



# HiARA news

Higham Active Retirement Association



[www.hiara.org.uk](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**How the 747 Got Its Hump**

**Speaker Guy Bartlett**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**D Day**

**Speaker Steve Hookins**

## Rambles

Like most people, we have been very disappointed with the weather over the winter and early spring. Some of our rambles had to be cancelled but we had no trouble making our way to various venues for lunch. Let's hope the sun will shine for us again this summer. Here are our plans for the next couple of months:

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – St Mary's Island**

Meet at Dockside Outlet Centre outside Clarks Shoes at 11am for a walk around the island. Back to cars and on to **Kings Arms**, Upnor for lunch at 1pm.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Camer Park Meopham**

Meet in the car park of **The Railway Tavern Sole Street** at 11.00 am for a walk Through Camer Park and across fields towards Meopham. Back to the Railway for lunch around 12.45 pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Lower Higham**

Meet at the junction of Mountbatten Avenue and Taylors Lane for a walk towards Lower Higham, over the railway bridge and back up the Landway and across fields to Hermitage Road. Lunch at **The Heart of Higham** at around 12.45 pm.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Leybourne Lakes**

Meet in the Leybourne Lakes car park at 11.00 am for a walk around the lake. Back to the cars and on to **The Rose and Crown, Shorne** for lunch around 1 pm.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Teston Lock and The Red Start**

This is our usual mid-summer evening ramble. Meet at Teston Lock car park (ME15 ONF) fee payable, at 5 pm for a walk towards Wateringbury and returning alongside the River Medway to cars. On to **The Red Start** at Barming for dinner at 7 pm.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Jeskyns Country Park/Heart of Higham**

Meet in Jeskyns car park at 11.00 am for a walk around the Orchard Route. Back to cars and on to **The Heart of Higham** for lunch around 12.45 pm

*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.*

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> QUIZ**

**June**

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

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

**July**

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

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**Member's annual fees of £15 are to be paid by the end of May**

## Forthcoming Events

Monday July 22nd	Bexhill & The Star Pub	Full
Thursday August 1st	Tiptree fruit Farm & Cream Tea	£52
Thursday September 12th	The Vintage Bus Tour in Essex	£79
Saturday November 16th	Race Night with refreshments	Price to be confirmed
Tuesday December 3rd	Christmas Lunch	Details to follow
Friday December 20th	Our Christmas Party	Details to follow

### Recommended by Other HiARA Members Afternoon Tea at the Clarendon Hotel £5.50

#### Trip organised by Janet Topp - Windsor and Windsor Castle - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June £53 per person

Coach departs Higham 8.30am, Coach returns from Windsor 4.00pm includes coach travel, castle entry ticket & driver tip

\*\*\*\*\*This trip is now full\*\*\*\*\*

### Chairman's May Report

Following on from the AGM, I would like to thank Liz for her time as Chair. Having taken on that role I will endeavour, with the committee, to see that the club continues to go from strength to strength. Should there be anything you think we could be doing differently, please contact either myself or any member of the committee and we will see what can be done.

Our activities on Fridays continue to be well attended, with numbers regularly being between 40 and 50. We are always looking to welcome new members so should you know anyone who may be interested in what we do, why not bring them along so that they can give us a try without any commitment for four weeks. Membership fees are now due and should be paid to Jenny Mount as soon as possible please.

The forthcoming trips are well subscribed, thank you to Jan Morriss for organising them. Continue to read the noticeboard for future events/trips.

Finally continue to enjoy the sunny weather that we have been experiencing of late and long may it last.

**Rod**

*Our new chairman Rod Stockford, new Honorary President Roy George and our ex Chairperson Liz Jeffreys.*



## HiARA

### Thai evening meal

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Provided and served by  
Anya and the girls





At the  
Railway inn - Sole Street




*Our Thai meal that was a great success*

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