

Some Highlights from the Society's History

1907
The Society was formed on 21 February 1907 and called 'The Bournemouth & District Caledonian Society.' Main activities consisting of the celebration of St Andrews Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night.

1925
Membership rises to 254 and activities extend to include whist, socials and lectures. The Society has a President, four Vice Presidents, a Chairman of the Council, a Vice Chairman, twelve Council members, an Entertainment Committee of sixteen members, two pipers, two Auditors, a Treasurer and a Secretary. Membership includes the son of Sir Merton Russell-Cotes, Herbert Victor Michael Cotes.

1935
Society joins other Scottish Societies for start of annual Dance at Minstead Village Hall New Forest. This event continues until 1980.

1956
Society donates a seat to Bournemouth Council for Horseshoe Common.

1964
Society celebrates the 650th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and gets a mention in 'The Scotsman'.

1966
Speaker of the House of Commons Dr Horace King joins members at East Cliff Hotel Bournemouth for a Building Fund Dance to raise monies for a Scottish Hall.

1967
Determined members Peter Campbell, Jimmy Forbes and Robert Wilson spearhead the quest for a permanent Hall.

The **60th Anniversary** of the Society is celebrated at the Wessex Hotel when all the surviving Society's Past Presidents and Life Members were the guests of the Society. The President reads a telegram from the Queen with the words 'Her Majesty sends her congratulations to the Society on the celebration of its Diamond Jubilee'.

Ninety Society members meet singer and entertainer Kenneth McKellar prior to his performance at the Pavilion and watch Society dancers in the Bournemouth Gardens.

1967 cont
The contract to purchase the first Scottish Hall is signed on 31 December 1967 at the Society's Hogmanay celebrations. The Hall was latterly a Salvation Army Youth Centre and was in a dreadful state of repair.

1968
A huge amount of physical work is undertaken by a handful of members of the Society to put the Hall into some useable order.

1969
The Society's first Scottish Hall is opened on Saturday 10 May 1969 by Life Member, Mrs M R McLay.

1979
On the evening of the 18 January 1979 when the Society members arrived to take part in the pantomime Snow White Highland Spectacular they saw the Hall burn to the ground.

Emergency Council meeting while the embers of the Hall were still smoking and Council resolves to build another Hall. Echo Journalist asked if this was the end of the Society and was told that the Society will 'emerge like the phoenix from the flames' and build another Hall.



A Society is a body of people, we thank those who have been involved in forming the Bournemouth Caledonian Society during its 100 year history

Present Honorary President

Sir Torquihil Ian Campbell Bt, his Grace the 13th Duke of Argyll (2004-) The 27th Highland Chieftain of Clan Campbell who became the Society's Honorary President in 2004. He follows his family's predecessor, the 9th Duke, as our Honorary President. The Duke was born in 1968 and succeeded to the family title in 2001.

First Honorary President

Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, his Grace the 9th Duke of Argyll PC KG KT GCMG GCVO VD LLD DSc DL (1907-1914) The 9th Duke of Argyll was the Society's first honorary President and held the office from 1907 until his death in 1914. The Duke's family can trace their connection to the Scots' leader, Robert the Bruce in 1296. The Duke's ancestor, Sir Neil Campbell married Robert the Bruce's sister, Lady Mary Bruce. After the Scot's victory at the famous Battle of Bannockburn he was given all the lands which had belonged to the Earl of Atholl, part of which now forms the home of the chief of Clan Campbell at Inveraray Castle, Inveraray, Scotland. The Duke owned a house in Bournemouth



1979 cont
Society offered the free use of Winter Gardens by Bournemouth Council and a concert, 'A Breath of Scotland' is performed.

1980
Opening of the New Scottish Hall by Lord Selkirk.

The various loans made by members and friends to help build the Hall were discharged within a year of the new Hall opening.

1982
The Society celebrated its **75th Anniversary** with a special Supper Dance in the Hall. Commemorative copies of a short history of the Society were prepared and extracts read to the gathering of members and friends.

1987
The Society's **80th Anniversary** is celebrated in the Society's Scottish Hall with a memorable evening of dancing and entertainment.

Twinning ceremony takes place in the Scottish Hall with Mid Ohio Scottish Heritage Association.

