

# WILLIAM BENDLOWE'S NEWSLETTER

The Charity to help the elderly and lonely in Shalford

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You may recall that last August we circulated a leaflet detailing a brief history of the William Bendlowe's Charity and our intention to revitalise the Charity if possible – 400 years of history is a lot to lose!

October 2016 saw the first event held by the new trustees, a table top sale. We had an excellent turn out of tables together with an extremely good mixture of items for sale; ranging from Christmas Trimmings to plants and from home made preserves to saddlery equipment. We managed to run two raffles; one with small prizes drawn there and then; and a second with larger prizes drawn at the end. Sales of tea, coffees and cakes, were extremely buoyant. All in all, it was a very successful day for the charity raising in the region of £300. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all that helped – all those that took the time and trouble to present their tables, those that helped with the raffle and drinks, those that baked cakes and especially to those of you who supported us by attending.



December 2016 saw Vic and Marion so generously giving their time and talents to support Bendlowe's. Vic and Marion donated all of the proceeds of their Christmas Sentimental Journey Music Evening to Bendlowe's. It would have been difficult to improve on the evening in any way. We sold over 60 tickets and I'm told Shalford Village Hall has not been so full for a long time. **A BIG THANK YOU** to Vic and Marion and to all of you who supported us by buying a ticket. An extremely successful and enjoyable evening making another £280 for the Charity.

January 2017 started with our Meet and Greet. This is held on the first Friday of each month at Shalford Village Hall between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes, are supplied free of charge. (Should you wish to make a small donation, it will be gratefully received). The first Meet and Greet saw one table playing scrabble, another cribbage, another a board game "Sequence" and another chatting whilst the second Meet and Greet saw most people enjoying a good chat over a light lunch. So whether you just want to chat or would like to be more studious playing a board game or game of cards, why not come and join us on the next first Friday of the month. After all, you have nothing to lose and maybe a friend or two to gain.



image:- Bill Askew

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To: Alice Cox, Farthings, Water Lane, Jaspers Green, Shalford, Essex, CM7 5BB

It would be extremely helpful if those that are interested in the following events (see overleaf) were kind enough to tick the event(s) as appropriate – no strings attached – simply to enable us to have a good idea of numbers to help us organise the events.

Table Top Sale in April ..... Springtime Music Evening in May ..... Beetle Drive in June ..... 95<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group in July.....

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## *Bendlowe's Newsletter Feb 2017 (cont)*

### **Supporters' Meeting**

February 2017 saw our first Bendlowe's Supporters' Meeting and I am very happy indeed to welcome the following helpers: Gillian Askew, Mel Fray, Mandy French, Sally Welsh and Vic Goodey, all of which have offered their help at future events especially Meet and Greet. If you too would like to offer help, please do not hesitate to contact me (Alice) after all there is so much truth in the saying "many hands make light work".

### **Forthcoming Events - dates for your diary**

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| Meet and Greet             | Every first Friday of the month. <b>contact Alice</b>  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 | Table Top sale. <b>contact Susan</b>   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2017  | Vic and Marion have very kindly offered to perform a Springtime Music Evening in Shalford Village Hall. All proceeds will go to Bendlowe's. Tickets £4 each (bring your own eats and drinks). Tickets will be restricted so book early. Judging on their December 2016 Sentimental Journey performance – <b>an evening not to be missed. contact Alice</b> |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 | We will be organising a beetle drive at Shalford Village Hall on the 17 <sup>th</sup> June in order to bring people together as a tribute to Jo Cox and in line with the global events being organised to remember her. <b>contact Alice</b>   |
| July/Aug 2017              | We are hoping to take a small group to Horham to visit the 95 <sup>th</sup> Bomber Group museum and Red Feather Club. Should you wish to look them up to find out more information, their website address is: <a href="http://www.95thbg-horham.com">www.95thbg-horham.com</a> . <b>contact Alice</b>  |

### **Contacts**

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### **Follow Bendlowe's Activities**

You can follow Bendlowe's activities by visiting Shalford's Website <http://www.essexinfo.net/shalford> . We have a facebook page, or by reading our posters displayed on the notice boards inside Shalford Village Hall, outside the Village Hall opposite the village shop, or in Jasper's Green or you can contact either Alice or Susan.

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**SUGGESTIONS – please use this space if you wish to make a suggestion or comment.**