

DIARY

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Dep.	Time
Jan 22	Mandy's Allara Quiz + Tea & cake	£2.50	December meeting	Mandy	*	14.00
Feb 14	Valentine's Day Beetle Drive Round prizes & entry ticket raffle prize	£3	Dec/Jan meetings	Philip	*	14.00

Santa's Dilemma

Twas the night before Christmas and Sant's a wreck
How to live in world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves"
"Vertically Challenged" they are calling themselves
And labour conditions at the North Pole
Were alleged by the Union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety
Released to the wild by the Humane Society
And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer
So Dancer and Donna, Comet and Cupid
Were replaced with four pigs which really was stupid

And as for the gifts..., why he'd never had the notion
That making a choice could cause such emotion
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur
Which meant nothing for him or nothing for her
Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise
Nothing for just girls and nothing for just boys
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.

So Santa just stood there, dishevelled and perplexed
He just couldn't figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, he tried to be Gay
But you have to admit, he was having a very bad day.
His sack was quite empty, it was flat on the ground
Nothing fully acceptable was anywhere to be found.

And then inspiration, a gift beyond worth
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth"

Kurling

October Session 1
Betty, Katie, Pat - 124
October Session 2
Audrey, Sylvia H, Brian W - 83
November Session 1
Mary, June, Dave, Ron H - 90
November Session 2
Elaine, Katy, Pat, Ron H - 121
December 2008 Final Session
Barbara, Betty, June, Colin - 118

10 Pin Bowling

Friday 19th November 9 of us
turned up for a very competitive
morning. Babs won the first game
with 137, possibly one of her best
games. 2nd was Roly with 129
3rd was Brian W with 124 and
the others were close behind. The
second game was fought out
between the two Brian's with
Brian U on top with 168 and
Brian W getting 163. 3rd was
Maddie with 101. The 3rd game
was won by Brian U as well with
147. 2nd was Maddie with 133
and 3rd was Roly with 122. A
good morning was had by all. If
you would like to join us the next
meeting is on Friday January 25th
at 10.45 at Lockmeadow. All are
welcome. Come and see if you
can beat our regular Bowlers

Brian U

Allara News



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Happy Christmas



Chairman's Address

I cannot believe that it is Christmas time again. I am sure we had it a few months ago. I have checked the calendar and sure enough, I can see that we have passed Easter and Summer so it must be. Well I guess we will have to prize open our wallets and purses to welcome the event. I am of the understanding that all prices rise to the occasion in the attempt and celebration of emptying them. Christmas is also an enjoyable time of the year when family and friends make contact once again to swap their stories of the past year and catch up with all the news. It's also the time for pantomimes, and the most watched and enjoyed with utter amazement is the one at Westminster. It is sure to give cheer in the form of a hearty meal to the Burgers of Brussels and their Sprouts. But I think they may have a case of severe heartburn after such a greedy feast that we have paid for. I am not political in that I believe the whole thing is arranged just to line the pockets of those who have no need for more money as well as another excuse to take more from those who have least. This seems to be the way of the EU Bureaucrats.

Happy New Year to you all and I hope 2019 will be a celebration for us all



Christmas Lunch

An excellent lunch was enjoyed by our members at the Cornwallis Suite on Thursday December 6th. Good food, good service and good company were the order of the day. What more could be wished for?. Our thanks to Philip and Elaine for all of their hard work in organising another successful event.

A New 50p Coin Has Been Issued



Brexit ????

ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Philip Puttifer 686305
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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 106 members + 4 new members & 1 visitor attending the November meeting

Suggestion Box

There were no suggestions

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

January 15th

Alan Haines

The Baby Boomer Nostalgia Show

February 19th

John Mills

How Our Communities Have Changed Over The Years

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

For The Over 50's
Join us at Larkfield Village Hall
Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

New beginners class Monday 12pm
Easy Class every Monday 12.45pm
Advanced Class Every Monday 2-4pm

Beginners - £3

Advanced = £3.50

Just turn up and join in the fun

Kent Community Warden Service

Dawn Riach-Browne
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www.kent.gov.uk/Community Wardens

Friendship Is For Ever

Tina's Starfish Marathon

Well I did it. Had to give my head a wobble on the start line and focus on the 26 miles ahead. It was a fantastically scenic route, some cheeky hills and felt really good at 15 miles. Got very emotional at mile 20 as a random lady runner asked why I was running and I told her about Tina. Everything had started to hurt, my ankles, my hips, my thighs and the last 6 miles were a run/walk through gritted teeth and tears. I had many a conversation with myself, and with Tina on the way round, I smiled at the memories and I am sure she 'fixed' the weather for me, as there were only 3 short showers. I finished with a smile when I saw Mum waiting for me at the line. If anyone still wishes to sponsor, I would love to add a bit more to the pot. Thank you to every single person who has donated. You are all amazing. My work here is done. I am tired and happy and I think my time was just a fraction over 5 hours.
Love and light to you all. Tina



