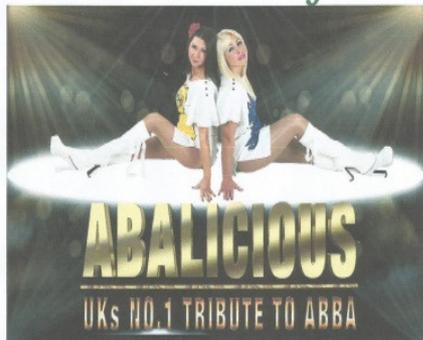


HiARA

Saturday 3rd November

Memorial Hall Higham



Come and enjoy an evenings
entertainment featuring

ABALICIOUS

Doors open at 19.00 hours with performance starting
at 19.30 Tables of 8 may be booked ~ bring your
own drinks / nibbles / cutlery.

Ploughman's Supper Included

Tickets only £12

Outings & Holidays

Two enjoyable outings were enjoyed by some of our members. The first to Cobham Hall where we had a fascinating tour, our guides were very entertaining and somewhat animated! A delicious cream tea was provided.

The second was a lovely day out to Rye market where we had some retail therapy and then on to Hastings for lunch at our leisure (mostly fish and chips) and free time. The weather was very kind to us and we had a good journey home.

A Christmas lunch has been arranged at the college for Tuesday 11th December. The price is £15 which includes a 50 pence tip. The menus are available now. Please pay in full when you return your menu choices.

The Bury St Edmunds trip is now full, if you have put your name down; please pay as soon as possible.

KentARA has a Christmas concert on 29th November at Ditton. If you are interested, the details are on the board. This is self-drive

Ramblers

The Hythe to Folkestone ramble was very enjoyable on a fine sunny day and most of our group ambled along the seafront and found the pub easily. However, for others it was more of a test and Janet is extremely grateful to those who helped her that day. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Ranscombe Park ramble and good weather is forecast. I have been asked about the date for our December ramble which is traditionally followed by Christmas lunch at The George at Trottscliffe. Our group have been booked in for Wednesday 5th December, to avoid clashing with other events, and those wishing to participate will have menu choices when they are available and are asked to pay a £5 per head deposit nearer the time.

August Meeting

The meeting opened with a warm welcome from the Chairman, Liz who asked members to stand for a moment's silence in memory of our Past Chairman, Diana Wheatley and those other members recently departed. Following this, notices were read and guest speaker Karin Bucannan was introduced. Karin is a globe-trotting enthusiastic traveller who has a quirky (in her own words) interest, in lamp-posts and benches! Amongst other things. Today her talk: Around the World in 80 Benches, centred on benches of all shapes and sizes, from the largest to the smallest in every corner of the world. If Karin hears of a particularly unusual bench which she has not seen previously, she will go to extreme lengths to visit and to photograph. She told one tale of an incident with some unhappy security guards at a 5 star exclusive resort, but, she was not deterred and was eventually allowed to take the all-important photograph of the unique seats by their pool. Benches – or – places to sit have been carved out of nature, granite and rock formations have always been somewhere to sit to contemplate and rest. This light-hearted talk is one of many subjects Karin gives and was very well received.

Our Membership Secretary has had her poem on "Retirement" printed in the latest KentARA Newsletter and Club Secretary, Joyce, kindly read the poem to the members. Congratulations to Jenny and thank you Joyce. Our club is full of talented people.

Pat Oakeshott HiARA Publicity