

## DIARY

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Depart	Time
Feb 24 to May 26	The Drifters Girl Musical - Garrick Theatre London	£32.50	*	Kentara	*	*
Mar 29	Quiz + Tea & biscuits	£2.50	*	Mandy	*	14.00

### Kurling

Our Kurling group seems to be growing from strength to strength. We had 24 players at our January 18th meeting which is the maximum that our 3 rinks can accommodate for this fun activity. Our options if we continue to attract new members will be to extend our hall booking time to play 2 sessions or add additional days. Time will tell. C.L

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### Ramblers

The first walk is on Tuesday March 1 with Ian leading. Start point is St. Nicholas Church Linton car park at 10.00 and lunch at The Walnut Tree E. Farleigh if required. Full walks diary will be published shortly

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### 10 Pin Bowling

We had 11 bowlers turn up last month and it was a very enjoyable morning. I'm afraid I have no winners or losers to report as the bowling alley failed to email me the scores. The cost of bowling has gone up this year to £9 but this will include tea or coffee.

Our next bowling experience is on the 25th February, and I will make sure all scores are recorded. Brian U

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### Senior Giggles

The popular singer Tony Bennett paid a charity visit to a care home to cheer up the elderly residents. However he was dismayed that none of the residents appeared to recognise him. Finally in frustration he went up to one old lady and said "Do you know who I am?" The old lady whispered "Don't worry, dear, Matron will tell you"

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### Activities

It has been suggested by the Committee that we feature one of our activities each month in the news letter. We will feature this in alphabetical order, so we look forward to the Art Group to provide us with an insight of what being a member entails.

*Ed*

# Allara News



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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\*\*\* Our Website - [allara.org.uk](http://allara.org.uk)

### Beetle Drive Report

For the preparation the layout of the tables was in a rough circular design. The game of 'Beetle' was explained for newcomers and the first of 12 games began. There was some noise of rattling dice in shakers and suddenly someone called in a loud voice "Beetle". The game then stopped and a prize awarded for completing drawing their beetle. The rapid calculation of the losing scores started. At this point the winners moved clockwise to the next table in the circle, while the losers moved anti clockwise to the next table. It is possible for someone to complete the circle if they continue winning or losing each game but this didn't happen. A further 6 games followed after a break for tea and cake. The afternoon concluded with further prizes for the person with the highest overall score and a winner for the raffle of a tin of biscuits and some chocolates was given out. I think the games and prizes were welcomed and the

afternoon was enjoyed by all who took part. *Phil*

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### Some February Happenings

Feb. 1st 1949. Clothes rationing in Gt Britain in the Second World War ended on this day.  
Feb. 1st 1959. Swiss men vote against voting rights for women.  
Feb 4th 1953. Sweet rationing in Gt. Britain in second World War ended on this day.  
Feb. 4th 1971. Rolls Royce declared bankrupt.  
Feb. 15th 1936. Adolph Hitler announces the manufacture of the Volkswagen  
Feb. 17th 1876. Sardines were first canned.  
Feb 23rd 1931. Dame Nellie Melba died.  
Feb. 25th 1951. Winston Churchill announced that Briton had developed an Atomic Bomb.  
Feb. 26th 1792. The Bank of England issued the first 1 pound bank notes.  
Feb. 27th 1900. The British Labour Party was founded.

*Submitted by B.D.*

ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chair:** Philip Puttifer 686305  
**Hon. Sec.:** Myra Farrer 756475  
**Treasurer:** Gerry Waters 671691  
**Membership Sec.:** Simon Vivian 676726  
**Outings:** Jean Saxby 761256  
**Theatre/Shows:** Vacant  
**Holidays:** Philip Puttifer 686305  
**Kentara:** Gerry Waters 671691  
**Newsletter:** Colin Lester 717511  
**Speakers:** Diane Lefevre 756326  
**General Asst.** Rosemary Kitney  
**Hall Bookings.** 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 97 members + 3 visitors attending the January meeting

Suggestion Box

There were no suggestions

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

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

February

Mel Rees

**You'll Never Believe But....**

March

Tony Harris

**Dress and Talk on Churchill**

Allara Activities

Tai Chi

Every Monday 11.30 to 12.30 - £4  
Contact: Christine 677629

Keep Fit

Under Review  
Contact: Myra 756475

Art Group

Every Monday 1.30 to 4.00 - £3.00  
Contact Betty Douglas 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 - £3.00  
(Inc. Tea/coffee & cake)  
Contact: Philip 686305 or Colin 717511

Ten Pin Bowling

Last Friday in month 11 to 2 - £7.99  
(3 games)  
Contact: Brian 759796

Kentara Activities

Line Dancing

Every Monday  
Beginners 12.45 to 1.45 - £3  
Advanced 2 to 4 - £3.50

Kentara Diary Dates

Feb 24 - May 26

The Drifters Girl Musical  
Garrick Theatre London  
£32.50

March 23

Kentara Quiz 2022  
Ditton Community Centre

September 14

Kentara Cruise

Allara First Aider

Audrey Boston 695466

Kent Community Warden Service

Dawn Riach-Browne 0777 3397125

Honours List

We've had the New Year's Honours List with the usual discord, -Arise Sir Tony! I propose a Dishonours List which could be more popular.  
1. Those TV Presenters who trash the Queen's English with missing 't's' in word like forgo''en, and si'ua'ed and who should know that the letter 'H' is pronounced aitch not haitch.  
2. Litter Louts. They should be put in the stocks and pelted with their own discarded beer cans and food containers. As for all those used face masks littering our green and pleasant land, CCTV cameras could identify these morons and their discarded masks forcibly inserted into a body orifice.

*Niggled Nigel*

History Lesson

Who discovered America?  
Christopher Columbus? - Wrong!  
The Vikings were first to sail there in around the year 1000. They found a land with lots of trees, fish and berries, and called it Vinland. They didn't stay long - they went home after getting into fights with the native Americans. Almost 500 years later, Christopher Columbus found America - by mistake! He wasn't looking for new land, instead he wanted to sail right around the earth to find a new route to Asia where he planned to buy spices.

When he found land, he was sure he'd sailed to Japan. In fact he had found the Bahamas, which are close to American mainland. People called the new country the New World. It's thanks o Columbus that Native Americans were known as Indians. since he thought he was in Asia, Columbus called the lands he found the West Indies and the people he met Indians. They are still called this today - even though America is nowhere near India..

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Senior Citizens

A little grey hair is a small price to pay for all this accumulated wisdom

Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

Age is a matter of mind, and if you don't mind it don't matter.

