



CLAN FARQUHARSON

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Information for 2009 Gathering

Dress for Edinburgh & Aboyne Parade: No instruction has yet been issued but the suggestions are Gentlemen; Farquharson kilt, belt, day jacket; shirt and long tie, long hose with flashes, sgian dubh, black polished shoes, Balmoral or Glengarry. It is suggested that dirks (long daggers), plaids (tartan blankets) and other accoutrements would not be appropriate.
Ladies; Farquharson skirt or dress, black shoes, white blouse, jacket, hat.

Aboyne Games: Due the layout of the Games field, the event is being staged over two areas. All the Clan tents, of which there will quite a few, will be in the area near the parking field. We have been invited to send representatives to join the March from Aboyne Castle to the Games. This event has not been finalised yet but it is expected that we will be invited for drinks at the Castle before attempting a dignified march. Details later. www.aboynegames.com

Buses: There is an hourly bus service along the A93 from Aberdeen to Ballater which passes through Aboyne. The journey is one hour forty. Ballater to Braemar runs at least every two hours and takes 27 minutes. Timetables can be found at www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables/royaldeesideweb.pdf

Directions to Finzean: This cannot be reached by bus. There should be enough Clansmen with cars to assist any non-drivers to get to these events. www.finzean.com

Approaching from Ballater by car at Aboyne turn right either before or after the green. Follow the road and cross the River Dee. Turn left onto the B976 and travel about 7 miles past the War Memorial at the top of the hill.

Finzean House is down a drive on the right just before a junction.

Finzean Church and farm shop is next right at that junction a further half mile on the left. www.birseandfeughside.org.uk

Finzean Hall is straight on at that junction a further mile through the village. It can also be reached after the church by a left turn at the T- junction and then right at the junction, back onto the B976. www.finzean-hall.co.uk

Weather: This will be of particular interest to overseas visitors. This is the UK and in Scotland you can experience almost all climates in a couple of days. So be prepared for very hot, fairly cold, very wet, very windy and possibly, just very nice!

Website: The Clan Farquharson website contains very useful links to all the places we are going and much, much more, including accommodation. www.Farquharson-clan.co.uk

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