### Information

#### HIARA AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 14<sup>th</sup>. HiARA AGM will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. April 2017 at 2pm at the Memorial Hall Higham.

The existing committee members will stand down en block and nominations are required for 4 officers and 4 members. Nomination forms will be available from Jenny every Friday or from Liz on application.

Many ARA's are experiencing extreme difficulty in filling committee posts and a number have folded as a result. If you don't want this to happen to HiARA then please think seriously and nominate some one to support the club. Whilst the work is not onerous some committee members would like a rest !!!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEWSLETTER WILL IN FUTURE BE PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY

## HiARA Committee Members

Chair	John Wheatley	01474362172
Secretary & Vice Chair	Liz Jeffery	01474747090
Treasurer	Ian Robinson	01634718460
Membership	Jenny Mount	01474356785
Activities	Doug Stevens	01474823168
Member	Ted Kentsley	01474822056
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Events	Vacant	

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

## History of Scottish Bagpipes

Members of HiARA were superbly entertained by Piper Chic: Charles Mackie who spoke on "The History of Scottish Bagpipes". After giving us a 20minute concert of music on his pipes, whilst dressed in his full dress uniform. Chic was the Senior Pipe Major of the Black Watch Pipes and Drums (London) ably assisted by Chris Nelson who played an accompaniment on the electric organ. Chic played on four other pipes, particularly Northumbrian pipes which produced a much softer tone. Bagpipes originated in Egypt and played by shepherds. Romans bought them to Europe and pipes were then developed by different countries. The first school of bagpipes was on the Isle of Skye. Bagpipes were not meant to be played indoors (I'm not surprised!) all Pipers carry ear plugs (wonder why?). In 17th century England bagpipes and tartans were forbidden on pain of death. Chic and Chris then played one of Chris's compositions and after questions played Happy Birthday for one of our members

Rat Oakshott

Jean Ellis from Chalk Parish Church wishes to thank all who kindly collect used stamps and send them to her via Liz



# Jersey Boys Sat. 18th.

120 members and friends enjoyed a "West End Quality" show but in Higham Memorial Hall. The four members of the troupe were exceptionally talented with the Jersey boys and Showaddywaddy renditions. One member of the group took off Tina Turner, Shirley Bassey and Susan Boyle. As usual members took to the floor to dance.

# Holidays and Outings

lolidays	Date Destination	Destination	Price	Deposit		Balance		Depart Time	
		£/pp	_ £	Due	£	Due	Higham	O/cliffe	
	20/11/17	T&T Sinah Warren	£339-£375	Please hand in your booking form when paying your deposit to Jewels which is due by 30/03/17					
	26/11/18	T&T Lytham St. Annes		Details to follow					