**CALARA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025**

**We will be entertained this month by Kettle Bridge Concertinas. Formed in 2008, taking their name from the ancient bridge which connected West Farleigh and Barming. They will be playing on English Concertinas today.**

**MEMBERSHIP – Chris Coleman.**

I still have several membership cards that have not yet been collected since April 2024. If you are a new member please come and collect your membership card from me in the small hall during the tea break.

**ART & CRAFT- Chris Coleman.**

Having been away with dreaded bugs etc. I am now back and planning on doing the bread roses this month.

We are still collecting odd balls of wool or part balls, if you have any over. A lot of the wool goes to making blankets for Maidstone Hospital. This helps patients to identify their own beds among other projects.

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

Monday Movers is moving along nicely with quite a few new members joining and enjoying the session. There is still room for more to join and enjoy themselves. There are 2 sessions at 10.00am and 11.00am. Contact Barbara Lowe 01622 296863.

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

We meet on Tuesday afternoons 2.45pm-5.00pm. New members always welcome and equipment can be supplied. 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, Contact Gwen Hawkes 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 .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 in the Small hall for a cup of a tea and a chat. Contact Sheila Rosier 01622 746459.

**OUTINGS- Carole Burke.**

Day trip to **Painshill Gardens** nr Cobham Surrey on Thursday 17th April 2025. Created in the 18th century by Charles Hamilton as a living painting.

Your day includes a deluxe sandwich lunch with tea/coffee, a brief talk and time to visit these beautiful 160 acre lake/woodlands/gardens/follies including tea room and visitor centre. The cost will be around **£42.50** per person depending on numbers. £20.00 deposit is due today. Carole Burke 07736 104764

**Thursford Xmas Spectacular** Thursday 13th November to Friday 14th November. The cost will be £245pp (including drivers tip) This is for the afternoon matinee tickets at Thursford ,overnight stay at Best Western Knights Hill, Kings Lynn(spa hotel) with bed breakfast and evening meal,plus a shopping trip on the way home, Deposits of £68.00pp required ASAP. There are a few single rooms with no supplement. Carole Burke 07736 104764

**HOLIDAYS- Cliff Burke**

Regarding our Holiday to the beautiful Holme Lacy in Monmouth on 14th July 2025 for 4 nights we have one double room up for grabs! With breakfast, dinner, entertainment, day trips and transport all included, it is great value for around £500 per person. Please see Cliff or Carole if you would like more information. Cliff Burke 07931 691934.

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING- Friday 7th March**

Our speaker will be Martin Heard, giving a talk on '1066 and all that'. Secrets of the Bayeux Tapestry. A fascinating insight to one of the major events of the History of England.