

## Clan Events



Great Hall of the Clans at the Gaelic College - St. Ann's Nova Scotia  
June 05, 2023 - October 06, 2023



Clan MacLeod Clan Parliament 2023  
22-29 July 2023  
Dunvegan, Isle of Skye, UK



Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival - Jul 27, 9:00 AM - Jul 29, 11:00 PM  
Belladrum Estate, Belladrum, Beaulieu



The Clan Baird Society Worldwide Anniversary Gathering is in Scotland,  
July 22nd - August 6th, 2023



Clash of the Clans - Clan Battle 2023  
29th/30th July 2023  
North Inch, Perth, UK



Clan Macnab Global Clan Gathering  
Mon, Jul 31 - Thu, Aug 3, 2023  
McLaren Hall, Main St, Killin, United Kingdom

## Passing Of The 33rd Chief Of Clan Grant

Sir James Grant of Grant Bt., Lord Strathspey



In loving memory of Sir James Grant of Grant Bt., Lord Strathspey, the 33rd Chief of Grant.

we pay tribute to a remarkable individual whose unwavering dedication and contributions to Clan Grant have left an indelible mark on its history.

As the custodian of the worldwide base for Clan Grant near Grantown-on-Spey,

Sir James Grant played a pivotal role in preserving and promoting the rich heritage of the clan. With passion and commitment, he tirelessly worked to ensure the traditions, values, and stories of the clan were cherished and passed down to future generations. Sir James Grant will forever be remembered as a dedicated guardian of Clan Grant, and his contributions will endure as a testament to his enduring spirit.

## The Inauguration of The Lord Reay: A Historic Celebration of Heritage and Tradition

The year 2023 marks a significant milestone for the Clan Mackay Society and its supporters as they eagerly prepare to witness the momentous Inauguration of The Lord Reay, Aeneas Simon Mackay, the 15th Lord.



Baron Mackay. Scheduled to take place on August 19th at the picturesque Strathnaver Museum in Bettyhill, Sutherland, this event promises to be a grand celebration of Scottish heritage and traditions.

The Inauguration of The Lord Reay symbolizes the continuation of a noble lineage deeply rooted in Scotland's rich history. As hereditary Clan Chief of Clan Mackay, Lord Reay embodies the legacy of his predecessors, carrying forward the mantle of leadership and stewardship.

The day's proceedings will commence with a majestic display of Scottish ceremonial traditions, immersing attendees in the authenticity and grandeur of their ancestral customs. From the stirring sound of bagpipes to the resplendent Highland dress, every aspect of the inauguration will pay homage to the proud heritage of Clan Mackay. Following the formalities, the afternoon will be filled with festivities designed to celebrate the best of Scotland and the local area. Traditional music will resonate through the air, inviting guests to join in spirited dancing, while local distilleries offer a chance to sample the finest Scottish spirits. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to engage in traditional games, fostering a sense of camaraderie and enjoyment among clansfolk, affiliated families, and supporters.

## Clan Forbes Ambitious Restoration Project at Keig Old Kirk in Aberdeenshire, Scotland

The Clan Forbes Society has embarked on a restoration project for the Keig Old Kirk, located on the Castle Forbes estate in Alford, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The aim of the project is to raise \$10,000 in funds to repair the stone structure, renovate the internal floor, and enhance the external graveyard area of the kirk.

The Keig Old Kirk, which dates back to approximately 1638, once served as the parish church for the tenants and staff of Castle Forbes. Despite its current state as a roofless ruin, the kirk holds immense historical significance. Instead of a traditional bellcote, the church hung its bell from a nearby tree. The kirk ceased operations in 1835 when a new church was built in the village of Keig. Notably, the old kirkyard continues to be the final resting place for several esteemed clan chiefs, further accentuating its importance.

