



The East London Caledonian Society

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DECEMBER 2017 / JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Greetings from Down Under !

We have reached the end of another year and it is hard to believe that it has been a year since our 2016 St Andrews Dinner. Each year seems to get busier and 2018 looks like it will be no different. The committee, and various sub-sections of the society, are working tirelessly to bring new and exciting experiences for our membership. *(Just a reminder that we welcome feedback and ideas from our members – so please feel free to pass on your thoughts to us)* A lot has happened since our last newsletter – we had a lovely Halloween evening with the residents of McClelland. The 'best dressed' winners (as chosen by the residents) are pictured above – although we received a 'complaint' that only committee members received prizes! Liezel (our Tommy Tourist) receives special mention as the only non-committee member to join in on the dressing up – your prize is on its way! It would be nice to have more members present next year – please consider joining us as this is our main charitable event for the year. The efforts are really appreciated by the residents, and lots of fun is to be had around the braai after we have finished the entertainment portion of the programme.



A Nun and two Witches at Halloween

We tried yet another venue for St Andrews Dinner and enjoyed a fabulous meal laid out by Marais and his Hams Club Team. It was also nice to have space to dance – a huge thank you to Sandra for always willingly arranging ceilidh dancing for our entertainment. Our guest speaker, Mr Neil McIntyre, gave a fitting tribute to Scotland and St Andrew – and went home with a membership form! Thank you to all those who played their part in making it a success. We will be trying out Beacon Bay Country Club for Burns Night in January – details about tickets are in the Entertainment section. Look forward to seeing you all then.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

First condolences to the Piderit family on the recent passing of Eileen Turner – mother of Sue and grandmother of Roxanne. Our thoughts are also with Callum & Beryl MacIver, who recently had a break-in at their home. On the sports field, Emily Middleton is in the Border badminton team; while Tumi Macdonell will be travelling to Port Elizabeth for an Interprovincial tournament with the Border U13 Girls Water Polo team. In travel news, Agnes Cowie is in Johannesburg visiting friends and her granddaughter; while, as you saw in the intro, Roxanne Piderit is currently in Australia. This Christmas, Maureena Middleton will visit family in Johannesburg; while Rose Thompson will be visiting her family in Pinetown. Dave & Maureen Rankin have been visiting family in Clarens. Jean Sansom has been unwell. Cameron Middleton has added pizza ovens to Dot. Com Café and has obtained a liquor licence. Norma Riddel has moved to the D.J. Sobey Home. Geoff and Carolyn Liddle's daughter, Sally-Anne, will be visiting from Australia.

ENTERTAINMENT

27 January 2018 Burns Nicht. Beacon Bay Country Club R130 pp (R100 for U12). 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Tickets from the Committee and final numbers to Sue Piderit (082 924 1078) by 19 January 2018. Tickets can be paid for via EFT and proof of payment emailed to piderit@iafrica.com. *Any members needing a lift to the venue – please also let Sue know.*

PIPE BAND In the past month, the Band led the Remembrance Day Parade on Oxford Street; and played at St Andrews' Dinner. Looking into the distance, Music in the Park will be on 18 March 2018.

LADIES GROUP The Ladies Group enjoyed a delightful morning at Dot Com Café on 7 November with much to discuss with Congress just past, and a busy programme coming up. John & Lorna Thompson have once again generously offered to host our end of year luncheon at their home on Tuesday 5th December from 12 midday – always a joy to us all. Please note that in light of a wonderful increase in membership of our Group over the past year, we regret that Past Chiefs and Lady Presidents will not be receiving an invitation to join us on this occasion. The first meeting of 2018 will be held at the Dot.Com Café on 7 February 2018 at 0930, hosted by Sheila Sanderson.

S.C.D.C The Country Dancers had their End of Year Party on Tuesday 28th November 2017. The Club will now go into recess over the holiday period and will reconvene in February 2018.

HIGHLAND DANCERS Most of the Dancers have been busy with exams, although dancing practice has continued.

CONGRESS The provisional date for the next Congress is 5-7 October 2018 in Durban. East London is pencilled in for the 2020 Congress.

BIRTHDAYS

December 2017			January 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
10	Wade Alan Lynch	076 241 9737	6	Marrian Mathieson	
17	Don MacKinnon	dmack@tcguy.co.za	25	Elizabeth Weare	
30	Emily Frauenstein	thefrauensteins@telkomsa.net	28	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868

COMMITTEE Next Committee Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 January 2018 at the home of Rose Thompson, Cottage E7, Fairlands. Cambridge West.

Finally I would like to wish each of you a Blessed Festive Season. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends – and, for those travelling, keep safe on the roads!

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
27 January	Burns Nicht	Beacon Bay CC	6.30pm	R130pp (R100 for U12)
17 February	Valentines Tea	Port Rex THS (TBC)	TBC	Fundraiser