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MAY 6th saw the CORONATION of KING CHARLES 111, and Queen Camilla at Westminster Abbey.



It was a memorable day and great to see all that pomp and show that Britain does so well, and even in the rain, the crowds turning out to cheer the King. The service in Westminster Abbey was done according to tradition and was solemn and moving. Some don't agree with monarchy...**but imagine the alternative...** a voted in head of a political party as leader of the country... *We could have had Jeremy Corbin... or even Boris.!!!* Royalty goes back thousands of years, is neutral in politics now, and brings tourists in from all over the world to see them and their castles and the history. The late Queen Elizabeth was a special Royal person, she devoted her life completely to her country. I don't think we will see her like again.

A Word from our new President

Hello Everyone ... and thank you for having the confidence to elect me as your President again. I'm looking forward to socialising with you all. It's a privilege, as I find every one of you inspirational in these troubled times. It's not easy, but you all stay cheerful and just keep going.

Unfortunately, I tested positive for Covid 2 days after the AGM, so have been in isolation since then. No severe symptoms, and testing negative now, so hope to see lots of you at the Rose Ceilidh on the 25th next week. Love from *Maisie*

PS ... SMILE...
'you cum fi the best wee country in the world'



WE were all given a day off for the Coronation and with it being a Bank holiday as well, had a nice little party weekend. >>



Gluttons for punishment... Fiona and I watched the **CORONATION CONCERT** from **Windsor Castle** on Sunday evening on TV. (Did you?)

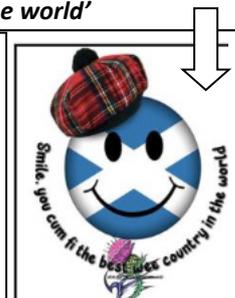
It was really good and involved both Classical and Pop musicians. They had little touches of humour too with the late Queen and Paddington Bear again, and Miss Piggy and Kermit as well. There were also amazing moving pictures formed in the sky above the castle... **by hundreds of drones** !



Zoom quiz and Happy Birthday to IAIN

ROBIN too Happy Birthday from us all

The last **Heritage Meeting** of the season was held at **James & Wendy's** house on the 20th and a very happy and pleasant afternoon was had by all. Subjects were varied and interesting and refreshments... delicious.



In May... **Paul took the walking group** to Tarrant Rushton's historic wartime airfield and around the area...with lunch afterwards at the 'True Lover's Knot' pub where others from the club joined them.



A number of Caledonians were unable to join in this time, including **Maisie**, who has been hurt by the fire door where she lives falling on her.
She hurt her hand and hip
Hope you feel better real soon
Maisie

Love and best wishes to **Angela** who is also not too good at the moment.

The AGM was held on the 11th May 2023.

The President, Iain, was very keen to get it voted in that we change the club from a **Scottish Society** to an 'anyone can be a member society'. **Why?** We have always welcomed anyone with an interest in Scotland. **All** who come to our classes and meetings are **welcome**. **The only difference** being that **only Scots can be members**, which seems right, *and even in today's diverse way of life... is quite legal.*

With a list of 'proxy' votes from people who hardly ever come and know little of the history of the society, Iain got his vote through. We will end up not being a **Caledonian society** at all... just **Shelbourne Road Social club**.

I really feel **Peter & Jan Campbell**, who did **so much** for the club, two true **Scots**, would have been very **disappointed** with this decision about the Society.

We voted in MAISIE as our new President. VERONICA as Vice President, MORAG as Secretary and ROBIN as Treasurer, with one new Council member, IRENE and IAIN on council 'ex-officio' as past President. The Trustees of the Hall remain the same.

It was agreed by all to carry on having **weekly** meetings even if they are only for coffee and a chat in the next season, and to carry on the dance classes which are very popular. We are a **very** much smaller society now than we used to be... even ten years ago... so will have to see how things go. There may have to be some changes made.

NB I must just point out that as **Editor** of the Caledonian Times what I write is **my** opinion...
... though shared by quite a few others I'm told.



Maisie our new President for 2023/5
Soon after this photo Maisie tested positive for Covid. So once more we wish her well soon.

On 18th we enjoyed a game of Bagoo in the Hall with Jacquie



Rose Ceilidh 25th A fun evening with dancing & entertainment

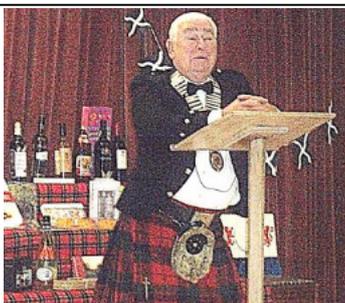


That is the end of the Season

for us. Have a happy summer, enjoy the holidays and hope to see you all back again fit and well in **September**.
(The Monday dance class will go on a little longer.)

Cheerio the noo...

This month it was also **Happy Birthday to Charlie**.
Photo taken when he was President



A SCOTTISH

