



The East London Caledonian Society

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DECEMBER 2015 – JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

As I entered yet another Christmas Party in my diary, and noticed that most societies go into recess at this time, I suddenly realised that this does not apply to the Caledonians. On the contrary, we are busier than usual - with St Andrews, Hogmanay and Burn's Nicht all coming up. Tickets are now available for all these events, so don't delay, get yours today !

Two recent events which moved me were our Halloween Party at the McClelland Home and the recent Remembrance Day Service. McClelland residents do not have much, but their enjoyment, enthusiasm and happiness uplifted the spirits of all who attended and reminded us to count our blessings. The other event was the Remembrance Day Service. It was great to see three schools taking part and laying wreaths. The service is always very moving and a reminder not to forget the horrors of war, especially in light of the recent atrocities in Paris.

"The Kei Boat Song" - Pipers and Dancers on the Nahoon River during our recent River Cruise



NEWS OF MEMBERS Firstly a warm welcome to new members, Jimmy and Janet Calder. Congratulations to Sarah Middleton who received the Investec Award for being one of the top 100 students at Rhodes University, to Roxanne Piderit, who will become an Associate Professor in January and to Liezel Cilliers, who has been promoted to Senior Lecturer and who won the Faculty of Management and Commerce's 'Emerging Researcher of the Year' Award. The Middleton girls continue to excel – Emily won 3 drama trophies and a Bronze Award for SAACE; while Britney won Gold for a short story and poetry at SAACE. Tumi Macdonell swam in the Border Top 10 Swimming Gala recently and has qualified for the Top 8 in all her strokes. In news from the doctor's surgery – Iris Van der Zee will be going into hospital soon to refurbish her hip, Callum & Beryl MacIver have both been 'under the weather' recently but are on the mend, while Jeanette Hubbard has returned from Cape Town but is still recovering from her recent illness. Rose Thompson and Nookie Middleton will both be visiting family over Christmas. Meanwhile Sue Piderit will be going to Pietermaritzburg as Manager of the 'Ghost Team' (*don't ask me ... I just write what I'm told!*) and has also received an Honours Award from Port Rex Technical High School.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 28 November St Andrews Night function. Oak Room, Parklands. 6.30 pm for 7pm. R100 pp, R75 for U12s. Tickets available from the Committee. Bring your own bar. Final numbers to Sandra Rankin by 20/11/15

Thursday 31 December Hogmanay 'Bring and share' Party from 8.30pm. R30 per person for shortbread and champagne to see in the New Year. Numbers to Sandra Rankin by 16/12/15

Saturday 23 January Burns Nicht. Oak Room, Parklands. 6.30 pm for 7pm. R120 pp (R80 U12). Tickets from Committee. Bring your own bar.

PIPE BAND The Band played at our Halloween function and at the Remembrance Day Parades in both King Williams Town and East London – after which they held their 'End of Year' Braai at Geoff Liddle's house. The band will be at our St Andrews function.

LADIES GROUP Ladies' meeting in November, hosted by Agnes Cowie, was enjoyed by all. Ladies' Christmas Lunch will be at 12pm on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at John & Lorna Thompson's home (23 Hart Road) in Gonubie. Next meeting: 9.30am on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at Sandra Rankin's flat, 102 Parklands.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays until the holiday recess. The Country Dancers will be having their 'End of Year' bring and share function at 4pm on Tuesday 24 November 2015 at the Hams Club.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Congratulations to Emily Frauenstein - nominated for a Protea Award in her age group. Dancers will be at our St Andrews function.

HIGHLAND GATHERING Next meeting of Gathering Committee will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 19 November. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

December 2015			January 2016		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
10	Wade Alan Lynch	076 241 9737	6	Marrion Mathieson	
17	Gordon MacKinnon	dmack@tcguy.co.za	25	Elizabeth Weare	
27	Phillip Cronje		28	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868
30	Emily Frauenstein	thefrauensteins@telkomsa.net			

COMMITTEE Next meeting of the Committee will be in 2016 – on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.30 pm at Nookie Middleton's Cottage C5, Parklands.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, let me wish you all a blessed Christmas and good health for the coming year !

Yours aye,



Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
28 Nov 2015	St Andrews Function	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	R100 pp, R75 U12
31 Dec 2015	Hogmanay	Oak Room. Parklands	8.30 pm	R30 pp
23 Jan 2016	Burns Nicht	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	R120 pp, R80 U12