Husband Store

A store that sells new husbands has opened in Melbourne where a woman can go to choose a new husband. Among the instructions at the entrance is a description of how the store operates. You may visit this store ONLY ONCE! There are six floors and the value of the products increase as the shopper ascends the flights. The shopper may choose any item from a particular floor, but cannot go back down except to exit the building! So a woman goes to the Husband Store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign on the door reads
:Floor 1 - These men have jobs.
She is intrigued, but continues to the

second floor, where the sign reads -
Floor 2 - These men Have Jobs and Love Kids.

'That's nice' she thinks, but I want more' So she continues upward. The third floor sign reads -

Floor 3 - These men have jobs, Love Kids and are Extremely Good Looking 'Wow she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going. She goes to the fourth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 4 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Good Looking and Help With Housework.

'Oh mercy me!' she exclaims, 'I can hardly stand it!' Still she goes to the fifth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men Have Jobs, Love Kids, are Drop-dead Gorgeous, Help with Housework, and have a Strong Romantic Streak.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor, where the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 31,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please.

Thank you for shopping at Husband Store
Please Note.

To avoid gender bias charges, the store's owner opened a New Wives store just across the street.

The First Floor has wives that love passion. The Second Floor has wives that love passion and have money and like beer and love watching sports on TV.

The Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Floors have never been visited

Buzz Off!

Again during the Speaker's November talk there was a constant murmur of conversation from the back of the hall sounding like a hive of demented bumble bees. Season of good will? Flit Spray needed!
N.N



Poetry Corner

Autumn Leaves

“Come little leaves”, said the wind one day
“Come o’er the meadows with me and play
Put on your dresses of red and gold
Summer is gone and the days grow cold”

Soon as the leaves heard the wind’s loud call
Down they came tumbling one and all
Over the brown fields they danced and flew
Singing the soft little songs they knew.

“Cricket goodbye, we’ve been friends so ,
Little brook sing us your farewell song,
Say you are sorry to see us go
Ah you will miss us right well we know.

“Dear little lambs in your fleecy fold,
Mother will keep you from harm and cold,
Fondly we’ve watched you in vale and glade
Pray will you dream of our loving shade?”

Dancing and whirling the little leaves went,
Winter had called them and they were content,
Soon, fast asleep in their earthly beds
The snow laid a coverlet over their heads

Have you got a suitable poem that you would like to share?. Submit it for publication to make this a regular feature

Adverts

Complete set of Britannica. 45 volumes.
Excellent condition. £250 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last weekend.
Wife knows everything.

Is your memory letting you down? And what about your memory? Is it letting you down? Call now for an information pack, before you forget.

Tax Return

A man was filling in his Tax Return, and in response to the question “Do you have anyone dependant on you?” He wrote:
2.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 drug addicts, 4.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons plus 450 idiots in Parliament, thousands of ‘retired politicians’ and an entire group that call themselves Ministers’

The Inland Revenue stated that the response he gave was “unacceptable”
The man responded back “Who did I leave out?”

An “Allotment” Love Letter

I am so *Melon-cauli* dear
Since you have *Bean* away
The *Thyme* has seemed so very long
I *Pine* for you each day.
No *Sugar-beets* your sweetness
Don’t *Turnip* you nose at me
But take this 18 *Carrot* ring
And *Lettuce* married be

PS “*A Lot Ment*” but not very
Much Room



Brain Study

If you can read this you have a strong mind
7H15 M35G3 53RV35 70 PR0V3
HOW 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0
4M4Z1NG YH1NG5! 1MPR3551V3
7H1NG5! 1N 7H3 B3G1NN1NG 17
WA5 H4RD BU7 NOW, 0N 7H15
LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17
4U70M471C4LLY W17H OU7 3V3N
7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD!
0NLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD
7H15, PL3453 5H4R3 1F U C4N
R34D 7H15.

