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A Word from the PRESIDENT

At our **Burns Night** this year I said that Robert Burns' influence was world-wide and that his writing had appeal in places far away from the land of his birth. This was reinforced in the recent **Closing Ceremony** of the **Beijing Olympics Games** as the Burns' song **Auld Lang Syne** was sung in Chinese.

The song speaks of a relationship and the offering of a **hand of friendship** in the words... "And here's a hand my trusty friend ... and gies a hand o' thine" as both parties want **peace and unity**... and the song ends ... "We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne."

It is perhaps not surprising that a song with such sentiments has become popular all over the world. With the problems across the world at this time, it is a song that some political leaders should take to their hearts.

Best wishes to all

Iain

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On Thursday March 3rd **Martin** gave us a quiz about **music in the 60's**. We had to see how many No 1's and their singers we could remember.



On the **10th** we had a coffee morning and an excellent video of life in Britain in the **1950's** brought in by **Veronica**.

This was when the Queen was crowned in Westminster Abbey **70** years ago.



Irene



<<<... Then on Thursday **17th** we had **Irene** with another music quiz...and chocolates for all ... 😊

On March **19th**, eight **Caledonians** attended the **Memorial Service** for **LIZ LANE** at Lytchett Matravers, in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church. A lovely service, then afterwards we all met up at The Chequers Inn.



With the Vicar

◀ **Liz Lane's Memorial Service** was full with her many friends from the Church and the Cornish Society and her family. Aubrey gave a lovely Tribute to her. We couldn't attend her funeral two years ago because of the Pandemic restrictions.



Pictures from the Past The Glenfinnan Monument



A great new picture of the Monument >>>>>> taken by a drone. I expect most of us have climbed up inside it to the top at some time or other, and remember the thrill of standing way up there with the 'Prince' and that view.



The last time I went up it, I was with **Jan Campbell**, who was in her 90's. She insisted on climbing up there too.

Caledonians at the top !



Vice President MAISIE sent this email on 8th March

This is probably the first time for two years that I haven't had to mention Covid restrictions. I know we are still being cautious, but never in my wildest imagination did I think our concerns would turn to a **war** in Europe. This is a huge concern for all of us, and I know that you will join me in wishing a swift end to the chaos and cruelty, to enable the people of Ukraine to live in peace.

There are a few **AMENDMENTS** to our programme between now and 26th May and these are as follows..... also please note

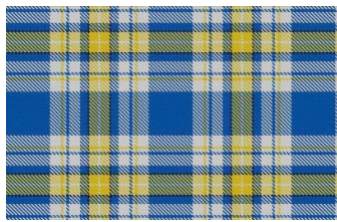
ALL MEETINGS AFTER MARCH are at 7.45 PM

7th April Archie's Musical Evening
14th April CLOSED FOR EASTER
21st April Martin's Part 2 of his 60's music quiz
28th April Alan's Rock n Roll, Martin & Geoff doing impressions of Elvis and Paul singing !

5th May Paul's 'Good Old Days' at the 'Cally'
12th May A.G.M
19th May Jacqui Crawford-Webb entertains
 including the unmissable Scottish 🐢 Turtles Race
26th May **Rose Dance and Ceilidh to end the season**
 Bring food to share (or for yourself) There will be a raffle. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

Love and best wishes to all Maisie

The Monday Dance Classwill carry on as usual until further notice. **Alec and Irene** sharing the teaching. We thank them for this as it is one of the most popular evenings at the Society.



A top Scottish fashion designer has devised a 'Ukraine tartan' to show Scotland's support for them.



If you would like to join us on Friday evenings now and then let Iain know

Below Jenny and Paul taking part in a Moors Valley 'wig run' for a charity... this after a skiing holiday in Austria and other running events...
Wow...what energy !



Iain, our President, is still undergoing Radiotherapy etc.at Dorchester Hospital every day, and is just beginning to feel the effects of it all....a bit tired and sick and achy ...not too brilliant. However he still runs our weekly zoom quiz with a smile.

We all wish you back to full health soon Iain.



On Thursday **24th** **Wendy** ran a coffee and **Poetry morning** below



Nearly all contributing, with poems ranging from Robert Burns to Pam Ayres... and some reciting from memory.

President Zelensky of Ukraine



WORLD NEWS

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation... ie **NATO** ...was formally established in April 1949... four years after World War 2...
 ...when the West were worried about a **potential attack by the Soviet Union.**

This week four **NATO** warships docked in **Dundee** ... and the UK's biggest warship sailed into the **Clyde.**

<< 'Once or twice in each generation you come across a human being standing head and shoulders above the rest of us'...

President Zelensky is such a person.

A brave man

May all that is good and true protect him.

'Russia is striking civilian targets in Ukraine including hospitals, nurseries, and schools' the Ukrainian deputy prime minister reported. (We saw the awful pictures on TV for ourselves)



SHAME on you...Mr PUTIN for bombing innocent little children !