

## **REPORT OF THE EVENTS ORGANISING GROUP 2015 – 16**

**So – here we are again and it is again my pleasure to report on the activities we have had since this time last year.**

**As always the small Events Group have organised a very full programme for you which we hope you have enjoyed. We do our best to try to cater to most tastes – so we hope you have found something of interest.**

**I am always amazed at how quickly we can forget where we have been and the speakers we have heard. Just to give a brief reminder of some of the places we've been and some of the topics we have covered at our 16 Coffee Mornings (and afternoons):**

**Do you remember the talk about Pineapples? From being a most exotic and expensive item to being the cheapest tin on the supermarket shelf.**

**And Miss Whiteley who had served in her shop in Bridlington for over 55 years – selling items of under and outwear to a now ageing clientele.**

**Remember the fun we had with the Ukulele Band at Christmas?**

**And the songs we all sang with Ruth and Neil of Musical Memories?**

**Our 6 'Serious' meetings have covered important topics such as:**

**Personal Safety**

**Human Rights**

**Lasting Power of Attorney**

**As well as meeting our new MP Kevin Hollinrake**

**As for the 12 Outings – it seems just ages since we were at Jodrell Bank – an outing noted for the delay of 3 hours on the way back – held up on the M62 with our legs firmly crossed until we were able to stop at Hartshead Moor services.**

**Remember Martin Fish's lovely garden?**

**And seeing the actual Magna Carta at Lincoln Castle?**

**And Burton Agnes decorated for Christmas with the local children singing carols?**

**Where does the time go????**

**Although we didn't have a five-day holiday this year we did have a three-day break in Liverpool which everyone enjoyed despite the rain – the Martin Mere Wetland Centre certainly live up to its name! Pauline did an excellent job of organising the trip – Thank you Pauline.**

**And finally, but by no means least those of us who went to the theatre to see Girls or The Nutcracker have lovely memories of brilliant performances.**

**I'd like to give a special vote of thanks to the Rugby Club, where we hold most of our meetings. We are very grateful to the club for having invested in a new digital projector and an improved sound system and we must thank Christine, the new steward for all her help with arranging the room – moving all the chairs and tables to our requirements – we really do appreciate it and know that there is no other venue in the area that can accommodate us so well. THANK YOU**

**Of course as convenor of the Events Group I must give your thanks to the members of this very small group who organise all the activities for you – so to name them: Barbara Howard, Barbara Medd, Judith Pickering, Carol Wray, Valerie Gilbert, Pauline Reeve, Janet Bates, Gaynor Johnson and of course our indispensable administrator Sue Walker – so stand up ladies and be seen! Let's give them all a big round of applause!!**

**So all that's left for me to say is to hope we have good weather for our outings and that you all enjoy our programme for the coming year.**

**Thank you**

**Anna Salkeld**

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