

## DIARY

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Dep.	Time
Aug 23	Sandringham House	£28	*	Diane	MKS	07.45
Sep 27	Bury St Edmonds/ Ickworth House	N.T mems £17.50 non mems. £30.00	Aug meeting	Marilyn	MKS	08.30
Oct 25	Mystery Tour	£13	Aug/Sep meetings	Betty	MKS	TBA

### Ramblers

#### August Walk

What a beautiful day for a walk, but can you believe out of all our membership of Allara, only 6 hardened walkers turned up, which was disappointing. Anyhow, we arrived and parked at the Shipwright Arms right next to the creek. This is a lovely spot, right in the middle of nowhere, and on any other day you could sit in the beer garden to have a pint or even a meal. If you sit in the bar you may also see the resident ghost. Unfortunately for us it is closed on Mondays so we had to eat at the Ship Inn at Ospringe, a winner of the Faversham in Bloom competition. After a delayed start because of bad mobile reception making it difficult to give our meal order, we made our way up to the sea wall and started our walk. This walk is completely flat and there are no styles. It also has the advantage of being able to see for miles down to Seasalter and over Sheppey. However it has the disadvantage of being quite exposed to the elements, but today it was in our favour as we had a nice gentle breeze, but it was still very warm. Just before we were about to enter Faversham itself, we had the opportunity of taking a short cut along a path and through a farmyard. As time was getting on, we had a vote and it appeared that everybody wanted to get to the pub for a long cool drink, so they all wanted to take the shortest way. We made our way back to the Oare Creek sea wall noting

lots of sloe bushes packed with fruit, but not having any containers, we had to return to the cars empty handed. It is worth mentioning that both these pubs are worth a visit, maybe during a day out as they both do excellent meals and they are reasonably priced. *Roly*

#### 10 Pin Bowling - 20th July Results

Only 7 active retired players today and 120 school children about to start their Summer holiday. This livened things up a bit!! To the scores. Game 1 - Brian scored a commendable 161 pins with Malcolm taking second with 111 pins. Game 2 saw a role reversal with Malcolm taking first place on 125 pins with both Maddy and Brian hitting 103 pins. Game 3. What can I say. Brian came back with a vengeance and racked up 139 pins with Roger at 112 and Sylvia 96. All in all, a good mornings session. The next meet is on the 28th September same time same place. One other note Allara is taking the lead for the Kentara 10 Pin Bowling Competition to be held on the 1st November (venue yet to be confirmed) We have at this stage pencilled in 3 mixed teams, so if any of the bowling group wish to play please let Ian Bateup know and certainly by our next meet. *Ian*

# Allara News



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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#### John Susans

We are sad to announce the passing of John on Wednesday 15th August in Gavin Astor Nursing home. John did a great job as our Treasurer from June 2013. Our deepest sympathy to Hilary.

#### Hello Dolly

An outing has been arranged on Wednesday 21st November to see a performance of Hello Dolly at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells and will be performed by the Tunbridge Wells Drama and Operatic Society. We will leave at 10.00 am. which will give members time for coffee, lunch and (dare I mention it) Christmas Shopping. The cost will be £31. Please see Rosemary W. if interested

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#### New Treasurer

We are pleased to announce that a new Treasurer has been appointed to serve on the committee. Mr Gerry Waters will take over with immediate effect. Gerry has a wide experience of accountancy being Treasurer for a local Lions Club for 10 years and Treasurer of SwanARA for another 10 years before moving to Allington. A new Assistant Treasurer will also be appointed shortly as a back-up to cover holiday etc. A name is in the pipeline.

#### Visit to Sandringham

Reminding all who are going on this outing we will leave Mid Kent at 7.45am sharp. On arrival there is a short walk to the ticket office where there will be a small vehicle to take the less able to the house. I understand it is about ten minutes walk on flat ground for the rest of us. Looking forward to seeing you all on the day. *Diane*

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#### Kentara Event - Thursday 25th October Canterbury Cathedral- Service of Thanksgiving for Retirement & Remembrance

The Military Wives Choir will be performing. Doors open 10.45 am. Please be seated by 11.15 am. See Jo Dolton if interested

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#### Forthcoming Outing

A Mystery Tour has been arranged for Thursday October 25th. at a great price of only £13. Betty will be taking names if interested.

