



LEICESTER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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The Leicester Caledonian Society

Are holding their 139th

A.G.M.

At

***Avenue Road School,
Avenue Road Extension,
Leicester. LE2 3 EJ***

On

Monday the 9th May 2015. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the AGM of 12th May 2015
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Membership Report
8. Treasurer's Report & Presentation of Accounts
9. Charity support
10. Election of Officers and Council Members

If anyone has any other business to go on the Agenda, could they please make sure it is with the Hon Secretary by 17th April at the very latest. Also if anyone requires copies of the minutes to be sent to them they must contact the Hon Secretary. Thank you.

Coffee / Tea & Biscuits will be available.

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Summer Outing

Saturday 4th June 2016

**Markfield Community Centre
Mayflower Close
Markfield, Leicester LE67 9ST**

**Price:- £12.00 Adults,
£5 for children under 12 years.
Under 5s free**

PROGRAMME

3.00pm - 3.30pm. Arrivals welcomed with refreshments.
3.30pm - 5.00pm. Games.
5.00pm - 5.30pm. Quiz
6.00pm Buffet supper & bar open

Followed by ceilidh and dancing to Peter Scatterty.
Each society is invited to bring along their party piece.

Raffle prize from each Society welcomed.

Carriages at 10.00pm

COMPETITIONS

Home made Scones:

Entrants are invited to partake and provide their recipe with 6 scones.

Photographic:

This Years Subject is "Water"

Up to 8 A4 Size photos from each Society

To be submitted to Mr Mark Innes. on mminnes@icloud.com

To Arrive before 20 May 2016

There is adequate parking beside the hall.

For further information and or tickets please contact

Mrs. Gina Ferrier. (Hon Secretary- Leicester) Telephone: - 0116 2877186.

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Another recipe for you to try

Lettuce Soup Serves 4

Ingredients

50g (2 oz) Butter	350g (12 oz) Lettuce leaves
125g (4 oz) Spring Onions	15ml (1 Tbsp) Plain Flour
600ml (1 Pint) Chicken Stock	150ml (.25pt) Milk
Salt & freshly ground Pepper	

Method

Melt Butter in a deep saucepan.
Sauté the roughly chopped lettuce and onions until very soft.
Stir in the plain flour then add the stock.
Bring to boil, cover and simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour.
Cool the soup, puree in a blender or rub through a sieve
Return to the saucepan and add the milk and seasonings.
Reheat to serving temperature

You can use up left over lettuce leaves, or if you grow you own the ones that have shot. The shade of green of the soup varies depending on the lettuce used.

Gina Ferrier
Hon Secretary

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PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

The council are experiencing very real difficulties in finding people, willing to Attend our Burns Nights as speakers. Sadly this is now becoming a problem for all the local Scottish Societies.

Ideally we need to compile a list of people who would be willing to either

- 1) Toast the Immortal Memory.
- 2) Toast to the Lassies
- 3) The Lassies response.

If you are able to help us or if you know someone who would be willing to help us is this we would be most grateful.

The Burns Night would not be the same without some of Burn's own words. This has been a very popular night, it would really be a shame if we had to consider not staging the event.

If you can help, please contact :- Gina Ferrier. Hon. Secretary. On Tele 0116 2877186, 106, Glenfield Frith Drive, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8PS.

Or via e-mail Leicester-caledonian@hotmail.co.uk

or website www.leicestercaledoniansociety.btck.co.uk

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In our thoughts

The Monday Dance class have been missing Jane & John Rudd. We hope they will soon be back dancing with us.

Gina Ferrier.
Hon. Secretary.

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

<i>Here is the answer to the last puzzle. This new one not too bad can be classed as a medium</i>

		3				5		
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9								8
	2		9	8	5		4	
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	9		1	4	3		8	
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CONGRATULATIONS

'I'm sure everyone will want to join me in sending our congratulations and warmest wishes to our Bulletin Editor, friend and former President Mrs Phyl Moyce, on the occasion of her 100th birthday in February. Well done, Phyl, you are an inspiration to all of us.'

*Val Mackay
Committee Member*

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HUNTINGDON AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY ANNUAL BALL

AT
COMMEMORATION HALL, HUNTINGDON
ON

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016

7.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.

