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# LEICESTER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

# BULLETIN

May / June 2010

The  
**Leicester Caledonian Society**

Are holding their 133rd

# A.G.M

At

The Leicester General  
Sports and Social Club  
Seminar Room

Woodborough Road,  
off Coleman Road, Leicester

On

19<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Coffee / Tea & Biscuits will be available.

If you are willing to take a role on the Council or wish to propose someone else, please complete the nomination form on page 7 of this Bulletin and return it to the Hon. Secretary by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Also on page 7 you will find a Membership Subscription Payment form.

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**Mr. B. Yates**

# PRESIDENT'S PIECE

*This will be my last "President's piece" in the Bulletin as I am standing down at the AGM in May this year. Normally the Presidential term of office is for three years but as I was unable to find a successor three years ago, I agreed to a second term.*

*They say that "time flies" when you're enjoying yourself and I have certainly enjoyed the past six years as this Society's President. It would be wrong in principle to continue indefinitely so I am actively seeking a successor to this office. I shall of course continue to support the Society in any way that I can and hope that others will do so too. I have made many new friends through visits to other Scottish Societies in the East Midlands and beyond and will both treasure the memories and try to keep in touch.*

*I must thank Andrew Kay in particular for his Chairmanship of the Council meetings, Honorary Secretaries Pauleen Welsh and Dorothy Rice, Honorary Treasurers Malcolm Hart, June Hendry and David Walkinshaw plus the Council members who have kept the Society running. Thanks also go to Doris Buchanan and her team for the successful Monday night dancing classes, to Phyl Moyce and Colin Harrison for all their hard work on the Bulletin and to everyone who helped to "make things happen".*

*The Society is in its 133<sup>rd</sup> year and I hope that with your support we can maintain or even increase our activities, membership and Scottish traditions. We have had some splendid events but they do not just happen on their own. They need members, real people to take on the organisation and to all those who have helped, I say "Thank you". Please give your support to my successor.*

*Hugh Mackay  
President*

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## SUMMER CELEBRATION OF SCOTTISH MUSIC

*Sheila Woodcock and Dorothy Rice invite you to another summer afternoon of listening to Scottish music on Sunday 13th June - 2 pm for 2. 30 pm - at 42 Manor Road Extension, Oadby. All members and their friends are welcome.*

*Bring along one or two CDs from which you wish to choose your favourite tracks - to share with others and say why you like them.*

*Light refreshments will be provided. There is no charge but a small donation towards Society funds would be appreciated.*

*RSVP to Dorothy on 0116 2712333 or Sheila on 0116 2713125 by 7th June for some idea of nos. to cater for: (we hope numbers won't have to be limited)*

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Nine years ago, I set up a relatively primitive web site for the Society in a community network hosted by the Leicester Mercury. This allowed us to advertise events, produce reports and news and eventually add a few photos and it was all free. It attracted about 100 visits per month (which is not bad) from all over the UK and also France and Brazil leading to a few new members joining us and a few more coming to events. However, it did have its limitations.

When our Honorary Piper, Brad Yates re-formed the Leicester Caledonian Society pipe band, he offered to create a new website for the Society and the band which has been live for about four months now and is accessed via the above address.

It includes a band section and a Society section which contains background information about the Society and its history, the Council members, a calendar of events, reports of events, a facility to highlight the next event and a photo gallery. It is also possible to access the current Society Bulletin on line and conceivably we could consider offering a membership discount to members using the on-line Bulletin by saving the copying and postage costs of hard copies. Something to think about.

I offer my sincere thanks to Brad for setting up this site and keeping it going. Let us hope it attracts more new, young members.

Hugh Mackay  
President

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PRESIDENT'S NIGHT AND HAGGIS SUPPER

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

On the 6th March, over eighty members, guests and friends of the society enjoyed an evening of Scottish music and dancing at Thurnby village Memorial Hall. The occasion was our traditional Haggis Supper which, this year, we decided to combine with another regular society event -- our President's Night.

We were joined by thirteen Presidents/ Representatives and their partners from EMASS who came as honoured guests, and were duly welcomed by Dr. Hugh Mackay, and led in a procession round the hall by our Honorary Piper Mr. Brad Yates.

As most members will know, we now have our own Leicester Caledonian Society Pipe Band and this was their first opportunity to perform together at a society event. Six pipers, recruited and led by Mr Yates, later gave a splendid, stirring performance which was a tribute to their talents and hard work. In complete contrast, we were treated to two very enjoyable performances by the RSCDS display team led by Mrs. Doris Buchanan and, as always, they were lively and graceful.

