



HiARA news

Higham Active Retirement Association



www.hiara.org.uk

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 15th March

The Fenland Black Oak Table

Speaker Hamish Low

Friday 26th April

Annual AGM

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**

March

Fridays 1st, 8th and 22nd

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

April

Fridays 5th, 12th and 19th

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Rambles

Our Cobham Woods walk to the Mausoleum was very enjoyable. It was mostly on a good path although the rain the previous evening had left lots of puddles and some mud. Parking behind Cobham School was very easy. Our lunch at the Rose and Crown was as good as ever and we were entertained with music of our era which led to a bit of a quiz trying to remember the names of the artists of those great songs. Here are our plans for the next couple of months.



Sunday 25th February – Leybourne Lakes

Meet at 11.00 am in the car park of Leybourne Lakes for a circular walk around the lake and then on to **The White Hart, Cuxton** for lunch around 12.30 pm.

Wednesday 6th March – Riverside Country Park

Meet at 11.00 am in the car park of Riverside Country Park, Lower Rainham Road for a walk alongside the River Medway. Return to cars and back to Higham for lunch at **The Heart of Higham** café at around 12.45 pm

Wednesday 13th March – Jeskyns Country Park

Meet in the car park of Jeskyns Country Park at 11.00 am for a walk around the Orchard Route. Back to cars and on to **The Rose and Crown, Shorne** for lunch around 1.00 pm

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 1.00 pm

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 and back up the Landway and across fields. Lunch at **The Heart of Higham** at 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 rambles 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 5th	Lunch at Stone Lodge bowls Club	Full
****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******

Chairman's February report

We have turned a corner with the evenings drawing out but the weather still remains damp. Our January main meeting welcomed Bob Ogley, who told us all about "Doodlebugs". Some members were able to recall hearing them overhead, Bob gave the talk without referring to any notes and most people found it interesting and were also able to purchase copies of his books.

We will require your suggestions for our Charity for next year, so please let a committee member know if you have a particular one you would like to put forward and members will choose on March 15th meeting. This is also a reminder that our main meeting with the speaker has been bought forward to March 15th this year.

Also, in March on the 23rd, we have our 21st Anniversary party. This will be a ploughman's supper with anniversary cake. Our thanks go to the HiARA members who are preparing the arrangements and food. **Please notify Jan of any dietary requirements or allergies** We are looking forward also to being entertained by Andy Robinson. There will also be raffle tickets for sale on the night and all proceeds will go to our charity. As the club has been an established member of KentARA for 21 years, we are pleased to say that Linda and Ian, officers from the KentARA committee will be joining us at the social to bring along and certificate to mark the occasion and to make the presentation.

The activity afternoons are well attended and following our committee meeting we have some plans and these will be displayed on the noticeboard when they have been arranged. Any outings will, as usual, be payment on booking. *Liz*

Trip organised by Janet Topp

Windsor and Windsor Castle

Thursday 6th June

Coach departs Higham 08.30am

Coach returns from Windsor 4.00pm

£53 per person

Includes Coach travel, Castle entry ticket and driver tip

Pavment required by end of April

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If you have any comments, please contact the relevant committee