



The East London Caledonian Society

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OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

Well, since the Annual General Meeting, it has been all systems go for the Society. First we had the official visit of the Federation Chief, then the Chairing of the Chief and most recently, on the weekend of 22nd August, we welcomed the Provincial Chieftain, Stuart Munro, to our shores. East London certainly put its 'best foot forward' and Stuart was most complimentary about our town and its beaches.

He also loved my granddaughter's pink cap - that I gave him to wear when we were out and about!



The Ladies Committee have also been more than active. On 4th August, it was quite a sight to see them marching into Parklands - sewing machines, irons & ironing boards at the ready - and getting stuck into altering our table cloths and tartan overlays. The ladies were kept refreshed and refuelled by Sheila Sanderson, who provided a wonderful selection of home-baked goodies. Great fun was had by all and I am sure you noticed the results of their efforts at the Provincial Chief's Soup and Games Evening.

The Pipe Band under Rob Rankin, Highland Dancers from the three dancing studios and Country Dancers under Merrylees Burgess, all excelled at our functions. It is fantastic to see an active and busy Society enjoying itself. I continue to be quite overwhelmed by everyone's hard work and willingness to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in. Thank you all so very much.

Next up is our 'Sunset Cruise down the Nahoon River' (25 October) and our St Andrews Night Dinner (28 November). Please do join us - see Entertainment Section for full details.

NEWS OF MEMBERS Firstly a warm welcome to a number of my family, who have joined the Society 'en mass'. Our new members are Cameron, Katrina, Emily & Britney Middleton and Peter & Sarah McCausland. In more news from the Middleton Clan - Cameron will be off to the Rugby World Cup soon - sponsored by Canon as a prize for the excellent performance of Com Office. Meanwhile Emily has been selected for the Border Badminton team and Britney for the Border Water Polo Team. Congratulations also to John Vlok (grandson of John Forbes) who was chosen for the Springbok U17 Bicycle Team to go to Kazakstan. This achievement is even more admirable as this young man had to overcome severe health problems. Kim & Marrian Mathieson will be visiting PE soon; while the Piderits will be going to Johannesburg for Jarrod's 30th Birthday. Finally Geoff & Carolyn Liddle were recently involved in two bad car accidents - we wish them a speedy recovery.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday 25 October Gathering Fundraiser: "Sunset Cruise on Nahoon River". 16.00-18.00hr Meet at Beacon Bay Picnic Site. R100 per person – numbers limited, so book with David (0829000948) ASAP. Bring chair, snacks & drinks.

Saturday 31 October Halloween Party at McClelland Home. 6pm for 6.30pm. Bring and braai with R20 donation to McClelland ... do join us for a fun evening!

Saturday 28 November St Andrews Night function. Oak Room , Parklands. R100pp. 6.30 pm

PIPE BAND The Band played at the Aquavista School Centenary and will be playing at a piping competition in Grahamstown (20 Sept), the De La Salle Old Boys Reunion (25 Sept), the Aloe Awards function (26 Sept), the Kennersley Park Bazaar (3 Oct), an Inter-Prov Golf Competition (11 Oct), the MOTH W.A Biennial Conference (16 Oct) and our Halloween function (31 Oct). *By which time, they will surely be out of puff*

LADIES GROUP September Ladies' meeting, hosted by Rose Thompson, was well attended and enjoyed by all. Next meeting: Sandra Rankin's home, 102 Parklands at 9.30am on 6 October. Ladies also put on an excellent fundraising tea for the Gathering on 12 September.

S.C.D.C Country Dancing continues at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. The dancers will be putting on a demo at the Aloe Awards function at Parklands on 26 September.

HIGHLAND AND IRISH DANCERS Dancers will be at the Kennersley Park Bazaar (3 Oct). E.L Highland Dancing Festival will be at 9am on 26 September at Clarendon Primary. The same day at 6.30pm, the Aloe Awards Dinner will be at the Oak Room, Parklands. R70pp, R40 for children & competitors free. Finally congratulations to Emily Frauenstein, Georgia Webber & Busiswa Balintulo on passing their Associate Exams.

HIGHLAND GATHERING Next meeting of Gathering Committee will be at 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge at 7.00pm on Thursday 15 October. All welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

September 2015			October 2015		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
21	Rose Anley	randr@hyperlink.co.za	7	Cynthia Murray	elliott@murrays.co.za
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COMMITTEE Next meeting – Thursday 8 October 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Macdonell Residence, 17 Fitzmaurice Road, Baysville.

Yours aye,



Maureena 'Nookie' Middleton (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
26 Sep 2015	ELHDF / Aloe Awards	Clarendon / Parklands	9am / 6.30pm	R70 pp
25 Oct 2015	Nahoon Sunset Cruise	Beacon Bay Picnic Site	4pm – 6pm	R100 pp
31 Oct 2015	Halloween	McClelland Home	TBC	Bring and braai
28 Nov 2015	St Andrews Function	Oak Room. Parklands	6.30 pm	R100 pp