The Clan Forbes Society's President, Bart Forbes, emphasizes the significance of preserving the Keig Old Kirk as a cherished heritage site for all Clan Forbes members. In addition to maintaining the kirk



for future generations, the restoration project also serves as a token of appreciation for the generosity and hospitality extended by Lord and Lady Forbes who have warmly welcomed numerous clan members to Castle Forbes over the years. The Society is seeking contributions from its members to realize the restoration project. The Society plans to provide the full \$10,000 for the project during the summer, with any surplus funds allocated to other restoration endeavors within Castle Forbes or other House of Forbes heritage sites. The Keig Old Kirk highlights the Clan Forbes Society's commitment to preserving its ancestral heritage while also engaging clan members in a meaningful and collaborative endeavor.

## Clan MacLeod's Historic Husabost Estate on is For Sale

The historic Husabost Estate, closely linked to Clan MacLeod, situated on the Isle of Skye has been listed for sale.

The connection between Husabost Estate and Clan MacLeod runs deep. The estate formed part of the MacLeod clan's extensive holdings. Located near the iconic Dunvegan Castle, the ancestral seat of the MacLeod clan and the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland, Husabost Estate has a rich tapestry of stories to tell.

One of the notable aspects of the estate is its association with the MacCrimmons, pipers to the chiefs of Clan MacLeod for generations. Borreraig, a village within the estate, was once home to the renowned MacCrimmon Piping College. This institution trained pipers from all corners of Scotland, serving as a hub for mastering the art of bagpiping. Today, a memorial cairn to the MacCrimmons stands as a reminder of their influential presence.



The estate itself spans an impressive 2,395 acres and boasts views of the Cuillin Mountains and the Outer Hebrides. Husabost Estate holds a treasure trove of historical landmarks, including a Pictish Broch at Dun Borreraig, the remains of St Francis Church from the 1600s, and The Manners Stone,

## Clan Douglas vs. Clan Agnew Famous Clan Feud

In the annals of Scottish history, few rivalries are as legendary as the feud between Clan Douglas and Clan Agnew. Dating back to the 14th century, this clash of noble houses for regional power in Lochnaw Castle is a captivating tale of intrigue, cunning, and ultimate redemption.

The Agnews, led by their young chief, seized regional power in 1363 when they cunningly tricked the MacClellans, the previous constables, into abandoning the castle. However, their defiance against the powerful Douglases would soon put them in peril. The Douglases, consolidating their influence after the death of King David II, sought to assert their dominance over all officials in Lochnaw. The Agnews, loyal to the Scottish Crown, refused to bend, leading to a fateful clash.

In a dramatic showdown, the Agnews and their allies, the MacEwans, ambushed the Douglas forces in the valley of Piltanton. Though casualties were suffered on both sides, the MacEwans turned the tide, disarming the Douglases and sparing their lives. However, the Douglas retaliation was swift and merciless. They besieged Lochnaw Castle, forcing the Agnews into unconditional surrender and razing their stronghold to the ground.

But the story does not end there. The Agnews, resilient and resourceful, found solace in the court of



Robert III. Through their ties with Princess Margaret, who had married the Douglas heir, the Agnews eventually regained their lands and rebuilt Lochnaw Castle. Their influence grew, and Andrew Agnew was appointed to the esteemed position of Sheriff of Galloway.

## Historic Clan Castles of Scotland



### Duntulm Castle

#### Isle of Skye, Scotland

The captivating ruins of Duntulm Castle, a medieval stronghold perched on the picturesque Isle of Skye in Scotland. Built during the 14th and 15th centuries amidst clan conflicts, this historic landmark witnessed centuries of Scottish history. Although now in a state of disrepair, it continues to enthrall visitors as they explore its remnants.



Duntulm Castle served as the seat of power for Clan MacDonald of Sleat in the 17th century. The clan, prominent in Scottish history, enhanced the castle with various improvements. However, in the early 18th century, the MacDonalds chose to construct Monkstadt House, utilizing much of the castle's stone in the process. This decision led to the castle's abandonment and subsequent decay. Situated on a basalt promontory overlooking the sea, Duntulm Castle boasted a commanding position and relied on a narrow cliff cleft as its sole entrance. The castle's defensive ditch protected it from landward attacks. Today, the castle's remains present a haunting yet awe-inspiring sight, despite significant masonry collapses in recent years.

