**CALARA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024**

**TODAYS ENTERTAINER – Cliff Burke**

We will be entertained by Jackie Simmonds 'My Life as a Tiller Girl' who in the 50's and 60's established themselves as the premier dance group on British TV being associated with 'Sunday Night at the London Palladium' Jackie will give us an insight into this fascinating life as a member of this all-girl Dance Troupe.

**MEMBERSHIP- Chris Coleman.**

I still have a lot of Membership cards not yet claimed. If you haven't got yours please see me in the small hall during the tea break.

**ART & CRAFT- Chris Coleman 2nd 3rd and 4th Fridays 2pm-4pm.**

We have now started work on the craft fair on the 26th October here in the village hall. There are some things on sale for you today if you wish to get in early. We have lavender bags, Christmas cards plus many more items. If you feel you want to join us, please come along – we would love to meet you, and if you want you can bring a friend.

The craft group are in need of any odd balls of wool or part to make things for the Christmas fair. You can bring them down to me on Friday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00pm or I can collect. If you would like to join us in making things for sale please see me in the interval or you can ring 01622 744041. Besides wool we are also collecting used postage stamps, English or foreign, in aid of the Kent Air Ambulance.

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

The bowls group meet on Tuesday afternoons between 2.45-5.00pm. New members always welcome and equipment can be supplied. Contact Chris Frost 01622 745908.

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

The Monday Movers exercise class takes place in the small hall on Monday mornings. There are two classes-10.00am and 11.00am. Contact Barbara Lowe 01622 296863.

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

We meet in the Committee room on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm-4.00pm. The cost is £2 including refreshments. Contact Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

**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. Contact Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

**SOLITAIRE- Sheila Rosier.**

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

**HOLIDAYS- Cliff Burke**

There are a number of ideas being explored for next year’s holiday. More information will be available next month.

**LUNCHES-Sheila Scott**

Our next lunch will be at the Walnut Tree, East Farleigh on Thursday September 26th at the usual time of 12.30pm. Please see me in the small hall at tea break, no menu choices are required as it will be order on the day as before. Please ensure you put your name down as numbers are limited. Contact Sheila on 07443 394615

**CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL- 24th October – Chris Baker**

Pre-ordered tickets have now arrived would you please collect them in the interval.

Contact Chris Baker on 01622 746323

**OUTINGS- CAROLE BURKE**

**Battersea 12th September.** 10am pick up. Please check you have advised us your preferred pick up point at the meeting.

**Broadstairs 9th November.** There are just 4 spaces left. Deposit of £26/person required ASAP to reserve theatre seats. Approx final cost £53, including lunch, theatre, travel.

Contact Carole Burke on 07736 104764.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Your committee meets once a month on Wednesday mornings to review progress and plan for the future. If any member has ideas and suggestions, we would be pleased to hear from you. All such comments and ideas will be discussed and considered, so please let us know your views on what you like, or dislike and how we could improve the club for the future. You could email ideas to secretary.calara@gmail.com or talk to any committee member.

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING - Friday 4th October**

Our Entertainment on Friday 4th October is the wonderful Harpist, Margaret Watson. She is back by popular demand, as she gave us an enchanting performance some time ago, and she was top of the list for a re-booking. Be sure not to miss this fabulous afternoon of beautiful sounds.