

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> June**

## Social Afternoon

Music by

**Richard Sutton & Barbara Snow**

Featuring songs made popular by Norah

Jones and Karen Carpenter

Members to bring their own drinks and nibbles

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**Maurice Chittenden on**

**“Golden Days of Fleet Street”**

## 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

**31<sup>st</sup> May QUIZ**

**June**

**Fridays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

**July**

**Fridays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

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## Rambles

Just a reminder that you may like to sign up for the **Charity Walk for Cancer Research on the 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
See below for details.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Malta Inn to Maidstone**

Meet at 11.00am in the car park of the Malta Inn, Allington Lock, Maidstone ME14 3AS for a walk alongside the Medway to Maidstone and return to the Malta for lunch.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Charity Walk for Cancer Research – North Downs (in place of Percy’s Ramble)**

The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent are organising this event. Check-in between 8 am and 11 am at Harrietsham Village Hall, ME17 1AP. Non-sponsored walkers welcome. Suggested donation of £15 to participate. This is a 1, 3, 6 or 9 mile walk and most of the HiARA Ramblers seem keen on the 3 mile walk. To register or for more info visit [www.wealdofkentrotary.or.uk](http://www.wealdofkentrotary.or.uk) or call 07519320919.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Local Ramble**

Meet at 11.00am outside the Gardeners Arms for a circular walk and back to the pub for lunch at around 12.30p.m.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Percy’s Ramble**

Meet in the car park of Southfleet Village Hall, Dale Road, Southfleet DA13 9NX at 10.30 am for a circular walk. Back to cars and on to Spring River, Talbot Lane, Ebbsfleet Valley. DA10 1AZ for a carvery lunch at around 12.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Evening Ramble**

By popular demand this will be a repeat of last year’s ramble in reverse. Meet in Teston Lock car park (ME18 5BX) fee payable at 5 p.m. for a 3 mile(ish) circular walk. Gather for a picnic after the walk in the recreation area adjacent to the car park. Bring your own chairs, food & drinks, etc. If the weather is against us we could go to the Redstart at Barming to eat. If in doubt give Janet a call a couple of days prior to the event

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

Chairperson	Liz Jeffery	01474 747090
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Secretary	Joyce Evans	01634 305705
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Events	Jan Morriss	01474 822775
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Speakers	Sonja Greenwood	07882 896487

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

## DATES FOR 2019

<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Iona Horse Drawn Barge and Cream Tea – Morning in Guildford <b>coach leaves Taylor’s Lane 09.15am &amp; Overcliffe 9.45am</b>	£41
<b>June 14th</b>	Herne Bay and Whitstable with fish and chips	£30
<b>September 4th</b>	Broadstairs with a Carvery Lunch	£30
<b>September 24th</b>	Crayford Stadium	£38
<b>October 22nd</b>	Autumn Tints Drive with a 3 course meal at “The Moorings”	£36
<b>December 19th</b>	Winchester Christmas Market	£27

Any deposits for the Greyhound evening should be paid for by the June meeting with the balance £28 paid by the July meeting. The greyhound racing is an evening event and not a day out as mentioned in the last newsletter. As Jan and Iris are not here today, any trips may be paid for after the quiz next week.

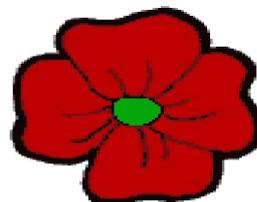
### April Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting held on Friday April 26, the Chairman introduced the committee to the 95 members present, this was followed by annual reports from the Chair, Treasurer, Events, Speaker co-ordinator and membership secretary. It was concluded that the past year has been very successful, with new members joining the club and our donations to the Friends of the Wisdom Hospice and two other charities had been maintained. The election of officers, resulted in Liz Jeffery as Chairman, and as there were no other nominations, the retiring committee were re-elected “en bloc”. Our charity for this year is the Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services (ADSS) and their representative, Sandie, gave a detailed account of the activities available for sufferers and their carers’ in Gravesend and spoke of how grateful she was for our interest and financial help over the next year, when, they hope it will go towards the purchase of a minibus. The collection bucket, some large collection boxes and small piggy banks are on order and will be available soon for you to take home. Once the formalities of the AGM were completed, Mr John Stone, Director of Music at Gads Hill School and Sophie Fry, a pupil, gave us a very entertaining session of music on the Marimba instrument, which was a new one on us! Mr Stone explained the origins of the “sticks” and various notes that can be produced on each part of the Marimba. Sophie played several pieces of music including “The Flight of the Bumblebee” accompanied by Mr Stone on the keyboard. Invited by Mr Stone, many members were able to try their hands at learning more about this unusual instrument. Sophie said she had been nervous playing to such a large audience, but, no one noticed any nerves, she gave a very confident performance. It is hoped a larger group of Gads Hill music students can come along to a meeting in the future.



*Pat Oakshott, HiARA Publicity*

## Higham Memorial Hall Committee Appeal To Hiara Members



It is their hope that the Memorial Hall can be decorated later this year with a glorious display of handmade poppies. World War two began on September 3rd, 1939 and 2019 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

All Hiara members are invited to knit or crochet poppies to be installed on the display. Red, white or blue poppies, large or small - it is your choice! Membership Secretary Jenny has various patterns. If not a knitter but still want to be involved, why not supply some balls of wool? The Memorial Hall committee has agreed to donate some wool, please contact a Hiara committee member for this. Please hand completed poppies to Pat Oakshot.

Please join in this community project