



The East London Caledonian Society

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JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It has been six weeks since some of us gathered at 'The Valley' for a very different, yet very enjoyable, St Andrew's picnic. The picnic format was relaxed and a refreshing break from the stress of COVID-19 routines. I also hope that the festive season brought some enjoyment for all our members.

Due to current restrictions and uncertainty about possible extensions thereof, the committee has taken the decision to hold the Burns Celebration as a virtual event on Saturday 23 January. We had considered postponing it to July to coincide with the anniversary of Burns' death; but decided that a face-to-face event could not be guaranteed for later in the year either. For those based in East London, portions of Haggis and Atholl Brose can be purchased for your enjoyment during the virtual celebration. For those not in East London, I hope you will be able to join our virtual event. More details are in the Entertainment section of this newsletter.

I hope that 2021 is an improvement on 2020 and that some normality returns to our lives. More importantly though, I hope that our members remain safe and well during this pandemic. We pray for healing for those infected and affected by COVID-19.

St Andrews Day 2020



A step to the left



.... and a step to the right

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Agnes Cowie, who is ill with COVID and is staying with Graeme (her son).

The Macdonell Family have just returned from a two week holiday in the D.R. Congo, where they attended two family weddings.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 23 January 2021 Burns 'Virtual' Function

This year, the Society will be organising a virtual Burns Function at 18.00 on Saturday 23 January 2021. Join us on 'Zoom' or Facebook as we celebrate the life of our national bard. Logging in details will be circulated.

No Burns function will be complete without haggis and atholl brose – so the Society will also be organising takeaway portions / tots at R20 for members in good standing (R30 for non-members). Please confirm orders with Sandra (076 968 2398), Dave (082 900 0948) or Maureen Rankin (082 405 9730) by Saturday 16 January 2021.

The portions will be starter-sized and you will need to arrange your own accompaniment to create your own Burns Supper. The takeaway portions can be collected between 15:00 and 16:00 on Saturday 23 January from Andrew Macdonell's house (17 Fitzmaurice Rd). EFT payment is preferred in order to reduce cash handling and COVID risks.

Sunday 14 February 2021 Socially Distanced Treasure Hunt

Details will be circulated closer to the time.

PIPE BAND

Band performed at St Andrews Day and at the market at the Hams Club (in support of the McClelland Home) on Sat 28 November. As modelled by the Chief - 'limited edition' Pipe Band face masks are available.

LADIES GROUP

Due to the COVID lockdown, the ladies had to cancel their December function, which was scheduled for at the Atrium, The Valley on Tuesday 8 December. In recess, until further notice due to lockdown.

S.C.D.C

No country dancing during lockdown.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

Dancers performed at St Andrews Day and at the market at the Hams Club (in support of the McClelland Home) on Saturday 28 November. PhD Dancers have been continuing with online fitness classes.

BIRTHDAYS

January 2021			February 2021		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Marrian Mathieson	mathieson.marrian@gmail.com	12	John Fyfe	sarian@gigantech.co.za
28	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868	20	Kim Mathieson	fkmathieson@gmail.com

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will take place at 19.00 on Thursday 11 February 2021 (whats app or skype TBC). If physical meeting allowed – this will be confirmed.

Yours aye,



FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Sat 23 Jan 2021	Burns Function	Internet
Sun 14 Feb 2021	Treasure Hunt	TBC – Save the date

Roxanne Piderit (Chief)



ELCS Pipe Band Face Mask