

# leicester caledonian society BULLETIN

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The Leicester Caledonian Society

Invite you to their traditional

Haggis Supper

**Presidents** Evening

At

Countesthorpe Village Hall Station Road, Countesthorpe, Leicester. LE8 5TB

On

Saturday 19th March 2016 7.00pm for 7.30pm – 11.00pm

Music and Dancing to **PETER SCATTERTY** 

Performances of Scottish Dancing, Piping & Singing, Dancing Raffle & Quiz

Bar

Vegetarian option for the Haggis Car Parking available on site

Tickets £12.50, available from Dr. E. H. Mackay, 68, Leicester Road, Markfield, Leicester. LE67 9RE

Cheques to be made out to The Leicester Caledonian Society

Please enclose a S.A.E. with ticket request, or Telephone 01530 243770 / e-mail hugh.mackay@talktalk.net <u>Closing date for tickets 5th March 2016</u> (Admission by Ticket only).

Booking early is recommended as this is always a very popular event.

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# <u>Membership News</u>

I am glad to report that membership numbers are largely holding up and we are especially pleased to welcome as new members Mr Hugh Graham and his wife Dorothy (known as Bunty) who joined us in December 2015. Mr Graham came from Dundee and his father was from Lewis while Dorothy's father was from Edinburgh. We look forward to a long and happy association with them.

Our total numbers come to 113 members at the start of the New Year of whom 86 are full members, plus 21 Life members and we have 4 Honorary members. In addition we have two junior members, one in the pipe band and one in her early days growing up in Canada. If you are aware of any other potential members please let me know and I will send Society information to them.

At present, three members ( one couple and one single member ) have not yet paid annual subscriptions in spite of reminders and are likely to be removed from our membership lists at the end of February when the Society's financial year ends.

Sadly, four members resigned in December and we are sorry to see them go. Maybe they will return one day, it does happen.

Since starting this report I have just heard that one of our Life Members, Mrs Adelaide Lammie passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016. She had been a life member since 1968 and had been very active with the Scottish country dancing in earlier years but had been unwell for some time recently. See appreciation below.

Hugh Mackay, Membership Secretary

# The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra

is coming to The Nottingham Concert Hall

on <u>Saturday 9 April 2016.</u>

As in previous years I have made a block booking for tickets, these will be in the  $1^{st}$  tier (as last year) at a cost of £ 19.00 each

Final numbers must be with the concert hall by <u>the end of February</u> when final payment has to be made.

I can also arrange a coach to take us there. the pick-up point is <u>Paddock</u> <u>Street, Wigston, Leicester</u>. price depends on number of people coming on the coach. If you are interested, please let me know either on:-

0116 2415857 or <u>doris.buchanan@virgin.net</u> I can really recommend this excellent show.

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Doris

# **Special Announcement**



News has just been received that Junior member Miss Elizabeth Ng living in Ontario, Canada was able to welcome a new baby sister born on  $4^{th}$  January 2016. Her happy parents, Kelvin Ng and Eleanor Ng (née Donaldson) sent the information and photo of the new family to me a couple of days later to be passed on to Society members.

The new bairn is Miss Georgina Anne Ying Mei Ng born at McMaster Children's Hospital, Ontario on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and weighing 7lb 8oz (in proper imperial weights !).

The photo shows Kelvin holding Miss Elizabeth and Eleanor holding the new Georgina (not to be confused with our Honourable Hon Secretary !).

