

Happy 2024 from Disaway

Holidays 2023

We had 2 holidays in 2023, the first one to Spain. We stayed at the Ilunion Hotel in Isantilla. This time we took a small group as we had not flown for a few years since Covid etc. The holiday was excellent and everyone enjoyed it. We had a full day excursion to Seville with a guide who was amazing.

For our second holiday we went to Warners Alverston Hotel near Chester. The food, entertainment and accommodation were all very good. We had our own coach and enjoyed day trips to Chester, Chester Zoo, Jodrell Bank, RHS Bridgewater and Liverpool via the Mersey Ferry. Some of us even managed to visit the Cavern Club, it was great.

Holidays 2024



We have decided to do just one holiday this year. This is because we had trouble finding enough applicants for both holidays last year.

We have decided on a new destination and that is Antalya in Turkey from 12th - 19th May 2024, flying from Gatwick. We are staying at The Miracle Resort Hotel which is beside Lara beach. This is planned to be a relaxing beachside break. The hotel has several swimming pools and a private beach. It is a 5* Ultra Fully Inclusive Hotel.

Holidays 2025

We are looking into a Mediterranean cruise for 2025. It appears that the accessible cabins get booked very quickly these days, so we have had to look ahead to the following year in order to get the numbers we need.



on
Saturday 17th February 2024 1pm at
Imber Court in Esher
Bar open from 11.30am.

Once again we will have a 2 course carvery. We will also have a raffle and a bring & buy to help with fundraising as well as some homemade cakes and jams. It is always lovely to meet old friends and reminisce about past holidays.

Quiz

- 1) How many mince pies are eaten in the UK every year?
- 2) What King was crowned on Christmas Day?
- 3) How many gifts are there in the 12 days of Christmas song?
- 4) What is the name of a male turkey?
- 5) In which US state would you find the town Santa Claus?
- 6) How many times does the number 1 appear on an advent calendar with 24 doors?
- 7) What is the most recorded Christmas song in history?
- 8) Who sings the first line on the 1984 Band-Aid single, Do They Know It's Christmas?
- 9) True or False: Christmas crackers were invented by a London sweet maker called Tom Smith?
- 10) What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?



Sad News

Very sad news about John Wheeler, he passed away recently. Some of you may know him from when he came with his wife Gill Wheeler on many of our holidays. Lovely man always telling jokes.

Books

I've read many books since last year. One author that I saw at a Literary Lunch was A.J. Pearce, she was such a good speaker and has written 3 novels and is presently writing the 4th which is the last in this series. Her first book was Dear Mrs Bird, the second Yours Cheerfully and the third Mrs Porter calling. They were excellent all of them and I'm really looking forward to the 4th which I think is out later this year. I went to another Literary Festival in a local hall where there were 3 authors that talked about their books,. I of course bought all 3 and each one was really good, quite simple stories but lovely and you didn't want to put the book down until you had finished it. The 3 authors and books were as follows: Freya Sampson - The Girl on Bus 88, Clare Pooley - People of Platform 5 and Faye Brann - Tinker, Taylor School mum. All well worth reading.

Films

I haven't seen many films I'm afraid. I saw The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, that was so good I did enjoy it. I am also going to the cinema on Thursday, I haven't been there for ages, to see One Life with Antony Hopkins. I know the story and it's amazing.

TV

Lots of things on the TV. I enjoyed Strictly this year; they were all so very good the finalists. I enjoy all the crime investigation and forensic programmes; I suppose it's because of the job I did. I also like The Masked Singer, I never guess who is behind the mask, but I quite like the programme.

Fundraising Donations & Bequests

Some of you may know my friend Debbie, she has been a helper on a few holidays. You may also know that she took part in a Triathlon in 2023 and was sponsored by some of our friends of Disaway along with her friends and family. She raised a great deal of money for Disaway and we are very grateful to her.

I've done a few car boots and a couple of stalls at fetes, and we did one flag day but didn't collect very much at all so I'm not sure we will do one of those again. I don't see many people collecting at supermarkets these days.

We have of course had our regular donations from our friends of Disaway which we are so grateful for.

As I have mentioned before if anyone would like to have a coffee morning or similar, we could send you some information and flyers to help.



Lottery

We start the lottery in April each year so in April 23 we sold 66 tickets. We have decided to go back to £50 per month as the prize and not £100 for April and October prizes. That will help us raise a little more this year.

2023 Winners

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| Jan | Gill Wheeler | Feb | Philippa Randles |
| Mar | Helen Nilson | Apr | Anthea Coffey |
| May | Philippa Randles | Jun | Gloria Vincent |
| Jul | Cameron Jolly | Aug | Wendy Orland |
| Sep | Lynne Simpkins | Oct | Alan Peachey |
| Nov | Gerry Usher | Dec | Alison & Barry Kirton |

Happy New Year for 2024 from Disaway

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