

DIARY

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

Ramblers

Just a reminder. Our next walk will be on March 5th *Ian*

Ten Pin Bowling

The next date for our ten pin bowling session is Friday 26/01 /24 .the costs are £6:80 for 2 games with an option of an extra game

Brian

Did You Know Facts

Butt shaped robots to test phones
If you've ever put your phone in the back pocket of your pants, you're probably aware that your backside poses a danger to it: People often forget their phone is there when they sit down, which can result in a crushed and broken device. That's why Samsung uses butt-shaped robots to test their products. According to Business Insider, the faux bums "sit" on Samsung phones over and over again to test durability and bending."

If you folded a piece of paper 42 times, it would be thick enough to reach the moon
Yep, you read that correctly. According to Gizmodo, all it takes to verify this is some simple maths. If you fold a piece of paper in half, it doubles in thickness. And if you fold it in half again, it doubles in thickness again. With that type of exponential growth, it would take just 23 folds for a .1-millimetre piece of paper to be one kilometer thick, and 30 folds for it to be thick enough to reach outer space (100,000 kilometres). Unfortunately, the world record for the number of folds is 12.

Christmas TV Turn-off!

What a disappointing offering we had over the festive period. 16 films on the main channels alone on Christmas day and 24 on Boxing Day! These were interspersed with 'Celebrity' game shows Celebrities? - never heard of most of them. Must be Soap actors. Then of course we had the Soap Operas anyway, Remember the good old days when we had classic comedy Christmas shows such as Morecambe & Wise etc. and variety shows like Sunday Night at the London Palladium. Nostalgia rules!

Niggled Nigel

We Need Your Input

When John Foster Launched Allara News in 2001 as an alternate month newsletter, he stated that the aim was to reflect the views, ideas, comments and suggestions of our members. I took over as Editor in 2012 confident that there would be enough input to publish monthly. Here we are 11 years later and to get sufficient content has become even more critical, so please make this one of your New Year's resolutions to keep Allara News going and contribute. Ed

Quiz Answers

18. Halling
15. Tonbridge 16. Marden 17. Barming
Wood 13. Sittingbourne 14. Farleigh
10. Hunton 11. Headcorn 12. Paddock
7. Horsemonden 8. Loose 9. Leeds
4. Aylesford 5. Maidstone 6. Eccles
1. Chatham 2. Larkfield 3. Watlington



THE NEWSLETTER OF ALLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Meetings every 3rd Tuesday of month 2.0pm at St Nicholas Church main hall

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Marilyn Has These Trips In Mind

Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury.

The Searchers

Thursday 30th May 2024 7.30 pm

I have provisionally booked 53 good seats in the stalls.

.Max total £46 - £48 depending on numbers.

No deposit required

July Trip suggestions

Eltham Palace and lunch.

Total £27 - £29 depending on numbers.

Lunch bought on day

Times to be arranged.

Windsor Boat Trip -

Pick up in Windsor.

Hope to arrive earlier for morning coffee.

3 hour boat trip with Ploughman's lunch.

Total £49 - £51 depending on numbers

Times to be arranged.

Christmas Tea Report

As soon as you walked in the door, you were greeted with mulled wine, very nice it was too and our thanks go to Mandy. The hall looked very festive with the tables decked out with Christmas decorations and lovely food, our thanks go to the Committee. The entertainer was very good, music for dancing and exercising our voices, thank you Diane for getting him back. The Christmas raffle which was organised by Mandy and Arthur with a little help from daughter, not that I won anything, especially as I had had a good look beforehand in case. Thank you to them. My thanks go to my helpers Rhoda and Aileen, who have helped me all year and who make a good cuppa. All in all it was a good afternoon which I really enjoyed.

Here's to next year.

Best wishes

Kathy

I wholeheartedly agree with Kathy's report, and a further surprise was when Audrey B. came in carrying a large array of flower bouquets which she presented to various committee members for their hard work in supporting our club. Thank you Audrey. A great afternoon enjoyed by our members, and all for the princely sum of £5 per head! Allara membership has to be unbeatable value for money.

Ed.

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

Monthly Meeting

There were 88 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 16

Wilf Lower

**Behind The Scenes -
TV Golden Years**

February 20

Mel Rees

The Last Hurrah

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 - £6,80

(2 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

Imponderables

1. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times does he become disoriented?
2. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
3. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
4. If a pig loses it's voice, is it disgruntled?
5. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
6. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
7. When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
8. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
9. Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?
10. Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
11. 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?
12. If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed and dry cleaners depressed?
13. You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
14. No one ever says 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
15. Ever wonder about those people who spend £2 on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards!

Car Insurance Hike

I have just received my renewal price and was shocked by the premium increase of £507 last year to £910 this year. This apparently is due to more cars on the road,

which means more accidents. Auto theft has surged. Catastrophic weather shows rise in damaged and written off cars, sustained cost pressures on insurers fuelled by high inflation.

So if your renewal is due, be prepared!

At the age of 65 my Grandma started walking 5 miles a day...She's 92 now and we have no idea where she is!



Local Place Names Cryptic Quiz

1. Talk pork.....
2. Bird in meadow.....
3. Hydrating fruit.....
4. Beer and car.....
5. Girl brick.....
6. Goon cake.....
7. Rider lair.....
8. Fail to win.....
9. For walking dogs.....
10. Continue looking.....
11. Cranium cereal.....
12. Field with trees.....
13. Strange birth position.....
14. Distant meadow.....
15. Heavy river crossing.....
16. Spoil lair.....
17. Ban Chinese vase.....
18. Dragging.....

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