Throughout the evening we were entertained by the music of 'Heather Mixture'. Heather Hawthorn played and called for the Ceilidh dancing and the Scottish tunes had our feet tapping. Meanwhile non dancers could puzzle over a challenging quiz -- won by two tables in a draw!

The Haggis from Dumfries was piped in, given the traditional spirited address by President Hugh Mackay, and then eaten and enjoyed with the bashed neeps and champit tatties.

At the end, some people were searching for the attractive programmes designed by Mr. Colin Harrison to take home as mementoes of what everyone said had been a most enjoyable evening.

As well as to all the above, my thanks go to Chairman Andrew Kay who acted as MC, Phyl Moyce & Val Mackay for the raffle, Colin and Graham Harrison for the quiz, Maureen Thorpe, John Wight, Carl Wilkinson, Gerry Woodcock and all who helped to make it a success.

Dorothy Rice  
Hon. Secretary (Convenor)

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Sheila and Dorothy

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## OPPORTUNIST PHOTO.



The enclosed photograph was taken by Glyn Hatfield, a member of the society. Last August he just happened to look out of his kitchen window and saw this unusual site, he promptly ran outside with his camera and caught the effect before it dissipated: as it happens the couple, who live in the bungalow, turn out also to be Scottish. He thought because it is a most unusual picture you would like to see it. It is a good shot I think you will agree. Well done Glyn.

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## PAST GLORIES UPDATE

*If you can remember, this item that was included in the November / December 2009 bulletin one of our members Glyn Hatfield, whose father is on the left in the picture, has given us an update on some of the names of the members who are in the photo. The person to the right of Mrs. Phyl Harrison is Alan Letts not Alan Clements, and on the front row holding the cup is Audrey Cole. The only one in the photo that still has to be identified is the lady on the right in the back row. Thanks Glyn, for this update.*



Leicester Caledonian Dance Team, taken by the then Leicester Evening Mail in June 1953, after winning two cups, the Fulton Cup and The Nichol Cup, at the Hertfordshire Highland Games, held in Harpenden. This was the first time they had entered this competition and were quite rightfully extremely pleased at their success.

The members as far as we know are, from the left the back row is: - John (Jack) Hadfield, Janet Cutting, Walter Fletcher, Phyl Harrison (Now Moyce), Alan Letts (not Clements), Jessie - - - - - , James McAllister, and the front row: - Audrey Cole, Miss C. C. Adams, Anne Stuart. (Now Clements)

Mrs. P. M. Moyce  
Editor

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## Thank you

*Many thanks go to Mr. Glyn Hatfield, who has been a member of the Society since 1975, for all his information of past & present news, shown throughout this bulletin, it is very much appreciated and he has promised to continue whenever possible. Also to Mr. Colin Harrison who has managed to print the opportunist photo in colour so as not to lose the effect and to his help with the production of the bulletin.*

*Mrs P. M. Moyce  
Editor*

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## E.M.A.S.S. SUMMER OUTING 2010

Derby Scottish Association & Burns Club are hosting this year's Summer Outing which will be held on Saturday 12th June at Rolleston on Dove Scout Headquarters, Station Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton upon Trent. DE13 9AB It is an evening event - 5:30pm for 6:00pm till 10:00pm. Buffet Supper; Quiz; Dancing; Raffle; Tickets £12

Please contact Derby Hon. Secretary Sandy Aitken no later than 5th June for nos. attending. Cheques - payable to D.S.A.B.C. - address 78 Meadow View, Rolleston on Dove, Burton upon Trent. DE13 9AN. Tel. 01283 814072. email rraa@78mv.eclipse.co.uk

Note: the venue is a Caravan Club CL site. Further details and directions can be obtained from Dorothy Rice, 0116 2712333

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## Condolences

These go to Mrs. Mary Cramp on the death of her husband Ian on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010. He also leaves his two daughters, Helen & Jenney, and Grandsons Ben & Thomas. Being a member of the Society he loved dancing on Monday nights, he also raised a lot of money for charitable causes. We hope that Mary and her family find comfort with each other and their many friends.

Mrs. Mary Cramp wishes to thank everyone for their cards, letters, messages and kind thoughts on the loss of Ian, they were a great comfort to her.

Our deepest sympathy also goes to Mrs. Christina Mackenzie-Linfoot on the death of her mother, regretfully I have no further information, but wish her well and hope that she finds comfort in her family and friends.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Elsie Mason passed away on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Elizabeth house. Aunt of Valerie, Stephen & Ian. Elsie and her husband Jim were members of the society since 1976. We send our deepest sympathy to her niece and nephews.

