
Email message from Roddy Oliphant regarding the **August 2018 Oliphant Clan Conference and Gathering in Scotland**

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The Oliphant Clan Conference and Gathering 2018

Hi,

We are having an Oliphant Clan Conference and Gathering 2018, at Strathallan School. If you would like to join us then please let me know. Strathallan School are asking for a small deposit from each person, I am now contacting you to see which week you would like to attend and to ask you to remit the non refundable deposit of £50 for each person please.

To give you a broader idea of what will be happening during the Conference and Gathering, the itinerary from Monday to Friday will alternate between a day visiting Oliphant related sites (on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) and a day on campus (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) talking about a range of subjects from Oliphants, Oliphant properties, (Oliphant) heraldry and Oliphant genealogy.

On Saturday and Sunday we will arrange big events. On the 11th, we will be part of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This should be very exciting as there is talk that we will be asked to take a stand (in front of some 5,000 people) and they will tell them about the Oliphants.

If there is additional time on either Saturday or Sunday then, we will go to more Oliphant properties.

We will try to organise a ceilidh, on either the Friday, 10th August or the Sunday, 12th, when the two Conference and Gatherings overlap. It depends entirely on when the "big" event falls.

On the evening of the 12th August, we aim to hold a Clan Meeting. This will be an opportunity to discuss future plans and direction of the Clan Association. It will be a properly minuted meeting and so topics will need to be submitted beforehand, so that they can be put into the agenda.

There will also be a clan shop, some of the items are exclusive to the shop (such as toys and earrings made from wood from Hatton Castle when we were rebuilding that a few decades ago - so once they have gone, there will be no more).

The cost of the accommodation - £441.60 for eight nights includes all meals and use of the school's facilities. Packed lunches in the past, for the days when we are out on excursions, will be included in the quoted price for the accommodation. It is only if we have a barbeque and or a ceilidh that there will be additional costs (allow for £30 in total between the two).

I anticipate that during each Gathering, we will use the coaches on six days and have speakers (some of whom will be paid a fee) on two days. The cost will be in the region of £15 per day, per person (so £120 in total). Cost of entry to the places we will be visiting will vary but I would budget for approximately £60.00 (there will be variations in cost, depending on age etc.). Admin charges, insurance and printing will add a further £30 approx.

All in all, what will prove to be a very busy eight days should cost you around £680. If we do participate in a significant public event on the weekend of the 11th/12th August then there may be a charge for that.

The Conference and Gathering will be in two groups. The first will be from the evening of the 5th August, 2018 until the morning of the 13th August, 2018 and the second group will be from the evening of the 10th August 2018 to the morning of the 18th August, 2018.

I need you to send the initial (non-refundable) deposit to me by the 25th September please. If you could remit £50 (fifty pounds Sterling) per person, via Paypal and mark it as sending the money to family/a friend so that Paypal do not charge. The email address which Paypal will need is

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Please specify which Conference and Gathering you wish to attend. If for some unforeseen reason we need to combine the two Conference and Gatherings into one, then we reserve the right to do so but we will notify you prior to committing your money to Strathallan School.

Please choose one of the following:-

Either

Yes.....5th August, 2018 until the 13th August, 2018

Or

Yes.....10th August 2018 until the 18th August, 2018

Please state number of people attending.....and the amount which you will be remitting (total) £.....

Thank you.

Regards,

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