



The East London Caledonian Society

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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Since our last newsletter, we have had two successful virtual events. While we are not able to meet in person, it has been great to connect with members near and far via various online opportunities. The Virtual Burns Celebration was a success thanks to the input of the Committee, and in particular Sandra Rankin, who supplied the Haggis and Dave and Maureen Rankin, who supplied the Atholl Brose. Both are essential elements of our Burns Suppers and this gave us a small 'taste' of the normal in these unprecedented times.

The second virtual event was the Treasure Hunt, ably organised by Dave Rankin. As I told him several times over the course of that week – it was challenging and hurt my brain! Congratulations to the winner Bronwyn Claridge, closely followed by Sue Piderit and Geoff Liddle.

We are planning two in-person events for March and April (Lockdown regulations permitting). Join us for breakfast on 13 March at Dot Com Café (menu attached to this newsletter). RSVP to Sue by 10 March (contact details under Entertainment).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

All in the Society were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Andrew Kelly in Johannesburg. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and the family at this difficult time.

Congratulations to our Lady President, and new Grand Mum, Sue Piderit on the arrival of Daniel Robin Piderit, who was born on 27 January.

And many congratulations to Nookie Middleton's granddaughters on their absolutely outstanding matriculation results. To Britney Middleton with 6 distinctions, Emily Middleton with 7 distinctions and to Sarah McCausland, who was the top achiever in the Eastern Cape in the IEB Matriculation Exam with 8 distinctions and an average of 92%. Amazing academic achievements!

In health news, Claude Macdonell had COVID for a couple of weeks; but is now largely recovered; while Agnes Cowie is still unwell and staying with her son. In sports news, Tumi Macdonell competed in a couple of swimming galas in February and has also started water polo training with the SA Youth Squad. Jim Gibson has just returned from a work assignment in Georgia (the Eastern European one, not the US one); while, by the time you read this newsletter, the MacIvers will have moved into their new home at Castle Green.

A wee joke for lockdown

**A Scotsman and his wife
walked past a swanky
new restaurant.**

Keep Calm And Oh Feck It Enjoy Some Craic

**"Did you smell that
food?" she asked. "It's
smells absolutely
incredible!"**

**Being a 'kind-hearted
Scotsman', he thought,
"What the hell..., I'll treat
her!"**

**So, they walked past it
again!**

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 13 March 2021

Brunch at Dot Com Café from 10.00am.

RSVP with choice from the menu to Sue Piderit 082 924 1078 or piderit@iafrica.com by 10 March.

(Menu attached to newsletter)

PIPE BAND

Band has now restarted practising. Still awaiting a final decision on the Centenary Concert on Congress Weekend. On Saturday 27 Feb, Dave Rankin, Rob Rankin and Graham Cowley played for Mr Butler van der Vyver, who has just celebrated his 100th Birthday in Gonubie.

LADIES GROUP

Ladies currently in recess, due to lockdown. However they are planning to get together at Dot Com Café on Tuesday 2 March (1st Tues of next month).

S.C.D.C

No country dancing during lockdown.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

PhD Dancers have been continuing with online fitness and dance classes.

BIRTHDAYS

February 2021			March 2021		
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
			14	John Stoddard	082 466 7095
			16	Edgar Willis	
			28	Claude Macdonell	084 742 8156

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will take place at 9.00am on Saturday 13 March 2021 (Before Brunch at Dot Com Café).

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	TIME:	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENT
Sat 13 March 2021	10.00	Brunch	Dot Com Café	RSVP with menu choice by 10 March

SPECIAL CALEDONIAN MENU FOR BRUNCH
ON
SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2021 (10.00)
AT DOT COM CAFÉ

Caledonian Special Breakfast

A Choice of Brown or White Bread

Buttermilk Scone with Cheddar Cheese, Butter and Jam	R20.00
Golden Oldie Breakfast (1 Egg, 1 Grilled Tomato, 2 Rashers of Bacon, 1 Slice Toast)	R25.00
Toasted Cheese and Tomato Sandwich	R25.00
(Without Chips)	
(With Chips)	R35.00
Scrambled Eggs on Toast	R20.00
Cheese Omelette	R25.00
(Cheddar and Mozzarella Cheese omelette with a slice of Toast)	
Jaffles	R20.00
Mince and Cheese	
Chicken Mayo	
Cheese and Ham	
French Toast	R25.00
(Served With Maple Bacon)	

ADD-ON EXTRA:

Carrot and Oreo Cake (Courtesy of our Lady President) R25 (per slice)

(Full Dot Com Café Menu will be circulated on Whats App Group – and available on request)