Local legend lends an air of mystery to Duntulm Castle's history. It is said that the castle was deserted after a tragic incident involving the chieftain's infant son, who fell to his demise from a window onto the rocks below. As punishment, the nursemaid responsible for his safety was set adrift in a small boat on the vast North Atlantic.

## James MacPherson, the Infamous Robber and the Tragic Story of “MacPherson’s Lament”

James MacPherson, born in 1675 in Banff, Aberdeenshire, was known as a notorious robber. Despite his criminal activities, he was remembered for his musical talent and the tale of his final days, which gave birth to the Scottish folk song “MacPherson’s Lament” or “MacPherson’s Rant”.

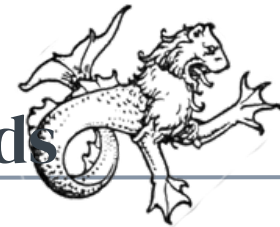
According to legend, as MacPherson was sentenced to death for his crimes, he played a tune under the gallows and offered his fiddle to anyone in his clan who would play it at his wake. When no one stepped forward, he broke the fiddle and threw it into the crowd, saying, “No one else shall play Jamie MacPherson’s fiddle”. The broken fiddle is believed to be housed in the MacPherson Clan museum near Newtonmore, Inverness-shire.

The song that James MacPherson composed became known as “MacPherson’s Lament” and

was later rewritten by the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns. The song is a mournful and tragic ballad that tells the tale of MacPherson’s life of crime and the sadness he felt as he



faced his death. The song remains a popular part of Scottish folklore and is widely known for its haunting melody and melancholic lyrics. James MacPherson may have been a notorious criminal, but his legacy lives on through the song he composed and the tale that has been passed down through generations. The broken fiddle and the song serve as a reminder of the tragic end to MacPherson’s life, and the tale continues to captivate and move listeners with its emotional depth and musical beauty.



## Scottish Clan Myths and Legends

### The Mysterious Woman of Eilean Ban

Eilean Ban, a small island nestled in the Scottish Highlands, holds within its rugged terrain the enigmatic tale of Ann Campbell. For centuries, locals and historians have been captivated by the story of this mysterious woman, whose presence on the island has sparked countless theories and speculation.

After the First encountered by a fisherman in



the late 1700s, Ann Campbell’s beauty and peculiar demeanor quickly became the talk of Scotland. Legends and myths soon surrounded her, with theories ranging from her being a runaway heiress to a banished sorceress or even a mermaid in human form. However, despite the popularity of these theories, the truth behind Ann Campbell’s identity remains elusive.

One prevalent theory suggests that Ann Campbell was an aristocrat who sought refuge on Eilean Ban to escape an arranged marriage. Another popular belief paints her as a persecuted witch, forced into seclusion due to her healing powers and ability to communicate with spirits. Lastly, some assert that she was a mermaid who relinquished her aquatic life for a chance to experience the human world.

Despite numerous attempts by amateur historians and archaeologists to uncover the truth, no concrete evidence has emerged to support any of the prevailing theories about Ann Campbell. The only remnants of her existence are crumbling ruins believed to be her dwelling on the island.

# The Battle of Drumoak, 1402

## Famous Clan Battle

In the rugged terrain of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, a bitter feud between the Clan Irvine and the Clan Keith erupted into a violent clash in 1402, forever etching the Battle of Drumoak, also known as the Battle of Keith's Muir, into the annals of Scottish history.

The origins of the feud can be traced back to a history of hostility and acts of violence committed by both clans against each other. The tensions



The River Dee at Drumoak

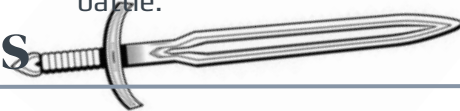
escalated in 1393 when the Keiths attempted to raid Irvine territory but were swiftly intercepted by the Irvines, preventing them from making off with their plunder.

