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We started December with **STORM DARRAGH** which brought a Red alert from the BBC weather forecast of very strong winds and heavy rain, and it started on the Saturday we planned to have our **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** with stalls and carols. However, we were not too badly affected here and more than expected turned up and we had a happy morning with friends.



Irene provided the tea, coffee and warm mince pies and organised the morning



John played the piano for the carols and **Wendy** led the singing



Pics taken by **Paul**.

Nice to meet **Norah** and **Rene's** daughter **Louise**



Robin and Marion ran the Tombola stall... **Joan** ran the Christmas stall, and the Hamper raffle prize ticket was drawn by **Jacquie**. With the table top sales through the last months added on, the Total came to **£262.50**. For details see the Notice Board in the Hall.

ZOOM meeting December 6th



Thanks to all for coming and contributing to a jolly Christmas Coffee morning despite the somewhat awful weather.

Those of us who were free, met up for the last time this year to have a quiz and a chat on Zoom. We all said what we were doing at Christmas and what we *used* to do in the 'old days' It was a laugh.

Do you remember your childhood Christmases?

Latest news on **Maisie** ...from **Julie**
 1/12/2024

"Update wise, there isn't a lot to say unfortunately. It's a long road ahead. Maisie has days where she is calmer than others and there is the odd glimpse of her old self coming through, but the majority of the time she is in a confused state.

. At this minute in time she isn't really engaging in therapies because she doesn't have the attention span to remain in an activity. She is still not able to eat... (by mouth), however she now has 3 sips of water per day and she has tasted some custard which she couldn't do a few weeks ago. Physically she is fit, but mentally she is not making very speedy progress. Some days she knows us, but other days she thinks we are other people. She is forever planning her escape and this can make her distressed. She just wants to go home with her family. She packs a bag and gets ready to get the bus!

The results from her MRI showed no sign of a stroke which is good. The doctors just say we have to give her time. The only way for us to tell how she is doing is by what we see in front of us and compared to 10 weeks ago she's made amazing progress, we just have to wait and see where she gets to next. It's day by day. I wish I had something more solid to update everyone on.

We have another 'Team Meeting' on 12th, so we will know more about the future of Maisie then.

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With **Paul**, **Robin** & **Clive**

Back in December 2020



Paul organised a **WALK** in Ferndown and lunch for those who wished to came at the Angel Inn on December 10



December 2024



December 2020

<< A pic from the past to bring back happy memories of the time when **Maisie** could join in the walks.
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Nice too, to remember **Douglas**, seen here in the picture as well.

Our Christmas Party
Run and organised this year by Iain and Veronica

All Party pics taken by Paul

Iain opened the evening with entertainments, games and a quiz. There were a few fun dances and we ended in our usual way singing 'The 12 days of Christmas' round the piano.



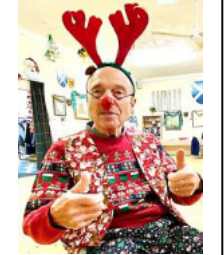
We are so sad that **Maisie** could not be with us. She loved the Xmas party



Great to see Angela & Ron again



This was the last event in the Hall until **January 6th** Monday Dance Class



On the **Noticeboard in the Hall** a number of pictures have been put up by Iain about **the past of the Society**. I think many members who have given years of good service and fun to us all, have been missed out, and I would like to pay tribute to one... our pianist and choir leader..... **John Steed**.



John and Pam joined the Society in **1987** and John has played the piano for us whenever required ever since. Gradually he formed a choir which then went out and about entertaining with Scottish dancing and singing *and adding to our funds*. He was made a **Life Member**.. and now in his 90's still comes along when he can.
THANK YOU John for all those years of fun.
What would we have done without you?

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy 2025

As a footnote, **Jenny and Paul** visited **Maisie** on 14th and were told that she now has **FLU** so if you visit, you may well have to wear **gown, face mask and gloves**.

Paul wrote...I think our visit and Julie's note show that Maisie is "up and down". Some days good, other days less so. However, the overall direction definitely seems positive, but will be **slow**. It was great to see her, and occasionally to catch glimpses of the old Maisie, and see her smile.