

## **Presidents Report 2023**

I find it hard to believe that another year for Family & friends is over as it only seems a short while ago I wrote my last report!

This year has been one much the same as the previous few, with us still being grateful for being able to meet at Classic residences while the Arts Hub is being completed. It has given us the opportunity to be able to get together once a month and stay on for a social lunch which has been wonderful. As from next month we hope our meetings will revert back to Bayley at Middle Crescent in the hall. We have been holding our meetings there for nearly 70 years , and it has been 3 years since we have been able to do so and it will be like at last being able to go home.

Our membership is still not as vibrant as pre-covid and we are grateful for those who have kept with us and continue to support us and come along to meetings. My thanks as usual will always go to Lesley, Gill and Margot without whom there would be no 'us'. I am grateful that they have all shown a willingness to stand again after many years of doing so....

We are also immensely grateful that Warwick and the management team take the time out of their busy schedules to come to our meetings and keep us up to date of all things "Bayley". It is very much appreciated and will hopefully be easier for them once we are back at Middle Crescent!

Our newsletter has had a revamp due to the web based way it is now distributed which makes it easier to go out to many more people than before which is pleasing.

We were able to hold our Easter Raffle after the long covid break, and our Xmas in July and Christmas lunches are back on the calendar, which is brilliant.

Likewise the Lucky Prize Night at the Town Hall on October 13<sup>th</sup> is much anticipated. By all means send in your donations (money or prizes) to make this one the best yet!

I feel sure that this next year will see an upturn in our activities, events and fundraising and take this opportunity once again of thanking all the many families and friends of Bayley for your continued support.

With every best wish for the coming year.

Pat Calver  
President  
Family & Friends