



The East London Caledonian Society

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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

We have had a very busy start to 2019, with two well-supported functions.

Burns Night in January had an exceptional number of members and guests in attendance. This also marked the official visit of the Federation Chief, Charles Carr – who joined the band in playing a few tunes and also badged the Provincial Chieftain and Lady President, Maureena Middleton and Rose Thompson.

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, and made a considerable dent in the fundraising goals.



Badging our Provincial Chieftain ... and toasting our Bard at Burns

As ever, my grateful thanks to Past Federation Chief, Sandra Rankin, for all her help and guidance in making these events a success.

We look forward to this weekend's quiz evening and the long-awaited Train Trip in April – see the Entertainment section for more information on both of these outings. The Train Trip will serve as the official visit of the Provincial Chieftain and Lady President – and we would like to make them feel welcome, having travelled so far....from Berea and Cambridge West!

NEWS OF MEMBERS

A number of East London Callies attended the Knysna Celtic Festival, which was held over the weekend of 16 & 17 February. Congratulations to Elizabeth Weare, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday and to Tumi Macdonell, who has set a new Stirling High School record for the 50m freestyle. Tumi has also just returned from a tour to Johannesburg with the Stirling High School U15 Girls Water Polo Team. Sue Piderit will be hiking the 60 km Highlands Camino in March.

Finally some sad news is that Lionel Latigan, a former member of ELCS and of ELCS Pipe Band, recently passed away in Cape Town.

ENTERTAINMENT

- Friday 8 March 2019: Quiz evening. Dot.Com Café. 1830 for 1900. Entry R20pp. RSVP Dave Rankin ASAP
- Saturday 6 April 2019: Train trip to coincide with International Tartan Day and the Provincial Chieftain's visit. R20 pp. Meet at East London station at 13:00. 20 minute turnaround in Berlin. The coach can accommodate 120 people. Own drinks and snacks. Tartan to be worn. RSVP to Dave Rankin ASAP (seats are limited)
- Saturday 11 May 2019: Screening of Edinburgh Tattoo DVD at MOTH Hall. 1830 for 1900. R20 pp. (R10 pp for MOTH / MOTHWA). Bring & Share supper

PIPE BAND

The band performed at the Valentine's Tea on 9 February and at "Music in the Park".

LADIES GROUP

The ladies had an enjoyable meeting at the home of Maureena Middleton on Tuesday 5 February. March meeting will be at 09.30 on Tuesday 5 March at 'Jools on Jarvis', hosted by Elizabeth Weare.

S.C.D.C Dancing resumed on 5 February 2019.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

Dancers performed at Burns Nicht, competed at the Knysna Celtic Festival and Border Highland Dancing Festival and performed at "Music in the Park" on 24 February. The Aloe Awards took place after the Border Festival, where Sandra Rankin kept everyone on their feet with some Ceilidh Dancing.

CONGRESS

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress and a date for reconvening the Task Team is to be agreed.

BIRTHDAYS

March 2019			April 2019		
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 14 March 2019 at the home of Roxanne Piderit, 7a Dartnell Road, Cambridge West.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
8 Mar 2019	Quiz Evening	Dot Com Café	18.30	Note Friday not Sat as prev advertised
6 April 2019	Train Trip	East London to Berlin	13:00	R20pp. Bring snacks and wear tartan
11 May 2019	Edinburgh Tattoo DVD	MOTH Hall	18.30	R20pp. Bring and share supper
June 2019	AGM	TBC	TBC	-