

Out and About with the Golden Oldies 2012

Diaries and pictures from the United Benefice over-65s holiday club week



The Over 65's Holiday Club Programme 2012

Monday 18 th June	Tuesday 19 th June	Wednesday 20 th June	Thursday 21 st June	Friday 22 nd June
<p>Visit to Glassblobbery, with glass blob demonstration Coach leaves 11.00am</p> 	<p>Waterloo Primary School Children entertaining and serving tea / coffee</p> 	<p>Enjoy making your own masterpiece Painting by Numbers</p> 	<p>Coach leaves 9.00 am</p> <p>Oswaldtwistle Mills</p> <p>Lunch & Coach Tour</p>	<p>A tour round Israel - a personal visit</p> 
<p>then</p> <p>Tea and cake at Caerau Gardens and an opportunity to stroll around the beautiful gardens</p> 	<p></p> <p>Dewlay Cheeses Garstang</p> <p>1.5 hour tour with tea, coffee and cheese tasting</p> <p>Coach leaves 12.30</p>	<p>The amazing Bents Garden Centre</p> <p>Coach leaves 1.15pm</p>  <p>View our new Bird Care range</p>		<p>Scones, strawberries & cream</p> <p>Farewell</p> 

Daily Diaries

Monday 19th June

As a complete newcomer to this club I had no idea what to expect.

At 10 am at St. Mary's there were introductions, tea, coffee, biscuits and Joan handed out the programme for the week. I was absolutely amazed at the itinerary Joan and Lynne had organised and more so when we all climbed onto a very posh coach.

Our destination was the Glassblobbery Studio near Corwen. The journey there was amidst glorious sunshine which showed us our countryside at its very best. After arriving at the studio we were treated to an amazing glassblowing demonstration by David and Wendy, who produced an apple, giraffe and an intricate basket, with minimum of effort and utmost skill. Of course, we all wanted to buy glass objects from their gallery then.

Back on the coach we were then taken to Caerau Gardens, near Bala, where further transport was provided for the long, winding uphill path. The afternoon tea was truly sumptuous – a variety of sandwiches followed by lemon drizzle cake and chocolate cake. Unbelievable. There were numerous gardens to explore ranging from a rose walk, beach hut, pergola and croquet lawn, to a willow maze and wildlife garden. Unfortunately time was now of the essence. We headed home after a very full and exhilarating day and all looking forward to tomorrow.

Surely nothing could surpass today.

Di. Jackson



Tuesday, 19th June

Today Waterloo Primary School Choir entertained us, as they have done for a number of years now. They sang a variety of songs, one of the girls read a poem she had written for the Royal Jubilee. Some of the group played drums. We all joined in some of the songs. After they had finished entertaining us the children came down and chatted to us all. It was lovely to see them again.

In the afternoon we went by coach to a Dairy in Garstang, Dewlay, which makes traditional Lancashire Cheese (creamy, tasty, crumbly, smoked, blue, with chillies, with chives, you name it, it makes it).

Friendly staff greeted us and we were made very welcome with tea, coffee and biscuits. Nick, one of the owners, gave us a very interesting talk on cheese making and the history behind the company. It has been a family business started by his grandfather in the 1950's. We then went on a 'gallery' tour, where we could see the cheese making machinery and part of the dairy. Following this we were able to purchase cheese in the dairy shop. A very interesting and rewarding day.



Wednesday, 20th June

This is the third day of the fun week and it is the first time I have joined the group. The morning started fine and dry and looked promising for our afternoon trip.

When we arrived at the church hall there was a selection of paint by numbers packs for us to choose from, including pictures of dogs, tigers, pandas and horses. These pictures looked really complex and intricate so there was a lot of discussion as to which ones were the easiest to paint. After making our choice we all settled down with a cup of coffee or tea with biscuits, these were served to us by a member of the group, spoiling us rotten. We then began our painting after much fun opening the packs and preparing the paints etc. The table I sat at was abuzz with the usual declarations of not being able to paint or not being artistic; however after some time most people had something to show for their efforts. Everyone agreed that it had been a lot of fun and a good idea at least keeping us quiet. The incomplete paintings will be taken home on Friday (to be completed!)

After lunch and another coffee or tea we boarded the coach for our trip to Bents Garden Centre; the weather stayed fair and quite warm. Bents is a large and well-appointed venue with lots to see **and** buy, we stayed there for about 2 hours which included time for a cup of tea and a scrumptious cake. Then back on the coach again for our trip home arriving at about 5.20 pm.

In all a very enjoyable and fun day, with the weather in our favour.

Christine Kallaras



Thursday, 21st June

Today was our usual full day out and we set out from St. Mary's Church at 9.10 am bound for Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village in NE Lancashire. Upon our arrival we were welcomed and shown to the restaurant where we were delighted to be served tea / coffee and biscuits. This was followed by the most important business of the day, i.e. looking round all the shops and wide variety of selling outlets on two floors of the building, plus the Garden Centre – pure joy!

At 12.15pm we all met up at the Restaurant and were served a lovely two course meal followed by coffee or tea, all so efficiently organised.

We boarded the coach again at 2.15 pm for a tour covering the Pendle Hill area (notorious for the reputed witches who lived there) and all the beautiful Lancashire countryside, arriving back at 5.30 pm.

Our sincere thanks to Joan and Lynne for arranging such a lovely Holiday Week again this year, not forgetting Peter of course. It is truly amazing how they manage to vary the programme so much year after year – we are extremely grateful to them.

Joyce Jones



Friday, 22nd June

Friday, the last day of the Holiday Club for the over 65's, 2012.

Today we had a talk by Maureen Madden and slide show of Israel. So very interesting, almost felt you were there. Then in the afternoon a lovely strawberry tea.

I am sure everyone has had a wonderful time and everything very much appreciated.

Look forward to 2013, God willing.

Margaret Taylor

PS Very special thanks to Joan and Lynne.

