

**Future of HiARA**

It has now been 6 months since I advised the Club that I would not be seeking re-election as Chairman and requested that a member come forward and shadow on the committee before the next AGM. I am appealing once again for someone to come forward.

When out shopping recently I ran into a member and this subject came up. He felt that why no one was coming forward was because:-

- a) I was doing an acceptable job
- b) All the other bits that I do members might perceive is part of the chairman's role.

Let's put the record straight ~ the Chairperson's basic duties are:-

- Chair 7 Committee meetings/year
- Chair our main meetings each month.

I will continue to edit the Newsletter and to show films if required.

The person elected will have the full support of a very experienced committee so please please please consider volunteering for this post. If you have half a mind to volunteer you would be more than welcome to sit in on a committee meeting for a taster.

We still hope someone will come forward and shadow the committee for the remainder of the term.

An extremely funny talk by Brian D'Arcy entertained HiARA members with his light-hearted lecture on "The Crown Jewels". Mr D'Arcy started his working life as a Yeoman Warden at the Tower of London, eleven years later was promoted to "Custodian of the Crown Jewels"

. He holds The Royal Victorian Medal, which is a gift of Her Majesty, the Queen. We were taken on a journey through the life of the jewels; from before Oliver Cromwell melted down/sold them off, which resulted in no crown for Charles II at the restoration of the monarchy. A new Crown and Sword of State were made and over time various Monarchs added to the Royal Collection which includes the Cullinan and other famous gems. All our other activities continue to be well supported and our Ramblers go even further afield. HiARA has been fortunate to have received a bequest from the estate of the late Eileen Rice, a very popular founder member, which will be used to purchase an engraved trophy in her memory for use at our Quiz afternoons.

**August Main meeting Report**

76 members enjoyed (?) an afternoon learning about "Fluffies and Scalies!"

at a talk given by Isaac from Wild Sciences Projects. Snakes, spiders and a dragon lizard and other species, including a tarantula spider named Rose and a delightful young hedgehog called Sykes were on display. Isaac gave insights into habitat, foods and other peculiarities of the various species and exhibits.



Once again, our Craft Group had lovely items for sale: remember Christmas is coming = cards. Our other activities continue to be well supported; arts, bowling, crafts and curling continue to attract members and would be pleased to have you join them. The Rambler's have many events organised until October, do join them for lunch see Janet or more details in the newsletter. Regrettably, the film show in September will be the last one, due to lack of interest from members. However, this may be reviewed if demand calls for it.

. A recent Higham Community Day, held in Higham Library was very well attended and there were lots to do and see. Village organisations were represented along with the Fire and Rescue service and police; there was also an opportunity to play on various musical instruments.

*Rat Oakshott*

**RACE NIGHT**  
Saturday 11th. November  
Tickets now on Sale

**Christmas Afternoon Buffet**

We have engaged a Caterer for this event which will be ticket only ~ cost £3~ and it will be subsidised by the same amount from the donation from Eileen Rice's estate and Club funds. It will be a finger buffet served at 2pm ( **recommend you don't eat before hand** )but please bring your own drinks.

**Tickets will be on sale Oct/Nov**

**HiARA Committee Members**

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

*For you film buffs note there will be a film in November*

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