**CALARA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023**

**The Chairman and Committee wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.**

**TODAY'S ENTERTAINER- We will be entertained by Mike(Mr Smooth) Harris who is an accomplished Singer and guitarist singing Rock,60's70's Reggae and much more.**

**MEMBERSHIP- Chris Coleman.**

If you still have to collect your Membership cards please see Chris in the Small hall during the

tea break.

**ART and CRAFT- Chris Coleman.**

The Art and Craft groups are now closed until Friday 19th January 2024, but we will be getting together for a Post Christmas lunch on the 12th January at the Walnut Tree East Farleigh.

There are still cards etc for sale in the small hall as usual,so please take time to have a look at what we have on offer.

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

We meet on Tuesday afternoons 2.45-5.00pm.. The last meeting this year will be the 19th December and we come back on 2nd January 2024.Contact Chris Frost 01622 745908.

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

We meet in the Committee room on Monday afternoons 2.00pm-4.00pm. The cost is £2 including refreshments. Crib will finish on 18th December and start again on 8th January 2024.

Contact Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

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

We meet in the Committee room on Wednesday afternoons at the new times of 1.00pm-3.30pm and the cost is now £3.50 to cover refreshments,raffle and whist prizes. Whist will finish this year on 20th December and start again on 3rd January 2024. Contact Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

**ELASTIX- Barbara Lowe- Monday mornings**

Elastix exercise classes meet on Monday mornings in the small hall. There are 2 classes at 10.00am and 11.00am. The last class this year is on 18th December when there will be a bit of a party and exercise.We come back on 22nd January 2024 as Wendy is on holiday for 2 weeks.

Contact Barbara Lowe 01622 296863.

**SOLITAIRE- Sheila Rosier**

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

**CALARA Christmas Afternoon Tea-** Friday 8th December.

Just a reminder to those who have not paid please see us in the tea break. If you would like to bring your own drinks and glasses you are welcome to do so but please take them home with you afterwards.

Please note that doors will not be opened until 2.00pm,so don't come too early.

**HOLIDAYS- Cliff Burke.**

We are excited to announce that we have provisionally booked Warners Cricket St Thomas,

Somerset for 5 days from Monday 8th July 2024 for our Summer holiday. Included is Half-board,

return Coach travel,nightly entertainment and two excursions.

A £20 deposit is required ASAP(plus £29.50 optional Travel insurance if required). The total cost is expected to be around £465. Cheques payable to CALARA.

Please see Cliff or Carole in the small hall during the tea break to put your name down and pay your deposit.

**LUNCHES-Sheila Scott.**

There will be no lunch this month. Thank you for your continuing support and hope to see you all next year. Contact Sheila Scott 07443 394615.

**CAROL SERVICE, LONDON, Tuesday 19th December.**

If you put your name down last month, please make your payment of £3.00 pp and collect travel information today. If paying by cheque,please make payable to Seeboard Retirement Association, Maidstone. Many thanks Terry Moyle.

**KENT POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR.**

For those members wishing to hear their Christmas concert, they will be at Holy Family Catholic Church, Bicknor Road Parkwood ME15 9PS on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm.

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING-Friday 5th 2024.**

Our guest speaker is Andy Thomas. He is giving a talk on 'Paranormal Mysteries and Cover-ups)

Andy investigates some of the most famous unexplained phenomena and why they are covered up.