



MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Burns' Night Dinner Dance

Saturday 21st January 2017

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)

Our first formal event of 2017 is the traditional Burns' Supper and Dance and, after the success of our St Andrew's Event, 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 £16 per bottle and a glass of whisky for the toasts £4. Both can be ordered from the bar before the meal.

The menu is:

Traditional Haggis with Neeps and Tatties

OR

Vegetarian Haggis Option

Duo of Lamb

Slow cooked shoulder and rump served with fondant potato, peas and mint shallots and finished with a red wine gravy

OR

Fillet of Trout

set on an herb risotto served with a prawn and white wine sauce

OR

Vegetarian Main Course

Crêpes filled with wild mushrooms and cream cheese, finished with parmesan shavings and topped with an herb crust

All main courses will be served with a vegetable side dish of greens

Cranachan with Whisky and a shortbread biscuit

OR

Lemon Posset with lemon curd and shortbread

Coffee and mints

The cost of the evening is £38 per person.
Seating is at tables of 8/9.

NB as our Burns' Night Event is slightly earlier than usual and the hotel needs to know numbers well in advance, please make sure that you book your places at the earliest opportunity. The Dinner Dance will be opened up to members of Cottesmore Golf Club very 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 and £59.00 per single room with breakfast and the use of the health club and swimming pool. Golf at guest rates. (Check in: from 2.30 pm check-out:10.30 am.)

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 15th January 2017

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 £3.00 per person to partially offset the cost of the hall.

RECENT EVENTS

St Andrew's Night Celebration

It was lovely to see so many members and guests (46 in all) at our annual St Andrew's Night Celebration on 25th November at the Normandy Centre in Horsham. The evening started with a welcoming drink ably served by David and Maureen Anderson and was followed by an excellent meal. Afterwards there was ample time to chat with old friends and also to dance. Our thanks go to Carol and Julian Blake and Lee and Chris Pratt who led the dancing and had organized a programme to include a wide range of dances.

The President, Roy Horn, thanked Helen and all who helped her for organizing such an enjoyable evening.

Lost Property

A black pullover was left behind after St Andrew's. If it is yours, please contact Marilyn Millar on 01293 533035.

New Members

We would like to welcome new members Pauline Leeny and Tanya and Martin Linaker to the Society and look forward to seeing them at future events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Burns Dance Practice

15th January 2017, 3-5 pm, Old School Hall, Cuckfield

Burns' Night Dinner and Dance

21st January 2017, 6.30 for 7.00pm -12.00
Cottesmore Hotel, Golf and Country Club

Behind the Scenes at Chichester Theatre

25th February 2017, 10.30 am

Explore our Grade 2 listed building in a 60 minute tour, which includes backstage....

After the tour we are hoping to arrange a pub lunch in the area for those who are able to stay.

Places are selling fast so if you are interested please let Marian know asap. She will do her best to obtain more tickets.

Members' Evening

Friday 24th March 2017

7.30 – 10.00 pm

The Old School Hall, Cuckfield

“Reflections of an Obedient Servant”

“Colin Coventry will have something to declare about his main career with HM Customs & Excise, a challenging 8 year diversion into HM Treasury, working behind the scenes at Buckingham Palace and his post-retirement consultancy work including skirmishes with the Russian Underworld.”

Sounds intriguing!

Golf Day and Barbecue

Date and venue tba

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Friday 9th June, 7.30 – 10.00pm

Haywards Heath Town Hall