1990
Formation of the Society's Heritage Group.

1997
The Society's **90th Anniversary** was commemorated by a poem written by Betty Johnstone. It describes the history of the Society in just nineteen verses and ends with the following verse which looks forward to today's event. *Let us toast the loyal Scots who kept the flame alive, To overcome adversity as onward they did strive, Their names are etched for evermore in blood sweat and tears, And many more will thus rejoice when we reach our HUNDRED YEARS*

1998
Society organise a Tattoo at Highcliffe Castle, Christchurch.

2001
Society's Dance Team dances at the Albert Hall in London.

2002
A Centenary Committee is formed in September 2002 to commence organising the celebrations for both tonight's Centenary Ball and the other events throughout 2007.

Presidents

1907-16 Dr J Roberts Thomson MD FRCP
1920-22 W W Macadam
1922-23 Mrs Macadam
1923-24 Dr S Watson Smith FRCP
1924-27 Dr Anthony McCall
1927-29 J H Yearsley
1929-33 W Hector Mackenzie FRIBA
1933-37 Lieut-Col W Roberts Thomson TD DL JP
1937-38 Professor John Cameron DSc MD
1938-45 Rev James Mackay
1945-47 Major A Tennyson-Smith OBE MD CM
1947-48 W Hector Mackenzie
1948-49 David S Young FLA
1949-53 J McNeil Campbell
1953-55 F L Mitchell
1955-60 William Niven ISM
1960-62 J McCrindle Eaglesham
1962-63 D Mackay Bain MIMarE
1963-65 Robert Baird
1965-67 George Anderson
1967-69 Peter Campbell FICE FIVE MIMunE FGS
1969-71 Jack Campbell
1971-72 Cmd R Wilson RNR (Rtd) RD
1972-74 John Anderson
1974-76 Jack Kerr
1976-78 Roy D Gillespie-Smith
1978-80 Janet F Campbell
1980-82 James Whyte
1982-84 Joan B Donald
1984-86 George D Cameron-Smith
1986-88 Sidney H Johnstone
1988-90 Helene Sheach Hardwick
1990-92 Robert Millar
1992-94 Joan Higgins
1994-96 John Gates
1996-98 Charles Robertson

1998-00 Ian Stewart Bell
2000-02 Dr William R Logan
2002-04 Irene Millar
2004-06 Mary Timms
2006 Robert Millar

Life Vice Presidents - current

Janet F Campbell
Joan Donald
Lennie Hardwick

Life Members - current

George Cameron-Smith
Ivy Cameron-Smith
Ian Collie
Arthur Shapley
John Steed

Honorary Members - current

Jack Short
Joan Short
Monica Gledall

Officers & Council Members - current

President - Robert Millar
Vice President - Joan Higgins
Immediate Past President - Mary Timms
Hon Secretary - John Steed
Hon Treasurer - Charles Robertson
Social Secretary - Irene Millar
Council Members - Janet F Campbell, Malcolm Ellis, Graham McCarty, Bernard Palmer & Gwen Palmer

