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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

A NEW YEAR

Who would have thought in January 2020, when the Corona virus first hit the news, that **TWO YEARS** later we would still be fighting it...! Let's hope **2022** is better and a **Happy New Year**

We started off the **New Year's activities** with the **Monday Scottish Dance Class**, much enjoyed by those who go along, and being run by **Irene** and **Alex**. Then **Jacqui** held another 'Bagoo' morning, which is fun, on the first **Thursday** morning in 2022.

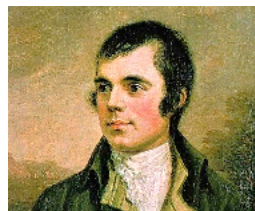
On the 13th Wendy showed a video of a party she held **24 years ago**. Interesting to see ourselves that much younger... and **Martin** followed on the 20th with a talk about music in the 40's which was excellent, combining the WW2 situation with the songs of the day and the voice of Winston Churchill. We all seemed to know the tunes and the words and the singers ...even though they were from 77+ years ago!

This WAS to be followed by **BURNS NIGHT in the Scottish Hall**. It was touch and go if we held a Burns Night at all because the Omicron virus was still affecting thousands, but Govt. restrictions on gatherings were being lifted, so we went ahead and arranged it.....and sold tickets for Thursday 27th Jan....

HOWEVER...the **Virus beat us** and the caterer **cancelled** at the last minute, as he had tested positive for the virus. He offered to come to the Hall next month instead when he had been through isolation and tested free of any infection. So our **Council agreed to that** as it was too late to get another caterer. So we will try again in February. First Burns Night we have ever held in February....**BUT**... although it seems... "we're doomed, we're a' doomed"... We **WILL** have our HAGGIS, NEEPS and TATTIES



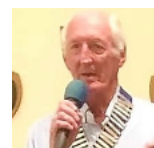
Robert Burns
1759-1796



Fair fa' yer honest sonsie face
Great Chieftain o the pudden race
Aboon them a' ye tak yer place
Painch, tripe and thairm
Weel are ye worthy o' a Grace
As lang's ma airm



Hullo everyone



Along with **Edinburgh City Council's** decision,

we cancelled our Hogmanay celebration in December.

We however **will** join millions of people across the world in celebrating the birth of

Robert Burns

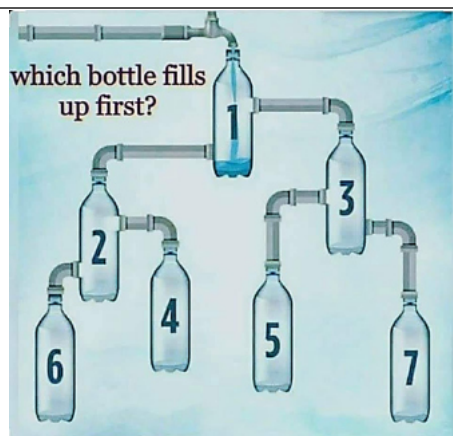
The author and poet continues to thrive in popularity as the decades roll on. Perhaps the biggest celebration takes place in Moscow where hundreds gather to honour him. I spoke to someone just a few days ago who was at the event some year ago and he said it was an unforgettable experience which included a full Pipe Band.

I do encourage you to **support** the Society and come to our regular Thursday morning meetings.

With best wishes
to all
Iain

<<< From Burns 'Address to the Haggis'

New Year Quiz... answer over the page

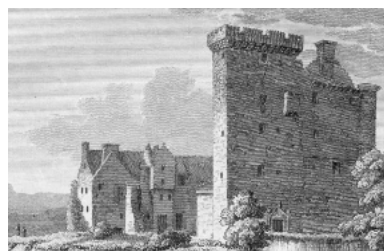


The meaning of some Scottish words



Wonder
what the
stag is
thinking?

We don't know if Burns was served haggis, neeps and tatties during his visit in August **1787**, but a "knighthood" was certainly bestowed upon the Bard of Ayrshire!



Some of Paul's friends joined the **Cally Walk** on the **25th Jan**. This was followed by lunch at the 'Three Legged Cross' pub in Verwood.



On the **27th** we held a **Social evening** instead of our Burns Night. We had a quiz from Iain, some dancing from Irene, and a game of Bagoo from Jacqui. Altogether it was a fun evening....



As **Paul and Jenny** were unable to come to our **Burns Night** on the *rearranged* date, they held their **own** at home with the friends who were coming with them. We shall miss them all but it looks as if their night was good fun.



Robin and Marion are planning a HERITAGE meeting
at their house on **February 19th at 2.30**. Heritage
was a Scottish evening devised by Bob Millar some
years ago and much enjoyed by those of us who
love our Scottish heritage and history



IAN BELL
President of the Society
from **1998-2000** sadly
died this month.
His funeral was on
Friday 28th
at Bournemouth
Crematorium



Charlie, Phil and Joan
represented the
Caledonian Society at
Ian Bells' funeral.
We also met Graham
McCarthy there.
How many of you
remember him?
He was a very good
dancer.

Oh the Grand old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men.
He also had some younger girls
But he can't remember them.

Hope I don't end up in the Tower
for putting that in !! *Editor*



Answer to quiz on page 1...Bottle no 6

On **Thursday 17th** Nicola will take us through some 'Exercises with benefits' and there is the weekly

Monday Dance Class from 7.30 pm

PICTURE from the PAST

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Guess
who
these
two
are.

