

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

**Christmas Tea and Sleeping Beauty**

**Tickets £2.00**

**Friday 25<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Fraud Awareness**

**By Kim Randall**

## Rambles

Now 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 rambles are reminded to let Percy know if they are likely to want lunch after his rambles.

Here are our plans for the next couple of months.

**Wednesday 5 December – The George, Trottscliffe**

Meet in the car park of The George at 11am for circular walk probably on lanes, followed by Christmas lunch at the pub. Please remember to wear something 'Christmassy'.

**Wednesday 19 December – Local Walk – Rose and Crown, Shorne**

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11am for a walk, probably on roads to The Rose and Crown. Lunch at around 12.30pm.

**Sunday 30 December – Percy's Detox Ramble – Camer Park**

Walk off all that festive food by joining Percy at Camer Park at 10.30am for a circular walk followed by lunch at The Railway Tavern, Sole Street, at around 12.30pm.

**Wednesday 9 January – Leybourne Lakes**

(By popular request) Meet in the Leybourne Lakes car park at 11am for a circular walk around the lake. Lunch afterwards at The White Hart, Cuxton at around 12.30pm.

**Wednesday 23 January – Local Walk – The Stone Horse**

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11am for a walk to The Stone Horse. Lunch at around 12.15pm.

*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:**

### December

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

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

### January

**Fridays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<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
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If you have any comments, please contact the relevant committee member.

## Outings and Holidays

A group of HiARA members enjoyed a short break at Sinah Warren at a KENTARA Jamboree. The weather was good, as was the entertainment – one act we have booked for next November so watch this space.

20 members also enjoyed a KENTARA Race night and ploughman's supper at Ditton. Some came away better off than when they started with others worse off but it was an enjoyable evening.

We have planned some good events for next year including a Race Night with fish and chips in March as well as an afternoon tea at the college.

**April** there is an outing to Eltham Palace and Greenwich.

**May** there is a horse drawn boat trip and cream tea with the morning spent in Guildford or Godalming.

**June** there is an outing to Herne Bay and Whitstable with fish and chips.

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.

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

## October Meeting

HiARA members were delighted to welcome Nicola White, who gave a very interesting talk on her experiences as a "mud larker" on the river Thames.

Her finds included coins, jewellery, buttons, medals and Roman coins, her best find to date is an Elizabethan crown (1601). Nicola gave details of an identity tag, which belonged to a soldier who emigrated to Australia and served with the Australian army in World War One, then returned to England 40 years later. (Lots of research). Another find was a badge from the prison hulk which was moored in Millbank during smallpox epidemic. Many clay pipes have been found carved with animal heads, including a Victorian Church warden's pipe. Nicola showed us many beautiful items she had made from her finds including fish and bird ornaments and pictures. Before you all go down to the river with your spades and rakes, you need a licence to "mud lark".

### **Pat Oakeshott HiARA Publicity**



**M**amma **M**ia! What a good night we had with ABALICIOUS. The girls made some old men very happy with their miniskirts and white boots.

The music was brilliant and had everyone up dancing. The dance floor was full to bursting.

Perhaps a revisit is on the cards in the future!