> Hugh Mackay, Membership Secretary

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# Sudoku Puzzle

6	1	9	3	7	4	5	8	2
3	4	8	2	5	6	9	1	7
5	2	7	8	9	1	4	3	6
1	7	5	6	4	2	8	9	3
2	8	3	7	1	9	6	5	4
4	9	6	5	8	3	7	2	1
7	3	2	9	6	5	1	4	8
9	6	1	4	3	8	2	7	5
8	5	4	1	2	7	3	6	9

*Here is the answer to the last puzzle. This new one not so tricky as the last one.* 

		9			5			
		2	1					
		3				5	4	2
4			5	9	8		1	
			6		1			
	1		7	4	3			8
7	9	4				6		
					7	3		
			9			8		

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15/12/2015 Our Ref: KMcF/GP

Dear Ron

#### Leicester Caledonian Society Donation of £200 to St Andrew's Hospice Capital Appeal.

I am writing on behalf of patients and staff of St Andrew's Hospice to gratefully acknowledge your donation of £200 for our Capital Appeal from your annual St Andrew's day lunch and your Society's funds - Many thanks.

Our £9 million Capital Appeal is just in its infancy and to receive such a generous donation is really appreciated. We have a lot of money to raise to rebuild, reconfigure & refurbish the Hospice, this will enable us to stay in our spiritual home, care for our patients of North & South Lanarkshire for the foreseeable future and make our Hospice fit for purpose.

It's important that you know that through your wonderful support we are able to make a difference to the lives of the patients and families who need us.

Cicely Saunders once said "You matter because you are you & you matter until the end of your life"

Your help will make this happen.

Yours sincerely

Karen McFadyen Capital Appeal Director

St. Andrew's Hospice (Lanarkshire) is a charity registered in Scotland, No SC010159

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# **St Andrew's celebrations 2015**

Once again, the nearest Sunday to St Andrew's day coincided with the first Sunday in Advent and so members of our Society joined with the congregation of St Stephen's UR church on 29<sup>th</sup> November for morning service to celebrate both events. There was a good turn-out of Society members with several kilts on view and we were all in good voice. The service was led by Rev Lynn Fowkes from St Stephen's with readings done by Hugh Mackay and President Murdo Ferrier. These reflected a desire for world peace and the role of St Andrew in the early church.

After the service, 55 members and guests gathered in the Belmont House hotel for a private lunch and were piped in by Hon Piper Carl Wilkinson and Tommy Laird who were in fine tune. The hotel was also starting its Christmas season so we had unexpected crackers and decorations on the tables. The Toast to St Andrew was ably proposed by President Murdo Ferrier and joined in by all.

The Society had received a request for financial support from the St Andrew's hospice in Airdrie, Lanarkshire. This is a charitable foundation like LOROS providing care for terminally ill patients in South Lanarkshire and dependent, again like LOROS, predominantly on public support. As a departure from the usual arrangements, plain envelopes were left on the dining tables for donations and when collected and opened we had gathered £100.00 from those present to be forwarded to the hospice. Council propose to match this and send the donation to aid their work and thank all those who supported this collection.

It seemed that the majority of members and guest enjoyed their meals but a few concerns were raised about service and portion sizes. These have been discussed with the hotel and changes will be made to avoid repetitions.

Please see and respond to the questions below.

Hugh Mackay

### St Andrew's Celebrations 2016

The organisation of our St Andrew's lunch this year (2015) was complicated by the provision of the options of a two or three course meal, a children's menu or the option of child size portions from the adult menu with different prices to match. Even more complications came with several last minute bookings and changes of names and choices in some parties. It would help to have an idea of members' preferences before planning next year's event.

#### **Question:**

- 1 Do you wish to continue with a St Andrew's lunch after morning service in 2016?
- 2 Should we continue to hold the lunch at the Belmont hotel ( convenient for parking / access )?
- 3 Do you know of any other suitable venue?
- 4 Would you prefer a two course **OR** a three course lunch with tea / coffee?
- 5 If two courses, would you prefer a starter **OR** a dessert as well as the main course?
- 6 Is the price range as quoted this year (2015) acceptable for a private room, prebooked menu, waitress served style meal?
- 7 Do you have any other comments?
- 8 Would you be prepared to organise the lunch if that is still the preferred celebration event?

