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Annual subscription is £15 (£5 January to March) All meetings are at Higham Memorial Hall, School Lane, Higham – unless stated otherwise

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 30th May Activity Afternoon

Friday 27th June
Scandals of Kent & Sussex
Speaker Chris McCooney

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

May

Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th

Art Group/Cards Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

No meeting on the 23rd as visit to Gads School

June

Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th

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

Rambles

As we arrived at Bluewater it started to rain but luckily by the time we started the sun was out. We had a lovely walk around the outside of the shopping centre and then went into the centre for something to eat. Here are our plans for the next couple of months

Sunday 27th April – Camer Park/The Railway Inn, Sole Street

Meet in the car park of The Railway Inn at 11am for a circular walk through Camer Park to Meopham and back. Lunch at The Railway Inn around 12.30pm.

(No walks mid-May as we have The Stone Lodge Lunch and a Warner Break)

Sunday 25th May – Jeskyns Park/ The Railway Inn

Meet in Jeskyns car park at 11 am for a walk on the Orchard Route. Back to cars and on to The Railway Inn, Sole Street, for lunch around 12.45 pm

Wednesday 4th June –Mote Park, Maidstone

Meet in the main car park (Post code ME15 7SU – Fee payable) at 11.00am for a walk around Mote Park. Lunch in the on-site café/restaurant after the walk.

Wednesday 18th June – Whitstable/ Tankerton

Meet opposite the main car park in Harbour Street (near the bus stop and toilets) at 11.00am. Walk along the sea front towards Tankerton and then back along the top path to Whitstable. Lunch either at the Castle Gardens or The Neptune on the beach – to be decided nearer the time.

Sunday 29th June – Leybourne Lakes

Meet in the car park at 11.00pm – fee payable. Walk around the lake, back to cars and on to The Rose and Crown for lunch around 12.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July – Mid Summer Walk – Teston Lock/Wateringbury

Meet in Teston Lock car park at 5pm for a walk towards Wateringbury and back. Dinner at The Red Start, Barming.

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.

On the 16th May there will only be a small amount of people to set the hall up and therefore there may be no bowls.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 7 th May	Lunch at Stone Lodge Bowls Club	£20	
	Dartford 12.30 for 1pm		
Tuesday 20 th May	Bexhill and Pevensey	£44	
		Pick up at Mountbatten Avenue	
		09.00 am	
Friday 23 rd May	Visit and Tea at Gads Hill School	!4.00 - !4.30	

If you have booked for any of the above outings, please confirm and pay as soon as possible to help us arrange menus and travel details. More details are on our notice board which can be found next to Jan and Peter's table

Chairman's April Report

Hope you have all been making the most of the good weather we have been having of late, although those pesky weather forecasters keep on about rain. Let's hope that any rain we do have comes overnight.

April is the time to think about the renewal of your membership and the forms are available at all meetings. Please ensure that you put your membership renewal in an envelope when you return it. It is worth mentioning that for another year there has been no increase in the membership fee. Remember your club is always on the lookout for new members so if you know anyone who may be interested in the club and what we do please encourage them to come along and give us a try.

Rod





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