



The East London Caledonian Society

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JULY / AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

We once again missed sending out a separate July newsletter – with a delayed AGM date and a few necessities to be organised and decided upon before publishing a newsletter, time was tight. This is therefore a rather lengthy newsletter as we catch up.

Following the last newsletter, it was brought to my attention that we had missed an important piece of news. My sincere apologies for not including the news of the passing of Laurence McGillivray. A full tribute to Laurence is appended to this newsletter – my grateful thanks to the Rankin family for assisting me with this. *(This omission has highlighted once again that we need feedback from our members for inclusion in the newsletter. Please do contact a committee member to pass on any news you feel is of value to members of the Society)*

At our AGM in June we made two important changes to the Constitution as we seek to evolve and remain relevant. Firstly, a Chief will not be able to hold the position for more than three terms at a time. We feel it is important to ensure the role is rotated and new ideas and perspectives are brought to the table. This is the only way to keep our Society thriving. Secondly, we reduced the number of Executive Committee members. While a large committee made sense when the Society had hundreds of members, it is felt that we need to consolidate efforts with a smaller committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee members for their valuable contributions to the Society over the years. Our new committee for 2019/2020 is included below:

COMMITTEE FOR 2019/2020

Position:	Name:	Cell:
Chief	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
Lady President	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
Senior Chieftain	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948
Chieftains	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868
	Sandra Rankin	076 968 2398
Hon. Secretary	Andrew Macdonell	082 701 8868
Hon. Treasurer	Sheila Godfrey	082 519 3863
Executive Committee Members	Leanne Harbottle	079 572 5073
	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571
	Dean Kloppe	081 323 8812

In keeping with our goal to be more community-driven, we will be having a slightly delayed 'Mandela Day Beach Clean Up' on the weekend. Please join us on Sunday – armed with packets and gloves to clean up Nahoon Beach. This will be followed by lunch at the Beach Break for those who wish to stay.

The Chairing and Kirking will be held in August – details are in the Entertainment section.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

We welcome a new member to the Society, Jessica Simons. Jessica's daughter, Jada, has entertained us as a Highland Dancer at numerous events. Tumi Macdonell won 9 medals (including 2 Gold) at a swimming gala held in Port Elizabeth recently. She also achieved qualifying times for next year's SA Junior Champs – a great effort so early in the season. Also on the sporting front, Britney Middleton was selected for the South African u18B Hockey Team while, a little less spectacular, the Chief has been selected for the Border Masters B Team. Callum and Beryl MacIver are looking forward to the visit of their daughter Lynn and grandson Andrew from the UK during July. Sue Piderit is a Grandmother following the birth of Joshua Cruz Piderit on 17 June.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday 28 July 2019: Mandela Day Beach Clean Up. 11.00. Meet at Nahoon Lifesavers Shack. Bring gloves and packets. Lunch at Beach Break to follow, for own account.

Friday 16 August 2019: Chairing at Hamilton Club. 18:30 for 19.00. Bring and Share Supper.

Sunday 18 August 2019: Kirking at Amalinda Baptist Church. 09.00. Bring a plate of eats for tea.

PIPE BAND On Saturday 22 June the Band paraded at McClelland Centre as part of the celebration of the life of past Pipe Major Laurence MacGillivray. This was followed by a wake at Buffs Club. Practices continue every Tuesday at 1830. The learners are progressing well and some prospective learners have shown an interest.

LADIES GROUP

Members enjoyed a get-together at the home of Sandra Rankin on 11 June. The screening of the 2018 Edinburgh Tattoo on 2nd July was well supported and a sizable amount raised toward the Band Centenary. The next meeting will be held at 09.30 on Tuesday 6th August at Dot Com Café and will be hosted by Sheila Sanderson.

S.C.D.C Eight dancers in attendance on average. New dances are being learned; and known dances rehearsed.

HIGHLAND DANCERS Dancers are hard at work preparing for their annual examinations on 2 August. This will be followed by the East London Highland Dancing Festival at Clarendon Primary on Saturday 3 August.

CONGRESS / TASK TEAM East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary. A working copy of the Federation constitution has been proof-read by the task team and returned to Central Council for distribution to the member Societies.

BIRTHDAYS

July 2019			August 2019		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
2	Tumi Macdonell	082 386 6845	15	Sue Piderit	082 924 1078
16	Callum MacIver	043 722 0875	20	Jamie Gibson	043 721 3272
21	Dave Rankin	082 900 0948	25	Iris v d Zee	043 726 5000
24	Elliot Murray	043 722 4106			

SUBSCRIPTIONS 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 8 August 2019 at the home of Dave & Maureen Piderit, 9 Nelson Avenue, Cambridge. Note: Meeting to be preceded by Congress / Centenary Meeting at 19.00.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

IN REMEMBRANCE – LAURENCE MCGILLIVRAY



It was with sadness that we learned of the passing to higher service of an old friend and erstwhile member of the East London Caledonian Society on 29th June this year.

LAURENCE MCGILLIVRAY served the Society with loyalty and enthusiasm for many years and in a variety of positions.

Piping was amongst his greatest loves and he was always ready to 'give a blow' at every opportunity, and took pride in tutoring learners including his son Roydon, Robert Rankin and Lynn MacIver. Promoted to Pipe Major round the early 1980s, he held the position with competence for more than ten years.

He served with merit as a Chieftain of the Society and as a Scottish Country Dancing instructor, and with his wife Jean, made an excellent contribution to the dancing team.

A family man, he and Jean took great pride in their children's achievements and family outings were the order of the day. A keen off-road biker, he spent many happy times with his sons at Motorcross.

A cabinet- maker by trade, he attended immaculately to detail and was truly a master craftsman.

A sincere and dependable friend to all, Laurence will be missed and fondly remembered by those who had the good fortune to have known him.

Till we meet again,

Farewell Laurence

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
28 July	Mandela Day Beach Clean Up	Meet at Nahoon Life Savers Shack	11:00	Bring bag and gloves. Lunch at Beach Break for own account to follow.
16 August	Chairing	Hamilton Club	18:30 for 19:00	Bring & Share Supper
18 August	Kirking	Amalinda Baptist Church	09:00	Bring a plate of eats for tea
7 Sept	Fundraising Tea	Oak Room, Parklands	10:15 for 10:30	2020 Fundraising Event