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A Word from the PRESIDENT

HOGMANAY

I've attached a few pictures, kindly taken by Nicola, from our hilarious Hogmanay Party

Four hours of fun and laughter, and I can only say a huge thanks to all who attended. A special big thanks to **Nicola** for her puppets and to **Norah** who brought along her friends to help swell the numbers...but to all who came and helped make this an evening of fun...thank YOU.



The note above sent by Maisie

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 Alan and Jacque with Maisie & Jan and Irene



Veronica Nicola & Morag...
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 they helped keep the fun going at the party



"It's a puppet" !

The WEATHER was very mild here in Dorset in December THEN Storms Gerrit and Henk, Isha and Jocelyn brought gales and heavy rain and awful **flooding** ... and so far this has all carried on into January... Everywhere **very** wet and windy... getting colder. Scotland of course, had a cold, snowy one as usual.

It was announced on the BBC that 2023 was the **World's hottest year ever** ... since records began and Scotland's hottest ever January 19.5 %

Sorry I missed Hogmanay at the Hall
 I have attended for years, just couldn't make this one.

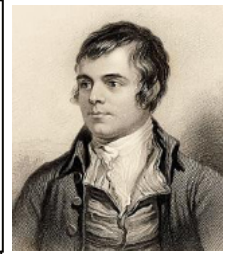
Looked like a lot of fun.
 Editor

On Thursday **11th Jan** we met for a **coffee** in the Hall and wished **Irene** a Happy Birthday for the **15th Jan**. She is off on a cruise to somewhere warm for two weeks to celebrate it... *Lucky thing !*

Thursday **18th** The Hall was **Closed** so that **new heaters** could be put in... ready for Burns Night on the **25th** and some cold weather forecast for the weeks ahead. *The game of Baggo with Jacquie will be held later.* Our thanks and appreciation go to **Robin** for his time dealing with this.

Jan 25th BURNS NIGHT 2024

Our Scottish Bard, **ROBERT BURNS** was remembered with his poetry, songs and dancing and a great meal of Haggis Neeps and Tatties. Similar events were being held all over the world from Russia, to the USA, Canada & the Far East in Japan to Australia, & New Zealand and many more.



1759 --1796

At our BURNS NIGHT ...
The 'Address to the Haggis' was done by Charlie Robertson who was also MC, with Morag Judd as 'Poosie Nancy'. A **Burns song** was sung by Jean Houston and a **poem recited** by Norah Emin. **The Immortal Memory** was given by Alex Harvey, the **Toast to the Lassies** by Iain Campbell and the **Response** by Veronica Thorne. The meal of Haggis, neeps and tatties was followed by **dancing...** led by Alex.

At the very last minute we heard that our **Piper was unable to come** as he is unwell. This was a great pity as a piper adds so much to a Burns Night. So with music of the Pipes on a CD we carried on as best we could. It didn't help that we did not have the printed programmes with the **order** of the evening, as they were only delivered after we started.

.....Thanks to Paul for all the photos



President Maisie ...and Top Table



<< Our guests from The Cornish Society



Sorry to see in the Bmth Echo the news that not only will **Dudsbury Golf Club** be closing in March... but the **HOTEL** and the great food and meeting place that came with it.

Paul had to cancel the **Walk** this month because of all the severe weather. He will be going again on **Tuesday 6th February** to the site of Holmsley South WW2 airfield. Please let him know if you are going. Pub lunch to follow.



for FEBRUARY
 Dance class Mondays 7.30 pm

Thursdays 10 30 am in the Hall
 Thus 1 Coffee & Poetry... Wendy
 Thus 8 Coffee Quiz & Chocs Irene
 Thus 15 Valentine Ceilidh **7.45pm**
 Thus 22 Fitness & Fun... Nicola
 Thus 29 Coffee & Scottish DVD ...
 Robin
 Hope you will come to as many events as you can....great way to make friends.

PS Spotted in Ferndown 🧐 ↘

