland and we will strive to continue to improve our visitors' experiences in the future.



Events at the Castle

The castle hosts a plethora of events throughout the year. Some are private events such as weddings and business events, some are open to the public. This year has been no different here are three recent examples:

Classic cars

Anyone visiting the castle on 17th July would have noticed 50 gleaming classic Porsches sitting on the forecourt. This was the Porsche Concours 2016 event and the castle made a stunning backdrop for these amazingly well preserved motor cars.

In addition, the castle welcomed the Scottish Malts Classic Car Trail and the Jaguar XK Enthusiasts Club. Keep an eye out for classics driving through the village on the way to the castle next summer.



Scottish Chamber Orchestra

It was a pleasure to welcome back the Scottish Chamber Orchestra to the Ballroom in August. The orchestra performed a well-received programme to many of its patrons and a packed audience which featured the music of Prokofiev, Mozart and Beethoven. With Lahav Shani conducting, Stephanie Gonley on violin and Jane Atkins on viola; guests enjoyed the concert under the watchful eye of Niel Gow's portrait by Sir Henry Raeburn. The orchestra returns on 24th June, 2017.



Art, Craft & Food Fair

For five years, Isabel Stewart has brought her Exclusively Highlands Art, Craft & Food fair to Blair Castle. It is invariably held in the Ballroom over three days in early November. Due to popularity, this year the Banvie Hall was also utilised by stallholders who ranged from artisan cheesemakers to sculptors.

In addition, the first day of the Craft Fair was filmed by a television production company who were making a programme featuring Kirstie Allsopp, pictured, called 'Kirstie's Handmade Christmas'. This show will be broadcast in December on Channel 4.

Social at Blair Castle Caravan Park



On Saturday, 10th September, the caravan park hosted an informal barbecue social evening for guests who own seasonal and permanent holiday homes on the park. Over 180 guests joined us. With a local band playing and a continuous supply of locally made burgers, steak and sausages wrapped up in rolls from the Blair Atholl Watermill & Tea Room and a few drinks, the party got off to a swing.



Broadband wizardry

Having cranked up its broadband reception from 3Mbps to about 12Mbps, Atholl Prospect, the enterprising operation by Andrew Carruthers in the sawmill yard, has tackled its need for super-fast broadband by erecting a trial mast. The temporary mast has stabilising guy ropes topped off with a receiver dish which, with some carefully aligning between trees and with our standby forestry crew ready to do some trimming, has achieved 34Mbps. While still in the experimental stage it has transformed the company's internet-based business. Access to super-fast broadband is bound to be the future for many rural based businesses.

Horse Trials

The 2016 Horse Trials attracted an attendance of over 45,000 for the event, a small increase over the 2014 figures. Visitor satisfaction was also very high, with 93% being satisfied or very satisfied. The final economic impact figure is not confirmed but looks to be in excess of £3 million to the local economy.

The Barnardo's Zip Wire Challenge was a great success. Barnardo's raised over £12,000 at the event. As well as event visitors taking part, the zip wire was equally popular with estate staff and residents. Nicky Townshend, Hilary Manners and Ben Wilson took part from the Horse Trials team, joined by Suzie, Hazel and Deborah from the castle office and Karina and Stuart from the restaurant. Jamie Troughton and Geoff Crerer were also seen up there.



Although it seems so long ago, the estate has been nominated for several awards for the 2015 European Eventing Championship. The event was nominated for two categories in the prestigious Scottish Event Awards, supported by EventScotland; International Event of the Year and the Peoples Choice Award. We were delighted to bring back the International Event of the Year, beating the IPC Swimming World Championships.

The Scottish Thistle Awards, the tourism awards from VisitScotland, are still to come. The 2015 event is a regional finalist for the Central, Fife and Tayside region in the Best Sporting Event category. If successful, the event will go on to the national awards finals in March.

Castle restaurant award

With over 135,000 visitors per year to Blair Castle, the Tullibardine Restaurant is an important part of our visitors' experience. For over the last decade, we have been proud to have Prestige Venues and Events running the restaurant and we are delighted it has received the Taste Our Best Award. Taste Our Best is VisitScotland's accreditation scheme, which recognises and celebrates businesses who provide locally sourced, quality food and drink. Businesses receive an assessment of their food provision and menu by qualified assessors who rate:

- The overall quality of the eating experience.
- The extent to which Scottish produce is used and promoted.
- Staff knowledge of the produce on the menu and its provenance.
- Seasonal menus.



Pictured: Kelly Gordon and George Urquhart receiving their *Salon Culinaire* awards in October at Hampden Park, Glasgow. Kelly was awarded Bronze for her Cupcakes, Silver for her Iron-Bru Jaffa Cakes and Gold for her Billionaires Chocolate Tart while George achieved a Silver for his Celebration Cake.

A. J. Munro, 1916-2016

The difficulty in writing about 'AJ' is trying to fit 100 years of active life into a few pages. He was born in Masterton, New Zealand and at a week old his father came to the nursing home with a horse for his mother and the family rode the 50-60 miles home. The family came home to visit his father's mother in 1920 but finding her frail decided to stay and his father took a tenancy on Cawdor estate. After school at Clunas and Nairn Academy – "possibly the only time in my life I did not like what I was doing" – came training with the Forestry Commission but Mr Munro was keen to travel and in 1935 he joined the Royal Artillery. His first posting was to the coronation parade in London.



