

January 2023

Happy 2023 from Disaway

Holidays 2023

We are organising 2 holidays again this year. We are taking a small group to Spain which will be a beach holiday from Sunday 4th - 11th June. We are staying in the Ilunion Hotel in Islantilla. The hotel is by the beach and we have been there before.



Our second holiday is to Alverston Hall, a Warners Hotel in Nantwich, Cheshire. We are going there from Monday 25th September until Monday 2nd October. We have been there before as well and found it to be a very suitable hotel and location. Information and booking forms are in the holiday pack, we hope to see you on one of these trips.

Reunion

Initially the reunion was booked for September 2022. We didn't have enough people applying so we thought we would revert back to our usual February. The new date is Saturday 18th February 2023. Some have already booked and paid and were happy to come on the new date 18th February. There is information included in the

holiday pack. We will be having our raffle and a bring & buy table at the reunion as normal. It will be lovely to see you.

2022 Cruise

In May 2022 we took a group of 21 people on a Baltic Cruise on Sky Princess. It proved complicated to



organise because of Covid restrictions at the time. We also had some of the port destinations changed because of the Ukraine war. However once on board we all had a lovely holiday and have kept in contact via a Whatsapp group ever since.

Sad News

Norma Warries one of our original helpers and a committee member for many years sadly passed away on the 16th November at the age of 91. Norma introduced me to Disaway in 1986 and is why I am still here now!

Nicki's Mum, Nada, who had been on many Disaway holidays with Nicki passed away back in November and earlier in the year, in August, we learnt of the death of Mike Daniels also a former holidaymaker.

Pat Brown, a friend of Brian Sackett, and a helper on a couple of previous holidays passed away quite recently.

In late December we heard that Sue Harris had sadly passed away. She had been on the Disaway Committee for many years and came on the holidays along with her husband Rod and helped with the fundraising.

All very sad losses but leaving us with lots of great memories.

Quiz

How well do you know Royalty?

- 1) How did Prince William and Kate Middleton meet?
- 2) What hobbies does the Princess of Wales enjoy?
- 3) Why did Queen Elizabeth II wear green at Prince Phillip's memorial service?

- 4) In 1998 Sarah Ferguson made a cameo appearance in which popular TV series?
- 5) What was the official Platinum Jubilee pudding?
- 6) How many aircraft featured in the Platinum Jubilee flypast?
- 7) What was Queen Elizabeth's favourite flower?
- 8) Which English King had the longest reign?
- 9) Which one of Henry VIII's wives lived the longest?
- 10) Which monarch was the oldest when they came to the throne?



Books Films & TV



Films - I still belong to the family film club but still haven't seen many they've chosen! We have a regular film afternoon at our local W.I. where we have enjoyed: Love Sarah with Celia Imrie, very good. Fishermans Friend 1 and Mary Poppins returns.



TV - I love Strictly and isn't it exciting at the final weeks. Of course, we will all know the winner by the time you get this newsletter. Josie likes the football at the moment and the Scandi detective series. We both like the true detective documentary series, we both think we know who has done it!!!



Books - William Shaw - his new series with a DS Alexandra Cupidi. (3 in this series so far). I've read all 3 of Richard Osman's the Thursday Murder Club mysteries. Two books I read that I really didn't think I would enjoy were Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus and This is how we are human by Louise Beech very different but very good books.

Fundraising, Donations & Bequests

We have had some very generous donations particularly through the Covid years when we couldn't actively fundraise, so thank you to all who were able to help us. We have managed a few car boot sales and stalls at fetes. We have had no luck finding stores that will allow us to collect for our Charity. Anyone that could have a coffee morning or similar to raise some funds we would be very grateful. We could send you some information or flyers to help you.

Lottery

We continue to run a small lottery where you can purchase a number for £15 and we have a draw every month where you may win either £50 or twice a year £100. Sadly, the people purchasing a number has dwindled but we are still making a profit, so thank you to everyone who buys a ticket or two. Some people are very generous and buy a

ticket as a present for their family members.

2022 winners

Jan-Terry Brand	Feb-Lynn O'Rourke
Mar-John Wheeler	Apr-Philip Arnold
May-Lesley Stedman	June-Margaret Surgeoner
July-Pam Crinson	Aug-Alan Peachey
Sep-Lynn O'Rourke	Oct-Kitty Murtagh
Nov-Hilary Road	Dec-Nicki Green

In the Beginning

It was 40 years ago, in 1982 that The Disaway Trust was set up by a small group of volunteers who'd previously organised successful group holidays under the auspices of Holidays for the Disabled. This charity principally organised a weeklong holiday for physically handicapped people at a holiday camp in Norfolk. Spawned from this was Young Disabled on Holiday which was targeted specifically at the 18-30 years age group. Dealing with smaller groups YDH, ran a variety of fun packed holidays both in the UK and overseas.

Eventually, "the child outgrew the parent" and the key players decided to form a new charity they called Disaway. The first year two holidays were organised, one in Greece and the other in Edinburgh, Scotland. There were about 40 holidaymakers with a one-to-one carer/helper structure. The Greek holiday was a commercial package but Disaway recruited volunteer helpers and Group Leaders. Success meant that the following year, 1983, two more holidays were offered at Dawlish in Devon and a second package overseas.

From these early days a number of key organisers joined the management team including: Roy and Frankie Sheridan, Dr Alan Corbett, and Norma Warries. Roy was Chairperson for a number of years.

The original founding Committee were: Angus and Sophie Hamilton, Jenny Campbell, Tony Barry, Nigel Rodliffe and Jeremy Benson.

Happy New Year for 2023 from Disaway

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