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A WORD from the PRESIDENT

The month whenHousehold bills...ie Gas, Electricity and food have **soared** ! ... Covid cases went up in Dorset, some of us are being offered another booster jab... *as we realise that Covid is **not** going away...*and we **were** to start meeting up in the evenings again at the Club.....but.....

Unfortunately at the very beginning of **April** a good number of members found they had symptoms which turned out to be the Coronavirus when tested, and so it was decided to **close the Hall for a couple of weeks** to avoid spreading it.

However ... we **can** at least still meet up on **ZOOM**nice just to see friend's faces.....



Bad News hit the Society recently as the dreaded Covid found its way to some of our members. Fortunately all have either recovered or are recovering from the side effects.

It is clear that we will be living with this disease probably for the rest of our lives.

However we have to LIVE on this earth and so try to enjoy our LIVES at the same time.

Following National guidelines the Society's Council have decided to remove all entrance restrictions to the Scottish Hall. Keep Safe!

Iain

<< Our meetings on Zoom are a great way of keeping in touch for those who cannot always come to the Hall, and it is just nice to see 'kent faces' We get a quiz to keep our brains alert ...and usually a good laugh. Contact Iain if you want to join in.

News about the Caledonian Times...our Newsletter from the editor

Malcolm, my son, who manages the Website for the Bournemouth Caledonian Society has offered to **send the Newsletter to paid up members by email** once a month so that it is free for all to read.

I have agreed to try it out... so you should get the APRIL/MAY edition of it on your computer. There you can expand it and read it ...or print it out for yourselves. If this does not suit you I will print a paper copy for you if you ask me.

Archie Hoggan, who was due to give us a quiz night on **April 7th** will fit it in again on another evening for us. Archie's quizzes are really good so I am looking forward to it. We are sorry to have to close again **but better safe than sorry.**

Hopefully we will be able to meet up for the **AGM** and the closing **Ceilidh /Dance** of the season.

PICTURE from the PAST

Guess who this is.



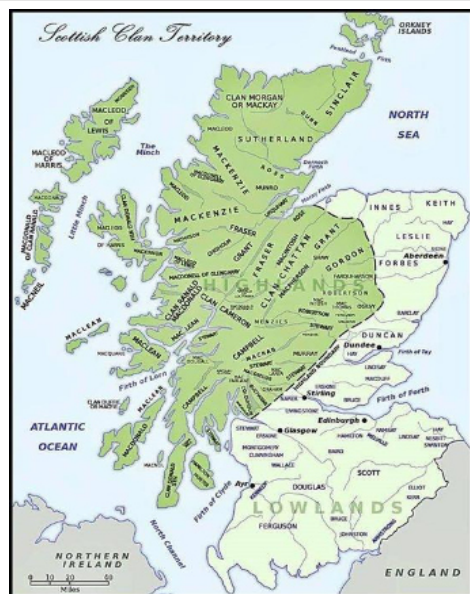
And from the **distant PAST**

.....**Who** is this ?



And... **where** can you see him ?
Answers on next page

News of what some members are doing in April.... Irene and Carole are off on a luxury Mediterranean cruise for almost three weeks! **Paul & Jenny** have just come back from a *second* visit to Austria, skiing and **Charlie** is off to Scotland to a family wedding. **Iain** is also having an Easter family holiday for a few days after his hospital treatment.



Are you a Highlander or a Lowlander ?

This map shows where your clan lived and from where your tartan originates.

On April 27th >>

John and Lina Purvis came back to visit us from Scotland, where they now live. As we were closed they couldn't visit the Hall, so a few of us met up with them for lunch at **The Angel Inn, Longham** >>



Paul arranged a **walk at Keyhaven** on the **5th April**. There were very few Caledonians able to join it this month because of the virus, which was a pity, as it was a lovely day and very enjoyable I'm told.



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For those who don't know them ...**Lina** used to run the Caledonian Dance Team

Thursday, May 5th Paul showed pictures of the society from the past. They were indeed.... **'The Good Old Days'**... with large numbers of members, and great fun being had with Pantomimes and shows.

Part two of the show will be shown in **November** this year. Paul takes a lot of our pictures and we can always see them on Facebook/Caledonian Society.

AGM

The present **Council** were **re-elected** with the addition of Morag Judd and with Charlie Robertson retiring. Martin Axton had resigned earlier. A special general meeting will be held in September later this year as it is proposed we adjust some of the Rules in our book. **Charlie** was given a bottle of whisky by the President as a thanks for all his work in the Society. He will continue to be a Trustee.

Joan and Fiona had a quiet stroll around Badbury Rings in the sunshine in **May**, avoiding crowds



AGM
May 12



In **June** we will be celebrating **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** 70 years on the throne.

NB The Monday dance class will continue until the end of June due to the many requests made to carry on... Alex said OK.

Club reopens SEPTEMBER 2022

Look forward to seeing you all then...Keep well ...Have a great summer...
Cheerio fer the noo.....

OH NO... Just realised...It will be ages before we all meet up again



Editor

A Ceilidh/Dance was held to close the season... MAY 26th

FUN DANCING



A POEM FROM NORAH



We had a very pleasant last evening together with dancing led by Irene. Charlie was MC with entertainment from Paul, Marion, Norah and Archie. There was an excellent buffet... and cake from the President whose birthday it was next day. **More pics can be seen on our website... taken by Paul.**



Answers to questions on page 1.....Our Piper Alan Cowie, and Robert the Bruce....this statue can be seen on the battlefield of Bannockburn, Stirling.