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Latest news on Maisie

This is the month, we are told by the Government, that we are going to have to **PAY MORE** for ... Water, Gas, Electricity, Council tax, Car Tax, TV licence, BT and Internet and..... goodness knows what else!  
.... and....Trump is making things even more difficult by adding on a 10% tariff on all our exports to USA. ie... Whisky...cars... etc



From Julie

'They are currently getting **Maisie's discharge paperwork** all ready. We currently haven't any news on **when** she will be moving closer to here, but it's all in motion to get her **here** as soon as possible. She's come on so much in the past few weeks that she was actively involved in the conversation about her leaving Bristol.

**She struggles to retain information but from where she was when she was admitted to Frenchay, to now, there is a marked improvement.**

If there is any further news, I will let you know.



To get away from it all ...Some lucky people went off **skiing again**...this time to **SPAIN** !

(Never knew Spain had this much snow... only ever been to the sunny beach parts)

<< Paul & Jenny

Glad to tell you that after my **Bad Day** last month..... I had a **good** one !!! I drove to Bournemouth Hospital again with Fiona re some more tests for her. All the news was good... and I drove back **without** having to call out the

RAC.

Yeah!

Joan



In the second century A.D. the land of Scotland was divided into four kingdoms: Pictland (the Picts), Scotia (the Scots), the kingdom of the Britons, and Anglica (the Angles). Pictland, or the Kingdom of the Picts, was the largest and most powerful of the kingdoms.

10<sup>th</sup> April

**MARTIN** came with a quiz ...on music from the 50's to 70's. As you can see he loves this music ! We enjoyed it too.



It was **PHIL's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on the **1<sup>st</sup> April...**  
**Many Happy Returns**  
< Seen here with **Irene** on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, when she came to the Hall to give us a music quiz.

**THE NEWS ABOUT JOHN.**  
He is in **Poole Hospital**.

Fiona and Joan went to visit **John in Poole on the 9<sup>th</sup> April** John was **very** frail but asked us how the Cally was! We stayed a little while chatting until he fell asleep.

John was moved to a private room on **11<sup>th</sup>** and we were told only family may now visit.

On the **19<sup>th</sup>** the hospital was talking of sending him **home**! But nothing has yet been decided  
**John is hanging on in there**



**IAIN** has been in touch to say that he is planning to come to the Hall in **May** when he hopes he will be better from this virus which has really knocked him out.

Also **SAM** rang me to ask how everyone is, as no one has contacted him from the Cally recently.

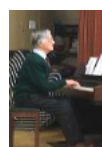
I do send him the Cally Times but he can't read it he said, as his sight is now so bad. His new email is [jollysamuel423@gmail.com](mailto:jollysamuel423@gmail.com)  
**Sam has the equipment to 'see' this via Alexa, given by the Forces**

**When we were in Poole Hospital** on the **9<sup>th</sup>** we saw this picture (**below**) on a wall ....and LO... there is our Vice President... **Veronica**.

Veronica was a nurse in Poole



If you enlarge this page on your computer you will see her face.



John & Pam





### Update from Julie, 11/04/2025: re Maisie >

"Maisie is doing well, her cognition is steadily improving. Her brother has been here from Thailand this week and it's been lovely for him to see her like this, as the last time he saw her was in October, and she's now miles better than that.

No news on a Care Home yet. She's going out to the garden more and she's taken to eating her meals in the dining area, which is nicer for her. She's **steadily improving** and there is a possibility that eventually we will get her home with a care package, whether that would be in her flat we aren't sure. Positive news anyway.



Our President ...until the end of May 2025



When looking through the hundreds of photos I have of the Cally, taken over the years, I came across these 3 lovely ladies. It is **Phyllis** on one side, (*Phil's wife*) **Pat Tomison** on the other, ...and... **WHO** is that in the middle?

### Paul went to see Maisie on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April... He wrote.....

"When I went in, Maisie was sitting in the lounge, talking with a nurse, having a cup of tea, and it was super to see that she recognised me immediately. She'd made such **incredible progress** since I last saw her just a few weeks ago. She was chatting about the Caledonian Society, recognised almost everybody in the photographs of recent Cally events, that I showed her, and she was interested in everything that's currently going on in the Society. Such an amazing difference from just a few months ago. She spoke so sensibly too, in that she said she would like to go home eventually, but realises she's not ready yet, and she would like to start dancing again one day, but, is understandably worried about falling and injuring her head again."

*PS The following day she had treatment for her sore eye and it is looking much better*

On **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Joan, Fiona and Charlie went to visit **SAM**. He had invited us.

His daughter Samantha was there and we found that he had just fallen over in his bathroom and couldn't get up on his own! Happily he had been helped by the staff there and **was not hurt**. He insisted we stay and I think he enjoyed our visit where he sang to his choice of Scottish music and songs ...of which he knew all the words!

On **24<sup>th</sup> April** The **RNLI** came to the Hall to show us more of the Lifeboat Doreen Hogg had funded in memory of Archie, and talk about the work of the RNLI. Everything they do is done by contributions from the public.

A very worthwhile cause Members of the club made private contributions as well as our fee.



Sam Jolly



**Sam** is our ex Royal Marine. He has trouble with his sight now and with walking... but is still the same bright and fun Sam we used to know.



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Here we are having lunch with **SAM** with soup and sandwiches and cake. All were delicious, and **all homemade** for Sam by one of the ladies (*Kate*) who resides there.

*Pictures taken by Fiona*



### World News

#### Pope Francis died on Easter Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

He appeared looking very frail **the day before**, in **Rome**, as he rode through the crowds in his Pope Mobile in St Peter's Square. Thousands had come to see him... from all over the world.

### Please note change to our programme.

**1st May** the PUPS (ukelele group) are coming to entertain us and on the following Thursday morning **8th May** Norah will be providing some games for us to enjoy. This is followed on the **15<sup>th</sup>** by the AGM. It is such a shame we cannot give Maisie her President's Night...perhaps later ?

### We were CLOSED over EASTER

Hope you had a Healthy and Happy one.

**Phil**, who is from Aberdeen, said it is pronounced "Tooch". In that case it should be spelt that way.

To me it is still TOUGH 😊

Some years back in the **Cally Times** I put several items in about odd names of places in Scotland. eg.... **DULL** in Perthshire (*twinned with BORING in USA*) There is a **Moscow** in Ayrshire, **LOST** in Aberdeenshire and I have just come across ...**TOUGH**... also in Aberdeenshire..... (*expect it is!*)



Please make every effort to be at the **AGM** of the Club on the **15<sup>th</sup> MAY at 10.30 am**. We have some big decisions to make and would like everyone to have a say.