

THE CMA GATHERING 2023

**“Come Home to Clan Macpherson.”
Friday 4th August – Monday 7 August 2023**

The Gathering this year will follow the traditional format. We shall be using the Duke of Gordon Hotel for the Ball, the Supper, and the Ceilidh, which means there is a very firm limit on numbers attending these events. Surprisingly, the Gathering takes quite a bit of time and effort to organize; please be kind to us and get your booking in early. Please note the Officers' meetings on Friday and the Sunday Pipes Galore event.

CMA Meetings

CMA meetings for Committee members will take place prior to the Gathering via online conference. Check with your Committee Chairman for the scheduled date and time. A time has been set aside for these committees to meet in person as an informal gathering on Friday.

Pipes Galore

"The Concert" will showcase the Clan Macpherson Pipers young and not as young. They will be joined by the Pipes and Drums Band from Mt Dora, Florida, USA. For most of the Mt. Dora Band members, this is their first trip to Scotland and the first time they will be playing their pipes in the instrument's homeland.

Dress Code

Most events at the Gathering do not 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 with jacket and tie for men; smart tartan knee-length, or slightly longer, skirt for women). If headgear is worn, please ensure it is Highland. Remember that this is a formal march supporting our Chief and attracts attention from local people and visitors, so please, neither mini nor full length skirts, no trainers/sneakers, sandals, baseball caps or other casual items, and no pets.

Accommodation

The Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, has kindly offered us a preferential rate of £67.50 pp bed & breakfast for the Gathering weekend, on a limited number of rooms. For further information: Tel: 01540 661302 E-mail: reception@dukeofgordon-hotel.co.uk. Booking via their website will not give you the special Macpherson price.

PROGRAMME

The Programme is subject to change. The final Programme will be provided to you at Registration.

Paid Events

Numbers are limited for the paid events and tickets will be supplied on a first come, first served basis. If fully subscribed a waiting list will operate. Members may have up to two guests, any guests over that number will be put on a waiting list and spaces allocated shortly before the event. If you should have a change of plans, please notify the Secretary as soon as possible if booked tickets are not required, to allow for speedy re-allocation.

Please, UK people pay by cheque or bank transfer. If you live in the UK please complete the online booking form and select 'pay by bank transfer'. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging your booking and giving the account details and a reference number to send to your bank. Payment will not be taken until you do that. If you like the convenience of online booking but do not want to use bank transfer, simply follow the instructions above, but ignore the email when it comes in and send a cheque, with your name and address, to the address below.

Bookings have commenced. Online application is preferable. See website at www.clan-macpherson.org for details. More information regarding events can be found on the website or from the Secretary, Andrew MacPherson, contact details below.

Mr. Andrew MacPherson, 24 Studley Villas, Newcastle upon Tyne NE129LP UK
CMA.Secretary@clan-macpherson.org

Postal bookings: Please complete the Ticket Application form (or print the online one) and send it, with a cheque payable to Clan Macpherson Association, to the Secretary at the above address. We look forward to seeing you in Scotland for the 2023 Gathering! Come home to Clan Macpherson.

Cancellations: To secure a full refund, you must cancel your booking before the 1st of July, 2023. Any cancellations after that date will have the following cancellation fees:

1st of July, 2023 to the 7th of July, 2023 - 10% per booking

8th of July, 2023 to the 14th of July, 2023 - 15% per booking

After the 15th of July, 2023 the banquet numbers will be finalised, and no refunds will be given.

TICKET APPLICATION FOR CLAN GATHERING 2023: 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.

Clan Macpherson Association 2023 Gathering Programme

Thursday	Clan Chattan AGM - Locahardil Hotel - Inverness - Evening, optional for members of Clan Chattan. RSVP personally online at www.clanchattan.org.uk .
Friday	<p>Registration Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, Between 09:00 - 15:00</p> <p>Welcome Meeting for Newcomers - Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 09:00 - 10:00</p> <p>Committee Meetings - Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p>The Scottish Wildcat - Discussion of the survival of the species and walkabout 13:00</p> <p>Dance Practice - Duke of Gordon, Hotel 15:00 - 16:00</p> <p>Sir Tommy Macpherson's Memorial Shinty Match - The Dell. Game starts at 18:00</p> <p>Chief's Reception, Dinner and Highland Ball - Duke of Gordon Hotel. Reception 19:00, Dinner will be served at 20:00, Dancing until 01:00</p>
Saturday	<p>AGM of Clan Macpherson Association: Village Hall, Newtonmore 10:30</p> <p>Clan March from Old Ralia to The Eilan, Newtonmore. Marchers meet at Old Ralia at 13:45. The step off is 14:00. Games entry fee will be collected here, prior to the March. Following the March, conviviality in the Clan Tent</p> <p>Newtonmore Highland Games - Held at The Eilan, Newtonmore</p> <p>Stovies Supper - Duke of Gordon Hotel from 18:00</p> <p>Junior Ceilidh - Duke of Gordon Hotel 19:30</p> <p>Ceilidh - Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie. Immediately following the Junior Ceilidh</p>
Sunday	<p>Church Service - In Kingussie Parish Church 10:30</p> <p>Informal Picnic - At Cairn Site, Glentruim. From 13:00</p> <p>Pipes Galore "The Concert" - Newtonmore Village Hall 15:00 - 16:30</p> <p>Dinner by personal arrangement</p>
Monday	Illustrated Talk - Glen Banchor and Creag Bheag - The Sights, Stories and Macpherson History - Followed by Walk/Hike starting at 9:30

