



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 28th November
The Fabulous 50's Do You
Remember When?

Friday 19th December
Christmas Party

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

November

Fridays 7th, 14th and 21st

Art Group/Cards Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

December

Fridays 5th and 12th

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

Ramble

Our ramble at the tail end of September was a circular walk from The George at Trottiscliffe. It was a beautiful day and we didn't encounter the dreaded puddle as Peter found an alternative path avoiding that particular spot. We also walked across a field for the first time in ages and because the weather has been so dry we didn't get muddy. All the warnings about wellingtons and boots were completely unnecessary. Lunch at The George was excellent as anyone who had the fish pie or roasts will testify.

Wednesday 5th November – Cliffe Pools and The Six Bells

Meet in the car park of The Six Bells/St Helens Church at 11am for a walk around Cliffe Pools. We are used to doing this from the Nature Reserve car park and this will be a new route for some of us. Lunch at the pub around 1pm

Wednesday 12th November – Lower Higham – Joe's Cafe

Meet at 11.00am at the junction of Taylors Lane and Mountbatten Avenue for a walk towards Lower Higham, across the railway bridge, up the landway and across fields back to Upper Higham. Lunch at Joe's café at around 12.45

Sunday 23rd November – Jeskyns Country Park and Rose and Crown

Meet in Jeskyns Car par (fee payable) at 11.00am for a walk around the park. Back to cars and on to The Rose and Crown for lunch at around 12.45

Wednesday 3rd December – Bluewater

Meet outside Marks and Spencer food hall at 11.00am for a circular walk around Bluewater, Lunch in the M&S café at around 1pm or elsewhere in Bluewater – Suggestions welcome.

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 15th November	Race Night	£10 Bring your own drink and nibbles
Tuesday 2nd December	Christmas Lunch at Stone Lodge	Menus and price to follow
*Saturday 6th December *	Possible day trip to Bruges	Early start 06.10
Wednesday 10th December	Visit Kew Gardens for their Christmas Lights	£60
**Saturday 13th December **	Trip to and around London	£71 Full
Friday 19th December	Christmas Party	£2 Entertainment and food provided

This is a possible trip depending how many people wish to make the journey

****Leave Higham 11.50. Time in Greenwich. River Trip to see the lights on the Thames this is followed by a trip around London to see the lights and a fish and chip supper.**

Chairman's October Report

"Well September is now behind us and we can look forward (if that is the correct term to use), to those darker nights with the changing of the clocks at the end of the month. The month was a good one for the club, with attendance at both the activity afternoons and the main meeting featuring the speaker, being well attended. Membership is currently running at around 120 with some new members trickling in. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to come and give us a try.

Remember to check the notice board as we have some events coming up such as the Christmas Party and the Christmas Lunch and I wouldn't want anyone to miss out, although the Christmas Lunch will be limited to members only and then only a certain number as we cannot all be accommodated at the venue.

Finally – REMEMBER THAT YOUR CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR ON OCTOBER 26TH

Regards Rod



"Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught at it." – Gene Perret

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