

# Caledonian Times



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## The postponed GATHERING OF THE CLANS... October 20<sup>th</sup>

The Grand March was led by two pipers, our own Stuart Burns and a guest from the Ringwood Pipe Band, followed by the President, Vice President and members.



An evening of great piping, dancing and a lovely buffet



Dear Members  
Why is it that when you see pictures of so-called Catwalk Models that they all appear so miserable? With the Panto season fast approaching maybe they should all make a trip to their local Panto theatre for some laughs!!?  
-- Although in the last few months our elected leaders have managed to make a *real* Pantomime of running the Country...not so funny!

Here at the Cally, we have had many laughs over the years and long may it continue.

Best wishes to all  
*Iain*

Saw the map below on Facebook. How many of the sayings do you use ?



Our usual meetings on a Thursday take place in the morning. On NOV 10<sup>th</sup> Paul is going to show us photos from past times of ourselves. Come and see yourself.

October this year has been the mildest one on record we are told. We have had plenty of rain in short very sharp showers, thunder and lightning and gale force winds...and yet it has been really quite warm. Is it indeed Global Warming ?

Earlier in the month some Caledonian members attended the **Cornish Society's Annual Dinner**

&...**Carole** who took the << photo was also on this table

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On the first Thursday of the month **Nicola** has agreed to come and give us exercises to do. These are for all ages and fun to do....and good for us!

**Come and join in**





It was **Marion's Birthday** on Monday and she brought along a cake for all at the Monday dance class to share.



**Maisie** reading out the notices to the class and **Alex** the teacher and **Phil** who is in charge of the music



Some of those who came to do the exercises with **Nicola**

On OCT 22<sup>nd</sup> a **HERITAGE MEETING** was held at **Robin and Marion's** house, James and Wendy brought along their dog as well. **Wendy** spoke about Scottish dogs then **James** spoke about James Maxwell, the Scottish scientist who was admired by Einstein. **Norah** told us about Huntly in Aberdeenshire where she is from, and she showed us some paintings which her grandfather had done. **Joan** told of Flora MacDonalds life *after* Bonny Prince Charlie. She went to America but had a very hard time there. **Fiona** told us about a town in South Scotland, Wigtown, where she has made friends with an author who is in contact with her and finally **Marion** talked about knitting and a connection to Fife in Scotland. A very pleasant afternoon. The next meeting will be at James and Wendy's house on a Saturday afternoon in November. All welcome.

### Bournemouth & District Welsh Society

You are invited to join our friends at the Welsh Society for Christmas lunch at The Hermitage Hotel (opposite the BIC) in Bournemouth on December 1<sup>st</sup>

Tickets are £25 each for a three-course lunch with Soup, Turkey and Christmas pudding. (Vegetarian option available)

Please let **Iain** know if you would like to come along



**Iain** was trying to get the other societies who used to mix with us *before Covid locked us all down*, back to where we were, ie visiting each other's special events again. **Unfortunately The Dorset Caledonians are closing down at the end of the year** Maisie just heard, so we have only our Celtic cousins the Cornish and the Welsh who still meet up.

**Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Angela who is recovering from a back operation.**

Two more pictures from the Gathering of the Clans...see page one.



Those who come on our **Zoom** meetings are given a subject to talk about by **Iain** each week. Last week it was... 'What invention do you think has been the greatest.'

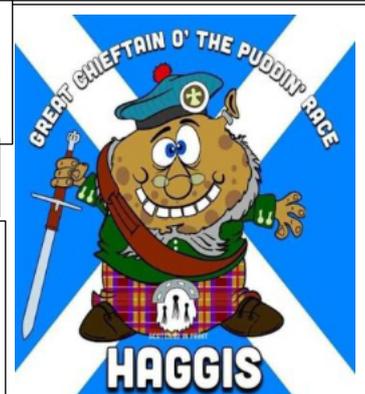
What do **you** think it was? We had some great answers.

A Zoom meeting in October



There are usually more of us and it is a good way to help those who cannot come to the Hall anymore to keep in touch.

**Burns Night** will be held at the Scottish Hall on Thursday evening the **26<sup>th</sup> January 2023** Tickets are now available from Robin. £22... *in advance only.*



**PS Fiona** found this on line and thought it was **Charlie** !

**Fiona** has just given her car a going over with tartan paint !



Me in my office with the Cally Times



< Apologies for this Caledonian Times Issue being a bit late this month. I am having to learn how to use a new computer and Windows 11, to which I have just updated. I am nearly there.... with a lot of help from Fiona. Editor