### Please let me or any Council member know your responses.

Many thanks. Hugh Mackay

# We are Survivors! (for those born before 1940),

We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, videos, frisbees and the Pill. We were before Radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball-point pens...before dishwashers, tumble-driers, electric blankets, airconditioners, drip-dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint). We thought fast food was what one ate in Lent, a 'Big-Mac' was an oversized raincoat, and 'crumpet' we ate for tea. We existed before House-Husbands, computer dating, dual careers and when a meaningful relationship meant getting along with kith and kin while 'sheltered accommodation' was found at the bus stop.

We were before day-care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or a fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how one did in the exams, a 'stud' was a fastener to hold a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on the bus to the terminus. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal place, a 'joint' was a piece of meat one had on Sundays and 'pot' was something to cook in. 'Rock music' was a grandmothers lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice cream, a 'gay' person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while 'aids' was help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when one thinks of how the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there Is a generation gap today... BUT By the grace of God, we have survived Alleluia !

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## Adelaide Lammie

I was very sorry to hear the sad news that Adelaide Lammie had passed away recently.

I have known Adelaide for over 40 years, although I have not seen or heard from her for a long time.

Adelaide and I used to help with the Caledonian society children dancing class on Saturday afternoons when Dick Noden was in charge. It was a very lively class with just under 30 children. They danced at various fetes and dance festivals in Derby, even winning on several occasions.



Adelaide and I also danced with the Leicester City Pipe Band and went abroad on a couple of occasions to take part in the wartime commemorations in Dunkirk. She was also involved in the Caledonian Society Demonstration Team for a number of years and taught various classes.

This is just a short history of Adelaide's dancing life. My thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

*The photo (taken in the 1980's) shows Adelaide with some of her young dancers. Do you recognise anyone?* 

> Doris Buchanan Dance co-ordinator



I also was sorry to hear of Adelaide's passing, and my sympathies go to John & his wife and the two boys. She took a very active part in the events of the Society, and was Hon. Secretary for 3 years; but she will be better known for her teaching of Highland dancing, with her dancers winning many certificates and trophies. The photo shows just some of them.

We do hope that the family find comfort in each other.

Mrs. P. M. Moyce Editor



I also new Adelaide. She came onto the scene about 40 years ago and was quite friendly with Dad (Ian he was then Hon Piper of the Caledonian Society) and I for a number of years. Dad used to play for her dance group and we went all over doing demonstrations.

She had some very good dancers, notably Susan Cross whose family we became friendly with, and Phyl's grand-daughter, Gwennie, shown in photo, Susan competed very successfully in competitions held at various venues - I remember going to somewhere near Manchester with them. I made the dresses for the class - Irish Jig, Sailor and Aboyne. She worked at the Palais de Dance in the accounts office. She got very involved with the pipe

band and travelled abroad with them on several occasions.

Elspeth Insch Life Member

<u> New Year Dance</u>



On 5<sup>th</sup> January the Annual New Year Dance was held at Avenue Road School. There was a varied programme of dances for all abilities with music provided by George Meikle. On arrival dancers were met by tunes on the pipes and drums played by our honorary

Riper Carl Wilkinson accompanied by Vernon Keighton. They also provided a musical reprise during the dancing interval.





We also had some very special guests during the night, Mrs Howkins and her daughter with representatives from the Air Ambulance.

Mrs Howkins contacted the Society last year following the death of her brother Arthur Hassel, who had 10 kilt outfits plus accessories, who wished the items to be appreciated. To that end contact was made to all members of the Society and wider afield as to any one interested

in the outfits.

Mrs Howkins did not want any monies for these but our Hon Secretary suggested a charity should benefit, and the Air Ambulance was chosen. Many people kindly donated monies for the kilts and accessories and it was with great pleasure that (as the photo shows) Mrs Howkins on behalf of Arthur and the Caledonian Society handed over a cheque to the value of £660.00p to the Air Ambulance.



Mr Ivan Ball MBE who received the cheque on behalf of the charity gave a short resume of their operations of 90+ flights last month.

All present were thrilled at the amount raised and that Arthurs' kilts etc have all gone to good homes.

Murdo Ferrier Bresident