

# CLAN MACTHOMAS SOCIETY

# INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

25 Aug - 1 Sept 2023



**The Clan MacThomas Society Council is pleased to announce that the next International Gathering will be held in Glenshee during August of 2023.**

It will have been six long, difficult years since the last Gathering, so we hope as many members as possible will be able to join us for this fun-packed international gathering based at The Angus Hotel in Blairgowrie. The Gathering will be ideal for families, couples and singles interested in their ancestral heritage and in promoting friendship within the Clan.

Blairgowrie is a traditional Scottish town at the gateway to the Highlands, only 25 minutes from the Cockstane. Transport will be provided to all the main events including the Gathering at the Cockstane, the Strathardle Highland Games and a tour of our ancient territories.

The evening events in the hotel will allow you to enjoy the infamous Scottish hospitality in the company of your fellow clansfolk from round the globe, and if you want to stay longer we have organised a further four days of excursions to Clan territory and places of special historical or Scottish interest, including a ride in the famous "Harry Potter" steam train across the Glenfinnan Viaduct.

*"A stranger you will come, but a friend you will depart"*

## SPECIAL 7 NIGHT PACKAGE

from only £895

**\*\* BEST VALUE \*\***

WEEKEND  
3 NIGHT PACKAGE  
from £435

Bed and breakfast in the 3-star Angus Hotel  
All Weekend Gathering Events  
Transport to and from the events  
Buffet Dinner, Formal Dinner and Haggis Supper  
Dance instruction & Ceilidh

*£435 per person sharing twin/double room*

*£495 per person single occupancy*

*£150 child (3-12 yrs, under 3 free) sharing parent's room*

Bed and breakfast in the 3-star Angus Hotel

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Buffet Dinner, Formal Dinner and Haggis Supper

Dance instruction & Ceilidh  
Jacobite Express Steam Train

Entry to Scone Palace, William Wallace Monument, Bannockburn & Stirling Castle

Tour of MacThomas Territory with lunch in Glenshee and visit to the Royal Deeside

Farewell buffet

*£895 per person sharing twin/double room*

*£1045 per person single occupancy*

*£280 child (3-12 yrs, under 3 free) sharing parent's room*

EVENTS ONLY  
PACKAGE  
£245

All Weekend Gathering Events  
Transport from the Angus Hotel to and from the events  
Buffet Dinner, Formal Dinner and Haggis Supper  
Dance instruction & Ceilidh

*£245 per person*

*£75 per child (3-12 yrs, under 3 free)*

**BOOK NOW**

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**before  
30 Sept 2022**



# THE ANGUS HOTEL

The Angus Hotel is an old coaching inn that has recently been extended. All rooms are different in shape, size, décor and outlook, which adds charm to its unmistakably Scottish highland character and feel. Its Jute Mills Restaurant is a new, large, modern, buffet style



with an outdoor terrace to the rear and its own self-contained bar. There is also a large public lounge and a bar that serves drinks at local prices. The hotel has a new swimming pool and spa available to hotel guests. In fact, in our opinion, it has the ideal facilities for our Gathering.

For further information about the hotel, please visit their website: [www.theangushotel.com](http://www.theangushotel.com)

**Do not book directly with the hotel - to obtain the special Gathering rate and attend the functions you must book through the Clan Society Shop on the website:**

[The Clan MacThomas Shop](#)

## DAY 1

Friday

25 August 2023



### Reception - Buffet Dinner - Highland Dancing Instruction

- **Check in at the Angus Hotel** after 2:00 pm, collect your Welcome Pack and browse for goodies in the Clan Shop.
- **Meet the Chief** at the Welcoming Reception, get to know your fellow clansfolk, make new friends and renew auld acquaintances.
- **Enjoy a buffet dinner** with a traditional Scottish flavour.
- **Learn the steps** of the popular Highland Dances, and dance away your first night in Scotland.



## DAY 2

Saturday

26 August 2023

### Strathardle Highland Gathering - Society Dinner

- **After a leisurely breakfast** you will have time to explore Blairgowrie before boarding the coach to Kirkmichael.
- **March onto the Bannerfield** behind the Ems Highlander Pipes and Drums and then enjoy an afternoon of fun at this traditional Highland Gathering. A light lunch in the MacThomas Tent is included. Many events are open to all, so bring your sports kit!
- **In the evening there will be a formal dinner** in the Angus Hotel with Andrew MacThomas of Finegand presiding. This is your chance to dress up in your finest regalia! Black tie is optional.





