



## NEWSLETTER (September 2019)

Dear Members,

It seems no time at all since the Summer Newsletter was dropping through our mailbox and here we are starting Block 2. You will see from the class timetable that we are re-introducing a second intermediate Art class after lunch. This class had been cancelled earlier this year due to lack of numbers. Unfortunately, the Inspirational Sewing Class did not go ahead in Block 1 for the same reason. It is back on the schedule for Block 2.

For the first time, we will be sending out registration documents to the majority of Haydays members by e-mail according to the preferences you have selected on your Membership form. If you have opted out of receiving your documents in this way, then you will receive them by post (or on 1 October if you are at your class(es)).

We welcomed 16 new members at the start of Block 1. Some of the new members and some of the existing members have mentioned name badges. You may recall that Haydays stopped distributing badges about 18 months ago. Even when provided, members either forgot to bring them along or lost them. Although Haydays is not providing badges, it would be helpful to the new members and many of us 'older' members too if everyone took responsibility for preparing, and wearing, a name badge. There is still a stock of plastic name badge holders available. These will be left next to the notice board, please help yourself. If you have spare holders (or lanyards) at home, please bring along.

Thank you to all members who took the time to complete the **questionnaire** sent out in August. We will be going through them in due course. But one thing on the **café** component was very clear: members greatly value the café and want to see it continue. Any member who was at class on 24 September, when there was no café due to work at the Town Hall, will agree that Haydays is just not the same without that very important hub of activity. So, please keep signing up to help at the various time slots. If everyone does their share, the burden is eased for all.

Unfortunately, the appeal in the Summer Newsletter for **new committee members** to come on board, in anticipation of several current committee members stepping down at the next AGM, has yielded no result. But we are hopeful. If you are interested in knowing more about what is involved, please speak to a committee member. You will find their names on the Notice Board.

The **Haydays Christmas lunch** will take place on 3 December 2019. It will once again be catered. Sign up sheets for attendance, cost and menu choices will be available early November. There will be some after-lunch entertainment (hopefully Billy Anderson) so look out your dancing shoes now.

Helen Martin will again organise the **Charity Fundraising Raffle**. Watch the notice board for further details about donations for the prize raffle hampers. At the 2018 Christmas lunch we raised £300, which was shared equally between Maggie's Fife and Shelter Scotland. The beneficiaries of monies raised at the 2019 Christmas lunch will be subject to a vote by members. Again, watch the notice board for further information.

A recent Haydays Facebook post showing a beautiful piece of Stained Glass work by Julia Swann reminds that most of us do not see the work of our many talented members participating in recent past and present classes in Art, Calligraphy/Card Making, Decoupage, Sewing, and Stained Glass. Why not take the opportunity of the Christmas lunch to put your **work on display** (if interested then nominate a representative per class to discuss set-up requirements).

Used stamps: please do not throw out. The collection box will reappear in November and again in January for your **used stamps** which will be sent to the RNIB. The RNIB sell the stamps by weight and raise £20 per kilo. If you can, please trim the stamps to leave an approximate margin of about 1cm around the stamp. But if not, just leave plenty of surrounding envelope and pop in the box.

Thank you.

The Committee