



May 2021

A reminder that all the information on this newsletter can be found on the Hiara website which is www.hiara.org.uk so why not bookmark the page to make for easier access.

Monthly Message from our Chairperson Liz Jeffery

HiARA May report

This month's newsletter begins with the news that another long serving member, Eileen Ware passed away following a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Bill and their family at this sad time. Eileen was a keen crafter, made beautiful cards and loved to crochet. Donations if you wish, to Demelza House.

We send all our other members who have been unwell or been into hospital recently our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

We are planning to hold a committee meeting in late June to organise the reopening of the club. I have contacted ShorneARA and Maureen there has said that their club is hoping to open up again in Mid-July, subject to government guidelines at the time and it was reassuring to know that our plans and theirs were on the same lines.

Several members of the club are still performing their marshalling duties at Vaccination Centres. The NHS Staff are very grateful for their help and assistance, which in turn makes their jobs run more smoothly. Another member helped out at the recent elections.



The Rambling group numbers have been good. Keeping the walks local and with the benefit of a refreshments in Higham Village Club's garden upon their return.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like happen when we start up, please let a committee member know and we will try and accommodate your ideas. Remember it is your club and your ideas will bring enjoyment to others.

Don't forget we will have committee nomination papers available at the first few meetings, so please consider putting names forward. It is difficult to run the club without a full committee. No specific skills necessary, access to emails would be an advantage but not essential. We hold 8 or possibly 9 short meetings usually at the Memorial Hall when past meetings are reviewed, next meetings arranged and any issues or ideas discussed. You never know you may enjoy being on the team, we do and you may find you find yourself taking on a role which may suit you. We look forward to seeing who is nominated.

To end on a hopefully brighter note, I understand the Tilbury Cruise Terminal is going to open up again to cruise ships. A new company has been formed by the Ex CEO of Cruise and Maritime Voyages, which sadly went into administration during the pandemic. The new company is called Ambassador Cruises and will cater for the over 50's market, similar to the ones CMV used to do. But this time the new ships will have all the environmental improvements necessary for the future and the passengers will be able to travel with confidence, their words not mine. The new schedule is out this June and I shall be taking a look to see what they offer. The announcement also said Disney Cruises would be based there as well, but no further details on that as yet.

Correspondence received


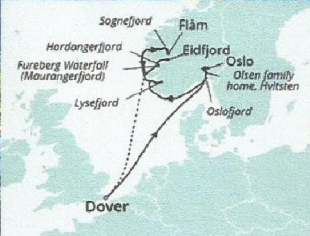
Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

NORWEGIAN FJORDS & THE OLSEN HOME

BOLETTE

14th September 2022 | 7 nights | Sail from Dover | Cruise code T2222

KENTARA 2022 GROUP CRUISE

Eidfjord, Norway

Autumn brings a unique look and feel to the fjordland, and you'll get to experience the region's seasonal splendour to the full. Feel the crisp, cooler air on your skin as you revel in the sight of dramatic mountains and cliffs, quaint villages and natural wonders during journeys along Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord – Norway's longest fjords. See Fureberg Waterfall up-close from on board *Bolette* too, as your smaller ship make a special diversion into Maurangerfjord.

You'll also view Langfoss, which is widely regarded as one of Norway's best waterfalls. From the labyrinthine streets of Stavanger's Old Town to Flâm Railway tours, there are countless highlights ashore. Olden is your start point for discovering the fascinating Briksdal Glacier.

Date	Destination
Wed 14 Sep	Dover, United Kingdom
Fri 16 Sep	Oslo, Norway
Fri 16 Sep	Cruising Oslofjord, Norway
Fri 16 Sep	Cruising by the Olsen Family Home, Norway
Sat 17 Sep	Cruising Lysefjord, Norway
Sun 18 Sep	Flâm, Norway
Sun 18 Sep	Cruising Sognefjord, Norway
Mon 19 Sep	Eidfjord, Norway
Mon 19 Sep	Cruising Hardangerfjord, Norway
Mon 19 Sep	Cruising Maurangerfjord & Furebergfossen, Norway
Wed 21 Sep	Dover, United Kingdom

Group Fares per person

Interior	£1,039
Ocean-view	£1,309
Superior Ocean-view	£1,439
Balcony Junior Suite	£2,519
Single Interior Room	£1,709
Ocean-view Single	£2,519

Private group transfers to/from Dover[^]

FREE Kentara Group Drinks Party On Board^{**}

Prices are based on standard occupancy. These are correct at time of going to print, but may change at any time. Please call for latest prices. Ocean Members will receive an extra 5% discount*



To book contact Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines Reservations team on 01473 742 424, quoting GRP0288 and cruise code T2222.

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This Month's Quiz is General Knowledge

1. What is Liverpool's main station called?
2. According to the song what did the old lady swallow to catch a spider?
3. In which US state is Michael Jackson's ranch Neverland?
4. According to the bible who was the only man to survive the destruction of Sodom and Gomorra?
5. Which former film star has a statue to him in Leicester Square in London?
6. Which 1984 film comedy starred Bill Murray, Don Ackroyd and Sigourney Weaver?
7. Who was the brother of Wilber Wright who invented the aeroplane?
8. Which Canadian Territory has a capital called Whitehorse?
9. In which century did post boxes first appear in England?
10. Which country is Addis Ababa the capital?
11. Which is the longest bone in the human body?
12. Which Ukrainian city gives its name to a chicken dish?
13. What new name was given to Millennium Dome in 2007?
14. What name is given to a quarter of a circle?
15. Which 2008 film musical starred Johnny Depp and Helen Bonham-Carter?
16. Which Billy Joel number 1 hit song did he write for his wife Chrissy Brinkly?
17. Which famous University is at Newhaven Connecticut?
18. In which century was the Mona Lisa painted?
19. In which century was New Amsterdam renamed New York?
20. Which American state shares its name with a former Soviet state?

Answers to April's Quiz

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| 1. Pontiac | 2. Lexus | 3. Lamborghini |
| 4. Maybach | 5. Lancia | 6. Bugatti |
| 7. Smart | 8. Jaguar | 9. Volvo |
| 10. Saab | 11. Chevrolet | 12. Alfa Romeo |

During lockdown have you learnt a new skill or revived an old hobby? Done some volunteering? Finished that project started years ago? We would be pleased to hear your stories and receive your pictures to share with other members on future newsletters.

Important dates for your calendar

July

Friday 2nd Chat Afternoon,
Friday 9th Activity Afternoon
Friday 16th Chat Afternoon
Friday 23rd Welcome back tea and cakes,
Friday 30th Quiz

August

Friday 6th Activity Afternoon
Friday 13th Activity Afternoon
Friday 20th Activity Afternoon
Friday 27th Main meeting and AGM

September

Friday 3rd Activity Afternoon
Friday 10th Activity Afternoon
Friday 17th Activity Afternoon
Friday 24th Main members social meeting

October

Friday 1st Activity Afternoon
Friday 8th Activity Afternoon
Friday 15th Activity Afternoon
Friday 22nd Speaker
Friday 29th Quiz

November

Friday 5th Activity Afternoon
Friday 12th Activity Afternoon
Friday 19th Activity Afternoon
Friday 26th Speaker

December

3rd Activity Afternoon
10th Activity Afternoon
17th Christmas Tea Party with
Entertainment