



# MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Members' Evening

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Old School Hall, Cuckfield**

**7.30 pm - 10.00 pm**

**“Our Man in.....”**

#### ***Memoirs and Memories of a Diplomat***

Have you ever wondered what a diplomat actually does and what this rather nomadic life entails?

One of our members served in H. M. Diplomatic Service for 42 years from school leaver to Governor of a Caribbean island. He has plenty of tales to tell about life in ten different countries, *including the Nigerian civil war, working behind the iron curtain, a Day with Dennis and other stories.* So come and listen to him on 24<sup>th</sup> March when all will be revealed!

Admission for the evening will be £5 per person payable on the door plus a plate of sweet or savoury finger food.

#### **AGM / Wine and Cheese Social Evening**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**

Full details in the next newsletter.

#### **Watch this space....**

The committee are planning some more events for later in the year including an evening sail up the Thames from Gravesend to Tower Bridge in the paddle steamer

Waverley in the autumn. We will let you know when we have more information

### RECENT EVENTS

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

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

This year 51 members and guests met at the Cottesmore Hotel for our annual Burns' Night Dinner Dance. The restaurant looked very welcoming as we all took our seats, thanks to Marian Imrie's attractive and colourful floral arrangements.



The haggis was piped in by Charlie Bellinger, our guest piper and was addressed by Gordon Russell. After the delicious meal it was time for the toasts. Jeff Robertson gave the Immortal Memory, David Paterson the Toast to the Lassies and Carol Blake gave the reply. All three were witty, informative and very enjoyable.



While some stayed at their tables to chat, others joined in the dancing. Chris and Lee, our dance masters for the evening succeeded in arranging a programme which included many dances for enthusiastic beginners and others for regular and more advanced dancers.



Many thanks go to all those mentioned above and to those who helped behind the scenes. Also to Jeff and Mary who took the dance practice. However, very special thanks must go to Bob and Marian Imrie who organised the whole event. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening.