



The East London Caledonian Society

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JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER (... from South East Asia!)

Dear Fellow Caledonians,



Greetings to you all from Vietnam !

Through the marvels of modern technology, I am writing this – having just come back from boat trip in the South China Sea.

Visiting Vietnam has been a wonderful experience – it truly is a land of rivers, green forests, huge magnificent caves, devastating heat and millions of people (including now me!) riding mopeds!

I have had a wonderful time;
but *“East, West, home is still best!”*
So now looking forward to getting back home to East London and my friends!



NEWS OF MEMBERS

(Remember - please send us your news for the next Newsletter !)

Sporting news the Middleton Twins are now evidently to be referred to as the Triplets; as Sarah joined Emily and Britney Middleton in playing their first hockey match together. Meanwhile Tumi Macdonell won the trophy for the ‘11 year old swimmer with greatest potential’ at the recent Harlequins Swimming Club’s Annual Prizegiving Function.

Travel news Sheila Godfrey will be visiting the UK from 16 June to 15 July, Rose Thompson will be visiting Pinetown at the end of June for her daughter-in-law’s 50th Birthday, Rob Rankin will be attending the Pretoria Gathering also at the end of June; while Agnes Cowie has just returned from a break in the Drakensberg.

News from the Doctor’s Surgery Jean Sansom continues to be unwell; while Beryl MacIver is recovering from a recent fall.

Finally extra special birthday wishes to our most senior Caledonian Margaret Murray, who turns 101 on 20 June 2016 !

ENTERTAINMENT

20 Aug 2016

Garden Party at Parklands – details in the next newsletter

PIPE BAND Band played at the (rescheduled) Diesel Depot Run, the Stirling Primary Games Day, the McClelland Bazaar and for the Provincial Chief's visit. Band held their AGM on 7 June.

LADIES GROUP Ladies' June meeting, hosted by Agnes Cowie went well. Next meeting will be hosted by Nookie Middleton at 9.30am on Tuesday 5 July 2016 at Cottage C5, Parklands.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm every Tuesday.

HIGHLAND DANCERS Three events on the weekend of 17-19 June - all at Port Rex THS.

Interprovincial Challenge at 4pm on Friday 17 June,
Border Highland Dancing Festival at 10am on Saturday 18 June and Protea Awards Dinner at 6pm - also on Saturday 18 June at Port Rex.



Dancers performed at Stirling Primary Games Day, the McClelland Bazaar and the Provincial Chief's visit.

HIGHLAND GATHERING Due to the Youth Day Public Holiday, the next meeting of Gathering Committee will be a brief meeting, immediately after the AGM, on Weds 22 June.

BIRTHDAYS

June 2016			July 2016 (cont)		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
20	Margaret Murray	043 726 1157	12	John Forbes	043 726 2334
23	Ralph Anley	082 469 9424	13	Dilys MacKinnon	043 732 1198
July 2016			16	Callum MacIver	076 378 6133
2	Charon Cronje		21	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
2	Tumi Macdonell	043 721 1035	24	Elliot Murray	043 722 4106

CONGRESS 92nd Congress of the 'Federated Caledonian Society of Southern Africa' will be hosted at Cedar Woods in Sandton, Johannesburg from 7 to 9 October 2016.

COMMITTEE Next meeting of the Committee will probably be on Thursday 14 July 2016 at 7.30 pm. Venue will be confirmed at AGM.

Finally – I have not yet mentioned our **AGM**, which will be at Parklands on **Weds 22 June** at **7pm**. (Note the venue: Oak Room, Parklands – **not** MOTH Hall, as stated in last newsletter!)

All members are strongly urged to attend our AGM and ideally get involved in the new committee. Your chance to have your say in the running of the Society; so I look forward to seeing you all then!

Yours aye,

Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

FOR SALE: Highland Outfit – R2,000
Kilt (Ancient Macdonald), Prince Charlie Jacket,
Waistcoat, Belt, Socks and Jabot.
Size: Jacket 98cm (under arm), Kilt Waist 86cm (adj)
"Once worn on 'The White Heather Club' TV Show!"
Contact: Iain Murdoch in Port Alfred (084 517 7811)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
22 June 2016	AGM	Oak Room, Parklands	7pm	Stand, stand, stand !
23/24 July 2016	Chairing / Kirking	TBC	TBC	
20 Aug 2016	Garden Party	Parklands TBC	TBC	QE2 Birthday Celeb