



## IT CLASSES SPRING 2015

In the spring term we have had two computer classes for the elderly taking place

The Tuesday class work their way through various IT projects that they decide on as a group. Since Christmas they have been working on emails. This has involved adding contacts to their address book, forwarding and replying to emails, adding photos and videos to emails and arranging emails they have received into folders. Everyone in the group is now more confident and able to access emails both on laptops and at home on their desktop computers. A few members have also set up their tablets to receive emails and are comfortable working on that format. After the holidays they will be moving on to online shopping. We were hoping to start this in the spring term but the classes attendances have been inconsistent due to many of the classes members suffering from ill health, being in hospital, housebound, or having to attend doctors appointments. Hopefully throughout the summer months they will be in better health and we will be able to accomplish more.

The Wednesday class are focused on photography this term has been all about finishing their sketchbooks. They have been working on these since last summer and we aimed to

have all eight members of the class complete their sketchbook and have it ready for printing, an aim which was achieved. They now have the IT skills required to use Microsoft word to make pages filled with text and photos and also a physical memento of their hard work. Attendances of this class have been much more steady with 8 in the class and there regularly being 7 attending each week. After the holidays they will be working on 5 programmes each lasting 2 weeks. Week one will see them visit a landmark in the local area to take photographs which they will upload to the computers, in week two they will edit these and sort into folders.

Alongside these two classes which will continue to run as at present there will be two new classes starting. These classes will work on Microsoft word to edit and enhance the local Douglas newsletter. This will hopefully bring in 20 new people to add to the existing group that we see on a weekly basis.

