



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Women of the Air Transport**  
**Authority**  
**Speaker Geoff Collins**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The AGM**  
**Selecting our Charity**  
**for 2025-26**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### April

**Fridays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**No meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> as Good**  
**Friday**

## Rambles

We had a beautiful day for our Riverside Country Park walk along the River Medway. We then headed to The Heart of Higham where we are always made welcome and where the food is always excellent. Here are our plans for the next couple of months

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Shorne Country Park/Rose and Crown**

Meet in the Rose and Crown car park at 11am for a circular walk around Shorne country Park. Lunch at the pub around 12.45 pm.

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Cliffe Pools/ The Six Bells.**

Meet in the RSPB car park at Cliffe Pools, Salt Lane 11am for a walk to the sea wall and back. On to The Six Bells in Cliffe Village for lunch around 12.45pm

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – St Mary's Island/Kings Arms, Upnor**

Meet outside Clarks Shoes at the Outlet Centre for a walk around St Mary's Island. Back to cars and on to The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor for lunch around 1pm

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Lower Higham/Landway**

Meet at the junction of Taylors Lane and Mountbatten Avenue at 11am for a walk to Lower Higham, across the railway bridge, up the land way and across fields. Lunch at The Heart of Higham at around 12.30pm

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April –Bluewater/Rose and Crown**

Meet at 11am outside Marks and Spencer food hall at Bluewater for a walk around the outside of Bluewater. Back to cars and on to The Rose and Crown, Shorne for lunch around 1pm

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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 29 <sup>th</sup> March *	Social Evening	£10
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Kent Drive and Afternoon Tea	£48
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Lunch at Stone Lodge Bowls Club	£20
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bexhill and Pevensey	£44

\*Dance again to Andy Badman, as we did last year. A great evening. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.\*

## Chairman's February Report

I hope you are all managing to keep warm in this cold weather.

Last month's talk was about the River Thames which I must confess I was quite looking forward to. However I do have to admit that the talk itself could have been delivered better. That said your committee does its best to ensure that speakers and the subject matter are interesting and varied. What we cannot ensure is the delivery of the talk so I can only apologise for any that fall short of expectations. Remember, we are always anxious to hear of any speakers that you may have heard of or indeed seen.

New members are always welcome and if you know of anyone who you think may enjoy what we do please invite them along one Friday to see for themselves.

**Rod**



*The winners of the January quiz were Janet Topp, Margaret Jones, Marion Chapman, Eva Golding, Sue Buck and George Tharby*

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If you have any comments, please contact the relevant committee member.