**CALARA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024**

**TODAY'S ENTERTAINERS- We will be entertained today by 'Caz and 'Ellie, a mother and daughter singing duo. They will be doing a special 'Christmas Party' theme and they come highly recommended.**

**MEMBERSHIP- Chris Coleman.**

Will the new members please see Chris in the small hall during tea break with their Membership forms and money. Also last month’s new members will you please collect your Membership cards from Chris also in the small hall. I still have about 40 cards not yet collected.

**ART & CRAFT**

The art and craft groups have finished for this year, but start again on Friday 10th January 2025. We look forward to seeing you then and would love to see new members or friends come to join us. Meanwhile have a lovely Christmas and. New Year. There are still Christmas cards, book marks, tree decorations etc. on sale so please come and see what we have.

We will be collecting old greeting cards and used postage stamps in the New Year, which are re-cycled and used for various things. The postage stamps go to Kent/Sussex Air Ambulance charity. We would also like any odd balls of wool or part balls which are used to knit blankets for the hospital to help confused patients to identify their own beds. They sometimes take them home when they are discharged.

**Finally a big thank you to those who have supported us over the years.**

**LUNCHES- Sheila Scott.**

There will be no lunch in December. We will be back in January, weather permitting. Wishing you

all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**MONDAY MOVERS – Barbara Lowe- Monday mornings.**

There are two classes at 10.00am and 11.00am on Monday mornings in the small hall. We will be finishing on 16th December and re-starting on January 6th 2025. I am pleased to say that we have two healthy classes now but can still accommodate a few more so why not come along and give us a try. Barbara Lowe 01622 296863.

**FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA**

This year’s Festive Afternoon Tea will take place next Friday 13th December 2.00pm-5.00pm. The cost is £10.00pp. Please see Sheila Scott in the small hall during tea break to put your name down and pay your money.

**SOLITAIRE- Sheila Rosier**

We are a friendly group for members on their own. We meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month in the small hall for a cup of tea and a chat. Contact Sheila 01622 746459.

**SHORT MAT BOWLS- Chris Frost -Tuesday afternoons.**

We meet on a Tuesday afternoon between 2.45pm-5.00pm. New members always welcome and equipment can be supplied. We will finish on 17th December and re-start on January 7th 2025.

Contact Chris Frost 01622 745908

**WHIST- Gwen Hawkes- Wednesday afternoons.**

We meet in the Committee room on Wednesday afternoons 1.00pm-3.30pm. The cost is £3.50 to cover refreshments,raffle and whist prizes. We will finish on 18th December and re-start on

January 8th 2025. Contact Gwen 01622 746847

**CRIBBAGE- Gwen Hawkes- Monday afternoons.**

We meet in the Committee room on Monday afternoons 2.00pm-4.00pm. The cost is £2 including refreshments. We will finish on December 16th and will re-start on January 6th 2025.

Contact Gwen 01622 746847.

**HOLIDAYS- Cliff Burke**

The holiday to Holme Lacy on 14th July 2025 is of course booked, and there are still a limited number of places for anyone who might be interested. Contact Cliff 07931 691934.

**OUTINGS- Carole Burke.**

Suggestions for Day Trips 2025

Painshill Park Cobham.

Lovely gardens/follies, including talk deluxe sandwich/cake buffet and access to gardens April 2025. Approx £42.50 based on 40 people going.

Buckingham Palace,

Royal Mews, Gallery- July/August-approx £81.00,disabled £53.50 based on 40 people going.

Please register your interest and of course any other suggestions for future trips.

Contact Carole 07736 104764.

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING- Friday 3rd January 2025**

Our speaker will be Susan Shaw. She is a National Speaker and teaches 'Speaking Confidence' she tells of her own journey 'From quivering wreck to the National Stage' She has been well received at Kentara and Maidara over the last year or so. She is also an ambassador for Heart of Kent Hospice,

and has anecdotes and stories about that also.

**The Chairman and the Committee would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.**