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The 80th Gathering to be held in Kingussie.

KINGUSSIE AND NEWTONMORE SCOTLAND

FRIDAY 31st of JULY
MONDAY 3rd of AUGUST

The Gathering this year will follow the traditional format. We shall be using the Duke of Gordon Hotel located in Kingussie 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 organise, please be kind to us and book early.

CMA COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2026

Council and branch meetings will take place online prior to the Gathering. Please check with your Committee Chairman for the scheduled date and time. There will be an informal in person meeting of the Council and the Museum Advisory Committee on Friday morning.

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 are Cluny's Reception, the Dinner, the Ball and the Clan March on Saturday.

The dress for Cluny's Reception, the Dinner and Ball is Highland Dress/Formal/Black Tie 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 far and wide, so please, neither mini nor full length skirts, no trainers/sneakers, sandals, jeans, baseball caps or other casual items, cameras should not be used by those marching and no pets. For the walks you are recommended to bring waterproofs and sturdy shoes or trainers. Dogs should be on leads.

ACCOMMODATION AT THE DUKE OF GORDON

The Duke of Gordon Hotel, Newtonmore and Kingussie, has kindly offered us a preferential rate of £79.00 pp bed & breakfast based on 2 people sharing. There is a single supplement of £30.00. Forty rooms have been allocated until the 1st of July, 2026 after which rooms will be opened to the public for booking.

For further information: Tel: +44 (0)1540 661302 or E-mail: reception@dukeofgordonhotel.co.uk. Booking via their website using the code “mac26” will give you the special Macpherson price.

Numbers are limited for the paid events and tickets will be supplied

PAID EVENTS

Paid events operate on a first come, first served basis. If fully subscribed there will be a waiting list. Members may have up to two guests, and any guest 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 by email on the following address: CMA.Secretary@clan-macpherson.org as soon as possible if booking tickets are not required, to allow for speedy re-allocation.

Please could we ask that those living in the UK 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 without a reference number. 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

Bookings have commenced: Online application is preferable. You can find more details on the Clan website www.clan-macpherson.org/gathering/. More information regarding events can be found on the website or please email the Secretary, Mrs. Joyce Cattanach with your questions - 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 2026 Gathering!

Cancellations: To secure a full refund, you must cancel your booking before the 1st of July, 2026. Any cancellations after that date will have the following cancelation charges:

- 1st of July to the 7th of July, 2026 - 10% per booking
- 8th of July to the 14th of July, 2026 - 15% per booking

After the 15th of July, 2026, the Dinner numbers will be finalised, and no refunds will be given. Those booking after this date may not get the menu they request.

Programme: The programme is subject to change. The final Programme will be provided to you at registration. We look forward to seeing you in Scotland for the 2026 Gathering!

TICKET APPLICATION FOR THE CLAN GATHERING 2026

Tickets will be available for collection at registration. A table plan will be drawn up for the Friday Dinner and 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.

PLEASE TICK WHERE APPLICABLE

I am a CMA Member ☐

I am a guest of a CMA member ☐

PROGRAMME

Clan Macpherson Association 2026 Gathering	
Friday	**Registration - Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie** 08:00 - 15:00
	Welcome Meeting for Newcomers - Duke of Gordon Hotel Ball Room 09:00 - 10:00
	Council Meetings Duke of Gordon Hotel Ball Room - 10:00 - 11:30
	Talk on 80 years of the gathering by Sandy Macpherson To be held in the Ball Room from 13:30 to 14:45
	Dance Practice - Duke of Gordon Hotel Ball Room 15:00 - 16:00
	Cluny's Reception, Dinner and Highland Ball Duke of Gordon Hotel - 19:00. Dinner will be served at 20:00, dancing until 01:00.
Saturday	**80th CMA AGM** Village Hall, Newtonmore. 10:30
	Newtonmore Highland Games Held at the Eilan from 10:00. Children's races in the morning. https://newtonmorehighlandgames.com/?

