

HiARA April Newsletter.

We begin this edition with Higham Active Retirement Association's sincere and deepest condolences to H.M the Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family on the news of the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh on April 9th. May he Rest in Peace. I have posted a message of sympathy onto The Royal Family's Book of Condolences. On April 17th we witnessed a very dignified and touching funeral, which had been planned by the Prince himself.

We do hope you all had a very nice Easter weekend and you were able to meet with family and friends. Over 30 copies of the newsletter are emailed out each month now and we hope you find the information of interest. We have now set out the dates for our meetings up to the end of 2021 and you will find these at the end of this newsletter.

The first meetings will probably alternate between chat and activities, this will be decided a lot nearer the time and in according to what is requested. Friday, July 23rd will be a tea party plus Committee nomination papers will be available for you to complete and again at the July 30 Quiz. We currently have 3 committee vacancies it is important these are filled to keep the club running and to look to the future. Nothing is too demanding of your time and it gives additional enjoyment to belonging to the club, knowing you have had some input in what can be provided for members. We are planning to hold a committee meeting on June 30, it will be good to meet up again rather than telephone or email when we have items to discuss. A short AGM will be held at the end of August, when all reports and committee elections announced and positions filled. The September meeting on 24th we thought would be a good time for you to bring out your "Heirlooms!" If you have a special item, vase, photo, picture, clock etc which has a special family connection, why not bring it along and tell us a little bit about its backstory. Sonja is finding guest speakers for the meetings at the end of October and November and has booked a singer for the Christmas Tea Party on December 17.

Higham Sports Association have carried out a lot of refurbishment work to the sports area on the Recreation Ground. They are now taking bookings, so if you, or your family and friends fancy a game of tennis, play netball or football or just go and watch, they are now open for bookings. More details can be found on their Facebook page.

