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WHAT WE DID IN THE HOLIDAYS.....JUNE/JULY/AUGUST



On June 7th 2024 we met up on Zoom... and Carole looked in for a quick hullo... from Italy !!!

Meeting up for a quiz each week helps to keep our brains working 🧠 ??

....and it is nice too to see our friends and hear their news.

In June we had the sad news that **The Cornish Society** have decided to **close** because of lack of members. Their last society dinner will be held on **19th October** when it would be nice if as many as possible of **us** can go and support them. We welcome them to come and join in with us any time.

World Happenings...while we were on holiday....

The 80th Anniversary of The Normandy landings in **WW2** on **6th June 1944 (D.Day)** were remembered



Three old veterans who **stormed the beaches** in **1944** in WW2 back there for the last time remembering what it was like.

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'All gave some... but some gave all'
 Normandy France
 D-day June 2024

In June ... **Euros Football** was held...

in Germany. Scotland lost to Germany 5-1 It was a 1-all draw v Switzerland then Scotland lost to Hungary 1-0 *Oh dear !!!*

BUT.... Scotland's fans have officially been voted the best supporters at the Euro Games 2024 ... by Germany

I must say....I have never heard the Scottish National Anthem sung with such feeling as they were at the games... *but sadly, we were eliminated.*

England played on...got to the **Finals**
 But lost to Spain 2-1
Their manager Garry Southgate resigned

Maisie came to a decision about her 'property problem' We hope all goes well and we see more of her in September.

Irene had her grandson, Declan, from New Zealand staying with her for a month in July, so she was kept very busy.

Ceinwyn and Irene went in June, to the Bournemouth Pavilion to see **The Searchers**

The concert was great I am told.
 Pictures of the band in the **1980's** and now in **2024** >>>
 Sad to see what time does to us.



Irene bought a CD therewhich they all signed.

Robin ended up in hospital whist away on his holidays in Kent ...with a *bad attack of asthma*. Glad to say he is OK now.



Paul spent a lot of time running. What energy !

There was the **GENERAL ELECTION on JULY 4th** The **SNP** were overtaken by **Labour** in **Scotland** as were the **Conservatives** here in **England**.

Wimbledon

In July we said farewell to **Andy Murray** as he stood down reluctantly from Tennis because of a back injury. He has won Wimbledon twice... **HE** was sad too as he gave his farewell speech on Centre Court



Paul also organised a **Walk** at Holmsley and pub lunch afterwards



<<< this pic is just to show that **Maisie and Paul** were both there. The one who **takes the pictures** is not usually in them of course.

John & Pam had family come to visit them.

Morag stayed at home and enjoyed life as normal.

WORLD NEWS...

Donald Trump was **SHOT AT** in the **USA** whilst giving a pre-election speech. The bullet missed but was so close it nicked his ear *A man in the audience was killed and two others were wounded.* The date was **13th JULY**

Joe Biden is standing down as **President of USA**. His Vice president **Kamala Harris** will stand against **Trump** in their **November elections**.



James & Wendy are still in the process of selling their house and moving so were kept very busy.

Joan & Fiona were not able to go away because they have taken in a **'Rescue cat'** which can't be left in a cattery, but they had many pleasant days out...a boat trip, meals out with friends, visits to places of interest, our birthdays .. etc

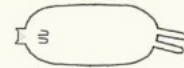


We have to thank **ROBIN** for looking after the fabric of the Hall and repairing various things that had gone wrong this summer. One was the fence between us and a neighbour, and one in the kitchen where a water leak had rotted wood under the sink. **Thank you again Robin**

Sam & Charlie went again to a Holiday home run by the **Forces** for **Blind Veterans**. Last year in **Wales** ...This time near **Worthing**



I got an **F** in art class for my cat drawing . . .



. . . I'm still wondering what was so wrong with it.



Iain went to **Scotland** with **Val** to visit their daughter **Anna**. We have since heard that **Val** was ill just before they went and had to go into **Hospital**.

....**Below in Glen Coe..**not safe for **Campbells** to go there !



<< A bit larger >> so that you can see them

< The boys !

Phil went to **Sidmouth** in **Devon** where he and **Phyllis** in the past spent many a happy holiday.

Alan & Jacque were busy decorating their house, and had the **Grandchildren** for 2 weeks. **Alan** went to the **Czech Republic** for work, and **Jacque** caught up with friends.

Haven't heard from **Rene & Norah**....See you soon.





Neil ARMSTRONG

In 1972, NEIL ARMSTRONG, famed for his ...
"one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind"
 visited the town of LANGHOLM in the Scottish borders.

This is where his ancestors came from.

A 400 year old decree by King James VI of Scotland, stated that all with the name **Armstrong** entering the town should be **hanged**...

...This was because the Armstrongs were so notorious for their raiding and pillaging on both sides of the border in those days that he wanted them eradicated.

This ancient ruling has never been revoked...!

...but fortunately no action was taken; instead Neil Armstrong was awarded the Freedom of the Burgh.

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<< Neil Armstrong ... the **FIRST** man to set foot on the **Moon**

...55 years ago... on **JULY 21st 1969** (a very brave man I think)

July 26 saw the OPENING CEREMONY of the OLYMPIC GAMES 2024 in Paris

The teams sailed up the River Seine instead of all being in a stadium... Different...Interesting. The games were excellent and friendly, ending two weeks later with a great **Finale** in Paris when they handed over the flag to the USA for the next games in 2028. Tom Cruise came and collected it.



Still... *In my opinion* ... the **2012 Opening** of the Olympic Games in London, when the late Queen and 'James Bond' were a big part of it cannot be beaten.

That was brilliant fun, and so well done... really memorable.



In late August we see the **Moon** as it comes nearest to Earth and we call it the Harvest or Buck moon...here it is photographed over the huts at Hengistbury Head.

One day **IT** might be a holiday destination !

I don't think I'll be going though. 🤔

A WEE WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT >

Hello again everyone. The summer months are flying past as always. The weather has been very mixed, but the *warmest* sunshine is my favourite. I hope you have all had some nice days, no matter what the weather.

As most of you know, I've had some property problems which have taken up a lot of my time this year. However, I'm pleased to say things are at last improving, and I hope to have them sorted soon.

I went to Scotland for a break in mid-August. Nice as it is to enjoy a break it will be lovely to see you all again in **SEPTEMBER...**

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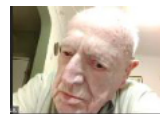
Monday the 9th for the Dance Class

and

Thursday 12th for the Gathering of the Clans

Love and best wishes to you all

Maisie x



On 2nd August a few of us met up again for one last chat & quiz on Zoom before the start of the new Season in the Hall



Just to remind you of the date that we meet again for....

THE GATHERING of the CLANS ... the 12th September @ 7.30 pm

Hope to see as many of you as possible for a fun evening at the Scottish Hall...

Wearing your tartan !

