

DIARY

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Time
Feb 29	Beetle Drive	£3	Feb Meeting	Philip	14.00
May 30	Marlowe Theatre The Searchers	£46 est.	Feb meeting onwards	Marilyn	16.45 MKS

Kurling

We had a good turnouts again for the Jan/Feb games with some close finishing results recorded.

Top Rinks Jan 1- Elaine, Gladys, Harry (70)
Jan 2- Barbara B, Barbara S, Gay, Colin (103)
Feb 1- Elaine, Brian U, Rob (104)

The 2023 Champion - Roger Gentry

Ramblers

Hi to you all and a very belated happy new year. It's that time of the year to give you the heads up regarding the diary for this years Ramblers Walks. Robin, Roly and me met last week (at the pub of course!!) to come up with a proposed schedule. We have reintroduced the Sutton Valance and Wateringbury walks.

With regard to the Wateringbury walk we are looking at using the Ramblers Rest (a new restaurant on the bank of the river at Wateringbury). Roly will be checking the detail (car parking, large group etc) with the restaurant so for the time being I have left a TBA.

I will be taking the first walk on the 5 March and am looking forward to some warmer weather. I will be sending out my normal calling note around the 20th February. Look forward to seeing you on the 5th. Ian

10 Pin Bowling

It was our first Bowling session since before Christmas and eight of us turned out to play. We all played the first two games with Robin running out the winner of both with 147 and 132 followed by myself with 137 and 104 with Roly getting a good score of 118.

Three of us stayed on for the third game which was very close with Robin winning again with 120 Brian U with 118 and Brian W with 117.

Our next session will be on the 23rd of February. Brian U

Full Fibre Continuation

Work to bring full fibre connectivity within reach of almost every home and business in Maidstone gets underway as CityFibre, the UK's largest independent full fibre platform, breaks ground on a new infrastructure rollout that will future-proof the town's digital needs for generations to come.

Construction of the £50m town-wide full fibre network has begun in Maidstone and each area will usually take a few weeks to complete.

Construction teams will typically only be outside each home for two to three days and CityFibre will be in touch by post ahead of any work starting.

The overall project is expected to reach completion by 2027.

Let's hope that this next phase will be an improvement on the chaos and road closures we all experienced previously

Allara Secretary

Myra has been our Secretary since 2003 but has now decided to step down. Our thanks Myra for your years of service.

We are pleased to report that Betty has agreed to take over as Secretary while still continuing her post as Meet & Greet Thank you Betty

Allara News



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The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum," which means purification.

Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days.

February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misspelled the word "February" before in a press release!

Proposed Trip

Gerry is considering a Catering College trip to Kings Restaurant, East Sussex College, Eastbourne on Thursday 23rd May. Further details to be advised. Another Fish & Chip in - house lunch is also being considered by him.

A20 Coldharbour Roundabout Work

Work was commenced on Monday 12th February and is expected to take 40 weeks to complete.

For the initial phases of the works, daytime off-peak lane closures will be needed from 9:30am to 3:30pm so site teams can carry out surveys and install an access to the site compound from the 12th February for up to four weeks.

Additional works will take place on the existing roundabout island and be completed at night when lane closures will be put in place between 7pm and 6 am.

Future traffic management will be completed during similar off-peak times to minimise disruption as much as possible *Hermitage Lane is well named - more hermits staying at home to avoid chaos!!!!*

Mandy's Quiz

What a good afternoon we had making our brains work at Mandy's quiz, it is always interesting the different questions we get asked, I don't know where she gets them from.

Thank you Mandy and helpers. Kathy

Allara Lunch Club

Glynis is looking at organising another lunch at The Sir Thomas Wyatt for Thursday March 21st. This proved very popular the last time round. Further details will be published when available.

ALLARA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Philip Puttifer 686305
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INFORMATION

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm at Saint Nicholas Church main hall

Monthly Meeting

There were 83 members + 2 guests 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 20
Mel Rees

The Last Hurrah

March 19
Jonathan Fryer

The Humorous Side of Being An Actor

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

The Searchers 30th May –
Marlowe Theatre

Glynis will continue to take names for me at this meeting and any spare seats, by tea break, can be offered to friends and family who are non- members, so please enquire with Glynis if interested.
Marilyn can be contacted on
01622 750480.

A few helpful pointers for those less able
The coach is unable to pick up immediately in front of the theatre.
They park in the Sainsbury’s car park which is just a short stroll (10-15 mins) along a flat pathway by the river.
We all collect as a group to walk back to the car park.

Access into theatre is fine with café and disabled toilets on the ground floor. so you have the chance of staying at the theatre for refreshments or choose to take a short walk to the High Street.

I am going to change the time for the coach at Waitrose from 5.00 pm to **4.45 pm** to give us a bit extra time for traffic

There may be a couple of steps to get to your seats but I will try to allocate end of isle seats to those that need them.

Anyone using a walking aid can take them to their seats, but they must be removed to the Foyer and collected at the end of the performance. There will be plenty of help for this.

Marilyn will be collecting full payment at the March meeting for members and non members which will be non-returnable

For those who usually write cheques please leave it until the meeting as there may be a slight adjustment to the coach price if numbers are not met.

If My Body Were a Car

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull. ...But that is not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently..... But here's the worst of it. Almost every time I sneeze, cough or splutter, either my Radiator leaks or my Exhaust backfires! B.D

Older Drivers Targeted

Older motorists over 70 could be stripped of their driving licence with "millions" at risk of being pulled off the road, according to experts. Spokesperson Peter Waddell warned road users with slight vision problems would be caught out if a mandatory eyesight test was introduced, and said changes in eyesight tests could see millions affected. He warned road users with slight vision problems would be caught out if a mandatory eyesight test was introduced. Although not yet officially on the cards, the AA has openly called for its introduction to boost road safety
In my opinion, the biggest culprits on the road are the newly qualified 'boy racers' and in particular those on motorbikes who think it clever to do wheelies in the middle of the road regardless of traffic conditions. And then of course we have those motorists who seem to have forgotten what their direction indicators are for and those at night who don't realise that they can dip their headlights. Not to mention some BMW drivers who are always in a mad rush to get there!