



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Old Father Thames**

**Speaker Captain Mick Wenban**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Smuggling on Romney Marsh**

**Speaker Sue Duckworth**

## 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**

**September**

**Fridays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

Art Group/Cards Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

**October**

**Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Quiz**

## Ramble

Our annual seaside walk from Hythe to Folkestone presented quite a challenge to the ramblers this year. All the footpaths from the promenade up to the Leas were closed off. It meant walking into Folkestone and taking the many steps up to The Bayle to get to the pub for lunch. Many likened this to climbing the north face of the Eiger. To make up for all the effort, our lunch was superb. It should also be reported that three members (who shall remain nameless) only did a third of the walk and caught the bus into Folkestone- they were comfortable and well – watered when the out-of-breath brigade arrived.

**See picture on page 2**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – St Mary's Island**

Meet outside Marks and Spencer's at the Dockside Outlet Centre at 11 am for a walk around St Mary's Island, back to cars and on to **The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor**, for lunch at around 12.45

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Jeskyns Country Park**

Meet in Jeskyns car park at 11.00am (fee payable) to walk the Orchard route. Back to the cars and on to **The Rose and Crown, Shorne** for lunch around 12.45

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Trottiscliffe The George**

Meet in the car park of The George, Trottiscliffe at 11.00am for a circular walk on roads and paths. There may be one area where there is sometimes a very large puddle so please wear boots or wellingtons if weather has been particularly bad before the walk. Lunch at the pub at around 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.*

## Upcoming Events

# Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	A fish and chip adventure	£65
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Race Night	£10 Bring your own drink and nibbles

#This is a trip on the Mid Norfolk Railway between Dereham to Wymondham a delightful journey through the heart of Norfolk. Trip depends on how many members would like to do the trip. Full details are on the notice board. Pick up is at the junction of Taylors Lane and Mountbatten Avenue.

## Chairman's August Report

Last month's speaker, Jean Surrey was in the main well received by the members although we did have a problem with some not being able to hear everything. We will continue to try and eliminate this.

In spite of it being the " holiday season", Friday activities are well attended and for the last couple of weeks we have even had the New Age Kurling being played alongside two bowls mats. No serious altercations have been recorded between the two sets of players! Having thought about it, the Kurling has not been used for eight years and amongst others was surprised when they played very well.

With the warm, some say hot weather continuing, a cold drink is available at all our sessions in addition to the normal tea and coffee which continues to be provided by the ever present Percy Scudder – thank you Percy.

**Rod**



*Macmillan Coffee Morning*  
*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am – 4pm*  
*Fernleigh ,38 Goddington Road, Strood ME2 3DD*

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