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A WORD from the PRESIDENT



NOVEMBERthe month when we remembered the **servicemen and women** who gave their lives for their country in past wars.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
 Time shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun, and in the morning...

WE WILL REMEMBER ...THEM.

11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month

Hello again everyone
 I am writing this on a miserable wet Sunday afternoon. Hope **you** all had something cheerful to distract you from the weather.



I was at St Andrews Church this morning, a lovely service with excellent readings from our Irene and Iain.

Now is the start of a busy time for our Council, as we have our St Andrews ceilidh on **30th** of November, Coffee Morning **2nd** December, Christmas Party on **14th** December, Hogmanay **31st** December and Burns Supper **25th** January. Keeps us busy, but worth it if everyone has a good time.

Hope to see lots of you enjoying yourselves at many of these.

Love, and Best wishes with your preparations for the coming festive season.

Maisie x

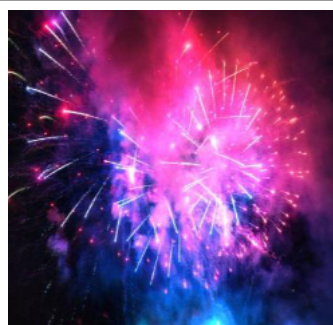
1st Nov. The Weather Forecast had been warning us that a **BAD STORM** was coming with flooding on the roads, and danger of branches falling on cars, so we thought it best to **CANCEL** our Thursday Morning meeting at the Hall on the **2nd**...just in case of damage.

STORM CIARAN did come and bashed about the Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands, the New Forest and along the South coast but we in North Dorset got off quite lightly. However, it **was very wet... and very windy.**

NOVEMBER 5TH The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford has put on show the actual **LANTERN** that **GUY FAWKES** was holding when he went to the cellars under the House of Lords intending to **blow up the King and Parliament in 1605**. Had he succeeded, King James and Parliament would have been blown sky high as there was *so much* gunpowder there.

This is when they began to sing GOD SAVE THE KING.

I guess we will have to put up with a few bangs and whizzes to remember it by, and it is good that we do still remember... after all this time ...it is our British history.



▲ The actual lantern held by Guy Fawkes in 1605



We met in the Hall on **Thurs. 9th** to make **Christmas cards with Marion**
Thanks go to Marion who puts a lot of effort and thought into this morning, and brings all the equipment needed.

It was a fun morning with a lot of laughs with Norah & Phil, and coffee and refreshments thanks to Veronica.

Just dawned on me.....

...it WILL soon be Christmas !



Nov 16 Keeping Fit with Nicola

We had a very good morning with Nicola and the exercises she gives us to do. I always feel better for them, even though I also find a few new aches and pains. BUT the more exercise I do the less aches there are!

Come and try for yourself next time. 😊

Many thanks to **Jacqie and Alan** who have very generously donated a great... Christmas Hamper to the club to raffle.



23rd Nov. Paul came and showed us some Caledonian 'Pics from the Past' ...Most interesting. See below for examples !!!!

21st Nov... >>
A lovely country **Walk with Paul** at Holt Heath National Nature Reserve... Part of the Kingston Lacey Estate, with lunch afterwards at The Three Legged Cross pub



Pics from **2013**... is it **Three little maids from school???** >>>
And from other past parties ↓



A November Friday evening **Zoom quiz** ...which helps to keep our brains ticking over, and to see the friends who cannot always be at the club.



A HERITAGE meeting was held at **James & Wendy's** house on the **25th** and a most pleasant afternoon it was. Subjects were the geology of Scotland how it formed millions of years ago... the Highland clearances when some poor people had to emigrate to Canada... Christmas in Scotland, when it was banned... a fun poem about a wee boy at school,... A famous Scottish woman **Elsie Inglis**... a famous Scottish footballer who nearly lost his legs in the army and... **Betsy the dog loved it all.**

St Andrews Day... CEILIDH 30th Nov 🇸🇨



The Ceilidh began with **Iain** reading a script about St Andrew and how the Saltire became Scotland's flag. Then **Irene** led social dances which all could join in and **Alex** led Scottish country dancing, with **Charlie** as MC.



News of Angela Perry.... Ron told us that Angela fell again after being in Alderney Hospital and hurt her hip. She has been recovering from this in Blandford and is hopefully coming home this week. We all send our love



Members attended **St Andrews Church** on Sunday 26th and took part in the service in honour of Scotland's Patron Saint.

Programme for December
Sat 2nd Christmas Coffee Morning ... with *Carols & Tombola* 10am
Thurs 7th Coffee Morning 10.30am
Thurs 14th Christmas Party 7.45pm
Sun 31st Hogmanay Ceilidh/Party 7.45pm-



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Gey few...an they're a' deid !