

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 22nd February

How to do Everything and be Happy

By Peter Jones

There will also be a bring and buy sale

Friday 22nd March

"Believe"

Paul Harris on his new book

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**

February

Fridays 1st, 8th and 15th

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

March

Fridays 1st, 8th, and 15th

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

Friday 29th Quiz

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

**** Secretary ****

From the AGM, our secretary will no longer be able to continue in the role; therefore we will need someone to take her place with good computer skills and a sense of humour.

Rambles

Now that winter is upon us, if the weather is bad, i.e. heavy rain or snow, on the day of a ramble, please call Janet or Percy to check whether the walk will go ahead or be cancelled. Also rambblers are reminded to let Percy know if they are likely to want lunch after his rambles. Please note that for various reasons, and I hope everyone will approve, our local walks will now start and finish at The Gardeners Arms, Higham.

Here our plans for the next couple of months.

Sunday 27th January - Percy's Ramble

Meet at St Helen's Church, Cliffe, at 10.30 am for a walk around Cliffe Pools. Back to cars to the Red Dog at High Halstow for lunch around 12.30 pm.

Wednesday 6th February - St Mary's Island.

Meet at Dockside Shopping Centre at the entrance near Clarks at 11am for a circular walk around St Mary's Island. Back to cars and on to the Tudor Rose at Upper Upnor for lunch at around 12.45.

Wednesday 20th February – Local Ramble

Meet at The Gardeners Arms at 11.00 am for a circular walk ending up back at the pub for lunch at around 12.30 pm.

Sunday 24th February – Percy's Ramble

Meet in the car park of the Golden Lion, Luddesdown, at 10.30 am for a circular walk and back to the pub for lunch around 12.30 pm.

Wednesday 6th March – Teston Lock/Wateringbury

Meet in the car park at Teston Lock at 11 am (fee payable) for a walk towards Wateringbury. Lunch afterwards at the Red Star Inn East Barming (turn left at war memorial if approaching from Teston).

Non-walkers are very welcome to meet up with walkers for the pub lunch and prior notice would be appreciated. Please note that all rambblers 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 07849884563.

HiARA Committee Members

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

DATES FOR 2019

March 5th	Afternoon Tea at the College	£7.50
March 9th	Race Night and Fish and Chips	£10
April 17th	Eltham Palace and Greenwich	£32
May 12th	Iona Horse Drawn Barge and Cream Tea – Morning in Guildford	£41
June 14th	Herne Bay and Whitstable with fish and chips	£30

Please try and support these events to ensure the continued success of the club. We would be grateful if you could pay when you put your name down as we only have limited time to pay the coach company for each event.

Charity for 2019-20

Members will be given the opportunity at the February main meeting to propose a charity for the club's support for the next year.

December Meeting

On Friday, December 14, over 100 members gathered together to enjoy a Christmas Tea Party. The hall was dressed with Christmas decorations and the tables had been arranged, by the committee and helpers, with matching cloths, napkins, crackers and pots of cyclamen as table centres. Upon opening the afternoon, Percy was presented with a long awaited new teapot! He was quite taken aback! And you never know? He may even get another in 2019. This year saw the return visit of a local acting Company: Pretending People. They presented their interpretation of the pantomime, Sleeping Beauty. The 3 actors played all the parts! From the King to the magic frog! It was certainly different and created a good Christmas spirit. Rebecca, who played Sleeping Beauty had the challenging task of selecting a winner of the Christmas hat competition, this was won by Stephanie Davies, who received her prize from the Prince. Well done to all those who took part. Following this, we were served with a delicious range of sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. Our Chairman gave a special thank you to the members of the committee and helpers as none of this would have happened without them before proceeding with drawing of the free raffle and quite a few members went home with prizes. A lot had been packed into a short, enjoyable time.

Liz Jefferies, HiARA Chairman

