

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 24th October Smuggling on Romney Marsh Speaker Sue Duckworth

Friday 28th November
The Fabulous 50's Do You
Remember When?
Speaker Della Taylor

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

October Fridays 3rd, 10th and 17th

Art Group/Cards Games/Craft/Short Mat Bowls

October 31st Quiz

November Fridays 7th, 14th, and 21st

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

Ramble

WE had a lovely day for our walk through Shorne Country Park. We save a small fortune in parking fees as we walk from The Rose and Crown towards the park. We managed not to get lost and lunch at the pub was enjoyed by all. As our St Mary's Island walk had to be cancelled this has been re-scheduled for Sunday 26th October. Here are our plans for the next month.

Sunday 28th September – Trottiscliffe and The George Meet in the car park of The George at 11am for a circular walk on roads and paths. There may be one area where there is sometimes a very large puddle so please wear boots or wellington, particularly if we have had a wet spell. Lunch at the pub at around 1pm.

Wednesday 8th October – Leybourne Lakes and The Rose and Crown

Meet in the Leybourne Lakes car park at 11am – fee payable. Walk around the lake and then back to The Rose and Crown for lunch around 12.45pm

Wednesday 15th October – Villa road to The Three Crutches

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11am for a walk past The Falstaff, down the hill and along the path adjacent to the by-pass then up Crutches Lane for lunch at The Three Crutches. Return from pub by same route.

Sunday 26th October - St Mary's Island and The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor

Meet outside Marks and Spencer at the Dockside Outlet at 11am for a walk around St Mary's Island, back to cars and on to The Kings Arms, Upper Upnor, for lunch around 1pm

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

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

^{*}This is a possible trip depending how many people wish to make the journey*

Chairman's September Report

August was a good month for us with the activity days being well attended. On the 22nd our booked speaker had cried off as he had been called up for jury service (of all the excuses not to speak to us that one is up there with the best of them!!), so we instead played several very good games of HOY bingo, which was enjoyed by all who participated. Before the bingo started the club was presented with a certificate for 21 years by Ray Craddock, vice chairman of KentARA West. This was received on our behalf by Jan Topp, Roy George and Percy Scudder – all founder members.

August also had five Fridays so on the last Friday we had one of our popular quiz games. Once again it made people rack their little grey cells, but it was an enjoyable afternoon with a close finish that went to three tie-breaks before we had an eventual winner.

Please ensure that you regularly check the notice board that is put out each week as it displays information about upcoming trips and visits.

Regards Rod

The winners of the August Quiz were Keith and Coral White, Phil Ridgway, Maggie Luck, Marie Chadwick



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^{**}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 those lights and a fish and chip supper.