**Disaway’s Newsletter for 2021**

**SMALL LOTTERY FUND**

I enclosed a lottery form earlier this year when I sent out the details about the Virtual Reunion on Zoom.

**2020 WINNERS**

JAN 2020 – Lynne Simpkins JULY 2020 – Wendy Howes

FEB 2020 – Moya Miller AUG 2020 – Margaret Surgeoner

MARCH 2020 – Wendy Howes SEP 2020 – Christine Nilsen

APRIL 2020 – Peggy Bonnett OCT 2020 – Lesley Stedman

MAY 2020 – Phil Arnold NOV 2020 – Philippa Randles

JUNE 2020 – Nicki Green DEC 2020 – Veronica Francis

**THE COMMITTEE**

Thankfully we still have our Committee Members who keep us all going, especially this year! Sadly, I’ve had to take Norma off the Committee as she’s not able to participate these days. She is 90 this year and still remembers Disaway, but not a lot of other things I’m afraid. She seems to be quite happy in her own home with carers 3 times a day, myself and her son Clive regularly going in. I would like to think that she could come on a holiday again but I’m not sure.

**FUNDRAISING**

Well, that didn’t happen of course in 2020, along with lots of other things I am afraid. Although we were very lucky as we had at the beginning of the year a couple of very generous donations and in the previous year we had applied to the Coop for funding and that came through in April and October 2020. Lots of Charities in 2020 had real problems with fundraising so we were very lucky.

**REUNION 2020 & Reunion Zoom 2021**

I was so glad that we managed to get the reunion in February 2020 as normal before the breakout of the Pandemic. It was so nice to see everyone. We thought this year we would try and a have a Virtual / Zoom reunion! It went really well, we played games, had a quiz and a raffle. Thank you so much for those that were able to attend.

**2020 /2021 HOLIDAYS**

As you know we had arranged a week’s holiday at the new Warner’s Hotel Studley Castle for July. Obviously, that was cancelled but as they had our deposit, we transferred it over to July 2021 5th-12th. Everyone that had applied for the holiday in 2020 have carried their name forward for 2021. If anyone else is interested in this holiday please let me know in case, we have any cancellations.

Of course, we don’t know yet if it will be taking place this year but we are keeping our fingers crossed.

We were very lucky that we only booked one holiday for 2020. We have never had only one holiday so I think I must have had a dream that told me to only have one this year.

We are probably looking at holidays for 2022 and maybe a cruise. If there is a chance of taking another holiday at the end of 2021 then we will consider it. The problem is of course we have to book our holidays very early in order to get the number of adapted rooms that we need.

**SHOWS, FILMS & BOOKS**

We can forget about shows, can’t we? Unless you want to know what ones, I had to cancel? I haven’t seen many films either. A few months ago, I joined a family film club, we have only had 3 films to view and talk about. The first film that was chosen I did manage to watch and it was excellent. It was On the Basis of Sex and I would thoroughly recommend it. The second one I didn’t fancy (Pulp Fiction) and the third one I have still got to watch by the end of this month it’s called Boyhood.

Now books I have read so many absolutely amazing books and seen via Zoom many of my favourite authors being interviewed. I will list some of the books that I’ve read that I’ve really enjoyed.

The Giver of Stars by Jo Jo Moyes

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

After the End by Clare Mackintosh

The Foundling by Stacey Halls

Blackberry and Wild Rose by Sonia Velton