

MID-SUSSEX CALEDONIAN SOCIETY



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NEWSLETTER May 2008

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGM/Wine and Cheese Party

Haywards Heath Town Hall

Boltro Road

Friday 13th June

You have all received a letter from the Committee recently proposing a change in the Rules regarding membership. It is therefore particularly important that as many members come to the AGM as possible so that your vote to this crucial change can be registered and counted. It will also give you an opportunity to learn what is happening in the Society, to elect new Office Bearers and Committee Members, to decide on the Charities to be supported, as well as socialise with a glass of wine after the business part of the AGM.

We will be holding a raffle at the AGM to defray the cost of the wine and cheese and the hire of the hall. Any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Golf Day and Summer Garden Party

Golf – Rookwood Golf Course

Horsham

Friday 4th July

first tee time 1.00pm

The annual golf competition for the Mid Sussex Caledonian Society Trophies will be held again this year at Rookwood Golf

Course in Horsham on the afternoon of Friday 4th July. Rookwood is a par 72, well maintained course in good condition and with some interesting holes.

For further information, see

<http://rookwoodgolfcourse.co.uk/index.lasso>

Format, as before, will be individual Stapleford with a Yellow Ball team competition. There will be individual prizes and a prize for the Yellow Ball competition. Members are welcome to bring guests. The event commences with a light lunch at the Club at 12.00 noon. The first tee time will be 1.00pm.

Cost per player is £28.00 (including lunch).

For further information, contact Marian Imrie

Directions to Rookwood Golf Club: (from junction of A24 and A272)

Take A24 north. At the third roundabout, the Robin Hood roundabout (junction with B2237), exit left into Robin Hood Lane. After about 400 yards, turn sharp left. The Clubhouse is signed and is about 500 yards down the lane. Address of Club: Rookwood Golf Course, Robin Hood Lane, Warnham, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 3RR – tel. 01403 252123.



Summer Garden Party

All members are invited to a summer garden party on **Friday 4th July, 6.30pm for 7.00pm**. Cecily and Harold have again kindly offered to host this event in their garden.. Numbers may have to be limited. So please return your forms quickly to avoid disappointment as applications will be dealt with on a “first come, first served” basis.

Please bring your own drinks, unbreakable glasses, tables and chairs – cutlery and plates will be provided.

The cost of the evening will be £8.00 per person plus a bowl of salad or a dessert, not forgetting to include appropriate serving spoons for your dish.

Theatre Visit

Saturday 27th September

Chichester Festival Theatre

Irene, who has kindly organised this backstage tour and matinee performance of **Calendar Girls**, still has a few tickets left. Just to remind you, the backstage tour starts at **11.00am** and costs

£3.00 per person and the **matinee at 2.00pm**, seats costing **£18.00 per person** at group discount rate, a total of **£21 per person** for both events. The seats are in area C of the theatre at the side of the stage within a good viewing area.

If you would like to join the tour and see the show, please contact **Irene Stephenson** as soon as possible.

As in previous years, we will try to book a meal in a restaurant after the performance for those who are able to stay.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

At Home

18th October 2008, Old School Hall, Cuckfield

St Andrews Dinner Dance

Saturday, 29th November 2008, Adastra Hall, Hassocks

Burns Night Dinner Dance

Saturday, 24th January 2009, Sofitel Hotel, Gatwick

An important advance date for your diary.

After this year's splendid celebration at the Sofitel, we have rebooked the venue for 2009. The 2009 celebration will be significant in that it marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns.

RECENT EVENTS

NCH Fund Raising Evening – 15th March

We reported on this collaborative event in the last Newsletter. Our Hon. Secretary, David Anderson, has received a very nice letter from the NCH fundraising organiser thanking us for supplying a demonstration team of dancers and pipers from the Society. Our grateful thanks go to Lee and Chris Pratt for organising the team and the dances, the dance team, and to Michael and David for the piping. The audience must have really enjoyed both the demonstrations and their efforts at Scottish Country Dancing since the organiser has asked if we would be prepared to do this again!! A great pat on the back for everyone concerned.

Members Evening - 5th April

Sussex Air Ambulance

Based at Dunsfold, the Sussex Air Ambulance became operational on 8th June 2007. Since then, it has flown over 450 missions and can reach anywhere in Sussex in 17 minutes. A & E Departments are about

8 minutes flying time away although not all have helipads. Speed is of the essence. Richard Draycott, the volunteer speaker from the Sussex Air Ambulance Fund, told us that the service now costs £1.75 million/year to run. It has no Government or Lottery funding and relies solely on voluntary donations from the people of Sussex.



At the end of the talk, Helen, our President, presented Richard with cheques totalling £310 to add to the Sussex Air Ambulance Fund, this sum coming from the Plate at the Burns Supper, general funds and a raffle held on the evening. A cup of tea was then enjoyed by all accompanied by Marian Imrie's delicious shortbread and cake.

London Marathon

As many of you know, Chris McLaren ran the London Marathon raising money for the Sussex Air Ambulance Fund. The weather on 13 April was showery being at times rather cold. We asked him what it felt like to run the marathon and this is what he had to say. "As usual, I trotted along at just below 10 minute mile pace. After 20 miles, I seemed to start to slowly lose the will to live and have to force myself on for the remainder of the race. I finished in 4 hours 50 minutes, 8 minutes slower than 2007. The cold affected me this year and I needed gloves. I found it hard to even hold the necessary water bottles handed to me. However, as usual, the crowds were fantastic and very supportive, the finish line as attractive as ever. Will I do it again? – No! I did get my revenge over Scooby-Do though. This year, I beat him. Revenge was sweet!!"

Congratulations and well done, Chris. A great effort.

Family Walk and Scottish Tea – 18th May

33 adults and 2 children were led on the Family Walk by Dennis Stephenson on this dry but cloudy day. The group stayed pretty much together, skirting the muddy patches and leaping/struggling over the styles. We enjoyed good views of the countryside, wandered through Ardingly College and watched the boats on Ardingly reservoir before making our way back to St Peter's Church Centre.



There, a magnificent spread of all sorts of goodies provided by the members was laid out to which the hungry walkers did do justice! Thank you all for providing the lovely sandwiches, scones and cakes. Grateful thanks to Marilyn and Jennifer for setting it all out and making the tea. A big thank you must also go to Dennis for organising the walk and making sure we all got back safely. We truly had a wonderful afternoon.

Marilyn Millar, Newsletter Editor

Marilyn has been our Newsletter Editor for 6 years. Now that her pencil has worn down to a very short stub, she has decided the time has come to vacate the editorial chair. Marilyn has done a magnificent job as editor, keeping us all informed about what is happening in the Society. She will be greatly missed and a hard act to follow. We hope that she will enjoy her "retirement" and look forward to seeing both Marilyn and Iain at future Society meetings.

Gordon Russell takes over the editorship.