



The East London Caledonian Society

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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

We have had a very busy start to 2018, with two well-supported functions. Burns Night in January had an exceptional number of members attend – we hope you enjoyed a new venue and a ‘fresh’ approach to the tribute to Scotland’s Bard. Our February function was a Valentine’s Tea in aid of the Pipe Band’s efforts to raise funds towards their centenary in 2020. Again we had a fantastic turnout, kicking off the fundraising in style. As ever, my grateful thanks to Past Federation Chief Sandra Rankin for all her help and guidance in making these events a success.

Looking forward, we have a Putt Putt event this weekend – this is part of our continued efforts to keep the Society in the public eye and hopefully generate some interest and gain new members. Please don’t forget to wear some tartan (feel free to interpret this creatively!). See the Entertainment section for details.



Your Chief addressing the Haggis at Burns

In April we will welcome the Federation Chief, Jane Dyer, on her official visit. We have a Ceilidh event planned for the Friday evening at the Border Hockey Club House. This will be followed by the ever-popular Tartan Day River Cruise – tickets are limited, so please contact the committee to reserve your place asap. We hope to see as many members as possible at these two events.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Firstly a warm welcome to Dean Klopper, who has just joined the Society – we look forward to seeing him at future functions. News from the Doctor’s Surgery Jean Sansom is home from hospital after falling and breaking her arm, Elliot Murray is recovering from complications after undergoing knee surgery; Iris van der Zee has had dental surgery and Agnes Cowie has not been well. Travel News - George and Margaret Bruce have returned from holiday. School News - Britney & Emily Middleton are settling in well at their new school, Clarendon; while Tumi Macdonell has started at Stirling High School and was elected class captain. Finally congratulations to Dave Rankin, who has completed his dissertation. In Sports news - Sue and Roxanne Piderit participated in the Tomato Trot Fun Run.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 10 March 2018 Putt-putt Golf Outing at the Beacon Bay Crossing. 17.00 for 17.30. No charge - but members to pay for themselves. Tartan to be worn
- 6 April 2018 Visit of the Federation Chief. Ceilidh/Bring & Share at Border Hockey Club. 18:30
- 7 April 2018 Tartan Day River Cruise. Wear a touch of tartan. R100 per person.

PIPE BAND New practice venue - Gonubie Montessori School is working well. Band played at Burns and Valentines Tea. Upcoming Parade: Music in the Park on 18 March 2018.

LADIES GROUP The first meeting of 2018 held at the Dot Com Café was enjoyed by all. Ladies have decided that future meetings of the group will take place at catered venues and each of the members will pay their own way. Next Meeting: 9.30am Weds 4 April at 'Breath of Life' in Dawson Road.

S.C.D.C A good turnout on the first practice of the year. Weekly meetings continue at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays.

HIGHLAND DANCERS Dancers performed at the Valentine's Tea and at the Knysna Celtic Festival on 24 February. During mid-March there will be qualifiers for the Interprovincial competitions.

CONGRESS The provisional date for the next Congress is 5-7 October 2018 in Durban. East London is pencilled in for the 2020 Congress.

BIRTHDAYS

March 2018			April 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Nadege Rankin	082 773 9549	9	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500
11	Nookie Middleton	084 693 2836	13	Liezel Cilliers	083 518 4009
14	John Stoddard	082 466 7095	19	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661
16	Edgar Willis		19	Hannah Weymouth	076 572 9390
28	Claude Macdonell	084 742 8156	30	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391

COMMITTEE Next Committee Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 April 2018 at the home of Dave & Maureen Rankin, 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
10 March	Putt Putt Social	The Crossing. Beacon Bay	17.30	Pay your own way!
6 April	Fed Chief Visit	Border Hockey Club	18.30	Bring and share / ceilidh
7 April	Tartan Day River Cruise	Nahoon River (TBC)	TBC	R100 per person
12 May	Scottish Themed Quiz	BB Country Club	TBC	
13 June	AGM	Border Hockey Club (TBC)	TBC	Chance to join Committee!