*P. M. Moyce*

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# What a Small World !

Anecdote by Glyn Hatfield.

*A few years ago, some friends of mine from Northamptonshire, who had retired, decided to treat themselves to a holiday of a lifetime and visit Australia. Their enthusiasm to see this part of the world was to be admired as it involved not only long flights but also lengthy distances to travel by road.*  
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*However, nothing would deter them and I remember looking through the many brochures beforehand of the places they intended to visit. I told them I only knew 'one' person who lived 'down under' and that friendship stretched back to my parents early years.*

*Edna Brown was her name and she was a member of the Leicester Caledonian Society Dance Team, along with my parents. If my memory serves me correctly, Edna had been deputy head teacher at Lynden Drive Junior School in Evington and following the death of her mother, she decided to emigrate. We kept in touch through the years by letter and of course, Christmas cards and on her occasional visits to her homeland; we would all meet up and reminisce.*

*My friends from Northamptonshire journeyed to the southern hemisphere and eventually on arrival, arranged to hire some mode of transport and commenced their planned tour, which eventually took them to Perth, in Western Australia.*

*One particular day, they drove through a small town called 'Denmark'. They decided to stop and have a look round and being a Sunday, they noticed many people gathering outside a small quaint looking 'tin built' Church, prior to a service. By this time the temperature had risen somewhat and in order to shelter from the hot sunshine they were invited to join the congregation inside.*

*On entering the establishment, they only had the choice of two seats together, on the left or odd ones to the right. They chose the former and were made welcome by the lady seated next to them. Recognising their English accents, the lady proceeded to tell them she also originated from the United Kingdom and after the service, over a cup of tea; they established that she came from Leicester.*

*Somehow during the conversation, my name and my family cropped up. To which there was a shriek of great excitement, as the mystery lady turned out to be, none other than Edna Brown from the Leicester Caledonian Society. What are the odds of that happening?*

*Just think, if my friends from Northamptonshire had decided to sit on the either side of the aisle, although only a few feet away, they would never have met dear Edna.*

Glyn. (Hatfield)

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## SKITTLES EVENING

The venue for the skittles evening last month was the Rose & Crown, Thurnby. Twenty nine (29) members and friends enjoyed a fun evening with an excellent supper. Due to the generosity of our members we had an abundance of raffle prizes. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the raffle.

The highest scoring lady was Margaret Steel and the highest scoring gentleman was John Buchanan.

Doris Buchanan,  
Convener

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The membership numbers for the year ending February 2010 stood at 122 Full members, 31 Life members and 6 Honorary members, making a total of 159 members, slightly down on last year. We welcomed 7 new members including: Duncan & Sandra Hamilton, David Hurwich, Graham & Sheila Harrison, Elizabeth Burrows and Roy Garrington and hope to see them at our functions.

Sadly two members passed on during the year; Rodney Lincoln and Fred Rowe, both long term members who will be missed. Six members felt obliged to offer their resignations due mainly to increasing age and infirmity.

I am delighted to note that all current members have now paid subscriptions for last year.

## **Subscription rates are unchanged for this year and are due on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010.**

The form at the bottom of this page may be used to pay this year's subscriptions

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Please note that the date of the AGM has been put back a week to avoid a clash with other functions. Full details will be sent out shortly by our Honorary Secretary. A new Honorary Secretary is vital to the continuation of the Society as Mrs Rice is standing down after rescuing us 2 years ago and I am delighted to have agreement from a potential replacement. I also have agreement from a member to be nominated as the Society's new President.

We have agreement from two members to join as new Council members but more would be helpful.

A Nomination form is attached so please consider some active involvement to keep the Society running in our 133rd year and beyond.

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### LEICESTER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY NOMINATION FORM

I wish to propose the following members for election at the AGM, May 2010:

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconders
President			
Chairman			
Vice Chairman			
Hon Treasurer			
Hon Secretary			
Council member			
Council member			
Council member			
Council member			

I have asked the persons nominated and they are willing to stand.

Name ( please print ) .....

Signature ..... Date .....

Please return this form to the Honorary Secretary by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

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### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT, 1st March 2010 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

1.

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, Leics. LE67 9RE

# Sudoku Quiz

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

Here is the answer to the last Sudoku quiz, not too difficult was it?. This new one is a bit tricky.

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	2			7				6
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