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The Leicester Caledonian Society

NEW YEAR SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

TO THE MUSIC OF

GEORGE MEIKLE

Saturday 7th January 2017

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

7.00pm until 11.00pm

R	*Tambourine*	**R**	*Lady Sophia Lindsay*
J	*Jennifer's Jig*	**S**	*Karin's Strathspey*
S	*Belle of Bon Accord*	**J**	*Muirland Willie*
R	*The Whistling Wind*	**R**	*Ray Milbourne*
J	*Joe Foster's jig(Leicester Crystal)*	**S**	*Mrs Milne of Kinneff*
S	*The Glengarry Homestead*	**J**	*The Weathercock*
R	*The Rutland Reel*	**R**	*Lothian Lads*
J	*Shadow (book 50)*	**S**	*Miss Eleanor*
S	*The Gentleman*	**J**	*Gang the Same Gate*
J	*The Hazel Tree*	**S**	*The City of Belfast*
R	*The Black Moutain Reel Reel*	**R**	*Peat Fire Flame*

Extras:-

Bees of Maggieknockater **J** *City of Belfast* **S** *Baldovan Reel*

ADULTS:- £ 8.00 SPECTATORS:- £ 4.00

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As this is the last bulletin for this year, The Council and myself wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and A Great New Year

We also hope that the year 2017 turns out as good as you would wish.

Mrs P. M. Moyce
Editor

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Dates For Your Diary

1. 27th January 2017 - Burns Night. Birstall Golf Club
2. 11th March 2017 President's Night/ Haggis Supper. Countesthorpe Village Hall.
3. Walking Treasure Hunt to be advised
4. 10th June 2016 EMASS Summer Outing – Derbys

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For the attention of

ALL DANCERS

For security reasons the Avenue Road School has advised us that it is now necessary for us to lock the gate once everyone has arrived. Would dancers please note that from Mon. 19th Sept 2016 the gate will be ***locked at 7.45pm.*** ***This also applies to Dances held at Avenue Road***

Most Monday class dancers will have been given a mobile number to contact to gain admission if they are late arriving or are delayed en route. If you do not have the contact number, please contact the Hon Secretary (up to 4.00pm on Mondays) who will give you a number. We apologise for any inconvenience and would be most grateful for your co-operation. Many thanks.

Gina Ferrier
Hon. Secretary

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Quiz Night

21st October 2016

In an attempt encourage more members to participate and to be a little more central we changed the venue for this year's quiz. To St Stephens in De Montfort Street Leicester.

It was touch and go as to whether the quiz would go head or not. on Monday 17th there were only 18 persons wanting to attend. Thanks to some reminders and a little encouragement, we finally reached a viable number. 33 members took part in a very good, entertaining evening with quite a bit of laughter.

Mr Colin Harrison supplied us with questions, that taxed our memories and knowledge of Current affairs, food etc.

Our quiz master Mr Graham Harrison did a sterling job despite the friendly banter with some participants.

At about eight thirty we stopped for refreshments, this year was a first in that we had a fish a chip supper. The supper was provided by the Grimsby Fisheries on Welford Road and they were very well received.

After our delicious suppers, we continued with the quiz. They say fish provides brain power, but some of us were having our doubts about that. One or two of us were feeling decidedly sleepy after a good meal.

Mrs Ferrier presented the medals and trophy to the winners of this year's quiz. The winning team consisted of :- Dr. & Mrs. MacKay, Mrs M Thorpe and Mr & Mrs J Lewis with a Score of 80.50 points.

The Runners up were Mr & Mrs D Weynberg and Mr & Mrs Headley with a score of 77. Well done to all of them.

The Council would like to Thank Messrs Colin & Graham Harrison for all their hard work with preparing and reading the quiz questions. Also, many thanks to the members who attended the evening.

