**CALARA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025**

**TODAYS ENTERTAINER . We will be entertained today by Singer/Guitarist Mick Abbott.**

**Mick has entertained us before, and is immensely popular on the local circuit.**

**MEMBERSHIP- Chris Coleman.**

If you have not collected your new Membership card please see Chris in the small hall during the tea break. Chris Coleman 01622 744041.

**ART & CRAFT**

We meet in the small hall on a Friday afternoon 2pm-4.00pm except the 1st Friday of the month.

We would like to see some new faces both members and non members or even friends, all are welcome to come and join us. It’s quite a social afternoon with some craft and a natter as well as knit and natter. Why not come and see for yourselves, we have tea and biscuits at 3.00pm.

Chris Coleman 01622 744041.

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

There are 2 sessions at 10.00am and 11.00pm. Please note there will be no sessions on Monday 4th August or Monday 25th August (Bank holiday). In September there are no classes on the 1st but we are back on the 8th. Numbers are still increasing with everyone enjoying themselves.

Barbara Lowe 01622 296863.

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

We meet on Tuesday afternoons between 2.45pm -5.00pm. 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 £2.00 including refreshments. New members always welcome.

Gwen Hawkes 01622 746847.

**SOLTAIRE- 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 01622 746459.

**HOLIDAYS- Cliff Burke**

The holiday to Holme Lacy in Hereford went really well! A few minor mishaps, but I think everyone enjoyed the trips and rallied round when there was a power cut in the Hotel on the last night. The kitchen was affected so cold buffet that evening. But thankfully the bar was NOT affected.!!!

Now heads down for our NEXT holiday, so any suggestions welcome, but we have to bear in mind we need a lot of single rooms, so we have to do a lot of negotiating.

**KENTARA 10 Pin Bowling Competition.**

KentARA have organised a 10 Pin Bowling competition which is open to all Kent clubs. This will be at the Medway Valley Leisure Park, Rochester on Thursday 13th November. Teams will be required and the cost is £9.25pp. There is a notice on the noticeboard. Further details will follow and if anyone is interested could they please contact Chris Baker on 01622 746323 or email secretary.calara@gmail.com.

**OUTINGS- Carole Burke**

**Buckingham Palace 11.9.25**

There is one space available. Total cost £55. For those who haven't paid their final balance, would you please pay me today- balance due £25.

**Thursford- 13.11.25**

The balance is due today please - £180.00. Dunwood have advised me that they may be able to get more tickets/accommodation. The full price £255 which includes coach, show, hotel with dinner/breakfast and drivers tip. I will need numbers and payment by the beginning of August.

Carole Burke 07736 104764.

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

The August lunch will be at The Red Start just up the road from Barming Bull on August 28th at the usual time 12-12.30. The menu will be available today. Thank you all for your support, we do appreciate each and everyone of you for coming and supporting our local pubs and restaurants. We are looking at the Horseshoes Dean Street or The Woolpack for our September lunch. We do like to test drive them first ha ha. The 2 Vals 07749 869387.

**NEXT MONTHS MEETING Friday 5th September.** Dr Kathryn Harkup is giving us a talk on

'Agatha Christie Poisons' As murder is prevalent in the novels Dr Harkup tells us the various methods used and she tells me this is her most popular talk. Just don't go getting any ideas.!!