# DAY 3

Sunday

27 August 2023

## Gathering - Glenisla - Haggis Supper & Ceilidh

*Experience the beauty, tranquillity and reverence of our ancient gathering place in the presence of Finegand himself.*

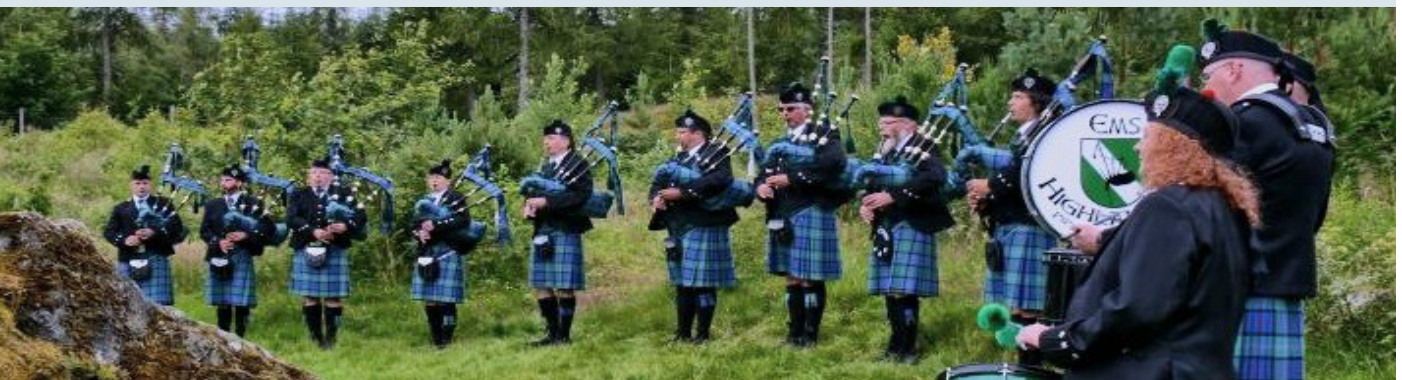


*Gathering at the Cockstane in Glenshee*



Following the ceremony at the Cockstane we will go to Glenisla for the Society AGM which will be held in the old Glenisla Kirk.

After the AGM we will enjoy a light lunch (cost included) followed by a display of piping by the Ems Highlanders fully clad in the MacThomas tartan.



### 350th Anniversary

2023 is the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the skirmish between the MacThomas and the Farquharsons at Padanarum in 1673. The Society sponsored a plaque at MacComie's Field in 1973 to commemorate the event.



We will move on to Padanarum from Glenisla to visit this historic site. Two of McComie Mor's sons were killed together with Farquharson of Broughdearg. This feud represents one of the last officially recorded clan feuds in Scottish history.

**The Haggis Supper will be held in the evening at the Angus Hotel.** It is a traditional Scottish meal



starting with the haggis being piped-in and then the ritual Address to a Haggis. After the meal there will be an informal evening with a Ceilidh. You can put to into practice the dance steps you learned on Friday. The band will play till late and finish with "Auld Lang Syne".





## DAY 4

Monday

28 August 2023

## Pitlochry

*Your day in Pitlochry. Coach travel is included in the package.  
Your choice of various activities, including:*

- Pitlochry Dam and Visitor Centre
- The famous Salmon Ladder
- Visit to a Whisky Distillery (small charge)
- The Soldier's Leap at the site of the Battle of Killiecrankie
- The Heathergems Visitor Centre and Factory Shop
- Shops, pubs & restaurants



## DAY 5

Tuesday

29 August 2023

## Road to the Isles

*Ride the famous Jacobite Steam Train, as used in the  
Harry Potter films, over the Glenfinnan Viaduct.*

Travel by coach to Fort William where you will board the Jacobite Steam Train to cross the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct leading to the port of Mallaig. At Mallaig you can enjoy a local lunch (not included) before returning to Fort William. Fish and Chips is a speciality!

The coach journey home is through Glencoe, the site of the infamous massacre of the MacDonalds by the Campbells. On return to the Angus Hotel in the evening, soup and sandwiches will be provided.



**Bonnie Prince Charlie** landed at Glenfinnan in August 1745 to raise an army and restore the throne to the Stuart line. His uprising was largely successful until his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in April 1746.

**The Glenfinnan Monument** in the picture marks the spot where he landed. It can be seen

from the train as it crosses the viaduct. The west coast of Scotland has some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. This is day you will never forget.





## DAY 6

Wednesday

30 August 2023

## Historical Tour

*Scone Palace - William Wallace Monument - Stirling Castle - Robert the Bruce and Banockburn*



Scone Palace breathes history like nowhere else in Scotland. Fifteen hundred years ago it was the capital of the Pictish kingdom.

All admission prices included in your package!



The National Wallace Monument, in memory of Sir William Wallace, is one of Scotland's most distinctive landmarks.



The statue of Robert the Bruce is at the site of the Battle of Banockburn where he won a decisive victory against the English under Edward II.



Stirling Castle is one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland. Dates back to the early 12th century.



*Evening Presentation and Workshop at the Angus Hotel to discover and research your family ancestry.*

## DAY 7

Thursday

31 August 2023

## MacThomas Tour & Balmoral

*Guided tour of the ancient MacThomas lands, lunch at the Glenshee Ski Slopes, and on to Braemar and Balmoral in Royal Deeside*



Spittal of Glenshee



Forster Castle



Glenshee Ski Slopes



Royal Deeside



Queen Elizabeth II



Glenshee



Braemar Castle



Braemar



Crathie Kirk

*Package includes a light lunch at Glenshee Ski Slopes, an evening buffet at the Angus Hotel, local entertainment to the wee sma' hours, and a final deoch an dorus before we gang away.*

## DAY 8

Friday

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## Farewell Breakfast and Check Out

*Thank you for attending the Gathering. Haste ye back to Scotland!*