

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Concorde**

**By Guy Bartlett**

***Christmas themed raffle to be held at November monthly meeting***



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Tea and Sleeping Beauty  
Tickets £2.00**

## Rambles

Here are our plans for the next couple of months. Please remember to let Percy know if you are likely to go on his walk and want to join the group for lunch afterwards.

### **Wednesday 7 November - Shorne Country Park**

Meet in the car park of **Shorne Country Park** at 11 a.m. (fee payable) for a walk around the park which may be muddy and we may have slight hills to climb or descend. Lunch after the walk at around 12.45 at **The See Ho**, Shorne Ridgeway.

### **Wednesday 21 November - Local Walk**

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11 a.m. for walk to **The Stone Horse** for lunch at around 12.15 and return. Walk on road/lanes if too wet and muddy.

### **Wednesday 5 December - Trottiscliffe**

Meet in the car park of **The George** at 11 a.m. for circular walk (probably on lanes) followed by Christmas lunch. Details overleaf.

*Non-walkers are very welcome to meet up with walkers for the pub lunch and prior notice would be appreciated. Please note that all rambles 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 0784988456.*

## 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:**

### **November**

**Fridays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>**

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Quiz**

### **December**

**Fridays 7<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

In case of inclement weather, please contact a committee member.

### **HiARA Committee Members**

Chairperson	Liz Jeffery	01474 747090
Treasurer	Ian Robinson	01634 718460
Secretary	Joyce Evans	01634 305705
Membership	Jenny Mount	01474 356785
Activities	Rod Stockford	01634 221956
Publicity	Pat Oakshott	01474 822771
Events	Iris Buss	01474 491912
Events	Jan Morriss	01474 822775
Newsletter	George Tharby	01634 221579
Speakers	Sonja Greenwood	07882 896487

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

## Outings & Holidays

The Bury St Edmunds trip on 25th November will pick up at Taylors Lane at 8.15.

Please hand in Christmas lunch menus and money in as soon as possible. We are in the hall every Friday afternoon for taking payments.

The Christmas party and pantomime will be on the December meeting and tickets are now on sale priced at £2. This will be ticket only.

## Ramblers

The cost for the Ramblers Christmas Lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> December for the 3 course meal is £20 and you can choose from the following:

Starters: Asparagus wrapped in Parma Ham; Duck & Orange Pate; Salmon & Prawn Cocktail; Carrot & Coriander Soup  
Mains: Steak & Ale Bake; Pork Loin Steak; Gammon & Turkey Roast; Cod and Haddock Florentine  
Deserts: Christmas Pudding; Bread and Butter Pudding; Chocolate Coated Profiteroles; Lemon Cheese Cake.

If you would like to attend this lunch a £5 deposit is required with the balance payable on the day. Janet can collect deposits and make a note of your menu choices at our meeting on 26th October, or after one of the rambles. Non-ramblers

are welcome to join us for this event but numbers are limited. Everyone is asked to wear something Christmassy.

## September Meeting

As the HiARA members settle into the autumn and winter programme of events, held on the fourth Friday of the month, we started off with a "Social" afternoon on September 28.

Over 80 members came along to catch up with the latest club news and to chat with friends. We also welcomed several new prospective members, who immediately met people they knew.

A special request had been made by a member some time ago to hear a talk by the Kent Fire and Rescue Services and we were pleased to introduce Christopher Wilmer of the Service who gave an interesting presentation explaining how to prevent fires starting within the home and gave advice on escape routes. His talk was given in good humour and had everyone's attention. He showed equipment available for those with disabilities and was pleased to stay and answer members' many questions. Tea and biscuits were served along with a surprise choc-ice which was much appreciated.

The ladies on the Events table were busy taking bookings for the Christmas lunch booked at the NWK College in December. The day trip to Bury St Edmunds for the Christmas Fair is full and eagerly anticipated; let's hope it's not too cold! The November social evening with guests: Abbalicious is also proving popular with members.

The craft table, cake stall and book stall also did a roaring trade and this all adds to the monies paid over to our Charity, The Friends of the Wisdom Hospice.

**Pat Oakeshott HiARA Publicity**

### **Thank You**

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank all who gave a donation to the Ellenor Hospice in Diana's name. Your generosity raised £1,255 !!

My son David completed the Ellenor 12km Twilight Walk receiving £850 sponsorship. Both of the above sums will, in part, be enhanced by gift aid bring the total in excess of £2,000.

**John**