

THE CLAN MACPHERSON ASSOCIATION GATHERING 2020

Friday 31 July – Monday 3 August

Note the dates! As Newtonmore Highland Games are always held on the first Saturday in August, the first day of the Gathering this year is 31 July.

The Gathering will follow the traditional format, including Pipes Galore. 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. The success of the Junior (and their slightly more senior assistants) Ceilidh last year has ensured that it will be repeated for the half hour before the traditional Ceilidh.

Surprisingly the Gathering takes quite a bit of time and effort to organize; please be kind to us and get your booking in early.

Pipes Galore We are pleased to confirm that Pipes Galore will once more be organized by Torquil on Sunday afternoon. Clan pipers will be playing 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 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.

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. **Please notify the Secretary 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 £57.50 pp bed & breakfast for the Gathering weekend, on a limited number of rooms, up to 31 March 2020 (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 31 July. The venue is the ballroom at the Duke of Gordon: Endowment Fund 8:30am; 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.

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 you 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 e-mail when it comes in and send a cheque, with your name and address, to the address on the following page.

PROGRAMME

Fri	Registration Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie 9am – 5pm
	Dance Practice Talla Nan Ros Hall, Kingussie 2:30 – 3:30pm
	Welcome Meeting for newcomers. Duke of Gordon Hotel 3:45 – 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 the 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 Junior Ceilidh 7:30pm
Sun	Church Service Kingussie Parish Church 10:30am
	Informal Picnic Cairn site, Glentruim from 12:30pm
	Pipes Galore Newtonmore Village Hall 2:30pm
Mon	Local walk of interest To be arranged. Details will be in Gathering Guide
	Illustrated Talk Newtonmore 2pm Newtonmore Village Hall

BOOKING WILL COMMENCE ON 1 FEBRUARY 2020

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

Ms SMS Macpherson, 44 Barkers Lane, Sale, Manchester M33 6RG
+44 (0)161 962 9056 CMA.Secretary@clan-macpherson.org

Postal bookings Please complete the form on the following page (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 Clan Gathering 2020!

TICKET APPLICATION FOR CLAN GATHERING 2020

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/Email	
Total number in party	

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			£
Supper & Ceilidh (Sat)	£ 20.00	£ 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, but 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 (for everyone please, not just those attending the Ball)	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	Citrus Prawn Cocktail	Wild Mushroom Tartlets (v)	-
Main course	Pork with apple sauce & apricot stuffing	Fillet of Salmon	Vegetarian Moussaka
Dessert	Strawberries and pouring cream	Pear & Butterscotch Pudding	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	