

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 26th April

AGM

Musical Interlude from Gads Hill Students

Friday 24th May

**Proprietors of Winterdale Farm on
"Cheesemaking"**

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

April

Fridays 5th and 12th

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

May

Fridays 3rd, 10th and 17th

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

31st May

QUIZ

Rambles

We were back to getting very muddy and slightly wet on our last ramble but the super lunch at the Redstart more than made up for our discomfort.

Sunday 24th March – Percy's Ramble

Meet at 10.30 am in the car park of the Red Dog, High Halstow for a circular walk of approx 3 miles. Back to the pub for lunch at around 12.45 pm.

Wednesday 3rd April – Allhallows and High Halstow

Meet at 11 am in the road outside The Pilot pub at Allhallows for a walk out to the sea wall, through the caravan park and back to the cars to go on to the Red Dog, High Halstow, for lunch at around 12.45 pm.

Wednesday 24th April – Local Ramble *Please note date change*

Meet at the Gardeners Arms at 11 am for a circular walk ending up back at the pub for lunch around 12.30 pm.

Sunday 28th April – Percy's Ramble

Meet at 10.30 am in car park of the Golden Lion, Luddesdown, for a circular walk of about 3 miles. Lunch at the Golden Lion. Please let Percy know if you require lunch.

Wednesday 8th May – Ranscombe Farm

Meet in the car park opposite the Council refuse tip on Cuxton Hill at 11.00 am for a circular walk of approx. 3 miles across fields and farmland. Back to cars and on to the White Hart at Cuxton for lunch around 12.45pm.

Wednesday 15th May – Local Ramble

Meet at the Gardeners Arms at 11.00am for a circular walk and back to the pub for lunch around 12.30pm.

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.

HiARA Committee Members

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

DATES FOR 2019

April 17th	Eltham Palace and Greenwich English Heritage Members £24	£32
May 12th	Iona Horse Drawn Barge and Cream Tea – Morning in Guildford	£41
June 14th	Herne Bay and Whitstable with fish and chips	£30
September 4th	Broadstairs with a Carvery Lunch	£30
September 24th	Crayford Stadium with a two course lunch	£38
October 22nd	Autumn Tints Drive with a 3 course meal at “The Moorings”	£36
December 19th	Winchester Christmas Market	£27

Payments are due when you put your name down.

Afternoon Tea

35 Members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at North Kent College on Tuesday 5th March. There was a good selection of savouries and cakes. As it was Pancake Day, we had a demonstration on how to cook Crepe Suzette and a taster with plenty of tea and coffee to follow. Everybody came out completely satisfied and they all thought it excellent value for money.

February Meeting

Peter Jones gave a very enthusiastic talk on “How to do everything and be Happy!” at the meeting held on February 22nd. A prolific author, he spoke about his early childhood and various jobs in banking. After consulting an “Image consultant” life improved and he began to write. Following several rejections of his books and articles he began to self-fund (publish) his own publications. A couple of years later he added audio books and leaflets to his literature on self-improvement and was very successful. Members were able to chat further with him and purchase from his selection of books, which he was very happy to sign.

The annual bring and buy sale was once again popular and the monies received will go to our 2018 charity; the Wisdom Hospice. March marks the end of our year of fundraising for them and we will be presenting our donation to them at the April AGM. Members then chose the charity for 2019, which will be Alzheimer’s and Dementia Support Services and their representative will be at the March meeting to explain more about the work their Charity does. All other activities continue to be well supported with more members taking part every week. Several coach outings have been arranged. The ‘Rambers’ group are off to Bournemouth for their early year break. We welcomed several new people at this meeting and having spoken to them they were very interested and keen to join at the April AGM.

Our next quiz is on 29th March at 1.30pm.

Pat Oakeshott

HiARA Media and Publicity

There will be copies of the 2018 AGM minutes, plus a draft copy of the 2018/19 Annual accounts available on 22nd March and 26th April at the reception desk. Further copies are available upon request.

SECRETARY

From the AGM, our secretary will no longer be able to continue in the role; therefore we will need someone to take her place with good computer skills and a sense of humour. If a secretary is not found then the club will not be able to continue. Any more information required, please speak to Liz the Chairperson.

