

THE CLAN MACPHERSON ASSOCIATION GATHERING 2018

Friday 3 August – Monday 6 August

The Gathering this year will revert to the traditional format with one addition: Pipes Galore. In the last two years we have been able to obtain a grant from the Scottish Government to help fund the substantial cost to the Association of the marquee used for the Ball and Ceilidh. The terms of a grant for this year were such that we were not able to apply, so we will be using the facilities of the Duke of Gordon Hotel for the Ball and Ceilidh. The positive side of not having a marquee is that we have been able to reduce the prices for the Ball and Ceilidh slightly.

Pipes Galore The pipe-off last year morphed into a very interesting hour-long masterclass of piping that held the audience spellbound, and the format will be reprised in this year's 'Pipes Galore'. Clan pipers will play some of their favourite tunes, as well as talking about the composers and the stories behind the tunes. So often we hear the tunes without understanding the melodies and the events that shaped them. The Great Highland Bagpipe is the only musical instrument that has ever been proscribed as a weapon of war with the penalty for playing it being death. Many only know its stirring marches yet, in the right hands, it can be hugely versatile, with styles ranging from laments to reels, from piobaireachd to marches. Come along and find the soul of the instrument.

Dress code Most events at the Gathering don't have a dress code – just wear what you feel comfortable in for the occasion – the exceptions being the Dinner and Ball and the Saturday March. The **Dinner and Ball is Highland Dress/Formal** and the **March on Saturday afternoon is Smart Day Wear** (kilt for men, with jacket and tie; smart tartan knee-length or slightly longer skirt for women). Please remember that this is a formal march behind the Chief, and attracts attention from local people and visitors so, please, neither mini nor full length skirts, no trainers/sneakers, sandals or other casual items, and no pets.

Numbers are limited for the events and tickets will be supplied on a first come, first served basis. If fully subscribed a waiting list will operate. **Please notify the Registrar as soon as possible if booked tickets are not required, to allow speedy re-allocation.**

Accommodation The Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, has kindly offered us a preferential rate of £45 pp B&B for the Gathering weekend on a limited number of rooms up to 31 March 2018 (this may be extended). For further information:

Tel: 01540 661302 E-mail: reception@dukeofgordonhotel.co.uk

NB Booking via the website will not give you the special Macpherson price

CMA meetings for committee members will take place on Friday 3 August. The venue is the ballroom at the Duke of Gordon: Trustees 8:45am; MAC 9:15am; Council 12:30pm. There will be a break for lunch 12-12:30

PLEASE, PLEASE WILL UK PEOPLE PAY BY CHEQUE OR BANK TRANSFER

It costs the Association roughly £4 for every £100 paid via PayPal/Credit Card; with overseas people having no choice but to pay that way, it soon mounts up. If you are in the UK you can help to keep it to a minimum.

UK people may complete the booking form and post it with a cheque or, if you prefer the convenience of online booking but don't want to do a bank transfer, simply select 'bank transfer', complete and send the form, and post a cheque instead.

PROGRAMME

Fri	Registration Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie from 9am until 5pm
	Dance Practice Talla Nan Ros Hall, Kingussie 2:30 – 3:30pm
	Welcome Meeting for newcomers. Duke of Gordon Hotel 3:30 – 4:30pm
	Chief's Reception, Dinner and Highland Ball Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 7pm (dinner served at 8pm, dancing until 1am)
Sat	AGM of Clan Macpherson Association Village Hall, Newtonmore 10:30am
	Clan March from Old Ralia to The Eilan (Newtonmore Shinty Ground) followed by conviviality in the Clan Tent. Marchers meet at Old Ralia at 1:45pm. Games entry fee will be collected here, prior to march. (Highland Games are held on The Eilan from 10:30am)
	At Home Clan Museum, Newtonmore 4 – 5pm
	Supper Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie from 6pm
	Ceilidh Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 8 – 10pm
Sun	Church Service Kingussie Parish Church 11am
	Informal Picnic Cairn site, Glentruim from 1pm
	Pipes Galore Newtonmore Village Hall 4pm
Mon	Local walk of interest led by John Barton. Meet at Duke of Gordon Hotel 9:30am
	Illustrated Talk Newtonmore 2pm Venue (depending on numbers) will be noted in the Gathering Guide.

BOOKING WILL COMMENCE ON 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Online application is preferable. See website – www.clan-macpherson.org – for details. More information regarding events can be found on the website or from Jan Macpherson, contact details below.

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UK people booking by post please return form and cheque (**payable to Clan Macpherson Association**) to the Registrar at the above address.

Please complete the Ticket Application for the Clan Gathering 2018, and we look forward to seeing you in Scotland!

TICKET APPLICATION FOR CLAN GATHERING 2018

Tickets will be available for collection at registration

A table plan will be drawn up for the Friday Dinner & Ball. Please note, where asked, any people with whom you would like to sit. It cannot be guaranteed but we will do our best. Your party, i.e. the people named on your booking form, will be seated together unless you request otherwise. If you have any young people (early teens to 20-ish and approximately 20-30) who may prefer to sit with similarly-aged people, please indicate.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
Tel No/E-mail	

Please tick as applicable: I am a CMA Member I am a guest of a CMA Member

Event	Price Adult	Price 5-16yrs	No. Adults	No. 5-16yrs	Amount
Reception, Dinner & Highland Ball (Fri)	£ 53.00	£ 53.00			£
Supper & Ceilidh (Sat)	£ 18.00	£ 14.00			£
Ceilidh only (Sat)	£ 5.00	£ 3.50			£
Pipes Galore	£2.00	£1.00			
Total cost					£

NB Under 5s go free to the Ceilidh and may attend the Supper, although alternative meal arrangements will have to be made. It is expected that under 5s will not attend the Ball.

(Please insert appropriate letter for meal choice; see following page)

Name as you want it to appear on your badge	Age if child	Meal choice			1 st Gathering Please tick ✓
		Starter	Main	Dessert	

Meal choice for the Dinner & Ball on Friday night

	A	B	C
Starter	Half Ogen Melon	Scotch Broth (v)	-
Main course	Pork with apple sauce & apricot stuffing	Fillet of Salmon	Vegetarian Nut Cutlet
Dessert	Strawberries and pouring cream	Pear & Apple Tart Tatin	Cheese Platter

If possible I/we would like to sit with the following people on Friday night

Mobility/access/dietary requirements, please note here

Please indicate likely attendance for events not requiring payment, for organizational purposes only

Date	Event	No.
Friday	Dance Practice	
	Welcome Meeting 1 st time attendees	
Saturday	At Home	
Monday	Local Walk	
	Illustrated Talk	