

# Caledonian Times



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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

### THE STATE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Queen died on September 8<sup>th</sup> in Balmoral, Scotland. A place which she loved and where she spent every summer. Her coffin lay in state in Edinburgh then was taken to London for the State Funeral and from there to Windsor Castle...her final resting place

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September the Queen was laid to rest beside her husband Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. Her family kept vigil over her coffin from beginning to end.

Kings and Queens, Emperors, Heads of state and Presidents came from all over the world to attend her funeral, showing in what high regard she was held by all.

The quiet dignity of the ceremonies and the immaculate marching of the Armed Forces, and all who took part, and the crowds who came to pay tribute and watch, made it all a day to remember.

A farewell to a Monarch who did such a good job.



*No matter which political party was in power we had one constant unbiased Head of State...our Queen.  
I have put a few pictures of the day below*

*I'm sure most of us watched this on tv The day had a gravitas ... a real dignity and solemnity that the United Kingdom is able to do so well when needed. Great honour was given to her Majesty in all the various venues over the past few days starting with the incredible scenes in Edinburgh. It was truly awe-inspiring. – For me perhaps one of the most memorable moments will be the sound and sight of the lone piper, as he marched slowly away leaving the evocative and haunting tune which faded oh so gradually.*

**70 years on the Throne...**  
**Her Majesty --- The like of which we will never see again!**

### Holyrood Palace Edinburgh



### The Mall London



By tradition the Senior Service pull the gun carriage and coffin of the Monarch



Our new King... Charles III... follows his mother's coffin with sadness





**Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> THE CLUB REOPENED** with a music quiz from Martin. This was followed by the Monday Dance Class on the 26<sup>th</sup> led by Alex.

On **28<sup>th</sup>** we heard that **Robin** had been taken into Bournemouth Hospital with breathing difficulties. Marion is keeping us informed of his progress.

**We all wish him well.** Behind the scenes we all owe a lot to Robin. He looks after the Hall (*with Charlie's help*) looks after our finances and opens and closes the Hall every week, and even though he lives quite a way from the place, is always on hand when needed and is very good at sorting problems.



Here is a picture of **Robin** taken in his garage, which he has turned into a great model railway layout ...one of his hobbies. We saw this when he and Marion held a garden party for us last year.

*Glad to say that Robin is now home and feeling much better.*

**The SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** was not able to vote on any changes to the rules as there were not enough members there to be a quorum...*as the present rules require*. SO the matter of the new rules for the club ...in the light of the fewer members we have today... still has to be resolved. They will be sorted at the AGM in May next year.

Things at the Club are now so very different from the time when the rules were made, that it really is time to make them fit in with today's numbers. We will get things sorted.

**Monday evening dance class** with teacher **Alex**, and Phil the Music Man. A lovely group of folk, that's open to all to come and learn Scottish Country dance in a fun, informal manner. Plus tea /coffee & biscuits at break time. *Pics taken Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>*



#### POETRY MORNING Oct 6



#### Wendy



#### Poetry in the Hall

A very well attended morning led by Wendy, and a most enjoyable one with a wide variety of poetry read by all. Look forward to the next one.

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#### NEXT MEETINGS IN THE SCOTTISH HALL AT 10.30 AM

**OCTOBER 13** Nicola will give us exercises... for all abilities  
**Thus 20 CEILIDH 7.45pm** \* *bring some food along for buffet*  
**Thus 27** Halloween Story morning  
**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** Nicola with our fitness exercises again  
**Thus 10<sup>th</sup>** Paul with past pictures of the Caledonian Society

Now that things have got back to normal, do come and join in our programme.  
**MONDAY** for Scottish country dancing and  
**THURSDAY** for social gatherings and meeting friends.



Poor boy ... We miss her too