



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

I am finding it difficult to believe that the end of the Caledonian year is approaching with our Annual General Meeting on 22 June. **This is your chance to have a say in the running of the Caledonian Society, a chance to choose a Chief and Office Bearers, so don't lose out!**

To be honest, I did not expect to enjoy our recent whisky tasting as much as I did and, with Sue Piderit, certainly did not expect to correctly identify the most whiskies (4 out of 6). Neither of us drink whisky socially; but, for a fee, we will let you into our secret! Thank you, Andrew, for a fun evening.

Do check details of entertainments coming up. Your Committee is arranging some really good and different events. First up is the very important 'Official Visit' by our Provincial Chieftain and his Lady President, Gavin and Ida Wilson on the 10/11 June. We will be having a 'Pub Evening' at 'The Valley'. Then in honour of Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we are planning a Garden Party in the beautiful gardens at Parklands. *"A great chance to dress in all your glad rags because, who knows, perhaps Her Majesty might even be there !"*

**NEWS OF MEMBERS** (Remember - please send us your news for the next Newsletter !)

Nookie Middleton will be going to Vietnam from 23 May to 20 June; while the Anleys are currently climbing in the Alps. Sandra Rankin and Francis De Lange recently went to Johannesburg to say farewell to Sandra's sister, who is emigrating to New Zealand. Liezel Cilliers and Roxanne Piderit recently attended a conference in Durban; while Jim Gibson continues to commute back and forth to Uganda for work. The Middleton Twins and Sarah McCausland have been selected to represent Border Hockey; while Sue and Roxanne Piderit have been selected for Border Masters Hockey (3<sup>rd</sup> time for Roxanne, but the 23<sup>rd</sup> for Sue !). In the 2016 Swimming South Africa National Rankings, Tumi Macdonell has been ranked No 12 amongst 11 year old girls in the 200m Freestyle (out of over 400 similar club swimmers in SA). Congratulations to Dave Rankin on passing his marketing assignment. Finally in news from the doctor's surgery, Beryl MacIver is recovering from a cataract operation, while Jean Sansom has had an operation and is currently not well.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

- 11 June 2016 Provincial Chieftain's Visit - Pub Evening from 6.30pm on the Roof Garden at "The Valley", Berea. R50pp (for fish and chips etc.). Bring your own Bar. Numbers to Sandra Rankin (043 726 1500 or [mrsr@vodamail.co.za](mailto:mrsr@vodamail.co.za)) by Sunday 5 June.
- 20 Aug 2016 Garden Party at Parklands – details in a future newsletter

**PIPE BAND** Rob Rankin played in the Knysna and Districts Pipe band that came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Grade 3 category at the recent South Coast Highland Gathering; while Des Plint came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Gold Piobaireachd Competition. Band played at the Urban Run and will be represented at the (rescheduled) Diesel Depot Run on 21 May, the Stirling Primary Games Day on 28 May and the McClelland Bazaar on 4 June.

**LADIES GROUP** Ladies' April meeting, hosted by Rose Thompson went well. Next meeting will be hosted by Agnes Cowie at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at Cottage J2, Fairlands.

**S.C.D.C** Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm every Tuesday. Numbers vary from week to week. Dancers are currently working on dances for the Gathering.

**HIGHLAND DANCERS** Congratulations to Mrs Hubbard on the successful East Coast Highland Dancing Festival, which was held recently at Clarendon Primary. Interprovincial Challenge will be from 4pm on Friday 17 June at Port Rex THS; while Border Highland Dancing Festival will take place at 10am on Saturday 18 June - also at Port Rex THS.

**HIGHLAND GATHERING** The Gathering will be at Cambridge High School and the date – Saturday 3 September 2016. 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. Time is marching on – so please do get involved .... we need you!

**BIRTHDAYS**

Just space for a wee joke

June 2016		
Date	Name:	Contact:
11	Jean Sansom	043 735 2788
20	Margaret Murray	043 726 1157
23	Ralph Anley	082 469 9424

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied: 'Because white is the colour of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life!' The child thought for a moment and then said, '.... so why is the groom wearing black?'

**CONGRESS** 92<sup>nd</sup> 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 be on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 7.30 pm at the home of Sandra Rankin, 102 Parklands. (Note: Cocktail Evening with Prov Chief – 10 June)

With our AGM approaching, the Committee is proposing the following membership subscriptions for the coming year. But don't worry – our Treasurer has assured us that any subscriptions paid up to (and including at) the AGM will be at the current rate ! *Finally on the subject of subs – a number of members are behind with their subscriptions and are politely requested to make good the arrears! I am told – you evidently know who you are?*

Yours aye,



Proposed Annual Subscriptions:	2015/2016	2016/2017 *
Full Members	R75	R80
Junior Members	R25	R25
Country Members	R50	R60

Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

\* Subject to AGM ratification

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
11 June 2016	Provincial Chief Visit	Roof Garden, The Valley	6.30pm	Pub Evening. R50pp
22 June 2016	AGM	MOTH Hall	7pm	Stand, stand, stand !
23/24 July 2016	Chairing / Kirking	TBC	TBC	
20 Aug 2016	Garden Party	Parklands TBC	TBC	QE2 Birthday Celeb