



The  
Compassionate  
Friends

## ***Scottish Gathering***

***Stirling 2020***

***Friday 1st May till Sunday 3rd May***



## ***Forever Anchored In Our Hearts***

*A warm and supportive weekend for all bereaved parents,  
grandparents and siblings from across the UK.*

## *Dear Friends,*

Please accept this warm invitation to join us at our supportive Scottish Gathering weekend in 2020, as we make our return, after a few year's absence, to the Stirling Court Hotel. For some of you, your loss may have happened recently, for others perhaps some time ago, but this weekend gives you the chance to be with others who know only too well the agony and anguish of losing a much loved child, grandchild or sibling. You will be warmly welcomed in a safe and secure environment where you can speak freely about your loved one and share your precious memories with others who truly care and understand as we have all walked in your shoes. The venue for the 2020 Gathering, is set beneath the Wallace Monument within the beautiful surroundings of the Stirling University campus offering walks around its loch and excellent transport connections.

For more information regarding the venue go to [www.stirlingcourthotel.co.uk](http://www.stirlingcourthotel.co.uk)

### **Just a few comments from those who attended the Scottish Gathering in 2019...**

- \* Being with friends old and new in a secure environment gives me renewed strength to continue my journey.
- \* You feel not so alone meeting with other parents and hearing their stories of how their new lives have developed, gives me hope.
- \* As comforting and safe, as ever - I'm so glad I came.
- \* Reuniting with friends made over the last 4-5 years and being given such a wonderful welcome, gives a huge sense of belonging.

We look forward to welcoming you in May and would encourage you to book early.

*Clare Lechner*

(Chair of the Scottish Gathering)

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Please don't feel that it is necessary to attend all the events on the programme, only participate in as much or as little as you wish and feel comfortable with. However, if you would like to, you can take part in a variety of discussion groups; craft workshops and a sharing session to which you can bring a piece of music or a poem that has a special meaning for you. There will also be a remembrance and candle lighting service and a special room where photos and memories of your precious children, grandchildren & siblings may be displayed.

**In mid-April we will write to you with the programme of the weekend and a reminder of the things you may wish to bring along with you.**

### **Are you feeling unsure?**

If you would like to speak to someone before booking for the weekend, or have any questions about the Gathering please feel free to call Maureen on 01738 631406 or mobile 07952 405329 or email at [maureen.mcaninch@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:maureen.mcaninch@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **HELP US TO SUPPORT YOU**

This is your charity but we can't do it without your help. If you are not already a donating member of The Compassionate Friends please JOIN US. All TCF's donating members receive copies in the post of our supportive magazine, *Compassion* and our charity's newsletter, *TCF News*. You can join with as little or as much as you wish – monthly or annually.

It's easy to join: just visit the TCF website at [www.tcf.org.uk/join](http://www.tcf.org.uk/join)



## **IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION (PLEASE NOTE)**

### **RESERVING A PLACE**

To reserve a place could you please book as soon as possible - **there are three ways in which to book as below – however these options will close on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as we have to give up any untaken rooms by this date.**

After this date please contact Maureen McAninch at **maureen.mcaninch@blueyonder.co.uk** or 01738 631406. Maureen will consult with the hotel management and contact you to advise what rooms are still available to suit your needs.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

Should you need to cancel your booking please do so no later than the **20<sup>th</sup> March 2020** and we will refund your payment.  
**Sorry after that date due to the hotel terms and conditions we are unable to offer a refund.**

### **DOGS**

Unfortunately, we cannot allow dogs with the exception of guide dogs.

## **BOOKING OPTIONS**

**Option 1. Book ONLINE at [www.tcf.org.uk/scottishgathering2020](http://www.tcf.org.uk/scottishgathering2020)**

**Option 2. Please cut and return your booking form with a cheque payable to “TCF Scottish Forum”**

**Option 3. Please cut and return your booking form and pay by bank transfer to Bank of Scotland: Account No. 10845764: Sort Code 80 22 60**

**For options 2 and 3 please return your booking form to  
Maureen McAninch, Bookings Co-ordinator, 17 St Magdalene’s Road, Perth,  
PH2 0BN**

**Please tick as appropriate**

- I enclose payment by cheque for £ .....**
- Bank Transfer was completed on .....**

**Name/s.....**

**Address.....**

**..... Post Code.....**

**Telephone Number .....**

**Email .....**

**Are you coming by car? ..... or public transport? .....**

## BOOKING REQUIREMENTS

	Requirements	Numbers		To Pay
A	Full Board from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon £220 per person.			
B	Full board from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon £120 per person.			
C	Full board from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon £165 per person.			
D	Saturday day visitor inc. lunch £35 per person.			
E	Sunday day visitor inc. lunch £35 per person.			
	Friday night dinner @ £35 per person Sat night dinner @ £45 per person	Frid.	Sat.	
	Thurs or Sun B&B @ £70 per person per night	Thu.	Sun.	
	I wish to contribute towards the <b>Scottish Gathering Financial Assistance Fund</b> to allow others with limited financial means to attend.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 30px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>		
<b>Total Payment</b>				£

Full Names	Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room
<b>CHILDREN'S NAMES</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>		<b>SURNAME</b>

Date of Birth..... Date of death .....

Cause.....

Relationship to your loved one    Parent     Grandparent     Sibling

Please can you say if this is your **only** child/grandchild/brother/sister/ .....

Are you attending a Scottish Gathering for the first time?             yes             no

Dietary Requirements: .....

Disability Requirements: .....

Would you like to volunteer to help at the Scottish Gathering **YES / NO** – If so what sort of thing would you like to do – for example, assist in the TCF Shop, assist with the registration and discussion group desk rota, take a discussion group, suggest and facilitate a craft or other similar session etc.

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