**CALARA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024**

**TODAYS ENTERTAINER- After the AGM Andy Wilkinson an accomplished Singer/Guitarist with a fabulous all round talent will entertain us.**

**MEMBERSHIP- Chris Coleman.**

Please fill in the membership form given to you as you came in this afternoon and let me have them back when you pay your membership fees £5.00 for the year. Please be sure to complete your forms as clearly as you can, especially your email address and your next of kin names and numbers. Your new membership cards will be issued at next month’s meeting.

**Today there will be three tables in the Committee room and you can go to any one to pay for your subs.**

**ART & CRAFT- Chris Coleman. 2nd 3rd and 4th Fridays 2pm-4.00pm.**

**Art**- We are still very short on numbers for the Art class. I am aware that we are without a tutor at present but I am doing what I can to get someone. Any suggestions?

**Craft-** The craft class continues to grow slowly. It’s a pleasant afternoon with tea and biscuits at around 3.00pm so if you feel like coming along to see what we are doing you are most welcome. Why not bring a friend with you whether they are a member or not,we would love to see you.

Don't forget to look in the small hall for your greeting cards.

Chris Coleman 01622 744041

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

The bowls group meet on Tuesday afternoons between 2.45-5.00pm

Chris Frost- 01622 745908

**ELASTIX- Barbara Lowe- Monday mornings.**

The Elastix exercise classes meet in the small hall on Monday mornings. There are 2 classes at

10.00am and 11.00am.

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.

Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

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

We meet in the Committee room on Wednesday afternoons at the new time of 1.00-3.30pm and the cost is now £3.50 to cover refreshments,raffle and Whist prizes.

Gwen Hawkes 10622 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.

Sheila Rosier- 01622 746459.

**LUNCHES- Sheila Scott.**

Our next lunch will be at The Walnut Tree East Farleigh on April 25th at the usual time of 12.30pm. Please see me in the Committee room at tea break. As most of you know these lunches are extremely popular so make sure you put your name down to avoid disappointment.

Sheila Scott 07443 394615.

**HOLIDAYS- Cliff Burke**

The time has come for those booked on the holiday to Cricket St. Thomas on 8th July to pay the final balance. As previously mentioned the balance is £439pp. Cheque or cash is fine,but if anyone has a problem with that alternative payment methods can be arranged. This cost includes of course 2 day trips,details of which will follow.

Cliff Burke 07931 691934..

**RACING AT LINGFIELD- Tuesday 23rd July 2024.**

Bearsted ARA (BeARA) have organised a trip to Lingfield races. They have some spare places on the coach and have offered them to surrounding clubs on a 'first come first served' basis. It is an afternoon of horse racing at Lingfield Park. Come and experience the thrill of live racing. Have a flutter,get involved and come home richer (hopefully). Plenty of areas to sit and watch with many catering outlets providing a good variety of food and drinks.

**Cost- £27.00pp (including coach and entrance.**

**Coach leaves Grove Green at 12.30pm and arrives back at 7.00pm**

**Contact details; Graham Morecraft (01622 735463)** **gmorecraftcdm@googlemail.com**

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING-Friday 3rd May.**

Gehad Homsey will be telling us about 'Mercy Ships'. These are a Charity based organisation that basically sail down the West Coast of Africa administering vital medical care to those in need.

It is a fascinating and moving talk - they charge no fee so any voluntary donation is acceptable (but of course not compulsory)