



The East London Caledonian Society

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APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Since our last newsletter some of our members enjoyed the Nahoon River Barge Cruise – with pipes and drums ensuring that the event was noticed by the wider East London community. The band also made their annual appearance at 'Music in the Park' – mere hours before the President's first announcement regarding the coronavirus.

Regrettably our much anticipated Tartan Day Train Trip will have to be postponed due to the national lockdown. We will aim to hold this later in the year, and will provide a new date as soon as this can be booked and confirmed. For now, the May Whisky Tasting remains as a tentative event – awaiting any restrictions which may remain in place beyond the 21 day lockdown.

We find ourselves in very difficult and uncertain times; but I am hopeful that the measures implemented by our Government (and those around the World) will be successful in containing the spread of the pandemic, so that we can return to 'normal' as quickly as possible. I hope that all our members are safe, well-stocked and only venture out if absolutely necessary – and importantly using the enforced quiet time to reconnect, rest and recharge. Keep safe and see you on the other side!



Dancers in the Park (Mari-Juan & Hannah)

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Firstly a warm welcome to Elizabeth Howes, our newest member. We look forward to seeing her at many upcoming events. Many congratulations to Nookie Middleton, who recently celebrated her 80th Birthday. Sue Piderit has just moved house and has been selected for the SA Grandmasters Hockey Team to play in the World Cup in Cape Town in September. In other news from the sports field, Tumi Macdonell was promoted from one of the South African U16 Water Polo Training Teams and was due to compete for the Buffalo City U18 team at the 'Currie Cup' Tournament in Durban. Unfortunately this was cancelled due to the coronavirus - together with the upcoming SA Junior Swimming Championships, which Tumi had also qualified for. However Tumi did get to perform in the chorus of the successful Stirling High School production of "Les Miserables", which ran at the Guild Theatre from 25-29 February 2020. Tanya Macdonell took part in the Miss Summer Pageant at Stirling High School on 11 March.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 4 April 2020

Tartan Day Train Trip departs 13.30. Limited space on this popular outing; so book early to avoid disappointment. R 50 (Adult), R20 (U12). Book with Dave Rankin by 28 March.

Saturday 16 May 2020

Whisky Tasting at MOTH Hall. *(Tentative)*
Details to follow in next newsletter

Pipes on the Nahoon River

PIPE BAND

Band performed at "Music in the Park" on Sunday 15 March and on the Nahoon River Barge Cruise on Saturday 14 March (see photos).

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies had a productive meeting on Tuesday 3 March in the Oak Room, Parklands, when the ladies started work on bags for Congress. Next meeting to be communicated after the lockdown. All Ladies welcome.

S.C.D.C

Country Dancers have restarted for 2020; although missed two weeks due to double booking of their venue.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

Dancers performed at "Music in the Park" on Sunday 15 March (See photo). First dancing competition of 2020, the East Coast Highland Dancing Festival, took place on Saturday 14 March at Clarendon Primary School. An enjoyable Aloe Awards function was held in the evening.

CONGRESS

Congress Booking Forms have gone out (However please check bank details as an earlier version had an old account number. Correct ELCS Account is Standard Bank Account: 084 113 936. Branch: Vincent Park. Code: 05 37 21).

BIRTHDAYS

March 2020			April 2020		
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
11	Carolyn Liddle *		19	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
14	John Stoddard	082 466 7095	30	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391
28	Claude Macdonell	084 742 8156			

* Apologies to Carolyn Liddle – for omitting her birthday from the last newsletter.

COMMITTEE

Next Committee / Congress Meeting to be held via Skype or a suitable date to be decided after the lockdown.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

