

Chief's Message – 18 March 2009

Greetings to all Macnabs wherever you may be. My son Jamie and I look forward to welcoming all, who can get there, at the Clan Tent we have booked for "The Gathering and Highland Games" in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh on July 25th and 26th.

We also hope that some of you will join Jamie, who will be leading the Macnabs in the March of the Clans up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle for the Pageant taking place there on the Esplanade in the evening of July 25th. (At the age of 83 I am still able to walk 'down' the Royal Mile, but walking 'up' the Royal Mile would take me longer than the time available!).

The Killin Games will take place on Wednesday July 29th. Myself and members of my family intend to be there to join those of you, who will be at these Games. Details of arrangements for the day will follow when we have a better idea of numbers.

In the current Financial Year there are a number of problems with funding of visitor facilities and attractions in and around Killin and elsewhere in the Highlands. 2008 was not a good year for tourists. Numbers and income were down, resulting in some of these attractions showing a loss. The Breadalbane Folklore Centre in Killin was one. Its staff and opening hours may have to be reduced this year. Hopefully this can be avoided, but if not there are implications for the Macnab Memorial Trust. Public access to the Clan Burial ground on the island "Innes Bhuidhe" may be curtailed. We will report as things develop on the Chief's and Trust website <http://www.macnabclanuk.org>. In the meantime there may be problems for those trying to contact the Tourist Office in the Folklore Centre, which is not yet open.

Our best wishes to all. We look forward to meeting you in July.

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