The fateful battle unfolded on a moor located on the north bank of the River Dee, now known as Keith's Muir. The Irvines emerged as the victors, driving their enemies across the River Dee and into Keith's Pot, a treacherous stretch of water where many Keith warriors met their demise. Legend tells that the Keith chief, desperately clinging to a rock protruding from the water, fell victim to Irvine arrows, and the rock was henceforth named the Keith Stone.

The intervention of King James I was sought to resolve the bloodshed. He arranged a marriage between the son of the Irvine chief and the daughter of the Keith chief, the Earl Marischal, aiming to bring an end to the animosity. However, reports suggest that the Irvine chief harbored a grudge and refused to consummate the union.

Further tragedy struck the Irvine clan in 1411 at the Battle of Harlaw when their chief fell in a duel against Maclean of Duart Castle. Despite the resolution through marriage, tensions between the two clans persisted for several years after the battle.

## Scottish Clan Artifacts



### The Glenfinnan Stone

The Glenfinnan Stone's historical significance lies in its connection to the 1745 Jacobite Rising, a turning point in Scotland's fight for independence. As Prince Charles Edward Stuart raised his standard at Glenfinnan, this stone served as a sturdy support for the iconic standard, marking the beginning of a transformative chapter in Scottish history.

In 1989, the Glenfinnan Stone vanished without a trace, leaving historians and enthusiasts perplexed. For two decades, its whereabouts remained a mystery, leaving a void in Scotland's cultural heritage. Its absence sparked curiosity and heightened the importance of safeguarding the nation's historical artifacts.

In 2009, the stone's disappearance took an

unexpected turn when it was discovered by retired schoolteacher Connie Lofthouse. Recognizing it from a BBC program she had watched years



earlier, she realized the significance of her find. The stone had been in her possession since 1990 when she received it as a gift while living in Scotland. Mrs. Lofthouse's timely recognition and subsequent reunion of the Glenfinnan Stone sparked celebrations among those passionate about preserving Scotland's history.

Preserving a Legacy: Today, the Glenfinnan Stone rests securely in the West Highland Museum in Fort William. Its presence serves as a poignant reminder of Scotland's rich heritage and the ongoing efforts to safeguard its cultural treasures.

