



Monthly Meetings

General meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday each month from 2pm to 4pm. **Doors open at 1.35pm**

Entry (including refreshments):

Members free, waiting list £1.50, guests £2

Friday 26th April
Annual AGM

Friday 24th May
The Role of Forensic
Investigation
Speaker David Tadd

Activity Sessions

Entry (including refreshments) Members £1, Waiting list £1.50, Guests £2

Sessions are held Fridays between 1.30 to 4.00pm
On dates below

April

Fridays 5th, 12th and 19th

Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

May

Fridays 3rd, 10th and 17th

Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

May 31st Quiz

Rambles

We were fortunate to miss the rain for our Leybourne Lakes walk but most of us felt it was a little short and we could have walked around again. Janet is going to explore the area to see if we can lengthen this one. It must have been one of those days because the food, for some of us, at The White Hart was not up to its usual standard and can only hope the chef was having a bad day. Here are our plans for the next couple of months.

Sunday 24th March – Cliffe Pools

Meet in the RSPB car park at Cliffe Pools, Salt Lane, Cliffe at 11.00 am for a walk out to the sea wall, then back to cars and on to Cliffe for lunch at **The Six Bells** at around 1.00pm

Wednesday 3rd April – Lower Higham/Landway

Meet at 11.00 am at junction of Mountbatten Avenue and Taylors Lane for a walk to Lower Higham, over the railway bridge, back up the Landway and across fields. Lunch at **The Heart of Higham** at around 12.45pm.

Wednesday 17th April – Whitstable

Meet at 11.00 am by the Peter Cushing seat near the sea wall car park at Whitstable for a walk along the seafront towards Herne Bay, passing the Yacht Club, then back along the top path stopping for lunch at **The Royal** at around 12.45 before returning to cars for the journey home. Give Janet a call if you are unsure of the meeting point.

Sunday 28th April - Trottiscliffe.

Meet at 11.00 am in the car park of The George, Trottiscliffe, for a circular walk on good paths/roads (maybe a very large puddle). Lunch at **The George** around 12.45 pm

Wednesday 1st May - Dillywood Lane

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11.00 am for a walk down the main road, Dillywood Lane, across the field, up Hermitage Road to **The Heart of Higham** for lunch at 1 pm

Wednesday 15th May – Shorne Country Park

Meet in car park of **Rose and Crown** at 11am for a walk in Shorne Country Park back to pub for lunch around 12.45pm.

Sunday 26th May – St Mary's Island

Meet at Dockside Outlet Centre outside Clarks Shoes at 11am for a walk around the island. Back to cars and on to **Kings Arms**, Upnor at 1pm.

Non-walkers are very welcome to meet up with walkers for the pub lunch and prior notice would be appreciated. Please note that all ramblers walk at their own risk and non-members are reminded they are not covered by HiARA's third party insurance. If you have any queries about the walks please do not hesitate to give Janet a call on 01474 824221 or 07849884563.

Forthcoming Events

****March 23 rd ****	21 st Birthday Celebration	Names to Jan Morriss
September 12th	The Vintage Bus Tour in Essex	£79
November 16th	Race Night with refreshments	Price to be confirmed
December 3rd	Christmas Lunch	Details to follow
December 20th	Our Christmas Party	Details to follow

****Please be informed that you will need to bring your own cutlery and drinks for the social evening****

Trip organised by Janet Topp - Windsor and Windsor Castle - Thursday 6th June £53 per person

Coach departs Higham 8.30am, Coach returns from Windsor 4.00pm includes coach travel, castle entry ticket & driver tip

Chairman's March Report

At our February main meeting, we welcomed back local historian and tour guide, Christoph Bull, who this time told us about local authors, some we were familiar with and others not, who all had some sort of connection with the local area. Christoph then kindly assisted with the raffle draw.

Christoph is also a guide at Cobham Hall and he has invited members to tour the Hall in the summer. Now I expect a lot of you may have been there once or twice over the years, but, some members still haven't had the opportunity. If you would like us to arrange a tour led by Christoph, we are able to make the arrangements. It would be a Sunday afternoon probably July or August and it takes about an hour in the house itself followed by refreshments in the Gilt Hall. You then have the chance to wander or sit in the gardens, if the weather allows. The cost is about £13.00 including the refreshments and this would have to be paid at time of booking and you would have to make your own way there. The tour is suitable for those who have mobility issues, but there is a number of stairs to the first floor. There will be a list of interest on the noticeboard.

Stone Lodge lunch was once again a very good event. Margaret and her team work very hard and it is an achievement to serve everyone so quickly and smoothly. Our thanks to Jan for making all the arrangements.

We have been in touch with the manager of the organic vineyard in Luddesdown, so watch out for more details soon when they become available

Liz



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