



The East London Caledonian Society

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APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

The year seems to be flying by! Since the last newsletter we enjoyed a quiz evening - where our quiz master, Dave, had us reaching for the stars in a space-themed quiz. As usual, a whole lot of fun. A big 'thank you' to Dot Com Café for accommodating our event.

This weekend the Ladies Group are holding a fundraiser for Breath of Life – please support this worthy cause. We will be welcoming the Provincial Chieftain and Lady President to our Tartan Day Train Trip. If you missed out on a ticket, feel free to don your tartan on the 6th

April for Tartan Day. This date is a celebration of Scottish heritage and is the date the Declaration of Arbroath is believed to have been signed in 1320.

In May, both the Ladies Group and the Society will be screening the 2018 Edinburgh Tattoo – so you have no excuse for missing out on viewing this spectacular show.

Just a reminder to send through your news for the newsletter – we welcome news from all members!

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Congratulations and best wishes to Maureen Illingworth, who recently celebrated her 95th birthday, but has also recently suffered from a mild stroke. Members of the Ladies Group visited her on her birthday.

Well done to Emily Middleton, who has been selected for a hockey tour to Holland. Congratulations to Tumi Macdonell, who qualified for two finals at the South African Junior Swimming Championships – coming 5th in the 100m freestyle and 8th in the 50m freestyle events. In the process, she also posted a qualifying time for the SA Youth Championships, so will be returning to Durban in a couple of weeks for that championship.

Maureena Middleton has just returned from a two week tour in Kwazulu-Natal and Cameron Middleton participated in the Cape Cycle Race. A number of East London Caledonians attended the Knysna Celtic Festival.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 6 April 2019:

Train trip to coincide with International Tartan Day and the Provincial Chieftain's visit. R20 pp. Meet at East London Station at 13:00. 20 minute turnaround in Berlin. The coach can accommodate ~20 people. Own drinks and snacks. Tartan to be worn.

Saturday 18 May 2019:

Screening of Edinburgh Tattoo DVD at MOTH Hall. 1830 for 1900. R20 pp. (R10 pp for MOTH / MOTHWA). Bring & Share supper



'Dancers in the Park' at the recent 'Music in the Park'

SOLD OUT

PIPE BAND

The Band's performance at "Music in the Park" was well received – especially the collaboration with the Hudson Park High School Band. Band members will be on the Train Trip and upcoming parades include at the McClelland Bazaar and Stirling Primary School Games Day on 25 May.

LADIES GROUP

The ladies had an enjoyable meeting in March at 'Jules on Jarvis', hosted by Elizabeth Weare.

At 18.30 on Saturday 30 March, the Ladies will screen "*Hogmanay at Blair Castle*" in the Oak Room, Parklands. Members are asked to bring a packet of biscuits for tea and to make a donation to 'Breath of Life'.

The April meeting will be at 10.00 on Wednesday 2 April at 'Breath of Life'.

May's meeting will be at 09.30 on Tuesday 7 May in the Oak Room, Parklands – for a screening of the 2018 Edinburgh Tattoo. R25 pp. Proceeds to Band Centenary.

S.C.D.C Dancing resumed on 5 February 2019. Eight dancers on average in attendance.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

The East Coast Highland Dancing Festival will take place at Clarendon Primary School on Saturday 13 April.

CONGRESS

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary and the Task Team will meet at 19.00 on Wednesday 3 April at 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville.

BIRTHDAYS

March 2019			April 2019		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Nadege Rankin	082 773 9549	9	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500
11	Nookie Middleton	084 693 2836	13	Liezel Cilliers	083 518 4009
14	John Stoddard	082 466 7095	19	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
16	Edgar Willis		19	Hannah Weymouth	076 572 9390
28	Claude Macdonell	084 742 8156	30	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will be at 19.30 on Thursday 11 April 2019 at the home of Dave & Maureen Rankin, 9 Nelson Avenue, Cambridge. Note: Meeting to be preceded by Congress / Centenary Meeting at 19.00.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
6 April 2019	Train Trip	East London to Berlin	13:30	Meet at 13.00
18 May 2019	Edinburgh Tattoo DVD	MOTH Hall	18.30	R20pp. Bring and share supper
June 2019	AGM	TBC	TBC	-