Cost of Events

Event	Price Adult	Price 5-16 Years	No. of Adults	No. of 5-16 Years	Amount
Chief's Reception, Dinner and Highland Ball	£57.00	£57.00			£
Stovies Supper & Ceilidh	£18.00	£15.00			£
Ceilidh only	£5.00	£3.50			£
Pipes Galore and More!	£2.00	£1.00			£
				Total	£

Under 5s go free to the Ceilidh and may attend the Stovies Supper. It is expected that under 5s will not attend the Highland Ball.

Ticket Application Form

Come Home to Clan Macpherson 2023 Gathering	
Name	
Address	
Telephone	Mobile:
	Tel:
E-mail	
Total Number in Party	

Please tick as applicable

I am a CMA Member

I am a guest of a CMA Member

Meal choices for the Dinner & Highland Ball on Friday night.

	A	B	C	D (Vegetarian)
Starter	Smoked Salmon Roulade – smoked salmon rolled with zingy lemon ricotta cheese, with marinated king prawns, dressed salad & ciabatta crisp	Wild Mushroom & Walnut Pate – Onion Marmalade and Scottish oatcakes	Smoked Chicken Salad - pine nuts, cornichons, mixed leaves and a light fruity dressing	Cream of Cauliflower Soup with crusty bread.
Main Course	Slow Roasted Haunch of Venison - with a black cherry sauce, served with herb roasted baby potatoes	Chicken Balmoral – Roasted chicken breast stuffed with haggis and drizzled with a whisky peppercorn sauce, served with herb roasted baby potatoes	Poached Fillet of Scottish Salmon - Glazed with a lemon and toasted almond butter and served with herb roasted baby potatoes	Vegetable “Haggis” stuffed Portobello Mushroom – topped with a cheese & herb crumb and served with herb roasted baby potatoes & crispy onions
Desert	Apple & Ginger Pudding - with Vanilla custard	Traditional Scottish Cranachan – whipped cream, fresh raspberries, toasted oats, honey & whisky. Served with homemade shortbread	Cheese Selection – Selection of Scottish Cheeses with chutney, fruit & crackers	Fruit Meringue – homemade meringue served with Chantilly cream and fresh fruit, with a berry coulis

Please insert appropriate letter from meal choice; see below

Name as you want it to appear on your badge (for everyone please, not just those attending the Ball)	Age of Child	Meal Choice			1st Gathering Please Tick
		Starter	Main	Desert	

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

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Mobility/access/dietary requirements, please note here.

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Please indicate likely attendance for events not requiring payment. This is for organizational purposes only.

Day	Event	Number
Friday	Welcome Meeting for newcomers	
	The Scottish Wildcat - discussion and Walkabout	
	Dance Practice	
Saturday	Annual General Meeting	
	Clan March	
Sunday	Church Service	
	Informal Picnic	
Monday	Illustrated Talk	

CHANGE OF MEMBER DETAILS

Notification of death and change of name and/or address should be sent to the Registrar and, if resident outside the UK, also to your Branch's Membership Secretary/Registrar. Notice of death may also be sent to the Secretary for inclusion in the obituaries for the AGM, and to the Editor with an obituary for inclusion in Creag Dhubh.

DATA PROTECTION ACT / GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Personal data provided by a member to the Clan Macpherson Association (CMA) will be used solely for the purpose of communicating with the member about information and events relevant to the membership and matters related to the organisation of the CMA. It will not be passed to any third party for any other purpose unless this is required by law. Any member may apply to the Registrar at any time to ascertain the accuracy and content of data held. Any information found to be incorrect will be corrected as quickly as possible.

We hold and process members' data based on our legitimate interest to serve the objectives as set out in our constitution where such interests are not overridden by your interests or fundamental rights and freedoms, and we will protect the data we hold from unauthorised use by any third party. We also process information where this is necessary for compliance with our legal obligations. You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office about anything relating to the processing of your personal information by the CMA. You can contact the ICO via its website at www.ico.org.uk or at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.