

DIARY

Date	Event/Location	Price	Pay Date	Organiser	Depart	Time
Jan 27	Beetle Drive	*	*	Philip	*	14.00
Mar 29	Quiz	£3	*	Mandy	*	14.00

Ramblers Update & Christmas Party

Despite the Covid pandemic the Allara Walkers managed to get together from June to November last year. My thanks to all those supporting and, in particular to John Seabrook and Roly Kemp for 'volunteering' to take the lead on some of the walks. We are already putting a timetable together for this year with our first walk scheduled for the 1st March. As most of the walkers know we look to completing around a 4 mile circular walk ending at the nearest pub!! In addition, and for those who are not so able, there is normally a short walk with John Doe taking the lead. At the end of the walking calendar we always end up celebrating Christmas and 2021 was no different. We enjoyed visiting the Walnut Tree in East Farleigh during the year and decided to have our Christmas lunch there. I think I can say for all those attending (24 walkers and their partners) this was an excellent choice in all aspects and a good time was had by all. I would like to wish all walkers a Happy New Year and look forward to some interesting and challenging times ahead of us.

Ian Bateup



Ten Pin Bowling

Our last 10 pin bowling outing was on Friday 26th November. It was a good turnout considering the poor weather conditions, 12 of us turned out to play on 3 lanes. Brian W just edged the first game getting 129 followed by Phil, one of our new bowlers with 126, Dave on 120 and the rest of us not far behind. The second game was won by Robin with 132 followed by me with 117 and Brian W with 113 close behind. The last game was a bit of a surprise as Sylvia shot from nowhere to overtake everybody with 134 followed by me again with 127 and Phil getting 122, Everybody was in with a chance of winning, and everybody hopefully enjoyed themselves. The next meeting is on Friday 28th January at 11.00. All new bowlers are very welcome.

Brian U

Allara Membership

Our current number of members stands at 136, but there are still some residents in our area who are unaware of our existence, and we have room for a few more. So why not spread the word about what they are missing by not joining Allara and enjoying one of the lowest annual membership fees in Kent.

Allara News



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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*** Our Website - allara.org.uk

Happy New Year

“Celebrate endings - for they precede new beginnings”
 “Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right”
 “The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written”
 “You’re never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream”
 “An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old one leaves”
 “Youth is when you’re allowed to stay up late on New Year’s Eve. Middle age is when you’re forced to”

Christmas Tea

Another triumph to report. The organisation was first class again thanks to the hard work of our Committee volunteers. The entertainer Nick Bosworth - vocalist and keyboard was also excellent and I hope Diane books him again. The afternoon was

rounded off with a superb raffle courtesy of Mandy and Arthur. To sum up, mulled wine to greet us, more food than we could cope with, a free raffle and professional entertainment all for £4! Take a bow all concerned



Christmas Lunch

From reports received, this event at the Cornwallis Suite was thoroughly enjoyed by all again, so well done Philip for organising it as usual

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:
Holidays: Philip Puttifer 686305
Kentara: Gerry Waters 671691
Newsletter: Colin Lester 717511
Speakers: Diane Lefevre 756326
General Asst. Rosemary Kitney
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 63 members attending the December Christmas Tea meeting

Suggestion Box

There were no suggestions

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

SPEAKER PROGRAMME

January

Neil Sadler

California Dreaming

February

Mel Rees

You'll Never Believe, But...

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 - £2.50
Contact Megan Christmas 759426

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

September 14 2022

Kentara Cruise

Allara First Aider

Audrey Boston 695466

Kent Community Warden Service

We will try to help you and your community no matter what the issue
Dawn Riach-Browne 0777 3397125

My Second Home

Here we go again, blood sample Monday morning,
Just take a seat and then start yawning.
The car park is always full to the brim
Now that the new barriers are settling in.

The auto doors decide to open and freeze
The reception desk gets caught in the breeze.
The staff greet you with a cheery smile
'Please take a seat, you'll be here for a while'.

The patients in reception are full of dismay
So they send up a paper boy who brightens our day.
'Your appointment is confirmed' in an upbeat voice
Where are you going? What is your choice?

To be transported back to 'Charles Dickens Day'
Or would you prefer to be called to sunny 'L.A'
To give a blood sample you must remember your name
Do you know your birthday? Is this a test for my brain?

My patient FILE is becoming so huge
Whilst my bloody PHIAL just goes down the tube.
They need two samples, have you got plenty?
No, try the other arm, this one appears to be empty.

My blood sample takes longer, they can't find a vein
My 30 minutes free car park has just gone down the drain.
Just as the syringe starts to make an indent
DO NOT mention parking deductions, or; one percent.

So whenever it's a cold and rainy day
Monique wishes she could 'change for L.A'
I'm pleased to be here, I shouldn't moan
Now this place has become;- My Second Home.

Supplied by Audrey B

Mandy's Quiz
We're Back 2022

March 29th 2pm to 4pm

Teams of up to 6 people
Ten rounds General Knowledge
Tea & cake at half time
£3.00 pp pay at door

Please call 01622 674539 to leave message

Post Christmas Quiz

You've sung your Christmas Carols for another year, but can you remember these verses from the following?

1. "Round young virgin mother and child"
2. "Bearing gifts we traverse afar"
3. "And heaven and nature sing"
4. "Tis the season to be jolly"
5. "God and sinners reconciled"
6. "Dispose the gloomy clouds of night"
- 7 "Joyful and triumphant"
8. "Looked down where he lay"
9. "O Tidings of Comfort and Joy"
10. "On a cold winter's night that was so deep"

Now that your neighbours have stopped wondering why you are singing carols in January, how did you do?
Answers below

1. Silent Night, 2 We Three Kings,
3. Joy To The World 4. Deck The Halls
5. Hark The Herald, 6. O Come O Come Emmanuel, 7. O Come All Ye Faithful
8. Away In A Manger, 9. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, 10. The First Noel