



The East London Caledonian Society

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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It is with great sadness that we have to open this newsletter with news of the passing of Callum Maclver. Callum joined the Society in 1978 and was one of our longest serving, and most prominent, members. With Beryl at his side, they twice served the Society as Chief and Lady President and also twice served the Federation as Provincial Chieftain and Lady President of the Cape Province.

Callum's haggis was the highlight of Burns Suppers for many years and it was only fitting when, in 2018, Callum and Beryl were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Society.

That extremely rare bird, a Gaelic-speaking Caledonian, we will all greatly miss his good humour, wise council and gentle hebridean lilt.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Beryl and the family at this very difficult time.

Rest in peace, Callum

Callum Maclver



(1937 - 2021)



Callum and Beryl receiving ELCS Honorary Life memberships in April 2018



NEWS OF MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Terry-Ann Rudman – our newest member. The excellent academic achievements of Nookie Middleton's granddaughters were reported in the last newsletter; but Britney and Emily Middleton are now beginning their first year at Stellenbosch University and are also making their mark on the hockey field. Sue & Roxanne Piderit have returned from visiting family in Johannesburg; while Agnes Cowie's health is much improved and she has returned home. Tumi Macdonell will be competing in the South African Junior Regional Swimming Championships in Port Elizabeth from 14-18 April. This past week, Past Federation Chief Sandra Rankin celebrated her 80th birthday and, at her birthday tea celebration, was gifted a square foot of land in Scotland, together with a certificate to confirm that, henceforth, she shall be known as "Lady Sandra Rankin"...



ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 22 May Games & build your own burger. 12:00 at MOTH Hall. Bring your own burger ingredients. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative burger presentation.

Thursday 10 June. AGM. Venue TBC

PIPE BAND Band has now restarted practising. Still awaiting a final decision on the Centenary Concert on Congress Weekend. Band paraded at the Brunch on Saturday 13 March 2021.

LADIES GROUP Get-together at the Dot Com Café on 2 March was cancelled. However the ladies met at Sandra Rankin's flat on 6 April. Next meeting will be at Sue Piderit's home at 0930 on Tuesday 4 May.

S.C.D.C No country dancing during lockdown.

HIGHLAND DANCERS Piderit Highland Dance Studio has resumed face-to-face classes and dancers performed at the recent Society Brunch. A Zoom workshop with SDTA took place Saturday 13 March 2021.

BIRTHDAYS

April 2021			May 2021		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
9	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500	8	Dean Klopper	deanklipklop@gmail.com
13	Liezel Cilliers	083 518 4009	14	Linda Hermann	kenscott@lantic.net
19	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661	15	Andrew Weymouth	083 604 3912
30	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391	18	Estelle King	082 477 1983
May 2021			20	Beryl MacIver	043 722 0875
6	Kirsty Gibson		22	Tanya Macdonell	082 386 6899
8	Sheila Sanderson		26	Ken Scott	083 274 3349

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday 13 May 2021 at 1900 at 5A Suffolk Rd, Cambridge, East London

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)



Dancers at Society Brunch

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	TIME:	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENT
Sat 22 May 2021	12:00	Games and Burgers	MOTH Hall	Bring your own burger ingredients

RIP - Callum



Callum and Beryl MacIver with delegates to the Federation Congress in East London in 2013