



The East London Caledonian Society

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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

All aboard the "Flying Scotsman".....

Our Tartan Day Train Trip was a huge success and, by all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed by members and guests. An impromptu Ceilidh was held on the platform in Fort Jackson, with pipes, ceilidh dancing and even a Highland Dance from yours truly (I have insisted that no videos be distributed of this attempt as my dancers would probably find this amusing). It is quite clear that we will need to make this train trip an annual event!

Our 'guests' included the Provincial Chieftain and Lady President, Maureena Middleton and Rose Thompson who travelled quite far to join us. This marked their official visit to the Society – and the last Provincial Chieftain visit as the Federation undergoes restructuring at the next Congress.



In May we will screen the Edinburgh Tattoo, before ending another jam-packed year with the AGM in June (see details in Entertainment). We hope you will support these events.

... with Chiefs and Lady Presidents in First Class !

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Get well wishes to John Stoddard had a mild stroke and is recovering well. Congratulations to Dave & Maureen Rankin who have just celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. In sports news Tumi Macdonell did very well in the S.A. Junior Swimming Championships and as a result qualified for the SA Senior Championships - a competition that featured all the top swimmers in South Africa including Chad Le Clos. In travel news Andrew and Claude Macdonell will be visiting the UK at the end of April to attend a friend's wedding; while Sandra Rankin will be visiting Russia at the end of May for a birthday celebration.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 18 May 2019: Screening of Edinburgh Tattoo DVD at MOTH Hall. 1830 for 1900. R20 pp. (R10 pp for MOTH / MOTHWA). Bring & Share supper

Wednesday 19 June 2019: AGM at Border Hockey Club. 18.00.

PIPE BAND

Band members performed on the Train Trip and upcoming parades include the Diesel Depot Race on 4 May and the McClelland Bazaar & Stirling Primary School Games Day both on 25 May. Band AGM will be at 18.30 on 7 May.

LADIES GROUP

The ladies had an enjoyable meeting in April at the Dot Com Café and the screening of "Hogmanay at Blair Castle" on 30 March was a great success. The meeting at 'Breathe of Life' is now scheduled for 09.30 on Wednesday 1 May. The screening of the 2018 Edinburgh Tattoo has now been postponed to July – though the Society will be putting on a screening on 18 May (See Entertainment).

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Classes have resumed. Eight dancers in attendance on average. New dances are being learned; while known dances are being rehearsed. Together with band members and a highland dancer, the country dancers took part in a ceilidh at Fort Jackson station of 6 April.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

The East Coast Highland Dancing Festival took place at Clarendon Primary School on Saturday 13 April. Next Competition will be on Saturday 11 May – time to be confirmed.

CONGRESS

East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary and the Task Team will meet on Wednesday 8 May (Election Day) at 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville (Time to be confirmed).

BIRTHDAYS

April 2019			May 2019		
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
30	Rose Thompson	072 431 7391	20	Beryl MacIver	043 722 0875
			22	Tanya Macdonell	074 446 0480
			26	Ken Scott	083 274 3349

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will be at 19.30 on Thursday 9 May 2019 at the home of Rose Thompson, E7 Fairlands, Cambridge West. Note: Meeting to be preceded by Congress / Centenary Meeting at 19.00.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
18 May 2019	Edinburgh Tattoo DVD	MOTH Hall	18.30	R20pp. Bring and share supper
19 June 2019	Caledonian Society AGM	Border Hockey Club	18.00	Opportunity to join committee !!