



MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

A Letter from your President

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Dear Member,

The future of the Society

As a result of my message “Looking Ahead” in the February Newsletter, some suggestions have been made as to how the Society might continue, and these have been discussed by the committee.

One idea is that, under the general guidance of the committee, events which are held during the year might be organised by an individual person (or a small group of people) who would be responsible for **that event ONLY**. This would take a lot of pressure off the President and the committee.

This year, the major events, the Saint Andrew’s Night dinner/dance and the Burns’ Night celebration have shown an increase in numbers attending on the previous year. Burns’ Night in particular, which was held in a new venue, was very successful. The committee is making provisional bookings of the same venues for these two events in the coming season:

Saint Andrew’s Night possible date, Friday 28 November 2014 at Wivelsfield

Burns’ Night possible date, Saturday 24 January 2015 at the Cottesmore Hotel and Country Club

Both of these events have a previous pattern of organisation which can easily be followed again and Burns’ Night could, if the organiser chooses be less formal, with few or no speeches.

Other Society meetings have been less well attended, numbers at the “At Home” being particularly disappointing. Do you wish to continue to hold these other social events or shall we exist as a society to celebrate only Saint Andrew’s Night and Burns’ Night?

Please indicate your feelings on the importance of the following:

At Home YES, continue, or NO

Dance practices/social meetings before major social events YES, or NO

Members' Evening YES or NO

Walk and family tea YES or NO

Golf and Garden Party YES or NO

Would you be willing to organise one of the above?

However, the Society will still need a committee with a Treasurer and, most importantly a President /Chairman to hold everything together. Neither the current treasurer nor I are able to continue in these roles. The President/Chairman is under no obligation to serve for three years; The Society rules state that as the MAXIMUM term of office. One year would be perfectly acceptable. We already have three people willing to serve on next year's committee and this includes the Secretary and the Newsletter Editor but none are willing to stand as Chairman or Treasurer.

During my time as President many members have offered to help, **if they are available**, and they **have** helped. Maybe some of these people would be prepared to organise, say, the "At Home" or a "Members' Evening". The present committee will make hall bookings if it seems likely that these can continue.

It really is up to you!

Any suggestions and offers of help, please, to me, Carol Blake by e-mail to

president@midsussexcaledoniansociety.org.uk

or by phone to 01444 412125

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Family Walk & Scottish Tea

Sunday 11th May 2014

St Michael's Church

Church Lane

Partridge Green

RH13 8 JW

2.15pm for a 2.30pm start

This year we are starting the walk in the village of Partridge Green. The walk is about 3 miles along fairly flat paths.

Directions to St Michael's Church:

St Michael's church lies to the north of Partridge Green High Street. At the end of the High Street at a T Junction by the Partridge pub, turn right onto the B2135. Church Lane is a right turn off the B2135. There is parking for the church in Church Lane, just past the church.

The cost for the afternoon will be **£2.50 per adult plus a plate of food for the tea. Children under 5 years are free.**

Your usual contributions of savoury or sweet delights such as sandwiches, pancakes, scones, shortbread, cakes etc to share will be gratefully accepted at the hall before the walk begins. Please bring sufficient food for all your party.

If you do not want to walk but would like to come along for the social event, perhaps you would be willing to help lay out the tea in the hall.

AGM / Wine and Cheese Party

Friday 6th June 2014

Haywards Heath Town Hall

Boltro Road

Haywards Heath

Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

More details in the next newsletter

Golf Day and Summer Garden Party

Friday 27th June 2014

The golf Competition will again be at Hassocks Golf Club, followed by a garden party at the home of Helen Firmin. Further details and the booking form will follow in the May Newsletter.

RECENT EVENTS

Members' Evening

Old School Hall, Cuckfield

Saturday 15th March 2014

18 members met at the Old School Hall for the Members' Evening which comprised a talk from our president, Carol Blake, entitled 'Dancing in Scotland through the Ages'

She gave us an interesting and entertaining talk on how dancing has evolved in Scotland. Of particular interest was the origins and development of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, which was founded by Miss Jean Milligan and Mrs Ysobel Stewart. Miss Milligan sounded very formidable. The talk was accompanied by a selection of appropriate music.

Thanks are due to the Committee members who brought along a delicious selection of cakes.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES

**Horsham Scottish Country Dancing
Club**

Saturday 17th May 2014 7.00pm

The Village Hall, Golding Lane,

Mannings Heath, RH13 6JU

Cost is £5 plus a plate of finger food.

Further information is available from the
club secretary on 01403 262398 or website
www.horshamscdc.org.uk