# July

## Gathering of the Clans

**July 1**  
Eaton Park, Pugwash, NS  
**Canada**

## Penticton Scottish Festival

**July 1**  
550 Eckhardt Avenue West, Penticton, British Columbia  
**Canada**

## Aberdeen Highland Games

**July 1**  
New England Hwy, Aberdeen, New South Wales  
**Australia**

## Luss Highland Games

**July 1**  
Games Field, Luss  
**Scotland**

## Embroy Highland Games

**July 1**  
355643 35th Line, Zorra, Ontario  
**Canada**

## Antigonish Highland Games

**July 2**  
20 Main Street, Antigonish, Nova Scotia  
**Canada**

## Kenmore Highland Games

**July 5**  
Kenmore, Perthshire  
**Scotland**

## Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

**July 6**  
MacRae Meadows, Linville, North Carolina  
**United States**

## Saline Celtic Festival

**July 7**  
565 W. Bennett St. Saline, MI  
**United States**

## Payson Scottish Festival

**July 7**  
5250 South Main St. Payson, UT  
**United States**

## Almonte Celtfest

**July 7**  
182 Bridge St, Almonte, Ontario  
**Canada**

## Highland Games Angelbachtal

**July 7**  
Angelbachtal Castle Park Schlossstrasse 174918 Angelbachtal  
**Germany**

## Kincardine Scottish Festival & Highland Games

**July 7**  
Victoria Park, Kincardine, ON  
**Canada**

## Harpenden Lions Club Highland Gathering

**July 9**  
Rothamsted Park, Orchard Avenue, Harpenden  
**England**

## Cambridge Scottish Festival

**July 14**  
200 Christopher Drive, Cambridge, Ontario  
**Canada**

## Orillia Scottish Fest

**July 14**  
Tudhope Park and Moose Beach, Orillia, Ontario  
**Canada**

## Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

**July 15**  
Look Park Service Road, Northampton, MA  
**United States**

## Elizabeth Celtic Festival

**July 15**  
34201 County Road 17, Elizabeth, CO  
**United States**

## Lochcarron Highland Games

**July 15**  
Attadale Estate, Strathcarron  
**Scotland**

## Inverness Highland Games

**July 15**  
Bught Park Arena, Inverness  
**Scotland**

## Stonehaven Highland Game

**July 15**  
Bught Park Arena, Inverness  
**Scotland**

## North Arizona Celtic Festival

**July 15**  
Fort Tuthill Regional Park, Flagstaff, AZ  
**United States**

## Tomintoul Highland Games

**July 15**  
Tomintoul Public Park, Tomintoul  
**Scotland**

## Burntisland Highland Games

**July 17**  
Burntisland Links, Kirkbank Road, Burntisland  
**Scotland**

## Inveraray Highland Games

**July 18**  
Inverary Castle, Inverary  
**Scotland**

## Mull Highland Games

**July 20**  
Erray Park, Tobermory, Mull  
**Scotland**

## Maine Celtic Celebration

**July 21**  
Belfast Commons, Union St, Belfast, ME  
**United States**

## The Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering

**July 22**  
45224 284th Avenue SE, Enumclaw, WA  
**United States**

## Sherwood Park Highland Gathering

**July 22**  
41 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park, AB  
**Canada**

## Airth Highland Games

**July 22**  
North Greens Park Falkirk  
**Scotland**

## Balquhidder, Lochearnhead & Strathyre Highland Games

**July 22**  
Lochearnhead Village, Lochearnhead, Perthshire  
**Scotland**

## Braemar Junior Highland Games

**July 22**  
The Princess Royal and Duke of Fife Memorial Park, Braemar  
**Scotland**

## Dayton Celtic Festival

**July 28**  
237 E Monument Ave, Dayton, OH  
**United States**

## New Brunswick Highland Games

**July 28**  
51 Woodstock Road, Fredericton, New Brunswick  
**Canada**

## Durness Highland Gathering

**July 28**  
Shore Park, Durness  
**Scotland**

## Halkirk Highland Games

**July 29**  
Brael Terrace, Caithness,  
**Scotland**

## Dufftown Highland Games

**July 29**  
Mortlach School, Dufftown  
**Scotland**

## St. Andrews Highland Games

**July 29**  
Station Park, St. Andrews  
**Scotland**

# August

## Killin Highland Games

**August 2**  
Breadalbane Park, Killin  
**Scotland**

## The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games

**August 4**  
20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI  
**United States**

**Dornoch Highland Games**

**August 4**  
Meadows Park, Dornoch  
**Scotland**

**Spokane Scottish Highland Games**

**August 5**  
Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, 404 N. Havana Street  
**United States**

**Colorado Scottish Festival**

**August 5**  
Denver Polo Club 6359 Airport Road Sedalia, CO  
**United States**

**Montreal Highland Games**

**August 6**  
6875 Boulevard LaSalle, Verdun, Quebec  
**Canada**

**Bridge of Allan Highland Games**

**August 6**  
7 Airthrey Ave, Bridge of Allan, Stirling  
**Scotland**

**Isle of Skye Highland Games**

**August 9**  
The Lump 6 Bayfield Road, Portree  
**Scotland**

**Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games**

**August 11**  
Centre Wellington Sportplex 550 Belsyde Ave E, Fergus, Ontario  
**Canada**

**Margaree Highland Games**

**August 12**  
Margaree, NS  
**Canada**

**Central New York Scottish Games**

**August 12**  
Long Branch Park, 3813 Long Branch Road, Liverpool, NY  
