



THE CALEDONIAN



Council of 2009-2010

Front l-r: Directors Grant Andrews, Roselee Bruce, Chieftain Ann Wickham, CHIEF Lady Anne Miller, Chieftain Christina Cockerill, Past Chief Lennox Pawson

Rear l-r: Directors Don McQueen, Steve Schumacher (partly hidden), Malcolm Orchard.



Picture Left: Council members hard at work at the October meeting. Meetings are held at the offices of the Royal United Services Institute of SA Inc, at Keswick Barracks.



MEMBERS: Cufflinks with the Society Crest are now available at a cost of \$25 a set. Selling fast. Pictured right.

If you are interested would you kindly contact PC Lennox Pawson on 8379 1949 or Secretary 8276 4160

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FROM THE CHIEF

I bid you welcome with our first newsletter of 2009-2010. May this be good year for us all. It was indeed heart-warming to see fifty-one members in attendance at the AGM. That must be close to a record. The meeting was very pleasant. Two nominations for Chief and 7 nominations for 4 places on Council made it interesting.

I was returned as **Chief**, and **I thank everyone** for the confidence placed in me to lead the Society for another year. **Directors elected** were Mrs. Ann Wickham and Mr. Malcolm Orchard (returned). Dr. Dan Meehan and Mr. Don McQueen are new. All will serve for two years.

At our first Council meeting of the year the following positions were allotted :- **Chieftains** - Christina Cockerill and Ann Wickham: **Secretary, Assist. Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Dance Class Co-ordinator, Caledonian Printer**, – Mrs. Christina Cockerill: **Society Rep. To Pipes & Drums** – Mr. Malcolm Orchard: **The Caledonian - Collator** - Mrs. Roselee Bruce, **Editor**- me: **Printer** – Chieftain Christina Cockerill, **Folding and Mailing** – Mr. Malcolm Orchard: **SAACHDI Reps.** – Mesdames Christina Cockerill and Robyn Pawson: **Social Committee**, Chieftains Christina Cockerill and Ann Wickham, Mrs. Roselee Bruce, Messrs. Malcolm Orchard and Steve Schumacher: **Joint Commonwealth Scy. Rep.** - PC Pawson: **Minute Secretary and Webmaster** – Mr. Steve Schumacher: **I am ex officio** on all committees.

We were pleased to again appoint the following:- **Banner Bearer** – Brian Spencer: **Asst. Banner Bearer - Adam Gifford**: (Due to Adam's ongoing medical operations and at his request, Adam and Brian changed offices): **Chief's Piper** - Hamy Marcelin: **Hon. Chaplain** - Rev Chris. ten Broeke: I welcome all Directors and Office Bearers to their positions in the Society for the ensuing year. Please note photographs showing Council posed for the Caledonian, and also working. Our meetings are busy, but happy.

Attendance, often only one or two at our **Friday night Family Dance Class** this year, has resulted in its demise. It will cease at Christmas breakup. I thank most sincerely **Chieftain Cockerill**, and Dance **Instructor Leonie Garrick-Burgess** and members who attended, to give moral support, for their efforts and forbearance. Lessons in Highland Dance from Leonie Garrick-Burgess in her studio for the 2 or 3 children still interested will be subsidised by the Society for one year.

The **Bus Trip** proved a fun day for all and the Luncheon in the newly redesigned and refurbished **Tonsley Hotel** was delightful.

Accompanied by Malcolm Orchard, I presented the **Royal Caledonian Society Cup** at Port Adelaide Highland Dance Competitions

Please note our increased calendar for next year. Our

traditional events are at RSL Kensington park, others are at varied venues. **Monthly Social Dances** on Friday evenings, April to October are being planned. Mixed with community dances viz. Scottish Ballroom etc., we wish to invite dance groups – Country and Highland – to perform. More about this in the next Caledonian.

I thank Chieftain Cockerill for her idea to replace the Family Dance Class in this way.

I hope you will attend as many functions as possible. Families communicate that way – **and we are Family**.

Spring has definitely sprung in our Society. **Weddings and Engagements** are bursting out all over. The joy experienced by our two Chieftains has now spread to my own family.

Do remember the **House and Garden Tour of Cummins House** followed by home-made Devonshire Tea. **Please remember to book by 14th. November.**

Rev. ten Broeke will preside over the **St. Andrew's Day Service** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 29th November. All are welcome.

