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LEICESTER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

BULLETIN

July / August 2011

John Clow

Golf Cup

**The John Clow Golf Cup will
be contested**

At

The Birstall Golf Club

On

Wednesday 14th September

Members wishing to play should contact

Mr. A. D. Kay

on (0116) 2674707

By the 29th August 2011 please.

Time of first Tee 12.00 noon

Entrance fee £10.00

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Presidents report for the AGM

18th May 2011.

Another year !!!!, it only seems like last month that the Past President passed over the badge of Office. How time flies.

In my opinion the year has been very successful and I would just like to comment on some of the events organised.

- A quiz night which was organized by one of our Past Presidents Phil Moyce attracted a good attendance.
- Our Annual St Andrews Day Celebrations attracted 40 plus people
- The New Year Dance at Braunstone Civic Centre saw over 65 people trying to “work off” their Christmas excesses.
- My Presidents Night and Haggis Supper on March 5th saw in excess of 90 members and friends enjoy an excellent supper and entertainment.
- The Skittles Night at the end of March was also well attended with 33 members and friends.
- Monday Night Dancing has been well attended with an average attendance of 20 plus dancers. We are always on the lookout for beginners, **Please spread the word.**

The other functions which were on our programme will be reported on by the Chairman in his report.

The Leicester Caledonian Society has been in existence since 1877 and I would like to think we can keep going for another xxxxx decades.

WE CAN SURVIVE IF

- Membership increases
- Members Support events
- Members take ownership of the programme

What do people wish to see on our programme.

This was asked last year and we had some varied thoughts. Walking and Theatre visits were but two. Fine ideas but we need someone to take ownership of event.

Is any one prepared to take ownership of either of these events?

The Council will assist but if someone has a “passion” about an activity they will possibly have some inside information on how to arrange, achieve the best price etc.

Please consider what I have said, we must have some contacts/friends within our membership who could help.

I would like to thank the Council for all their help and support for the past year and to all the people who have convened various events.

A special vote of thanks goes to Doris who has organised the Monday Night Dancing, this is no easy task when it comes to sorting out the programme and the music. My thanks also go to the other qualified teachers who assist in running the evening and to Margaret Gregory who takes the “cash “ and Brian Stevens who helps to set up the equipment and clear it away.

The Bulletin Editor and producer also deserve a mention of thanks. I know we have members who are not local and this is their only way of keeping abreast of what is happening within the Leicester Caledonian Society. Contributions for the Bulletin will always be gratefully received by Phyl and Colin.

Hope you all have a good summer break

Alan

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have no new members to welcome this time but if there are any Scottish friends or supporters out there that you would like to introduce, please let me know and I will send them some information about the Society and its activities. Alternatively, direct them to the Society's web site at www.leicestercaledoniansociety.com where they will find a potted history of the Society, who does what, reports from events, photographs, on-line access to past issues of the Bulletin and shortly to follow, the programme for the coming year.

We were saddened to hear of the tragic death of long term member, Prof David Turnock in a road traffic accident just before the AGM. His wife Marion was seriously injured but is recovering. A full appreciation of David will be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Membership subscriptions for this year are still due from 22 members and we would be glad to receive your payment with the form below as soon as possible.

We still have a good stock of lapel badges / brooches and Society ties. Contact me if interested.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT, 1st March 2011 to 28th February 2012

I enclose a cheque made out to Leicester Caledonian Society for:

£10.00 (Single member)

£17.00 (Couples)

Name (Please Print)

Date

Please send to:

Dr E H Mackay, Membership Secretary, 68 Leicester Road, Markfield, LE67 9RE

Hugh Mackay,
Membership Secretary

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# ROBERT BURNS' STATUE

Campedown, Victoria, Australia.

As mentioned in my Robert Burns World Federation conference report last year, this Society has been active in attempting to preserve the first ( and therefore the oldest ) statue of Robert Burns which has been in a botanic garden in Australia since 1883. It was carved in 1830 by a distinguished Scottish sculptor, John Greenshields and is the first life size, whole body statue of the poet. It was donated by Mr W A Taylor after exhibition at the Burns bi-centenary celebrations in London in 1859.

There had been recent vandalism of the statue in its exposed site and it was removed for safe-keeping in May 2009.

A hearing at the Heritage Council Registrations Committee (Victoria) in February 2011 decided that the gardens should be listed but NOT the statue at this time though its importance was fully recognised.

It was decided that it should be assessed and listed separately.

Steps are underway to ensure that this statue of world wide importance is preserved for the future and will be supported by this Society.

Dr E H Mackay  
Past President

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Scottish Fiddle Orchestra

As mentioned in the last bulletin are performing at the Sympathy Hall Birmingham on
Saturday 10th March 2012

A coach can be arranged for those who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, if anyone is interested please contact,

Mrs. Margaret Spence, 154, Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East,
Leicester. LE3 3JT, or Phone 0116 2392802

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Joke of the month?

Q: What do Australians call canned whisky?
A: Tubular Bells!

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INTERNET CONNECTIONS

At a time of ever rising postage costs we are looking at ways of reducing the cost and work involved in producing and distributing the Society Bulletin. At present, we have only 17 members' e-mail addresses to whom an e-copy of the Bulletin could be sent or who (presumably) could access it on the Society's web site at the address given in the membership news item. If we could reduce these costs it would help to avoid further subscription increases in the future.

Could you please send me an e-mail at: hugh.mackay@talktalk.net if you would be willing to forego a paper Bulletin and opt for an e-version?

Hugh Mackay
Membership Secretary

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Sudoku Puzzle

4	7	9	3	2	1	8	5	6
2	6	1	8	4	5	9	3	7
3	5	8	9	6	7	4	1	2
8	9	2	1	7	4	5	6	3
6	3	4	5	9	2	1	7	8
5	1	7	6	8	3	2	9	4
9	4	3	2	5	6	7	8	1
7	8	6	4	1	9	3	2	5
1	2	5	7	3	8	6	4	9

Here is the answer to the last editions Bulletin; it was a difficult one, this is a little easier for you try.

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