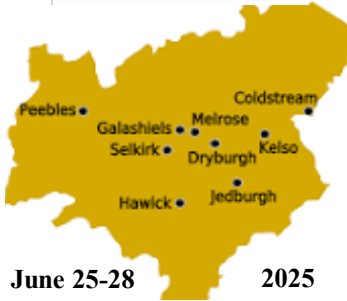




Clan Pringle Newsletter

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From the Editorial Team:

To Pringles and Pringle descendants near and far.

Dear Friends,

This is our last Quarterly Newsletter before the International Pringle Gathering in Scotland, June 25-28, 2025. So, below, we enclose some update information for those planning to attend.



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First, thank you to our Chief, Sir Murray, for his greetings (page 2) to all as we celebrate the Easter Season. We join him and extend to all our best wishes in this Eastertide. May it's message remind us of our hope and promise of new life, and inspire us to reflect on the true meaning and purpose of our lives.

The Board of trustees met on March 29 and reviewed a draft Itinerary, proposed by James Michael, for those visiting Scotland June 25-28. We also received helpful input and suggestions from James W, Laird of Torwoodlee. This Itinerary (see pages 3-4) provides lots of "options" of things that we can do and places we can visit, depending on time available and ability to get around, while in Scotland.

In this Newsletter, we have a few updates on tips and suggestions from Garry to help us as we do our planning for the trip. Also, Adam, has produced a revision of his draft of a Clan Pringle Membership Certificate to be presented to those attending the Gathering.

So, preparations are moving ahead as we look forward to this special event. We have received emails from some folk suggesting they would prefer to travel to Scotland next year if we are doing this event again. Sorry, this event has been three years in the planning, and no, we are not planning for a repeat next year, or the year after, or again in the near future. It may be the once-in-a-lifetime event. So, we put out the invitation, if you are still considering attending, but not sure, we encourage you to plan now to join us in June. We'd love to meet you and welcome you to the Gathering.



Editorial Team



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Clan Pringle Association

April 1 is the Clan Pringle Association membership dues date each year. We rely on subscriptions and donations to operate. The cost for the year is only £15/\$20. If you live in the United Kingdom you can choose to send your dues to Priscilla via Paypal or you can mail your check to Priscilla BUT for those Pringles living outside the UK please send your dues **only** via Paypal. This year some of the monies will be used to help support a few of the activities during the International Pringle Gathering in Scotland. We look forward to hearing from continuing members and to welcoming new members for the 2025/2026 year.



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Greetings to all Pringles from the Chief

The Pringle Clan Gathering in June will bring Pringles together from around the world to celebrate our common heritage since the 13th century. From ancient times Clan Gatherings have been an integral part of Scottish society, providing a sense of community, pride, and connection to one's roots. Clan chiefs held significant power and were responsible for the well-being and protection of their clans. Clans were also closely tied to their ancestral lands, often centred around castles or strongholds, like Smailholm Tower or Cessford Castle.



It is also fitting to mark the current Christian Easter time as a principal and joyful feast celebrating the resurrection of Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. It is the joyful end to Lent's fasting and penitence. The earliest recorded observance of Easter comes from the 2nd century, though it is likely that even the earliest Christians commemorated the Resurrection, which is an integral tenet of the faith.

My best wishes and a happy Easter to all Pringles,

*Sir Murray Pringle of that Ilk and Stichill Bt,
Chief of the Name and Arms of the Honourable Clan Pringle*

Pringle Reunion

Come home to Southern Bordes, Pringles all,
And gather with Laird James at Torwoodlee,
From countries near and far come hear the call
Our ancestors invite you, come and see.

Hoppringill Hill is where it all began
With Greystone towers built strong upon those hills
Constructed firm by each lowlander man
The farmers homes, their castles, and their mills.

The Reivers were the law in these Lowlands.
The Pringles shired for Douglas and they fought.
They worked their farms and labored with their hands
They raided south and took what'er they got.

In Friendship now we celebrate our past
A heritage of Pringles that will last.

Derek Pringle

Let's put out a Challenge!

The above draft is built on the style of the Shakespearian Sonnet. We invite you to try improving on this draft. Or maybe, there is a member who could come up with a new poem. We'd love to see your creative effort and we will include it in a future newsletter.

International Gathering - Travel Update

As mentioned in our last newsletter, travel logistics, especially outside of one's home country, can be challenging at best or complicated and annoying at worst. But once we are at the Gathering it will be worth it. The Gathering is scheduled to take place in the Melrose area (home of Melrose Abbey and a few interned Pringle's who have been there since the Middle Ages). So this is the destination, although surrounding villages are a close enough commute in the event Melrose is booked up.

Personally, my wife and I managed to get a reasonable priced flight out of Toronto to Edinburgh on West Jet and are planning a six-day pre-gathering exploration of the Highlands before heading to Melrose where we have secured an AIRBNB for five nights. Best to check Kayak.com or Expedia.com to find flights, and they can also be used for accommodations.

