

Happy New Year everyone from your Editor Lynne. I'm on my own this year I'm afraid so you won't get such an exciting and well written newsletter. My friend and assistant Editor Lindsay has sadly passed away quite recently.

Small Lottery Fund

Continuing with our lottery fund again this year, we decided to increase the cost per number to £15 and increase the prize to 10 x £50 and 2 x £100, so twice a year you have the chance of winning £100.

We have enclosed a lottery form for 2018/2019 for your information so please complete asap and return it to me at Larchwood Close.

Winners for 2016/2017

Feb Janet Hextell
March Erroll Goldsworthy

Winners for 2017/2018

April Tara Warby
May Matthew Andersson
June Michael de Sausmarez
July Philippa Randles
Aug Ann Lipscombe
Sep Erroll Goldsworthy
Oct Steve Doran
Nov Tricia Nicholson
Dec Jackie Smith
Jan Wendy Orland



The Committee



Sadly Sue Harris has decided to come off the Committee, she has been a member for I think 24 years, and we would like to thank her so much for all her help and support over the years. We are very lucky that Sue & Rod, her husband, would like to stay in touch and still want to be involved in our fundraising and come on the holidays when able.

We have managed to find one more committee member so far and that is Ann Lipscombe, some of you may have met her before on a holiday or at the reunion so welcome Ann.

Sad News

As I mentioned above that Lindsay Taylor has very recently passed away. He has been on many Disaway holidays and over the last few years helped me tremendously with the information and newsletter etc. He was my boy Friday from Monday to Sunday. We will all miss him so much and condolences to all his family and friends.

Friends of Disaway

I must thank again all our friends and families for their support of Disaway. They are always there to help and I think without them we would have a real problem in raising our money and organising the holidays.

The Internet & Facebook

Lydia is still looking after our Facebook account, see **TheDisawayTrust** for updated photos and holiday details.

Our website www.disaway.co.uk will be updated with 2018 holidays very shortly.



Quiz

1. What is the only country to be crossed by both the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn?
2. What were Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt the last people to do?
3. Which is the only U.S. state that can be typed on one row of keys on a QWERTY keyboard?
4. In which country is one third of all the fresh water on Earth located?
5. Potassium, nickel and iron. Put them together and what weapon do you get?
6. There are three U.S. states with just four letters. Name them.
7. Which word means 'empty orchestra' in Japanese?
8. In which Shakespeare play would you find the line: 'The wheel is come full circle'?
9. Which 19th-century novelist is also credited with introducing the pillar-box to Britain?
10. In which Devon town did church bells once ring to signal that a carpet was finished?
11. Who, or what, was first sighted in AD 565 by St Columba but only became famous after a newspaper article in 1933?
12. What has 40,000 muscles but no bones?
13. To the nearest ten, how many bones are there in the adult human body?
14. How many of The Magnificent Seven made it to freedom in The Great Escape?
15. Who was treated by Dr Gachet, and then went on to paint him?



Fundraising

As most of you will all know we have to fundraise to make up the difference we charge for the helpers! So if the Holidaymakers pay £800, the Helper pays approx. 50% so £400, leaving the other £400 to find. In 2017/2018 we had to raise £15,000. This is a lot of money to fundraise via, ebay, stalls, begging letters, donations etc.

The year before last we received a large donation from one of our holidaymakers who passed away. This helped our fundraising so much it made me think that we should put in a small article about Charitable Bequests.

Charitable Bequests

Would you consider leaving a bequest to Disaway in your Will? We rely totally on donations, so any amount would be greatly appreciated. There is also the possibility of reducing inheritance tax by giving a bequest to Charity.

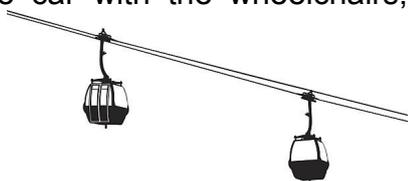
Gift Aid Donations

We continue to make a fair amount of money from your Gift Aid donations and it is so easy to claim these days – all done online. As long as you pay income tax and have completed one of our Gift Aid forms, we can claim an extra 25% of your donation, which makes £100 into £125.

2017 Holidays

The first one was to Alverston Hall in July, a Warner's Hotel near Nantwich, Cheshire. It was a lovely hotel and I think one of Warner's best. I must say that Warner's are getting their act together regarding accessible rooms, and Alverston was one of the first we have been to with a large number of those. This makes life so much easier for our holidaymakers. A great holiday was had by all.

The next holiday in September was a Canary Island cruise on P&O Britannia in September. That was a great holiday, wonderful food, entertainment and able to get off the ship at all the ports including Madeira where we went on a cable car with the wheelchairs, a first for some!



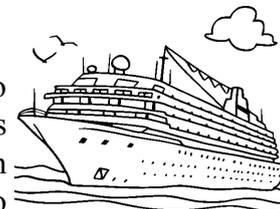
Happy New Year for 2018 from Disaway

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2018 Holidays

Our first holiday in July is a return to Bembridge Hotel on the IOW. This is a Warner's hotel and we have been here before. The IOW, for those who haven't been, has beautiful scenic countryside and sea views. A perfect getaway destination especially if you enjoy the great outdoors and a slower pace of life.



Our second holiday is a cruise again. We had to disappoint so many people last year we thought we ought to give them another chance to join us on a cruise. This time we are taking a smaller group on a week's cruise to Norway in August. We have booked all outside cabins with balconies as I'm sure the views will be spectacular.



Shows/Films/Books & TV Reviews

Shows: I haven't been to many this year, too busy I think. I went to the Albert Hall in January to see *Amaluna* a touring show by *Cirque du Soleil*. It was fantastic show and *The Albert Hall* I always enjoy. I also saw *The Girls* a musical based on the film *Calendar Girls* that was very good and a local show in Woking, *Shirley Valentine* with Jodie Prenger that was excellent, with just one person, Jodie playing the main part.

Films/DVDs: Although I haven't been to the cinema for ages, I've seen a few DVDs. My favourite was probably *Viceroy's House* and the other one I can remember is *La La Land*. A lot of people didn't rate *La La Land* but I thought it was quite sweet!



Books: I helped organise a Literary Lunch and we had 3 authors who talked about their books. One was Isabelle Grey and I have read a couple of hers 'The Special Girls' and 'Good Girls Don't Die' both were very good. One of the other authors was Elizabeth Buchan and I read her latest book 'The New Mrs Clifton' which was excellent. I didn't get on with the third author. It is exciting to find new authors that have an array of

Quiz
Answers

1=Brazil 2=Walk on the Moon Dec 11-14 1972 3=Alaska 4=Canada 5=Knife from their chemical symbols K Ni Fe 6=Ohio Iowa Utah 7=Karaoke 8=King Lear
9=Anthony Trollope 10=Axminster 11=The Loch Ness Monster 12=An elephants trunk 13=210 14=2 James Coburn & Charles Bronson 15=Vincent Van Gogh