

**DIARY**

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Time
Jan 30	Mandy's Quiz	£3	Dec meeting onwards	Mandy	14.00
Feb 29	Beetle Drive	£3	Dec/Jan meetings	Philip	14.00



*B.B.*

**Kurling**

The good news is that members attending these fun sessions have increased, so we are now running at a profit in line with our other activities.. Our next meeting will be on January 9th when our 2023 Champion will be announced and presented with the certificate. The highest scoring team of the year will also be certificate awarded.

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**Quiz Answers**

- Crescent
1. Lewisham 2. Earls Court 3. Dulwich
  4. Tooting 5. Acton 6. Kings Cross
  7. Barnet 8. Catford 9. Battersea
  10. Barnes 11. Kilburn 12. Kew
  13. Parsons Green 14. Elephant & Castle
  15. Hendon 16. Putney 17. Shepherds Bush
  18. Wapping 19. Limehouse 20. Mornington

**Quiz - Greater London - Identify**

1. Racing driver Hamilton's meat.....
2. Lord is captured.....
3. Boring Warlock.....
4. Sounding horn.....
5. Continue on stage.....
6. Monarch is angry.....
7. Hair name.....
8. Feline car.....
9. Pancake mixture - look!.....
10. Farm buildings.....
11. Assassinate & set alight.....
12. Stand in line.....
13. Cleric is jealous.....
14. Pachyderm & Chateau.....
15. Chicken complete.....
16. Place joint.....
17. Farmhand's hedge.....
18. Really big.....
19. Citrus dwelling.....
20. A.M., weight, part circle.....

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A policeman noticed an old lady standing on a street corner during a sudden windstorm. She was bracing herself by holding a light post with one hand, and she was holding her hat snugly against her head with her other hand. Unfortunately, a strong gust blew her dress upward, and it continued to flap in the wind, exposing her privates for everyone to see. The policeman asked, "Hey Lady, everybody is taking a look at what you've got. Don't you think that pulling your dress down is more important than worrying about your hat?" "Look here, Sonny - what these people are looking at is 58 years old, but the Hat is BRAND NEW!"

*M.S.*



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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Santa needs new reindeer,  
The first bunch has grown old  
Dasher has arthritis;  
Comet hates the cold.  
Prancer's sick of staring  
at Dancer's big behind,  
Cupid married Blitzen  
and Dander lost his mind.  
Dancer's mad at Vixen  
for stepping on his toes,  
Vixen's being thrown out -  
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.  
If you are a reindeer  
we hope you will apply  
There's just one tricky part;  
You must know how to fly.

**White Christmas**

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know"  
But if I should run out of the white  
I will gladly drink the red though

**The Four Stages of Life**

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

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**Allara Christmas Lunch**

Once again, this was a very successful annual event, held again at The Cornwallis Suite on December 6th. Although the numbers attending this year were down (57), a good three course meal, pleasant staff and of course good company in the Allara membership was enjoyed by all. . Our thank to Philip and Elaine for organising it again, and to Marilyn for providing a quiz to keep our brains ticking over

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Phil & Gerry in festive mood!

### ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chair:** Philip Puttifer 686305  
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**Treasurer:** Gerry Waters 671691  
**Membership Sec.:** Hilary Susans 661464  
**Outings:** Marilyn Bateup 750480  
**Theatre/Shows:** Vacant  
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**Newsletter:** Colin Lester 717511  
**Speakers:** Diane Lefevre 756326  
**General Asst.** Jean Saxby  
Glynis Haylett 290468  
**Hall Booking** Kathy Ribiero  
**Meet & Greet:** Betty Douglas 753424

### INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm

#### Monthly Meeting

There were 87 members + 4 new members & 3 visitors attending the November meeting

#### Suggestion Box

Royal Engineers Museum, Gillingham

Balfour Winery, Five Oak Lane, Staplehurst,

All suggestions are recorded and kept for future consideration by the committee.

### SPEAKER PROGRAMME

December 19

Nick Boswell

**Vocalist & Keyboard**

January 16

Wilf Lower

**Behind The Scenes  
TV Golden Years**

### ALLARA ACTIVITIES

#### Tai Chi

Every Monday 11.30 to 12.30 - £5.00

Contact: Christine 677629

#### Art Group

Every Monday 1.30 to 4.00 - £3.00

Contact: Betty 753424

#### Rambling

1st Tuesday in month 10.00 - FOC

Contact: Roly 677629 or Ian 750480

#### Kurling

2nd & 4th Mondays in month

2.00 to 4.00 - £4.00

(Inc. Tea/coffee & cake)

Contact: Philip 686305 or Colin 717511

#### Ten Pin Bowling

Last Friday in month 11 to 2 - £9.00

(3 games)

Contact: Brian 678078

### KENTARA ACTIVITIES

#### Line Dancing

Every Monday

Larkfield Village Hall

Beginners 12.00, Easy Class 12.45 £3

More Advanced 2 to 3.45 - £3.50

Contact: Gerald Benham 01732 870715

email: patbutler758@gmail.com

### KENTARA EVENTS

#### **Palace Hotel Buxton**

#### **Peak District**

Monday June 3rd 2024

5 Days (4 Nights) Half Board

£449 Per Person

#### Allara First Aider

Audrey Boston 01622 755232

#### Kent Community Warden Service

Dawn Riach-Brown 0777 3397125

### Survivors Tribute

#### For those born before 1945

WE were born before television, before penicillin, polio vaccine, frozen foods, photocopiers, contact lenses, videos, frisbees, freebies and the Pill.

We lived before credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball point pens; before dishwashers, tumble driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together - how quaint can you be? We thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent. A 'Big Mac' was an oversize raincoat, and crumpet was what you had for tea. We were born before day care centres, and disposable nappies. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, word processors, yogurts and men wearing earrings. A stud was something that fastened a collar to a shirt, and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double decker bus until it reached the depot.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke was kept in the coal bin a joint was a piece of meat you cooked on Sundays, and pot was something you cooked in. A gay person was the life and soul of the party. People had their toilet outside the home and they ate their meals inside the home. Tin baths could be used in any room. A porn shop was a pawn shop, and a handkerchief was a coat sleeve.

The recycling unit was the rag and bone man. The NHS was known as the Doctor's bill of sixpence a week, McDonalds only had a farm. A duvet was your dad's overcoat on the bed, and the Top Ten used to be the Ten Commandments.

We who were born before 1945 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed, and of the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap!

### Church Hymns or Songs?

I'm probably an old stick in the mud, but like traditional hymns. The same goes for Christmas. I particularly like 'It Came Upon The Midnight Clear' with a very apt verse for the current world situation: 'And man at war with man hears not, the love song that they bring. Oh hush the noise ye men of strife and hear the Angels sing'

*Yule Tider (Bishop of Nowhere)*

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### Christmas Poem

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
You truly are a beauty.

I used to love to put you up,  
Now it's a dreaded duty.

Lugging you out from storage  
Gets more strenuous each year,  
And assembling all your branchy parts  
Does not fill me with cheer.

Next challenge is your tree lights,  
Which I always have to wrangle.  
No matter how I've coiled them,  
They unwind in a tangle.

At long last the job is done.  
It's taken me all day;  
Too worn out to appreciate  
Your beautiful display.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
A sight extraordinary;  
Must steel myself to pack you up,  
It's almost February!

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### How Many Wives?

Two little boys were at a Wedding Ceremony. One of them asked "How many wives can a man have?" His friend said - "Sixteen, four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer