



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 29th May

Maggie Thatcher

Speaker Tony Harris

Friday 26th June

Bygone Kent (Stories from Kent's rich past)

Speaker Christine Rayner

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 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

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

June

Friday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

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

Rambles

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our Jeskyns Park walk. In fact it was a bit too hot, especially for some of us who hadn't paid enough for parking and had to rush back to the car park. We must remember to use a nearby lane for parking when we need to do this walk to avoid a £4.50 parking fee. Our lunch at The George was good and we were made very welcome. You will notice that the dates for our walks in May and June are not in their usual pattern and this is because of holiday commitments. Here are our plans for the near future.

Sunday 26th April –St Mary's Island and The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor

Meet outside M&S at Dockside for 11am for a walk around St Mary's Island. Back to cars and on to The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor for lunch around 1pm

Wednesday 6th May – Mote Park, Maidstone

Meet in car park (fee payable) at 11am for a walk around the park followed by lunch in the on-site café/ restaurant.

Sunday 24th May – Camer Park and The George

Meet in the car park of Camer Park at 11am for a circular walk around the park and then head towards Meopham. Lunch at The George at around 1pm

Wednesday 10th June – Local Ramble and Joe's Café

Meet at 11 am at the junction of Mountbatten Avenue and Taylors Lane for a walk towards Lower Higham, over the railway bridge and up the Landway to Hermitage Road. Lunch at Joe's at around 12.30 ish

Wednesday 17th June – Riverside Country Park, Lower Rainham

Meet at 11 am in the car park (fee payable). Walk alongside the River Medway and return to cars and on to The Rose and Crown, Shorne for lunch around 1 pm.

Sunday 28th June – Leybourne Lakes and The White Hart, Cuxton

Meet in the car park at 11 am (fee payable) for a circular walk around the lake. Back to cars and on to The White Hart for lunch around 12.45

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 0784988456

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 29 th April	Runnymede Cruise with lunch	£65
Friday 22 nd May	Gads Hill School	Free
Wednesday 3 rd June	Maldon River Cruise with Cream Tea	£69
Saturday 19 th September	Canal Cruise to Camden Market	£41
Saturday 14 th November	Social evening with Andy Badd	TBC
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch at Stone Lodge Dartford	TBC

**Please note that all trips must be paid for when being booked
All trips will be leaving from Taylors Lane**

Chairman's April Report

They tell me that Spring has arrived but I have yet to see any real evidence of it. The odd warm and sunny day does not in my book constitute Spring, but we must roll with it. I'm sure that the warmer weather is on its way, but on a positive note there has not been a lot of rain, if at all.

The visit to Gravesend Gurdwara early in April was enjoyed by the thirty or so members that attended. We were taken around the building and had various Sikh customs explained to us. As is the custom anyone visiting the Gurdwara is invited to partake in the food prepared by a small army of volunteers. This offer was gracefully accepted by all and was thoroughly enjoyed.

HIARA is administrated by the elected members of your committee for the benefit of you, the members. We would be more than pleased to have your ideas on anything that we could do differently or indeed anything you think we should be doing that we are currently not. Obviously the constraints of the hall curtail some activities but we are open to new suggestions. Likewise if you think there are any outings/trips that members would be interested in then please let us know.

Regards Rod



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