

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 25th October

Paul Harris

Landladies and Digs

Friday 22nd November

Colin Moat

**“Fifty Shades of Grey”
(Shade Loving Perennials)**

Rambles

Our last ramble from Ranscombe Park, part of the South Downs way, was more up and down than we remembered. There was quite a lot of stopping “to look at the view”. We had good weather and a super lunch at The White Hart.

Sunday 29th September – Percy’s Ramble

Meet in the car park (fee payable) at Leybourne Lakes at 10.30 am for a circular walk around the lake. Lunch either at **Mobile café on Lakeside or the White Hart Cuxton.**

Wednesday 2nd October – Shorne Country Park

Meet in car park (fee payable) of Shorne Country Park at 11.00 am for a circular walk. Back to cars and onto the **Rose and Crown**, for lunch around 12.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd October – Local Ramble

Meet outside of the **Gardeners Arms** at 11 am for a circular walk. Back to pub for lunch around 12.30 pm

Sunday 27th October – Percy’s Ramble

Meet in the car park of the **Railway Inn, Sole Street** for a circular walk and back to the pub for lunch.

Wednesday 6th November – Ashenbank/Jeskins Park

Meet in car park of Ashenbank Wood, Halfpence Lane, Cobham DA12 3HB at 11.00 am for a walk through to Jeskins Park. Back to cars and on to the Rose and Crown for lunch around 12.45.

Wednesday 20th November – Local Ramble

Meet at the top of Villa Road at 11 a.m. for a walk to the **Stone Horse** for lunch at around 12.30 pm. and return.

Our December ramble will be the usual one from **The George, Trottiscliffe**, followed by **Christmas Lunch**. Janet is booking the George for the **11th December** - perhaps you would like to make a note of this date.

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 07849884563.

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

October

Fridays 4th, 11th and 18th

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

November

Fridays 1st, 8th, and 15th

Art Group/Kurling/Craft/Short Matt Bowls

November 29th Quiz

HiARA Committee Members

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

DATES FOR 2019

October 22nd	Autumn Tints Drive with a 3 course meal at "The Moorings"	£36
November 9th	Bruce Thompson Comedian – Musician – One Man Band	£10
December 19th	Winchester Christmas Market	£27

The outing to Broadstairs was a little disappointing as the council had narrowed the access to the front so that the coach could not drop off the passengers. This is to stop the coaches running their engines for the air conditioning. The coach park was quite a long way away and uphill going back, forcing some not to try the walk down. However the carvery lunch and pudding made the day enjoyable. Some even went shopping in the Westwood shopping centre opposite.

The tickets for our Saturday Social evening in November are now on sale. This will be a fun evening of entertainment and laughter not to be missed. Bruce Thompson has appeared on many TV shows and featured at various Warners hotels. Book early so you are not disappointed. Please see the events board for full details.

August Meeting

At the last HiARA meeting, Janie Ramsey led us through the world of buying and selling in the "antiques world". Having started in a small shop in Tunbridge Wells as a complete novice, she learned very quickly that 50% of items sold are between dealers. Janie is a specialist in fans, of which she has over 200, but also sells furniture and smaller items. Dealers keep moving stock amongst themselves to keep a "new appearance" in shop displays. "Knockers" are people who cold call on householders, don't let them over your doorstep, very low value offered and there are many items stolen. Be very aware! At Fairs again, very high values set by dealers, (you are not getting the value you thought you were). Tribal Art is very difficult to value as it is mostly unknown items. When Auction Houses, like Sotheby's, are having special days: all the lesser cost items are taken away by lorry to keep prices high, then returned later. Sotheby's have specialist sales: jewellery, art etc. also "Stars days" when collections from people such as Sir Elton John and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber are sold. Once in a while a Royal visitor is due and this takes 6 months planning! This was one of our most interesting speakers, (again).

Rita thanked everyone for their donation of plastic bottle tops and explained how they are recycled and made use of in other ways by the charity. Keep them coming in, Rita will be delighted to have them.

Pat Oakeshott Hiara Publicity

The August quiz winners were

Mick Mount, Jenny Mount, Heather Lepper

Wendy Scott, Brian Scott. Carol Hooker



Advance Notice

Friday, October 25, 2019

Special General meeting, see below

Notice is given of a Special General Meeting to be held on 25 October 2019 at 2.05 pm for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the following amendment to HiARA's Constitution :-"References to auditor or audited shall be amended to verifier(s) or verified in clauses 8.2(2) and 12.2 and Notes 5 and 6". This amendment is proposed to give the Club flexibility in the appointment of a suitable person to inspect the Club's annual financial accounts following enactment of the Companies Act 2006 (amended).

Caribbean Food Festival – Organised by Gravesham Borough Council in Gravesend Market 1- 5 pm

Saturday 5th October