



The East London Caledonian Society

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MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

We have had two fabulous events to open the year.

Burns Night was held at Old Selbornian Club and was an enjoyable evening, with Past Federation Chief Sandra Rankin organising a very interesting programme that gave us new insights into Scotland's Bard.

Then the Rankin Family again took the lead for our 'Treasure Hunt' – making most of us feel pretty simple searching for obscure clues around Vincent Park. There were no favourites, but yours truly won the day (admittedly as a result of some guesswork).

We have some enjoyable family-oriented events coming up, so please see the Entertainment section and be sure to book your spot before spaces run out. March sees the return of the popular Nahoon River Barge Cruise – limited spaces available, so don't delay. Our April function may need to change, so save the date and we will send out further information soon.

After the "Treasure Hunt" ...



Tanya, Mari-Juan & Chelsea dancing (and Robert piping) at Burns Night

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Society was deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Ron Milne, a Past Chief of the Society. Our sincere condolences are extended to Pat and all family and friends. We have treasured memories of times spent with Ron.

Sue Piderit has sold her house in Cambridge and will soon be relocating to Berea *[please see the urgent appeal for relocation of the platforms as a result]*. Tumi Macdonell has been selected for the South African U16 Water Polo Training Squad. Final trials will take place at the 'Currie Cup' Tournament in Durban in March – after which a South African Girls U16 team will be selected to compete in the World Cup in Greece in July. Tumi was also in the chorus of the Stirling High School production of "Les Miserables", which had a very successful run at the Guild Theatre from 25-29 February 2020. Tanya Macdonell has been nominated for a Protea Dancing Award in two age categories.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 14 March 2020

Nahoon River Boat Cruise. 14.00-16.00. Depart from braai area on Nahoon River. Limited space on this popular outing; so book early to avoid disappointment. R 100 per person. Book with Dave Rankin by 7 March 2020

Sunday 15 March 2020

Music in the Park in Berea Gardens. Come support our Band and Dancers

PIPE BAND

Band performed at Burns Nicht on 25 January and will be at "Music in the Park" on Sunday 15 March 2020

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies had an enjoyable first meeting of 2020 on Tues 4 Feb at Sandra Rankin's home. Next meeting at 9.30am on Tuesday 3 March 2020 in the Oak Room, Parklands, when the ladies will start work on bags for Congress.

S.C.D.C

Country Dancers have restarted for the year

HIGHLAND DANCERS

Dancers performed at Burns Nicht and will be at "Music in the Park" on Sunday 15 March. First dancing competition of 2020 will be the East Coast Highland Dancing Festival at 9am on Saturday 14 March at Clarendon Primary School. Aloe Awards in the evening.

CONGRESS / TASK TEAM

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary. Booking Forms have gone out.



Massed Fling at Burns

BIRTHDAYS

-February 2020			March 2020		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
12	John Fyfe	sarian@gigantech.co.za	6	Nadege Rankin	082 773 9549
20	Kim Mathieson	fkmathieson@gmail.com	11	Nookie Middleton	084 693 2836
25	Peter McCausland	082 649 5528	14	John Stoddard	082 466 7095
29	Maureen Illingworth	043 721 1727	16	Edgar Willis	
			28	Claude Macdonell	084 742 8156

COMMITTEE

Next Committee / Congress Meeting will be on Thursday 12 March 2020 at the Macdonell Residence, 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville. Time may be brought forward to 18.00 (To be confirmed with Committee).

Yours aye,

Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
14 Mar 20	Nahoon Boat Cruise	Nahoon River	14.00 – 16.00	R100 pp. Book with Dave R (082 900 0948)
4 April 20	TBC	TBC	TBC	Details to follow. Save the date

GOOD HOME WANTED

Space wanted for some 'well-behaved and house trained' dancing platforms. If you have space in a garage or storeroom and can help – please contact the Committee urgently. They need to move by end of March!