Accommodations: As of writing there are numerous options for accommodation in Melrose that are still available. Please see James M's article on Hotels available in Melrose on page 4. A quick check of AIRBNB, Expedia, VBRO indicate there are numerous apartments, cottages and flats for short term stays. Crabtree and Crabtree, and Cotages.Com allow you to search by the Border Region if you are looking for places in the surrounding area.

Weather: Weather can be finicky in June in Scotland so its best to have a sweater, rain shell, and shoes that can hold up to mud and rain if you plan on visiting some of the Pringle historical sites.

Electronic Travel Authorization Forms: So far, the trip planning for us has gone well. Do not forget that some of you will need an Electronic Travel Authorization from the UK Visa authorities. The process is smooth, and we each obtained our authorization online in a matter of minutes. For more information check out <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>. . If you are traveling through the United States to the UK you should check [the travel advisory status](https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/united-states) for the USA that would be issued by your home country. Canada has such an advisory. <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/united-states>. There are new rules that require registration with the US authorities if you plan on staying more than 30 days. The new administration in the US has enhanced their border inspections.

Disclaimer: The above information is for guidance only. The Clan Pringle Association is responsible for hosting the International Gathering but all attendees are responsible for their own travel arrangements, accommodation and transportation and all risks, including permits, associated with those plans.

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International Clan Pringle Gathering in Scotland, 25th-28th June 2025

Suggested Itinerary

Wednesday 25th June 2025:

- Initial get together and drinks, possibly in Melrose in one of the hotel bars there. <https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/melrose-p242311>
- Braw Lads Gathering: 6:45pm –7:00 pm. Ride out to Torwoodlee www.TheBrawLadsGathering.co.uk. The ride out (on horses) leaves Netherdale at 5:45pm to make its way to Torwoodlee to visit the Laird of Torwoodlee. A small ceremony takes place at the Old Tower at 6:45 where the Braw Lad removes a Sod from the grounds and the Braw Lass takes a stone from the Tower to use at the Ceremony at the Old Town Cross on Braw Lads' Day. There will also be a fancy dress parade in Galashiels town.
- **James Pringle of Torwoodlee states:** *“The access to Torwoodlee House on the Wednesday is limited and the main ceremony takes place at the Tower; the path is fairly easy but a view can be had from the top for anyone less able. Visiting Pringles are, of course, welcome to witness this as ‘members of the public’ and the best approach is to park in the farm steading and walk back down to the Tower esplanade (no more than 300 metres but the track is a little rough) and join the assembled (small) throng.”*

Thursday 26th June 2025: Kelso area sightseeing visits:

- Suggested visit to Smailholm Tower. Open daily except Fri & Sat, 10am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm). Closed for lunch 12 noon to 1pm. <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/smailholm-tower/>
- Suggested visit to Greenknowe Tower. Open 24/7. <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/greenknowe-tower/>
- Suggestion of Lunch and shopping in Kelso Town Centre and Kelso Abbey. www.VisitKelso.com
- Suggested visit to Floors Castle in Kelso. Open 1030-1600 hours. www.FloorsCastle.com.
- Braw Lads Civic Reception: the President of the Braw Lads Gathering extends an invitation to International guests to the area to attend this reception. Please email the clerk at clerk@thebrawladsgathering.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Friday 27th June 2025:

Morning: Galashiels visits

- Suggested visit to the Great Tapestry of Scotland in Galashiels www.greattapestryofscotland.com
- Suggested visit to Old Gala House in Galashiels, if its open. <https://www.liveborders.org.uk/culture/museums/our-museums/old-gala-house/>
- Suggested visit to Abbotsford House (home of Sir Walter Scott the author). Open 1000-1600 hours, if its open. www.ScottsAbbotsford.com
- Suggestions for Lunch :
 - ◆ The Salmon Inn www.salmoninn.co.uk
 - ◆ Quins Pub Quinsofgalashiels.co.uk and shopping in Galashiels Town Centre. <https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/>

Afternoon: Pringle Gathering event at Torwoodlee:

- Arrival at Torwoodlee at 3pm. Those who wish to can walk to Torwoodlee Tower and/or around the grounds enjoying our great Scottish summer weather. Also meet with other Pringles from all over the world and view displays of Pringle memorabilia.
- 4pm—Parade of the Chief, Host, Chairman and dignitaries into the ensembled gathering of Pringles, led by the Chiefs banner bearer.
- The 12th Clan Pringle Association [Annual General Meeting](#) (paid up members of the CPA are entitled to vote in the AGM).
- Ceremony of clan members together recognising and pledging allegiance to our new [Clan Chief](#).
- Speeches and guest lecture.
- CPA membership certificates (signed by our Clan Chief and Association chairman) will be handed out at the end.
- Barbeque and drinks at 6pm. Food by a professional chef from www.buccleucharms.com.
- Return to our hotels at 8 or 9 pm.