	Clan March from Old Ralia to The Elian Clan March from Tigh na Drochaid next to the River Spey Bridge to the Elian - Marchers to meet at Tigh na Drochaid at 13:00. Step off is 13:15. Games entry fee will be collected at Tigh na Drochaid prior to the March. The March will be followed by conviviality in the Clan Tent at the Highland Games.
	Museum At Home Clan Macpherson Museum 16:00 - 17:00 All attendees are welcome.
	Stovies Supper Duke of Gordon Hotel from 18.00. Vegetarian Haggis also available.
	Ceilidh - Duke of Gordon, Kingussie 20:00 - 22:00
Sunday	**Church Service** Kingussie Parish Church - 10:00.
	Informal Picnic Cairn Site from 12:30. You will need transport to get to the Picnic and Craig Dhu House. Please request on registration.
	Tea At Creag Dhu House at 15:30 - 16:30 Creag Dhu House is the home of Angus and Valerie Macpherson, the current Chairman of the Clan Macpherson Association.
Monday	**Talk and Walk in the Local Area** *"Balavil, Home of James "Ossian" Macpherson, Over the Years"* by Allan Macpherson-Fletcher at the Clan Macpherson Museum, Newtonmore 10:30. Walk to be determined

TICKET APPLICATION FORM 2026 GATHERING	
Name	
Address	
Telephone	Mobile:
	Tel:
E-mail	
Total No. in Party	

COST OF EVENTS					
Event	**Price Adult**	**Price Child** (Under 12)	**No. of Adults**	**No. of Children**	**£**
Chief's Reception, Dinner and Highland Ball	£60.00	£35.00			£
Stovies Supper and Ceilidh	£17.50	£15.00			£
Ceilidh Only	£7.00	£5.00			
				Total	£

MEAL CHOICE FOR THE DINNER AND HIGHLAND BALL

	A	B	C	D (Vegetarian)
Starter	**The Clan Cullen Skink**	**Chicken and Liver Parfait**	**West Coast Prawn and Crayfish**	**Vegetarian Haggis Spring Rolls**
Main Course	**Creag Dhubh Venison Stew**	**Hagis and Black Pudding Wellington**	**Scottish Salmon Fillet** with parsley cream sauce and herby baby potatoes	**Vegetarian Haggis Stuffed with Butternut**
Dessert	**Traditional Cranachan** with whipped cream, fresh fruit, toasted oats, honey and whisky	**Sticky Toffee Pudding**	**Selection of Scottish Cheeses** with oatcakes, grapes, chutney	**Ecclefechan Tart**

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

Please Insert Appropriate Letter from the Meal Choice for the Dinner and Highland Ball.

If possible I/we would like to sit with the following people at the Ball.

Mobility / Access / Dietary requirements - please note below.

Haggis Tian

SUPPER BUFFET MENU FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

With Mini Savory Scone, Carrots and Green Beans

Stovies

With Beetroot & Oakcakes

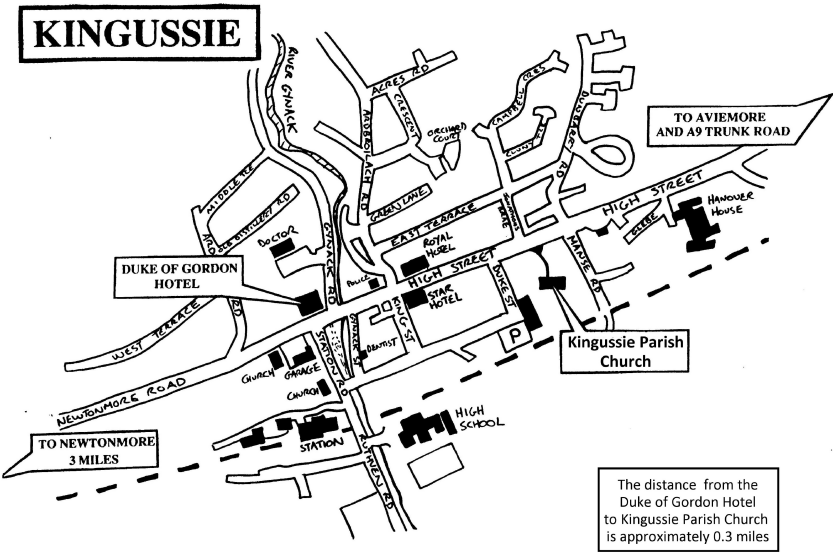
Vegetarian Haggis

With Neeps & Tatties

Day	Event	No.
Friday	Welcome Meeting for Newcomers	
	Dance Practice	
Saturday	Annual General Meeting of Clan Macpherson Association	
	Clan Macpherson March	
	Museum At Home	
Sunday	Ecumenical	
	Church Service - Kingusssie Parish Church	
	Informal Picnic at Cairn Site	
	Tea at Creag Dhubh	
Monday	Illustrated Talk and Walk	

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

A MAP OF KINGUSSIE AND NEWTONMORE



The distance from the Duke of Gordon Hotel to Kingussie Parish Church is approximately 0.3 miles

