



MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Burns' Night Dinner Dance

Saturday 24th January 2015

Cottesmore Hotel, Golf and Country Club,

Buchan Hill,

Pease Pottage,

West Sussex,

RH11 9AT

6.30pm for 7.00pm (when the haggis will be piped in) until midnight

Black Tie or Highland Dress

(or lounge suit)

As usual our first formal event of 2015 is the "traditional" Burns' Supper and Dance and, as always, we are hoping for a really good turnout of Members, friends and relatives to make the celebration go with a swing.

Pre-dinner drinks will be available in The Gatwick Room, dinner will be served in the Challis Restaurant and dancing in the adjoining Barn Room. The cost of wine is from approximately £15 per bottle.

The menu is:

Haggis or Vegetarian Haggis, with Neeps and Tatties

Beef Wellington- Beef topped with pate and mushrooms wrapped in puff pastry and served with a thyme and red wine Jus

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Salmon Wellington - Salmon topped with spinach and cream cheese wrapped in puff pastry and served with a cream sauce

OR

Vegetarian - Char grilled vegetable and Halloumi stack served with a cream sauce

A white chocolate and ginger layered mousse topped with whisky cream and served with a shortbread biscuit

Coffee and mints

The cost of the evening is £35. Seating is at tables of 8/9.

To reserve your places please complete the enclosed form and send it with your cheque, made payable to MSCS, to Bob Imrie by Friday 9th January 2015.

Book early as the Dinner Dance will be opened up to members of Cottesmore Golf Club early in the New Year.

The Cottesmore Hotel (linked to the Challis Restaurant by a covered walkway) is offering accommodation to those who wish to stay overnight at £69.00 per double room with breakfast and the use of the health club and swimming pool, golf at guest rates. A superior double is £79.00 and a single £49.00

To reserve accommodation, please contact the Cottesmore direct on 01293 528256, select option 2 for reception and accommodation and mention that you are attending the Burns Supper. Early booking is advisable.

The Cottesmore has a large car park.

Please note that the Challis Restaurant is on the first floor and there is no lift.

The Charity Plate will be for donations to "Kangaroos", a Mid-Sussex charity which provides activities and outings for disabled children.



To reach Cottesmore Hotel, leave the A23 at the Pease Pottage roundabout and take the exit for B2114 passing the service station. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Horsham Road through Pease Pottage. Continue onto Forest Road and the entrance to the hotel is on the right.

Burns' Social/Dance Practice

Sunday 18th January 2015

3 – 5 pm

Old School Hall, Cuckfield

There will be just one practice before the Burns' Night Dinner Dance this year, which will be an opportunity for members and guests to come along and to try out some of the dances or just to socialise along with tea and cake.

The cost for the practice session will be £2.50 per person to partially offset the cost of the hall.

Theatre Visit

A visit has been arranged to Chichester Festival Theatre on 7th March 2015 for a matinee, to see 'Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense' (www.cft.org.uk). There are still some theatre tickets left at a cost of £30. Members will make their own way to Chichester and are meeting for a meal together afterwards.

For those who may be interested, please contact Marian Imrie as soon as possible (on 01403 252694 or email m.imrie06@sky.com)

RECENT EVENTS

St Andrew's Night Celebration **Village Hall, Wivelsfield Green**

The annual St Andrew's Night Celebration on 28th November was attended by 37 members and guests, slightly down on last year. It was held at Wivelsfield Village Hall for the fifth year running, and again the venue and the catering proved to be an outstanding success.

The evening started with a welcoming drink ably served by Gordon and Mike, to the accompaniment of a CD of pipe tunes written and played by a member of the society, Bruce Thomson.

Gordon gave a short introduction to St Andrew before we sat down to an excellent meal produced by Lulu, the caterer, and her team.



The meal was followed by the dancing, led by Lee and Chris Pratt and Carol and Julian Blake.



Thanks are due to Gordon and Jennifer Russell and Mike and Liz Roberts for organising such an enjoyable evening.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Walk & Scottish Tea

Sunday 17th May 2015

Handcross

AGM/ Wine and Cheese Social

Friday 5th June 2015

Haywards Heath Town Hall

Golf Day and Barbecue

Saturday 26th June 2015

Rookwood Golf Club

Summer Garden Party

(Lunchtime)

Sunday 2nd August 2015

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES

Crawley Scottish Country Dance Club

Saturday 7th March 2015 7.00pm

Friary Hall, Haslett Ave West

Crawley, RH10 1HR

Cost is £5 plus a plate of finger food. Further information available from the club secretary on 01403 269439 or website www.crawleyscdc.btck.co.uk

KILT FOR SALE

A member of the Society has a MacKenzie Tartan kilt, a black day jacket with silver buttons and a black leather sporran with embossed pattern and three tassels. The value of the jacket is around £85 and the kilt £150 but the price is negotiable. Anyone interested should contact Ann Milne (bladonlink@waitrose.com)