



The East London Caledonian Society

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NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

After all the restrictions of lockdown, there is no doubt that the highlight of 2021 has been the Celtic Concert on 9 October at Buffs Club. All 250 of the planned 200 tickets were sold! A big thank you to Knysna & Districts Pipe Band for the initiative. The cast included Piderit Highland Dance Studio, MissTree rock band and members of E.L.C.S. Pipe Band. We look forward to the next project.

On Saturday 23 October we will host the 96th (and 1st virtual) Congress of the Federated Caledonian Society of Southern Africa. Lockdown forced the 2020 Congress to be postponed and carried over to 2021. Thus the decision to use technology to our advantage.

The Congress will begin promptly at 09:00. Observers are welcome and time will be allowed for conversation with fellow Caledonians. The link is under "Entertainment".

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Tumi Macdonell has been busy with swimming and waterpolo competitions and has been elected as a school prefect for next year. Sue Piderit played in the Grand Masters hockey tournament on 15th October. Beryl Maclver has had a fall and has recovered. Iris van der Zee will be having cataract surgery this month.

ENTERTAINMENT

23rd October 09:00: Congress of the Federated Caledonian Society of Southern Africa. The link is <https://zoom.us/j/7261485278?pwd=V3dTbC9YN0tVQWJ3OTBwZnFkK0JlQT09> Meeting ID: 726 148 5278
Passcode: tM5JT1

27th November: St Andrews. Guest speaker Kevin Cole – EL Museum. As in 2020, this will be in the form of a picnic. 12.00 for 12.30 in the gardens of The Valley, Jarvis road, Berea. Please bring your picnic basket, liquid refreshment and blanket / chair according to preference and join in celebrating the life of our patron saint.

4th December: Show Stoppers at the Alexander Playhouse. We have block booked the evening of Saturday 4 December. There are only 65 seats available at R100 pp. (Normal price R120). Own bar and snacks. Dave Rankin 0829000948 or Maureen Rankin 0824059730 to book. First pay first serve.

22nd January: Burns. Details TBA.

12 February: Quiz at MOTH Hall. Your Chief & Lady President are the Quiz Masters.

PIPE BAND

They played at McClelland bazaar on 24th September. A number of band members played at the Celtic Fest with the Knysna and Districts band. The concert was sold out and very much appreciated by all.

24th October – The annual commemoration of the fall of Tobruk. Private function.

7th November – 10:30. Armistice parade in East London. TBC

14th November – 10:30. Armistice parade in KWT. TBC

20th November – 10:00 Buffalo Dixie market day at Midnight Club c/o Saxilby & Goodall Roads, Saxilby.

27th November – 10:00 McClelland bazaar at Hams Club.

27th November – 12:30 St Andrews Picnic

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies met at Sandra Rankin's home for a social on 5th October.

Next meeting: 9.30 am on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at Rose Thompson's home – Cottage E7, Fairlands, Cambridge West.

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In recess.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

A number of dancers from PHD studio danced at both McClelland bazaar on 24th September and again at the Celtic Fest on 9th October.

20th November – 10:00 Buffalo Dixie market day at Midnight Club in Amalinda

27th November – 10:00 McClelland bazaar at Hams Club

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BIRTHDAYS

October 2021		
Date	Name:	Contact:
3	Leanne Harbottle	079 572 5073
7	Jim Gibson	083 4433680
8	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571
14	Evelyn Stoddard	072 248 5510
27	Ruth Strong	084 338 7448
November 2021		
1	Maureen Rankin	082 405 9730
12	Geoff Liddle	082 455 3010
26	Sue Gibson	043 721 3272
28	Jessica Simons	0813837060

COMMITTEE

The next committee meeting will take place on Thursday 11th November at 19:30 at the home of Andrew Macdonell (17 Fitzmaurice Road, Berea).

Yours aye,

David Rankin (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	TIME:	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENT
9 October	0900	Congress	Virtual	
27 November	1230	St Andrews	The Valley	Picnic lunch
4 December	TBC	Show Stoppers	Alexander Playhouse	R100 pp. Own bar & snacks.
22 January	TBC	Burns	TBC	
12 February	TBC	Quiz Evening	MOTH Hall	

