



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It is hard to believe that we are into a new year ... and a new decade. I trust you all had a peaceful festive season and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. As our 'November' newsletter went out so late last year, there was nothing new to report for a December/January newsletter – hence we skipped one in order to get us back to our usual newsletter schedule.

Those in attendance enjoyed the St Andrews dinner held at Comrades Club in November. We raised the flag at City Hall on the Friday as is customary (see photo) – and managed to get some coverage of this by the Buffalo City Tourism page. A few people gathered at the Chief's House in lieu of the St Andrews Service, which we were unable to hold due to the relocation of our Honorary Chaplain.

2020 is off to a busy start – with Burns Night to be held next weekend at Old Boys Club. We will hold a quiz/treasure hunt in February, a barge trip in March and a train trip in April. All three of these events promise to be a lot of fun – and tickets for the barge and train can sell out quite fast. The tea tray raffle for the band fundraiser is still ongoing – contact the Chief for raffle sheets/tickets.



*EL Callies flying the flag at City Hall on St Andrews Day*

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

The Society was deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Beverley Macdonald, daughter of Duncan (our Representative on Central Council) and Audrey Macdonald. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family.

Congratulations to Nookie Middleton's grandson, Peter McCausland, who was the top matriculant in Buffalo City. Tumi Macdonell captained the Buffalo City U15 Girls Provincial Water Polo Tournament in Joburg in December – where they came 5th out of 12 provincial teams. Roxanne Piderit and three dancers from the PhD Studio have just returned from Cape Town, where they participated in a successful dancing workshop. Kim Mathieson was part of the cast of the DramSoc 'Showstoppers Goes Country', which performed at the Alexander Playhouse from 27 November to 7 December. Andrew Macdonell's brother, Hamish, and his family visited South Africa from Scotland over Christmas.

Ralph and Rose Anley, together with Maureen Illingworth, are in process of moving to live in Howick, KZN. Ralph is a Past Chief of the Society – we will miss them; but wish them well in their new home. Finally in news from the doctor's surgery - Carolyn Liddle recently had an operation and is recovering well.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Saturday 25 January 2020

Burns Supper. 18.30 for 19.00 at the Old Selbornian Club.  
R110 for members, R150 for non-members.  
Contact Sue Piderit (082 924 1078) by Friday 18 Jan to book.

## **PIPE BAND**

Band raised approx. R1800 at their fundraiser at the MOTH Hall on 29 November. The band participated in a golf event at the Gonubie Golf Club on 7 December and the End of Year Social on 8 December 2019 at Geoff Liddle's house was enjoyed by all. Band will be at Burns Nicht.

## **LADIES GROUP**

The Ladies entertained some of the older members at Parklands on 10 December and had an enjoyable Christmas Lunch on 26 November. First 2020 meeting will be at 09.30 on Tues 4 Feb at Sandra Rankin's home, 102 Parklands.

**S.C.D.C** The Chief and Lady President were pleased to join the dancers for their year-end function on Tuesday 19 November. The Country Dancers are now in recess until February.

## **HIGHLAND DANCERS**

After a very long dancing year, the dancers have taken a well-deserved break, before attempting the new steps for 2020. The Piderit Highland Dancing Studio also has a new, 'centrally located', training venue at Roxanne's new house in Berea. Dancers performed at St Andrews and three dancers recently went to Cape Town for a Dancing Workshop. Dancers will be at Burns Nicht.

## **CONGRESS / TASK TEAM**

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

January 2020			February 2020		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Marrian Mathieson		12	John Fyfe	<a href="mailto:sarian@gigantech.co.za">sarian@gigantech.co.za</a>
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			29	Maureen Illingworth	043 721 1727

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

For those who have not paid, the following subscriptions are now due: Full Members: R100, Country Members: R75; Junior Members: R35. Please pay to the Committee (if not already done so) - thanks

## **COMMITTEE**

Next Committee Meeting will be at 19.30 on Thursday 13 February 2020 at the home of Sue Piderit, 13 Tapson Street, Cambridge. Note: Meeting to be preceded by Congress / Band Centenary Meeting at 19.00.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
25 Jan 20	Burns Nicht	Old Selbornian Club	18.30 for 19.00	R110 for members, R150 for non-members
16 Feb 20	Quiz / Treasure Hunt	Mugg & Bean, Vincent	11.00	R10 pp
14 Mar 20	Nahoon Boat Cruise	Nahoon River	14.00 – 16.00	Details to follow
4 April 20	Train Trip	EL Railway Station	TBC	Details to follow