Don't forget the CMA website which has lots of useful information

#### www.clan-macpherson.org

and contact Annie – details below in committee list – if you wish to have any news included on the Scotland & Northern Ireland Branch pages.

### ANNUAL GATHERING 3 - 6 August 2018

As usual the annual Gathering will be held on the first weekend in August, always a weekend of good fun and friendship.

Look out for full details in next year's Creag Dhubh and on the website.

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## Clan Macpherson Association

## SCOTLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH

This autumn's Social Event together with the AGM will be on Saturday 11 November 2017

at the

## Doubletree by Hilton, Dunblane Hydro

and will take the form of **lunch** followed by a talk by

# Gregor Ewing (& Meg!)

on his epic 530 mile walk recreating Bonnie Prince Charlie's escape after Culloden. Along with his border collie, Meg, he retraced the journey though the highlands and islands to the Prince's departure for France on 20 September 1746.

\* See inside for further details \*



Copies of Gregor's book, 'Charlie, Meg and me', will be available to purchase, as will copies of his later book 'Bruce, Meg and me'

If you haven't been to one of our events before, do come along; you are assured of a very warm welcome.

If this flyer came to you by post, and you have an e-mail address which you would be willing for us to use on future occasions, do please let us know. Just send an e-mail to SandNI.Treasurer@clan-macpherson.org

# SOCIAL EVENT & AGM Saturday 11 November Doubletree by Hilton, Dunblane Hydro Perth Road, Dunblane FK15 OHG www.doubletreedunblane.com

The event will begin, as usual, with the AGM which will be held in the Cconference Suite directly accessible from the upper car park at the rear of the hotel: follow the drive past the front of the hotel, round to the left and up the slope. We then move to the restaurant for lunch, which will consist of soup (served to table) followed by your selection from the hot and cold buffet. Tea/coffee and shortbread will be served back in the meeting room, where we will listen to Gregor's talk.

The **AGM will be at 12 noon**; thereafter timings are approximate, with lunch around 1pm followed by the talk at about 2pm.

# The cost for the meal and talk is £27.50; you may attend the AGM only at no cost.

To reserve your place please send your name, brief address (for identification purposes), the number of people attending and the appropriate payment, to Jan Macpherson, Lyndhurst, Ladeside, Glenfarg PH2 9NZ, or e-mail sandni.treasurer@clan-macpherson.org, if paying by bank transfer.

cheque payable to Clan Macpherson Assn. Scottish Branch

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#### Burns Supper Saturday 3 February 2018

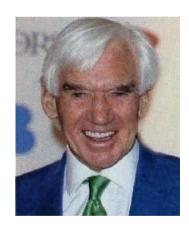
#### Huntingtower Hotel, Crieff Road, Perth PH1 3JT 01738 583771

Cost will be £20.50 and more information will be sent in a flyer nearer the time

Unfortunately, owing to circumstances beyond our control, rooms are no longer being held for us at the special rate, so if you wish to stay overnight the rate will be that which applies at the time of booking.

There are two **Travelodges** close to the Huntingtower: **PH1 3JJ, Tel: 08715 591837, 1 mile; PH2 0PX, Tel: 0871 984 6250, 3.5 miles** as well as a number of hotels in Perth The Trustees of the Clan Macpherson Museum request the pleasure of your company at 21 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday 7 October 2017 at 7.30pm Come and meet Bill Martin MBE, songwriter to the stars Dress: black tie/kilts

The guest speaker, Bill Martin, born William Wyllie Macpherson, is a songwriter, music publisher and impresario, and a Life Member of the Clan Macpherson Association. He is best known for writing 'Congratulations' and 'Puppet on a String' but has also written songs for Elvis, Cliff, The Rollers, The Big Yin and the Beatles to name but a few.



Every effort is being made to ensure the success of this event. There will be drinks and canapes followed by an entertaining illustrated talk by Bill Martin on his work with the stars, followed by a buffet and drinks. It is also anticipated that there will be impromptu entertainment during the evening.

The event will not only act as a fundraiser for the Museum roof but will demonstrate to grant-providers that we are endeavouring to raise funds and not relying solely on grants.

Tickets are priced at £50, and if you would like to attend and hear Bill's talk, which was a sell out every night at the Edinburgh Fringe, please contact Ewen MacPherson, ewenie@yahoo.co.uk, 01887 822853 or 07778 552694