At our **St. Andrew's Supper Dance** the 2009 winner of the **John Ogg Trophy** will dance and bring it for all to see. Our **Pipes and Drums** will also perform.

Please also note that the **90th. Anniversary** of the flight from London to Australia **by Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith, both of Scottish descent**, will take place on Sunday 14th. December at 11.00am in Creswell Gardens. Our Pipes and Drums will play during the ceremony. Her Excellency, Mrs. Bryce, Governor General of Australia, will attend. **Everyone is welcome.**

I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year and may it be good to us all.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Miss Marjorie Burns has been globetrotting again. She attended several conferences in America as Australian representative of the Librarians Inst. Whilst there, she not only visited many exciting and historical venues, heard speakers from many countries, but also entertained by playing the Slow Movement from Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata in a concert by Delegates, for which she received an Award. Marjorie came home laden with several prestigious Awards. Congratulations Marjorie. You make us proud.

LM **Adam Gifford** has had several serious operations during this year and will have more during St. Andrew's week. He will be in hospital at the time of the Church Celebration and our own Supper Dance. We wish you well.

Congratulations are in order for long time member Geoffrey Holden and his wife Barbara who are celebrating their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** in November.

Life member **Paul Cuthbertson** received a high honour in the legal profession in August 2009, when he was appointed as a judge in the District Court of South Australia. Paul is warmly congratulated by the Society. We know that he will earn respect for a fair and dedicated approach to this special role."

A certain **Past Chief from Glenside** (a decidedly apt address) recently treated the front lawn with what he thought was Weed and Feed. The lawn promptly died and the Past Chief was left red faced and not too popular with the wife

Should you be at home on **St. Andrew's Day**, please tune your radio to ABC Classic FM 103.9. Presenter **Marion Arnold** will play something especially for our members on that day.



Our second baby Life Member, Amy Gifford, daughter of James and LM Kaye Gifford, became engaged to David Wallis recently. Amy is sister of our first baby Life Member Adam Gifford, and Granddaughter of Chief, Life Member, Lady Anne Miller. We wish them well in their life together



GIVE MORE

'On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.'

The commercial side of Christmas troubles many. Shopping certainly can become a mad rush, but gift giving has a good, long tradition grounded in Scripture. In Matthew we read that the magi brought gifts to Jesus. When we give gifts, we imitate the magi. Moreover, we give gifts to imitate the Lord, who gave his only Son. Indeed, *Jesus gave the gift of himself.*

What does this mean? Our world is increasingly fractured, yet we often mask the distance this causes with a kind of pseudo-community—we call, we email, we text, we Facebook, we Tweet, and the list goes on. These can be important ways to keep in touch, but they can never replace the flesh-and-blood aspect of a relationship. We need to be *with* each other. To hear another voice, to see another face, to hold another's hand. *Jesus gave the gift of himself.* God had a face and a voice and he lived with real people. Jesus gave up the glory of heaven to be born into a sin-scarred world. That glorious night in Bethlehem, every day of his life, and in the ghastly pain of the cross, *Jesus gave the gift of himself.* The priceless gift of a restored relationship with God and others is now offered to those who could never afford it. There's something incredibly tangible about God's gift. What can that teach us about the way we give Christmas gifts?

In the past, Christmas became linked to Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop who lived in Lycia, where Paul was a missionary. Nicholas was born into a wealthy home, but gave his money to the poor, sometimes in creative ways. Nicholas was a generous man. He loved to give gifts because he knew that God had given him gifts, and because he knew it was God's will. And it remains God's will. Whether we give something we purchase, give food we make, or share a piece of artwork or even a song. The Lord gave himself; so should we. Indeed, when we give to each other, we give to the Lord too.

Blessings

Rev Chris



Nicholas Marshall (son of Chieftain Ann Wickham) and Susan Bleby were married on 10th October at St Oswald's Anglican Church, Parkside. The reception was held at Glenunga in the beautiful garden of Ann & Wally Wickham.

LENNOX'S

LOONIES



Did you hear about the thoughtful Scotsman who was heading out to the pub? He turned to his wee wife before leaving and said, 'Jackie – put your hat and coat on lassie.'

