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## A Guid New Year tae yin an' aw

Hope you all had a Happy Hogmanay and that **2025** brings to all ...good health and happiness. We wish our Maisie all the luck in the world at her new Hospital in Bristol and pray that we have her back with us in this coming year.

It was a shame that we had to **cancel** another **Hogmanay party**... they used to be one of the best nights of the year when there were a lot of us in the club.

**Edinburgh's Hogmanay** celebrations (outside) were **cancelled** too, due to the forecast of severe weather. People from all over the world travel there to join in with these celebrations.



Our President Maisie

### Message from Julie re **MAISIE**

"Hi all, just wanted to give you a quick message to say that we had pretty sudden news that Maisie is being transferred to **BRISTOL** on Tuesday **24<sup>th</sup> Dec...**'24

While this is inconvenient and a long way away, she has to take the opportunity of the bed in a **Rehabilitation ward that is specialised in helping her in her recovery**. We raised concerns that she wouldn't have visits as often, and they said at this stage Maisie doesn't remember that we've visited due to her continued state of confusion. This new ward will do all they can to help with this confusion, and when this lifts, that's when friends and family visits are super important. So we have to accept that although it's not great for us, this is a good move for Maisie and that's what's most important.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and here's to a happy and healthy 2025.

Love... *Ryan, Julie and Kaitlyn*

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**PAUL added on 22.12.24**

It's **Maisie's birthday today**, so I visited to take her some Birthday and Christmas cards from friends, and members of Cally. It was lovely to bump into Peter and Ceinwyn, who were also visiting Maisie. She was very tired, sleepy, and quite confused, but her lovely smile shone through at times, and her eye looked less sore than it has been.

I will keep everyone informed as Julie updates me. Let's hope this move to the specialist unit will really help her improve and progress, and that soon we'll be seeing the "old" Maisie again.

**WEATHER wise**, here in **UK** we have been having some **awful weather**. Terrible flooding in many parts, snow and freezing temperatures and gales in others, icy roads, making driving difficult, then here turning mild ! However I think parts of **America** ie.. Los Angeles, has been having it **worse** with the **out-of-control wildfires** that have ravaged huge areas of the State and made thousands of people homeless. **On top of that they** have Donald Trump (a convicted criminal) taking over as **President**, saying he wants to take over Greenland and the Panama Canal as well! We had better look out in case he wants to take over **Scotland**...his mother came from there ...and he owns a couple of Golf Clubs there too!



**'DORSET LADIES'**  
**Irene, Carole & Margaret** went to the Dorset Ladies Christmas Lunch in The Marsham Court Hotel and had the luck to sit with **Paul Martin from 'Flog It'** on TV He was their guest speaker. He stayed on their table most of the time I'm told, much to the envy of the other tables.

**Last time Paul was in this area (2016) Irene was there too!** 🤗



To any of our members who are not well at the moment with this flu virus and other bugs going around ...take care and **Get well soon** ....you are missed.

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.**  
 We wish you all Health and Happiness for 2025. Things might be hard but if we all stick together... we can make anything happen.  
 Love to all from **Rene & Norab**

The **Monday** dance class on the **6<sup>th</sup> Jan.** opened the new year. Good to get some exercise after all the Christmas celebrations.

Sam Jolly is at home now and would like to hear from his friends ....his new email is... [jollysamuel423@gmail.com](mailto:jollysamuel423@gmail.com)

**From Julie... re MAISIE ...1/1/25**  
**We have been to Bristol** twice and going again at the weekend. Maisie is settled in, and at the moment the team at Bristol are just getting to know her. She's in the assessment period but it's a little disjointed with it being Christmas and New Year.

The place itself is nice, she has a lovely room and big TV in there. The staff we have met have been absolutely lovely! Maisie is very much the same as she was in Portland Ward, Poole, having good days and bad days but hoping after a few weeks we might see some progress, although realistically we know it's more likely to be months.

Thank you once again for everything since Maisie's accident, it's really appreciated!

*For information,* Maisie is in the **FRENCHAY Brain Rehabilitation Centre** in **BRISTOL**. As you will see from its website, it has a multi-disciplinary team of specialists, and facilities include 52 bedrooms, large day rooms, 2 gyms, therapy kitchen, private gardens, and a hydrotherapy pool.  
**We wish Maisie nothing but the best possible outcome there.**

**BURNS NIGHT**

Scotland's Bard **Robert Burns** was born in 1759 in Alloway, Ayr. His poetry is loved all over the world and every January 25<sup>th</sup> celebrated with a Burn's Night.



'Great Chieftain o' the puddin' race'

**We celebrated** our Burns Night with Pipes, poetry, song and dancing, and with Haggis neeps & tatties. Toasts were made to the Poet, to the Lassies ...who replied... and to our Guests who joined us. It was fun but we still missed our lovely President **Maisie** ▶



**Piper**  
Stuart Burns

**MC**  
Charlie Robertson



**RARE RED WEATHER WARNING** was given on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> to Mid and West Scotland as **Storm Eowyn** tore across from the Atlantic. Coastal areas were worst affected with danger to life warnings. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway were in the front line of the storm. Folk being told to stay at home. The date **25<sup>th</sup> Jan** reminds me that Robert Burns **was born** on that date in a **violent storm** that brought down a wall of the house where his parents were living in **1759**

All these pictures were taken by **Paul** and more can be seen on our website. The address is on the first page

**Come and see Paul's 'Memories' in pictures... of us all ...on Thursday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>. 10.30 am in the Hall...with coffee**

