



HiARA news

Higham Active Retirement Association

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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 22nd July

Christoph Bull

Earls of Darnley and Their Surprising Irish Connection

Friday 26th August

Nigel Dawson

Britain in the 1950's

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

July

Fridays 1st, 8th and 15th

Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/ShortMat Bowls

29th July Quiz

August

Fridays 5th, 12th and 19th

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

Rambles

Our May Ramble took us on a new route on St Mary's Island and was most enjoyable. We had lunch at the Kings Arms, Upper Upnor, where we received a warm welcome and the food was excellent. Here are our plans for the next couple of months and **please note** that, unfortunately, due to a clash of dates we will **NOT be doing the Ramble with a Difference on the 20th July**. This will be deferred until later this year and we will use the 20th for a local ramble to The Rose and Crown for those not going to the Bowls Club lunch.

Sunday 26th June – Percy's Ramble – Rainham

Meet at 11am in the car park of **Riverside Country Park, Lower Rainham**, for a flat walk alongside the Medway towards The Strand. Return to cars and back to **The Rose and Crown** for lunch at around 12.45 pm.

Wednesday 6th July – Evening Ramble – Teston Lock

Meet in the car park of Teston Lock at 5 pm for our usual mid-summer walk either side of the Medway. Back to cars and on to **The Red Start, Barming**, for dinner at around 6.45pm

Wednesday 20th July – Local Ramble – Rose & Crown Shorne

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11 am for a walk to Shorne via the Falstaff, the path alongside the by-pass, across the orchards and up Bowsden Lane towards Shorne. Lunch at The Rose and Crown at around 12.45 p.m.

Sunday 24th July – Day at the Seaside – Minnis Bay

A few of us decided we need a day at the Seaside. Meet at 11 ish on the green adjacent to the beach at **Minnis Bay** (just before you get to Westgate). Bring your own chairs, drinks and a picnic, although there is a pub/cafe nearby and a good fish and chip shop not far away. There is a lovely sandy beach and you could bring your bucket and spade and a swimming costume if you are so inclined. If you want a stroll there is a promenade towards Westgate. This outing will much depend on the weather, of course, and if you are in doubt or need further directions give Janet a call.

Wednesday 3rd August – Hythe to Folkstone Ramble

This is our usual annual outing. Meet at 11a.m. on the promenade in front of the Imperial Hotel, Hythe, for the walk along the promenade towards Folkstone. Lunch at The Pullman, Folkstone, at around 1 p.m. and then return to Hythe on the bus. Please remember your bus passes.

Wednesday 17th August – Local Ramble to the Stone Horse

Meet at 11am at the junction of Taylors Lane and Mountbatten Avenue for a walk to the **Stone Horse** via Telegraph Hill and Dillywood Lane. Lunch at the pub around 12.30pm. Return across the fields and Hermitage Road.

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.

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

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Outings for 2022

6 th July	Tenterden Railway with cream tea	Full
20 th July	Stone Bowls Club (Menu below)	£16.50
17 th September	Tribute Evening	£12
11 th October	Gurdwara	Free
9 th December	Christmas Lunch on The Ambiance	FULL
14 th December	Christmas Lunch at The Knowle	£50

*****All Monies to be paid at time of booking for trips*****

We have arranged a trip to Stone Lodge Bowling Club for Lunch on the 20th July -cost £16.50.
Menu as follows:-

Main

Steak and Ale Pie
Roast Pork
Cottage Pie
Fillet of Salmon

Desserts

Fruit Crumble
Fruit Roulade
Fresh Fruit Salad
After Dinner
Tea or Coffee & Mint

*****Own Transport Required*****

Please make a date in your diary for Saturday 17th September - A Legends and Laughter evening [Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and Tommy Cooper]- cost £12. A great evening's entertainment. Tickets will be available Any queries phone Jan - 01474 822775.

A tour of the Gurdwara Gravesend has been booked for the 11th October at 11.00 am. Please add your name to the list held by Jan Morriss if you would like to go.

*****Own transport and a small donation will be required.*****

HIARA MEETING – FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2022-

Members were welcomed to the meeting by the new Vice Chair, Rod Stockford , deputizing for Liz Jeffery who was on holiday in Sunny Sussex. Rod then introduced our speaker, Sue Spiel who had come to entertain us with the poems of Pam Ayres. Sue read the poems with a great deal of humour which was much appreciated by us all .A Congratulation Card was on the table and members were happy to add their signature and a personal note, Rod would then forward the card to the Queen at Buckingham Palace in honour of the 70 year anniversary of her coronation.

Josephine Smith