Gina Ferrier
Hon Secretary

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The Leicester Caledonian Society

Will be celebrating a traditional

BURNS NIGHT DINNER

Friday 27th January 2017

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

At the Clubhouse, Station Road, Birstall

Dress: Black tie or Lounge Suit – Kilts Welcome
Ladies – something tartan

Three course meal including
Dumfries Haggis, bashed Neeps & Champit Tatties,
washed down wi' Usqueba and other drinks from the bar,

Followed by Toasts, The music of Burns, Scotland
Played by Peter Scatterty & Dancing

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Cheques should be made payable to 'Leicester Caledonian Society'
Please include an S A E for your tickets

NO LATER than the 16th January 2017

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Leicester Caledonian Pipe Band - 1950's

From the annals of yesteryear, I have once again found another photograph in my late parents collection that I hope will be of interest to those of you who receive the Society bulletin. This time, it shows ten smartly and appropriately dressed gentlemen who were representing the Leicester Caledonian Society Pipe Band, back in the 1950's

Sadly, I am only able to identify four of them on this occasion:-

John Insch (front row far left), Jimmy McAllister (directly behind John), my late father, John Hatfield (donning a white jacket and standing slightly right of centre) and Jack Cumming (next to my father)

I am pleased to report that both the leather sporran and the kilt, worn by my father, are still intact and in the possession of my brother, Neil.

Unfortunately, the location of the photograph is unknown to me but judging by the concertina doors in the background, I could hazard a guess that the building was either an undercover bandstand or perhaps a cricket pavilion?

Any information concerning the missing names or the venue would be much appreciated.

Glyn Hatfield

Glyn Hatfeld

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SKITTLES NIGHT

On Friday 4th Nov.2016 24 players took part in the Society's Skittles Night. The venue was the Rose and Crown at Thurnby. We enjoyed an excellent Skittles supper of Faggots, Chips and peas.

There were some good scores. The winning Team with a score of 91 points consisted of :- Mrs. Gill Mouncer, Dr. Hugh Mackay, Mrs. Rachel Nelson, Mrs. Maureen Thorpe and Mr. John Long.

The Best Score Man Player was M.r R Gregory, The Best Score Lady player was Mrs M Thorpe. The Best Score overall Player was Mrs. Maureen Thorpe. Well done to all of them.

The scores for the other teams were 84, 81 and 73points.

The President Murdo Ferrier presented the Trophy and prizes to the Winners It was the usual fun night with quite a bit of laughter and the usual friendly barracking of opponents.

Members were very impressed with the venue which has been revamped since the Society's last visit there some years ago. It made a lovely change to have our plated meal brought to our tables.

Many thanks to Mrs. M Thorpe for purchasing the prizes and to those who helped with the smooth running of the evening and all who supported the evening to make it so enjoyable and worthwhile.

Gina Ferrier
Hon. Secretary

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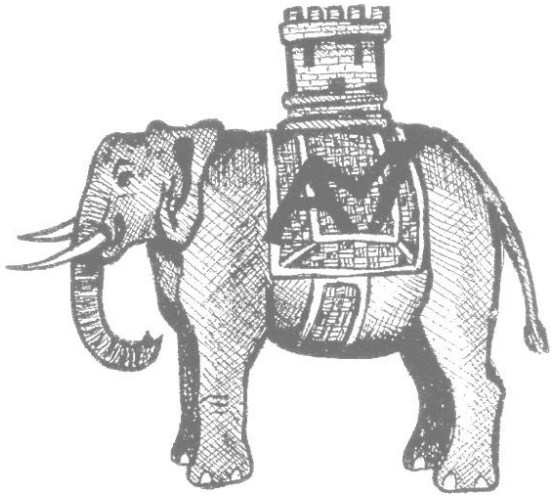

