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 27th November
Great Mysteries – 7 Conspiracy Theories
Speaker Rev Dr Nicholas Henderson

Friday 18th December
Christmas Party
Details to follow

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 6th, 13th, and 20th
Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

December
Friday 4th, and 11th
Art Group/Cards/Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

Rambles

At the time of writing we hadn't yet done the Whitstable walk. We were going to take the coastal path towards Herne Bay but this would have been a step too far for some of us so we decided to take the path the other way towards Seasalter, Trish and Rod kindly did a recce and it was on this path that Rod had his heard attack. We must thank God help was at hand to bring him back to us. Here are our plans for the next few months. As the cost of fuel has soared, you will see some of our walks will start in Higham or nearby villages.

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Sunday 25th October – St Mary's Island and The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor
Meet outside Barclays Bank at Dockside for a walk around St Mary's Island. Back to cars and on to The Kings Arms for lunch around 1pm

Wednesday 4th November – Dillywood Lane and The Stone Horse
Meet at 11am at The Stone Horse, Dillywood Lane for a circular walk. Lunch at the pub at 12.45 ish.

Wednesday 18th November – Shorne Country Park, The Rose and Crown, Shorne
Meet in the car park of The Rose and Crown at 11.00 for a circular walk in Shorne Country Park. Back to the pub for lunch around 1pm

Sunday 29th November- Cliffe and The Six Bells
Meet in the car park near The Six Bells, Cliffe for a circular walk. Back to the pub for lunch around 1pm

Wednesday 2nd December – Local Ramble and Joe's
Meet at 11am at the junction of Taylors Lane and Mountbatten Avenue. We might tackle Telegrapth Hill from the top road for this one taking us over the hill to Hermitage Road and we can walk across fields form there. If the field is likely to be muddy we will change the route. Joe's for lunch at 12.30 ish.

Wednesday 16th December – Rochester and The Boat House
Meet at The Boat House, Canal Road, Strood, at 11.05am (remember to park after 11am if parking on the road). Our walk will take us over Rochester Bridge, along the Esplanade and over the hill into Rochester and The Vines. Lunch at the pub at 1pm, (Regular ramblers will recall they have paid a deposit for this lunch and we are unable to add to our numbers).

We have not planned a walk for Sunday 27th December (we usually have a walk on the lst Sunday of the month) thought everyone would still be enjoying left-over turkey, etc. Our next walk will be on Wednesday 6th January.

Happy Christmas everyone.

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 07849884563

If anyone is able to help with setting the hall up on a Friday could they please let a member of the committee know

Upcoming Events

Saturday 14th November	Social evening with Andy Badd Bring your own food and drinks	£10
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Lunch at Stone Lodge Dartford	Two Courses £30, Three courses £34
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party	TBC

We are trying to regulate when people pay for trips. This is to stop many people having to queue to pay for different outings etc.
14th November – Dance - Pay between 2nd October and 30th October
8th December – Christmas Lunch - Pay only between 3rd October and 26th November
18th December – Christmas Party - Pay only between 13th November and 11th December
If you have not paid by the last date of your trip you may lose your place.
All trips will be leaving from Taylors Lane and junction of Mountbatten Avenue

Chairman's October Report

Last months speaker, Mark Moynan certainly held the attention of most, if not all, of those in attendance as he told of his work working as a butler from royalty, both in the UK and abroad, to worldwide organisations. There was a common factor in all of his clientele – they had to have at least £30 million in assets! Having said that I understand that if you should want a butler at your evening soiree, he may be available at a reasonable rate!
The nights are drawing in quickly now and the clocks will soon be going back but the weather at present is not too bad (or at least at the time of writing) though I suppose we have been lucky. Take care when out and about at this time of year as pavements may be slippery due to any rain and fallen leaves.
See you all soon
Rod



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