



The East London Caledonian Society

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FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Wishing you all a fabulous 2018! A new chapter is waiting to be written, and I certainly hope it is one full of great experiences and achievements. Most of all a chapter that documents continued growth for our Society. To do that we need to enlist the help of all our members. Invite a friend, spread the word – we can continue our upward trend TOGETHER!

Burns Nicht will be held this weekend – there is still some time to get tickets, so please contact Sue Piderit today (Monday 22 Jan) to book your place! Following that we have a Valentine's Tea on 17 February – this is the first in a series of fundraisers this year. This event will go toward the band's centenary to be celebrated in 2020 and is worthy of the Society's support. *Please see the Entertainment section for more information.*

A parting thought (or is it a challenge?) from the Bard himself – a 'translation' is provided on the right for those who may require it

O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursels as others see us
It wad frae monie a blunder free us
An' foolish notion
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us
An' ev'n Devotion

Oh, that God would give us the smallest of gifts
To be able to see ourselves as others see us
It would save us from many mistakes
and foolish thoughts
We would change the way we look and gesture
and how we apply our time and attention.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Ralph Anley spent the last week of November at the SA Croquet Championships in Cape Town. After a closely contested final, he is now the singles champion. After New Year, Claude Macdonell's niece visited from California and together the Macdonells did a bit of a road trip to, and from, Cape Town. Tumi Macdonell was part of the Border u13 girls' water polo team that came 3rd at the Interprovincial Champs in Port Elizabeth. She also received a "Consolio et Animus" Award for leadership and all round achievement and was named joint best swimmer at Stirling Primary School's End of Year Awards. Rose Thompson's grandson, Damian, received five matric distinctions and will be studying mechanical engineering at UCT. Sarah Middleton has received her master's degree and is beginning a one year internship in Johannesburg. Rose Thompson spent two weeks visiting family in Durban. Marrian Mathieson recently celebrated her 70th birthday. Des and Fran Plint were visited by family from Australia. Dot Com Café now boasts a doggie zone (which your Chief plans to frequent!) and a liquor licence (which will please some band members!). Elliot Murray is doing well after his knee replacement operation.

The ladies' group, led by Past Federation Chief Sandra Rankin visited long-standing members during December – my sincere thanks to Sandra for arranging these visits, I would have loved to have joined, however my travel plans did not allow. The ladies visited Margaret Murray at her home and report that she is as bright and cheery as ever. Norma Riddell, who now resides at DJ Sobey Home, was visited on her birthday. The ladies report that Norma is looking well and they had a very pleasant visit. Likewise, the ladies also enjoyed lovely visits with Cynthia Murray, and Beryl and Callum Maciver who are all doing well. Jean Sansom was in good spirits when the ladies visited, and Maureen Illingworth enjoyed the time spent with the ladies who visited.

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.*

17 February 2018 Valentine's Tea. Venue: Port Rex School Hall (TBC when schools reopen). This will be a fundraiser towards the Pipe Band Centenary in 2020. Please dress in Red or Pink – we will award a prize to the person best dressed in the spirit of Valentine's Day. Cost: R50 pp. We ask that all members please bring a plate of eats for the tea. If you have any items you could donate toward raffle prizes on the day, please let a committee member know.

PIPE BAND Practice will resume on Tuesday 16 January at the Montessori School.
Upcoming parades: Burn's Nicht on 27 January 2018 and Music in the Park on 18 March 2018.

LADIES GROUP Thanks to John & Lorna Thompson, who hosted the group at a Christmas lunch in December. Long-standing members were visited during December. The first meeting of 2018 will be held at the Dot Com Café on 7 February 2018 at 09:30, hosted by Sheila Sanderson.

S.C.D.C The Country Dancers are still in recess and will reconvene in February 2018.

HIGHLAND DANCERS The dancers have resumed classes, working especially on their fitness. Dancers will perform at Burn's Nicht on 27 January.

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

January 2018			February 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
25	Elizabeth Weare	043 721 1533	12	John Fyfe	datnis@border.co.za
28	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868	20	Kim Mathieson	083 373 5864
			25	Peter McCausland	082 649 5528
			29 *	Maureen Illingworth	043 721 1727

* Sorry no birthday for Maureen again this year!

COMMITTEE Next Committee Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 8 February 2018 at the home of Sue Piderit, 13 Tapson Street, Cambridge.

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)	11:00	R50 plus plate of eats
7 April	Tartan Day River Cruise	Nahoon River (TBC)	TBC	