**United States**

**North Berwick Highland Games**

**August 12**  
Recreation Park, North Berwick  
**Scotland**

**Perth Highland Games**

**August 13**  
Lesser South Inch, Perth  
**Scotland**

**Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering**

**August 19**  
Daly Mansion 251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton, MT  
**United States**

**Helmsdale and District Highland Games**

**August 19**  
Couper Park, Helmsdale  
**Scotland**

**Saint Andrews Society of Maine Highland Games**

**August 19**  
29 Meadow Road, Brunswick, ME  
**United States**

**Crieff Highland Gathering**

**August 20**  
Market Park, King Street, Crieff  
**Scotland**

**Argyllshire Gathering Oban Games**

**August 24**  
Mossfield Stadium, Oban  
**Scotland**

**Highland Games Mittelland**

**August 25**  
Dorfstrasse 189, 4623 Neuendorf, Schweiz  
**Switzerland**

**Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival**

**August 25**  
Mayville Lakeside Park, Mayville, New York  
**United States**

**Strathardie Highland Gathering**

**August 26**  
Bannerfield, Kirkmichael  
**Scotland**

**Hunter Valley Highland Games**

**August 26**  
113 Wilderness Road, Lovedale, NSW  
**Australia**

**North Lanark Highland Games**

**August 26**  
The Fairgrounds, Almonte, ON  
**Canada**

# September

**Wisconsin Highland Games**

**September 1**  
1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI  
**United States**

**Pleasanton California Gathering & Games**

**September 2**  
4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA  
**United States**

**Capital District Scottish Games**

**September 2**  
129 Grand Street, Altamon, NY  
**United States**

**Virginia Scottish Games**

**September 2**  
5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, VA  
**United States**

**Canmore Highland Games**

**September 2**  
Centennial Park, 6th Street, Canmore, Alberta  
**Canada**

**Blairgowrie and Rattray Highland Games**

**September 3**  
Bogles Field, Essendy Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire  
**Scotland**

**Flathead Celtic Festival**

**September 8**  
Centennial Farm, 563 McMannamy Draw, Kalispell, MT  
**United States**

**Sherwood Music Festival & Highland Games**

**September 8**  
Sherwood Celtic Festival, McDade, TX  
**United States**

**Festival Celtique De Quebec**

**September 8**  
Quebec City, QC  
**Canada**

**Middle Tennessee Highland Games**

**September 9**  
Sanders Ferry Park, 513 Sanders Ferry Road, Hendersonville, TN  
**United States**

**Scot Fest**

**September 15**  
River Spirit Casino Resort, 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK  
**United States**

**Ligonier Highland Games**

**September 16**  
Idlewild Park, Route 30, Ligonier, PA  
**United States**

**Fresno Scottish Society Gathering & Games**

**September 16**  
Kearney Park, 6725 W Kearney Blvd, Fresno, CA  
**United States**

**Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games**

**September 16**  
Niagra County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave. (Rte 78), Lockport, NY  
**United States**

**Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival**

**September 22**  
Downtown Bethlehem, Bethlehem, PA  
**United States**

**Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival**

**September 30**  
Dandridge Main Street, Dandridge, TN  
**United States**

**Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival**

**September 30**  
7300 East Troy Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana  
**United States**

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## Featured Clan Crest



**CREST:** A dexter hand holding up a ducal cap, tufted on the top with a rose Gules, within two laurel branches in orle

**MOTTO:** Clarior hinc honos

**TRANSLATION:** Hence the brighter honor

The Buchanan Clan has a rich history in Scottish Highland culture, dating back to their progenitor Absalon in the 13th century. They supported Robert the Bruce in the Wars of Scottish Independence, and their heraldry reflects this allegiance. The Buchanans of Arnprior were a prominent branch known as the "Kings of Kippen." Notable figures include George Buchanan, tutor to Mary, Queen of Scots, and James Buchanan, the 15th US President. Their legacy endures through traditions and their impact on Scottish history.

### About Us:

our Scottish clan newsletter is a publication dedicated to exploring the rich history and culture of the Scottish clans. As a community of proud Scots, we are passionate about preserving and sharing our heritage with the world.

We are committed to celebrating the unique character and identity of each Scottish clan, highlighting their achievements, and exploring their place in Scottish history. Whether you are a member of a clan, a descendant, or simply a lover of Scottish culture, our newsletter has something for you.

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