She replied, 'Awe lain that's nice – are you taking me to the pub with you?'

'Nah, just switching the central heating off while I'm oot'.

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Do you know the first people in the UK to have double glazing were the Scots? It was so their bairns couldn't hear the ice cream vans

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Have you heard about the lecherous Scotsman who lured a girl up to his attic to see his etchings? He sold her four of them.

A Scotsman took a girl for a romantic ride in his taxi...She was so beautiful he could hardly keep his eye on the meter..



Congratulations to Life Member Heather McDonald (daughter of Chieftain Christina Cockerill) and David Mather who recently announced their engagement. We wish them happiness in their life together



Interested in learning the Pipes or Drums?

The Royal Caledonian Society Pipes and Drums are always looking for persons to swell their ranks

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BOOK REVIEW:
QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER.
The Official Biography. BY Willam Shawcross.

In July 2003, the Queen invited William Sharcross, in his words, the 'signal honour of writing the official biography of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother'. He was given unrestricted access to both Queen Elizabeth's papers and to members of her family, Household and staff. A handsome book, well illustrated, and running to some 1096 pages is the result, very recently published.

And as the dust jacket notes, 'Queen Elizabeth's long life spanned the whole of the 20th. Century. And this official biography tells not only her story but, through it, that of the country she loved so devotedly. Born in Glamis Castle, Scotland, this witty girl won the affections of soldiers convalescing at Glamis in the First World War. She first came to prominence after the announcement of her engagement to Prince Albert, the King's second son, and she brought a sense of ease and informality to the Royal Family, both privately and in public. Becoming Queen Consort in 1936, after the crisis of Edward VIII's abdication, she was unstinting in her support for her husband, now King George VI, and would continue to do so throughout the turbulent years ahead. Indeed she, the King and Princesses came to embody Britain's resistance against her enemies.

But her greatest challenge was to come. In 1952 George VI died of cancer, leaving Queen Elizabeth a widow at only fifty-one. And though her support of the King is often noted, his of her is often overlooked. She was devastated but, true to her nature, determined to carve out a new role for herself as Queen Mother, which she did - to splendid effect - for the next fifty years. She purchased and rebuilt Castle of Mey, her only personal property, in Wick on the north coast of her beloved Scotland. There she retreated whenever possible.

Drawing on her private correspondence and other hitherto unpublished material from the Royal Archives, William Shawcross vividly reveals the qualities that endeared her both to those who loved her personally and to the nation as a whole.

A worthy addition to your library – review copy was purchased at a local Woolworth's Big W store with the usual discount for books applying.

Review by Dryades **Published by Macmillan Press**

Occasional Lodgings. Because it is too far to drive to the city and return the same night, a country member asks if a city member will be willing to provide a room for the night, thus enabling him to attend our weekend functions.

If you can assist, please will you contact me. I shall then give him your name and telephone number to enable you to speak together about availability and cost.. Chief. 8379.2515 or email smiller@chariot.net.au



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Photo of the recent Mystery Adelaide Hills Bus Trippers - Sunday 13th September 2009



Chief Lady Anne Miller presenting the Royal Caledonian Society Trophy for 13 and under 15 years to Miranda Miller at the recent Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society dancing competition held on Sunday 1st November 2009.

Miranda is 14 years old & is currently learning Highland Dancing at the Scott School of Highland Dancing.



Chief Lady Ann Miller (above) presenting a trophy to the Society as a thank you for her term in office. This was done just prior to the election, at which she was reappointed Chief for her 3rd and final term.



Can You Help?? Pictured left

(1) We have had an inquiry regarding the nature of this Cross....is it Celtic?? Any information & thoughts regarding the origin of this would be appreciated. All thoughts may be forward to the Chief for forwarding the seeker of this riddle.

(2) DO YOU KNOW THESE GIRLS? (picture unavailable at time of printing)

The front page of the first edition of the Sunday Mail on Jan. 1st. 1956 featured a large photograph of Mr. J. S. Horrocks dressed as 'Father Time', with two young girls - Helen McCallum and Pauline McCallum. They are all listed as being at the Caledonian n Society's New Year (Hogmany) Celebrations on Saturday, December, 1955.

My correspondent is anxious to contact these two women.

If you know who the girls are, please contact the Chief on 8379 2515