



## **MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY**

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### **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

##### ***Members' Evening***

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Old School Hall, Cuckfield**

**7.45 pm - 10.00 pm**

**(Doors open at 7.30 pm).**

##### **Dancing in Scotland through the Ages**

Carol Blake started Scottish country dancing over 60 years ago and has hardly stopped since. She has over 20 years experience of highland dancing and step dancing and has taught both country and highland dance at workshops in various cities in Europe, as well as attending many workshops herself as a pupil. She has gone regularly to RSCDS Summer School in St Andrews since 1989 and gained her teacher's certificate there in 1991.

Her life-long experience of dancing also covers ballet, contemporary dance and tap dancing though dancing now is limited mainly to teaching SCD to a U3A group in Burgess Hill and to attending ballroom and latin dance classes in Haywards Heath.

The talk will cover the way dancing in Scotland has evolved over the centuries at all levels of society and will be accompanied by

'snippets' of appropriate music.

Admission for the evening will be £5 per person payable on the door, which will include light refreshments (tea, coffee and cake). There is no need to bring a plate of food for this meeting

##### ***Family Walk & Scottish Tea***

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Partridge Green**

##### ***AGM/Wine and Cheese Party***

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Haywards Heath Town Hall**

**Boltro Road**

**Haywards Heath**

##### ***Golf Day and Garden Party***

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

The golf will be at Hassocks Golf Club, followed by the garden party at Ditchling.

## RECENT EVENTS

### ***Burns' Night Dinner Dance***

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Cottesmore Hotel, Golf and Country Club,**

**Pease Pottage**

This year 80 members and guests met at the Cottesmore Hotel for our annual Burns' Night Dinner Dance.

This turnout was the best for many years. The Committee has received many favourable comments on the new venue, especially on how the smaller room for dinner made it more sociable.

The haggis was piped in by Bruce Urquhart and addressed by Gordon Russell. Grace was said by Gordon Russell.



After the meal the Immortal Memory was given by Bob Imrie, followed by a dialogue using Burns' own words from Mary and Jeff Robertson. They then proposed Toasts to the Lassies and the Lads.

We were then entertained by Audrey Edwards who sang several Burns Songs accompanied by Stephen Blake. Lee and Chris Pratt and Carol and Julian Blake kindly acted as our Dance Masters with a programme of dances that filled the dance floor.

All in all the evening was again very enjoyable.



Our sincere thanks to Neil Perrin who again acted as our photographer during the evening. More photographs of the event are to be found on our web site.

The collection plate for the evening generated £163 (which the Society made up to £200) for the benefit of our designated charity Kangaroos.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCES

**Crawley Scottish Country Dance Club**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 7.00pm**

**Friary Hall, Haslett Ave West**

**Crawley, RH10 1HR**

Cost is £5 plus a plate of finger food.

Further information is available from the club secretary on 01293 882173 or website [www.crawleyscdc.btkc.co.uk](http://www.crawleyscdc.btkc.co.uk)

**Horsham Scottish Country Dancing  
Club**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.horshamscdc.org.uk)

**Looking Ahead** — a message from the President

We have recently had a successful Burns' Night and a number of members commented that they hoped that such enjoyable evenings would continue. This can only happen if, at the Annual General Meeting, a new President, Vice-President and Treasurer can be elected.

The Society was founded in 1926. With some officers and willing helpers on the committee we could be celebrating our 90th Anniversary in two years time.

Are you willing to volunteer your services?

Do you have ideas for the future of our society?

Please contact me by e-mail to

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