



The East London Caledonian Society

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AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It was a shock to hear of the passing of our Honorary Chaplain, Rev Des Plint. Des served this society as Honorary Chaplain over eight terms since 2006. We were indeed privileged to have him as our Chaplain over this time.

For me, personally, it is difficult to imagine him not being around anymore. To not receive the familiar greeting – “How are you today?” And to know that he genuinely cared about my response. To not see him marching off with the pipe band at the next parade ...



We remember and celebrate his life, and we bid him farewell as we mourn the loss of a lively, dignified soul. To Fran and the family – we are thinking of you and wish there were words to comfort you at this time.

The words of Irving Berlin seem apt: “The song is ended, but the melody lingers on...”

Some confusion resulted in us not sending out a July newsletter! Thank you to all who attended our AGM, and for your support in electing me as Chief for the ensuing year. With a relatively familiar committee, we are pleased to welcome Robert Rankin back to the committee and, with your help and support, we aim to continue moving the Society forward.

COMMITTEE FOR 2018/2019

Position:	Name:	Cell:
Chief	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
Lady President	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
Senior Chieftain	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
Chieftains	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868
	Sandra Rankin	076 968 2398
Hon. Secretary	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
Hon. Treasurer	Sheila Godfrey	082 519 3863
Executive Committee Members	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391
	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
	Leanne Harbottle	079 572 5073
	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
	Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton	084 693 2836
	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571

We hope to see you all at the Chairing this weekend – see Entertainment for details.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Very sad news this month was the passing of two longstanding members - our Honorary Chaplain, Rev Des Plint and Norma Riddell. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. In other news, Jean Sansom has moved to stay with her daughter in Knysna; while Elliot & Cynthia Murray are doing well after recent ill health. Congratulations to Callum & Beryl MacIver on their 55th (Emerald) wedding anniversary and to Liezel Cilliers, who is now the proud mother of a baby boy, Quinn (born 15 May 2018).

On the sports field, Britney Middleton has been selected for the U17 SA Hockey Team and Sue Piderit has completed the 280 km Indlela yoBuntu Pilgrimage and will be participating in her 25th Masters Hockey Tournament.

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 20 July 2018 Chairing of the Chief. Old Selbornians Club. Bring & share. 6.30pm for 7pm

Sat 11 August 2018 Museum Treasure Hunt. R25pp (R20 for pensioners) incl. entrance. 10.30am at the East London Museum

PIPE BAND

The band and guest pipers gave a final parade for the Rev. Des Plint at his funeral on 14 July. The Band will parade at the Chairing of the Chief on Friday 20 July. Upcoming Parades: 12 August SPCA Bikers' Breakfast at Hams Club. 9 September: Battle of Britain Service at East Bank Cemetery. 23 September: St Andrews Gathering in Grahamstown.

LADIES GROUP

The ladies had a constructive morning planning session to plan the programme for the year ahead. Next meeting will be Tuesday 7 August at 9.30am at home of Sandra Rankin, 102 Parklands.

S.C.D.C

Dancers participated in the recent St Georges Presbyterian Church fundraiser.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

Dancers are preparing for the Interprovincial Competition and the South African Championships at the end of July. Two Dancers (Kristen and Mari-Juan) participated in the All Africa Competition in Gauteng and both did very well, with Mari-Juan winning the Beginners Section in only her second competition and Kristen earning her highest placing in a Championship to date. A fundraising concert will be held at Port Rex at 12:00 on 21 July. R50 pp. Numbers to Roxanne Piderit ASAP.

CONGRESS

The dates for the next Congress have been confirmed as 5-7 October 2018 in Durban. East London is pencilled in for the 2020 Congress. The Task Team has now circulated its constitutional proposals for consideration by other societies and by Central Council in advance of Congress.

BIRTHDAYS

July 2018 (Remainder)			August 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
16	Callum MacIver	043 722 0875	15	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
21	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948	20	Jamie Gibson	043 721 3272
24	Elliot Murray	043 722 4106	25	Iris v d Zee	043 726 5000

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday 9 August 2018 at the Macdonell Residence, 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville at 7.30pm. Meeting will be preceded by a first meeting to plan the 2020 Gathering / Congress at **7pm**.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
21 July 2018	Chairing	Old Selbornians Club	18.30	Bring and share
11 Aug 2018	Museum Treasure Hunt	EL Museum	10.30	R25 inc Entrance
23 Sep 2018	St Andrews Gathering	Grahamstown	-	
20 Oct 2018	Movie Night	MOTH Hall (TBC)	18.30	Possible fish/chips or bring /share
3 Nov 2018	Halloween	McClelland	TBC	
1 Dec 2018	St Andrews Dinner	Beacon Bay C Club	TBC	
2 Dec 2018	St Andrews Service	Cambridge Methodist	08.00	
26 Jan 2019	Burns Nicht	TBC	TBC	