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Newsletter for January 2017

A Happy New Year Everyone!

The Christmas Party 2016

Despite the awful weather – temperatures of sub-zero and dense fog – almost 40 people attended the Christmas Party on Tuesday 6th December. There was a fabulous feast of rolls and sausage rolls, stollen and cakes, quiches and side salad, cheese and biscuits, nuts and nibbles and the inevitable mince pies. Table decorations by Mary, quizzes by Corrie and Sue and the Reindeer Drive which seemed to render humans into automaton dice-rollers.



The festive quiz was a fount of Christmas trivia; for example, did you know that the Beckhams were portrayed as Mary and Joseph in Madame Toussauds waxwork museum in 2004? Well, Gloria did! And did you know the words “*the world in solemn stillness lay*” came from the hymn “*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*”? Mary thought she did, and sang the entire hymn without realising the title-line! And Aladdin’s mother was indeed Widow Twankey, not Widow Wishee Washee, though the latter is more alliteratively pleasing. The quiz required a range of Christmas-related facts, taken from around the world. Many thanks to Corrie for setting this.

The second part of the quiz was a set of Christmas Dingbats. A dingbat, amongst many other meanings, can be a word or phrase transcribed into graphic form, and the meaning has to be unravelled from this pictorial format. For example, **PRES ENTS** can be interpreted as “opening presents”; and **NIGMASSHT** is “midnight mass”. It’s the sort of puzzle that is SO obvious when you know the answer! Thanks to Sue for setting these.



The winning group were Di Twitchett, Ann Nix, Maggie Richardson and Nicole Rufford. Both quizzes can be found on the website and can be copied and used to baffle and entertain your families this Christmas. Many photos are also displayed on the website, under Events, Party 2016.

There was a change of mood for the Reindeer Drive, as quiz-collaboration gave way to an intense individual pursuit of gathering various components of a reindeer by way of matching the number of a tossed die to stated body parts; the reward for each table’s winner of a ‘bingo’ reindeer was to be ousted to another table! Only 2 rounds were completed before a general truce was declared, and the buffet declared OPEN. Our thanks to the committee for their work in organising the party, and to other contributors of food. It was generally agreed that everyone enjoyed themselves.



Committee meeting on Tuesday 10th January at 2 pm in the Hub.

Activities

Swimming The group now meets at the Victory Leisure Centre in North Walsham every other Wednesday, in term time only, at **2.30 pm** when the pool is pretty clear. Forthcoming dates are **11 and 25th Jan**. All abilities welcome, advice given if needed! Corrie Mould 01603 782755

Walking The first walk of the new year will be around Norwich on **Monday 2nd January**. We can take the bus from Wroxham to Norwich, leaving Roys on the next bus after 10.00am. We aim to cover about 4 miles. If you wish to come, please contact Maggie Lomax on 01603 783870.

Classical Music Come along and listen for a few hours to a selection of music at the home of Brian Keane, Prior Thatch, Beech Road, Wroxham on **Wed. Jan 4th and 18th at 2.30 – 4.30 pm**. Most relaxing! All welcome. Brian 01603 782774.

Mahjong Carol Hodgkiss has instructed the initial learners, and is ready to take on more, every Friday morning at her home. If you are interested in learning contact her on 01603 929368

Photographic and Camera Group Mary Long writes: “2016 was a year of ups and downs but we are looking forward to a new start in 2017. The group will meet on Friday 20th January in room 1 (the hall) at the The Hub 2 p m – 4 pm, so a lot more room for us and our tripods, cameras and bags etc. The subject for the month Dec – Jan is Market Towns. We are hoping to have arranged a practical session with Owls but that has not been confirmed yet. All members will be notified before the January meeting. If we are not having Owls in January then the practical session will be Still Life.” Mary Long 01603 722254

Lunch Out Eighteen people enjoyed the Christmas Lunch at the Ferry Inn , Horning. Our next outing will be to **The White Horse at Crostwick on Friday 27th Jan. At 12.30 pm**. Sign up at the general meeting or ring Corrie by Wed 25th. 01603 782755

Evening Dining . 01603 783091 Used to meet on the last Wednesday of the month, but as that comes very near the Lunch Out it has been agreed to meet on the 3rd Wednesday, which will be **Wednesday 18th Jan at 6.30 pm**. At time of writing, destination unknown.

Chess Club Meetings are once a fortnight, on Monday mornings at 10 am, The next meetings will be **2nd, 16th and 30th January**. The club is held at Sue Badger’s house in Tunstead. Anyone wishing to join can contact her on 01603 737572

Bird Watching In December there was a most enjoyable walk with a group from the RSPB to Barton Broad. The January expedition will be on **Saturday 7th Jan**, usually we meet at Di’s by the double roundabout in Hoveton at 10 am. No doubt she will circulate where the group is going in due course. Let her know if you wish to come. Di Stagg 01603 784214

Bird Banter is a meeting over a coffee on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10.30 am in Bijou (opposite the station) to talk about birds’ lives and habits, assisted by laptop and books with Di. **20th Jan 10.30 am**

French Conversation French speakers of all levels are welcome to come to Bijou (opposite the station) **every Thursday at 3 pm**. Contact Jane Monks on 01603 782496

History Group is now meeting at The Hub on the last Thursday of the month, namely **Thursday 26th January at 2pm**. New members very welcome. Anne den Engelse 01603 782121

Play Reading. The December meeting was cancelled since it clashed with the date of the Christmas party; Eileen Kennings very kindly hosted a Christmas gathering on the 20th December, where we partook of mince pies and a collective Christmas literary quiz. The group will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, at the home of Ann Wilson, Carousel, Ashmanhaugh.
3rd January at 2 pm Contact Jane Monks 01603 782496

Petanque (Boules) has stopped for the winter

Garden visits are also on hold for the winter. There is probably plenty to do in our own gardens!

Please let Corrie Mould have your information for the February Newsletter by 20th January

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