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A WORD from the PRESIDENT

October began in the Hall with a COFFEE MORNING AND TURTLE RACING... with *Jacquie*



Hello again everyone.



I trust you are all enjoying the lovely autumnal weather, *on the better days* although we are now plunged into dark evenings. I know some of you enjoy the cosy feeling of the curtains closed, and the warmth of the fireplace. I prefer the sun.

Since we now meet on **Thursday MORNINGS** for coffee and a chat, with a variety of entertainment, (*apart from Ceilidh Nights*) we don't have to go out in the dark.

However, the dancers still enjoy the Monday evening dancing, and I'm pleased to say, thanks to Teacher Alex and D.J. Phil and Irene we are still going strong.

I know quite a few of you aren't enjoying the best of health at the moment, so, my get well wishes to you and hope you feel better soon.

Love and best regards to all

Maisie

Irene won the prize.



Martin gave us a really interesting talk & quiz on music from the 60's at our Coffee Morning on 19th and although we all knew the tunes and could sing along to them, it was more difficult to remember the **names** of the **singers** ...(except some like Elvis and Cliff) **Sam came along too and was great at remembering names.... even though he said he couldn't remember what he did yesterday.!**

NICOLA came and gave us **exercises** to do on our next coffee morning...**12 Oct.** which was great... *and just what I needed* Here we are having refreshments afterwards, made by Veronica
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The Monday Dance Class >>>
On the **16th...**
Class led by Alex

Anyone who wants to learn Scottish country dancing is welcome to come along.



We are sorry to hear that **Jim Garrioch's wife, Pat,** died on the **12th** of this month. She had been in hospital for a while. Our sympathy and good wishes to Jim. Her funeral will be at Poole Crem. at 3pm on 2nd of November

Also the sad news came that **Jean Orsborne** died in Poole Hospital on **25th** Oct. She was one of our longest serving members and loved coming to the club. Her husband Charles died last year. Now they are reunited.

Most of us by now will have had our latest **Flu and Covid jabs...** They seem to work and it's good to know we have at least some protection from the viruses.

Knew I'd seen that hairstyle somewhere before



Paul & Masie went to see **DOUGLAS** last month and took him out for a coffee. Sadly, Douglas now has Parkinsons and cannot get about as he used to. *I know he will see this copy of the Cally Times, so... am sending these memories to him ... >>>>*
 Lots of love from us all Douglas... You are missed.
PICS FROM THE PAST >...1 At a Hogmanay party.
2 Cooking Haggis for 60 people in the Hall... 2019
3 'How very British'
4 Halloween !
5 A good Scottish country dancer at a Burns Night



'A loveable and generous person... and a real gent'

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Quote from another member of the club



Cheers !

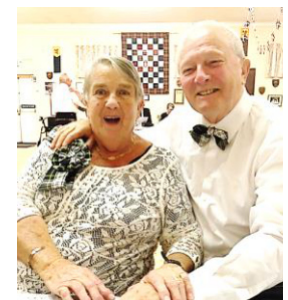
Also heard from **RON** Perry, in early September, that **ANGELA** is in Alderney Hospital recovering from a fall. The bad news is they have Covid in there, so no visitors are allowed at the moment.



We all send our love and best wishes to both and hope for a speedy recovery for Angela.
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We missed you at the Gathering of the Clans and did not know you were in hospital then.



RENE AND NORA >> are celebrating **55 years** of married life, this month. They met in Scotland and got married in France. We are delighted to have them in the Scottish Club. *Congratulations*



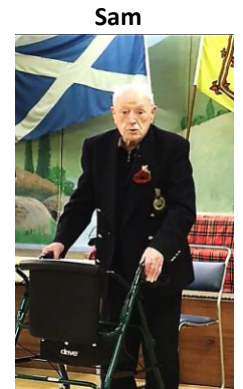
Also heard today that our DJ **PHIL** had a bad fall this week, and his face took the worst of it giving him nose bleeds which are hard to stop. His son has been helping him at home.

We missed you at our last meetings in the Hall, Phil. Hope to see you back asap Love from us all.

On 26th our **Autumn Ceilidh** with dancing led by **Irene** and **Alex** and entertainments from members. >



The members who helped the Ceilidh along were **Charlie** as MC, **Marion** with some jokes, **Nora** a Scottish poem... **Geoff** with some fun stories and an Elvis song....and then **Sam** gave us a version of..."Are you lonesome tonight" a song which got him a cheer and a laugh at the end. Sam is 93, can hardly see now and has difficulty walking but he is still great fun.



Local news.....OCTOBER

I was **amazed** to see in the Echo that **Dudsbury Golf Club** will be **closing** at the end of March 2024. What a shame, I thought it a great club with good food too. Several **Caledonians** are members there, and **Bob Millar** was one of its founder members.

STORM BABET has been causing **terrible floods** in Aberdeenshire with a **RED ALERT** issued for more rain. Most of the North East side of Scotland has been affected.

NOVEMBER Programme ...Thus. 10.30am in the Scottish Hall
 2nd Halloween stories & coffee
 9th Christmas card making Marion
 16th Fitness and fun with Nicola
 23rd 'Past Pics' with Paul
 30th St Andrew's Ceilidh **7.45pm**

PS I have just ordered a new parking sign for the club.

World News2023

ISRAEL was suddenly attacked by the Palestinians living in Gaza led by Arab extremists (**Hamas**) on **Oct 7th**... They are now at war. Hundreds have been killed on both sides and the worry is that things might escalate.

The fighting in **Ukraine**, after Russia attacked them, still goes on and just about **every** country has some bad news to put out at the moment. I think we are lucky to live in the UK and hope we can keep it that way ... even though we have our problems too.



Remember the old days when we put candles in hollowed out neeps for **guising @ Halloween**

