



The Lion's Face



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GATHERING 2003

Applications are now coming in for our third Gathering, which this year is being held in Ballater. We have, for the first time, arranged a clan tent at the Ballater Highland Games, at which our Clan Chief is the Chieftain and this excellent day out is followed by a ceilidh in the village hall, organized by the Ballater Highland Games Society. On the Friday (after the President and Vice President have been out catching the fish for supper !) we have our own ceilidh in the Monaltrie Hotel, with the same band as last year as they did such a wonderful job. Despite the rumours in the newspapers a little time ago that Invercauld House is being let on a long lease, it is available to us for our Gathering, so we shall be visiting there with the kind permission of the Clan Chief.

If you need a hand with arranging accommodation please ask Alan Caig for a list of hotels & B & B in the area. You can also ring the Monaltrie Hotel on 013397 – 55417 and see if they have any rooms left.

The deadline for applications to the Gathering is 18th July 2003. Don't delay - apply today.

TARTAN CREDIT CARD

The Standing Council of the Clan Chiefs has a trading company called Ustica Ltd, based in George Street, Edinburgh. They are promoting a credit card with a tartan background via MBNA and the large clans will be able to have their own tartan for the background. Alas, we are still too small for that, but our members have been invited to apply for the credit card.

There are donations made to Ustica Ltd by MBNA based on the card's usage, for the benefit of Scottish interests, so this could be a worthwhile exercise for us to be involved in. The project is being launched in the USA now and should be available in the UK in the autumn. In the meantime you may wish to have a look at the Clan Chiefs website – www.MyClan.com.

NEW PRESIDENT

To date we have only one nomination for the post of president and that is Gordon Farquharson of Guildford. Our Vice President, Tony Farquharson, is in the midst of some upheaval and he is not able to take on the presidency (yet !), but he is prepared to remain as Vice President. If any member does wish to sit on the committee, please let Alan Caig know.



Gordon and Jane at the Cairn 2002

Here's to another excellent Gathering.