

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR AGM - JUNE 2023

Session 2022 - 2023 has passed very quickly with all our Groups meeting face-to-face except for Enjoy Music who chose to continue via Zoom. Groups receive an annual visit from a Committee Member and they all report on how much the participants not only enjoy the activity but also the social aspect of meeting new people and chatting over coffee. Group Leaders too are able to discuss any ideas or concerns they may have with their Committee visitor. Groups with a Committee Member as an attendee do not receive a visit.

We have been able to add two Groups to our list of Activities this session - Yarn Matters and Singing for Fun whilst Easy Exercise has been re-instated. If you have a particular hobby or interest then why not share it with like minded people? Suggestions for new Activities are always welcome as are the people to organise them. All we require are sufficient numbers to make the Group viable.

Regrettably, we have lost Enjoy Music which has been one of our longest running Groups.

Our first Quiz afternoon was very successful with almost 70 attendees. Despite the work involved in its organisation there are plans to hold another one next session.

The monthly meetings, at which we have a Speaker or some form of entertainment, have all been held in person with the Christmas Entertainment and the Drama Group performances being particularly popular.

Agnes, our Outings Organiser, has had us out and about although the numbers attending are down slightly perhaps due to the higher ticket costs necessitated by the increased fuel and catering charges. If you have not yet experienced any of our outings then you have certainly missed a treat!

Communication is important in any organisation and we have to thank Allen for sending the e-mail reminders of the monthly meeting and Agnes for editing and sending the Network. As usual the Committee welcome any ideas you may have which could improve the OIR experience.

Our Office provides a friendly place for our Members and prospective Members who are seeking more information about OIR or who wish to purchase tickets for the outings. It is staffed by one volunteer and members of the Committee. I am very grateful to them for carrying out this important duty so efficiently as very often this is the first point of contact anyone has with OIR so we need to make a good impression!

On behalf of the Committee I should like to express our thanks to the Group Leaders for the time and energy they devote to preparing materials for their Group and also to our Members for their support.

Finally, a sincere thank you is due to the Committee who work tirelessly on behalf of OIR.

Jean Stuart  
Chairperson  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2023