

## WHAT WE SHALL BE DOING AT THE GATHERING 2017

*Friday 4 August – Monday 7 August*

### BOOKING WILL COMMENCE ON 1 MARCH 2017

Fri	<b>Registration</b> Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie from 9am
	<b>Dance Practice</b> Marquee, Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 2 - 3pm
	<b>Welcome Meeting</b> for newcomers. Marquee, Duke of Gordon Hotel 3:30 – 4:30pm
	<b>Chief's Reception, Dinner and Highland Ball</b> Marquee, Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 7pm (dinner served at 8pm, dancing until 1 am) <b>NOW ON 'WAITING LIST'. If a space becomes available you will be asked for payment at the weekend</b>
Sat	<b>AGM of Clan Macpherson Association</b> Village Hall, Newtonmore 10:30am
	<b>Clan March</b> from Old Ralia to The Eilan (Newtonmore Shinty Ground) followed by conviviality in the Clan Tent. Marchers meet at Old Ralia at 1:45pm. (Highland Games are held on The Eilan from 10:30am)
	<b>At Home</b> Clan Museum Newtonmore 4 - 5pm
	<b>Supper</b> Marquee, Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie from 6pm
	<b>Ceilidh</b> Marquee, Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 8 - 10pm
Sun	<b>Church Service</b> Kingussie Parish Church 11am
	<b>Informal Picnic</b> Cairn site, Glentruim from 1pm
	<b>Pipe-Off</b> Marquee, Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 4pm
Mon	<b>Local walk of interest</b> led by John Barton. Meet at Duke of Gordon Hotel 9:30am
	<b>Illustrated Talk</b> Clan Museum, Newtonmore 2pm

**NB Meetings will take place on Friday 4 August** in 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

**Online application is preferable.** See website – [www.clan-macpherson.org](http://www.clan-macpherson.org) – for details of this, and more information regarding events, or return completed application form to:

**Donna 'Dee McPherson' Rucks, Hon. Secretary, Clan Macpherson Association,  
1423 Spyglass Court, Itasca, IL 60143 Tel (US) 219-801-8329  
e-mail: [CMA.secretary@clan-macpherson.org](mailto:CMA.secretary@clan-macpherson.org)**

**Non-UK members and visitors are encouraged to use PayPal.**

**UK people booking online** are requested to pay by **bank transfer or cheque**, as these options incur no charges for the Association.

**UK people booking by post** please return form and cheque (**payable to Clan Macpherson Association**) to:

Mrs J Macpherson, Lyndhurst, Ladeside, Glenfarg PH2 9NZ  
01577 830430 [CMA.registrar@clan-macpherson.org](mailto:CMA.registrar@clan-macpherson.org)

## THE PIPE-OFF

### A Call to Pipes

#### Donna 'Dee McPherson' Rucks

Come all ye pipers,  
Harken to the call!  
Ready the pipes,  
The Great and the Small.

Prep a set or a medley,  
A five-minute brawl.  
Stand before us, fire it up,  
Give it your all.

Prep another, be ready,  
The Pipe-Off begun.  
Pipe on through the night,  
Til the battle be won.

Pipe all the next day,  
It's all in great fun.  
Let them know who's the best,  
It's Macpherson, bar none!

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Join us for the Pipe-Off

See table of events. There is no charge and bar facilities will be available.

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**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/Ball and the March on Saturday. The **Dinner/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 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.

**Accommodation** The Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, has kindly offered us a preferential rate of £44 pp B&B for the Gathering weekend on a limited number of rooms up to 31 March 2017 (this may be extended). For further information:

**Tel: 01540 661302 E-mail: [reception@dukeofgordonhotel.co.uk](mailto:reception@dukeofgordonhotel.co.uk)**

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

**Please complete the Ticket Application for the Clan Gathering 2017, and we look forward to seeing you in Scotland!**

## TICKET APPLICATION FOR CLAN GATHERING 2017

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 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.

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	
<b>Tel No/E-mail</b>	

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)	£ 55.00	£ 55.00			£ <b>0.00</b>
Supper & Ceilidh (Sat)	£ 20.00	£ 15.00			£
Ceilidh only (Sat)	£ 5.00	£ 3.75			£
<b>Total cost (excluding Dinner and Ball)</b>					£

**NB Under 5s go free for the Ceilidh and may attend the Supper, although alternative meal arrangements will have to be made**

*(Please insert appropriate letter for meal choice)*

Name as you want it on your badge	Age if child	Meal choice			1 <sup>st</sup> Gathering ✓
		Starter	Main	Dessert	

### Meal choice

	A	B	C
<b>Starter</b>	Chicken & apple cocktail	Scotch Broth	-
<b>Main course</b>	Pork with apple sauce & apricot stuffing	Fillet of Salmon	Mushroom Stroganoff
<b>Dessert</b>	Strawberries and pouring cream	Sticky toffee pudding	Cheese Platter

**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 attendance for events not requiring payment – for organizational purposes only**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>No.</b>
Friday	Dance Practice	
	Welcome Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> time attendees	
Saturday	At Home	
Sunday	Pipe-Off	
Monday	Local Walk	
	Illustrated Talk	