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#### Truism

The irony of life is that by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chair:** Philip Puttifer 686305  
**Vice Chair:** Jo Dolton 762665  
**Hon. Sec.:** Myra Farrer 756475  
**Treasurer:** Gerry Waters 671691  
**Membership Sec.:** Gill Humphreys 670058  
**Outings:** Diane Lefevre 756326  
Marilyn Bateup 750480  
**Theatre/Shows:** Rosemary Welcome 736017  
**Holidays:** Philip Puttifer 686305  
**Kentara:** Jo Dolton 762665  
**Newsletter:** Colin Lester 717511  
**Speakers:** Kathy Ribiero 765951  
**General Asst.** Rosemary Kitney  
**General Asst/First Aider:** Hilary Susans  
**Meet & Greet:** Betty Douglas 753424

INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm  
**Monthly Meeting**  
There were 85 members + 1 new member & 1 renewal attending the July meeting  
**Suggestion Box**  
There were no suggestions again this month

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

August 21  
**Mrs Toni Mount**  
Medieval Housewives  
  
September 18  
**Cyril Baldwin**  
Funny Funerals, Weird Wills and Eerie Epitaphs

Allara Activities

**Tai Chi**  
Every Monday 11.30 to 12.30 - £4  
Contact: Christine 677629  
**Keep Fit**  
Every Wednesday 11.00 to 12.00 - £3  
Contact: Myra 756475  
**Art Group**  
Every Monday 1.30 to 4.00 - £2.50  
Contact Megan Christmas 759426  
**Rambling**  
1st Monday in month 10.00 - FOC  
Contact: Roly 677629  
**Kurling**  
2nd & 4th Monday 1.45 to 4.30 - £2.50  
(Inc. Tea/coffee & cake)  
Contact: Philip 686305 or Colin 717511

Kentara Activities

**Ten Pin Bowling**  
Last Friday in month 11 to 2 - £6.25  
(3 games & tea or coffee  
Contact: Brian 759796  
**Line Dancing**  
Every Monday  
Beginners 12.45 to 1.45 - £3  
Advanced 2 to 4 - £3.50

Kentara Diary Dates

Friday October 26  
**Supper & Race Night**  
7.30 to 10.30  
Ditton Community Centre

Kent Community Warden Service

Dawn Riach-Browne  
0777 3397125  
dawn.riach-browne@kent.gov.uk  
www.kent.gov.uk/Community Wardens

Did You Know

Not many people know this but your car has a secret device on it called 'indicator'. If you look at your steering column, you'll find a secret stick, which will activate a flashing orange light on the outside of your car. It flashes to let other drivers know which direction you are thinking of going.

*Seen on the Internet*

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Advert

SBF seeks male companionship. Age and ethnicity unimportant. I'm a young, svelte good looking girl who loves to play. I love long walks in the woods, I love cozy winter nights spent lying by the fire. Candle lit dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours.

Call 555691 Daisy.

The phone number was the Humane Society and Daisy was an 8 week old Black Labrador puppy. They received 643 calls in two days.

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How to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity in Retirement

1. At lunch time sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hairdryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!
2. Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get!
3. Sing along at the Opera
4. When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I won! I won!'
5. When leaving the zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'
6. With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.
- 7 Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out "There's no paper in here!"

Grandfather Of The Year

A woman in the supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets etc. and all sorts of things. The Grandad is saying in a controlled voice "Easy William, we won't be long, easy boy"

The boy has another outburst and she hears the Grandfather calmly say "It's OK William just a couple of more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there son".

At the check-out the little horror is throwing items out of the shopping trolley. Grandfather says again in a controlled voice, "William, William relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes so stay cool William".

Very impressed the lady goes outside to where the Grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She says "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. The whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be OK. William is very lucky to have you as his Grandfather".

"Thanks" said the Grandfather, "but I am William, this little devil's name is Kevin"

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Prophecy

Out of the gloom a voice said unto me, 'Smile and be happy, things could be worse'.

So I smiled and was happy,  
And behold things did get worse