<u>THIS EVENING'S PROGRAMME</u>		
Society members, guests and friends take their seats in the Ballroom	7.15pm	Toastmaster Chris Light
		The Band Reel Tyme Ceilidh Band
Top Table Guests are piped in to the Ballroom	Piping 7.20pm	Piper Jim Garrioch
	Welcome Bournemouth Caledonian Society President Robert Millar welcomes members and guests	The Society's President Robert Millar
Presentation of flowers to Mayoresses & President's Lady		
The Selkirk Grace		
Dinner Menu Mediterranean Minestrone Soup with Parmesan Cheese <i>(Alternative - Orange Juice)</i> Roast Sirloin of Beef with a Bordelaise sauce <i>(Vegetarian alternative - Mediterranean Vegetable Risotto with Tomato & Basil Coulis)</i> With Market fresh vegetables & potatoes		
Highland Dance presentation by the dancers from the Linda Ridout School of Highland Dancing		The President
	White Chocolate & Raspberry Mouse <i>(Alternative - Fresh Fruit Salad)</i>	Morwenna Barnes Jenna Catto Ann Gorman Melissa Hensleigh Abigail Horsman Jenny Houston
Coffee, Tea & Mints		
The Loyal Toast		
The Centenary Cake is cut		
TEN MINUTE INTERVAL		
Speeches		
Toast to the Borough of Bournemouth		The President
	Response & Toast to Bournemouth Caledonian Society	The Worshipful the Mayor of Bournemouth Councillor Bob Chapman
'Comin' Thro' the Rye'	Song	Cherrill Ashford
		Accompanist for all songs John Steed
Toast to our Guests		
Response		The Society's Vice President Joan Higgins
	Song	The Deputy Mayor of Christchurch Councillor Mrs Josephine Spencer
'Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon'		
Historical Review of the Society		
Song 'A Highland Lad'		Cherrill Ashford
	The Scottish Spectacular, Highcliffe	Bernard Palmer
Selection of Scottish Country Dances, Ceilidh and Ballroom Dances <i>Please join in</i>		
Scottish Country Dance Presentation by the Society's Centenary Dance Team		The Society's President Robert Millar
	Further Selection of Scottish Country Dances, Ceilidh and Ballroom Dances <i>Please join in</i>	Irene Millar Robert Millar Angela Perry Sue Ramsay Charles Robertson Frank Walsh

Top Table Guests & Members of the Society
The Worshipful the Mayor of Bournemouth Councillor Mr Bob Chapman
The Mayoress of Bournemouth Mrs Barbara Johnson
The Deputy Mayor of Christchurch Councillor Mrs Josephine Spencer & Consort Ken Spencer
The Society's President Robert Millar
The Society's President's wife, Social Secretary & former President Irene Millar
Vice President & former President Joan Higgins & Escort

Message from the President

ON BEHALF of the Bournemouth Caledonian Society, members and friends I extend a sincere and warm welcome to this, our Centenary Ball. The event is taking place exactly 100 years to the day since the Society was first started.

It is not often that a kindred Society manages to reach the one hundred years milestone. Our journey along this path has been eventful and at times dramatic. We have had good times and bad, but we have triumphed to maintain a Society and our own meeting place, the Scottish Hall that is the envy of many similar Organisations.

This Souvenir Programme details the names of all the Past Presidents and I would like to thank them all, for their contribution towards the well-being of the Society. Without them we would not be here today.

Thank you also for coming this evening to join in our celebration. On behalf of the members... welcome... I hope you enjoy the experience.

ROBERT MILLAR - PRESIDENT, BOURNEMOUTH CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

Further Centenary Celebrations	
Scottish Spectacular <i>Wednesday 11 July 2007</i> <i>10am-4pm</i>	Patchwork Quilt Members of the Society have been working on the production of a patchwork quilt. It contains swatches of all the Clans represented by the members of the Society. The quilt is surrounded by the Caledonian Society Ancient Tartan.
The Society is arranging a Scottish Spectacular at Highcliffe Castle near Christchurch. The Spectacular includes displays, presentations, dancing, piping and re-enactments of famous Scottish events. It will celebrate all things Scottish (not forgetting our English friends) and in particular the activities of the Society.	Clans Gathering A commemorative edition of the full history of the Society will be published at the end of the year.

Dance Programme	
Scottish Dances this evening will be taken from the following. Please feel free to join in as many as you wish.	
1 Grand March into Centenary Reel	R
2 Pelorus Jack	J
3 MacDonald of the Isles	S
4 Anniversary Reel	R
5 Airie Bennan	J
6 Sugar Candie	S
7 Rev John MacFarlane	R
8 Dancing Master	J
9 Minister of the Loch	S
10 Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh	R
11 Johnnie Walker	MEDLEY S/J
12 Music Makars	R
13 Postie's Jig	J
14 Miss Gibson's Strathspey	S
15 Corner after Corner	R
16 Starry Eyed Lassie	J
17 Neidpath Castle	S
18 Bratach Bana	R
19 Farewell to Auchterarder	J
<i>... in addition Ceilidh and Ballroom dances will be called</i>	
Reel	Jig
S	Strathspey

Caledonian Society Ancient Tartan

Scottish tartans signify an association with particular Clans. In 1847 a special tartan was woven for use by Caledonian Societies.

