

Weekend Programme - The Clan Grant Gathering 2019

Friday, 9th August 2019

6 - 8 pm - Drinks party at the Clan Grant Centre, Duthil.

- Please confirm your attendance when you purchase your dinner tickets in advance.

Saturday 10th August 2019

10.30 am - Abernethy Games Field and Clan Grant Tent Open. *Entrance Fees to games are applicable.*

12.30 pm approx. - Assemble at Nethybridge Hotel for March to opening ceremony of the Games.

1:15 pm sharp - March to the games.

After the march, return to the Clan Tent for a reviving dram dispensed as usual by Sir Archie together with the Chief's fruitcake, and enjoy the rest of the Games.

You are welcome to leave belongings in the tent, but please note that the Society cannot take responsibility for anything that goes missing.



Dress for Clan March

Men are encouraged to wear traditional Scottish dress of kilts or trews: Ladies in tartan skirts, and a traditional sash. However, if you do not have the traditional dress this is absolutely fine, as the Society welcomes everyone with an interest in Clan Grant to join in the march.

You can collect a badge made out of a twig of pine tied with a tartan ribbon from the Clan Tent before the march.

Saturday Evening

Dinner & Ceilidh at the Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey

7:30 pm - Welcome drink.

7:45 pm approx. - Group Photo. (TBC)

8:00 pm - The Chief will be piped into dinner followed by the Selkirk Grace.



After Dinner there will be Coffee and speeches followed by Ceilidh dancing. There is a separate room for those who like to bletcher and a garden for the smokers.

11.30 pm - Auld Lang Syne.

Dress for Evening Dinner & Ceilidh

Scottish formal evening wear of kilt and black tie for the men, and tartan skirt and sash for the ladies is encouraged, but it is not mandatory, and smart casual dress is also acceptable.

Sunday, 11th August 2019 Morning

Tent party to assemble at the games field to put down the clan tent. **New volunteers very welcome!**

11:00 am - **Clan Grant Society AGM** at the Clan Centre, Duthil Kirk.

The AGM is very important and a chance to air your views and share your ideas for the future of the Society.

The Clan Centre will be open before the meeting should anyone wish to look around, but please note that tea and coffee will not be served this year, until we have a kitchen installed in the kirk building.

Polite notice: Please do not park at the Manse as the Chief will be returning with the trailer which requires room for turning and parking.

The Clan Parade and Route

Instructions from our former Parade Marshal,
Chic Grant.



Make your way to the Nethybridge Hotel for around 12:30pm where you will be put into your order of march below by the Parade Marshal.

Order of March

- Chief's Standard Bearer
- Standards of Monymusk, Dalvey & Ballindallach
- Chief flanked by Sir Archibald and Sir Patrick
- Flags of the clan the Saltire will be in the centre
- All men in kilts or trews
- Ladies in kilts or tartan
- Everyone else

“Keep to the order of the march and show the spectators that you are proud to be marching as a Clan, headed by your Chief!”

We will line up in a column of three. The order to march will be given by The Parade Marshal.

Step off with the left foot and listen to the beat of the drum: i.e. when you hear the bass drum give a loud beat, it means your left heel should be banging into the ground.

Order to halt will be given on the left foot. You should then take one pace with your right foot and halt on the left. *And that is all there is to it* – for anything else just listen to me for my instructions.

The Clan then march behind the massed pipes and drums halting just before the entrance. When the order to enter the arena is given, we march in and go around once in an anti-clockwise direction. We then march past the entrance and do a left wheel to bring us in front of the games Chieftain.

Once halted, those carrying flags will be marched forward to form a backdrop for the speeches and presentations. On completion we will march back to our places.

The bands will then move off and the Clan will follow on. We will then halt just outside the arena entrance, before going back out of the gate.

Booking Your Clan Grant Gathering Dinner & Ceilidh Tickets 2019

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The cost of a Dinner and Ceilidh ticket this year is **£35.00 per person**. Places must be booked and paid for in advance either by cheque or online. *We cannot accept bookings on the day.* Please pre-order your wine with the hotel before dinner.

By Cheque

Please make your cheque payable to "Clan Grant Society" and send to:

Judy Lewis
The Old Manse
Duthil, Carrbridge
PH23 3ND



Please let Judy know the names of your guests and if you will be attending the welcome drinks party on the Friday. Please note that actual tickets will not be sent out to keep our costs down, but rest assured your place(s) will be reserved on receipt of your cheque.

Online Payment

You can book and pay for your 2019 dinner tickets (around the end of June) on the Clan Grant Visitors website at:

<https://clangrantvisitors.org/product/annual-clan-grant-gathering-dinner-ceilidh/>