

Northumberland and Durham Caledonian Society



Dear Member/s

Firstly, I wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. I hope you all had a good festive season and managed to avoid the many coughs and colds going around.

With Christmas behind us and life getting back to normal it is time to think about forthcoming events and they are as follows: -

Burns Night - Saturday 20 January 2018

Venue: New Kent Hotel - Jesmond

Time: 7pm for 7.30 pm

Price: £27

THE MENU – please indicate your choice on the return slip

STARTER

`Wee haggis stack`*

or

vegetable soup

*vegetarian haggis available

MAIN COURSE

Slow cooked flank of beef in red wine

Seasonal vegetables and wholegrain mustard mashed potatoes

Vegetarian option: Mushroom Stroganoff with rice

DESSERT

Cranachan with shortbread

FOLLOWED BY

Coffee/tea with mints

Entertainment by Roddy Matthews and friend

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A return Slip for the menu choice and seating request is at the end of this news letter.

If you could let me know by 14 January it would be helpful.

February Informal Dance:- 23 February 2018

Venue: Gosforth Parish Hall

Time: 7.30 pm

Price: £4

At this dance the savory selection will be provided by the society and we would like members to bring a contribution to the sweet table.

In March we have our non dancing event which is held during the day.

Date: Monday 12 March 2018 - Please note we are trying a **Monday** for this event to see if it improves numbers.

Venue: Gosforth Parish Hall

Time: Doors open at 12.15

Price: £7

This time we are having `Afternoon Tea` and this will be followed by a talk on `Radio Days` and having spoken to the speaker she sounds very entertaining - she tells me she includes a little audience participation with songs! so best voices to the ready!.

Please phone or email Julie to reserve places no later than 5 March 2018.

Also in March we have the Spring Ball, another highlight of the year. It will be held at the Britannia Hotel. More about this event in your next news letter.

You may recall we would like to organise an overnight trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo. This is still at the planning stage but hopefully will be in the week commencing Monday 13 August. Your President Mac is in discussions with the travel company. However, do let me know if you would like to go as we are gathering names and numbers. This event is open to friends and family not just `Cally` members.

SUBS are now due.

The treasurer has asked me to remind you that our subscription year runs from January to December, so subs for 2018 are now due. These can be passed to our treasurer Ted Jay or any committee member at any function. Membership cards are issued with the autumn newsletter. The subs remain at £6 per member this year.

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You may wish to make a small donation to our benevolent fund at the same time. This fund is distributed amongst the charities you vote for at the AGM.

You may prefer to pay by BACS and our TSB details are: **Sort Code: 30 90 50** and **Account No: 00177479**

The treasurer is quite happy for you to combine payments of subs with other tickets you request.

Well, thats all for now with lots going on and plenty of dates for your diary we look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Take Care and Keep warm.

Regards



Julie Crystal

(Secretary)

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Return slip for BURNS NIGHT:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NO. OF TICKETS: _____

MENU CHOICE: _____

WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH: _____