



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

The visit of the Federation Chief, Fred Brokenshire, this weekend is one of the most important events in our Caledonian year and, as you can see under "Entertainment", we have planned some exciting entertainment. It will however not all be fun, as on Saturday morning your Committee and the Federation Chief will have a business breakfast to discuss matters of importance to the Caledonian Movement. We hope this discussion will improve communication between Societies and the Federation with the ongoing aim of upholding Scottish traditions and increasing membership.

Another exciting development in our Society is that Senior Chieftain, Roxanne Piderit will be re-instating the Junior Society in the near future. East London is very fortunate to have a number of very talented young members and we wish Roxanne every success with this grand idea. After all, our young members are the life blood of the Society and we will give our full support to the Junior Society.



*Kristen Stockenstrom dancing in her 'Ultimate Performer' Black Widow Spider Costume at "Music in the Park"*

Finally I would also like to especially wish Callum MacIver a very speedy return to good health after his operation. Callum is one of our oldest active members (and the only Gaelic-speaking Scot in the Society) and has served our Society in every capacity for many years.

### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

Firstly a warm welcome to new members, Lynette Adkins and Dennis du Plessis. We look forward to seeing them at Society functions. However as members arrive, sadly others leave ... a farewell to Edgar Willis and Corinne Gellatly, who have left due to work commitments.

On the sports field, congratulations to Sue Piderit, who has been appointed as Manager of the Border Ladies Hockey Team and to Roxanne Piderit, who has been selected for the same team. Other hockey news is that Britney and Emily Middleton had a successful tour with the Stirling High School 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey team, winning in Graaf Reinet and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 28 teams in a Cape Town Competition. In the swimming pool, Tumi Macdonell did extremely well at the South African Junior National Championships in Durban. Tumi qualified for two finals – coming 7<sup>th</sup> in both the 50m and 100m Freestyle Finals against the top U12 girls in the country.

Members that have recently returned from travels include Sandra Rankin (from New Zealand), Sheila Sanderson (from Australia) and Nookie Middleton (from Johannesburg). In news from the doctor's surgery ... Callum MacIver has just had a knee operation, while Sue Piderit's broken arm is now mended. Finally congratulations to Sarah Middleton, who has just graduated with an Honours Degree and to Roxanne Piderit on moving into her new house.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Saturday 22 April Federation Chief Visit. Barge Trip on the Nahoon River at 15.00 followed by a "Bring and Share" Ceilidh at Parklands at 18.00. (BYOB)

Thursday 25 May Games Evening. Hot Dogs (with a Cash Bar) at the MOTH Hall (TBC) R25pp. 5.30pm for 6pm

**PIPE BAND** Band practice continues at the new venue of Hudson Park High School. The Band played at 'Music in the Park' on 26 March and will be at the Urban Run on 21 May.

**LADIES GROUP** April meeting at Coelacanth Café (hosted by Jean Sansom) went well. Next meeting will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at Sandra Rankin's home, 102 Parklands.

**S.C.D.C** Weekly meetings continue on Tuesdays at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. The Club has been practising for the visit of the Federation Chief.

**HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS** Dancers performed at "Music in the Park" (see photo of Kristen in her Ultimate Performer outfit) and will be competing at the South Coast Highland Gathering. A dancing workshop is scheduled for 26 April and the East Coast Dancing Festival will be held on 20 May 2017 (not 13 May as previously advertised). Congratulations to Emily Frauenstein, who achieved 5<sup>th</sup> place in the senior section at the Protea Awards.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

April 2017			May 2017		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
9	Sandra Rankin	043 726 1500	8	Sheila Sanderson	
13	Liezel Cilliers	083 518 4009	14	Linda Hermann	
19	Roxanne Piderit	082 455 8661	15	Andrew Weymouth	083 604 3912
19	Hannah Weymouth	076 572 9390	18	Estelle King	082 477 1983
28	Dennis du Plessis	082 375 8250	20	Beryl MacIver	043 722 0875
30	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391	22	Tanya Macdonell	074 446 0480
			26	Ken Scott	083 274 3349

**COMMITTEE** Next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday 11 May 2017 at 7.30 pm at Dave & Maureen Rankin's home, 9 Nelson Avenue. Cambridge. However note that the meeting will be preceded by a Gathering "Wrap-up" Meeting at 7pm.

Yours aye,



Maureen 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
22 Apr 2017	Fed Chief Visit	Nahoon River / Parklands	15.00 / 18.00	Barge trip / Ceilidh
25 May 2017	Games Evening	MOTH Hall (TBC)	18.00	R25 per person
14 Jun 2017	AGM	Oak Room, Parklands	19.00	