TO THE MUSIC OF IAN SLATER



PROGRAMME

The Falls of Rogie	R	Mairi's Wedding	R
Midsummer Madness	J	The Dancing Master	J
Belle of Bon Accord	S	Rougemont Castle	S
Nottingham Lace	R	Trip to Bavaria	R
Bees of Maggielockater	J	James Gray	J
The Flower O' the Quern	S	Duddingston Loch	S
The Rutland Reel	R	Mrs Stuart Linnell	R
Inchmickery	J	Ian Powrie's Farewell to	
The Robertson Rant	S	Auchterarder	J
Ramadan-ce	R	Return to Sheildaig	S
Quarries Jig	J	The Lochalsh Reel	R
		Seton's Ceilidh Band	J

Extras: Lady Sophia Lindsay (R), The Immigrant Lass (J),
Cherry Bank Gardens (S)

Tickets: Dancers £15.00 Spectators £8.00 including supper
Available From: Hedley Goodman, 29, Mayfield Road, Eastrea, Whittlesey, Peterborough. PE7 2AY
Tel: 01733 350185
Email: hedley@goodman2.plus.com



Please send me ____ tickets @ £15.00 ____ @ £8.00

Name:.....

Address:.....

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I enclose a cheque for _____ made payable to HDCS SAE would be appreciated

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FOR SALE

The Poetry of Robert Burns - Centenary Edition (4 volumes) edited by Henley & Henderson, 1896 containing b&w/colour illustrations and 55 songs of Burns set to music.

These volumes have been family owned for at least 70 years. They are used, in good condition with some discolouration to the hardback covers.

Offers please to:-

james.mcqueen3@ntlworld.com or 07954441912

*Many Thanks
James McQueen*

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The late Arthur Hassell.

As members will be aware the Society was approached last year by Arthur's sister to help to recycle Arthur's Scottish wear. At the New Year Dance a cheque was presented to the Air ambulance. However we had not at that time managed to find homes for the remainder of Arthur's Scottish wear. It was suggested that we approached the local theatres as he had been interested in the theatre. We contacted the Little Theatre, who said yes they would accept them. When the clothing was delivered they were very impressed by the quality of the items they were receiving. When told who had donated them, they were even more pleased to receive them. They had fond memories of Arthur and the support he gave the theatre. That is now all of Arthur's Scottish wear safely re-homed. We think and hope that Arthur would approve.

Gina Ferrier
Hon. Secretary

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Scottish Dance Survey



Hello,

My name is Melissa Milligan, and I am a PhD student at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. I am looking at several things for my PhD, both the spread of Scottish Country Dancing (why it spread where and when it did), and why Scottish Country Dancing remains popular today outside of Scotland. The following survey (link) will hopefully give me a better idea of where people first encountered Scottish Country Dancing, and why they participate in it, which will be very useful to me in my research. If you could possibly send the survey to members of your Scottish Country Dance groups I would be very appreciative. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. milligan.melissa@gmail.com

[Scottish Dance Survey](#)

Thank you!
Melissa Milligan

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Scotch Drink. By Robert Burns

*“Gie him strong drink, until he wink,
That’s sinking in despair;
An’ liquor guid to fire his bluid,
That’s prest wi’ grief an’ care;
There let him bouse, an’ deep carouse’
Wi’ bumpers flowing o’er,
Till he forgets his loves or debts,
An’ minds his griefs no more.”*
Solomon’s Proverbs, XXXi., 6, 7.

Let other Poets raise a fracas
‘Bout vines, an’ wines, an’ drunken Bacchus,
An’ crabbit names and stories wrack us,
An grate ou lug,
I sing the juice Scotch beer can mak us,
In glass or jug.

O thou my Muse! guid auld Scotch Drink,
Whether thro’ wimpling worms thou jink,
Or richly brown, ream owre the brink,
In glorious faem,
Inspire me, till I lisp an’ wink,
To sing thy name!

Let husky Wheat the haughs adorn,
An’ Aits set up their awnie horn,
An’ Pease an’ Beans at e’eu or morn,
Perfume the plain,
Leeze me on thee, John Barleycorn,
Thou king o’ grain!

