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A WORD ...re the PRESIDENT

THE GATHERING of the CLANS 19-09-24



The Clans gathered and were led in by a new excellent young Piper **Alex**
 Our MC for the evening was **Iain**



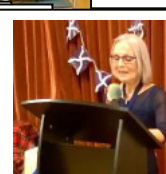
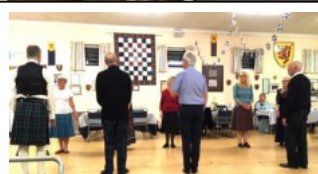
The Scottish dancing was led by **Alex**, social dancing by **Irene**. **Paul, Norah and Marion** contributed spots of entertainment, and there were great refreshments from the kitchen from **Veronica and Marion** and others.

On 20th September we had an email from **Paul** to say that **Maisie was in Hospital**. "I've just had a phone call from Maisie's daughter-in-law, **Julie**. Unfortunately, **Maisie had a bad fall today down the stairs** which lead to the undercroft at her apartment block, where she parks her car. Tragically, she wasn't found for some time, until another person came down the stairs to their car. Julie told me that Maisie has a quite severe head injury, and is currently sedated in the **Intensive Care Unit** at Southampton General Hospital. Julie doesn't know any more at present, but will keep me informed of Maisie's progress, and obviously I will keep you posted too.."

Paul

I'm sure we all send her our love and wish her a speedy recovery

Photos taken by Paul, Iain and Joan



Great to meet up with friends again after the summer holidays, and have fun Scottish dancing.



John & Lina Purvis on their wedding day on the Isle of Skye 25 years ago.
 Lina was our Caledonian Society Dance Team teacher back then.
 John is an ex SAS soldier. They met here in the Hall and went back to live in the Borders of Scotland where John came from.



Iain and Val celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary ...50 years... on September 7th with a Tea at Chewton Glen Hotel for family members... Son James & daughters Anna & Beth



A picture taken at their Siver Wedding Anniversary Party last month
 Lina's family came up from Dorset to attend the party.
 Both wanted to keep in touch with their Caledonian friends and so I send our news to them via the Cally Times.

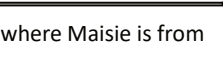


N.B When travelling in the NORTH of Scotland one does have to be a bit wary of the locals !
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For our first Coffee Morning of the new season... 19th September, Iain came and entertained us with a quiz and some magic tricks...with a little help from Veronica.



At the beginning of September a few of us met up again for a quiz on Zoom and a laugh and a chat.



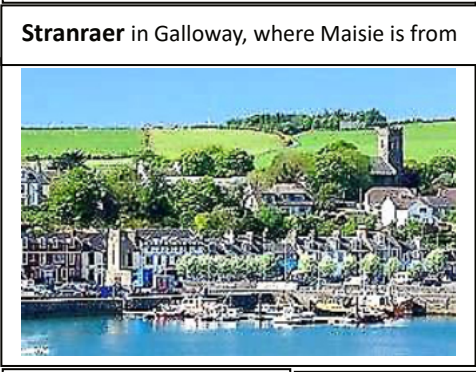
Irene told us all about her six weeks of looking after her grandson Declan.

UPDATE ON MAISIE 20-09-2024
 from Paul
 Unfortunately, there is dreadful news about our lovely, kindly and most wonderful Maisie.

 The message below is from Julie... Maisie's daughter-in-law

 'Maisie has sustained a terrible brain injury. The surgeon has told us today that we will never have our Maisie back. There is no operation that can help, so the only thing they can do is give her time, and to keep seeing how she responds. They will be scanning her over the weekend again and then potentially moving her closer to home so that friends and family can visit. Thanks to everyone for their love & support'

 Please feel free to give them my email and I can read your messages out to Maisie (*see below).



Stranraer in Galloway, where Maisie is from

Norah will be entertaining us at the second Coffee Morning of the seasonwith cards
 This is on Thursday the 26th Sept.
 Hope to see you



We are all stunned by the awful news about our President, Maisie.
 Below is another picture taken of her at the Gathering of the Clans.... 19.09.24



I am sending this newsletter out to all early so that those who don't come to the Hall will know about the situation.
 We are all hoping and praying that Maisie makes a full recovery.

22-09-24
The LATEST NEWS we have of Maisie,
 She is in Poole Hospital ICU now, not able to breath for herself at the moment.

 Only family are permitted to visit and no flowers/cards at the present time.
 As per Hospital rules.

*If you are on our mailing list then Julie's email was sent to you. If you didn't receive it or are not on the mailing list and would like to send Julie a message, please contact Joan or email secretary@bournemouthcaledonian.com