



The East London Caledonian Society

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JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

This is my first newsletter as Chief-Elect and a big 'thank you' to you all for honouring me with this position. With your help and support, I shall strive to carry the Society forward in the coming year. This weekend I will be attending my first official function as Chief-Elect and it is an important one as we welcome the Federation Chief and her Consort on her official visit. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday; so that we can have a function that East London can be proud of.

Thanks to all of you who attended our Annual General Meeting. For those not present – please allow me to introduce your committee for the upcoming year:

Position:	Name:	Cell:
Chief	Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton	084 693 2836
Chieftains	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
Hon. Secretary	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
Hon. Treasurer	Sheila Godfrey	082 519 3863
Executive Committee Members	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500
	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391
	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
	Jeanette Hubbard	082 929 1970

Other Appointments:

Hon. Chaplain: Rev Des Plint, Hon. Piper: Robert Rankin; Hon. Auditor: John Stoddard and our Representative on Central Council: Duncan Macdonald.

Congratulations to all those elected onto the committee and many thanks to outgoing members.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter, we sadly learned of the passing of Natalie Ball / Le Roux and of Rob Piderit. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their families and friends. Agnes Cowie has been in hospital recently, but is now recovering. Tanya Macdonell went to PE for a diagnostic heart operation. Jim Gibson was in Uganda recently for work. The Macdonell Family will be away for three weeks during the school holidays. They are doing a grand tour of Scotland and will be visiting Edinburgh, Aviemore, Dingwall and Islay.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 20 June Official Visit of the Federation Chief. Function in the Evening at Oak Room. Parklands. R50 per person. 6.30pm for 7pm. Bring own glasses and drinks as no bar at Parklands.

Saturday 1 August Chairing of the Chief. MOTH Hall, Cnr Strathmore Ave & Elizabeth Road Cambridge. 6.30pm. Bring and share plate of eats. No charge.

PIPE BAND The Band played at the McClelland Bazaar at 10am and at the Stirling Primary Games Day on Saturday 30 May at 11.30am. Finally the Band AGM was on 1 June.

LADIES GROUP The Ladies Group screened the 2014 Edinburgh Tattoo DVD at Parklands on 2 June. Next Ladies Meeting: 9.30am on Tuesday 7 July at Sandra Rankin's home, 102 Parklands.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues to enjoy a reasonable turnout. However new dancers are always most welcome at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Dancers performed at the McClelland Bazaar and the Stirling Primary Games Day on Saturday 30 May. Dancers will be at the Fed Chief's function.

HIGHLAND GATHERING May meeting was postponed; so next meeting of Gathering Committee: will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 18 June. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

June 2015			July 2015 (cont)		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
23	Ralph Anley	082 469 9424	12	John Forbes	043 726 2334
			13	Dilys MacKinnon	043 732 1198
July 2015			16	Callum MacIver	076 378 6133
2	Charon Cronje		21	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
2	Tumi Macdonell	043 721 1035	24	Elliot Murray	043 722 4106

COMMITTEE Next meeting - Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Nookie Middleton's Residence, Cottage C5 Parklands

Yours aye,



Maureen 'Nookie' Middleton
Chief-Elect

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
20 June 2015	Fed Chief Visit	Oak Room Parklands	6.30 pm	R50pp. Bring own bar.
1 August 2015	Chairing of Chief	MOTH Hall	6.30 pm	Bring Plate of Eats
2 August 2015	Kirking of Chief	Cambridge Methodist Church	8.00 am	Bring Plate of Eats