

### **Orkney Inter Island Games .**

Ann and Jim Cottier accompanied the IOM Cycling team to Orkney in July in their camper van as Jim is IOM Chairman of the Cycling Association. We took loads of jumpers and fleeces expecting it to be quite cold but surprise surprise it was nearly 30 degrees hot every day which was lovely for the organisers of the Bi annual Inter Island games. There were 24 Islands represented in some 14 sports. Whilst on Orkney Jim and Ann met up with Howard and Sandra Parkin in Kirkwall for coffee as their round the British Isles Cruise called in to Orkney for the day. All 8 cyclists took home a clutch of medals to help the IOM Team win over 80 medals overall. It was interesting to find out that like the IOM, Orkney was an Internment camp during the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war too.

***If you have visited an interesting place whilst on your hols please let us know and we can share it with our members.***

### **LUNCHES – The Hawthorn with guest speaker Mr Tony Brown OBE.**

We had 52 members and their guests enjoy a lovely meal followed by an interesting talk from our guest speaker Mr Tony Brown OBE CTC who gave a brief outline of his early life growing up in Castletown as an electrician who later entered politics as a Commissioner and then an MHK. He held many ministerial posts became Speaker of the House of Keys and later Chief Minister. Not bad for a local lad living on a council estate to the top job in government. He helped to instigate a number of important changes to Pensions and had met several important people and members of the Royal Family. This year he became a Commissioner again as he felt he needed to come back and support his local community.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm we plan to go to L' Experience in Douglas. Speaker to be confirmed**

**Walking Group** for September takes place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** at 1.15pm. It is at Ballanette in Lonan. It is accessed from the Ballamenaugh road also known as the old Lonan Church road. From Douglas it is before you reach the row of houses set up off the road which comes just before

you drop down to Garwick. I'll put a map on WhatsApp. Parking is in lay byes on the left as you go down the road so limited spaces and car sharing would be good. There may be one small muddy part if doing the whole walk so think sensible shoes.

The short walk will cover the lakes and the long walk goes to clay head. All walks as ever are at our own risk. Sally Farrell 346239/622633.

### **Prize Bingo and supper in the Function room at Oceans View Onchan**

Just a reminder that this event open to both members and non members and takes place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. For more details contact Ann Cottier 472742.

### **Ten pin Bowling Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2pm to 4pm Ramsey**

We have booked 6 lanes with each player playing two full games. If you wish to come along and play with tea/coffee and cake afterwards please contact Chris Blyth [chrisblythiom@gmail.com](mailto:chrisblythiom@gmail.com) or the Office.

### **Indoor Bowls at the NSC**

The winter season is due to get underway on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at the NSC in Douglas, beginners and seasoned players are most welcome to join us. Contact the office for more details.

**Quiz Night** at the Manx Legion club in Douglas on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Members and non friends are welcome to attend. A hot pot Supper with a vegetarian option will be served plus a Raffle. Cost is £10 per person. Donation of Raffle prizes are most welcome. Please see attached flyer for more details. Hosts are the **Cottier Family**