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A Word from the PRESIDENT

With **MARCH** comes **SPRING** with daffodils and crocuses, snowdrops and blossom etc ... **BUT ALSO**, for us here in Dorset, came **rain** and **wind** and **hailstones** and **flooding**. Sunshine for a minute or two then more rain....**However, sunshine lies ahead ...in summer.**



<<< **Paul & Jenny** couldn't wait that long and went for some skiing and sunshine in Austria. Lucky things.

>>> On the **7th March...** **WE** met in the Hall for Coffee and to play **Skittles**. This was really good fun. The two teams were -- **Iain, Joan, John, Pam, Norah, Wendy** versus **Robin, Rene, Jacquie, James, Phil, Irene**

After a telephone discussion with my GP this morning I have decided to step down from my President's duties for at least one month.

A few of you know about my personal problem dealing with my 2nd property. This is in fact my pension investment. I am not a vast landlord.

On January 2nd this year, a storm blew the felt off the roof and to cut a very long story short, the roof has not been replaced, the flat is now practically destroyed, and still no date arranged for roof replacement. I've been writing emails and making phone calls every day since this happened.

I am therefore mentally exhausted, and with, what still looks like a long battle ahead, trust that you will understand the need for me to have this break.

Love to you all *Maisie*



Photo right... is **Iain...** > **on his knees!** The top scorer was **Jacquie, Irene** made the coffee and **Maisie** kept score



March **14th** **USA UKELELE PLAYERS** came and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with us. They were all wearing something green and played some great old Irish and Scottish songs for us. After refreshments they joined in some Scottish dancing with us ... **led by Irene...**which we all enjoyed.



SKITTLES

Photos taken by Iain



If the **potholes** in the roads near you are as bad as the ones near me ...>>>

..... *How about this.....?*

Street golf





<<< A Zoom Quiz and chat in March

This time we had to tell of a favourite song from childhood, and say what our choice of song is today.

Greyfriars Bobby in Edinburgh

It's been cold up there! So somebody made it a wee coat to keep it warm.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST !

Jan Campbell's 90th birthday party in the Hall 2008



Thus. 21st Martin Axton gave us a talk on Andy Stewart.



We heard about Andy's early life and listened to his songs... joining in with many of them. He was very popular with Scots around the world and always on TV at New Year. After 1974, as recurrent ill health took its toll on his voice and vitality, he became less involved in show business. Frequently in hospital in the 1970s and 1980s, he underwent several heart and stomach operations. He died at home after a heart

attack on 11 October 1993, aged 59. He is still fondly remembered.

On Monday 25th the Funeral of Douglas Menzies was held at St Paul's Church, Throop.

Many of us attended to say our final farewell to this old friend and much loved and respected member of the Caledonian Society.

We also were sad to hear of the death of one of our **Cornish** friends on 19th March... **Alison Mansfield**. She and her husband Mike often came to our functions and were greatly liked. We send our deepest sympathy.



Mike & Alison << on the right

Taken last year in the Hall



LETTER to MAISIE

We are so sorry to hear of your 'Flat' problem and of course wish you the very best with all the things you have to deal with.

Take your time and get things sorted and if any of us can help you, let us know and we can pull together on it. You have run the society since **Covid lockdown** as President & Vice President and *must* feel you need a rest from it. Thank you for all your hard work. **All you have done has been greatly appreciated.**

With love from us all.

WORLD NEWS

Whichever country you look at, there seems to be some sort of trouble... One group of people against another.... **Why?**



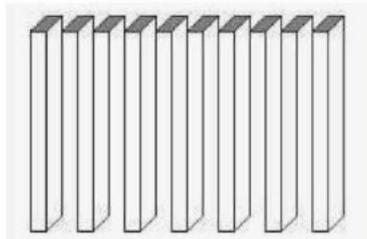
Scotland's road signs



...YOU REALIZE... 'YE'R HAME' ...

Then... YOU SEE THIS ... AND KNOW YE ARE !!

QUIZ for EASTER. How come there are **10** bars when you count along the topyet only **7** at the foot?



NB

Just to remind you that the Hall will be **CLOSED for EASTER** on Thursday **28th March**. We meet again Thus. morning April 4 for Jacquie and the game of Baggo.

The **Monday Dance class** will be closed Easter Monday **1st April** meeting again on the **8th April**.

"We're all in this world together for a greater time or long. The most of us weak as water, the best of us not very strong. **So why do we snarl and quarrel like wild beasts in a den....?** Why don't we **pull together and 'play the game' like men.**"

Poem my old Dad used to say