



The East London Caledonian Society

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AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

I cannot believe that this is my second newsletter to you all ! Where does time go? Your new Caledonian Committee is already hard at work and it seems we are looking forward to an exciting Caledonian year. I sincerely hope you will all join us in as many events as possible.

First up will be my Chairing and Kirking, where I will make a promise to do my best to justify the trust you have put in me. I have just had four wonderful days with the seventeen of the Middleton Clan, who arrived on mass to celebrate my second son, Cameron's, 50th birthday - which we did in grand Scottish style! And it reminded me how important family is. I look forward to many happy times in the coming year with you all, my Caledonian family.

We had a most pleasant, official visit by our Federation Chief, Lynn Chasomeris, and her Consort, George. George hails from Greece, models himself on Prince Phillip and is obviously very proud to be Lynn's consort. I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work that made their visit such a success.

We now look forward to the official visit by our Provincial Chieftain, Stuart Munro, and his Lady President, Jacinta. I do hope that as many Caledonians as possible join us - there will be 6 delicious pots of soup and plenty of entertainment !



NEWS OF MEMBERS

First a warm welcome to new members of the Society - James Calder and Ruth Strong.

The Middleton twins represented Border U/14 hockey in Bloemfontein. Rose Thompson and Nookie Middleton participated in a 10 km hike on 4 July. Ralph & Rose Anley are visiting family in UK, while Roxanne Piderit is now back in East London after 5 weeks in Johannesburg and the Macdonell Family have just returned from three weeks in Scotland.

In news from the 'wards' - Cynthia Murray is recovering from an operation to her back, Sandra Rankin has had further treatment to her arm, Iris van der Zee is currently in St Marks Hospital, John Stoddard has pulled a hamstring, Estelle King is recovering well from a cataract operation, Agnes Cowie is recovering in hospital from another allergy attack and Rosita Moorcroft has been in hospital with pneumonia. Please keep all those who are "*under the weather*" in your thoughts and prayers.

A special mention must be made of Margaret Murray's 100th Birthday. Margaret is the oldest and possibly the longest-serving Caledonian in East London and the Caledonian Ladies had the honour of having tea with her to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

100 not out, and indeed, still going strong !

Caledonians - this is your Newsletter; so please send in any news for sharing with your Caledonian family.



ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 1 August Chairing of the Chief. MOTH Hall, Cambridge. 6.30pm for 7pm. Bring and share plate of eats. No charge. Cash Bar

Saturday 22 August Official Visit of the Provincial Chief. 'Soup & Games' Function in the Evening at Oak Room. Parklands. R40 per person. 6.30pm for 7pm. Bring own mugs and drinks as no bar at Parklands.

PIPE BAND The Band played at Diesel Depot Challenge, Mighty Youth Conference and at a mini competition in Grahamstown. The Band will play at Kennersley Park Bazaar on Sat 3rd Oct.

LADIES GROUP Ladies had an enjoyable meeting hosted by Nookie Middleton on 7th July. Next Meeting: Work Party repairing table cloths at 9am on Tues 4 Aug at Oak Room, 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 for the visiting Fed Chief. Border Highland Dancing Festival will be on Sat 22nd August (9am-12pm) at Port Rex THS (probably).

HIGHLAND GATHERING Next meeting of Gathering Committee will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 20th August. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

Date	Name:	Contact:
15 August 2015	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
25 August 2015	Iris v.d Zee	043 726 5000

COMMITTEE Next meeting - Thursday 13th August 2015 at 7.30 pm at the home of Dave and Maureen Rankin, 9 Nelson Avenue, Cambridge.

Yours aye,

Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief-Elect)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
1 Aug 2015	Chairing of Chief	MOTH Hall	6.30 pm	Bring Plate of Eats
2 Aug 2015	Kirking of Chief	Cambridge Meth Church	8 am	Bring Plate of Eats
22 Aug 2015	Provincial Chief Visit	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	Soup. R40pp
12 Sep 2015	ECHG Fundraising Tea	Oak Room. Parklands	10 am	R40 pp