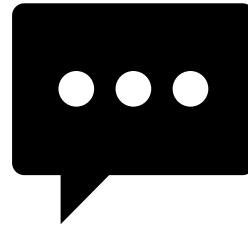


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Hi Readers,



I think I might have missed summer along the way somewhere. I'm sitting here at the computer in my duffle coat. I have hot water bottles in the pockets. A sight to behold. Still there is always something to look forward to with OIR. Speaking of which.....



Summer Breakfast Meet-up, 23 July

Are you really going to miss this opportunity to meet up with me, and your friends, for a spot of breakfast and a quick game of bingo. You don't even have to do the bingo if you don't want to.

Drop me a note if you are interested otherwise it will just be me calling out the numbers and marking up the bingo card on my own. cleospike@hotmail.com

The Royal Highland Show on Friday 21 June

Still some places left on the trip to **The Royal Highland Show on Friday 21 June**. Leaving at 9.30am back by 7.30pm. Yours for only £65. Just pop into the office.

Talking of outings, please give a big welcome to Sheila Maxwell who will be organising the outings after June. I know Sheila is already planning some exciting days out for you. Watch this space.

Hope to see you soon.

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email cleospike@hotmail.com

From the Chairperson

Our June monthly meeting served as our 36th Annual General Meeting at which Officers' Reports and the Group Activity Reports were presented to our Members. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of either of these Reports they can be obtained from the Office.

The Minutes of the Meeting will be sent to all Members prior to the next AGM.

When the business was concluded, Members were treated to an excellent programme of musical entertainment by the accordionist, Mervyn Karwot.

As is usual, Monthly Meetings will not be held in July and August. However, they are back in September with the traditional "Open Day" when all groups will have the opportunity to demonstrate what actually takes place in that particular activity. The Group Leaders present will be happy to give you more information about their group and to answer any questions.

If you have an idea for a new Group then please call in to the Office or e-mail your suggestion to oir.largs@outlook.com

I hope you have a lovely, relaxing summer and I look forward to welcoming you back on 4 September.

Jean Stuart

Chairperson

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Membership News

Our final Membership figure for the year looks as though it is going to be 767, compared to 753 last year.

Unfortunately the early cessation of classes because of Easter, meant only 3 new Members joined after 1 May, whereas it was 13 in the same period last year.

The Activity Timetable for our next session will go for printing on 1 July, and distribution of the renewal package is expected to start over the weekend of 13/14 July.

Please don't expect all the 600+ being hand-delivered, to arrive in those two days!

Patience is a virtue - so I'm told.

As an experiment, to make a saving on paper and postage, members in outlying areas will receive a renewal facility by email.

Allen Fenton

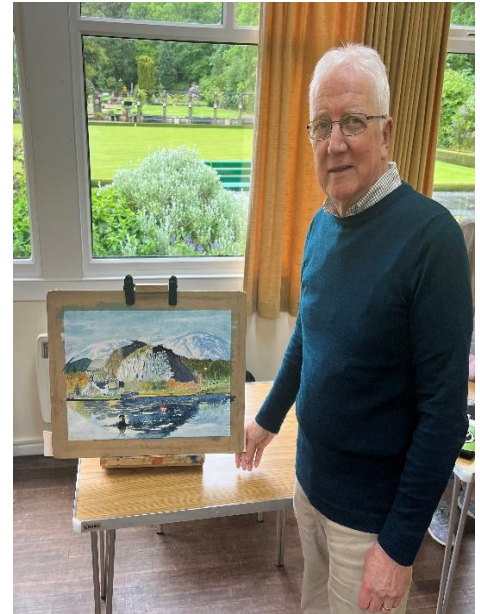
Membership Secretary

Group Visits

Always a pleasure to visit Barry Morgan's Art and Chat Group, still in progress in the light and spacious Douglas Park Bowling Club.



Barry normally has 15 – 20 members of his group and although their ranks were depleted when I visited towards the end of May, there was still, as always, much talent on display and several different media in use, and of course there must always be time for



Allen Fenton

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH GROUP – WEDNESDAY AM

I had the pleasure and privilege of visiting this very enthusiastic Group. Their tutor, May Renwick is equally enthusiastic.

There were 8 out of the 12 usual participants present all of whom had been issued with homework via e-mail. The correct answers were given and discussed before moving on to the vocabulary necessary for buying fruit and vegetables and the use of the imperfect tense.

After the usual coffee and chat, use was made of YouTube for translation from French to English.

It quickly became apparent, from the variety of resources used, that May devotes much time in preparing for the Group.

This was a very enjoyable visit but also quite taxing for me as it is a long time since I studied Higher French!

Jean Stuart



Yes our No 1 Office Elf has been hard at it preparing not only for the AGM but for the distribution of the membership renewal letters.

He collates all day till his thumbs go numb and I suspect that by envelope 767, all of his taste buds will have disappeared.

What a star.



Telephone numbers for all Group Leaders are in the Activities Timetable which can be found on the OIR Website or in the OIR office.

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