Haydays Newsletter - February 2016

Hi Everyone,

Here we are again at the start of another Haydays session. Although I enjoyed my time in the southern hemisphere it was lovely to be back with you all last week.

We’d like to thank all those who made the Christmas lunch so successful. We know there were some teething problems using the upstairs hall but everyone worked really hard to make the day go well. We have become the victims of our own success as there are now so many members attending the special event lunches that we have outgrown the Supper Room. However that’s a statistic we are more than happy to cope with as we love to see you all enjoying yourselves. We raised the amazing sum of £258.83 from the Christmas raffle. £129 went to Cancer Research and £129.83 to Shelter. Thanks to Helen Martin for organising it and for all the members who donated items and helped on the day. We have letters of thanks from both organisations on the board. Joyce McIver who sold the children’s books donated £40 from the sale to Haydays funds. Thank you, Joyce.

There is not a lot of news this month. The new Poetry class is proving to be interesting and I am reliably informed you don’t need to make things rhyme to be part of the class. The other classes are running well. Kurling and Art Appreciation will be back at 2.45 slot since weather should be better.

We think we are up-to-date with the name badges now so it would be good if you could all wear your badges. This goes for the Committee too!!! We also send out cards to members who may be in need of a little boost so if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card please tell Alison Aiton or one of the Committee.

Our next block is going to be a split one. It will be a 7 week block altogether. Easter falls early this year so we will have 5 weeks of classes from 23rd February until 22nd March and then a 2 week break. We will meet again on the 12th April and 19th April and that will make up the 7 weeks. This is the only way we can fit in with the school holidays so make a note in your diaries.

 **The AGM will be on the 23rd February, 2016 and will be held in the Supper Room from 12.15 onwards.** We will have no soup that day but there will be coffee and biscuits available. We would ask as many of the members as possible to come along as this is **YOUR ORGANISATION** and this is the time when you can show your support or raise any questions you have. We are losing quite a few members of the Committee this year so if anyone would like to join it would you please let us know. 2 members have already come forward but we still need 3 more. We also need volunteers for the cafe, Sheila Bentley has sign-up sheets. We all enjoy the chance to get together and talk so please, if everyone takes a turn, we should be able to continue with it.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the retiring Committee members – Helen Martin, Issi Taylor, Roz Paton and Patsy Bain, (though Patsy has volunteered to be Minute Secretary so she can’t escape us altogether!! ), who have made my year as Chairperson so much easier.

Janette