



# MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER MAY 2018

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **1 Annual Meeting with Wine and Cheese**

Come and meet up with your fellow MSCS members and enjoy a glass of wine with cheese and biscuits. After a short AGM there will be the opportunity to socialise with friends, meet new members and learn more about some of our future events. We very much hope that you will come and support the Society and look forward to seeing you there.

We already have some exciting new events planned for the 2018/19 Society year and would also like to know what else you, the members, would find interesting and enjoyable so that we can finalise the programme. If you have points for discussion that you wish to put on the agenda or suggestions for social events, please let us know asap.

#### **2 Visit to Sackville College and McIndoe Exhibition at East Grinstead Museum, Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**SACKVILLE COLLEGE** is a Jacobean Almshouse founded by Robert Sackville (cousin of Elizabeth I) in 1609. John Sackville, Robert's uncle, married Margaret Boleyn, aunt of Henry VIII's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Anne Boleyn. Sackville College is still in use as an Almshouse and is a Grade 1 listed building.

#### **EAST GRINSTEAD MUSEUM**

After lunch our visit will include a guided tour of the "Rebuilding Bodies & Souls" exhibition – the story of the Guinea Pig Club formed in 1941 and which became an invaluable support network for its 649 Allied Aircrew Members and their families.

### RECENT EVENTS

#### **Members' Evening 24<sup>th</sup> March**

From his very first anecdote on the perils of parking in front of an Embassy, Peter held the attention of the audience as he took us on a

world tour of his postings in ten countries in Africa and Europe, Canada, Bangladesh, Indo-Indonesia and the Caribbean. We learned about the managerial role of a consul and he dispelled the widely held myth that the diplomatic life is one long glamorous round of embassy or consular entertaining! However he did meet the Queen and other members of the royal family as well as politicians, including Margaret and Dennis Thatcher. The other side of the coin is the very real element of danger in many parts of the world eg being responsible for the safe evacuation of British subjects during civil wars and revolutions. His last posting was as Governor of a small Caribbean island. On retiring he was invited to Buckingham Palace to receive the CMG from Prince Charles. In conclusion he showed us a photo of himself dressed in a kilt and dancing the Reel of the 51st – Scottish country dancing, it seems, is extremely popular among ex-pat communities all around the world! Thank you very much Peter for an extremely interesting and entertaining talk.

### Dates for your diary

#### **July 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 2018**

**Visit to Sackville College and East Grinstead Museum.**

#### **October 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 2018**

#### **Twinkling Thames Cruise on the Waverley**

*lain will be contacting those who have booked the cruise on the Waverley re the travel details when he receives further information from the coach company.*

#### **November 2018**

**St Andrew's Event (new format) TBA**

#### **January 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 2019**

**Pre Burns Dance Practice at the Old School Hall, Cuckfield**

#### **January 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 2019**

**Burns Event at the Cottesmore Hotel and Country Club**

