**CALARA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TODAYS ENTERTAINER- Dr Kathryn Harkup is giving us a talk on 'Agatha Christie poisons'. Murder is prevalent in the novels and Dr Harkup tells us the various methods used.**

**HOLIDAY JUNE 2026 - CHANGE OF PLAN – Cliff Burke**

Due to the difficulties we were experiencing booking single rooms, we have decided to change the venue and our provider. We now plan to go to THE DERWENT HOTEL in TORQUAY for five days on Monday 1st JUNE 2026. This Hotel is in a good position to enjoy all that Torquay has to offer. The approximate cost is £500 per person and this includes breakfast, evening meal, entertainment, and two fabulous full day excursions.

Because of the new arrangements, I will be opening a new list at the 3rd OCTOBER 2025 meeting.

We will require a non refundable deposit of £50.00 per person (plus £18.00 per person for Insurance if required). Until your deposit is received we cannot guarantee your place on the holiday.

I stress that there will be a Reserve list for anyone not allocated a room at the outset, as things can (and do) change over the next nine months!

I'm sorry we have had to make these changes, but I feel we are getting a much better deal.

**MEMBERSHIP- Chris Coleman – 01622 744041**

Chris has had a recent knee replacement but hopes to be with us today in the small hall. If you have not collected your membership cards please see Chris.

**ART & CRAFT- Chris Coleman**

We meet in the small hall on a Friday afternoon 2.00pm-4.00pm except the first Friday of the month

Chris Coleman 01622 744041. Craft items are on sale in the small hall during the break.

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

There are 2 sessions at 10.00am and 11.00am. In August despite only having 2 sessions it was an exceptional month despite 2 classes merging we had extra guests and all having a great time. Back to normal in the small hall now that the new school term has started.

Barbara Lowe 01622 296863.

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

We meet on Tuesday afternoons between 2.45-5.00pm.. New and returning members welcome and equipment can be supplied. Cost is £2.00. 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 which includes refreshments, raffle and whist prizes. New members always welcome.

Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847

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

We meet in the Committee room on Monday afternoons, except Bank Holidays between 2pm-4.00pm. The cost is £2 including refreshments. New members always welcome.

Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

**SOLITAIRE- Sheila Rosier.**

We are a small group for members on their own. We meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month for a cup of tea and a chat and to arrange trips out. Please contact me in the 1st instance.

Sheila Rosier- 01622 746459

**OUTINGS – Carole Burke**

**Buckingham Palace – Next Thursday 11th September**

There is one place available,due to sickness. Total cost to include 3 venues is £55.

There is of course a cafe but you may bring your own lunch.

Please advise me today your preferred pick up point. Starting at 8.30 prompt at Park Way.

Parking available in The Swan car park (please park at the rear)

**Thursford - Thursday 13th November**

One double/twin available. The full price is £255.

This includes coach, show, hotel with dinner/breakfast and drivers tip.

Carole Burke 07736 104764

**LUNCHES- Val Allen and Val Cole.**

Most people had a lovely lunch at the Red Start, a couple of errors by our hosts which hopefully didn't spoil it too much, but overall the food was delicious and we hope you enjoyed it. Apologies to those who had an issue but it was out of our hands. Our next lunch will be at The Horseshoes Dean Street on September 25th. We are trying to sort out some new restaurants. We have a special in November but our lips are sealed. We have to check out our October choice but will keep you updated on this. We hope more of you can join us at the September meal.

The 2 Vals 07749 869387.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA. Ann Perriman.**

Our party will be held on Friday 12th December this year. It will follow our usual format but without a magician, and we will be having live musical entertainment. The cost will be £10.00pp.

Please put your name on the list today and the money to be paid at the October meeting.

Ann, Sheila R. Chris and Sheila S. (the Christmas fairies).

**RAFFLE- Terry Moyle and Gill White.**

Thank you to all who support our monthly raffle and to those who kindly donate prizes. This all helps to keep our membership fees down. The raffle is usually drawn at 3.40pm. Good Luck.

**DENBIES VINEYARD TOUR DORKING - FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER 2025**

Bearsted ARA (BeARA) are arranging a trip to Denbies Estates for a Vineyard Tour. This will comprise an Outdoor Vineyard Tour by Land Train and an Indoor Cellar Wine Tasting Experience. There is an opportunity to have lunch in between the tours. On the Estate there is an Art Gallery, Wine/Gift Shop, Cafe, Village Green Farm Shop and 7 Miles of Public Footpaths. This is an all day trip. Cost £45.00pp (Excluding lunch). For more information contact Chris Baker in the tea break or call on 07546 114546.

**OUR NEXT MEETING Friday 3rd October.** We will be entertained by Trevor Styles, a singer and guitarist you may be familiar with, singing songs from Elvis, shows and films.