



The East London Caledonian Society

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OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It is hard to believe that the year is almost wrapped up; but we still have a lot to pack into this short space of time! This past month, we hosted the Provincial Chieftain and Lady President of the Cape Province, Andrew and Claude Macdonell, on their 'official' visit to our society. *(They were particularly appreciative of the quality of the accommodation that we had laid on!)*

The weekend started with a welcoming gathering of past chiefs and lady presidents, ladies group and committee at my house. The Saturday event was a 'travelling lunch', which took us on a journey from Scotland to Africa - tying this all together with the presentation of the gift to our visitors, which was superbly created by Frances de Lange.



Provincial Chieftain Visit

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sue Piderit's mother, Eileen Turner, has recently been in hospital. Elizabeth Weare has enjoyed a visit by her niece from Australia. Emily Middleton has been selected for the Border Badminton team. Tumi Macdonell has been selected for the U13 Border Water Polo team and won 6 gold medals at the recent Future Stars Swimming Gala. Ruth Strong's granddaughter has qualified as an attorney at the age of 23. Roxanne Piderit's first PhD student graduated in September. Marian and Kim Mathieson will be visiting Port Elizabeth. Maureen Illingworth is recovering from a recent illness.

ENTERTAINMENT

Unfortunately no events in October, as many members will be away at Congress and elsewhere. The proposed Halloween function on 28 October will now not take place; but members in town are encouraged to support the SPCA Halloween fundraiser at Hams Club on that day (Start: 18.30. R50 pp).

However in November, members are requested to support our regular outreach function at McClelland:

- 4 November Halloween. 1800 for 1830 at McClelland Institute, Amalinda. 'Bring & Braai'
R20 pp donation to McClelland.
- 25 November St Andrews Dinner – save the date! Venue TBC

PIPE BAND In the past month, the Band played at Python Park, for the visit of the Provincial Chieftain and at the Battle of Britain Parade. The Pipe Major was interviewed on radio after the Python Park parade. Paul Cormack has joined the band as a piper. On 7 October, the Band will be at the Komga Show; while November parades include Remembrance Day (TBC) and St Andrews' Dinner.



Ladies Tea at Dot Com cafe

LADIES GROUP A fruitful meeting was held at Dot.Com Café (see photo) and the ladies prepared the main course for the Provincial Chieftain's visit. The 'Cuppa for Cansa' Tea is being considered as a function in 2018. October meeting will be at the home of Agnes Cowie, J2 Fairlands on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 9.30am.

S.C.D.C Weekly meetings continue on Tuesdays at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. Club is working to attract new members. The Club is also rehearsing a five-couple dance for a demonstration at the Komga Show on 7 October.

HIGHLAND DANCERS The Border Highland Dancing Festival took place on 26 August and the Eastern Cape Highland Gathering Competition, which took place on 16 September at Port Rex Technical High School, was followed by a dancing workshop. A few dancers, who were in attendance at the Provincial Chieftain's visit, gave an impromptu performance.

CONGRESS As usual, East London will be well represented at Congress in Johannesburg on 13-15 October. Past Chief Maureena Middleton & Chief Roxanne Piderit both won prizes for early bookings.

BIRTHDAYS

September 2017			October 2017		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Riona MacKenzie	072 432 3174	7	Cynthia Murray	elliott@murrays.co.za
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22	Agnes Cowie		8	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571
23	Sheila Godfrey	082 510 3863	14	Evelyn Stoddard	072 248 5510
30	Freddie MacFarlane	083 351 2696			

COMMITTEE Next Committee Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 October (*one week later than normal to allow for Congress Report back*) at the Rankin residence, 9 Nelson Ave, Cambridge.

Finally, we have noted that a few gremlins seem to have made their way into our membership list – and therefore some birthdays are being incorrectly reported. Please help us out by notifying us of any mistakes; so that we can update our records.

Yours aye,

Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
4 November	Halloween Braai	McClelland Home	18.00	R20 donation. Bring & Braai
25 November	St Andrews	TBC	TBC	
27 January	Burns Nicht	TBC	TBC	