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THE GRAPEVINE

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OFF TO A GOOD START

The Open Day on 4th September was well attended once again.

Our Chairperson, Jean Stuart, gave a warm welcome from the stage and invited everyone to circulate. There were more than 30 stalls attended by Group Leaders and helpers. Plenty of chat and information were given to encourage new people to join.

Allen Fenton, Shirley Strang and Tony Rowley were all kept busy with membership renewals and new members queueing up in their numbers!

Afternoon tea was provided in the rear hall, ably served by Neil Stuart and Billy Strang resplendent in their smart pinafores. A joy to behold!!

Joan Robinson

OUR LATEST AWAY DAY

The first destination was to the Kelvingrove Art Gallery for the LINDA MCCARTNEY RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION, then further north for the GLENGOYNE DISTILLERY TOUR.

Linda's exhibition was a prolific collection which filled the entire gallery. Being married to the famous Beatle, Paul McCartney, of course there were photographs of Beatles and other famous icons of the 60's music scene. She was a noted vegetarian, hating cruelty to animals and was very family orientated.

I particularly enjoyed her family photographs and one photograph in particular which featured on the front cover of a book I bought, of a horse in a field of daisies.



Then on to our distillery!

Once we left Glasgow the countryside was lovely and the little lake, waterfall and hills to the rear of our destination were beautiful.

We started with a glass of malt in our hands, seated in a room with a screen and a kilted lady to introduce us to the history of the distillery.

Then we moved on, divided into two groups, one for the less able in which I was included, and the fitter folk then left us.

Our guide was most informative and although it was somewhat difficult to hear at times, we learnt a lot about distilling this delectable malt whisky.

The sun shone on our journey home via the Erskine Bridge.

Thank you, Eric for a delightful day out!

Joan Robinson



Photograph by Brian Jackson

GROUP NEWS

The value of our "Suggestions for New Groups" sheet, is proven once again with the start of:

Jewellery Making

Tuesday 2 - 4 pm. in The Brisbane Centre.

Sophie Dryburgh 07815 446594

Lorette Duddy 07824 644251

All who expressed an interest will be contacted.

There is now a new sheet in the Office for those Members who would like to join a Philosophy Group.

ART and CHAT

We are all looking forward to a new season of Art and Chat and more success for our members. Our last meeting in June was an open day where members could exhibit their pictures to a wider audience. Some 90 pictures were on show to friends, local visitors and day trippers. Originals, prints copies and greeting cards of artwork were on sale.

This show in June was a precursor to two Art Exhibitions at which members exhibited and sold pictures, prints and cards.

The North Ayrshire Open Art Show at Eglinton Park at Irvine was followed by the New Cunninghame Open Art Exhibition at the Barony Centre in West Kilbride. Art and Chat members had success at both shows but just seeing one's pictures displayed with others, is very satisfying. Plans are being made to have more pictures displayed in various exhibitions that will be happening in our area next year. The next OIR Art & Chat open exhibition will be held in December, watch out for more information.



ART & Chat at the Brisbane Centre, every Thursday from 10.30 am. until 4 pm. from September to June.

Barry Morgan

DRAMA

The Drama Group starts its new session without **Alison Green**, one of our most talented members. A wonderful friend and colleague, she was taken ill in April of this year and sadly passed away in July.

A very talented and prolific writer, Alison was President of the Largs Writers Group and won many accolades for poetry, plays and prose.

When Alison joined the OIR Drama group several years ago, it quickly became apparent that she was also an excellent actress. Alison was a Director's dream, throwing herself whole heartedly into any role.

Her facial expressions were priceless, Whether she was playing the Australian woman desperately seeking the truth about her mother in Paper Trail, the wicked Queen in Snow White, or the artful bag lady in The Skip, Alison seemed to manage to morph into each character with ease. Not only that, she always learned and remembered her lines!

We will miss you Alison and wherever you are, you will always be a star.

Pauline McIntosh
Drama Group Leader

LANGUAGES

Would Members wishing to join a Language Group please speak with the Group Leader beforehand.

OUTING

Rosslyn Chapel & National Mining Museum

Friday 25th October

Rosslyn is situated south of Edinburgh off the road to Penicuik and was used as a setting by Dan Brown in his book 'The Da Vinci Code'. It is associated with the Knights Templar.

The Mining Museum is a few miles away at the old Lady Victoria Colliery in Newtongrange. We did this double visit a few years ago and it proved very popular.

The bus will leave Bath Street in Largs at 8:30 am.

with return into Largs expected by 7:00 pm.

£40 cost includes the customary lunch of soup, sandwiches, tea/coffee, the two guided tours and the bus (of course).

Tickets for members and guests will be available in the OIR Office from Tuesday 1st October and at the end of the Meeting.

Eric Niven - 687035

MEMBERSHIP

This currently stands at 732, with 98 new Members welcomed.

Subscriptions are outstanding from 187 Members.

Payment may be made at the end of the Meeting or at the Office.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The Guest Speaker on Wednesday 2nd October at 2 pm. in Clark Memorial Hall, will be from Quarriers' Village, expanding on its history and the work carried out there.

This will be followed by afternoon tea. You are welcome to bring a friend or neighbour along to enjoy the afternoon.

Information on Outings, Group Activities etc can be found in the OIR Office, 133 Main Street, Largs, which is open weekdays from 10 am. until noon.

Contributions to the Grapevine can be left in the office or sent to me at 27A FRAZER STREET, LARGS KA30 9HP.

Keep in touch with our website: oirlarg.org.uk

Joan Robinson