Home Groan Riddles

- Q. What is the most popular Christmas wine?
A. “I don’t like Brussels sprouts”
Q. What is ET short for?
A. Because he’s got little legs
Q. What do you call the drivers in an Egyptian traffic jam?
A. Tootin-car-men
Q. What is a myth?
A. A female moth
Q. What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long?
A. Polaroids
Q. What do you call a polite snake?
A. A civil serpent.
Q. What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?
A. Hot cross bunnies
Q. What do you call a parrot wearing a raincoat?
A. Polyunsaturated
Q. What’s orange and sounds like a parrot?
A. A carrot
Q. What’s brown and sticky?
A. A stick
Q. What do John the Baptist and Winnie the Poo have in common?
A. Their middle name
Q. What has two humps and is found in the North Pole?
A. A lost camel
Q. Why was six unhappy?
A. because seven eight nine
Q. What has two grey legs and two brown legs?
A. An elephant with diarrhoea
Q. Why have elephants got corrugated feet?
A. To give ants a fifty fifty chance
Q. What is grey, has large ears, a trunk and squeaks?
A. An elephant wearing new shoes
Q. Why are elephants wrinkled?
A. Have you ever tried to iron one?
Q. How do you know when you’ve passed an elephant?

- A. You can’t get the toilet seat down
Q. How do you know if you’ve got an elephant under the bed?
A. Your nose touches the ceiling
Q. What’s the red stuff between elephants toes?
A. Slow Pygmies
Q. What do you call an underground train full of professors?
A. A tube of smarties
Q. What do you cal an igloo without a toilet?
A. An Ig
Q. What is worse than raining cats and dogs?
A. Hailing taxis
Q. What did Batman say to Robin before they got in the car?
A. Get in the car Robin

More Adverts

Free puppies. New Breed half cocker spaniel, half sneaky neighbour’s dog.

Mint condition: Male born 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn’t in running condition, but walks well

Don’t sleep with a drip, call a plumber..

For Sale. Antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

Order your Summer Suit because of big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

Jimmy’s Shoe Repair. I will heel you. I will save your sole. I will even dye for you

Kathy R

Noah 2018

In the year 2018, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in England, and said: Once again the earth has become wicked and over populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans.

He gave Noah the blueprints saying: You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark. Noah! he roared, I'm about to start the rain!

Where is the Ark?

Forgive me Lord, begged Noah, but things have changed. I need a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system.

My neighbours claim that I've violated the neighbourhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision.

Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond to be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead instructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it. Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the EPA ruled that I couldn't build

the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental input study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. Immigration are checking the status of most of the people who want to work. The Trades Unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark building experience. To make matters worse, they seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So forgive me Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark. Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

Noah looked up in wonder and asked "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No", said the Lord.,

Submitted by B.S. and B.T

Lion Story

Guy: 'Doctor, my girlfriend is pregnant but we always use protection. How is it possible?'

Doctor:

'Let me tell you a story. There was once a hunter who always carried a gun wherever he went. One day he took his umbrella instead of his gun and went out. A lion suddenly jumped in front of him. In order to scare the lion, the hunter used the umbrella like a gun, and shot the lion!'

Guy: 'Nonsense! Someone else must have shot the lion'

Doctor: Good! You understand the story. Next patient please'

Life is short. Smile while you still have the teeth.

Actual Idiot Sightings

1. We had the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a large enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a ½ horsepower. He shook his head and said "You need a ¼ horsepower" I responded that ½ was larger than ¼. He said "Nooo, it's not. Four is larger than 2. We haven't used that repairman since.

2. My daughter went to a Mexican takeaway and ordered a taco. She asked The person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce'. He said they were sorry but only had iceberg lettuce.

3. The pedestrian light on the corner bleeps when it is safe to cross. I was crossing with a co-worker and she asked if I knew what the beeper was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, 'What on earth are blind people doing driving?' She is a government employee!

4. I was at the airport checking in, when an airport employee asked 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?' To which I replied 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?' He smiled knowingly and nodded, 'That's why we ask'.

Truism

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body... but men are so polite, they only look at the covered bits

Cryptic Locations Competition

Can you identify these local towns and villages from these cryptic clues?.Poetic licence has been applied to some of the spelling.

1. Talk pork.....
2. Bird in open space.....
3. Hydrating fruit.....
4. No longer have high.....
5. Girl brick.....
6. People rock.....
7. Beers and car.....
8. Goon cake.....
9. Rider lair.....
10. Fail to win.....
11. For walking dogs.....
12. Carry on looking.....
13. Cranium growth.....
14. Snack.....
15. Sheep's entrance.....
16. Field with trees.....
17. Sounds like fish owes money.....
18. Strange birth position.....
19. Ask a question.....
20. What name?.....
21. Distant meadow.....
22. Heavy river crossing.....
23. Horses gait fruit.....
24. Spoil lair.....
25. Ban Chinese vase.....

First correct answer drawn wins a 'Bright Light' pocket torch and certificate presented by the Editor (No expense spared as it is Christmas!)



Brightlight
Torch
3" x 1"

Words of Wisdom

Some things are best left unsaid,
And I usually realise it right after I say them.

Never make a woman mad. They can remember stuff that hasn't even happened yet.