

Ian's Great 100th Birthday World

29 January 2025

True to his request, Ian remained silent on the subject of his BIG day until 29th January dawned sunny and bright and so did Ian!



A card from the King!



We three daughters arrived in his room to take him up to the top floor lounge where Robert & Tino joined us for lunch.

The staff at AB had decorated the room with balloons and banners and a pile of cards, and lunch was followed by a huge birthday cake, so he was in no doubt that he had made his 100!



We had a great time together. There was a lot of storytelling and laughter, not to mention, the first of three Birthday cakes & a hand signed card from the King & Queen:

Ian loved it all and amazed us by staying with us the entire afternoon with only a few 'cat naps' to keep him going. We are told he slept well that night!



On Saturday we had the first tea party for family, old friends, & neighbours. We are so pleased that people were able to come from Germany as well as Wales and the West Country: *Thank you all so much!*

Belinda made the most amazing faux cake - a multi-tiered extravaganza of shortbread candles, each decorated with a flame and wick, which were held up by all in the group photo.



By Sunday when the remaining family came to tea, George was on duty doing his thing with the camera - some are worthy of a Caption Competition, I think!



Posy brought her camera which printed out a picture on the spot - next generation of camera buffs!



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As Walter said, 'Without you, we'd be nothing!'



Ian kept on keeping on with a round of *Happy Birthday to you...* at each event! Thank you so much for all your cards, gifts and messages. It was so wonderful to celebrate and receive all your good wishes.

With love from Ian & his girls xx