

# Caledonian Times



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**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We are back for **THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS** on   
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.45pm**

Our Piper Stuart Burns will be with us on this evening which will add greatly to the occasion. Normally we would have been told about our next years' programme earlier but having such small numbers now it was difficult to put one together. We hope you will all try to come and meet up with friends and support the club.

At the AGM in May, there was a discussion regarding the low attendance some Thursday mornings. There was a suggestion that we change the Thursday meetings from weekly to fortnightly.

However, it was decided that meeting up with friends was the important part, regardless of numbers or entertainment available. We can no longer afford to pay speakers, etc. as the income wouldn't cover the cost. A vote taken was in favour of meeting every Thursday, with the heart of it being the Coffee/Tea Morning.

We shall of course have an event most weeks, but if there's nothing available, or something changes with our plan, we shall still have a get together and enjoy a friendly and fun chat. If you have any friends or neighbours who are feeling lonely, please invite them to come along, they will of course be most welcome.

I also take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your support over the years, not forgetting my fellow Council Members, Teachers Alex and Irene, and of course D.J. Phil. Thanks so much, you all matter, it means a lot

Maisie

**MON. 4<sup>th</sup> September** The first **DANCE CLASS** will be on **Monday 4th** at 7.30 p.m.

**THUS. 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Gathering of the Clans. Please bring a plate of food for the buffet table, or for yourself, if preferred. There will also be a raffle, with any optional donations welcome. Piper Stuart will be in attendance.

**THUS. 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Fun and Fitness Class for all abilities with Nicola. To Be Confirmed. This cannot be confirmed until closer to the date, due to Nicola's work rota being issued on a monthly basis. Confirmation of those dates will be announced on Mondays and Thursdays closer to the time.

**THUS. 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Poole Ukulele Players, followed by easy Social Dancing. This is something new for us, and should be fun for everyone, please try to come along and support it if possible.

**THUS. 28<sup>th</sup> September:** This is a Coffee Morning at present, but we may get an offer for additional entertainment. *Have YOU got something you could entertain us with? A story, a poem, a song, a piece of history, some music, a quiz? Have a think and let us know.*

Maybe you could tell us about your summer holiday.  
 Anyway I have put in the page following what some of us **did** do in **June/July/August**  
 ...see below



**< The Edinburgh Tattoo** as sadly, only seen by me on TV this year. It was really good, one of the best I think. Must try and go next year ....coming too?

**Some ...of the things we did in the holidays ....in June >>>>**

1. A walk in the hot sun at Sopley with **Paul, Geoff, Jan & Maisie**
  2. Sitting in the shade in **James & Wendy's** lovely garden.
- Walter** came along too before he went to France

**The temperature in June was the HIGHEST EVER RECORDED IN UK.**  
 See over for more pictures





**More of what we did in the summer break.....2023**



Robin and Marion toured Scotland in their campervan. They joined in our Zoom meeting from **Stornoway**.



**Paul** organised another **walk and picnic** in July



Every time I saw a picture of **Paul and Jenny** on the Internet ( see *below* ) they were taking part in some parkrun or other... **Wow what energy!**



**WEATHER.**

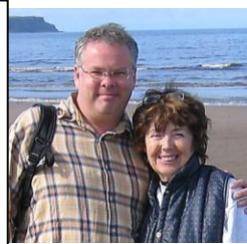
We had the **HOTTEST JUNE** ever recorded in UK... but were lucky not to have had the **extreme temperatures** recorded in Europe with wildfires everywhere.



**Irene and Trisha** went to **Royal Ascot** in June .... Then on with the family to **Wimbledon** to see the Tennis.

**Joan's** son, **Malcolm**, and his daughter **Sophie** who live in Taiwan, came home for the first time in three & a half years (because of the Covid pandemic travel restrictions) ...so had a great family reunion.

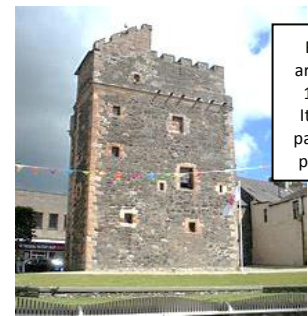
**Joan and her son Malcolm..** taken in Ayr... ..some years back when celebrating a big birthday !



**THIS** year at Corfe Castle with **Malc Sophie and Fiona**

**John and Pam** were taken to Devon by their family to have a holiday and **James & Wendy** went to Bristol to see their family.

**Maisie** went to Scotland to visit friends. Here she is in **Stranraer Castle** (Who is he?)



Built around 1500 It was partly a prison



**Iain** at the **Edinburgh Fringe** with one of the stars

**Iain and Val** went to **Edinburgh** to visit their daughter **Anna** Always good to see a Fringe show in August, in Edinburgh....and also the Tattoo.

**Fiona**, unfortunately, has not been very well over the holidays. She caught a **Fluey** type virus and spent the rest of the time trying to throw it off. After **two** lots of antibiotics she is *nearly* better.

**Peter & Ceinwyn, Irene, Charlie & Carole...**



...went one evening in July to the 'Proms in the Park' in Bournemouth.

'Only in Scotland if there is a 'chap' at the door it might be a woman.'

**Sam and Charlie** had a 'Forces' holiday in August in **Wales**

These holidays are arranged for blind ex-servicemen and **Sam** gets help from them with his bad eye sight.

**Charlie** rang me on **29th August** with this bad news...



**PS...**

...At the Airport.....

All I could see was her sun glasses and hairband. I thought this lady was a **MUPPET !!**



**BREAKING NEWS >>**

**SAM** was found on his bedroom floor there on **28th Aug** and taken to hospital (in Wales) where he will be for at least **7 days**. He has **COVID**. His family have been informed.