Saturday 28th June 2025:

Galashiels and Melrose area sightseeing visits:

- Suggested group visit to Melrose Abbey. Open 0930-1700 hours. <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/places/melrose-abbey/>
- The Braw Lads Gathering Festival in Galashiels town centre. A ceremonial ride out (on horses), established in 1930 to commemorate events and associations in the history of the town. It is led by the Braw Lad and Braw Lass, along with their four Attendants, who carry out ceremonies along the route. www.TheBrawLadsGathering.co.uk
 - 09:00 hrs: Forging of the Tweed to Abbotsford
 - 09:15 hrs: Visit to Abbotsford House
 - 10:20 hrs: Bands play at The Mercat Cross
 - 10:30 hrs Old Town Cross Ceremonies
 - 12:00 hrs: War Memorial Final Act of Homage
- Possibly dinner together in a Melrose restaurant in the evening. Possibly in Burt's Hotel www.burtshotel.co.uk or its sister The Town House www.thetownhousemelrose.co.uk or the Provender Proverbandermelrose.com. Or a short drive away, the Buccleuch Arms in St Boswells www.buccleucharms.com. We need to know numbers attending, so we can book a table etc.

Sunday 29th June 2025:

- Below are contacts for local churches for those wishing to attend a service.
 - ◆ Melrose Parish Church Bowdenandmelrosechurch.org
 - ◆ St Mary's of Wedale Parish Church in Stow www.stowandheriotchurch.org.uk
 - ◆ Caddonfoot Parish Church www.caddonfootchurch.org.uk

Book a room in a hotel in Melrose:

As of writing, there are numerous hotels in Melrose that are still available. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The George & Abbotsford Hotel in Melrose: GeorgeAndAbbotsfordMelrose.co.uk
- Burts Hotel in Melrose: BurtsHotel.co.uk
- The Kings Arms Hotel in Melrose: KingsArmsMelrose.com
- Station Hotel in Melrose: StationHotelMelrose.com
- The Townhouse Hotel in Melrose: TheTownHouseMelrose.co.uk
- Waverley Castle Hotel in Melrose: Leisureplex.co.uk/waverley-castle-hotel

Tartan Ties and Clan Badges:

A Border Reiver or Sheppard Tartan tie can be purchased from the Loch Carron Woollen Mill in Selkirk. <https://www.lochcarron.co.uk/shepherd-tartan-tie>

Clan Pringle cap badges are made by Art Pewter, however it may be necessary to make a special order. I have purchased several in the past in shops on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh that were made by Art Pewter. <https://artpewter.co.uk/klan-crests>

A "Big Thank You" to James M. Pringle for putting this information and the itinerary on the previous page together. James has provided some area maps to assist with our tours. These will be emailed out to all who let us know they are attending.

WikiTree

WikiTree is where geneologists collaborate. Have you tried connecting with Wikitree yet? If you submit your name and a few ancestral connections they may be able to show you additional family contacts.

Their January mailing showed my family's connections to well known names like Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, and Paul McCartney. You never know what you will find.

Derek Pringle

CPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Clan Pringle Association AGM will be held on Friday June 27, 2025, at 4pm UK time (11am EST) at Torwoodlee in Scotland.

Use the link below to become a member of CPA. See note from Priscilla on page 1 regarding association dues.

<https://pringle.info/contents/association/>

Share Your Stories

- * You have a story to tell; how you found a family contact, a fun incident, a surprise find.
- * A unique Pringle man/woman – their noted accomplishments, good character, scandal.
- * Tell us about your primary interest in the overall Pringle story?
- * Offer ideas or suggestions about how to prevail with ancestry research.
- * You've got a question – perhaps some other Pringle reader has the answer.

Next Issue: July 2025. Please submit your article (**500 words or less**) by **July 13** to the email below as a Word doc or within the body of your email

pringlenewsletter@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL PRINGLE GATHERING June 25-28, 2025



If you are still thinking about Pringle Gathering in Scotland, now is the time to decide and get arrangements finalized!

By the time the July Newsletter comes to you the Event of a Lifetime" will have past! (we'll share photos in Newsletter)

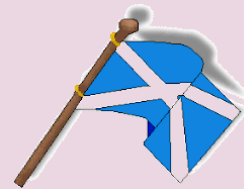
Please use the link below to let us know if:

- You have booked your trip
- You are currently making your bookings
- You are definitely coming but not yet booked
- Still considering the trip
- Will not be coming

This will help the planning group as we need approximate numbers for the barbeque on Friday evening and dinner on Saturday.

[Pringle Gathering, Scotland 2025](#)

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Scotland in June!



Some of you may feel you are not authors

But we say:

*"Why not give it a whirl".
Share your Pringle story.*

The Editorial Team is ready to help/edit wherever it is needed.

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