

March Meeting

"A kick up the Sixties" was the nostalgic talk by Alan Haines, who entertained members with a: Do you remember time. After a session of jokes and conjuring tricks, Alan continued to remind us of film stars: like Roy Rogers, Hi Ho Silver and Pop Eye. T.V. productions like: I love Lucy and When the boat comes in which was followed by Radio Luxembourg items. He recalled to mind, nylon sheets and nylon shirts which gave off "Sparks" when worn. Remember Tupper ware? (I expect you still have some) This was followed by film clips of The Twist with input from the audience, which proved very popular. (I can't do it now can you?)

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April 20th. ~ QUIZ



Normally our quizzes are held on the 5th Friday of the month but as so many are also a bank holiday this year it was agreed to hold a special "one off" which was made even more special by the attendance of Eileen Rice's (in whose name the Trophy was donated) daughter and grandson. They joined four members to make up their team and then won the Trophy. They had come to HiARA to present the Trophy and finished up presenting it to themselves !!!!!!!

April ~2018 AGM



Prior to the AGM a cheque in the sum of £650 was presented by Ian to Martyn Reeves ~ CEO of the Friends of the Wisdom Hospice our charity for 2018/19 Thank you all for your generosity this past year please keep it up for 2017/8

A proposal to amend the Constitution to increase the number of "members" on the committee from 4 to 6 was agreed unanimously. Details of your new committee are listed below.

At the A.G.M members celebrated another successful year. The club has 166 members with 7 life members, most of whom have enjoyed a variety of entertaining speakers every month, special evenings have included "The Rat Pack" and a "Race Night".

Summer and Christmas afternoons have attracted more and more members, who enjoy spending time socialising over afternoon tea.

All our activities are well attended including, curling, arts and crafts and our very popular rambles around Kent. The book stall is much appreciated and the raffles well supported.

The A.G.M was followed by a talk on the "Cobham Gypsies" by Eric Gander, whose parents ran the village shop during the war years and many years afterwards. In 1962, 300 gypsies arrived in Cobham from Dartford with a licence to stay for 2 years. Other gypsies from other parts of Kent took advantage, which doubled the population of Cobham and brought 150 caravans and 40 extra children to the local school. After a while only 2 people were allowed into the shop at any one time. During the summer there was plenty of employment on the farms, but the winter times were very hard, the campsite was a very wet quagmire causing much illness. In 1964 a site in Cuxton for 10 caravans was opened and the rest of the gypsy population moved to Ashenbank woods

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The following awards were presented at the AGM :-

Certificate of Thanks for their continued support of the Club

Janet Topp
Rita Hunter
Percy Scudder

Certificate of Thanks for his service on the Club Committee

Ted Kentsley

Honorary Life Membership for his outstanding contribution to the Club serving on the Committee as Activities officer

Doug Stevens

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