



MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

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LETTER FROM THE **PRESIDENT**

At the AGM on 1st July my name was proposed and seconded as President of the Society for the coming year. Despite being a fairly new member I gladly accepted. However, this year the Society is running with a much smaller Committee than normal and therefore I would urge you all to give us as much support as you feel able.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will see that St Andrews is taking place on Friday 25th November at a new venue in Horsham. Burns is scheduled for Saturday 21 January. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Members' Evening planned for October has had to be postponed to the Spring. All events will have a principal organiser and contact details for these organisers will be detailed in this and future Newsletters. I would be most grateful if you could offer to assist our small Committee in any way you can to make these events a great success. The Summer Party to celebrate our 90th anniversary was proof that it can be done. It was a huge success with so many of you pulling together to help.

I look forward to another successful year.

Roy Horn
President

MSCS Committee2016/17

Your new "slim-line" committee is:-

President: Roy Horn

Secretary: Marian Imrie

Treasurer: Helen Firmin

Minutes Secretary and Newsletter

Editor:- Marilyn Millar

Iain Millar

We would love more of you to join us!

Newsletter News

You may have noticed from the newsletter heading that, as Maureen has retired from the committee, we now have a new (or rather "recycled") newsletter editor and a brand new e-mail address.

I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking Maureen for her sterling work in keeping us informed about MSCS matters over the last few years. A personal thank you to Maureen and David who have given me a crash revision course on the computer to ensure a smooth transfer and also to John Dudley who manages our website and has also set up links to the new e-mail address.

Marilyn Millar

Newsletter Editor

RECENT EVENTS

Garden Party to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the MSCS Sunday August 14th 2016



Forty-six members and former members, some of whom had travelled a long way to be with us, gathered at Tickeridge Barn for our 90th anniversary party. Kim and Ben's garden provided an idyllic setting and the weather was perfect. After a "welcome aperitif" we adjourned to the marquee where tables and chairs had been set out and decorated with cheerful flower arrangements.



After welcoming us all the President invited us to the buffet, where, in keeping with tradition, we found a marvellous selection of quiches, salads and desserts provided by the members to accompany the salmon and cold meats. (I heard quite a lot of recipes being exchanged!). This was then followed by the ceremonial cutting of the birthday cake by Roy Horn, the current President, and Bruce Urquhart, the earliest President present.

Marian Imrie had baked and iced the cake and all pronounced it delicious.



Messages of congratulations and good wishes from members and former members unable to attend were read out and then some reminiscences and anecdotes from those present were also shared. The common theme of all was the appreciation of the friendliness of the members throughout the years.



David Anderson also talked about his research into the archives of the MSCS and quoted many interesting facts gleaned from the minutes (initially hand-written!) and records of the Society since 1926. He and Maureen had prepared a tabletop exhibition of records and photographs taken at events over the years – there was much mirth as some of us recognised our younger selves!



Afterwards there was still time to mingle and reminisce.

So many people have to be thanked for all the hard work they put in to ensure the success of the day – the organising committee, those who helped to set up and clear away, all those who brought such delicious salads and deserts and of course Kim and Ben who provided us with such a lovely venue.

A few items of cutlery were left behind after the event. If you find you are missing something please let Marilyn or Kim know and we will try to reunite you with your spoons etc.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The programme for the next few months is as follows

St Andrew's Night Celebration

**Friday 25th November at the
Normandy Centre in Horsham**

Arrangements are almost complete for this event and full details of the menu etc together with directions to the hall will be sent out in a newsletter nearer the time.

Important- the usual pre-St Andrew's dance practice will not now take place as the Hall is not available.

Burns Night Celebration

Saturday 21st January 2017

Offers to help with this would be gratefully appreciated.

Spring Members' Evening

Date: tba

Details of summer events will be given in future newsletters

SUBSCRIPTIONS

With the start of the new season for the Mid Sussex Caledonian Society it is time to collect subscriptions for this year.

Most members find it convenient to do this by standing order so we have attached a form for you to send to your bank if you would like to do it this way.

It is also the most convenient way for the society.

Alternatively, if you wish to pay by BACS the Society's details are as follows: Sort Code 30-94-41, account no. 03625611. Please quote your surname and initial as a reference

The subscription is £8 p.a. for a single person or £10 for a couple. If you prefer to pay by cheque could you please send this to the Treasurer

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It would be appreciated if all payments could be made by 30th September 2016.

Thank you for your cooperation