In 1938 Mr Munro was sent to India and when war was declared he initially, he trained new troops in artillery but in 1942 the 4th Indian field regiment was sent to meet the Japanese landing at Madras. In 1944 the troops moved through Burma. In 1945, the day after they took Mandalay, Mr Munro was wounded. After some initial treatment in a Pagoda he and others were flown to a hospital where they arrived with the words 'gangrene' written on their plasters. Luckily, penicillin arrived. Eventually, in 1946, he arrived in a Scottish hospital where his new limb – that served him so well for the next 60 years – was fitted. He met and married Molly.

His first job in civilian life was as a trainee with Seaford Estate. As he missed army life he managed to pull some strings and after a series of medicals joined the TA in the Lovat Scouts, rising to be their second in command. In 1961 he was awarded the MBE for services to the Territorial Army. In 1952 he moved to Atholl initially as assistant architect to J. I. Campbell, then from 1957 as castle administrator. He developed the tearoom at the castle. He also established the first shop (it was located in the ballroom) in 1963. In 1966 he was instrumental, with the 10th Duke of Atholl, in reviving the Atholl Highlanders and its annual parade which had been in abeyance since the First World War. His artillery experience was put to use when he decided to fire the canon which had not been used since 1921. However, his first attempt led to an impressive bang and the embarrassment of 14 broken windows in the castle. In 1960 he was appointed assistant factor, mainly dealing with sporting side.

After retirement in 1982, Mr Munro's main interest continued to be shooting. In 1977 he had established the Jubilee rifle range in Glen Tilt, the only one in Scotland at 1,000 yards. He was chairman of West Atholl Rifle Club for 33 years and was captain of the Scottish team 1973-76, when they made their first tour to Canada in 1976 and Scottish coach 1975-79. For many years he ran the "non-shooters" shoot raising money for local charities. The conversion of the Glen Tilt range to electronic scoring when he was in his 90s demonstrates his always positive outlook on life.



Mr Munro with the 10th Duke at the opening of the rifle range.

Duncan McDiarmid, 1931-2016

Duncan was a man steeped in the history and tradition of Perthshire; of the land, the people and music. He was born in 1931 when his family lived and farmed at Finnart in Rannoch, his determined character evident early on when, aged about four, he was found digging up all the carrots and throwing them over the garden wall because, "I don't like carrots". The family moved to Mains of Murthly, Aberfeldy in 1939 and Duncan and his brother, John went to Merchiston school in Edinburgh. Here he was taught piping by Hance Gates but also became proficient on piano and accordion, his interest ranging from Scottish to classical. Duncan worked the farm until John came home from the college and the army, then they divided the work, Duncan the sheep and John the cattle, still retaining land at Rannoch and after his marriage to Margaret he was based at Castle Menzies Farm. His ability to mix and be fair to all from landowner to crofter saw him travel throughout Scotland and be greatly valued for his work on the Land Court.

Through their involvement in the Pony Club, both McDiarmid brothers were involved in the early days of the Blair Castle Horse Trials, which had been started by Ian Menzies as a small, local, one-day event, growing to a three-day and international event. Duncan co-ordinated the cross country until the event grew beyond amateur control and even when professionals were first employed he remained involved, ready to support and help when required.

Duncan's piping skills led to him being invited to join the pipes and drums of the Atholl Highlanders. He had started practising with them before the 10th Duke's 21st birthday, his first appearance was playing at an event in the ballroom shortly before his own 21st birthday in November 1952. He remembers playing on the lawn at the south end below her window for Duchess Katharine in the late 1950s. Although going on to win many competitions and judging he was never promoted to Pipe Major, serving under Alec McRae and Sandy Spence before becoming Band President in 2011, when he listened keenly to rehearsals for the annual parade.



The Duchess of Atholl's funeral: Pipe Major Alec McRae, Jimmy McIntyre, Bill Clement, Duncan.

A few years ago he and Bill Clements, the two remaining pipers from Duchess Katharine's funeral came to Blair debating the route her funeral took. After much discussion Major Munro, one of the few others still around who were present on that day in 1960, joined them and settled things in Duncan favour. It is poignant that in a space of a few years we have lost these characters but their spirit lives on. The gathering back at Castle Menzies after the funeral was a fitting tribute to Duncan's love of music, history and life.



Photo: The Piping Times.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday Lunch in the Ballroom and Santa's Grotto

Sunday 11th and 18th December.

Cairngorms Nature Festival

Saturday 13th and 14th May, 2017.

Atholl Highlanders Talk & Parade

Saturday 27th May.

Atholl Gathering and Highland Games

Sunday 28th May.

Charity Day – Guide Dogs for the Blind and Scotland's Gardens. Saturday 24th June.

Scottish Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 24th June.

Blair Castle International Horse Trials

Thursday 24th-Sunday 27th August.

Castle's summer season ends

Tuesday 31st October.

Births

Son, **Rory James** to **Louise** and **Grant Fisher** on 4th July, 2016.

Deaths

Jessie Fyfe, seasonal guide 2014/2015, at Pitlochry, 15th May, 2016.

John Murdoch, retired shepherd at Calvine, 23rd May.

Jimmy Allan, painter with the Works Department, 30th May.

Mrs Noble, Dunkeld, July.

Major Alastair Munro, 1st September.

Duncan McDiarmid, 9th September.

Anniversaries

Ronnie and **Liz Hepburn** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on 31st October, 2016.

Jim and **Helen Hodge** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 25th August, 2016.

Bobbie and **Elizabeth Baird** celebrated their 60th anniversary on 3rd November, 2016.

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