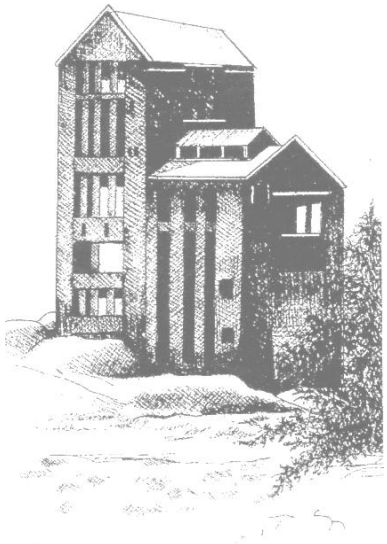

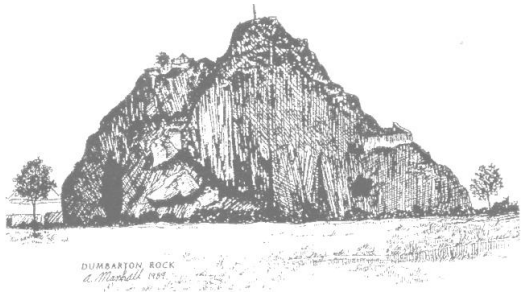

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PRESIDENTS THREE

Members may be interested to note that this year was quite unique for Leicester. From July until 4th November 2016 Leicester had Three Presidents representing our society.

In July Dr Hugh MacKay became President of the Scottish President's Association, On 4th November Mrs Gina Ferrier stepped down from her role as President of E M A S S, Mr Murdo Ferrier our Society President completed the trio.

The Photograph was kindly supplied by Mrs Nancy Barr and was taken at the Scottish President's Association Lunch.

Gina Ferrier
Hon. Secretary

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Clan History.

The northern clan of Mackenzie.

The Mackenzie's occupy the largest single area of territory in the north and as one historian is careful to put it 'ignoring legendary origins' regard themselves as descendants of Colin, progenitor of the Earls of Ross. A later Colin of Kintail was created Earl of Seaforth in1623, but the title became forfeit when the fifth Earl was attainted after the 1715 Jacobite rising, the Earldom was restored in 1771, and in 1778 the Earl raised the Seaforth Highlanders from among his clan. The Mackenzie tartan is also the tartan worn by the regiment which sadly is now no longer, due to mergers of the Highland regiments in recent years by the government.

Carl Wilkinson
Vice President

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Membership News

Our membership numbers remain static with no new faces and no recent losses though one junior member has dropped out of the band and the Society. Also one Life member moved house with no forwarding address in June this year. If anyone has any news of Mrs G. O'Donnell recently in Wigston who has been a Life Member since 1988 we would be glad to hear from them or herself.

The Society has four Honorary members who are all active and well known but some of the eighteen Life Members are not seen or heard of from one year to the next and it is possible some may have moved without giving a new address. They get regular Bulletins, mainly by post with return address labels and if the Bulletin is returned we can follow up to see how they are doing. Again if you have moved or know of members who have changed address we would be glad to hear from you / them to keep in touch.

At the time of writing, 14 Full members have not renewed their membership subscription for the current year which started on 1st March 2016. If you are one of them a cheque payable to Leicester Caledonian Society would be most welcome. The form below may help or a Bankers Standing Order would be even better to avoid forgetting this detail.

Membership Subscription Payment: 1st March 2016 to 28th February 2017

I enclose a cheque made payable to **Leicester Caledonian Society** for:
£10.00 (Single member)
£17.00 (Couples)

Name (Please print) ……..
Date ……

Please send to:
Dr E H Mackay, Membership Secretary, 68 Leicester Road, Markfield, LE67 9RE

Hugh Mackay
Membership Secretary

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

Here is the answer to the last puzzle.

This new is more difficult than the last

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5					7		2	
	8			4	9			
				6	2	7	5	
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SOUNDS FAMILIAR

We are grateful to Derek Whalley, from Burnley for the following little ditty.

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in the head.
I've got used to my arthritis
To my dentures I'm resigned,
I can cope with my bi-focals,
But, ye gods -1 miss my mind.
Sometimes I can't remember
When I'm standing by the stair
If I should be going up for something
Or have just come down from there.
And before the fridge so often
My mind is full of doubt,
Now did I put some food away
Or come to take some out.
So, remember I do love you
And wish that you lived near
And now its time to post this
And say goodbye, my dear.
At last I stand before the post box
And my face - it sure is red.
Instead of posting this to you
I've opened it instead!

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