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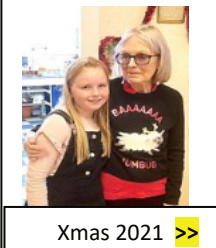
On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month
WE REMEMBERED...
 the servicemen who gave their lives in past wars
 'and for our tomorrow ... gave their today.'
Let's hope we never have those times again.

Note to Paul from Maisie's family.
 8th November '24
 We visited her this morning and saw a huge difference in her mobility. **She was sitting in a chair and got up to give us a hug.** She is doing little walks round the ward, she has **escape** on her mind so she is definitely keeping the nurses on their toes, we can't help but see the funny side of that. Her speech is much better, and although she is **still very confused** and very much in her own world, she is making progress. Her eye is also starting to clear up and look a bit better.

We had **Guy Fawkes Day** on Nov 5th remembering the folk who tried to blow up our Scottish King... **James 1..** way back in **1605.** He was captured under the Houses of Parliament with about **60 barrels of gunpowder....>**

Also... this will be remembered as the month **Donald Trump was re-elected President of the USA.**

Can think of a use for some of << that gunpowder today. 😊!!



Please feel free to visit, best time is between 4-8pm in the Portland Ward, Green Zone. (Level 0, Eddie Hawker wing).

Joan & Fiona visited **Sam...** (**our** Ex-serviceman > ..Marine Jolly) in Alderney Hospital on Sunday **3rd November.** He is in Jersey Ward. He is frail and can't walk or see much now, but is still very 'with it' and full of memories and smiles. One of the men in his ward has dementia and was making life a bit hard for the rest. He kept asking 'Alexa' where he was. One of the other exasperated patients told him they were in **Colditz**, a POW prison. That **really** confused him! *It made us all laugh! (Sam is now at home, with carers coming in to help him)*



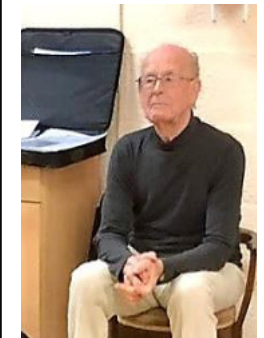
Nov 11th More Sad News I am afraid – **Barry Dudgeon**, our old dance teacher Sue's ...husband, collapsed while out for a walk and **died.** I wonder how on earth Sue is going to cope, as Barry did all the cooking and housework as Sue, sadly, is suffering from dementia.

Paul & Jenny went to visit...he said 'She looks much better than she did 10 days ago, and she has made so much progress since then. I'm sure she'll get back to us all, she is so determined! '

More photos sent to me of the Ceilidh 31st Oct.



< This evening was all put together at the time as we could not go ahead with the one planned. **It was fun !**





On Thursday morning 7th Nov. **Marion** helped us make **Christmas cards**. >>
 She supplies all the bits and pieces and we make them. I found it great fun and had a lot of laughs with Phil and Norah & Veronica. One of my cards won a prize! Guess what my card 'pictured' ...and guess who in my family will be receiving it at Christmas ?



Came home the other night from the Club to find that my daughter had bought me a new cushion for my sofa, with a 'Heilan Coo' on it
Just what I needed ?!!!



Martin Axton gave us an excellent morning playing **1960's music** and giving us the news of that time, and seeing how much we remembered. It was well researched and most interesting. *I knew the words to most of the songs, just not always the singer !*

On Thursday morning **21st November** we woke to **heavy SNOW falling**. At least we did in Corfe Mullen. I live on a hill, quite high up, so I could see that everywhere around was white ... Very pretty but hard to get about in it. So my apologies to **Nicola** I missed the fun and fitness morning...one of my favourites.

A service was held at **St. Andrew's Church Richmond Hill** on Sunday 24th for **St Andrew's Day**.



Charlie & Robin carried in the Scottish flags and **Irene & Iain** read passages from the Bible.

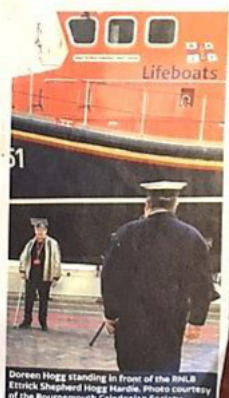
The Minister of the Church **Wilbert Sayamani** has gone, so they are looking for a new Minister.

Ceilidh... for St Andrews Day



Poolle woman leaves £100,000 to the RNLI

Doreen Hogg, who donated £1.5m to the RNLI for a lifeboat in honour of her husband, has left the charity a further £100,000 in her will.
 Mrs Hogg lived in Poolle with her late husband Archie.
 A spokesperson for the RNLI said: "Without the generosity of people like Doreen, we simply couldn't keep our lifesaving service running.
 "Anyone can leave a gift to the RNLI in their will, and we are thrilled that Doreen chose to support us with donations in her lifetime, through her trust and in her legacy.
 "The £100,000 donation has come from the will trust that Doreen set up after her legacy to give a regular income to the RNLI and we are very grateful to her."
 Doreen was the guest of honour when the vessel was named 'RNLI Ettrick Shepherd Hogg Hardie' at a ceremony at the RNLI headquarters in 2021.
 Doreen, who lived in a flat overlooking Poolle Harbour, died aged 91 earlier this year. Her funeral was held at Poolle Crematorium.



Most of us will remember **Archie & Doreen Hogg** (Caledonian Members) and how, when he died in 2018 she donated money to pay for a **Lifeboat** in his memory. What I had not known, ...until I read this... was just **how much**...
One and a half MILLION pounds !
....PLUS ... the amount shown here <<

The **Lifeboat** was named **RNLB 'Ettrick Shepherd Hogg/Hardie'**

James Hogg, the poet was born in **Ettrick Selkirkshire**, on a farm and started life as a **shepherd**, until his poems, Border ballads and essays got him known and established. Sir Walter Scott was a good friend of his and helped him on his way.

Stuart Burns our excellent Piper playing for us.

More photos on next page

At our **Zoom meeting** last week we heard how a lot of members had been to visit **MAISIE...** and all said she seemed to recognise them but is still very confused ...and still having trouble with one of her eyes.
We all wish her well and hope she comes back to us soon. She is missed.

Paul is planning a **WALK** on Tuesday, **10th December**: a short, 5km / 3.1 miles easy walk around Ferndown common and taking in part of the "Ferndown, Stour & Forest trail". This would be followed by a Christmas-style get together and **lunch** at the splendid **Angel Inn, Ferndown**. (Note there are both Christmas lunch and "standard" pub menus available). Let him know if you want to come.



Doreen and Archie Hogg



Archie was related to him

James Hogg 1770-1835 Poet

We have a busy month ahead... **December** Do try and come to as many events as you can. Our **Christmas Coffee morning with Carols** is at **10am on Saturday 7th**. There will be gifts on sale and Tombola. Our **Christmas Party** is on the **12th @.7.45pm** See you there.



Christmas is coming !!!!

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Stamp your feet ! ...?

Pictures from our St Andrews's CEILIDH in the Hall ... November 2024 ... taken by Paul, Iain & Joan



Charlie who was our jolly MC for the evening



Iain reading out about the life of St Andrew, written by Bob Millar some years ago. >



Mervyn who teaches the Monday dance class, talking us through some dances



Morag bringing in the tea and coffee

