



# The East London Caledonian Society

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## NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Yet another very delayed newsletter is courtesy of some very last minute work trips – there do not seem to be enough hours in the day. Since our last newsletter we have spent some time at McClelland for Halloween and we managed to raise a decent amount for them.

There are several fundraisers in the works for the Pipe Band centenary, so please look out for these and support them where possible. The tea tray (kindly donated by the MacIvers) is still being raffled, and more raffle sheets will be available at the St Andrews's Dinner for those who would like to help us sell tickets. The band will also be selling boerewors rolls at the MOTH hall on Friday 29 November (see details in the Pipe Band report below).

The St Andrews Dinner is coming up next weekend – there are still tickets available, so please get hold of Sue or Dave if you still need tickets. We are trying out a new venue at Comrades Club, and we are confident we will have an enjoyable evening paying tribute to Scotland's Patron Saint. We would like to wish our Honorary Chaplain, Paul Taylor and his family farewell as they move to the island of St Helena on a three year contract. For this reason we have decided to hold a morning of fellowship at the Chief's House instead of the St Andrews Service (please see details in the Entertainment report below).



*Installation of your Chief  
as the first National Chieftain  
at the recent Bloemfontein Congress*

### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Following on from the sad passing of Elizabeth Weare, a well-attended Memorial Tea was held for Elizabeth at the East London Golf Club on Monday 22 September 2019. We also recently learnt of the passing of Past Federation Chief John Bell from Welkom. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. In sports news ... Sue Piderit has been selected for the Grandmasters Squad for the 2020 Hockey World Cup and congratulations to Sandra Rankin, who recently completed her 100<sup>th</sup> Park Run. Several members took part in the recent 'Colour Run' (and so ended up with plenty of washing to do afterwards), with Tanya Macdonell featured in one of the pictures of the event that made it into the 'Daily Dispatch'. Most schools have recently been doing their annual prize-giving functions. At Clarendon High School, Emily Middleton achieved 9<sup>th</sup> place in grade 11; while at Stirling HS, Tanya Macdonell received honours for dancing and Tumi Macdonell received awards for the Best Junior Swimmer and (jointly) for the Best Junior Water Polo player. Roxanne Piderit has sat the National Benchmarking Test during a standard-setting workshop (good thing is I would still be considered eligible for University studies ☺) and gave a Public Lecture at the Great Zimbabwe University in Masvingo. .... and, in news from the Doctors Surgery, Cynthia Murray is recovering from a hip replacement. Former Pipe Major, Bill Hartley has recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and a few rain-drenched members made the Society Pages of the 'Daily Dispatch' after the Remembrance Day parade. Finally Kim Mathieson is part of the cast of the DramSoc 'Showstoppers Goes Country' taking place at the Alexander Playhouse from 27 November to 7 December (tickets available at Lee Gold Music).

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Friday 29 November 2019

Saltire to fly at City Hall. 08:00. Wear tartan.

Saturday 30 November 2019:

St Andrews Dinner. Comrades Club, St David's Road. 18.30 for 19.00. R110 pp for members, R130 pp for non-members. RSVP to Dave (082 900 0948) by 23 November.

Sunday 1 December 2019:

St Andrews Brunch (instead of St Andrews Service). Bring and Share. 5 Suffolk Road at 11:00. RSVP to Sue (082 924 1078) or Roxanne (082 455 8661) by 27 November for seating purposes.

## **PIPE BAND**

The band participated in the Remembrance Service on 10 November and will be at the St Andrews Dinner on 30 November. The Band were also scheduled to participate in a Battle Re-enactment at Fort Pato – but unfortunately this was cancelled. They will be selling boerewors rolls (R25) and dessert (R15) at the MOTH hall on Friday 29 November 18:00. RSVP to Dave (082 900 0948) or Sue (082 455 8661) by 12:00 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Please support this fundraiser. The band will participate in a golf event at the Gonubie Golf Club on 7 December at 10:00.

## **LADIES GROUP**

Ladies enjoyed their meeting at the East London Aquarium on 8 October (see below) and particularly enjoyed the talk by the Aquarium Superintendent. They have also enjoyed a meeting hosted by Rose Thompson. The ladies will be entertaining some of the older members at the Oak Room in December and looking forward to their Christmas Lunch.



*Ladies Group at the East London Aquarium on 8 October 2019*

**S.C.D.C** Enthusiastic meetings continue, with the two new dancers making good progress. The Chief and Lady President were pleased to be able to join the dancers for their year-end function on Tuesday 19 November.

**HIGHLAND DANCERS**

As reported in the last newsletter, East London dancers did well at the recent SA Championships and at the Grahamstown Highland Gathering. After a very long dancing year, the dancers have taken a well-deserved break, before attempting the new steps for 2020. The Piderit Highland Dancing Studio also has a new, 'centrally located', training venue at Roxanne's new house in Berea.

**CONGRESS / TASK TEAM** East London was well represented at the Congress in Bloemfontein and was the only society to propose resolutions for discussion. East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress / Band Centenary.

**BIRTHDAYS**

October 2019			November 2019		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
3	Leanne Harbottle	079 572 5073	1	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
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7	Jim Gibson	083 443 3680	26	Sue Gibson	043 721 3272
8	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571	28	Jessica Simons	<a href="mailto:itsjsimons@gmail.com">itsjsimons@gmail.com</a>
14	Evelyn Stoddard	072 248 5510			
27	Ruth Strong	084 338 7448			

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** For those who have not paid, the following subscriptions are now due: Full Members: R100, Country Members: R75; Junior Members: R35. Please pay to the Committee (if not already done so) - thanks

**COMMITTEE** Next Committee Meeting will be at 19.30 on Thursday 9 January 2020 at the home of Sandra Rankin, 102 Parklands. Note: Meeting to be preceded by Congress / Band Centenary Meeting at 19.00.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
29 Nov 19	Saltire Flying	City Hall	08:00	Wear tartan
29 Nov 19	Band Fundraiser	MOTHs	18:00	Numbers to Dave or Sue. R25 Boerewors Roll. R15 Dessert.
30 Nov 19	St Andrews Dinner	Comrades Club, St David's Rd	18:30 for 19:00	R110 for Members, R130 for non-members. RSVP by 23 November to Dave
1 Dec 19	St Andrews Brunch	5 Suffolk Rd	11:00	Bring & Share.
25 Jan 20	Burns Nicht	TBC	18:30 for 19:00	Details to follow