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A WORD from the PRESIDENT

**WALK led by Paul ...** House in the background is one of the old SALT boiling houses. 14 walked today around the stunning Keyhaven, Solent, Pennington and Oxy marshes. The weather was fine with sunny intervals and light winds, and they passed masses of migratory birds & waders. This was followed by a relaxing lunch at the Beach House in Milford-on-Sea



Val and I will be attending the Bournemouth & District Welsh Society's Centenary Dinner on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

We celebrated our Society's 100 years in 2007 and it's good to see that the Welsh have made it to this incredible milestone as well.

Our kindred Societies are important and depend on we individual members for continuance. So do please keep coming to as many of our Society's meetings that you can.  
*Iain*

## SCOTTISH HERITAGE MEETING

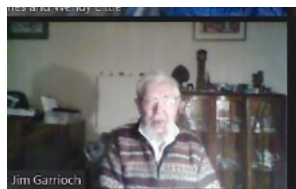
A meeting was held at **Robin and Marion's** house on the fourth Saturday afternoon of the month. Those attending were **James and Wendy (and dog Betsy)** **Rene and Norah** **Wanda and Joan and Fiona**. 9 of us altogether. This was a **really good afternoon** with lots of interest and laughter. Each person brings along a subject of Scottish interest and shares it with us all, and this time Rene added the French connection in his own inimitable way. Great fun. Next meeting Saturday 2.30 pm 25<sup>th</sup> March.



## Zoom meeting



Tearing herself away from the warm sunshine outside in **New Zealand**.... nice to have **Irene** join us again. **She will be coming back here in March.**



Everyone loves the tartan... even

**Laurel & Hardy**



## Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**NICOLA** gave us all excellent exercises to do this morning. For an hour we stretched and marched... and a lot more... and I am sure it is doing us all a lot of good. There has been too much sitting about in *my* life recently because of the weather being so cold.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> February ROBIN** showed a DVD of Scotland.



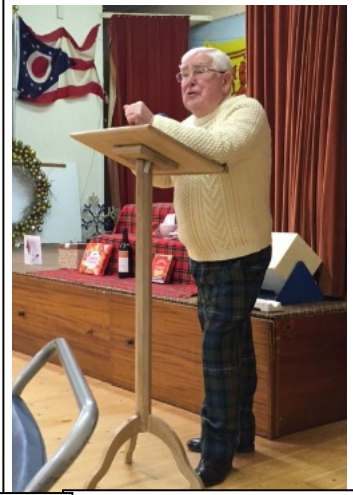


## Our Valentine's Day Ceilidh..



.....was held a week early this year so a number of people missed it, but it was a fun evening with **Charlie** as MC keeping everything going, and with odd bits of entertainment done by members.

**Joan** accompanied by **John** at the piano, sang the old music hall song 'Under the bed'. **Geoff** did a great rendition of an Elvis song 'Are you lonesome tonight.' **Norah** recited a Scottish poem, there was dancing led by **Alex** and finally **Iain** quizzed some couples to see how well they knew each-others' likes and dislikes. **John and Pam** won this. Beautiful flowers (red roses) were arranged by **Marion**. *Thank you.*



## Breaking News on...15<sup>th</sup> Feb ...

**NICOLA STURGEON**

First Minister of Scotland

**RESIGNED.**

Wonder who will take her place.

So far it has come down to three contestants for the job...

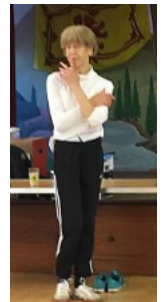
**Ash Regan, Kate Forbes & Humza Yousaf**  
Everyone else has ruled themselves out.

*I cannot believe we are even **thinking** of handing over Scotland to an Asian to lead, (and he is the favourite) ...for being born in Scotland does not alter your DNA and make you a Scot who understands the country and the way its people feel... because it is in their **inherited** blood.*

The Aurora Borealis showed up in the sky as far south as Dorset at the end of February !



**Nicola** getting ready to put us through our paces on Thursday



## PROGRAMME FOR MARCH

**<<Every Monday Scottish dance class**

**7.30 pm**

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicola with fitness exercises

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Veronica with DVD

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Marion with crafts

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Irene with Quiz & chocolates

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Skittles in the Hall

All welcome...10.30 am... Hope to see you



**A HUGE CYCLONE** has hit **NEW ZEALAND** with heavy rain and extensive flooding.

**HOPE IRENE IS OK. !!!!**

**What a dreadful month it has been for the world... with the disastrous earthquake in Turkey and Syria with over 50, 000 dead.**

## February 2023

*In The Guinness Six Nations Rugby*

**Scotland beat England**

In the first match of the series.

In the second match at Murrayfield again

**Scotland beat Wales.**

but

Next game...**Scotland versus France on 26 Feb**

(in France)...sad to say Scotland lost. France won.

Still got Ireland and Italy to play..

(*can't watch*)

*Just a thought...*each **BIRTHDAY** is just another **365** days trip around the sun completed.

**PS To give you a smile...**  
*from the diary of a Pre-school teacher*

My five year old students are learning to read. Yesterday one of them pointed to a Zoo picture and said... **Look it's a 'frickin elephant'**