On thee aft Scotland chows her cood,
In souple scones, the wale o’ food!
Or tumblin in the boiling flood,
Wi’ kail an’ beef;
But when thou pours thy strong heart’s blood,
There thou shines chief.

Food fills the waine, an’ keeps us livin’;
Tho’ life’s a gift no worth receivin’,
When heavy-dragg’d wi’ pine an’ grievin’,
But oil’d by thee,
The wheels o’ life gae down-hill, scrievin’,
Wi’ rattlin glee.

Thou clears the head o’ doited Lear:
Thou cheers the heart o’ drooping Care;
Thou strings the nerves o’ Labour sair,
At a weary toil;
Thou even brightens dark Despair.

Wi’ gloomy smile.
Aft, clad in massy, siller weed,
Wi’ Gentlesthou greets thy head;
Yet humbly kind, in time o’ need,
The poor man’s wine,
His wee drab parrich, or his bread,
Thou kitchens fine.

Thou art the life of public haunts;
But thee, what were our fairs and rants?
Ev’n godly meetings o’ the saunts,
By thee inspir’d,
When gaping they besiege the tents,
Are doubly fir’d.

That merry night we get the corn in!
O sweetly, then, thou reams the horn in !
Or reekin on a New Year mornin’
In cog or bicker,
An’ just a wee drap sp’ritual burn in,
An’ gusty sucker.

When Vulcan gies his bellows breath,
An’ ploughmen gather wi’ their graith,
O rare ! to see this fizz an’ freath
I’ th’ lugget caup !
Then Burnewin comes on like Death
At ev’ry chaup.

Nae mercy, then, for aira or steel;
The brawni, banie, plough-man chiel,
Brings hard owrenhip, wi’ sturdy wheel,
The strong fore hammer,
Till block an’ studdle ring an’ reel,
Wi’ dinsome clamour.

When skirlin’ weanies see the light,
Thou make the gossips clatter bright,
How fumbling culfs their dearies slight,
Or pack frae them.

When neebors anger at a plea,
An’ just as wud as wud can be,
How easy can the barley-bree
Cement the quarrel !
It’s aye the cheapest Lawyer’s fee,
To taste the barrel.

Alake! That e’er my Muse has reason
To wyte her countrymen wi’ treason !
But many daily weet their weason
Wi’ liquors nice,
An’ hardly, in a winter’s season,
E’er spier her price.

Wae worth that brandy, burning trash !
Fell source o’ mony a pain an’ brash !
Twinsmony a poor, doyt, drunken hash,
O’ half his days;
An’ sends, besides, auld Scotland’s cash
To her warst faes.

Ye Scots, wha wish auld Scotland well
Ye chief to you my tale I tell,
Pour plackless devils like mysel’,
It sets you ill,
Wi’ bitter, dearthfu’ wines to mell,
Or foreign gill.

Scotch Drink. By Robert Burns (cont.)

May gravels round his blather wrench,
An' gouts torment him, inch by inch,
Wha twists his gruntle wi' a glunch
O' sour disdain,
Out owre a glass o' Whisky punch
Wi' honest men !

O Whisky ! soul o' plays an' pranks !
Accept a Bardies gratefu' thanks !
When wanting thee, what tuneless cranks
Are my poor verses !
Thou comes – they rattle I' their ranks
At ither's .a---s !

Thee Ferintosh ! O sadly lost !
Scotland lament frae coast to coast !
Now collie-grips, an' barkin May kill us a';
For loyal Forbes charter'd boast
Is ta'en awa !

Thae curst horse-leeches o' th' Excise,
Wha mak the Whisky Stells their prize !
Hand up thy han', Deil I ance, twice, thrice !
There, seize the blinkers !
An' bake them upo in brumstane pies
For poor dam'd drinkers.

Fortune ! If thou'll but gie me still
Hale breaks, a scone, an Whisky gill,
An' rowth o' ryme to rave at will,
Tak a' the rest,
An' deal't about as thy blind skill
Directs thee best.

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President's Night /Haggis Supper

19th March 2016

The President wishes to express his thanks to all those who assisted in ensuring an enjoyable and successful Night.

A fuller review will be included in the next edition of the Bulletin due to lack of space.

Murdo Ferrier
President

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